



PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AUSTRALIA, MAY 1987

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MAIN FEATURES

The Manufacturing Division index fell by 0.2% in May 1987.

The All home produced materials index fell by 0.5% mainly due to lower prices for crude petroleum. The main price increases were for silver-lead concentrates, refined gold and greasy wool.

The All imported materials index rose by 0.3% mainly due to higher prices for unassembled motor vehicle kits and chemicals.

The Manufacturing Division index rose by 15.7% between May 1986 and May 1987.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains a set of price indexes relating to materials used in Australian manufacturing industries. Each index is presented on *reference base*: Year 1984-85 = 100.0.

2. Table 1 contains index numbers for materials used in the Manufacturing Industry as a whole (Division C of the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC)). It also contains index numbers for materials used in 14 Manufacturing 'sectors'. These 'sectors' are defined in terms of ASIC Subdivisions, ASIC Groups or combinations of ASIC Groups.

3. Table 2 contains index numbers for selected groups of commodities used in the Manufacturing Division. These include index numbers for *Imported materials* and *Home produced materials* and for selected commodity groupings within each of these categories.

4. Table 3 contains index numbers for selected commodities from the Fabricated Metal Products index (ASIC Subdivision 31).

5. Some of the index number series in Tables 1 and 2 replace series that were included in this publication prior to the December 1985 issue. The index numbers in Table 3 replace series previously published in Table 1 of *Price Indexes of Metallic Materials — Australia* (Catalogue No. 6410.0). Details of the relationship between new and old series are set out in paragraphs 20 to 25 of and in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

6. The Appendix to the December 1985 issue provides details of the composition and weighting of each index included in this publication. It also advises users about linking (new) index number series on the *reference base*: Year 1984-85 = 100.0 and (old) index number series on the *reference base*: Year 1968-69 = 100.0. The Appendix also contains tables of linked annual index numbers for the period from 1968-69 to 1984-85 on *reference base*: Year 1984-85 = 100.0.

Scope and composition

7. The composition of each of the indexes in this publication is based on materials (including fuels) used by establishments classified to designated 'sectors' of Australian manufacturing industry (i.e. ASIC Division C, Manufacturing). The indexes are on a *net 'sector' basis*; that is, each relates only to those materials which are used in the defined 'sector' of Australian manufacturing industry and which have been produced by establishments outside that 'sector'. These establishments are either Australian manufacturing establishments classified to other manufacturing 'sectors' or to other Divisions of Australian industry (e.g. 'Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting' or 'Mining') or are overseas producers (including overseas manufacturing establishments).

8. The Manufacturing Division index measures changes in prices of materials (including fuels) used by establishments classified to ASIC Division C, Manufacturing, which have been purchased or transferred in from establishments outside the Manufacturing Division. It excludes semi-processed materials which have been

produced by establishments within the Manufacturing Division and are sold or transferred to other establishments within the Manufacturing Division. The index reflects purchases of materials at the point of entry to the Manufacturing Division.

9. The indexes for ASIC Subdivisions 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33 and 34 and the indexes for ASIC Groups 244-245, 246, 275-276 and 277-278 measure changes in prices of materials (including fuels) used by establishments classified to each defined ASIC manufacturing 'sector' which have been purchased or transferred in from establishments outside that 'sector'. Each excludes semi-processed materials which have been produced by establishments within that specific 'sector' and sold or transferred to establishments in the same 'sector'. The pricing and weights for these *net sector* indexes therefore reflect purchases and transfers in at the point of entry to the respective ASIC Subdivision, or ASIC Group or Group combination.

Items and weights

10. These indexes are *fixed weight indexes*. The items included in the indexes were selected on the basis of values of materials used in 1977-78. With a few exceptions the selected items were allocated weights in accordance with the estimated value of manufacturing usage in 1977-78. The exceptions are:

- Fuels (e.g. crude petroleum, natural gas, electricity) which were allocated weights on the basis of estimated 1982-83 usage.
- Cereal grains, which were allocated weights based on estimated manufacturing usage in 1977-78 and 1978-79.
- Live animals, which were allocated weights based on the average value of slaughtering in 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84.

Many of the selected items carry not only the weight of directly priced materials but also the weight of unpriced materials whose prices are considered to move similarly to those of directly priced materials.

