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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES  
PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING  
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This bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building (base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0). A detailed description of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 53, 1967 (pages 326-345).

2. Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.
3. 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.
4. The index is a fixed-weights index and is calculated by the method known as "the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives". 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.
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 in all State capital cities from representative suppliers of materials used in Building. There are, however, some exceptions to the use of local prices in the indexes for each capital city. The main exception is that, for each city, the whole of the group Electrical Installation Materials and the majority of the items in the group Mechanical Services Components are based on Sydney and Melbourne price series.
6. The index contained in this bulletin is the first of a series of indexes which will be prepared as circumstances permit and which will relate to materials used and articles produced by other important and defined areas (or "sectors") of the economy.
7. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for each group of items and for all groups combined in tables 3-10.
8. 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 differences in price level.

9. Index numbers for the special purpose index for All Groups excluding Electrical Installation Materials and Mechanical Services Components are given in Table 11 on page 11.

10. Table 1 below shows, for the six State capital cities separately and combined, the percentage change of the All Groups index number for the month of October 1970 from the preceding month (September 1970) and from the corresponding month of the previous year (October 1969).

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS

Percentage change from previous periods

| Percentage change between -     | State capital cities |           |          |          |       |        | Weighted average of six State capital cities |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------------------------------------------|
|                                 | Sydney               | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |                                              |
| September 1970 and October 1970 | - 0.2                | + 0.5     | + 0.1    | + 0.3    | ..    | - 0.1  | + 0.1                                        |
| October 1969 and October 1970   | + 3.6                | + 3.9     | + 5.2    | + 3.0    | + 3.0 | + 4.0  | + 3.8                                        |

11. Table 2 shows corresponding changes for the individual groups and All Groups of the index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

TABLE 2. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

Percentage change from previous periods

| Group                            | Percentage change between |                         | Group                             | Percentage change between |                         |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                  | Sept. 1970 and Oct. 1970  | Oct. 1969 and Oct. 1970 |                                   | Sept. 1970 and Oct. 1970  | Oct. 1969 and Oct. 1970 |
|                                  |                           |                         |                                   |                           |                         |
| Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc. | + 0.5                     | + 2.1                   | Other metal products              | - 0.6                     | ..                      |
| Cement products                  | + 0.3                     | + 4.5                   | Plumbing fixtures                 | + 1.5                     | + 7.7                   |
| Bricks, stone, etc.              | + 0.4                     | + 5.4                   | Miscellaneous materials           | + 0.2                     | + 2.8                   |
| Timber, board and joinery        | + 0.9                     | + 2.7                   | Electrical installation materials | - 1.4                     | - 1.2                   |
| Steel and iron products          | + 0.2                     | + 5.3                   | Mechanical services components    | - 0.4                     | + 6.5                   |
| Aluminium products               | + 0.5                     | + 4.1                   | All groups                        | + 0.1                     | + 3.8                   |

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE 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 |                                              |
| 1966-67     | 100.0                | 100.0     | 100.0    | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0                                        |
| 1967-68     | 102.6                | 101.7     | 102.2    | 101.8    | 102.0 | 102.3  | 102.2                                        |
| 1968-69     | 106.5                | 105.0     | 105.1    | 105.0    | 104.7 | 105.1  | 105.6                                        |
| 1969-70     | 111.7                | 109.8     | 110.3    | 109.4    | 108.9 | 109.7  | 110.5                                        |
| 1968-69     |                      |           |          |          |       |        |                                              |
| July        | 104.1                | 102.9     | 103.2    | 103.4    | 103.1 | 103.8  | 103.5                                        |
| August      | 104.2                | 102.9     | 103.0    | 103.3    | 103.2 | 103.7  | 103.5                                        |
| September   | 104.6                | 103.2     | 103.1    | 103.4    | 103.5 | 103.8  | 103.8                                        |
| October     | 104.9                | 103.9     | 103.5    | 103.7    | 103.8 | 104.0  | 104.2                                        |
| November    | 105.6                | 104.6     | 104.3    | 104.2    | 104.4 | 104.5  | 104.9                                        |
| December    | 106.5                | 104.8     | 105.5    | 104.6    | 104.5 | 104.7  | 105.5                                        |
| January     | 106.8                | 105.2     | 105.9    | 105.1    | 104.8 | 105.1  | 105.9                                        |
| February    | 107.5                | 105.8     | 106.5    | 105.8    | 105.5 | 105.5  | 106.5                                        |
| March       | 107.9                | 106.0     | 104.9    | 106.4    | 105.7 | 106.1  | 106.6                                        |
| April       | 108.3                | 106.4     | 106.7    | 106.5    | 105.8 | 106.1  | 107.2                                        |
| May         | 108.8                | 106.6     | 107.5    | 106.9    | 106.0 | 106.6  | 107.6                                        |
| June        | 109.2                | 107.1     | 107.6    | 107.1    | 106.4 | 106.9  | 107.9                                        |
| 1969-70     |                      |           |          |          |       |        |                                              |
| July        | 109.4                | 107.3     | 108.0    | 107.4    | 106.8 | 107.4  | 108.2                                        |
| August      | 109.7                | 108.2     | 108.0    | 107.6    | 107.2 | 107.7  | 108.6                                        |
| September   | 110.1                | 108.7     | 108.4    | 108.3    | 107.9 | 108.0  | 109.1                                        |
| October     | 110.2                | 108.8     | 108.9    | 108.4    | 107.8 | 108.5  | 109.2                                        |
| November    | 110.3                | 108.9     | 109.1    | 108.4    | 107.8 | 108.5  | 109.3                                        |
| December    | 110.7                | 109.2     | 109.5    | 108.7    | 108.1 | 108.7  | 109.7                                        |
| January     | 111.6                | 109.8     | 110.5    | 109.1    | 108.7 | 109.6  | 110.4                                        |
| February    | 112.7                | 110.9     | 111.5    | 110.1    | 109.3 | 110.8  | 111.5                                        |
| March       | 113.3                | 111.2     | 111.9    | 110.9    | 110.3 | 111.1  | 112.0                                        |
| April       | 114.1                | 111.5     | 112.6    | 111.5    | 110.7 | 112.0  | 112.6                                        |
| May         | 114.3                | 111.4     | 112.8    | 111.4    | 110.9 | 112.1  | 112.7                                        |
| June        | 114.1                | 111.3     | 112.7    | 111.3    | 110.8 | 112.4  | 112.6                                        |
| 1970-71     |                      |           |          |          |       |        |                                              |
| July        | 114.3                | 111.3     | 113.4    | 111.3    | 110.9 | 112.6  | 112.8                                        |
| August      | 114.4                | 112.0     | 114.4    | 111.4    | 111.1 | 112.7  | 113.2                                        |
| September p | 114.4                | 112.4     | 114.5    | 111.4    | 111.0 | 112.9  | 113.3                                        |
| October p   | 114.2                | 113.0     | 114.6    | 111.7    | 111.0 | 112.8  | 113.4                                        |

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TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - SYDNEY

