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## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES JUNE 1983

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### MAIN FEATURES

#### Change between—

|                                                 | May 83<br>and<br>June 83 |  | June 82<br>and<br>June 83 |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
|                                                 | %                        |  | %                         |  |
| All groups index                                |                          |  |                           |  |
| Sydney                                          | +1.0                     |  | +7.2                      |  |
| Melbourne                                       | +0.4                     |  | +8.6                      |  |
| Brisbane                                        | +0.1                     |  | +7.3                      |  |
| Adelaide                                        | +0.8                     |  | +9.7                      |  |
| Perth                                           | +0.4                     |  | +6.3                      |  |
| Hobart                                          | +0.6                     |  | +7.5                      |  |
| Weighted average of<br>six State capital cities | +0.6                     |  | +7.7                      |  |

More than half of the increase to the All groups index between May 1983 and June 1983 was caused by higher prices being recorded for timber, board and joinery and most steel products. Softwood prices rose in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, and Adelaide. Prices for hardwood and timber doors and frames increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Prices for reinforcing steel and steel beams, sections and angles rose in all cities.

The increase in the Sydney and Adelaide All groups indexes was higher than that recorded for other cities mainly due to larger price increases for softwood and hardwood relative to other cities.

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This publication contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials Used in House Building. A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973* (Ref. No. 6.7) (pp. 57-69). A Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building is published in a separate publication (6407.0). Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.

#### Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of houses. Its composition is in accordance with the usage of materials in actual houses which were selected as representative for the purpose. The index does not purport to represent

buildings of any kind other than houses. The house building construction types included are those which use brick, brick veneer, timber or asbestos cement sheeting as the principal material for the outer walls.

#### Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. The items and weights were derived from reported values of each material used in selected representative houses constructed in or about 1968-69 in each State capital city. Each State capital city has an individual weighting pattern which reflects the difference in the estimated relative importance of given items as between cities. In all cases the selection of materials was based on local usage. The weighting pattern for each capital city is applied to local price measures in calculating indexes for that city. The weights for groups of items are shown in Table 2. Further details concerning the weighting pattern are contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973* (Ref. No. 6.7). The reference base of the index is the year 1966-67 = 100.0.

#### Prices

4. Price series used relate to specified standards of each commodity with the aim of incorporating in the index price changes for representative materials of constant quality.

5. In general the point of pricing is *delivered on site*, but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available, e.g. that for *supplied and fixed*. The price series are obtained in all State capital cities from representative suppliers of materials used in house building. In the main they are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable.

6. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from *list* prices. Thus measures of special or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis and may sometimes necessitate revisions.

7. Sales taxes levied on building materials are included in the prices used to compile the index. Materials used in the construction of Commonwealth, State and Local Government owned houses are exempt from sales tax. At any particular time when there is a change in the rate of sales tax on building materials, the movement in the index takes into account the proportion of materials sold subject to sales tax at that time and the proportion of materials exempt from sales tax.

### Index numbers

8. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966 and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for the financial years are simple averages of the relevant monthly index numbers. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for all groups combined in Table 1 and for each group of items in Table 2. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between capitals as to differences in degree of price movement from period to period, but not as to differences in price level.

### Percentage changes

9. Tables 1 and 3 show price movements expressed in terms of percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes, with reference to Table 1.

Weighted average of six State capital cities—

|                                  |       |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Index number as at January 1983  | 415.7 |
| Index number as at December 1982 | 412.4 |

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{415.7 - 412.4}{412.4} \times 100 = +0.8\%$$

### Interpretation

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

### Related publications

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

*Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Darwin* (6407.0)—issued monthly

*Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry, Australia* (6411.0)—issued monthly

*Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry, Australia* (6412.0)—issued monthly

*Price Indexes of Metallic Materials, Australia* (6410.0)—issued monthly

12. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia* (6312.0)—issued monthly

*Average Weekly Earnings, Australia* (6302.0)—issued quarterly

13. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

### Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary—figures subject to revision
- nil or rounded to zero

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TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—ALL GROUPS