11. For the Manufacturing Division index, individual materials have been grouped into two broad categories: Imported materials and Home produced materials. Within each of these categories materials have been grouped on the basis of ASIC *industry of origin* (i.e. the industry in which, in accordance with the classification rules of ASIC, the materials are primarily produced in Australia or the industry in which the materials would be classified had the materials been produced in Australia). Percentage contributions in 1984-85, of individual materials to the relevant commodity groups and to the Manufacturing Division as a whole are set out in Table A1 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

12. Percentage contributions, in 1984-85, for each material to each 'sector' index are set out in Table A2 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

Prices

13. For those materials subject to significant price variation throughout the month (e.g. agricultural materials, metal ores and concentrates and imported materials generally) average monthly prices are used in compiling these indexes. All other materials are priced at the mid-point of the month. Prices of home produced materials are generally obtained from manufacturers who use the material but in some cases prices are obtained from suppliers (producers or wholesalers). Prices of imported materials are generally obtained from importers.

14. In concept, pricing for these indexes is at the point at which the material physically enters the defined manufacturing 'sector'. Therefore as far as possible, prices are on a *delivered into store* basis.

Prices of transferred goods

15. Transfers which do not take place on the open market present problems in the measurement of price change. An example is where a vertically integrated enterprise extracts a mineral (mining activity) and also processes it (manufacturing activity). Since the material is transferred from one part of the enterprise to another there is usually no transaction price. In such instances various methods of imputing changes in market prices have been adopted. Depending on circumstances and the availability of data, these methods include using changes in opportunity cost (based, for example, on the price of the material in an established market) or changes in cost (based on expenses actually incurred in obtaining the material). Imputations of this kind enter partly into price series for materials such as nickel concentrates, silver-lead concentrates and zinc concentrates.

Seasonal materials

16. In the case of some seasonal materials such as fruit and vegetables, where deliveries do not occur over the whole year, the previous season's prices are repeated for the months outside the selling season until the subsequent season's prices become operative.

Estimated prices

17. For items such as sugar cane and iron ore, where prices are only determined annually, the final prices are sometimes not known until during or after the relevant season or contract period, and sometimes not for many months after the close of the season or contract period. Estimates of the current season or contract period price are used in index calculations until the final price becomes available. Incorporation of such final prices may involve lengthy revisions to index numbers.

Electricity

18. The index numbers for electricity published in Table 2 are based on prices paid for electricity used by a representative sample of manufacturing establishments. Both 'tariff' prices and special contract prices are included in the calculations.

Index numbers

19. Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the monthly index numbers.

20. Index numbers for the latest month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision. Index numbers which include estimated prices for materials (e.g. iron ore, sugar cane) are also preliminary until actual prices are obtained at the end of the season or contract period (see paragraph 17 above). Revisions might also occur to index numbers for any earlier period if the ABS discovers that any prices previously reported by respondents are incorrect and corrected prices are obtained.

Interpretation

21. Care should be exercised when interpreting month-to-month movements in the indexes as short-term movements do not necessarily indicate changes in trend.

Percentage changes

22. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes:

Manufacturing Division index number—

January 1987	106.3 (see Table 1)
less December 1986	105.4 (see Table 1)
Change in index points	+0.9
	+0.9
Percentage change =	$\frac{+0.9}{105.4} \times 100 = +0.9\%$

Related publications

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

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

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 House Building, Six State Capital Cities (6408.0)—issued monthly

Import Price Index, Australia (6414.0)—issued quarterly

Export Price Index, Australia (6405.0)—issued monthly.

24. 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.

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- nil or rounded to zero
- r revised