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

| Period      | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67     | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1967-68     | 102.8                                  | 103.0              | 104.7                     | 104.5                        | 102.2                         | 102.2                 | 105.8                   | 103.4                | 102.0                           | 100.9                                          | 101.4                                | 102.6      |
| 1968-69     | 105.7                                  | 109.0              | 109.1                     | 109.7                        | 106.6                         | 106.4                 | 108.8                   | 102.9                | 102.3                           | 102.1                                          | 107.6                                | 106.5      |
| 1969-70     | 109.4                                  | 112.7              | 113.5                     | 113.8                        | 111.0                         | 110.6                 | 130.2                   | 116.1                | 104.9                           | 112.2                                          | 111.8                                | 111.7      |
| 1968-69     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 103.0                                  | 106.2              | 106.5                     | 105.7                        | 104.1                         | 105.0                 | 100.9                   | 102.1                | 103.0                           | 100.9                                          | 105.2                                | 104.1      |
| August      | 103.2                                  | 106.5              | 106.7                     | 106.8                        | 104.1                         | 105.0                 | 100.9                   | 101.0                | 103.1                           | 99.0                                           | 105.5                                | 104.2      |
| September   | 103.2                                  | 106.5              | 106.7                     | 107.2                        | 105.1                         | 105.0                 | 101.9                   | 100.8                | 103.0                           | 99.0                                           | 105.9                                | 104.6      |
| October     | 103.5                                  | 106.5              | 106.7                     | 107.3                        | 105.4                         | 106.4                 | 102.8                   | 100.8                | 102.6                           | 99.0                                           | 106.9                                | 104.9      |
| November    | 103.5                                  | 107.1              | 109.9                     | 108.3                        | 105.8                         | 106.4                 | 103.4                   | 101.3                | 102.6                           | 100.2                                          | 108.0                                | 105.6      |
| December    | 106.9                                  | 109.9              | 110.1                     | 110.5                        | 106.0                         | 106.9                 | 107.7                   | 102.9                | 101.3                           | 100.2                                          | 108.0                                | 106.5      |
| January     | 107.0                                  | 110.3              | 110.1                     | 110.5                        | 107.0                         | 106.7                 | 107.8                   | 101.9                | 100.8                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 106.8      |
| February    | 107.1                                  | 110.3              | 110.1                     | 110.9                        | 107.4                         | 106.7                 | 112.7                   | 101.9                | 102.2                           | 104.1                                          | 108.2                                | 107.5      |
| March       | 107.4                                  | 110.7              | 110.5                     | 111.2                        | 107.9                         | 106.7                 | 112.8                   | 105.4                | 102.2                           | 104.6                                          | 108.6                                | 107.9      |
| April       | 107.8                                  | 110.7              | 110.5                     | 112.3                        | 108.3                         | 106.7                 | 115.9                   | 105.4                | 102.1                           | 105.0                                          | 108.8                                | 108.3      |
| May         | 107.8                                  | 111.5              | 110.5                     | 112.3                        | 109.0                         | 107.4                 | 118.1                   | 105.4                | 102.3                           | 105.7                                          | 109.1                                | 108.8      |
| June        | 107.8                                  | 111.5              | 111.2                     | 113.2                        | 108.9                         | 108.1                 | 120.9                   | 105.4                | 102.3                           | 107.2                                          | 109.3                                | 109.2      |
| 1969-70     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 107.9                                  | 111.5              | 111.4                     | 112.8                        | 109.0                         | 108.3                 | 121.4                   | 109.5                | 102.2                           | 108.4                                          | 109.4                                | 109.4      |
| August      | 108.0                                  | 111.6              | 111.4                     | 112.9                        | 109.1                         | 108.6                 | 125.5                   | 110.4                | 102.8                           | 109.3                                          | 109.7                                | 109.7      |
| September   | 108.0                                  | 111.7              | 111.4                     | 113.0                        | 109.3                         | 108.9                 | 128.5                   | 110.0                | 104.1                           | 111.3                                          | 109.3                                | 110.1      |
| October     | 108.0                                  | 111.7              | 111.4                     | 113.7                        | 109.4                         | 108.9                 | 126.5                   | 111.1                | 104.1                           | 111.2                                          | 109.3                                | 110.2      |
| November    | 108.0                                  | 111.7              | 111.4                     | 113.7                        | 109.6                         | 108.8                 | 127.3                   | 114.5                | 104.7                           | 110.5                                          | 109.3                                | 110.3      |
| December    | 108.2                                  | 112.0              | 111.6                     | 113.5                        | 109.7                         | 108.9                 | 132.2                   | 117.3                | 104.7                           | 112.7                                          | 109.4                                | 110.7      |
| January     | 110.6                                  | 112.6              | 114.3                     | 113.8                        | 110.6                         | 110.3                 | 133.3                   | 117.3                | 104.7                           | 112.8                                          | 109.7                                | 111.6      |
| February    | 110.6                                  | 113.1              | 115.1                     | 113.7                        | 111.7                         | 111.6                 | 131.0                   | 120.8                | 105.7                           | 112.9                                          | 114.2                                | 112.7      |
| March       | 110.6                                  | 113.7              | 115.6                     | 113.9                        | 112.6                         | 112.4                 | 133.8                   | 120.9                | 106.3                           | 113.4                                          | 115.1                                | 113.3      |
| April       | 110.6                                  | 114.0              | 115.6                     | 114.7                        | 113.5                         | 113.5                 | 136.9                   | 120.9                | 106.7                           | 115.1                                          | 115.3                                | 114.1      |
| May         | 111.2                                  | 114.1              | 115.6                     | 115.2                        | 113.9                         | 113.5                 | 134.7                   | 120.5                | 106.7                           | 115.3                                          | 115.3                                | 114.3      |
| June        | 111.2                                  | 114.1              | 116.7                     | 114.9                        | 114.0                         | 113.6                 | 131.8                   | 120.5                | 106.4                           | 113.6                                          | 115.3                                | 114.1      |
| 1970-71     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 111.2                                  | 114.1              | 117.1                     | 115.6                        | 114.0                         | 113.6                 | 130.6                   | 119.4                | 107.8                           | 113.6                                          | 115.5                                | 114.3      |
| August      | 111.2                                  | 116.7              | 117.1                     | 115.5                        | 114.3                         | 113.6                 | 130.5                   | 118.9                | 107.5                           | 113.0                                          | 116.2                                | 114.4      |
| September p | 111.2                                  | 116.7              | 117.4                     | 115.5                        | 114.5                         | 113.6                 | 126.2                   | 118.9                | 108.1                           | 111.5                                          | 116.8                                | 114.4      |
| October p   | 111.2                                  | 116.7              | 117.4                     | 115.8                        | 114.5                         | 114.0                 | 125.4                   | 119.2                | 108.1                           | 109.9                                          | 116.2                                | 114.2      |

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TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - MELBOURNE

