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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Introduction. This bulletin contains statistics relating to the principal minerals and mineral products produced in Australia, overseas trade in selected minerals and mineral products, relevant prices, and data on Commonwealth Government payments to sectors of the mineral and manufacturing industries.

More detailed statistics on various aspects of the mineral industry are contained in Part II - Quarterly Statistics of "The Australian Mineral Industry, Quarterly Review", which is published in conjunction with the Bureau of Mineral Resources.

2. Period covered. Commencing with the June 1970 issue all annual figures contained in the bulletin were changed from a year ended 31 December basis to a year ended 30 June basis, to conform with a similar change in the annual Mining Census as from 1968-69.

3. Sources of data. Statistics contained in this bulletin are derived from a variety of sources. The more important of these sources, and some additional comments, are set out below.

Table 1. Mine production

Current statistics in these tables are derived mainly from collections carried out by the Bureau of Mineral Resources, the Department of National Development and the various State Mines Departments. Preliminary annual statistics are derived from the same sources, but final annual statistics are derived from the Annual Mining Census which is conducted by this Bureau in collaboration with the State Mines Departments.

Table 2. Production of principal manufactured products of mineral origin

Statistics of non-ferrous metal production and refined silver are collected by the Bureau of Mineral Resources. Data on refined gold production are provided by the Reserve Bank. Other data in this table, relating to fuels, building materials and chemicals, are derived from returns collected by the Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians in the States, except the data relating to superphosphate which are collected by the Department of Primary Industry, and petroleum and products which are collected by the Department of National Development.

Tables 3, 4 and 5. Overseas Trade

These statistics are extracted from this Bureau's compilations of overseas trade statistics, which are derived from documents obtained under the Customs Act by the Department of Customs and Excise.

Tables 6 and 7. Prices

Price data are mainly derived from information collected and compiled by the Bureau of Mineral Resources. For further information, see Appendix C.

Table 8. Wholesale and export price indexes

Data in this table are derived from this Bureau's compilation of price indexes. For further information, see Appendix D.

Table 9. Commonwealth Government payments

Data in this table are provided by the various Departments responsible for the administration of the specified Acts. Further details of Commonwealth Government assistance to the mineral industry are given on pages 911-5 of "Official Year Book" No. 56, 1970.

Table 10. Changes in stocks of gold

Statistics of refinery production, imports and exports of gold bullion in this table are identical with corresponding figures in preceding tables, and have the same sources. Net industrial consumption data are supplied by the Reserve Bank.

4. Revision of data. Statistics for current months are preliminary and subject to revision. Revision of data, based on figures derived from established quarterly compilation of mineral statistics, the annual Mining Census and various special purposes collections will be incorporated in this bulletin as soon as possible after the revised information becomes available.
5. Commodity groupings. For the convenience of users of this bulletin, commodities in Tables 1 to 5 are grouped according to conventions generally accepted in the mineral industry.
6. Seasonal Adjustment. This bulletin includes seasonally adjusted production statistics for black coal, ingot steel, Portland cement and sulphuric acid. In all adjustments account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and "trading day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month). In the adjustment of black coal production, account has also been taken of the influence of Easter, Australia Day and varying patterns of annual leave which may, in successive years, affect figures differently for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators", 1970 (Reference No. 1.10).
7. Rounding. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.
8. Symbols used. For convenience the following symbols are used in this bulletin:
 - r figure or series revised since previous issue.
 - .. nil or less than half the final digit shown, or not applicable.
 - n.a. not available.
 - break in continuity of series (where drawn across a column between two consecutive figures).

A blank space in a column of figures means that the figure concerned is not yet available.