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TABLE 1. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
(Base of each index: Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	Manufacturing Subdivisions														
	Manu- facturing Division (ASIC Division C) (a)(b)	Food, beverages and tobacco (21)	Textiles (23)	Clothing (24-26) (c)	Footwear (26) (c)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products, printing and publishing (26)	Basic chemicals and other chemical products (27-276) (c)	Petroleum and coal products (277-278) (c)	Non- metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabric- ated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Other machinery and equipment (33)	Miscel- laneous manu- facturing (34)
	INDEX NUMBERS														
1984-85	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1985-86	104.9	101.7	110.6	114.6	110.2	109.5	107.8	112.5	95.9	103.5	106.5	108.8	113.7	110.9	108.1
1985-86—															
March	99.4	101.0	113.1	118.3	110.9	111.4	108.0	114.3	74.4	104.6	104.7	110.2	116.7	112.1	109.6
April	94.2	100.3	113.0	117.6	111.9	110.9	106.8	112.5	57.7	104.9	103.1	110.2	117.8	112.1	109.4
May	93.5	101.5	113.0	118.9	114.1	110.9	107.4	112.8	52.8	104.9	100.5	110.3	119.6	112.4	110.1
June	95.6	102.9	113.9	118.9	115.4	112.5	109.2	111.9	56.8	105.2	102.0	111.3	120.5	113.6	109.5
1986-87—															
July	97.9	106.6	117.4	123.4	118.2	114.0	113.3	115.0	53.6	107.2	104.7	112.4	123.3	117.0	111.4
August	98.1	109.9	120.9	125.7	120.8	115.4	115.7	116.7	46.7	107.6	106.7	113.5	127.4	119.1	112.8
September	100.9	109.6	126.0	121.1	126.0	115.7	118.4	118.4	69.6	107.2	114.0	114.0	129.7	120.7	114.8
October	106.0	108.1	119.3	127.0	121.7	118.3	117.0	118.1	72.1	109.0	107.9	113.9	132.1	120.9	116.7
November	105.0	107.8	120.1	126.4	121.8	118.0	116.5	117.2	71.9	109.1	107.6	114.0	131.3	120.6	117.3
December	105.4	108.4	122.6	127.5	123.0	117.6	115.8	117.2	72.5	109.5	108.1	113.7	130.2	119.9	118.4
January	106.3	109.0	125.0	127.0	123.5	119.6	116.5	116.2	74.4	110.2	108.4	114.6	129.8	120.8	120.6
February	109.1	106.3	126.5	127.2	126.9	119.8	116.1	115.6	84.6	110.8	107.4	115.2	130.6	120.9	120.7
March	108.5	110.5	128.5	127.1	126.9	120.2	115.6	114.2	81.7	111.4	115.2	116.2	130.8	121.9	120.9
April p	108.4	109.9	132.1	127.8	127.1	118.8	114.2	113.8	81.3	113.0	109.5	116.1	131.6	121.9	122.1
May p	108.2	109.9	136.6	128.4	126.9	119.3	114.2	115.0	78.2	113.9	112.5	116.2	132.9	122.1	121.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGES															
Change from previous year															
1985-86	+4.9	+1.7	+10.6	+14.6	+10.2	+9.5	+7.8	+12.5	-4.1	+3.5	+6.5	+8.8	+13.7	+10.9	+8.1
Change from corresponding month of previous year															
1985-86—															