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

| Period    | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67   | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1967-68   | 99.9                                   | 101.0              | 102.4                     | 100.8                        | 102.4                         | 100.9                 | 105.8                   | 102.4                | 102.8                           | 100.9                                          | 101.4                                | 101.7      |
| 1968-69   | 101.1                                  | 103.1              | 107.3                     | 104.0                        | 106.2                         | 104.0                 | 106.7                   | 103.4                | 104.3                           | 102.1                                          | 108.0                                | 105.0      |
| 1969-70   | 104.4                                  | 108.5              | 110.5                     | 107.8                        | 110.4                         | 108.7                 | 124.1                   | 111.8                | 108.4                           | 112.2                                          | 112.1                                | 109.8      |
| 1968-69   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 99.7                                   | 102.4              | 103.2                     | 102.2                        | 104.0                         | 102.3                 | 98.7                    | 102.8                | 104.1                           | 100.9                                          | 105.5                                | 102.9      |
| August    | 99.7                                   | 102.4              | 104.4                     | 102.2                        | 104.0                         | 103.3                 | 99.1                    | 102.8                | 104.1                           | 99.0                                           | 105.8                                | 102.9      |
| September | 99.7                                   | 102.4              | 104.5                     | 102.3                        | 104.4                         | 103.0                 | 101.7                   | 103.2                | 104.1                           | 99.0                                           | 106.2                                | 103.2      |
| October   | 101.5                                  | 102.4              | 107.8                     | 103.1                        | 104.5                         | 104.4                 | 102.4                   | 103.2                | 104.0                           | 99.0                                           | 107.2                                | 103.9      |
| November  | 101.5                                  | 102.4              | 108.1                     | 103.6                        | 105.7                         | 104.4                 | 103.5                   | 102.8                | 104.0                           | 100.2                                          | 108.3                                | 104.6      |
| December  | 101.5                                  | 102.4              | 108.1                     | 103.6                        | 106.0                         | 104.6                 | 105.4                   | 102.8                | 104.0                           | 100.2                                          | 108.4                                | 104.8      |
| January   | 101.5                                  | 102.4              | 108.4                     | 103.8                        | 107.2                         | 105.0                 | 104.5                   | 102.8                | 104.0                           | 100.2                                          | 108.4                                | 105.2      |
| February  | 101.5                                  | 102.4              | 108.7                     | 104.6                        | 107.4                         | 104.2                 | 109.0                   | 102.3                | 104.3                           | 104.1                                          | 108.5                                | 105.8      |
| March     | 101.5                                  | 102.4              | 108.7                     | 104.7                        | 107.7                         | 103.7                 | 109.5                   | 103.1                | 104.4                           | 104.6                                          | 108.9                                | 106.0      |
| April     | 101.7                                  | 104.7              | 108.7                     | 105.5                        | 107.8                         | 104.2                 | 112.5                   | 105.1                | 104.4                           | 105.0                                          | 109.1                                | 106.4      |
| May       | 101.7                                  | 105.6              | 108.7                     | 105.6                        | 107.8                         | 104.2                 | 114.8                   | 105.2                | 104.8                           | 105.7                                          | 105.5                                | 106.6      |
| June      | 101.7                                  | 105.6              | 108.7                     | 106.7                        | 107.8                         | 105.0                 | 118.8                   | 105.2                | 104.8                           | 107.2                                          | 109.6                                | 107.1      |
| 1969-70   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 101.8                                  | 106.1              | 108.7                     | 106.9                        | 107.8                         | 105.3                 | 118.9                   | 106.1                | 104.8                           | 108.4                                          | 109.7                                | 107.3      |
| August    | 107.4                                  | 106.6              | 108.7                     | 107.9                        | 107.9                         | 106.0                 | 119.5                   | 109.5                | 105.2                           | 109.3                                          | 110.0                                | 108.2      |
| September | 107.4                                  | 107.1              | 109.0                     | 108.4                        | 108.4                         | 106.0                 | 125.1                   | 110.8                | 105.5                           | 111.3                                          | 109.6                                | 108.7      |
| October   | 107.0                                  | 107.5              | 109.0                     | 108.0                        | 108.5                         | 107.6                 | 122.5                   | 110.6                | 105.8                           | 111.2                                          | 109.6                                | 108.8      |
| November  | 107.0                                  | 108.3              | 109.0                     | 108.0                        | 108.8                         | 107.6                 | 122.8                   | 110.7                | 106.3                           | 110.5                                          | 109.6                                | 108.9      |
| December  | 107.1                                  | 108.2              | 109.1                     | 108.0                        | 108.9                         | 107.6                 | 124.7                   | 111.0                | 106.4                           | 112.7                                          | 109.7                                | 109.2      |
| January   | 107.1                                  | 109.3              | 110.9                     | 107.7                        | 110.5                         | 107.6                 | 124.1                   | 111.0                | 106.5                           | 112.8                                          | 110.0                                | 109.8      |
| February  | 105.8                                  | 109.4              | 112.6                     | 107.5                        | 111.7                         | 109.4                 | 123.4                   | 114.4                | 106.7                           | 112.9                                          | 114.5                                | 110.9      |
| March     | 104.0                                  | 109.8              | 112.3                     | 107.6                        | 112.4                         | 109.4                 | 126.6                   | 114.5                | 107.4                           | 113.4                                          | 115.4                                | 111.2      |
| April     | 100.1                                  | 109.8              | 112.3                     | 107.9                        | 113.2                         | 112.4                 | 128.3                   | 114.5                | 107.4                           | 115.1                                          | 115.6                                | 111.5      |
| May       | 98.8                                   | 109.8              | 112.3                     | 108.1                        | 113.2                         | 112.7                 | 127.3                   | 114.4                | 107.4                           | 115.3                                          | 115.6                                | 111.4      |
| June      | 99.7                                   | 110.5              | 112.3                     | 108.5                        | 113.2                         | 112.7                 | 126.3                   | 114.4                | 107.4                           | 113.6                                          | 115.6                                | 111.3      |
| 1970-71   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 99.8                                   | 110.1              | 112.3                     | 108.9                        | 113.2                         | 111.2                 | 122.6                   | 115.9                | 107.8                           | 113.6                                          | 115.8                                | 111.3      |
| August    | 102.8                                  | 112.2              | 112.5                     | 109.0                        | 113.8                         | 113.1                 | 121.5                   | 115.8                | 108.0                           | 113.0                                          | 116.7                                | 112.0      |
| September | 105.3                                  | 113.4              | 112.8                     | 109.1                        | 114.0                         | 113.1                 | 124.3                   | 115.9                | 108.0                           | 111.5                                          | 117.3                                | 112.4      |
| October p | 107.4                                  | 113.4              | 114.0                     | 110.8                        | 114.6                         | 113.8                 | 123.9                   | 119.2                | 108.1                           | 109.9                                          | 116.7                                | 113.0      |

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TABLE 6. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - BOSTON

