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MAIN FEATURES

The estimate of the total value of retail sales (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) at current prices for Australia for March quarter 1980 is \$6,962.4m.

At current prices, the seasonally adjusted March quarter 1980 estimate is 5.0 per cent greater than December quarter 1979, and 12.1 per cent greater than March quarter 1979.

The estimate of the total value of retail sales (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) at constant (average 1974-75) prices for Australia for March quarter 1980 is \$4,224.5m.

At constant (average 1974-75) prices, the seasonally adjusted March quarter 1980 estimate is 2.2 per cent greater than December quarter 1979, and 2.8 per cent greater than March quarter 1979.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains statistics of the value of retail sales of goods classified by commodity groups for each State and Australia for the March quarter 1980, and for some earlier periods. In addition, particulars of the value of retail sales for broad commodity groups at constant (average 1974-75) prices are published. The estimates are part of a series based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. The last period for which estimates were made for the previous series was for December quarter 1975. This series is of different scope to the previously published series, and so does not form a continuous series with previous figures. Details of the differences in scope are given in *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) March quarter 1978 of 21 July 1978, or are available from the Bureau on request.

2. Statistics for this series are available for quarters from September quarter 1975 onwards. However, in order to assist users in the transition from one set of estimates to the other, the figures for Australia only for this series have been carried back to September quarter 1974. This arithmetic conversion has been made by applying the percentage relationship of the average of

the two quarters, September and December 1975, for which both series are available, to the values of sales of the previous series for the four quarters September 1974 to June 1975 inclusive.

3. Details of monthly totals for Australia from May 1979 to June 1980 are also shown in this publication. Further details of the monthly series are available in monthly publication *Retail Sales of Goods: Australia* (8501.0).

4. Figures for monthly and quarterly periods are estimates derived from sample surveys of retail establishments conducted by the Bureau each month and quarter. The sample used for the quarterly Survey of Retail Establishments is drawn from the population enumerated in periodic censuses of retail establishments. Between censuses the sample is maintained by the addition of new businesses and the deletion of businesses which have ceased trading.

Scope of the statistics

5. In this series all establishments included in the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC) (1978 edition) subdivision 48 except motors establishments (ASIC classes 4861-4868), bread and milk vendors (ASIC classes 4878-4879), footwear repairers (ASIC class 4846), electrical appliance repairers (ASIC class 4857) are included in the scope of the survey. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants (ASIC class 9231), hotels, etc. (mainly drinking places) (ASIC class 9232) and licensed establishments included in the accommodation class (ASIC class 9233), licensed clubs (ASIC classes 9241-9243) and hairdressers (ASIC classes 9351-9352).

6. The survey covers all states, but does not include establishments in the Australian Capital Territory or Northern Territory, and no estimates for these territories are included.

Coverage

7. Establishments included in the survey are a randomly selected sample of retail and selected service establishments in the scope of the survey, as defined in the above paragraphs. Quarterly statistics shown in this publication are derived from returns received from a sample of retail establishments throughout Australia, which account for approximately 45 per cent of the

total value of retail sales in Australia. From these sample returns, totals for all retail sales in Australia are estimated.

Contents

8. Details of the value of retail sales of some twelve broad commodity groups are collected in the survey. In relation to these groups it should be noted that:

Groceries includes smallgoods, frozen vegetables and frozen poultry;

Butchers' meat includes fresh poultry and rabbit meat;

Other food includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish and wrapped lunches;

Domestic hardware, china and glassware includes watches, clocks, jewellery and silverware, garden supplies and garden fertilisers and pesticides;

Electrical goods includes radios, televisions and accessories, domestic refrigerators, musical instruments and bottled liquefied petroleum gas;

Newspapers, books and stationery includes religious and devotional goods and artists' requisites and supplies;

Other goods includes cigarettes and tobacco, sporting and travel goods, toys, photographic equipment and supplies, and antiques.

9. Retail sales relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes, and the survey is intended primarily as an indicator of such sales. For this reason, sales of building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc., commercial refrigerators, business machines, tractors, farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, grain feed, fertiliser and agricultural supplies are excluded from the estimates of retail sales.