March	-2.5	-0.1	+10.8	+14.1	+10.0	+8.5	+5.8	+12.4	-26.8	+4.1	+1.2	+9.3	+15.1	+11.3	+9.8
April	-10.3	-2.1	+7.0	+12.0	+5.7	+6.5	+0.6	+7.0	-44.3	+4.0	-6.3	+6.3	+13.5	+8.4	+6.4
May	-14.4	-0.3	+12.0	+14.1	+7.2	+5.2	-0.4	+3.0	-54.8	+1.3	-9.5	+5.7	+13.3	+5.4	+6.7
June	-13.3	+0.4	+3.5	+10.3	+8.5	+5.9	+1.3	+1.3	-51.8	-2.8	-8.8	+5.5	+13.0	+5.4	+5.4
1986-87—															
July	-11.6	+1.2	+6.9	+13.1	+10.8	+5.9	+5.7	+2.6	-54.7	+5.5	-5.3	+6.2	+15.2	+7.7	+4.4
August	-11.0	+5.5	+11.8	+13.9	+6.5	+5.1	+7.1	+60.5	-5.1	+7.1	+5.1	+18.4	+2.1	+8.5	+5.1
September	-2.9	+13.1	+11.9	+14.1	+11.9	+8.6	+7.6	-38.1	+6.3	-1.9	+7.5	+20.1	+11.4	+4.0	+5.1
October	-2.2	+8.2	+10.2	+13.3	+12.5	+10.6	+8.9	+5.4	-35.9	+6.5	-0.2	+5.9	+19.2	+10.3	+9.6
November	-4.0	+6.9	+10.3	+11.3	+11.1	+8.7	+4.5	+36.9	-0.5	+6.9	-0.3	+4.3	+17.0	+9.9	+10.7
December	-4.1	+6.8	+12.0	+11.6	+12.1	+7.7	+7.3	+4.5	-36.3	+6.2	-0.3	+3.9	+14.7	+9.0	+10.3
January	-2.9	+7.3	+13.8	+10.9	+12.2	+9.0	+8.1	+2.5	-33.5	+6.4	+0.3	+4.6	+13.4	+8.2	+10.4
February	+0.4	+7.8	+12.3	+9.2	+14.4	+8.2	+0.9	+5.8	-21.4	+5.8	+0.7	+5.3	+13.0	+7.9	+9.9
March	+9.2	+13.6	+13.6	+7.4	+14.4	+7.9	+7.0	+1.1	+9.8	+6.5	+2.5	+4.5	+12.1	+7.9	+10.4
April p	+15.1	+9.6	+16.9	+8.7	+13.6	+7.1	+6.9	+1.2	+40.9	+7.7	+6.2	+5.4	+11.7	+2.3	+10.3
May p	+15.7	+8.3	+20.9	+8.0	+11.2	+7.6	+6.3	+2.0	+48.1	+8.6	+11.9	+5.3	+11.1	+8.6	+10.5
Change from previous month															
1985-86—															
March	-8.6	-0.4	+0.4	+1.5	—	+0.6	-0.6	-0.3	-30.9	-0.1	-1.9	—	+1.0	+0.1	-0.2
April	-5.2	-0.7	-0.1	-0.6	+0.9	-0.4	-1.1	-1.6	-22.4	+0.3	-1.5	—	+0.9	-0.2	-0.2
May	-0.7	+1.2	—	+1.1	+2.0	—	+0.6	-0.3	-8.5	—	-2.5	+0.1	+1.5	+0.3	+0.6
June	+2.2	+1.4	+0.8	+0.8	+1.1	+1.4	+1.7	+0.8	+7.6	+0.3	+1.5	+0.9	+0.8	+1.1	-0.5
1986-87—															
July	+2.4	+3.6	+3.1	+2.9	+2.4	+1.3	+3.8	+2.8	-5.6	+1.9	+2.6	+1.0	+2.3	+3.0	+1.7
August	+0.2	+1.2	+3.0	+1.9	+2.2	+1.2	+2.1	+1.5	-12.9	+0.4	+1.9	+1.0	+3.3	+1.8	+1.3
September	+7.5	+1.6	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+1.2	+2.5	+1.2	+19.5	+0.5	+0.4	+1.8	+1.1	+1.3	+1.8
October	-0.5	-0.5	+1.5	+0.8	+0.5	+1.3	+1.1	-0.3	+3.6	+0.1	-0.7	+0.1	+1.9	+0.2	+1.7
November	-0.9	-1.2	+0.7	-0.5	+0.1	-0.3	-0.4	-0.8	-0.3	+0.1	-0.3	+0.1	-0.6	-0.2	+0.5
December	+0.4	+0.6	+2.1	+0.9	+1.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.4	+0.5	+0.4	+0.8	-0.6	-0.6	+0.9
January	+0.9	+0.6	+2.0	-0.4	+0.4	+1.7	+0.6	-0.9	+2.6	+0.6	+0.3	+0.8	-0.3	-1.9	+0.8
February	+2.6	+0.3	+1.2	+0.2	+2.8	+0.2	+0.3	-0.5	+13.7	+0.5	-0.9	+0.5	+0.6	+0.1	+0.1
March	-0.5	+1.1	+0.6	-0.1	+1.6	-0.3	-0.4	-1.2	-3.4	-0.5	-0.1	—	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
April p	-0.1	-0.5	+0.6	+2.8	+0.6	-0.2	-1.2	-1.2	-4.4	+0.5	+1.4	+2.1	+0.8	+0.6	+0.8
May p	-0.2	—	+3.4	+0.5	-0.2	+0.4	+1.1	-3.8	-0.8	+2.7	+0.1	+0.1	+1.0	+0.2	-0.1