|                                                              | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Weighted<br>average of<br>six State<br>capital cities |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| INDEX NUMBERS<br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| 1980-81                                                      | 347.6  | 324.7     | 363.7    | 386.1    | 337.6 | 338.2  | 344.0                                                 |
| 1981-82                                                      | 378.5  | 355.5     | 407.2    | 427.2    | 373.2 | 371.7  | 377.9                                                 |
| 1982-83 p                                                    | 410.4  | 394.9     | 448.0    | 480.3    | 409.6 | 406.5  | 415.7                                                 |
| 1981-82—                                                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| May                                                          | 393.8  | 374.0     | 428.0    | 448.7    | 390.3 | 393.6  | 395.9                                                 |
| June                                                         | 395.9  | 376.5     | 430.2    | 456.3    | 393.3 | 394.4  | 398.7                                                 |
| 1982-83—                                                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| July                                                         | 399.2  | 381.4     | 433.7    | 461.7    | 398.1 | 396.5  | 402.8                                                 |
| August                                                       | 401.1  | 384.4     | 437.2    | 464.4    | 403.0 | 397.2  | 405.8                                                 |
| September                                                    | 403.8  | 387.2     | 439.8    | 469.0    | 404.2 | 400.0  | 408.5                                                 |
| October                                                      | 406.2  | 387.1     | 441.8    | 471.1    | 405.2 | 402.9  | 409.7                                                 |
| November                                                     | 406.7  | 388.0     | 442.8    | 474.9    | 406.4 | 401.3  | 410.8                                                 |
| December                                                     | 407.3  | 390.2     | 444.7    | 476.1    | 408.8 | 401.6  | 412.4                                                 |
| January                                                      | 409.2  | 394.9     | 447.5    | 482.6    | 411.6 | 402.2  | 415.7                                                 |
| February                                                     | 411.5  | 397.7     | 451.5    | 484.1    | 413.8 | 405.3  | 419.0                                                 |
| March                                                        | 415.1  | 404.5     | 454.9    | 488.5    | 414.7 | 407.3  | 422.5                                                 |
| April                                                        | 419.3  | 404.8     | 460.0    | 494.8    | 414.8 | 417.5  | 425.3                                                 |
| May p                                                        | 420.5  | 407.2     | 461.0    | 496.3    | 416.2 | 421.6  | 426.9                                                 |
| June p                                                       | 424.5  | 409.0     | 461.6    | 500.4    | 417.9 | 424.1  | 429.5                                                 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGES                                           |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| Change from previous year—                                   |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| 1980-81                                                      | +12.3  | +14.6     | +15.5    | +14.1    | +12.8 | +11.2  | +13.6                                                 |
| 1981-82                                                      | +8.9   | +9.5      | +12.0    | +10.6    | +9.9  | +9.9   | +9.9                                                  |
| 1982-83 p                                                    | +8.4   | +11.1     | +10.1    | +12.4    | +9.8  | +9.4   | +10.0                                                 |
| Change from corresponding month of previous year—            |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| 1981-82—                                                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| May                                                          | +9.8   | +11.6     | +13.3    | +12.2    | +12.8 | +12.0  | +11.5                                                 |
| June                                                         | +9.7   | +12.0     | +13.0    | +13.7    | +12.9 | +11.7  | +11.7                                                 |
| 1982-83—                                                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| July                                                         | +9.9   | +12.2     | +11.7    | +13.4    | +11.5 | +11.8  | +11.4                                                 |
| August                                                       | +9.9   | +12.7     | +12.0    | +13.6    | +12.6 | +11.8  | +11.8                                                 |
| September                                                    | +10.1  | +13.2     | +12.2    | +14.2    | +12.1 | +12.2  | +12.0                                                 |
| October                                                      | +9.8   | +12.7     | +12.3    | +13.9    | +11.7 | +12.6  | +11.7                                                 |
| November                                                     | +9.3   | +11.2     | +11.8    | +13.4    | +11.4 | +10.6  | +10.9                                                 |
| December                                                     | +9.1   | +11.5     | +11.7    | +13.2    | +10.7 | +10.0  | +10.8                                                 |
| January                                                      | +8.3   | +11.0     | +11.3    | +14.2    | +11.0 | +9.4   | +10.5                                                 |
| February                                                     | +7.4   | +11.3     | +7.5     | +11.9    | +9.8  | +7.5   | +9.4                                                  |
| March                                                        | +6.7   | +10.8     | +7.4     | +10.6    | +7.3  | +5.8   | +8.4                                                  |
| April                                                        | +7.0   | +9.5      | +8.2     | +11.1    | +6.7  | +6.8   | +8.2                                                  |
| May p                                                        | +6.8   | +8.9      | +7.7     | +10.6    | +6.6  | +7.1   | +7.8                                                  |
| June p                                                       | +7.2   | +8.6      | +7.3     | +9.7     | +6.3  | +7.5   | +7.7                                                  |
| Change from previous month—                                  |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| 1981-82—                                                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| May                                                          | +0.5   | +1.1      | +0.7     | +0.8     | +0.4  | +0.7   | +0.7                                                  |
| June                                                         | +0.5   | +0.7      | +0.5     | +1.7     | +0.8  | +0.2   | +0.7                                                  |
| 1982-83—                                                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |                                                       |
| July                                                         | +0.8   | +1.3      | +0.8     | +1.2     | +1.2  | +0.5   | +1.0                                                  |
| August                                                       | +0.5   | +0.8      | +0.8     | +0.6     | +1.2  | +0.2   | +0.7                                                  |
| September                                                    | +0.7   | +0.7      | +0.6     | +1.0     | +0.3  | +0.7   | +0.7                                                  |
| October                                                      | +0.5   | —         | +0.5     | +0.4     | +0.2  | +0.7   | +0.3                                                  |
| November                                                     | +0.1   | +0.2      | +0.2     | +0.8     | +0.3  | +0.4   | +0.3                                                  |
| December                                                     | +0.1   | +0.6      | +0.4     | +0.3     | +0.6  | +0.1   | +0.4                                                  |
| January                                                      | +0.5   | +1.2      | +0.6     | +1.4     | +0.7  | +0.1   | +0.8                                                  |
| February                                                     | +0.6   | +1.2      | +0.9     | +0.3     | +0.5  | +0.8   | +0.8                                                  |
| March                                                        | +0.9   | +1.2      | +0.8     | +0.9     | +0.2  | +0.5   | +0.8                                                  |
| April                                                        | +1.0   | +0.1      | +1.1     | +1.3     | —     | +2.5   | +0.7                                                  |
| May p                                                        | +0.3   | +0.6      | +0.2     | +0.3     | +0.3  | +1.0   | +0.4                                                  |
| June p                                                       | +1.0   | +0.4      | +0.1     | +0.8     | +0.4  | +0.6   | +0.6                                                  |