Quarterly estimates

10. In addition to the estimates compiled from the full sample, preliminary quarterly figures, *Retail Sales of Goods: Australia (Preliminary)* (8502.0) are normally published in less detail about eight weeks after the end of each quarter. They are compiled on the basis of returns received from approximately 80% of establishments included in the full quarterly sample.

Reliability of estimates.

11. As the estimates are derived from returns received from a sample of retail establishments, they may differ from the results which would have been obtained by a comparable complete collection. A measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error of the estimates*. There are about 2 chances in 3 that a sample estimate will differ from results which would be obtained from a comparable complete collection by less than one standard error, and 19 chances in 20 that the difference would be less than two standard errors. If, for example, a sample gives an estimate of \$1,000 million, and the standard error of this estimate is one per cent, i.e. \$10 million, then there

would be 2 chances in 3 that a comparable complete collection would give a figure within the range of \$990 million to \$1,010 million, and 19 chances in 20 that the figure would be within the range of \$980 million to \$1,020 million.

12. For March quarter 1980, the standard error of the estimate of total value of retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) for Australia is approximately 0.4 per cent, and for each State varies between 0.8 and 0.9 per cent. The standard errors of estimates for individual commodity groups for Australia vary between 0.7 and 1.9 per cent. Those of the corresponding estimates for each State vary between 1.1 and 4.5 per cent, and are generally below 3.0 per cent. Further details are given in Appendix 1 of the March quarter 1978 issue of this publication (8503.0), or are available from the Bureau on request.

13. Estimates of retail sales are also subject to non-sampling errors. A major source of such possible error is the necessity to make estimates for every period to take account of the probable commencement of new retail businesses. These estimates can only be projected forward on the basis of past information obtained at regular annual intervals by new business censuses. However, the information is of necessity approximately 1½ to 2 years out of date before the total estimates of retail sales can finally be adjusted and the adequacy of new business provisions assessed. The difficulty of making proper allowance for the value of retail sales of new businesses is increased in a period of substantial price increases. In this publication estimates for December quarter 1978 and subsequent quarters have been revised on the basis of information which became available from the 1979 New Business Census.

Seasonal adjustment

14. This publication also includes 'seasonally adjusted' retail sales statistics. In addition to being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, all series have been adjusted for 'trading day' effects arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in each month or quarter. While the normal seasonal factors should change only gradually from year to year, the trading day adjustment for any month or quarter will vary from year to year, in accordance with the combination of days which occur in the month or quarter. Adjustment has also been made for the effects of movements in the date of Easter and Australia Day. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted figures reflect the sampling errors to which the original figures are subject, and do not remove random influences (e.g. abnormal weather, strikes).

15. Seasonally adjusted figures for Australian broad commodity groups and total retail sales are derived by aggregative adjustment i.e. by summation of the adjusted series for the corresponding individual commodity groups.

16. Seasonally adjusted figures for States for broad commodity groups and for total retail sales have been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence,

while the unadjusted components in the original series add to the totals, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals.

17. Details of the seasonal adjustment methods used, together with selected measures of variability for these series, are given in the explanatory notes and Appendix 2 of the March quarter 1978 issue of this publication. Comparative details for other series, and a general description of the seasonal adjustment methods, are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

Retail sales of goods at constant prices

18. This publication includes series of the value of retail sales of goods at constant (average 1974-75) prices. Quarterly figures are presented in both original and seasonally adjusted form. The scope of the series at constant prices is identical to that of the series at current prices based on the 1973-74 Census.

19. The series are measures of change in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. Measures of this type are subject to approximations and assumptions, and should not be interpreted in any precise quantitative sense.

20. Further details of the nature, concepts and methods of compilation of these measures are given in pages 4, 5 and 6 of the March quarter 1978 issue of this publication, or are available from the Bureau on request.

21. The methods used to seasonally adjust constant price series are similar to those used to adjust the current price series.

Related publications

22. Users may wish to consult other retail trade publications issued by ABS. The following publications are available, on request and free of charge, from any office of ABS. Retail trade statistics relating to individual states are available from the respective state offices of ABS (and Central Office for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory).

Retail Sales of Goods: Australia, (Preliminary) (8502.0) — issued quarterly

Retail Sales of Goods: Australia, (8501.0) — issued monthly

Economic Censuses: 1968-69 — Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, Final Bulletin, Part 1 — Details of Operations by Industry Class, Australia (8614.0) (publications also available for States and Territories.)