(a) For full description of ASIC Division C 'Manufacturing' and its Subdivisions within the Manufacturing Division see Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) (Catalogue No. 1201.0) — 1983 edition. (b) Index numbers are available for this series back to July 1968. Annual index numbers for the period 1968-69 to 1984-85 are given in Table A5 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication. Index numbers for the remaining series presented in this table are not available for periods earlier than July 1984. (c) These series relate to ASIC Groups or combinations of ASIC Groups rather than to ASIC Subdivisions as a whole.

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MANUFACTURING DIVISION — SELECTED CATEGORIES OF MATERIALS
(Base of each Index : Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	<i>Imported materials</i>									
	<i>Agricultural materials (a)</i>	<i>Crude petroleum and condensates</i>	<i>Mining materials (a)</i>	<i>Textile fibres, yarns and fabrics</i>	<i>Pulp, paper and materials made of paper</i>	<i>Chemicals and chemical based materials</i>	<i>Basic iron and steel</i>	<i>Components for machinery and equipment</i>	<i>Manufactured materials (a)</i>	<i>All imported materials (a)</i>
INDEX NUMBERS										
1984-85	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1985-86	117.3	87.2	91.5	121.4	108.4	121.3	119.9	122.2	117.7	111.8
<i>1985-86—</i>										
March	122.7	53.8	63.2	126.3	107.9	125.3	122.1	127.1	120.8	107.9
April	135.0	43.0	53.8	126.2	106.2	124.8	121.2	127.4	120.1	105.7
May	131.4	40.8	52.0	127.4	106.4	126.7	120.0	129.3	120.8	105.7
June	132.1	47.3	57.3	129.4	109.7	124.4	121.6	131.5	121.6	107.6
<i>1986-87—</i>										
July	135.2	45.4	56.3	136.4	116.8	130.2	125.0	138.1	127.3	111.7
August	136.3	42.2	53.9	142.4	121.1	133.2	127.8	146.4	132.2	114.9
September	138.8	59.2	68.6	140.0	121.6	136.6	128.5	149.8	134.1	119.5
October	130.5	60.8	69.7	134.2	122.2	135.3	127.4	152.7	133.7	119.2
November	128.1	57.7	66.8	131.9	121.3	134.8	126.6	150.3	132.2	117.4
December	127.8	58.8	67.8	134.5	119.2	134.7	125.4	148.1	131.8	117.3
January	126.2	63.0	71.0	135.0	120.6	133.9	126.0	148.2	132.1	118.1
February	128.0	68.2	78.9	135.8	119.7	133.1	125.6	148.4	132.3	120.2
March	122.1	75.3	74.8	135.4	118.1	130.7	124.6	148.0	131.5	117.2
April p	115.8	66.9	73.3	136.4	115.9	130.5	123.2	146.7	130.7	118.4