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

| Period      | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67     | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| 1967-68     | 100.5                                  | 101.4              | 103.7                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1968-69     | 100.5                                  | 107.0              | 107.8                     | 107.5                        | 106.2                         | 101.7                 | 100.0                   | 102.7                | 102.6                           | 100.9                                          | 101.5                                | 102.2      |
| 1969-70     | 105.3                                  | 116.1              | 114.9                     | 112.0                        | 110.4                         | 101.6                 | 103.4                   | 103.5                | 103.6                           | 102.1                                          | 107.6                                | 105.1      |
| 1968-69     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 100.8                                  | 102.5              | 104.0                     | 104.8                        | 103.5                         | 101.7                 | 101.3                   | 102.7                | 103.1                           | 100.9                                          | 105.2                                | 103.2      |
| August      | 100.8                                  | 102.5              | 104.0                     | 104.8                        | 103.5                         | 101.7                 | 101.3                   | 102.7                | 103.3                           | 99.0                                           | 105.5                                | 103.0      |
| September   | 100.8                                  | 102.5              | 104.3                     | 104.8                        | 103.5                         | 101.1                 | 101.4                   | 102.7                | 103.4                           | 99.0                                           | 106.0                                | 103.1      |
| October     | 99.8                                   | 102.5              | 104.3                     | 104.8                        | 105.9                         | 101.3                 | 102.4                   | 102.5                | 103.3                           | 99.0                                           | 106.9                                | 103.5      |
| November    | 94.8                                   | 104.7              | 109.2                     | 107.7                        | 105.9                         | 101.3                 | 102.4                   | 103.0                | 103.3                           | 100.2                                          | 108.0                                | 104.3      |
| December    | 104.2                                  | 104.7              | 109.6                     | 108.0                        | 106.3                         | 101.3                 | 102.2                   | 102.6                | 103.8                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 105.5      |
| January     | 104.2                                  | 104.7              | 109.6                     | 108.1                        | 107.6                         | 101.4                 | 102.9                   | 102.6                | 103.7                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 105.9      |
| February    | 104.1                                  | 107.9              | 109.6                     | 108.2                        | 108.1                         | 101.5                 | 102.8                   | 102.6                | 103.5                           | 104.1                                          | 108.2                                | 106.5      |
| March       | 89.1                                   | 109.3              | 109.6                     | 109.0                        | 106.9                         | 101.7                 | 105.1                   | 104.2                | 103.8                           | 104.6                                          | 108.6                                | 104.9      |
| April       | 103.7                                  | 113.9              | 109.6                     | 109.6                        | 107.0                         | 101.7                 | 100.9                   | 105.3                | 104.0                           | 105.0                                          | 108.8                                | 106.7      |
| May         | 103.7                                  | 114.4              | 109.6                     | 110.2                        | 108.6                         | 101.7                 | 106.5                   | 105.3                | 104.1                           | 105.7                                          | 109.2                                | 107.5      |
| June        | 104.3                                  | 114.1              | 109.7                     | 110.2                        | 107.8                         | 102.4                 | 110.5                   | 105.4                | 104.1                           | 107.2                                          | 109.3                                | 107.6      |
| 1969-70     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 105.2                                  | 114.1              | 110.5                     | 110.2                        | 107.8                         | 102.4                 | 112.0                   | 107.6                | 104.1                           | 108.4                                          | 109.4                                | 108.0      |
| August      | 105.2                                  | 114.1              | 110.5                     | 110.4                        | 107.5                         | 102.4                 | 112.8                   | 106.1                | 103.7                           | 109.3                                          | 109.7                                | 108.0      |
| September   | 105.2                                  | 114.7              | 110.5                     | 110.4                        | 107.9                         | 103.3                 | 113.3                   | 108.2                | 104.4                           | 111.3                                          | 109.2                                | 108.4      |
| October     | 105.2                                  | 115.8              | 116.2                     | 110.3                        | 108.1                         | 103.3                 | 114.3                   | 110.5                | 105.4                           | 111.2                                          | 109.2                                | 108.9      |
| November    | 105.2                                  | 115.8              | 116.2                     | 110.7                        | 106.7                         | 103.3                 | 114.5                   | 110.7                | 105.6                           | 110.5                                          | 109.3                                | 109.1      |
| December    | 105.2                                  | 116.2              | 116.4                     | 110.9                        | 108.7                         | 103.3                 | 120.8                   | 113.4                | 105.7                           | 112.7                                          | 109.3                                | 109.5      |
| January     | 105.2                                  | 116.2              | 116.5                     | 111.9                        | 111.3                         | 103.3                 | 121.3                   | 113.4                | 105.8                           | 112.8                                          | 109.7                                | 110.5      |
| February    | 105.2                                  | 117.3              | 116.5                     | 112.2                        | 111.9                         | 105.1                 | 123.4                   | 116.3                | 105.3                           | 112.9                                          | 114.1                                | 111.5      |
| March       | 105.2                                  | 117.3              | 116.5                     | 113.3                        | 112.2                         | 105.6                 | 123.3                   | 116.3                | 105.1                           | 113.4                                          | 115.0                                | 111.9      |
| April       | 105.2                                  | 116.8              | 116.5                     | 113.4                        | 113.5                         | 106.6                 | 125.5                   | 116.0                | 105.6                           | 115.1                                          | 116.2                                | 112.6      |
| May         | 105.3                                  | 117.6              | 116.5                     | 114.7                        | 113.6                         | 105.9                 | 124.2                   | 116.0                | 105.6                           | 115.3                                          | 115.3                                | 112.8      |
| June        | 106.7                                  | 117.5              | 116.5                     | 115.2                        | 113.6                         | 105.2                 | 121.4                   | 115.7                | 105.5                           | 113.6                                          | 115.3                                | 112.7      |
| 1970-71     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 112.0                                  | 117.5              | 117.9                     | 115.2                        | 114.0                         | 105.2                 | 115.7                   | 115.7                | 105.8                           | 113.6                                          | 115.5                                | 113.4      |
| August      | 112.0                                  | 118.1              | 117.9                     | 115.2                        | 116.8                         | 105.3                 | 118.1                   | 115.8                | 106.0                           | 113.0                                          | 116.2                                | 114.4      |
| September p | 112.0                                  | 118.1              | 121.7                     | 115.2                        | 116.8                         | 105.3                 | 115.5                   | 115.9                | 106.8                           | 111.5                                          | 116.8                                | 114.5      |
| October p   | 112.0                                  | 118.1              | 122.4                     | 116.6                        | 116.9                         | 105.5                 | 113.6                   | 118.8                | 107.2                           | 109.9                                          | 116.2                                | 114.6      |

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TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - ADELAIDE