Economic Censuses: 1968-69 — Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, Final Bulletin, Part 2 — Industry and Commodity Details by Size of Establishments (8620.0) (Separate publications are available for all States except Tasmania.)

Economic Censuses: 1968-69 — Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, Final Bulletin, Part 3 — Commodity Sales (8621.0) (Separate publications are available for all States except Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Tasmania.)

Census of Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, year ended 30 June 1974.

Final Bulletin Australia (8614.0)

Final Bulletin New South Wales (8605.1)

Final Bulletin Victoria (8617.0)

Final Bulletin Queensland (8618.0)

Final Bulletin South Australia (8601.4)

Final Bulletin Western Australia (8619.0)

Final Bulletin Tasmania (8601.6)

Final Bulletin Australian Capital Territory (8616.0)

Final Bulletin Northern Territory (8615.0)

23. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

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TABLE 1. TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) AT CURRENT PRICES (a)

Period	(\$ million)						
	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia (b)
Original							
Year -							
1974-75	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	16,339.7
1975-76	7,114.5	5,233.5	2,737.8	1,781.1	1,646.0	532.3	19,045.2
1976-77	7,950.6	5,797.4	3,124.5	2,025.4	1,916.7	618.0	21,432.6
1977-78	8,736.9	6,391.2	3,520.6	2,162.7	2,146.6	685.4	23,643.4
1978-79	9,827.4	6,969.3	3,893.1	2,344.7	2,389.7	745.6	26,169.8
Quarter -							
1978-79 -							
December	2,765.0	1,940.3	1,060.8	639.5	661.3	205.2	7,272.1
March	2,301.9	1,652.6	927.8	562.0	566.3	178.5	6,189.1
June	2,487.3	1,746.4	987.0	591.9	595.8	188.7	6,597.1
1979-80 -							
September	2,528.3	1,754.0	1,031.4	581.4	605.1	185.2	6,685.4
December	3,031.1	2,119.2	1,204.0	689.8	720.7	221.6	7,986.4
March	2,627.6	1,842.8	1,058.4	607.8	630.9	194.9	6,962.4
Seasonally adjusted							
Quarter -							
1978-79 -							
December	2,451.2	1,735.9	963.1	578.2	591.9	185.1	6,507.0
March	2,495.1	1,764.0	994.7	599.2	610.1	190.0	6,643.0
June	2,524.3	1,782.2	1,007.2	601.5	612.9	191.8	6,723.4
1979-80 -							
September	2,651.4	1,837.4	1,058.4	604.9	622.2	193.3	6,970.3
December	2,664.7	1,877.5	1,082.5	616.5	638.6	198.1	7,092.0
March	2,840.7	1,962.0	1,132.6	646.3	677.9	206.8	7,447.9

(a) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 1.3 page 2. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY BROAD COMMODITY
GROUPS AT CURRENT AND CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1974-75) PRICES: AUSTRALIA (a)(b)
(\$ million)

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Food and drink</i>	<i>Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)</i>
ORIGINAL				
Current Prices				
1978-79 -				
December	3,343.2	2,561.2	1,367.7	7,272.1
March	3,154.2	1,946.2	1,088.7	6,189.1
June	3,220.7	2,272.4	1,104.0	6,597.1
1979-80 -				
September	3,322.3	2,213.9	1,149.2	6,685.4
December	3,760.2	2,741.7	1,484.5	7,986.4
March	3,594.5	2,142.1	1,225.8	6,962.4
Constant (Average 1974-75) Prices				
1978-79 -				
December	2,190.9	1,784.8	929.8	4,905.5
March	2,020.2	1,351.0	729.0	4,100.2
June	1,989.5	1,533.1	730.4	4,253.0
1979-80 -				
September	2,001.9	1,483.6	746.3	4,231.8
December	2,227.3	1,818.3	941.2	4,986.8
March	2,060.5	1,407.6	756.4	4,224.5
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
Current Prices				
1978-79 -				
December	3,136.0	2,202.6	1,168.4	6,507.0
March	3,220.7	2,262.0	1,160.3	6,643.0
June	3,294.0	2,249.2	1,180.2	6,723.4
1979-80 -				
September	3,435.9	2,316.7	1,217.7	6,970.3
December	3,499.7	2,336.1	1,256.2	7,092.0
March	3,661.6	2,483.7	1,302.6	7,447.9
Constant (Average 1974-75) Prices				
1978-79 -				
December	2,066.6	1,539.9	793.6	4,400.1
March	2,061.6	1,557.7	781.0	4,400.3
June	2,027.4	1,530.3	781.0	4,338.7
1979-80 -				
September	2,070.2	1,543.9	786.8	4,400.9
December	2,080.9	1,553.9	795.3	4,430.1
March	2,096.9	1,619.6	809.1	4,525.6

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 13 page 2.