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

|                 | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Other<br>materials(b)              | All groups                 |            |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| SYDNEY          |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a) | 5.24%                               | 7.09%              | 14.34%                      | 38.23%                       | 4.89%             | 7.25%                   | 3.95%                         | 1.53%                                   | 4.43%                   | 13.05%                             | 100.00%                    |            |
| 1980-81         | 367.6                               | 370.5              | 317.2                       | 385.9                        | 393.6             | 314.9                   | 315.6                         | 323.1                                   | 253.7                   | 293.7                              | 347.6                      |            |
| 1981-82         | 433.2                               | 423.0              | 349.4                       | 408.2                        | 439.8             | 345.3                   | 347.0                         | 343.1                                   | 277.3                   | 320.8                              | 378.5                      |            |
| 1982-83 p       | 506.2                               | 473.0              | 389.7                       | 428.7                        | 491.9             | 379.4                   | 354.8                         | 387.3                                   | 284.5                   | 355.8                              | 410.4                      |            |
| 1981-82—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| May             | 461.0                               | 446.9              | 366.3                       | 420.2                        | 465.2             | 360.9                   | 355.8                         | 362.5                                   | 281.6                   | 335.7                              | 393.8                      |            |
| June            | 471.0                               | 445.5              | 373.0                       | 421.7                        | 469.8             | 360.4                   | 350.5                         | 359.1                                   | 281.5                   | 337.2                              | 395.9                      |            |
| 1982-83—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| July            | 487.3                               | 446.8              | 376.2                       | 422.3                        | 473.6             | 364.0                   | 349.1                         | 359.3                                   | 282.7                   | 345.7                              | 399.2                      |            |
| August          | 504.0                               | 447.3              | 378.7                       | 422.3                        | 476.2             | 368.3                   | 349.1                         | 364.7                                   | 283.0                   | 347.7                              | 401.1                      |            |
| September       | 511.8                               | 453.6              | 388.5                       | 422.8                        | 477.8             | 368.1                   | 350.3                         | 372.0                                   | 283.2                   | 347.8                              | 403.8                      |            |
| October         | 515.3                               | 476.2              | 390.1                       | 422.0                        | 481.4             | 368.1                   | 352.0                         | 376.5                                   | 284.7                   | 349.0                              | 406.2                      |            |
| November        | 501.0                               | 476.2              | 392.2                       | 422.4                        | 486.8             | 373.5                   | 350.7                         | 379.1                                   | 285.1                   | 350.0                              | 406.7                      |            |
| December        | 500.8                               | 480.0              | 392.2                       | 422.8                        | 490.0             | 374.5                   | 350.7                         | 390.7                                   | 285.1                   | 349.4                              | 407.3                      |            |
| January         | 509.6                               | 481.5              | 392.2                       | 424.9                        | 490.7             | 377.6                   | 354.0                         | 391.3                                   | 285.1                   | 349.7                              | 409.2                      |            |
| February        | 511.6                               | 481.5              | 392.2                       | 425.4                        | 497.1             | 381.7                   | 355.8                         | 394.6                                   | 283.0                   | 361.5                              | 411.5                      |            |
| March           | 511.6                               | 482.0              | 392.2                       | 425.3                        | 502.3             | 385.6                   | 356.5                         | 397.3                                   | 283.5                   | 364.0                              | 415.1                      |            |
| April           | 509.1                               | 482.8              | 394.0                       | 439.1                        | 505.7             | 392.7                   | 360.7                         | 400.2                                   | 285.2                   | 366.6                              | 419.3                      |            |
| May p           | 505.7                               | 484.0              | 394.0                       | 440.0                        | 507.4             | 399.7                   | 363.2                         | 403.7                                   | 285.2                   | 367.7                              | 420.5                      |            |
| June p          | 506.6                               | 484.5              | 394.0                       | 447.5                        | 514.0             | 398.8                   | 365.4                         | 417.6                                   | 287.6                   | 370.9                              | 424.5                      |            |
|                 |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
|                 | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Plaster<br>and plaster<br>products | Miscellaneous<br>materials | All groups |
| MELBOURNE       |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a) | 4.63%                               | 8.55%              | 10.49%                      | 37.79%                       | 5.58%             | 6.47%                   | 3.34%                         | 1.66%                                   | 6.87%                   | 7.19%                              | 7.45%                      | 100.00%    |
| 1980-81         | 325.6                               | 410.8              | 312.2                       | 337.1                        | 399.4             | 321.3                   | 304.0                         | 313.6                                   | 246.1                   | 236.4                              | 296.1                      | 324.7      |
| 1981-82         | 338.9                               | 476.4              | 357.5                       | 358.2                        | 443.3             | 352.4                   | 339.9                         | 348.3                                   | 272.4                   | 262.2                              | 322.5                      | 355.5      |
| 1982-83 p       | 376.2                               | 549.0              | 430.7                       | 382.9                        | 495.0             | 386.9                   | 372.9                         | 400.9                                   | 296.9                   | 308.5                              | 354.0                      | 394.9      |
| 1981-82—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| May             | 350.1                               | 505.4              | 386.8                       | 372.5                        | 464.3             | 370.5                   | 357.8                         | 367.6                                   | 289.6                   | 280.7                              | 339.6                      | 374.0      |
| June            | 351.8                               | 517.0              | 391.9                       | 373.7                        | 470.4             | 371.3                   | 360.2                         | 363.6                                   | 291.0                   | 280.7                              | 339.6                      | 376.5      |
| 1982-83—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| July            | 374.2                               | 525.8              | 392.5                       | 375.0                        | 479.5             | 375.2                   | 361.7                         | 364.0                                   | 292.0                   | 298.9                              | 343.2                      | 381.4      |
| August          | 374.7                               | 531.6              | 407.1                       | 375.5                        | 481.3             | 377.6                   | 362.6                         | 372.4                                   | 294.0                   | 299.9                              | 345.5                      | 384.4      |
| September       | 369.7                               | 533.8              | 427.6                       | 376.1                        | 484.0             | 374.4                   | 367.4                         | 382.6                                   | 295.5                   | 299.8                              | 347.6                      | 387.2      |
| October         | 348.8                               | 534.6              | 429.3                       | 376.4                        | 486.9             | 375.4                   | 367.4                         | 387.5                                   | 295.5                   | 299.8                              | 348.8                      | 387.1      |
| November        | 347.4                               | 534.6              | 429.8                       | 377.0                        | 491.9             | 377.8                   | 367.4                         | 391.0                                   | 295.7                   | 299.8                              | 351.7                      | 388.0      |
| December        | 369.2                               | 541.8              | 429.8                       | 377.1                        | 494.7             | 379.2                   | 368.5                         | 404.7                                   | 296.1                   | 300.0                              | 351.8                      | 390.2      |
| January         | 389.6                               | 548.2              | 431.6                       | 383.4                        | 497.5             | 380.9                   | 372.3                         | 406.4                                   | 297.2                   | 301.5                              | 351.8                      | 394.9      |
| February        | 390.3                               | 562.3              | 433.8                       | 385.4                        | 499.3             | 392.9                   | 374.6                         | 409.3                                   | 299.0                   | 320.3                              | 353.9                      | 399.7      |
| March           | 390.4                               | 568.5              | 446.6                       | 390.5                        | 503.3             | 395.7                   | 375.3                         | 412.2                                   | 299.0                   | 320.3                              | 360.2                      | 404.5      |
| April           | 388.7                               | 568.5              | 446.6                       | 389.4                        | 504.4             | 399.7                   | 381.9                         | 416.7                                   | 299.2                   | 320.4                              | 362.0                      | 404.8      |
| May p           | 386.1                               | 569.0              | 447.0                       | 393.9                        | 505.5             | 406.9                   | 382.7                         | 421.4                                   | 299.4                   | 320.4                              | 364.2                      | 407.2      |
| June p          | 385.8                               | 569.4              | 447.0                       | 394.8                        | 511.8             | 406.7                   | 392.8                         | 443.0                                   | 300.4                   | 320.8                              | 366.9                      | 409.0      |