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

| Period    | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67   | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1967-68   | 101.2                                  | 101.9              | 104.6                     | 101.5                        | 102.3                         | 100.1                 | 106.0                   | 102.7                | 101.1                           | 100.9                                          | 101.4                                | 101.8      |
| 1968-69   | 105.3                                  | 107.6              | 108.7                     | 105.1                        | 105.3                         | 99.2                  | 105.2                   | 103.5                | 103.1                           | 102.1                                          | 107.7                                | 105.0      |
| 1969-70   | 107.9                                  | 112.5              | 113.5                     | 108.9                        | 108.2                         | 100.2                 | 126.8                   | 112.3                | 106.9                           | 112.2                                          | 111.7                                | 109.4      |
| 1968-69   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 104.6                                  | 102.9              | 105.8                     | 102.3                        | 104.2                         | 100.4                 | 100.6                   | 103.2                | 102.0                           | 100.9                                          | 105.1                                | 103.4      |
| August    | 104.6                                  | 102.9              | 105.8                     | 102.8                        | 104.2                         | 99.2                  | 100.6                   | 102.8                | 102.0                           | 99.0                                           | 105.5                                | 103.5      |
| September | 105.0                                  | 102.9              | 105.8                     | 102.8                        | 104.4                         | 99.2                  | 99.5                    | 102.8                | 101.8                           | 99.0                                           | 105.9                                | 103.4      |
| October   | 105.3                                  | 106.4              | 105.8                     | 103.1                        | 104.4                         | 99.2                  | 101.2                   | 102.8                | 101.4                           | 99.0                                           | 106.9                                | 103.7      |
| November  | 105.5                                  | 106.4              | 106.4                     | 103.9                        | 104.5                         | 99.2                  | 101.2                   | 102.7                | 101.7                           | 100.2                                          | 106.0                                | 104.2      |
| December  | 105.4                                  | 109.6              | 110.4                     | 104.2                        | 104.7                         | 99.2                  | 102.9                   | 102.7                | 102.2                           | 100.2                                          | 106.0                                | 104.6      |
| January   | 105.5                                  | 109.6              | 110.4                     | 105.0                        | 105.5                         | 99.4                  | 103.2                   | 102.7                | 102.9                           | 100.2                                          | 106.0                                | 105.1      |
| February  | 105.4                                  | 109.6              | 110.4                     | 105.2                        | 105.8                         | 99.4                  | 108.0                   | 102.7                | 104.3                           | 104.1                                          | 106.2                                | 105.8      |
| March     | 105.5                                  | 109.6              | 110.9                     | 107.7                        | 106.6                         | 98.7                  | 108.0                   | 104.5                | 104.3                           | 104.6                                          | 106.6                                | 106.4      |
| April     | 105.5                                  | 109.6              | 110.9                     | 107.7                        | 106.6                         | 98.7                  | 109.7                   | 104.8                | 104.4                           | 105.0                                          | 106.8                                | 106.5      |
| May       | 105.6                                  | 110.6              | 110.9                     | 108.3                        | 106.6                         | 98.7                  | 112.7                   | 104.8                | 105.2                           | 105.7                                          | 109.1                                | 106.9      |
| June      | 105.6                                  | 110.6              | 110.9                     | 108.4                        | 106.5                         | 99.3                  | 114.6                   | 104.9                | 105.5                           | 107.2                                          | 109.3                                | 107.1      |
| 1969-70   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 105.6                                  | 110.6              | 110.9                     | 108.4                        | 106.6                         | 99.3                  | 116.8                   | 106.0                | 106.8                           | 106.4                                          | 109.4                                | 107.4      |
| August    | 105.6                                  | 110.6              | 110.9                     | 108.4                        | 106.6                         | 99.3                  | 119.7                   | 106.0                | 106.8                           | 109.3                                          | 109.6                                | 107.6      |
| September | 107.0                                  | 111.9              | 110.9                     | 108.8                        | 107.1                         | 99.3                  | 126.3                   | 106.4                | 106.8                           | 111.3                                          | 109.2                                | 108.3      |
| October   | 108.5                                  | 111.9              | 110.9                     | 108.8                        | 107.1                         | 99.3                  | 122.6                   | 108.8                | 106.8                           | 111.2                                          | 109.2                                | 108.4      |
| November  | 108.5                                  | 111.9              | 110.9                     | 108.8                        | 107.1                         | 99.3                  | 123.6                   | 110.3                | 106.8                           | 111.5                                          | 109.3                                | 108.4      |
| December  | 108.6                                  | 111.9              | 110.9                     | 108.8                        | 107.1                         | 99.3                  | 127.8                   | 111.9                | 106.8                           | 112.7                                          | 109.3                                | 108.7      |
| January   | 108.6                                  | 112.0              | 111.4                     | 108.8                        | 107.8                         | 99.3                  | 129.6                   | 111.9                | 106.9                           | 112.8                                          | 109.7                                | 109.1      |
| February  | 108.5                                  | 112.0              | 112.0                     | 108.9                        | 109.2                         | 100.2                 | 127.5                   | 117.2                | 106.8                           | 112.9                                          | 114.1                                | 110.1      |
| March     | 108.6                                  | 112.0              | 117.8                     | 109.4                        | 109.5                         | 101.0                 | 130.4                   | 117.2                | 106.8                           | 113.4                                          | 115.1                                | 110.9      |
| April     | 108.6                                  | 115.2              | 118.3                     | 109.4                        | 109.7                         | 101.9                 | 134.1                   | 117.1                | 107.2                           | 115.1                                          | 115.3                                | 111.5      |
| May       | 108.6                                  | 115.2              | 118.3                     | 108.7                        | 110.0                         | 101.9                 | 131.6                   | 117.1                | 107.3                           | 115.3                                          | 115.3                                | 111.4      |
| June      | 108.6                                  | 115.2              | 118.3                     | 109.1                        | 110.0                         | 101.9                 | 131.0                   | 117.2                | 107.5                           | 113.6                                          | 115.3                                | 111.3      |
| 1970-71   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 108.6                                  | 115.2              | 118.3                     | 109.2                        | 110.2                         | 101.9                 | 126.9                   | 117.2                | 107.5                           | 113.6                                          | 115.5                                | 111.3      |
| August    | 108.5                                  | 115.2              | 118.5                     | 109.4                        | 110.3                         | 101.9                 | 126.7                   | 117.2                | 107.8                           | 113.0                                          | 116.2                                | 111.4      |
| September | 108.8                                  | 115.2              | 118.8                     | 110.1                        | 110.3                         | 101.3                 | 125.4                   | 117.2                | 107.8                           | 111.5                                          | 116.8                                | 111.4      |
| October p | 108.8                                  | 117.0              | 119.6                     | 112.1                        | 110.6                         | 101.3                 | 124.4                   | 119.9                | 108.8                           | 109.9                                          | 116.2                                | 111.7      |

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TABLE B. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - FERTI