TABLE 3. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN RETAIL SALES BY BROAD COMMODITY GROUPS
AT CURRENT AND CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1974-75) PRICES, SEASONALLY
ADJUSTED: AUSTRALIA (a)(b)

Retail sales by broad commodity groups	Percentage change from preceding quarter						March qtr 1980 on March qtr 1979
	1978-79			1979-80			
	Dec.	Mar.	June	Sept.	Dec.	Mar.	
CURRENT PRICES							
Food and drink	3.3	2.7	2.3	4.3	1.9	4.6	13.7
Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture	1.7	2.7	-0.6	3.0	0.8	6.3	9.8
Other	4.5	-0.7	1.7	3.2	3.2	3.7	12.3
Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	3.0	2.1	1.2	3.7	1.7	5.0	12.1
CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1974-75) PRICES							
Food and drink	-2.3	-0.2	-1.7	2.1	0.5	0.8	1.7
Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture	1.2	1.2	-1.8	0.9	0.6	4.2	4.0
Other	..	-1.6	..	0.7	1.1	1.7	3.6
Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	-0.7	..	-1.4	1.4	0.7	2.2	2.8

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 13, page 2.

TABLE 4. TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS
(EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) AT CURRENT PRICES
MONTHLY ESTIMATES: AUSTRALIA (a)(b)
(\$ million)

Month	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1978-79 -		
May	2,348.3	2,262.0
June	2,150.9	2,231.6
1979-80 -		
July	2,182.0	2,329.4
August	2,321.6	2,319.5
September	2,181.8	2,324.5
October	2,333.8	2,314.0
November	2,501.2	2,357.6
December	3,151.4	2,404.6
January	2,324.0	2,485.7
February	2,268.1	2,438.7
March	2,370.3	2,523.6
April	2,391.0	2,484.0
May	2,657.0	2,526.0
June	2,409.0	2,597.0

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 13, page 2.

TABLE 5. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS AT CURRENT PRICES: AUSTRALIA (a)(b)
(\$ million)

Quarter	Groceries	Butchers' meat	Other food	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware, china and glassware	Electrical goods	Furniture and floor coverings	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
ORIGINAL													
1978-79 —													
December	1,261.8	407.7	698.7	975.0	1,094.7	169.0	364.6	551.1	381.8	382.9	279.1	705.7	7,272.1
March	1,180.5	407.7	656.8	909.0	817.5	142.8	245.6	435.4	304.9	318.6	234.8	535.3	6,189.1
June	1,232.1	460.6	667.0	861.0	1,050.4	180.5	251.9	454.0	335.6	333.5	228.1	542.4	6,597.1
1979-80 —													
September	1,262.7	473.0	680.7	905.9	962.5	158.3	270.6	464.1	358.4	342.9	238.9	567.4	6,685.4
December	1,435.6	495.5	758.9	1,070.2	1,155.9	184.5	408.7	586.9	405.7	403.0	316.4	765.1	7,986.4
March	1,365.5	487.4	744.7	940.9	885.2	155.4	286.8	478.1	336.6	356.4	267.9	601.5	6,962.4
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED													
1978-79 —													
December	1,189.4	400.8	663.3	882.5	961.2	154.5	276.5	470.5	339.9	342.4	249.9	576.1	6,507.0
March	1,225.2	422.9	665.7	906.9	983.4	162.8	278.2	491.2	346.4	341.3	232.5	586.5	6,643.0
June	1,248.3	455.2	676.9	913.6	985.9	169.1	282.4	466.7	345.1	344.7	244.3	591.2	6,723.4
1979-80 —													
September	1,291.4	475.9	705.6	963.0	1,009.4	166.5	301.9	485.0	353.9	353.5	256.6	607.6	6,970.3
December	1,339.6	483.2	715.9	961.0	1,004.8	167.8	308.8	495.4	359.3	356.8	281.4	618.0	7,092.0
March	1,413.8	504.6	752.1	991.1	1,062.2	176.7	323.8	539.3	381.7	381.1	264.0	657.5	7,447.9

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 13, page 2.