May p	113.2	66.2	72.7	137.2	115.9	131.3	123.0	147.8	131.4	117.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGES										
<i>Change from previous year</i>										
1985-86	+17.3	-12.8	-8.5	+21.4	+8.4	+21.3	+19.9	+22.2	+17.7	+11.8
<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year</i>										
<i>1985-86—</i>										
March	+22.2	-48.8	-39.8	+23.0	+3.8	+23.0	+18.7	+24.9	+18.1	+4.9
April	+29.7	-60.9	-50.8	+19.5	-3.6	+15.3	+10.8	+19.2	+11.7	-1.9
May	+21.7	-64.2	-54.3	+18.2	-4.6	+11.5	+9.1	+16.8	+9.3	-4.9
June	+18.8	-58.6	-49.8	+13.3	-0.5	+8.4	+6.5	+16.6	+8.1	-4.6
<i>1986-87—</i>										
July	+20.6	-61.3	-52.0	+18.9	+7.5	+11.2	+10.5	+23.3	+12.8	-1.8
August	+23.3	-63.4	-53.3	+25.0	+11.1	+14.9	+12.2	+29.6	+16.7	+1.3
September	+24.5	-63.3	-38.1	+23.1	+12.9	+17.2	+11.9	+32.3	+18.2	+6.3
October	+20.5	-45.8	-38.2	+14.0	+13.0	+14.9	+8.5	+29.0	+16.0	+4.1
November	+21.0	-49.7	-41.7	+9.6	+11.4	+12.6	+2.5	+23.9	+12.5	+0.8
December	+17.6	-48.7	-40.9	+10.4	+9.1	+11.9	+1.2	+20.5	+11.5	+0.2
January	+14.9	-35.3	-29.1	+11.4	+10.7	+10.1	+2.2	+19.2	+11.4	+0.2
February	+9.2	-10.0	-8.1	+9.2	+9.4	+6.7	+1.0	+17.8	+9.8	+6.7
March	-0.5	+27.0	+18.4	+7.2	+9.5	+4.3	+2.0	+15.5	+8.9	+9.7
April p	-14.2	+55.6	+36.2	+8.1	+9.1	+4.6	+1.7	+15.1	+8.8	+11.0
May p	-13.9	+62.3	+39.8	+7.7	+8.9	+3.6	+2.5	+14.3	+8.8	+11.3
<i>Change from previous month</i>										
<i>1985-86—</i>										
March	+4.7	-32.9	-26.4	+1.5	-1.4	+0.5	-1.8	+0.9	+0.2	-4.2
April	+10.1	-20.1	-14.9	+0.1	-1.6	-0.4	-0.7	+0.2	-0.6	-2.0
May	-2.7	-5.1	-3.3	+1.0	+0.2	+1.5	+1.0	+1.5	+0.6	-0.6
June	+0.5	+15.9	+10.2	+1.6	+3.1	-1.8	+1.3	+1.7	+0.7	+1.8
<i>1986-87—</i>										
July	+2.3	-4.0	-1.7	+5.4	+6.5	+4.7	+2.8	+5.0	+4.7	+3.8
August	+2.3	-7.0	-4.3	+4.4	+3.7	+2.3	+2.2	+6.0	+3.8	+2.9
September	+0.4	+40.3	+27.3	-1.7	+0.4	+2.6	+0.5	+2.3	+1.4	+4.0
October	-6.0	+2.7	+1.6	-4.1	+0.5	-1.0	-0.9	+1.9	-0.3	-0.3
November	-1.8	-5.1	-4.2	-1.7	-0.7	-0.4	-0.6	-1.6	-1.1	-4.0
December	-0.2	+1.9	+1.5	+2.0	-1.7	-0.1	-0.9	-1.5	-0.3	-0.1
January	-1.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+1.2	+0.6	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.7
February	+1.4	+14.6	+11.1	+0.6	-0.7	-0.6	+0.5	+0.1	+0.2	+1.8
March	-4.6	-5.4	-5.2	-0.3	-1.3	-0.8	-0.3	+0.1	-0.6	+1.5
April p	-2.2	-2.0	-2.0	-0.7	-1.9	-0.2	-1.1	-0.9	-0.6	-0.9
May p	-2.2	-1.0	-0.8	+0.6	—	+0.6	-0.2	+0.7	+0.5	+0.3