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

| Period      | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67     | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1967-68     | 100.6                                  | 104.3              | 103.0                     | 104.1                        | 101.7                         | 99.7                  | 105.7                   | 101.7                | 102.7                           | 100.9                                          | 101.4                                | 102.0      |
| 1968-69     | 101.4                                  | 108.1              | 106.2                     | 108.0                        | 104.2                         | 101.8                 | 106.4                   | 103.4                | 103.9                           | 102.4                                          | 107.6                                | 104.7      |
| 1969-70     | 102.8                                  | 111.3              | 111.4                     | 111.3                        | 107.1                         | 102.6                 | 127.0                   | 110.8                | 107.8                           | 112.2                                          | 111.6                                | 106.9      |
| 1968-69     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 101.2                                  | 106.4              | 104.8                     | 105.2                        | 102.8                         | 99.7                  | 100.7                   | 101.9                | 103.6                           | 100.9                                          | 105.1                                | 103.1      |
| August      | 101.2                                  | 106.4              | 105.0                     | 106.3                        | 102.8                         | 100.2                 | 100.9                   | 101.9                | 103.6                           | 99.0                                           | 105.4                                | 103.2      |
| September   | 101.3                                  | 106.4              | 105.0                     | 107.2                        | 103.6                         | 100.2                 | 100.0                   | 101.9                | 103.8                           | 99.0                                           | 105.6                                | 103.5      |
| October     | 101.3                                  | 106.9              | 105.0                     | 107.4                        | 103.5                         | 102.2                 | 101.0                   | 101.9                | 103.8                           | 99.0                                           | 106.8                                | 103.6      |
| November    | 101.3                                  | 107.7              | 106.1                     | 107.9                        | 104.0                         | 102.2                 | 101.0                   | 101.9                | 103.8                           | 100.2                                          | 107.8                                | 104.4      |
| December    | 101.3                                  | 108.1              | 106.3                     | 108.2                        | 104.1                         | 102.4                 | 103.0                   | 103.5                | 103.8                           | 100.2                                          | 107.9                                | 104.5      |
| January     | 101.3                                  | 108.8              | 106.3                     | 108.3                        | 104.6                         | 102.4                 | 105.2                   | 104.5                | 103.8                           | 100.2                                          | 107.9                                | 104.8      |
| February    | 101.6                                  | 108.9              | 107.1                     | 108.9                        | 104.8                         | 102.4                 | 109.8                   | 104.5                | 104.0                           | 104.1                                          | 108.1                                | 105.6      |
| March       | 101.6                                  | 108.9              | 107.1                     | 108.9                        | 105.0                         | 102.6                 | 109.8                   | 104.6                | 104.0                           | 104.6                                          | 108.4                                | 105.7      |
| April       | 101.6                                  | 108.9              | 107.1                     | 108.9                        | 105.0                         | 102.6                 | 112.1                   | 104.8                | 104.4                           | 105.0                                          | 108.6                                | 105.8      |
| May         | 101.6                                  | 108.9              | 107.1                     | 109.3                        | 105.0                         | 102.6                 | 114.9                   | 104.8                | 104.2                           | 105.7                                          | 108.9                                | 106.0      |
| June        | 101.6                                  | 110.4              | 107.1                     | 109.9                        | 105.0                         | 102.6                 | 118.2                   | 104.8                | 104.3                           | 107.2                                          | 109.0                                | 106.4      |
| 1969-70     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 102.2                                  | 110.4              | 107.5                     | 110.0                        | 105.0                         | 103.7                 | 118.1                   | 107.3                | 105.4                           | 108.4                                          | 109.2                                | 105.8      |
| August      | 102.4                                  | 110.4              | 107.5                     | 110.9                        | 105.0                         | 103.2                 | 122.1                   | 107.3                | 107.3                           | 109.3                                          | 109.4                                | 107.2      |
| September   | 102.9                                  | 110.4              | 110.8                     | 111.0                        | 105.5                         | 103.3                 | 125.9                   | 107.3                | 107.8                           | 111.3                                          | 109.0                                | 107.9      |
| October     | 102.9                                  | 110.4              | 110.8                     | 111.0                        | 105.6                         | 102.9                 | 122.2                   | 107.3                | 107.8                           | 111.2                                          | 109.0                                | 107.8      |
| November    | 102.9                                  | 110.4              | 110.8                     | 111.0                        | 105.6                         | 102.5                 | 124.5                   | 110.6                | 107.8                           | 110.5                                          | 109.0                                | 107.8      |
| December    | 102.9                                  | 110.4              | 111.0                     | 111.0                        | 105.6                         | 102.5                 | 128.6                   | 111.6                | 107.8                           | 112.7                                          | 109.1                                | 108.1      |
| January     | 102.9                                  | 110.5              | 111.8                     | 110.8                        | 107.1                         | 102.3                 | 130.3                   | 111.6                | 107.9                           | 112.8                                          | 109.5                                | 108.7      |
| February    | 102.9                                  | 110.5              | 112.4                     | 110.8                        | 107.3                         | 102.3                 | 128.6                   | 111.6                | 108.0                           | 112.9                                          | 113.9                                | 109.3      |
| March       | 102.9                                  | 110.5              | 112.9                     | 111.9                        | 109.1                         | 102.9                 | 130.6                   | 112.1                | 107.9                           | 113.4                                          | 114.8                                | 110.3      |
| April       | 102.9                                  | 110.5              | 112.9                     | 112.5                        | 109.5                         | 102.9                 | 133.3                   | 114.0                | 108.1                           | 115.1                                          | 115.0                                | 110.7      |
| May         | 102.9                                  | 115.8              | 114.4                     | 112.5                        | 109.5                         | 101.3                 | 131.0                   | 114.0                | 108.7                           | 115.3                                          | 115.0                                | 110.9      |
| June        | 102.9                                  | 115.8              | 114.4                     | 112.0                        | 110.0                         | 101.0                 | 128.9                   | 114.0                | 108.7                           | 113.6                                          | 115.0                                | 110.8      |
| 1970-71     |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July        | 102.9                                  | 115.8              | 114.4                     | 112.0                        | 110.1                         | 101.6                 | 125.8                   | 114.0                | 109.8                           | 113.6                                          | 115.3                                | 110.9      |
| August      | 103.1                                  | 116.1              | 114.4                     | 112.0                        | 110.2                         | 103.1                 | 125.8                   | 114.0                | 110.2                           | 113.0                                          | 116.0                                | 111.1      |
| September p | 103.2                                  | 116.1              | 114.6                     | 112.0                        | 110.2                         | 103.1                 | 122.4                   | 114.0                | 110.2                           | 111.5                                          | 116.6                                | 111.0      |
| October p   | 103.2                                  | 118.2              | 114.6                     | 112.0                        | 110.2                         | 104.5                 | 122.4                   | 114.1                | 110.2                           | 109.9                                          | 116.1                                | 111.0      |

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TABLE 9. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - HOBERT

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

| Period    | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67   | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1967-68   | 104.8                                  | 100.4              | 103.1                     | 101.7                        | 102.5                         | 100.8                 | 105.9                   | 103.2                | 101.7                           | 100.9                                          | 101.4                                | 102.3      |
| 1968-69   | 106.0                                  | 103.8              | 108.5                     | 103.8                        | 105.5                         | 99.6                  | 103.1                   | 105.5                | 103.0                           | 102.1                                          | 107.7                                | 105.1      |
| 1969-70   | 109.1                                  | 107.1              | 111.3                     | 108.9                        | 109.8                         | 100.9                 | 122.3                   | 114.0                | 107.5                           | 112.2                                          | 111.8                                | 109.7      |
| 1968-69   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 107.0                                  | 103.1              | 108.2                     | 102.4                        | 104.2                         | 99.4                  | 101.1                   | 103.7                | 102.5                           | 100.9                                          | 105.3                                | 103.8      |
| August    | 107.0                                  | 103.1              | 108.3                     | 102.4                        | 104.2                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 103.7                | 102.4                           | 99.0                                           | 105.6                                | 103.7      |
| September | 107.0                                  | 103.7              | 108.4                     | 102.5                        | 104.2                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 103.7                | 103.0                           | 99.0                                           | 106.0                                | 103.8      |
| October   | 107.2                                  | 103.7              | 108.4                     | 102.5                        | 104.3                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 103.7                | 103.0                           | 99.0                                           | 107.0                                | 104.0      |
| November  | 107.6                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 103.2                        | 104.6                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 104.6                | 103.0                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 104.5      |
| December  | 107.6                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 104.2                        | 104.9                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 104.6                | 103.0                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 104.7      |
| January   | 108.6                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 104.2                        | 105.8                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 104.6                | 103.0                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 105.1      |
| February  | 108.8                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 104.7                        | 105.8                         | 99.5                  | 101.1                   | 104.6                | 103.1                           | 104.1                                          | 108.3                                | 105.5      |
| March     | 108.8                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 104.7                        | 107.0                         | 99.5                  | 102.1                   | 108.3                | 103.2                           | 104.6                                          | 108.7                                | 106.1      |
| April     | 108.8                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 104.7                        | 107.1                         | 99.5                  | 102.1                   | 108.3                | 103.2                           | 105.0                                          | 108.9                                | 106.1      |
| May       | 108.8                                  | 103.7              | 108.6                     | 104.7                        | 107.1                         | 100.2                 | 112.3                   | 108.3                | 103.3                           | 105.7                                          | 109.2                                | 106.6      |
| June      | 108.8                                  | 106.4              | 108.7                     | 105.7                        | 107.1                         | 100.3                 | 112.3                   | 108.3                | 103.2                           | 107.2                                          | 109.3                                | 106.9      |
| 1969-70   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 108.8                                  | 106.4              | 109.2                     | 107.9                        | 107.2                         | 100.4                 | 113.2                   | 108.8                | 103.2                           | 108.4                                          | 109.5                                | 107.4      |
| August    | 108.8                                  | 106.6              | 109.2                     | 108.1                        | 107.2                         | 100.4                 | 117.3                   | 111.5                | 103.0                           | 109.3                                          | 105.7                                | 107.7      |
| September | 108.8                                  | 106.6              | 109.5                     | 108.1                        | 107.6                         | 100.4                 | 117.3                   | 111.5                | 103.9                           | 111.3                                          | 105.3                                | 108.0      |
| October   | 108.8                                  | 106.6              | 109.5                     | 108.1                        | 107.7                         | 100.8                 | 124.5                   | 113.1                | 107.6                           | 111.2                                          | 105.3                                | 108.5      |
| November  | 109.0                                  | 106.6              | 109.7                     | 108.1                        | 107.7                         | 100.8                 | 124.7                   | 113.4                | 107.6                           | 110.5                                          | 105.3                                | 108.5      |
| December  | 109.0                                  | 106.6              | 109.8                     | 108.1                        | 107.9                         | 100.8                 | 124.0                   | 114.4                | 107.5                           | 112.7                                          | 109.4                                | 108.7      |
| January   | 109.0                                  | 107.6              | 109.9                     | 108.7                        | 109.7                         | 100.8                 | 124.0                   | 115.2                | 109.0                           | 112.8                                          | 109.8                                | 109.6      |
| February  | 109.0                                  | 107.6              | 109.9                     | 108.7                        | 111.8                         | 101.2                 | 124.0                   | 115.3                | 109.1                           | 112.9                                          | 114.2                                | 110.8      |
| March     | 109.0                                  | 107.6              | 109.6                     | 108.7                        | 112.2                         | 101.2                 | 124.0                   | 115.3                | 109.4                           | 113.4                                          | 115.1                                | 111.1      |
| April     | 109.1                                  | 107.6              | 116.3                     | 109.9                        | 112.8                         | 101.6                 | 124.0                   | 116.4                | 109.4                           | 115.1                                          | 115.3                                | 112.0      |
| May       | 109.2                                  | 107.6              | 116.3                     | 110.0                        | 112.9                         | 101.4                 | 125.0                   | 116.4                | 109.7                           | 115.2                                          | 115.3                                | 112.1      |
| June      | 111.2                                  | 107.6              | 116.3                     | 112.1                        | 112.9                         | 101.1                 | 125.0                   | 116.4                | 109.7                           | 113.6                                          | 115.3                                | 112.4      |
| 1970-71   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 111.2                                  | 107.6              | 116.3                     | 112.8                        | 112.9                         | 101.1                 | 125.0                   | 116.4                | 110.1                           | 113.6                                          | 115.5                                | 112.6      |
| August    | 111.4                                  | 108.0              | 116.8                     | 113.0                        | 113.0                         | 101.1                 | 125.0                   | 117.7                | 110.2                           | 113.0                                          | 116.2                                | 112.7      |
| September | 111.8                                  | 110.2              | 118.5                     | 113.0                        | 113.0                         | 101.1                 | 125.0                   | 120.8                | 110.7                           | 111.5                                          | 116.8                                | 112.9      |
| October p | 111.8                                  | 110.5              | 119.5                     | 113.0                        | 113.1                         | 101.1                 | 125.0                   | 120.8                | 110.7                           | 109.9                                          | 116.3                                | 112.8      |