TABLE 6. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS AT CURRENT PRICES : STATES (a)
(\$ million)

Quarter	Groceries	Butchers' meat	Other food	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware, china and glassware	Electrical goods	Furniture and floor coverings	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
NEW SOUTH WALES													
1978-79 -											*		
December	437.2	144.3	256.8	413.4	426.1	64.1	141.6	203.9	155.2	149.1	103.4	269.9	2,765.0
March	397.8	146.5	242.1	373.3	302.4	52.2	95.7	156.9	116.6	124.5	90.9	203.0	2,301.9
June	417.8	167.9	247.7	360.0	406.6	66.3	98.7	166.0	132.9	129.3	87.6	206.5	2,487.3
1979-80 -													
September	428.9	170.2	248.0	390.0	373.0	58.1	112.1	164.9	138.7	134.8	90.3	219.3	2,528.3
December	487.1	172.9	273.7	454.3	459.2	68.3	163.6	218.6	162.9	159.0	113.9	297.6	3,031.1
March	467.3	172.8	273.5	419.7	339.7	56.9	115.0	172.4	125.4	141.6	105.6	237.7	2,627.6
VICTORIA													
1978-79 -													
December	340.7	129.0	190.3	221.7	294.8	47.0	98.8	144.6	93.5	104.3	73.7	201.9	1,940.3
March	332.0	124.9	168.5	213.7	221.0	39.4	63.6	113.4	76.7	86.7	60.6	152.1	1,652.6
June	345.1	141.1	171.2	196.2	277.6	50.2	64.9	120.1	84.6	90.7	59.1	145.6	1,746.4
1979-80 -													
September	353.8	139.5	179.3	202.6	250.7	42.2	67.3	125.4	88.7	89.9	61.8	152.8	1,754.0
December	404.2	148.2	199.6	247.0	303.4	51.1	107.6	150.4	99.3	109.4	85.5	213.5	2,119.2
March	379.8	145.1	187.9	232.1	238.0	43.1	74.1	124.0	88.6	95.0	69.5	165.6	1,842.8
QUEENSLAND													
1978-79 -													
December	195.9	55.7	99.1	151.1	156.1	22.0	51.8	80.5	52.7	58.2	44.9	92.8	1,060.8
March	182.6	57.9	100.1	138.6	119.5	19.7	36.6	68.6	44.4	48.6	37.9	73.3	927.8
June	190.7	65.1	101.8	135.1	145.9	24.2	37.2	68.7	48.7	52.1	36.0	81.5	987.0
1979-80 -													
September	197.1	74.3	106.0	142.3	141.0	23.0	39.1	72.9	54.9	56.0	40.0	84.8	1,031.4
December	228.6	79.0	118.6	163.4	162.0	24.5	57.3	91.8	58.9	61.4	52.6	105.9	1,204.0
March	215.0	75.8	119.1	151.1	124.8	21.7	41.4	76.9	51.1	54.1	43.1	84.3	1,058.4

(a) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 13, page 2.

TABLE 6. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS AT CURRENT PRICES : STATES (a) — continued
(\$ million)