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MANUFACTURING DIVISION — SELECTED CATEGORIES OF MATERIALS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	Home produced materials									
	Live animals	Other agricultural materials	Hardwood and softwood logs	Fish, prawns and lobsters	Agricultural, forestry and fishing materials (a)	Metal ores and concentrates	Coal, crude petroleum and gas	Mining materials (a)	Electricity (a)	All home produced materials (a)
INDEX NUMBERS										
1984-85	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1985-86	97.5	101.5	109.3	125.7	100.6	107.9	99.4	101.4	102.9	101.2
1985-86—										
March	95.1	101.6	110.2	121.0	99.4	105.4	83.7	90.0	102.5	94.9
April	92.0	101.1	110.3	121.2	97.6	103.0	67.2	78.0	102.5	88.2
May	92.5	101.1	111.7	121.3	99.6	100.4	62.0	73.8	104.5	87.0
June	98.9	101.8	114.3	124.6	101.6	104.9	64.6	76.8	104.8	89.3
1986-87—										
July	102.6	106.7	117.5	129.0	105.8	110.0	61.4	75.7	105.5	90.7
August	105.7	106.2	116.2	134.4	107.3	113.7	53.7	71.2	105.0	89.2
September	109.1	106.6	118.0	151.7	109.6	113.8	76.3	87.1	106.5	98.1
October	108.7	106.8	118.7	151.7	109.5	113.3	79.3	89.1	106.7	99.0
November	105.6	105.5	117.7	151.9	107.9	113.1	79.6	89.3	107.1	96.5
December	106.9	107.2	116.4	151.7	107.7	113.7	80.1	89.7	107.3	99.1
January	107.9	108.1	119.6	150.3	109.7	113.7	81.6	90.8	107.4	100.0
February	108.7	108.6	118.3	145.6	110.1	111.3	90.7	96.7	107.8	103.2
March	111.6	109.2	121.3	152.4	112.1	111.1	88.5	95.2	107.7	103.3
April p	110.5	110.5	119.3	143.9	111.8	114.3	88.8	96.3	107.7	103.7
May p	109.0	112.6	120.4	139.3	112.0	118.2	85.8	95.1	108.5	103.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGES										
Change from previous year										
1985-86	-2.5	+1.5	+9.3	+25.7	+0.6	+7.9	-0.6	+1.4	+2.9	+1.2
Change from corresponding month of previous year										
1985-86—										
March	-6.3	+0.4	+7.1	+14.0	-2.1	+0.2	-16.9	-11.4	+3.1	-6.4
April	-10.6	-1.7	+6.9	+1.4	-5.5	-6.7	-33.9	-25.1	+3.1	-14.8
May	-4.0	-1.4	+10.4	+2.5	-2.1	-12.3	-46.6	-35.5	-2.1	-19.5
June	-2.2	-1.2	+11.3	+3.6	-1.0	-8.9	-44.9	-33.6	+1.8	-18.1
1986-87—										
July	-0.2	+3.6	+11.8	+5.0	+2.2	-3.6	-47.5	-34.2	+2.5	-16.9
August	+6.8	+3.5	+7.8	+7.1	+5.4	+1.7	-54.3	-38.0	+3.3	-17.9
September	+9.4	+4.6	+11.0	+14.8	+7.6	+1.0	-31.9	-21.7	+4.3	-8.1
October	+13.7	+5.6	+12.6	+12.5	+10.1	+2.4	-38.9	-18.3	+4.9	-0.6
November	+9.5	+5.9	+17.0	+8.2	+3.4	+2.9	-19.5	-19.5	+4.9	-0.7
December	+8.2	+6.6	+5.9	+20.4	+7.8	+4.1	-29.1	-19.3	+5.4	-6.6
January	+8.7	+7.5	+6.2	+22.3	+8.6	+5.4	-29.5	-19.5	+4.9	-6.6
February	+11.8	+7.3	+5.2	+18.1	+9.7	+5.4	-21.6	-14.0	+5.0	-3.2
March	+17.4	+7.5	+10.1	+26.0	+12.8	+5.4	-5.7	+5.8	+5.1	+8.9
April p	+20.1	+9.3	+8.2	+18.7	+13.2	+11.0	+32.1	+12.5	+5.1	+17.6
May p	+14.1	+10.8	+7.8	+14.8	+12.4	+17.7	+38.4	+28.9	+3.8	+18.6
Change from previous month										
1985-86—										
March	-2.2	+0.4	-2.0	-1.9	-1.0	-0.2	-27.7	-19.9	-0.2	-11.0
April	-3.3	-0.5	+0.1	+0.2	-1.8	-2.3	-19.7	-13.3	-0.7	-7.1
May	+1.3	+0.3	+1.3	+0.1	+0.9	+0.7	-5.4	-3.8	+2.0	-1.4
June	+3.6	+0.2	+2.3	+2.7	+2.0	+4.5	+4.2	+3.8	+0.3	+2.6
1986-87—										
July	+3.7	+4.8	+2.8	+3.5	+4.1	+4.9	-5.0	-1.2	+0.7	+1.6
August	+3.0	-0.5	-1.1	+5.7	+1.4	+3.4	-12.5	-5.9	+2.4	-1.7
September	+3.2	+0.4	+1.5	+11.2	+2.1	+0.1	+42.1	+22.3	-1.4	+10.0
October	-0.4	+0.2	+0.6	+0.1	-0.1	-0.4	+3.9	+2.3	+0.2	+0.9
November	-2.8	-0.3	-0.8	+1.5	-1.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.2	+0.4	-0.6
December	+1.2	+0.7	-1.1	-1.9	+0.7	+0.4	+0.6	+0.4	+0.2	-0.5
January	+0.9	+0.8	+2.7	-4.9	+0.9	+0.9	+1.9	+1.2	+0.1	+0.9
February	+0.7	+0.8	-1.1	-3.1	+0.4	-2.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
March	+2.7	+0.6	+2.5	+4.7	+1.8	-0.2	-2.4	-1.6	-0.1	+3.2
April p	-1.0	+1.2	-1.6	-5.6	-0.3	+2.9	+0.3	+1.2	+0.1	+0.1
May p	-1.4	+0.9	-0.9	-4.2	+0.2	+1.4	-3.4	-1.9	+0.7	-0.5