TABLE 1. -- MINE PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Metallic minerals										
	Non-ferrous						Ferrous and alloy (a)			Precious (b)	
	Copper (b)	Lead (b)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Nickel concentrate (a)	Bauxite (a)	Iron ore and concentrate	Manganese ore	Tungsten concentrates	Gold (c)	Silver
	- tons -						- '000 tons -			f oz	'000 f oz
1967-68	93,187	369,137	392,758	5,902	30,577	4,506	20,389	745	1,738	802,845	20,419
1968-69	120,971	408,764	456,213	7,291	51,141	6,213	33,774	719	2,269	738,974	23,276
1969-70	136,275	458,237	504,499	8,702	155,854	8,082	42,454	845	2,339	866,775	26,010
July to Sep. --											
1969-70	34,315	121,109	139,093	2,113	24,644	2,139	9,891	229	486	162,967	6,541
1970-71	35,451	116,338	129,145	2,226	69,370	2,704	13,447	224	472	140,224	6,674
1969-70 -											
Aug.	11,793	37,770	42,318	(d)	8,482	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	52,082	2,057
Sep.	11,124	41,241	49,388		8,650					57,228	2,188
Oct.	11,270	42,858	47,225	2,360	9,944	2,004	9,871	225	705	58,307	2,331
Nov.	11,453	42,032	44,403		11,778					56,442	2,237
Dec.	10,576	34,557	37,405	2,058	14,595	1,747	10,394	186	566	54,120	2,183
Jan.	10,826	27,045	29,808		15,472					50,045	1,762
Feb.	10,177	35,453	38,714	2,171	12,720	2,192	12,298	206	582	53,101	2,216
Mar.	11,728	39,145	40,972		14,265					75,063	2,194
Apr.	11,603	37,698	42,121	2,226	16,304	2,704	13,447	224	472	49,721	2,144
May	11,877	37,046	41,402		16,590					48,242	2,142
June	12,450	41,294	43,356	2,226	19,542	2,704	13,447	224	472	48,767	2,260
1970-71 -											
July	12,127	38,392	42,553	2,226	21,035	2,704	13,447	224	472	46,793	2,226
Aug.	11,939	40,049	42,367		24,206					46,613	2,294
Sep.	11,385	37,897	44,225	2,226	24,129	2,704	13,447	224	472	46,818	2,154

(a) Quantities shown are gross output. (b) Quantities shown are metallic contents of mine products based on chemical assay. (c) Western Australian gold production figures (in respect of major producers) normally relate to a four-week period ending in the calendar month indicated. However, two such periods ended in the calendar month March 1970. (d) Available on a quarterly basis only.

TABLE 1. - MINE PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS, AUSTRALIA - continued

Period	Metallic minerals - continued			Fuel minerals					
	Mineral sands concentrates (a)			Black coal			Brown coal	Petroleum (b)	
	Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon	Under-ground	Total	Seasonally adjusted (c)		Crude oil (d)	Natural gas
	- tons -			- '000 tons -				'000 bls	mil. cu ft
1967-68	530,513	280,863	290,876	30,268	36,759	..	23,064	11,962	167
1968-69	640,067	310,399	329,432	33,818	42,628	..	23,076	14,063	2,024
1969-70	714,766	358,153	362,285	35,986	44,721	..	23,928	30,705	27,541
July to September -									
1969-70	179,178	91,776	96,592	9,620	12,659	..	6,487	3,924	3,272
1970-71	194,714	81,470	90,819	9,938	13,319	..	6,629	19,830	17,002
1969-70 -									
August	60,383	29,820	32,644	2,692	3,549	3,968	1,952	1,248	1,089
September	61,724	31,186	31,593	3,273	4,347	3,985	2,070	1,371	1,135
October	60,642	32,076	34,152	3,492	4,611	4,016	2,148	1,651	1,091
November	59,507	27,224	27,358	3,072	4,000	3,928	1,553	1,659	1,347
December	56,533	35,129	31,230	2,428	3,209	3,990	1,622	1,564	1,764
January	59,932	24,826	24,514	2,175	2,925	4,108	1,597	1,431	1,776
February	51,251	29,216	28,819	3,140	4,125	4,068	1,674	1,426	2,772
March	65,593	29,673	30,694	2,746	3,721	3,988	2,037	2,944	3,282
April	58,095	32,090	31,163	2,736	3,791	3,951	2,076	5,305	3,420
May	61,578	25,806	27,217	2,955	3,848	3,733	2,383	5,418	4,083
June	62,457	30,337	30,546	3,622	4,832	4,445	2,352	5,383	4,733
1970-71 -									
July	61,267	26,888	29,983	3,871	5,143	4,288	2,555	4,881	5,817
August	65,658	26,053	28,157	2,584	3,482	3,869	2,117	7,207	5,521
September	67,789	28,529	32,679	3,483	4,694	4,275	1,957	7,742	5,664

