



**"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX**  
**VARIATIONS SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN 1939**  
**SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1939 TO JUNE QUARTER, 1958**  
**(BASE : Six Capitals 1923-27 = 1000)**

| Group (a)           | Aggregates All Groups<br>(Including Potatoes and Onions) |                         |                 |                        | Group Indexes (a)        |                                     |                                                              |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | Sept.<br>Quarter<br>1939                                 | June<br>Quarter<br>1958 | Differ-<br>ence | Percentage<br>Increase | Sept.<br>Quarter<br>1939 | March Quarter, 1958                 |                                                              |
|                     | d.                                                       | d.                      | d.              | %                      |                          | INCLUDING<br>Potatoes<br>and Onions | EXCLUDING<br>Price Movement<br>of Potatoes<br>and Onions (c) |
| <b>SYDNEY</b>       |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 193,333                                                  | 642,070                 | 448,737         | (b) 83.3               | 930                      | 3,087                               | 3,129                                                        |
| Rent                | 138,602                                                  | 195,533                 | 56,931          | (b) 10.6               | 1,039                    | 1,465                               | 1,465                                                        |
| Clothing            | 106,559                                                  | 437,074                 | 330,515         | (b) 61.3               | 841                      | 3,445                               | 3,445                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 100,394                                                  | 262,160                 | 161,766         | (b) 30.0               | 939                      | 2,452                               | 2,452                                                        |
| Total:              | 538,888                                                  | 1,536,837               | 997,949         | 185.2                  | 933                      | 2,661                               | 2,676                                                        |
| <b>MELBOURNE</b>    |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 193,866                                                  | 622,563                 | 428,697         | (b) 80.9               | 932                      | 2,993                               | 3,010                                                        |
| Rent                | 127,699                                                  | 168,609                 | 40,910          | (b) 7.7                | 957                      | 1,264                               | 1,264                                                        |
| Clothing            | 104,390                                                  | 438,600                 | 334,210         | (b) 63.0               | 823                      | 3,457                               | 3,457                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 104,140                                                  | 256,698                 | 152,558         | (b) 28.8               | 974                      | 2,401                               | 2,401                                                        |
| Total:              | 530,095                                                  | 1,486,470               | 956,375         | 180.4                  | 918                      | 2,574                               | 2,581                                                        |
| <b>BRISBANE</b>     |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 177,895                                                  | 578,660                 | 400,765         | (b) 80.2               | 855                      | 2,782                               | 2,867                                                        |
| Rent                | 114,119                                                  | 176,795                 | 62,676          | (b) 12.5               | 855                      | 1,325                               | 1,325                                                        |
| Clothing            | 105,762                                                  | 420,779                 | 315,017         | (b) 63.0               | 834                      | 3,317                               | 3,317                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 102,151                                                  | 245,491                 | 143,340         | (b) 28.7               | 955                      | 2,296                               | 2,296                                                        |
| Total:              | 499,927                                                  | 1,421,725               | 921,798         | 184.4                  | 866                      | 2,462                               | 2,492                                                        |
| <b>ADELAIDE</b>     |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 184,711                                                  | 567,097                 | 382,386         | (b) 73.3               | 888                      | 2,727                               | 2,763                                                        |
| Rent                | 118,751                                                  | 212,459                 | 93,708          | (b) 18.0               | 890                      | 1,592                               | 1,592                                                        |
| Clothing            | 108,982                                                  | 425,660                 | 316,678         | (b) 60.7               | 861                      | 3,355                               | 3,355                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 109,028                                                  | 251,261                 | 142,233         | (b) 27.3               | 1,020                    | 2,350                               | 2,350                                                        |
| Total:              | 521,472                                                  | 1,456,477               | 935,005         | 179.3                  | 903                      | 2,522                               | 2,537                                                        |
| <b>PERTH</b>        |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 196,432                                                  | 620,640                 | 424,208         | (b) 81.3               | 944                      | 2,984                               | 2,995                                                        |
| Rent                | 117,618                                                  | 287,370                 | 169,752         | (b) 32.5               | 881                      | 2,154                               | 2,154                                                        |
| Clothing            | 106,096                                                  | 429,756                 | 323,660         | (b) 62.0               | 836                      | 3,388                               | 3,388                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 101,943                                                  | 248,418                 | 146,475         | (b) 28.0               | 953                      | 2,323                               | 2,323                                                        |
| Total:              | 522,089                                                  | 1,586,184               | 1,064,095       | 203.8                  | 904                      | 2,747                               | 2,753                                                        |
| <b>HOBART</b>       |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 190,497                                                  | 616,595                 | 426,098         | (b) 81.5               | 916                      | 2,965                               | 3,016                                                        |
| Rent                | 123,700                                                  | 255,765                 | 132,065         | (b) 25.3               | 927                      | 1,917                               | 1,917                                                        |
| Clothing            | 108,101                                                  | 439,646                 | 331,545         | (b) 63.4               | 852                      | 3,465                               | 3,465                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 100,526                                                  | 254,322                 | 153,796         | (b) 29.4               | 940                      | 2,378                               | 2,378                                                        |
| Total:              | 522,824                                                  | 1,566,328               | 1,043,504       | 199.6                  | 905                      | 2,712                               | 2,735                                                        |
| <b>SIX CAPITALS</b> |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 191,298                                                  | 620,256                 | 428,958         | (b) 81.1               | 920                      | 2,982                               | 3,018                                                        |
| Rent                | 129,071                                                  | 194,137                 | 65,066          | (b) 12.3               | 967                      | 1,455                               | 1,455                                                        |
| Clothing            | 106,033                                                  | 434,401                 | 328,368         | (b) 62.0               | 836                      | 3,424                               | 3,424                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 102,734                                                  | 256,642                 | 153,908         | (b) 29.1               | 961                      | 2,400                               | 2,400                                                        |
| Total:              | 529,136                                                  | 1,505,436               | 976,300         | 184.5                  | 916                      | 2,607                               | 2,620                                                        |
| <b>CANBERRA</b>     |                                                          |                         |                 |                        |                          |                                     |                                                              |
| Food                | 217,547                                                  | 687,526                 | 469,979         | (b) 85.6               | 1,046                    | 3,306                               | 3,356                                                        |
| Rent                | 131,164                                                  | 182,294                 | 51,130          | (b) 9.3                | 983                      | 1,366                               | 1,366                                                        |
| Clothing            | 107,691                                                  | 449,473                 | 341,782         | (b) 62.3               | 850                      | 3,543                               | 3,543                                                        |
| Miscellaneous       | 92,623                                                   | 242,021                 | 149,398         | (b) 27.2               | 866                      | 2,263                               | 2,263                                                        |
| Total:              | 548,025                                                  | 1,561,314               | 1,012,289       | 184.4                  | 951                      | 2,704                               | 2,723                                                        |

- (a) In respect of food, the indexes are an average for the three months of the quarter; in respect of other groups, the indexes are as at the middle of the quarter.
- (b) Dissection of percentage rise in total index to show amount due to rise in each group.
- (c) Cumulative from (and including) September Quarter, 1955.

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