Quarter	Groceries	Butchers' meat	Other food	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware, china and glassware	Electrical goods	Furniture and floor coverings	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, petrol, etc.)
SOUTH AUSTRALIA													
1978-79 —													
December	116.1	36.1	66.8	65.9	97.2	16.7	31.3	52.3	36.5	31.3	24.9	64.4	639.5
March	108.4	34.8	62.8	69.1	78.9	14.4	22.0	44.9	31.2	26.2	20.2	49.1	562.0
June	112.5	38.5	63.8	61.7	101.5	18.9	22.3	44.4	30.8	27.4	19.9	50.2	591.9
1979-80 —													
September	112.2	40.0	63.6	62.6	87.8	15.7	22.6	45.7	34.3	27.4	19.4	50.1	581.4
December	123.7	42.8	70.3	77.3	102.9	18.7	34.7	55.7	37.6	32.1	27.0	67.0	689.8
March	118.1	42.1	68.5	75.0	82.6	15.5	25.1	45.8	32.8	28.9	20.4	53.0	607.8
WESTERN AUSTRALIA													
1978-79 —													
December	136.3	30.8	65.8	96.4	87.7	14.3	31.5	55.3	33.4	28.8	22.1	58.9	661.3
March	126.8	32.1	64.7	88.7	68.9	12.4	21.2	40.1	27.6	23.3	17.3	43.2	566.3
June	132.1	35.5	63.0	83.6	87.0	15.5	22.2	41.7	29.2	24.0	17.8	44.2	595.8
1979-80 —													
September	135.6	36.7	64.7	83.5	81.5	14.7	22.9	42.9	32.3	24.8	19.3	46.2	605.1
December	152.8	39.2	74.2	99.4	94.2	16.3	25.2	56.0	36.7	29.3	26.1	61.3	720.7
March	147.2	38.6	73.8	92.5	72.2	13.2	24.1	47.1	30.4	26.6	20.4	44.8	630.9
TASMANIA													
1978-79 —													
December	35.6	11.8	19.9	26.5	32.8	4.9	9.6	14.5	10.5	11.2	10.1	17.8	205.2
March	32.9	11.7	18.6	25.6	26.8	4.7	6.5	11.5	8.4	9.3	7.9	14.6	178.5
June	33.9	12.5	19.5	24.4	31.8	5.4	6.6	13.1	9.4	10.0	7.7	14.4	188.7
1979-80 —													
September	35.1	12.3	19.1	24.9	28.5	4.6	6.6	12.3	9.5	10.0	8.1	14.2	185.2
December	39.2	13.4	22.5	28.8	34.2	5.6	10.3	14.4	10.3	11.8	11.3	19.8	221.6
March	38.1	13.0	21.9	26.5	27.9	5.0	7.1	11.9	8.3	10.2	8.9	16.1	194.9

(a) All figures in this table have been revised. See paragraph 1.3, page 2.

TABLE 7. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY BROAD COMMODITY
GROUP AT CURRENT PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: STATES 24 JUL 1981
(£ million)

Quarter	Food and drink	Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture	Other	Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
NEW SOUTH WALES				
1978-79 -				
December	1,166.4	839.7	446.8	2,451.2
March	1,190.8	853.5	446.1	2,495.1
June	1,224.2	856.2	451.0	2,524.3
1979-80 -				
September	1,278.3	896.4	470.6	2,651.4
December	1,284.4	901.5	483.2	2,664.7
March	1,364.9	952.2	515.6	2,840.7
VICTORIA				
1978-79 -				
December	832.1	587.1	317.7	1,735.8
March	849.6	595.1	316.9	1,764.0
June	871.1	590.8	320.7	1,782.2
1979-80 -				
September	909.5	600.8	328.7	1,837.4
December	934.8	606.7	337.7	1,877.5
March	954.3	656.4	348.6	1,962.0
QUEENSLAND				
1978-79 -				
December	473.1	317.6	173.5	963.1
March	493.5	330.1	170.0	994.7
June	502.0	327.9	178.6	1,007.2
1979-80 -				
September	532.6	337.4	186.1	1,058.4
December	550.5	341.7	193.3	1,082.5
March	576.6	360.4	192.5	1,132.6
SOUTH AUSTRALIA				
1978-79 -				
December	268.3	207.2	102.3	578.2
March	278.5	218.5	102.4	599.2
June	283.3	214.1	104.0	601.5
1979-80 -				
September	289.0	213.5	103.0	604.9
December	292.6	218.3	106.2	616.5
March	306.6	229.9	109.3	646.3
WESTERN AUSTRALIA				
1978-79 -				
December	308.4	192.4	92.1	591.9
March	319.6	197.1	91.2	610.1
June	323.5	194.9	91.9	612.9
1979-80 -				
September	329.1	201.0	95.7	622.2
December	339.2	204.1	96.9	638.6
March	359.2	216.2	99.7	677.9
TASMANIA				
1978-79 -				
December	88.1	63.9	33.3	185.1
March	90.5	65.5	33.6	190.0
June	92.4	65.3	34.5	191.8
1979-80 -				
September	94.6	64.2	34.5	193.3
December	96.6	65.3	36.2	198.1
March	101.3	67.8	37.1	206.8

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