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

|                 | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Other<br>materials(b)              | All groups                 |            |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| BRISBANE        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a) | 5.04%                               | 10.44%             | 9.35%                       | 35.29%                       | 8.03%             | 8.17%                   | 3.50%                         | 1.81%                                   | 4.26%                   | 14.11%                             | 100.00%                    |            |
| 1980-81         | 329.9                               | 362.8              | 346.1                       | 443.2                        | 377.7             | 327.9                   | 311.8                         | 325.2                                   | 211.1                   | 265.7                              | 363.7                      |            |
| 1981-82         | 369.2                               | 407.4              | 398.9                       | 495.4                        | 425.8             | 359.2                   | 339.8                         | 359.9                                   | 236.4                   | 297.5                              | 407.2                      |            |
| 1982-83 p       | 440.3                               | 451.4              | 444.5                       | 532.5                        | 482.3             | 386.9                   | 366.0                         | 420.8                                   | 263.4                   | 335.2                              | 448.0                      |            |
| 1981-82—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| May             | 393.5                               | 429.9              | 417.1                       | 519.4                        | 446.4             | 381.2                   | 339.6                         | 387.5                                   | 251.1                   | 314.9                              | 428.0                      |            |
| June            | 404.5                               | 429.9              | 425.9                       | 520.1                        | 454.8             | 379.1                   | 338.5                         | 385.6                                   | 252.0                   | 315.3                              | 430.2                      |            |
| 1982-83—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| July            | 407.7                               | 434.2              | 435.8                       | 520.8                        | 459.6             | 380.2                   | 345.1                         | 386.9                                   | 253.5                   | 322.8                              | 433.7                      |            |
| August          | 408.0                               | 438.5              | 445.3                       | 522.5                        | 463.2             | 384.2                   | 346.3                         | 389.6                                   | 263.0                   | 325.5                              | 437.2                      |            |
| September       | 408.6                               | 441.3              | 445.3                       | 525.4                        | 467.7             | 385.5                   | 354.6                         | 410.2                                   | 261.7                   | 326.6                              | 439.8                      |            |
| October         | 426.5                               | 445.6              | 445.3                       | 525.5                        | 469.5             | 385.0                   | 356.0                         | 411.2                                   | 261.7                   | 329.4                              | 441.8                      |            |
| November        | 426.6                               | 445.6              | 445.3                       | 526.3                        | 472.4             | 388.0                   | 355.9                         | 413.3                                   | 262.6                   | 330.7                              | 442.8                      |            |
| December        | 426.6                               | 448.9              | 445.3                       | 526.3                        | 483.7             | 391.3                   | 357.9                         | 425.0                                   | 262.6                   | 331.4                              | 444.7                      |            |
| January         | 448.7                               | 451.8              | 445.3                       | 528.1                        | 485.6             | 389.2                   | 376.2                         | 425.9                                   | 262.6                   | 332.4                              | 447.5                      |            |
| February        | 449.9                               | 458.9              | 445.3                       | 532.9                        | 490.9             | 387.2                   | 375.1                         | 428.8                                   | 262.6                   | 340.7                              | 451.5                      |            |
| March           | 459.3                               | 463.1              | 445.3                       | 536.8                        | 494.1             | 388.0                   | 377.8                         | 431.8                                   | 264.6                   | 344.6                              | 454.9                      |            |
| April           | 469.6                               | 463.1              | 445.3                       | 548.0                        | 496.4             | 390.0                   | 378.7                         | 436.0                                   | 266.0                   | 345.8                              | 460.0                      |            |
| May p           | 476.0                               | 463.1              | 445.3                       | 548.1                        | 501.4             | 387.3                   | 384.4                         | 439.2                                   | 268.8                   | 346.1                              | 461.0                      |            |
| June p          | 475.8                               | 463.1              | 445.3                       | 548.7                        | 503.1             | 387.1                   | 383.4                         | 451.3                                   | 271.0                   | 346.4                              | 461.6                      |            |
|                 |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
|                 | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Plaster<br>and plaster<br>products | Miscellaneous<br>materials | All groups |
| ADELAIDE        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a) | 8.13%                               | 6.98%              | 14.85%                      | 35.52%                       | 6.67%             | 7.24%                   | 3.42%                         | 1.37%                                   | 4.20%                   | 4.19%                              | 7.43%                      | 100.00%    |
| 1980-81         | 382.4                               | 416.3              | 387.6                       | 444.4                        | 396.1             | 285.4                   | 329.2                         | 292.4                                   | 267.4                   | 266.8                              | 346.6                      | 386.1      |
| 1981-82         | 437.6                               | 484.7              | 435.7                       | 481.3                        | 444.5             | 312.1                   | 362.0                         | 326.3                                   | 293.0                   | 300.4                              | 379.5                      | 427.2      |
| 1982-83 p       | 500.7                               | 569.5              | 501.3                       | 535.3                        | 499.9             | 339.6                   | 384.4                         | 371.9                                   | 313.7                   | 344.0                              | 423.5                      | 480.3      |
| 1981-82—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| May             | 455.2                               | 510.6              | 462.2                       | 504.1                        | 467.9             | 326.8                   | 374.1                         | 346.8                                   | 312.1                   | 319.0                              | 396.5                      | 448.7      |
| June            | 464.9                               | 513.2              | 464.5                       | 519.9                        | 477.5             | 327.3                   | 373.2                         | 342.1                                   | 312.2                   | 320.4                              | 396.7                      | 456.3      |
| 1982-83—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| July            | 464.5                               | 549.0              | 465.0                       | 521.4                        | 481.9             | 330.7                   | 379.3                         | 343.3                                   | 311.7                   | 334.1                              | 408.5                      | 461.7      |
| August          | 472.7                               | 550.0              | 467.3                       | 523.5                        | 486.8             | 333.1                   | 378.6                         | 345.5                                   | 316.0                   | 334.1                              | 412.0                      | 464.4      |
| September       | 483.8                               | 552.6              | 485.4                       | 525.8                        | 488.6             | 329.8                   | 378.6                         | 358.4                                   | 316.0                   | 335.4                              | 410.8                      | 469.0      |
| October         | 503.2                               | 553.4              | 486.4                       | 526.0                        | 489.4             | 330.4                   | 379.0                         | 360.0                                   | 315.2                   | 335.8                              | 412.5                      | 471.1      |
| November        | 507.5                               | 576.3              | 486.4                       | 528.8                        | 495.2             | 333.6                   | 379.4                         | 363.3                                   | 311.0                   | 335.8                              | 417.6                      | 474.9      |
| December        | 509.3                               | 578.1              | 486.4                       | 528.8                        | 501.2             | 336.4                   | 379.4                         | 371.4                                   | 311.0                   | 335.8                              | 419.7                      | 476.1      |
| January         | 509.7                               | 578.6              | 522.2                       | 529.1                        | 504.0             | 339.7                   | 386.3                         | 378.5                                   | 309.2                   | 337.2                              | 423.6                      | 482.6      |
| February        | 510.8                               | 578.7              | 523.0                       | 529.2                        | 505.9             | 340.3                   | 385.6                         | 383.2                                   | 306.2                   | 355.1                              | 429.8                      | 484.1      |
| March           | 512.5                               | 578.7              | 523.1                       | 538.5                        | 508.1             | 343.4                   | 386.0                         | 381.9                                   | 311.5                   | 355.1                              | 434.1                      | 488.5      |
| April           | 512.3                               | 578.7              | 523.4                       | 553.3                        | 509.0             | 348.9                   | 390.8                         | 382.5                                   | 318.0                   | 355.1                              | 437.1                      | 494.8      |
| May p           | 511.1                               | 579.5              | 523.6                       | 555.6                        | 508.8             | 352.8                   | 394.3                         | 386.2                                   | 319.3                   | 357.0                              | 437.7                      | 496.3      |
| June p          | 510.7                               | 580.6              | 523.6                       | 563.1                        | 520.1             | 356.1                   | 395.6                         | 408.8                                   | 319.3                   | 357.0                              | 438.7                      | 500.4      |