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TABLE 10. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

## GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

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

| Period    | Concrete mix,<br>cement,<br>sand, etc. | Cement<br>products | Bricks,<br>stone,<br>etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel and<br>iron<br>products | Aluminium<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures | Miscel-<br>laneous<br>materials | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials<br>(b) | Mechanical<br>services<br>components | All groups |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| 1966-67   | 100.0                                  | 100.0              | 100.0                     | 100.0                        | 100.0                         | 100.0                 | 100.0                   | 100.0                | 100.0                           | 100.0                                          | 100.0                                | 100.0      |
| 1967-68   | 101.5                                  | 102.2              | 103.7                     | 103.0                        | 102.3                         | 101.4                 | 105.9                   | 102.8                | 102.3                           | 100.9                                          | 101.4                                | 102.2      |
| 1968-69   | 103.5                                  | 106.8              | 108.2                     | 107.2                        | 106.1                         | 103.9                 | 106.8                   | 103.3                | 103.2                           | 102.1                                          | 107.7                                | 105.6      |
| 1969-70   | 106.9                                  | 111.7              | 112.6                     | 111.2                        | 110.1                         | 107.4                 | 126.3                   | 113.7                | 105.8                           | 112.2                                          | 111.8                                | 110.5      |
| 1968-69   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 101.9                                  | 104.3              | 105.1                     | 104.2                        | 103.9                         | 102.9                 | 100.3                   | 102.5                | 102.3                           | 100.9                                          | 105.3                                | 103.5      |
| August    | 102.1                                  | 104.4              | 105.5                     | 104.8                        | 103.9                         | 103.0                 | 100.4                   | 102.0                | 103.3                           | 99.0                                           | 105.6                                | 103.5      |
| September | 102.1                                  | 104.5              | 105.6                     | 105.0                        | 104.5                         | 102.9                 | 101.3                   | 100.0                | 103.3                           | 99.0                                           | 106.0                                | 103.8      |
| October   | 102.1                                  | 104.8              | 106.5                     | 105.3                        | 105.0                         | 104.0                 | 102.3                   | 102.0                | 103.1                           | 99.0                                           | 107.0                                | 104.2      |
| November  | 102.0                                  | 105.4              | 108.7                     | 106.4                        | 105.5                         | 104.0                 | 102.8                   | 102.2                | 103.1                           | 100.2                                          | 106.1                                | 104.9      |
| December  | 104.5                                  | 106.9              | 109.1                     | 107.4                        | 105.7                         | 104.3                 | 105.3                   | 103.0                | 102.7                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 105.5      |
| January   | 104.6                                  | 107.1              | 109.2                     | 107.5                        | 106.8                         | 104.4                 | 105.4                   | 102.6                | 102.5                           | 100.2                                          | 108.1                                | 105.9      |
| February  | 104.7                                  | 107.5              | 109.4                     | 108.0                        | 107.1                         | 104.1                 | 109.5                   | 102.5                | 103.3                           | 104.1                                          | 108.3                                | 106.5      |
| March     | 102.8                                  | 107.8              | 109.6                     | 109.5                        | 107.3                         | 104.0                 | 109.9                   | 104.5                | 103.3                           | 104.6                                          | 108.7                                | 106.6      |
| April     | 105.0                                  | 109.1              | 109.6                     | 109.2                        | 107.5                         | 104.1                 | 111.7                   | 105.3                | 103.4                           | 105.0                                          | 108.9                                | 107.2      |
| May       | 105.0                                  | 109.7              | 109.6                     | 109.4                        | 108.0                         | 104.4                 | 114.8                   | 105.3                | 103.6                           | 105.7                                          | 109.2                                | 107.6      |
| June      | 105.1                                  | 109.9              | 109.9                     | 110.1                        | 107.9                         | 105.1                 | 117.9                   | 105.3                | 103.6                           | 107.2                                          | 109.4                                | 107.9      |
| 1969-70   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 105.3                                  | 110.1              | 110.1                     | 110.1                        | 107.9                         | 105.4                 | 118.6                   | 107.0                | 103.9                           | 108.4                                          | 109.5                                | 108.2      |
| August    | 106.8                                  | 110.3              | 110.1                     | 110.5                        | 108.0                         | 105.6                 | 121.2                   | 109.2                | 104.3                           | 109.3                                          | 109.7                                | 108.6      |
| September | 107.0                                  | 110.6              | 110.5                     | 110.6                        | 108.3                         | 105.8                 | 124.9                   | 109.4                | 105.1                           | 111.3                                          | 109.3                                | 109.1      |
| October   | 107.1                                  | 110.9              | 111.2                     | 110.9                        | 108.4                         | 106.2                 | 123.1                   | 110.4                | 105.4                           | 111.2                                          | 109.3                                | 109.2      |
| November  | 107.1                                  | 111.1              | 111.2                     | 110.9                        | 108.6                         | 106.1                 | 123.8                   | 112.2                | 105.8                           | 110.5                                          | 109.4                                | 109.3      |
| December  | 107.2                                  | 111.2              | 111.4                     | 110.9                        | 108.7                         | 106.2                 | 127.8                   | 114.1                | 105.8                           | 112.7                                          | 109.4                                | 109.7      |
| January   | 108.1                                  | 111.8              | 113.0                     | 111.0                        | 110.1                         | 106.7                 | 128.4                   | 114.1                | 105.9                           | 112.8                                          | 109.8                                | 110.4      |
| February  | 107.7                                  | 112.2              | 113.9                     | 111.0                        | 111.2                         | 108.1                 | 127.3                   | 112.3                | 106.3                           | 112.9                                          | 114.2                                | 111.5      |
| March     | 107.2                                  | 112.5              | 114.6                     | 111.4                        | 111.9                         | 108.6                 | 129.6                   | 117.4                | 106.7                           | 113.4                                          | 115.1                                | 112.0      |
| April     | 106.2                                  | 112.9              | 114.9                     | 111.9                        | 112.7                         | 110.0                 | 132.2                   | 117.5                | 107.0                           | 115.1                                          | 115.3                                | 112.6      |
| May       | 106.1                                  | 113.4              | 114.9                     | 112.3                        | 112.9                         | 109.9                 | 130.4                   | 117.3                | 107.0                           | 115.3                                          | 115.3                                | 112.7      |
| June      | 106.6                                  | 113.6              | 115.4                     | 112.4                        | 113.0                         | 109.8                 | 128.5                   | 117.3                | 106.9                           | 113.6                                          | 115.3                                | 112.6      |
| 1970-71   |                                        |                    |                           |                              |                               |                       |                         |                      |                                 |                                                |                                      |            |
| July      | 107.4                                  | 113.5              | 115.8                     | 112.8                        | 113.1                         | 109.5                 | 125.6                   | 117.3                | 107.8                           | 113.6                                          | 115.6                                | 112.8      |
| August    | 108.1                                  | 115.2              | 115.9                     | 112.8                        | 113.7                         | 110.1                 | 125.6                   | 117.1                | 107.8                           | 113.0                                          | 116.3                                | 113.2      |
| September | 108.9                                  | 115.6              | 116.7                     | 112.9                        | 113.9                         | 110.1                 | 123.9                   | 117.2                | 108.1                           | 111.5                                          | 116.9                                | 113.3      |
| October   | 109.4                                  | 115.9              | 117.2                     | 113.9                        | 114.1                         | 110.6                 | 123.1                   | 118.9                | 108.3                           | 109.9                                          | 116.4                                | 113.4      |