(a) Quantities shown are gross output. (b) Source : Department of National Development. (c) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 6, page 4. (d) 1 barrel = 35 imperial gallons approximately.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF MINERAL ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA (a)

Period	Metals									
	Non-ferrous								Ferrous	
	Alumina	Refined aluminium	Blister copper (b)	Refined copper	Lead bullion (b)(c)	Refined lead	Refined zinc	Refined tin	Iron ore pellets (d)	Pig iron
	'000 tons				- tons -				- '000 tons -	
1967-68	1,136	87,733	75,344	72,166	101,477	186,908	187,325	3,955	744	(e) 5,209
1968-69	1,592	109,998	109,296	94,786	131,687	175,662	228,224	3,960	4,966	(e) 5,722
1969-70	1,989	165,177	108,201	105,171	169,011	185,364	257,676	4,637	5,712	(e) 5,888
July to September -										
1969-70	504	28,842	29,547	24,637	42,551	49,147	65,471	1,135	1,525	1,489
1970-71	552	51,413	28,507	27,551	46,331	43,131	66,086	1,221	1,492	1,575
1969-70 -										
August	)	(f)	9,792	9,606	7,348	14,109	15,220	20,705	470	516
September	)	(f)	9,704	10,303	10,087	13,873	16,866	20,951	446	478
October	)	(f)	10,633	10,368	7,998	15,621	16,067	21,350	272	501
November	)	(f)	13,963	9,822	9,861	13,929	14,810	20,053	357	537
December	)	(f)	14,164	9,204	8,321	13,373	15,370	22,193	389	458
January	)	(f)	16,145	8,191	10,398	12,783	14,668	21,975	162	499
February	)	(f)	16,608	7,602	8,957	12,386	13,873	19,152	419	392
March	)	(f)	15,742	8,782	8,487	13,976	16,398	20,863	444	508
April	)	(f)	16,205	8,279	9,362	14,438	14,345	21,953	383	375
May	)	(f)	16,648	7,882	8,784	14,603	15,049	22,680	598	378
June	)	(f)	16,227	8,524	8,366	15,351	15,637	21,986	478	539
1970-71 -										
July	)	(f)	16,787	9,175	6,136	14,726	15,260	23,192	125	525
August	)	(f)	17,417	10,839	10,913	16,845	15,901	22,568	527	560
September	)	(f)	17,209	8,493	10,502	14,760	11,970	20,326	569	407

(a) Excludes secondary metal. (b) Metallic content. (c) Lead bullion for export. (d) Gross wet weight. (e) Year ended May. (f) Available on a quarterly basis only.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF MINERAL ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA (a) - continued