(a) Index numbers are available for these series back to July 1968. Annual index numbers for the period 1968-69 to 1984-85 on reference base: Year 1984-85 = 100.0 are shown in Table A5 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

TABLE 3. SELECTED METALLIC MATERIALS USED IN FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY
(ASIC Subdivision 31)
(Base of each index: Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	Iron and steel (a)	Aluminium (a)	Copper and brass (a)	Zinc (a)
INDEX NUMBERS				
1984-85	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1985-86	110.1	103.5	108.0	99.6
1985-86—				
March	111.4	107.2	108.3	95.6
April	111.6	106.4	108.1	95.1
May	111.5	107.4	106.4	97.3
June	112.6	107.3	109.1	99.2
1986-87—				
July	113.4	108.1	112.6	106.2
August	114.1	109.6	116.8	116.2
September	114.1	111.2	116.1	120.4
October	113.9	110.4	114.5	123.7
November	113.7	113.2	112.6	122.0
December	113.5	112.0	112.5	118.9
January	114.2	114.8	112.2	117.6
February	114.8	115.5	112.2	114.3
March	114.7	116.3	114.1	111.1
April p	115.5	118.3	116.3	108.5
May p	115.7	117.9	116.1	108.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGES				
Change from previous year				
1985-86	+10.1	+3.5	+8.0	-0.4
Change from corresponding month of previous year				
1985-86—				
March	+10.5	+7.4	+3.7	-5.9
April	+6.7	+6.4	+0.1	-6.4
May	+6.8	+6.7	-9.0	-11.5
June	+6.3	+6.0	-3.1	-9.8
1986-87—				
July	+7.0	+6.9	+1.4	-3.7
August	+7.3	+8.2	+7.5	+9.7
September	+6.9	+10.9	+8.4	+15.8
October	+4.5	+9.7	+8.4	+21.8
November	+2.1	+12.0	+5.1	+24.9
December	+2.0	+9.5	+3.9	+24.6
January	+2.6	+11.6	+3.3	+20.7
February	+2.7	+11.0	+4.1	+18.9
March	+3.0	+8.5	+5.4	+16.2
April p	+3.5	+11.2	+7.6	+14.1
May p	+3.8	+9.8	+9.1	+11.7
Change from previous month				
1985-86—				
March	-0.4	+3.0	+0.5	-0.5
April	+0.2	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5
May	-0.1	+0.9	-1.6	+2.3
June	+1.0	-0.1	+2.5	+2.0
1986-87—				
July	+0.7	+0.7	+3.2	+7.1
August	+0.6	+1.4	+3.7	+9.4
September	—	+1.5	-0.6	+3.6
October	-0.2	-0.7	-1.4	+2.7
November	-0.2	+2.5	-1.7	-1.4
December	-0.2	-1.1	-0.1	-2.5
January	+0.6	+2.5	-0.3	-1.1
February	+0.5	+0.6	—	-2.8
March	-0.1	+0.7	+1.7	-2.8
April p	+0.7	+1.7	+1.9	-2.3
May p	+0.2	-0.3	-0.2	+0.2

(a) These index numbers replace series previously published in Table 1 of the 'Price Indexes of Metallic Materials, Australia' (Catalogue No. 6410.0). Except for Zinc, index numbers are available for these series back to July 1968. Zinc index numbers are only available back to July 1976. Annual index numbers for the period 1968-69 to 1984-85, on reference base: Year 1984-85 = 100.0, are shown in Table A6 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.