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

|                 | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Plaster<br>and plaster<br>products | Miscellaneous<br>materials | All groups |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| PERTH           |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a) | 7.94%                               | 8.14%              | 16.44%                      | 29.60%                       | 6.07%             | 7.69%                   | 4.59%                         | 1.76%                                   | 4.12%                   | 4.01%                              | 9.64%                      | 100.00%    |
| 1980-81         | 283.0                               | 358.1              | 361.5                       | 355.1                        | 374.3             | 308.0                   | 346.6                         | 311.9                                   | 216.0                   | 247.1                              | 360.8                      | 337.6      |
| 1981-82         | 312.0                               | 404.0              | 404.3                       | 394.0                        | 418.5             | 326.9                   | 371.1                         | 345.5                                   | 228.5                   | 272.3                              | 396.6                      | 373.2      |
| 1982-83 p       | 363.3                               | 460.5              | 433.2                       | 427.1                        | 466.6             | 354.5                   | 406.8                         | 396.9                                   | 248.1                   | 312.8                              | 411.2                      | 409.6      |
| 1981-82—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| May             | 328.0                               | 431.2              | 418.7                       | 411.5                        | 437.8             | 338.4                   | 392.4                         | 367.3                                   | 238.1                   | 290.9                              | 414.7                      | 390.3      |
| June            | 346.2                               | 431.2              | 426.4                       | 412.6                        | 443.2             | 336.6                   | 387.4                         | 368.2                                   | 238.0                   | 290.9                              | 414.7                      | 393.3      |
| 1982-83—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| July            | 363.5                               | 433.3              | 426.4                       | 418.6                        | 448.5             | 335.9                   | 391.9                         | 369.6                                   | 242.1                   | 300.4                              | 419.2                      | 398.1      |
| August          | 364.3                               | 450.2              | 426.4                       | 426.0                        | 451.8             | 342.0                   | 392.8                         | 370.0                                   | 245.0                   | 300.4                              | 423.3                      | 403.0      |
| September       | 364.9                               | 455.7              | 426.4                       | 425.6                        | 450.9             | 342.8                   | 394.4                         | 387.4                                   | 246.5                   | 302.6                              | 426.7                      | 404.2      |
| October         | 364.9                               | 455.7              | 426.4                       | 426.6                        | 455.2             | 343.6                   | 396.8                         | 390.2                                   | 245.9                   | 306.6                              | 427.1                      | 405.2      |
| November        | 365.4                               | 459.8              | 426.4                       | 426.6                        | 458.9             | 349.4                   | 398.7                         | 390.9                                   | 248.2                   | 306.6                              | 427.5                      | 406.4      |
| December        | 370.4                               | 462.0              | 428.3                       | 426.6                        | 461.7             | 353.4                   | 407.3                         | 399.0                                   | 248.7                   | 306.6                              | 431.8                      | 408.8      |
| January         | 369.7                               | 464.5              | 436.5                       | 427.4                        | 471.4             | 354.5                   | 410.5                         | 398.3                                   | 249.3                   | 311.1                              | 432.2                      | 411.6      |
| February        | 367.8                               | 468.9              | 440.2                       | 427.7                        | 476.3             | 356.2                   | 413.9                         | 401.4                                   | 248.9                   | 322.1                              | 435.1                      | 413.8      |
| March           | 362.4                               | 468.9              | 440.3                       | 428.9                        | 477.4             | 362.8                   | 416.7                         | 403.0                                   | 248.3                   | 322.1                              | 437.3                      | 414.7      |
| April           | 347.5                               | 469.1              | 440.5                       | 429.7                        | 479.1             | 366.0                   | 419.0                         | 408.5                                   | 250.5                   | 325.0                              | 439.3                      | 414.8      |
| May p           | 355.3                               | 469.1              | 440.5                       | 430.6                        | 479.7             | 370.8                   | 419.2                         | 415.0                                   | 251.3                   | 325.0                              | 439.3                      | 416.2      |
| June p          | 364.0                               | 469.1              | 440.5                       | 430.6                        | 488.4             | 376.5                   | 420.7                         | 429.9                                   | 253.0                   | 325.0                              | 436.1                      | 417.9      |