Metals - continued										
Period	Ferrous-continued				Precious					
	Steel ingots (b)		Blooms and slabs	Tinplate	Refined gold					Refined Silver
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)			Australian origin		Overseas origin			
					Newly won		From scrap	Newly-won	From scrap	
					Quantity	Value (d)				
	- '000 tons -		tons	f oz	\$'000		f oz		'000 f oz	
1967-68	(e)6,298	..	(e)5,483	(e)254,063	655,360	21,380	19,121	129,789	727	9,693
1968-69	(e)6,599	..	(e)5,749	(e)255,650	621,943	25,217	14,584	123,599	740	9,134
1969-70	(e)6,766	..	(e)5,801	(e)278,136	527,297	17,257	18,461	126,236	919	10,241
July to September -										
1969-70	1,730	..	1,500	68,630	138,690	4,895	5,643	27,230	268	2,538
1970-71	1,728	..	1,484	78,757	111,980	3,686	5,427	29,317	659	2,261
1969-70 -										
August	592	575	530	23,212	42,946	1,434	2,431	8,683	229	893
September	550	531	440	23,123	47,176	1,616	1,050	9,656	..	852
October	591	577	513	24,133	41,167	1,409	2,999	8,935	..	967
November	592	603	515	25,210	69,251	2,179	1,201	11,201	72	817
December	606	576	518	26,288	43,033	1,348	726	9,445	..	950
January	569	562	487	24,509	37,370	1,169	1,148	9,593	..	845
February	488	553	424	23,386	35,958	1,135	1,431	8,495	..	702
March	518	516	439	25,674	37,107	1,175	1,674	13,373	552	750
April	514	550	442	19,433	36,200	1,147	1,263	12,904	..	883
May	596	587	489	19,686	51,178	1,619	1,125	11,620	..	742
June	565	565	473	23,814	37,343	1,181	1,251	13,442	27	1,047
1970-71 -										
July	600	581	528	26,102	35,589	1,150	1,634	9,327	367	664
August	572	555	491	26,764	39,535	1,291	2,663	11,396	70	718
September	556	550	465	25,891	36,856	1,245	1,130	8,594	222	879

(a) Except for steel ingots, excludes secondary metal. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 6, page 4. (d) Based on the price fixed by the Reserve Bank. Includes allowance for premiums on sales of gold overseas and for industrial purposes in Australia. Excludes subsidy. (e) Year ended May.

TABLE 2. - PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS OF MINERAL ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA - continued

Period	Fuels						Building materials and chemicals					
	Petroleum products				Coal products		Building materials			Chemicals		
	Motor spirit	Automotive distillate	Furnace fuel	Industrial diesel fuel	Metallurgical coke	Brown coal briquettes	Portland cement		Asbestos cement sheets-non-acoustic	Sulphuric acid		Superphosphate (b)
							Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)		Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	
	mil.gal	- '000 tons -						'000 sq yd	- '000 tons -			
1967-68	1,897	2,344	6,206	984	3,678	1,745	3,805	..	36,251	1,892	..	3,935
1968-69	2,023	2,579	6,113	1,038	4,106	1,471	3,978	..	38,071	1,853	..	3,938
1969-70	2,110	2,852	5,987	1,080	4,708	1,539	4,439	..	42,120	1,748	..	3,598
July to September -												
1969-70	512	665	1,398	297	1,142	429	1,172	..	10,807	413	..	802
1970-71	553	693	1,573	332	1,260	368	1,209	..	11,636	371	..	695
1969-70 -												
August	179	235	472	113	393	120	401	380	3,451	137	148	276
September	160	198	450	79	394	139	386	366	3,562	171	162	325
October	171	228	502	129	403	144	397	362	3,661	160	156	317
November	162	216	527	83	387	87	393	379	4,093	150	166	310
December	195	288	547	76	411	98	329	371	3,156	173	167	365
January	169	223	495	75	410	83	299	400	1,764	171	164	346
February	159	212	491	71	369	102	355	374	3,641	148	147	355
March	189	244	527	94	397	155	378	364	3,503	151	141	332
April	172	255	464	77	360	146	371	376	3,824	131	120	306
May	189	249	514	88	406	146	366	339	3,343	139	135	255
June	192	270	521	90	420	149	379	385	4,327	112	122	210
1970-71 -												
July	146	158	437	84	408	143	418	393	3,937	88	99	165
August	211	274	565	139	430	116	401	380	3,292	127	138	218
September	196	262	570	108	422	109	391	370	4,407	156	146	312

(a) See Explanatory Notes, paragraph 6, page 4. (b) Includes double and triple superphosphate and ammonium phosphate, expressed in terms of single superphosphate, i.e. 22% P_2O_5 equivalent.