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TABLE 11. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

SPECIAL PURPOSE INDEX : ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING ELECTRICAL  
INSTALLATION MATERIALS AND MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS  
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 |                                              |
| 1966-67     | 100.0                | 100.0     | 100.0    | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0                                        |
| 1967-68     | 103.0                | 101.8     | 102.4    | 102.0    | 102.2 | 102.6  | 102.4                                        |
| 1968-69     | 106.8                | 104.8     | 105.1    | 104.9    | 104.6 | 105.0  | 105.6                                        |
| 1969-70     | 111.6                | 109.1     | 109.9    | 108.7    | 108.1 | 109.1  | 110.1                                        |
| 1968-69     |                      |           |          |          |       |        |                                              |
| July        | 104.3                | 102.7     | 103.1    | 103.4    | 103.0 | 103.9  | 103.5                                        |
| August      | 104.5                | 102.9     | 103.1    | 103.4    | 103.2 | 103.9  | 103.7                                        |
| September   | 105.0                | 103.1     | 103.1    | 103.4    | 103.7 | 104.0  | 104.0                                        |
| October     | 105.2                | 103.9     | 103.4    | 103.7    | 103.9 | 104.1  | 104.4                                        |
| November    | 105.8                | 104.5     | 104.1    | 104.0    | 104.3 | 104.4  | 104.9                                        |
| December    | 106.9                | 104.7     | 105.6    | 104.6    | 104.5 | 104.6  | 105.7                                        |
| January     | 107.3                | 105.2     | 106.2    | 105.1    | 104.8 | 105.1  | 106.1                                        |
| February    | 107.8                | 105.5     | 106.5    | 105.5    | 105.2 | 105.2  | 106.5                                        |
| March       | 108.2                | 105.6     | 104.4    | 106.3    | 105.3 | 105.8  | 106.5                                        |
| April       | 108.6                | 106.1     | 106.5    | 106.3    | 105.5 | 105.8  | 107.1                                        |
| May         | 109.1                | 106.3     | 107.5    | 106.6    | 105.6 | 106.2  | 107.5                                        |
| June        | 109.4                | 106.6     | 107.4    | 106.8    | 105.9 | 106.5  | 107.8                                        |
| 1969-70     |                      |           |          |          |       |        |                                              |
| July        | 109.5                | 106.7     | 107.7    | 107.0    | 106.2 | 107.0  | 107.9                                        |
| August      | 109.8                | 107.8     | 107.6    | 107.1    | 106.6 | 107.2  | 108.4                                        |
| September   | 110.1                | 108.3     | 107.9    | 107.8    | 107.3 | 107.4  | 108.8                                        |
| October     | 110.2                | 108.4     | 108.6    | 107.9    | 107.2 | 108.1  | 109.0                                        |
| November    | 110.4                | 108.6     | 108.9    | 108.0    | 107.3 | 108.1  | 109.2                                        |
| December    | 110.7                | 108.7     | 109.2    | 108.2    | 107.5 | 108.2  | 109.4                                        |
| January     | 111.7                | 109.5     | 110.4    | 108.5    | 108.1 | 109.2  | 110.3                                        |
| February    | 112.4                | 110.0     | 110.9    | 109.2    | 108.2 | 110.0  | 110.9                                        |
| March       | 113.0                | 110.3     | 111.2    | 110.0    | 109.2 | 110.2  | 111.4                                        |
| April       | 113.7                | 110.4     | 111.9    | 110.4    | 109.6 | 111.1  | 111.9                                        |
| May         | 114.0                | 110.2     | 112.1    | 110.4    | 109.8 | 111.2  | 112.0                                        |
| June        | 113.9                | 110.4     | 112.2    | 110.4    | 109.8 | 111.8  | 112.0                                        |
| 1970-71     |                      |           |          |          |       |        |                                              |
| July        | 114.1                | 110.3     | 113.0    | 110.4    | 109.8 | 111.9  | 112.2                                        |
| August      | 114.3                | 111.2     | 114.2    | 110.5    | 110.1 | 112.1  | 112.7                                        |
| September p | 114.3                | 111.8     | 114.2    | 110.6    | 110.0 | 112.5  | 112.9                                        |
| October p   | 114.4                | 112.7     | 114.8    | 111.2    | 110.2 | 112.6  | 113.3                                        |

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The following footnotes and symbols are standard throughout tables 3-11.

- (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. This indicator was on a quarterly basis until February 1969 when monthly compilation was commenced.

p - preliminary, subject to revision.

r - revised.

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