| HOBART          |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a) | 7.25%                               | 7.01%              | 10.14%                      | 38.15%                       | 7.49%             | 7.93%                   | 2.74%                         | 1.61%                                   | 6.98%                   | 10.70%                             | 100.00%                    |            |
| 1980-81         | 266.0                               | 343.5              | 376.2                       | 377.8                        | 380.6             | 304.0                   | 337.0                         | 296.8                                   | 181.2                   | 310.7                              | 338.2                      | 338.2      |
| 1981-82         | 285.9                               | 385.6              | 409.7                       | 414.5                        | 423.1             | 334.0                   | 373.4                         | 325.7                                   | 190.6                   | 349.1                              | 371.7                      | 371.7      |
| 1982-83 p       | 318.4                               | 425.2              | 437.3                       | 450.5                        | 465.1             | 368.2                   | 398.4                         | 376.4                                   | 203.2                   | 393.5                              | 393.5                      | 406.5      |
| 1981-82—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| May             | 303.2                               | 408.4              | 425.3                       | 441.9                        | 443.8             | 352.8                   | 391.0                         | 350.6                                   | 199.5                   | 371.8                              | 371.8                      | 393.6      |
| June            | 303.5                               | 410.1              | 429.4                       | 441.9                        | 448.2             | 352.3                   | 391.0                         | 346.6                                   | 200.3                   | 371.8                              | 371.8                      | 394.4      |
| 1982-83—        |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| July            | 304.6                               | 411.0              | 429.4                       | 441.9                        | 452.7             | 353.5                   | 394.5                         | 347.8                                   | 200.3                   | 383.7                              | 383.7                      | 396.5      |
| August          | 304.1                               | 411.0              | 429.4                       | 442.6                        | 454.8             | 356.9                   | 394.5                         | 352.2                                   | 200.2                   | 383.2                              | 383.2                      | 397.2      |
| September       | 309.4                               | 426.7              | 438.6                       | 442.6                        | 454.6             | 358.3                   | 394.5                         | 364.9                                   | 200.1                   | 384.3                              | 400.0                      | 400.0      |
| October         | 314.3                               | 426.7              | 438.6                       | 446.8                        | 459.3             | 361.9                   | 394.9                         | 368.6                                   | 200.1                   | 386.4                              | 402.9                      | 402.9      |
| November        | 315.5                               | 426.7              | 438.6                       | 441.1                        | 462.6             | 363.2                   | 391.3                         | 369.8                                   | 200.7                   | 388.2                              | 401.3                      | 401.3      |
| December        | 314.4                               | 426.0              | 438.6                       | 441.1                        | 463.6             | 364.4                   | 391.3                         | 379.3                                   | 200.7                   | 388.8                              | 401.6                      | 401.6      |
| January         | 317.2                               | 428.1              | 438.6                       | 441.1                        | 465.7             | 364.8                   | 394.2                         | 379.7                                   | 200.6                   | 389.0                              | 402.2                      | 402.2      |
| February        | 318.3                               | 428.1              | 438.6                       | 442.3                        | 470.0             | 373.9                   | 398.0                         | 382.9                                   | 202.5                   | 401.3                              | 405.3                      | 405.3      |
| March           | 327.8                               | 428.1              | 438.6                       | 443.4                        | 472.9             | 376.1                   | 406.9                         | 385.1                                   | 203.9                   | 402.9                              | 407.3                      | 407.3      |
| April           | 327.8                               | 428.8              | 438.6                       | 467.9                        | 472.8             | 379.9                   | 406.9                         | 388.3                                   | 208.0                   | 404.5                              | 417.5                      | 417.5      |
| May p           | 329.6                               | 430.6              | 438.6                       | 476.7                        | 473.6             | 382.0                   | 406.9                         | 392.6                                   | 210.2                   | 404.6                              | 421.6                      | 421.6      |
| June p          | 337.6                               | 430.6              | 441.3                       | 478.8                        | 478.5             | 383.5                   | 406.9                         | 405.4                                   | 211.1                   | 404.9                              | 424.1                      | 424.1      |