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA

Commodity (a)		Quantity					Value (\$'000)				
		1968-69	1969-70	July-Sep.		Sep. 1970	1968-69	1969-70	July-Sep.		Sep. 1970
				1969-70	1970-71				1969-70	1970-71	
METALLIC MINERALS AND METALS (b)											
Non-ferrous -											
Copper -											
Conc.	tons	40,535	64,577	20,131	33,135	4,898	9,847	15,199	2,580	9,230	1,220
Blister	"	7,551	7,903	3,423	2,328	800	9,937	13,256	5,241	3,490	1,084
Refined	"	26,116	37,964	8,248	2,485	1,009	27,367	54,733	10,989	2,852	1,133
Matte, slags, etc.	"	8,547	12,401	3,676	2,870	1,500	3,033	6,889	1,345	1,137	755
Lead -											
Conc.	tons	111,122	120,565	23,063	39,393	16,964	21,322	23,000	4,432	7,627	3,423
Bullion	"	121,304	166,494	37,588	39,731	14,517	39,332	60,392	12,813	13,834	5,058
Refined	"	115,263	159,417	42,093	21,976	5,920	25,007	43,071	10,709	5,793	1,462
Slags and residues	"	4,317	3,189	743	1,228	263	664	934	208	255	80
Zinc -											
Conc.	tons	327,043	430,191	73,579	116,270	33,000	22,021	30,739	5,787	7,827	2,297
Refined	"	115,561	152,684	41,042	34,685	12,759	27,189	38,741	9,987	9,277	3,320
Slags and residues	"	6,748	5,452	1,368	1,468	348	306	373	81	126	21
Tin -											
Conc.	tons	6,474	7,031	1,175	1,369	355	9,072	10,453	1,725	2,058	548
Refined	"	434	556	169	185	35	1,230	1,791	540	601	109
Aluminium, refined (c)	tons	8,062	50,029	3,645	22,163	6,984	4,233	23,144	1,858	10,578	3,361
Ferrous and alloy -											
Iron ore -											
Pellets	'000 tons	4,306	5,081	1,207	1,409	544	47,910	59,073	13,995	15,848	6,148
Fines	"	2,073	7,528	1,421	2,629	663	13,619	48,752	9,617	16,755	4,242
Lump	"	13,710	20,414	4,347	6,499	1,926	118,000	169,104	36,335	51,762	15,108
Manganese ore	tons	618,723	630,470	160,466	103,476	15,455	11,755	11,440	2,853	2,103	282

(a) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A.

(b) Quantities shown for metallic minerals are gross quantities, not metallic contents. Principal metallic contents of selected ores and concentrates exported are shown in Table 4. (c) In addition to refined aluminium, significant quantities of alumina and bauxite are exported, but details are not available for publication.

TABLE 3. - EXPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA - continued

Commodity (a)	Quantity					Value (\$'000)				
	1968-69	1969-70	July - Sep.		Sep. 1970	1968-69	1969-70	July - Sep.		Sep. 1970
			1969-70	1970-71				1969-70	1970-71	
METALLIC MINERALS AND METALS (b) - continued										
Ferrous and alloy - contd -										
Tungsten -										
Scheelite conc.	tons	1,765	1,409	370	280	140	4,391	4,225	1,088	840
Wolfram conc.	"	699	949	181	214	71	1,957	3,494	551	1,059
Pig iron	tons	350,471	306,156	127,448	130,570	27,482	13,359	14,742	6,222	8,058
Steel ingots, blooms	"	421,916	444,077	195,155	50,214	16,950	23,679	30,945	12,054	4,372
Mineral sands -										
Ilmenite conc.	tons	505,330	590,195	95,122	135,872	54,858	5,386	5,940	946	1,305
Rutile conc.	"	301,006	333,769	59,993	110,324	46,508	23,913	29,777	5,505	10,713
Zircon conc.	"	296,605	343,872	58,967	97,709	24,013	11,992	13,412	2,488	3,517
Precious -										
Gold, refined	f oz	447,929	473,411	263,440	48,764	16,156	15,894	16,377	9,713	1,545
Silver, refined	'000 f oz	11,828	7,942	853	2,299	772	22,005	13,350	1,303	3,596
FUEL MINERALS										
Coal, black	'000 tons	14,824	17,492	4,316	4,577	914	116,725	165,524	40,109	44,940

(a) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A.

(b) Quantities shown for metallic minerals are gross quantities, not metallic contents. Principal metallic contents of selected ores and concentrates exported are shown in Table 4.

TABLE 4. - PRINCIPAL METALLIC CONTENTS OF SELECTED ORES AND CONCENTRATES EXPORTED, AUSTRALIA (a)

Particulars	Estimated metallic contents								
	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Iron	Manganese	Tungstic oxide(b)	Gold	Silver
	- tons -				'000 tons	tons	units	f oz	'000 f oz
1967-68	21,419	194,677	174,588	1,881	8,013	162,866	110,120	113,337	10,714
1968-69	20,352	205,893	181,991	3,823	13,123	254,908	169,897	102,502	11,948
1969-70	25,364	253,933	231,201	3,871	21,335	293,891	164,938	126,960	15,907
July to September -									
1969-70	6,686	55,973	40,768	727	4,527	76,233	38,241	26,932	3,381
1970-71	12,152	69,599	56,863	767	6,689	49,056	33,899	87,430	3,860
September 1970 -									
Copper concentrate	1,156	..	..	4	..	..	..	1,433	14
Blister copper	796	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,243	6
Copper matte, slags, etc.	623	516	..	..	..	..	..	15	40
Lead concentrate	366	11,350	1,063	..	..	..	..	57,785	365
Lead bullion	121	14,417	..	..	..	..	..	..	1,111
Lead slags and residues	70	144	15	1	..	..	..	..	5
Zinc concentrate	..	166	9,983	..	..	..	..	..	7
Zinc slags and residues	..	..	235	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tin concentrate	..	5	..	191	..	..	..	..	..
Iron ore - Pellets	..	..	..	..	354	..	..	..	..
Fines	..	..	..	..	414	..	..	..	..
Lump	..	..	..	..	1,172	..	..	..	..
Manganese ore	..	..	..	..	..	7,244	..	..	..
Scheelite concentrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,520	..	..
Wolfram concentrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,213	..	..
Total September 1970	3,132	26,598	11,296	196	1,940	7,244	14,733	64,476	1,547

(a) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A.

(b) 1 unit = 22.4 lb.

TABLE 5. - IMPORTS OF SELECTED MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, AUSTRALIA

Commodity (a)		Quantity					Value (\$'000)				
		1968-69	1969-70	July-Sep.		Sep. 1970	1968-69	1969-70	July-Sep.		Sep. 1970
				1969-70	1970-71				1969-70	1970-71	
METALS											
Tin, refined	tons	143	103	24	27	20	415	347	77	88	65
Nickel (pigs, anodes, etc.)	tons	1,754	1,466	392	747	203	3,415	5,372	886	1,998	535
Ferro-alloys	tons	21,779	30,589	5,028	11,273	1,960	5,189	12,748	1,237	4,869	713
Gold -											
Unrefined bullion (b)	f oz	114,276	129,287	32,792	27,860	4,821	4,075	4,146	1,045	889	153
Refined	"	4,109	62,230	61,657	133	66	143	2,389	2,363	8	4
FUEL MINERALS											
Petroleum, crude	mil gals	5,179	5,096	1,298	935	390	214,343	200,356	51,286	35,133	14,537
NON-METALLIC MINERALS											
Asbestos	short tons	60,115	65,447	19,745	19,338	5,440	7,638	8,572	2,282	2,646	769
Industrial diamonds	carats	699,473	963,226	282,140	214,135	75,484	2,823	3,626	863	892	376
Phosphate rock	'000 tons	3,146	2,746	695	520	136	31,625	27,875	7,478	5,733	1,454
Potassium fertilisers	tons	132,263	127,347	28,678	48,446	15,051	3,353	3,430	757	1,429	505
Sulphur	tons	394,973	427,300	107,262	55,433	31,541	15,177	10,788	3,463	968	539

(a) The Australian Import Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix B.