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**TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—GROUP INDEX NUMBERS—continued**  
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

|                                              | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Plaster<br>and plaster<br>products | Miscellaneous<br>materials | All groups |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| Value weight(a)                              | 5.73%                               | 8.10%              | 12.85%                      | 36.16%                       | 5.86%             | 7.20%                   | 3.74%                         | 1.63%                                   | 5.13%                   | 5.64%                              | 7.96%                      | 100.00%    |
| 1980-81                                      | 334.1                               | 383.1              | 334.9                       | 377.8                        | 389.4             | 314.7                   | 319.3                         | 316.0                                   | 240.6                   | 244.6                              | 319.6                      | 344.0      |
| 1981-82                                      | 373.8                               | 438.5              | 375.9                       | 406.8                        | 435.0             | 343.1                   | 351.5                         | 348.7                                   | 271.1                   | 271.1                              | 348.7                      | 377.9      |
| 1982-83 p                                    | 430.9                               | 498.2              | 424.8                       | 435.2                        | 447.2             | 374.8                   | 373.8                         | 396.5                                   | 282.7                   | 317.8                              | 381.3                      | 415.7      |
| 1981-82—<br>May                              | 393.1                               | 464.5              | 396.4                       | 422.8                        | 437.1             | 359.6                   | 363.4                         | 367.0                                   | 276.3                   | 290.9                              | 365.2                      | 395.9      |
| June                                         | 402.7                               | 468.0              | 402.6                       | 425.3                        | 463.3             | 359.1                   | 361.1                         | 364.2                                   | 276.9                   | 291.4                              | 365.8                      | 398.7      |
| 1982-83—<br>July                             | 417.0                               | 474.8              | 404.8                       | 426.8                        | 469.2             | 361.6                   | 363.1                         | 364.9                                   | 278.3                   | 308.0                              | 369.5                      | 402.8      |
| August                                       | 423.1                               | 480.2              | 410.4                       | 428.4                        | 472.0             | 365.5                   | 363.7                         | 369.8                                   | 280.7                   | 308.4                              | 372.8                      | 405.8      |
| September                                    | 425.7                               | 484.4              | 420.8                       | 429.1                        | 474.0             | 364.6                   | 366.6                         | 382.0                                   | 281.5                   | 308.7                              | 374.3                      | 408.5      |
| October                                      | 425.8                               | 491.6              | 421.8                       | 429.2                        | 477.0             | 365.1                   | 367.8                         | 383.7                                   | 281.8                   | 309.2                              | 376.0                      | 409.7      |
| November                                     | 422.0                               | 493.9              | 422.7                       | 429.7                        | 481.5             | 369.2                   | 367.8                         | 382.2                                   | 282.1                   | 309.2                              | 378.2                      | 410.8      |
| December                                     | 428.6                               | 498.2              | 423.1                       | 429.9                        | 486.1             | 371.2                   | 369.9                         | 399.7                                   | 282.3                   | 309.4                              | 379.0                      | 412.4      |
| January                                      | 438.5                               | 501.6              | 428.6                       | 432.9                        | 489.3             | 372.9                   | 377.1                         | 400.8                                   | 282.7                   | 310.5                              | 379.8                      | 415.7      |
| February                                     | 439.2                               | 508.0              | 429.9                       | 434.4                        | 493.5             | 377.7                   | 377.1                         | 404.1                                   | 282.7                   | 329.1                              | 381.2                      | 419.0      |
| March                                        | 439.5                               | 510.8              | 433.3                       | 439.7                        | 497.0             | 381.2                   | 378.5                         | 406.3                                   | 283.3                   | 329.7                              | 387.5                      | 422.5      |
| April                                        | 436.0                               | 511.0              | 433.9                       | 444.7                        | 499.0             | 385.9                   | 382.6                         | 410.2                                   | 284.8                   | 330.1                              | 390.3                      | 425.3      |
| May p                                        | 436.8                               | 511.6              | 434.0                       | 447.0                        | 500.7             | 390.9                   | 384.6                         | 414.5                                   | 285.4                   | 330.3                              | 391.6                      | 426.9      |
| June p                                       | 439.0                               | 511.9              | 434.0                       | 450.5                        | 507.1             | 391.8                   | 388.3                         | 431.3                                   | 287.0                   | 331.2                              | 393.0                      | 429.5      |

**TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING—PERCENTAGE CHANGES**  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

|                                                   | Concrete mix,<br>cement and<br>sand | Cement<br>products | Clay bricks,<br>tiles, etc. | Timber, board<br>and joinery | Steel<br>products | Other metal<br>products | Plumbing<br>fixtures,<br>etc. | Electrical<br>installation<br>materials | Installed<br>appliances | Plaster<br>and plaster<br>products | Miscellaneous<br>materials | All groups |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Value weight (a)                                  | 5.73%                               | 8.10%              | 12.85%                      | 36.16%                       | 5.86%             | 7.20%                   | 3.74%                         | 1.63%                                   | 5.13%                   | 5.64%                              | 7.96%                      | 100.00%    |
| Change from corresponding month of previous year— |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| 1982-83—<br>January                               | +18.1                               | +13.8              | +14.7                       | +7.0                         | +13.5             | +9.1                    | +7.1                          | +17.3                                   | +7.0                    | +13.8                              | +9.5                       | +10.5      |
| February                                          | +16.5                               | +12.2              | +13.4                       | +5.4                         | +11.0             | +7.2                    | +6.6                          | +17.7                                   | +5.2                    | +10.5                              | +9.6                       | +9.4       |
| March                                             | +13.4                               | +12.6              | +11.2                       | +5.4                         | +10.4             | +6.8                    | +5.6                          | +13.0                                   | +4.7                    | +13.7                              | +8.8                       | +8.4       |
| April                                             | +11.3                               | +11.5              | +9.8                        | +6.1                         | +9.9              | +7.9                    | +5.3                          | +12.8                                   | +3.2                    | +13.6                              | +7.8                       | +8.2       |
| May p                                             | +11.1                               | +10.1              | +9.5                        | +5.7                         | +9.5              | +8.7                    | +5.8                          | +12.9                                   | +3.3                    | +13.5                              | +7.2                       | +7.8       |
| June p                                            | +9.0                                | +9.4               | +7.8                        | +5.9                         | +9.3              | +9.1                    | +7.5                          | +18.4                                   | +3.6                    | +13.7                              | +7.4                       | +7.7       |
| Change from previous month—                       |                                     |                    |                             |                              |                   |                         |                               |                                         |                         |                                    |                            |            |
| 1982-83—<br>January                               | +2.3                                | +0.7               | +1.3                        | +0.7                         | +0.7              | +0.5                    | +1.5                          | +0.3                                    | +0.1                    | +0.4                               | +0.2                       | +0.8       |
| February                                          | +0.1                                | +1.3               | +0.3                        | +0.3                         | +0.9              | +1.3                    | +0.5                          | +0.8                                    | —                       | +0.6                               | +0.9                       | +0.8       |
| March                                             | +0.1                                | +0.6               | +0.8                        | +1.2                         | +0.7              | +0.9                    | +0.4                          | +0.3                                    | +0.2                    | +0.2                               | +1.1                       | +0.8       |
| April                                             | -0.8                                | —                  | +0.1                        | +1.1                         | +0.4              | +1.2                    | +1.1                          | +1.0                                    | +0.5                    | +0.1                               | +0.7                       | +0.7       |
| May p                                             | +0.2                                | +0.1               | —                           | +0.5                         | +0.3              | +1.3                    | +0.5                          | +1.0                                    | +0.2                    | +0.1                               | +0.3                       | +0.4       |
| June p                                            | +0.5                                | +0.1               | —                           | +0.8                         | +1.3              | +0.2                    | +1.0                          | +4.1                                    | +0.6                    | +0.3                               | +0.4                       | +0.6       |

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year; see paragraph 3, Explanatory notes.

(b) This series is a combination of the two series formerly published as Plaster and Plaster Products and Miscellaneous Materials.