(b) Gold content.

TABLE 6. - AVERAGE DAILY PRICES OF SELECTED METALS, AUSTRALIAN AND OVERSEAS MARKETS (a)

Period	Copper		Lead			Zinc			
	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	U.S.A. (US c-lb)	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	Prod. (£Stg- ton)	U.S.A. (US c-lb)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1967-68	1,132.1	(b) 511.5	210.0	(b) 92.0	13.84	258.0	(b) 105.3	108.0	13.50
1968-69	1,126.5	(b) 516.7	234.3	(b) 101.3	13.46	266.1	(b) 114.0	115.8	13.84
1969-70	1,500.1	671.8	283.5	132.2	16.10	291.2	123.9	127.3	15.30
1970-71 -									
Highest	1,366.4	581.8	290.0	135.3	16.50	295.0	126.8	128.0	15.50
Lowest	1,164.8	507.5	270.0	115.8	14.50	295.0	121.8	128.0	15.00
1969-70 -									
August	1,438.1	(b) 679.7	275.0	(b) 133.7	15.50	278.0	(b) 124.3	121.0	14.50
September	1,500.8	(b) 668.1	275.0	(b) 128.0	15.50	283.4	(b) 126.7	127.4	15.38
October	1,433.6	(b) 657.8	275.0	(b) 124.3	15.50	295.0	(b) 126.4	130.0	15.50
November	1,476.2	(b) 690.3	275.0	(b) 133.5	15.60	295.0	(b) 130.9	130.0	15.50
December	1,563.7	(b) 719.2	290.0	(b) 141.3	16.23	295.0	(b) 131.2	130.0	15.50
January	1,550.1	677.2	290.0	135.1	16.50	295.0	125.9	128.0	15.50
February	1,512.0	690.1	290.0	139.2	16.50	295.0	124.0	128.0	15.50
March	1,587.0	730.4	290.0	139.7	16.50	295.0	123.3	128.0	15.50
April	1,635.2	725.2	290.0	133.6	16.50	295.0	122.1	128.0	15.50
May	1,551.2	665.9	290.0	130.4	16.50	295.0	121.5	128.0	15.50
June	1,401.1	607.0	290.0	128.3	16.50	295.0	122.0	128.0	15.50
1970-71 -									
July	1,296.3	567.8	290.0	125.1	15.70	295.0	124.0	128.0	15.50
August	1,226.6	527.5	275.7	118.9	15.13	295.0	124.5	128.0	15.35
September	1,164.8	519.3	270.0	118.4	14.75	295.0	124.9	128.0	15.00

(a) Where a daily market does not actually exist for a commodity, daily prices have been imputed from price data which are available. The numerals shown at the head of each column are reference numbers which relate to the detailed price specifications set out in Appendix C. Appendix C also sets out explanations for abbreviations used, and currency and quantity equivalents for the units referred to in this table. (b) £Stg per ton.

TABLE 6. - AVERAGE DAILY PRICES OF SELECTED METALS, AUSTRALIAN AND OVERSEAS MARKETS (a) - continued

Period	Tin			Nickel U.K. (£Stg-metric ton)	Aluminium		Gold		Silver U.K. (dStg- f oz)	
	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	Straits (\$Mal- picul)		Aust. (\$A-ton)	U.S.A. (US c-lb)	Premium markets (\$A-f oz)			U.K. (\$US-f oz)
							Australia	Overseas		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1967-68	3,007.8	(b)1,274.9	577.8	(b) 837.0	520.9	25.1	(c)36.42	32.54	(d)	195.2
1968-69	3,063.2	(b)1,363.6	585.6	(b) 944.0	538.0	26.4	36.83	36.17	41.28	198.6
1969-70	3,389.2	1,524.6	669.9	1,123.7	564.9	27.9	33.49	32.05	37.40	179.1
1970-71 -										
Highest	3,495.0	1,542.5	680.0	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	32.49	32.46	36.40	188.0
Lowest	3,256.0	1,432.5	626.0	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.63	31.68	35.23	160.3
1969-70 -										
August	3,365.8	(b)1,469.2	643.4	(b) 986.0	555.5	27.0	36.82	(e)	41.10	166.9
September	3,337.2	(b)1,468.7	636.6	(b) 986.0	555.5	27.0	36.75	(e)	40.88	179.9
October	3,346.6	(b)1,496.5	639.0	(b) 986.0	555.5	27.7	36.40	(e)	40.46	186.8
November	3,499.2	(b)1,542.2	672.5	(b)1,220.0	555.5	28.0	33.43	34.07	37.41	192.9
December	3,610.0	(b)1,616.3	699.2	(b)1,220.0	555.5	28.0	31.53	31.63	35.17	180.5
January	3,600.0	1,601.3	693.1	(b)1,220.0	555.5	28.0	31.45	(e)	34.94	185.9
February	3,497.0	1,569.6	670.2	(b)1,220.0	578.0	28.0	31.45	(e)	34.99	188.8
March	3,525.0	1,581.5	680.1	(b)1,220.0	578.0	28.0	31.45	31.39	35.09	187.6
April	3,628.0	1,004.2	702.0	1,200.5	578.0	28.6	31.65	31.49	35.62	184.2
May	3,571.7	1,557.8	689.2	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	32.03	(e)	35.96	167.8
June	3,382.4	1,476.6	651.4	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.56	31.68	35.42	164.1
1970-71 -										
July	3,292.3	1,458.0	633.6	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.63	31.68	35.32	165.7
August	3,414.0	1,508.3	659.7	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.73	31.79	35.38	180.2
September	3,419.6	1,518.9	658.3	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	32.49	32.46	36.19	181.6

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) £Stg per ton. (c) May and June 1968 only; prior to May 1968 there was no Australian premium market. (d) Not available owing to break in continuity of the series: since 1 April 1968 London Gold Market transactions have been in non-monetary gold only. (e) No premium gold sales reported.

TABLE 7. - PRICES OF SELECTED ORES AND CONCENTRATES, AUSTRALIAN AND OVERSEAS MARKETS (a)

Period	Tin	Wolfram	Ilmenite (c)		Rutile (c)		Zircon (c)	
	Aust. (b)	U.K. (c)	Aust.	U.K.	Aust.	U.K.	Aust.	U.K.
	(\$A - 1tu)	(£Stg - 1tu)	(\$A - ton)	(£Stg - ton)	(\$A - ton)	(£Stg - ton)	(\$A - ton)	(£Stg - ton)
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1967-68	25.81	17.84-18.69	9-10	7.21-8.19	90-94	45.95-47.46	46-50	27.04-28.33
1968-69	25.98	19.68-20.59	9-10	7.50-9.50	94-98	51.08-53.33	45-49.5	27.08-28.58
1969-70	30.90	27.90-29.19	10-10.5	7.50-9.50	140-145	73.75-76.67	37-42	25.58-26.92
1970-71 -								
Highest	29.21	36.75	11	9.50	150	79.00	39	26.50
Lowest	28.41	31.50	11	7.50	145	76.00	35	25.25
1969-70 -								
August	29.01	21.25-22.00	9-10	7.50-9.50	130-136	69.00-72.00	42-47	26.25-27.75
September	28.63	21.25-22.00	9-10	7.50-9.50	130-136	69.00-72.00	42-47	26.25-27.75
October	39.05	21.25-22.00	9-10	7.50-9.50	138-142	73.00-75.00	42-47	26.25-27.75
November	31.10	21.50-22.00	9-10	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
December	31.10	24.25-25.50	9-10	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
January	31.24	30.00-32.50	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
February	30.08	36.50-38.00	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
March	29.50	36.50-38.00	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
April	30.85	33.50-35.00	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
May	31.98	33.50-34.50	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
June	30.42	34.25-36.75	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
1970-71 -								
July	28.75	34.00-36.75	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
August	28.41	33.75-35.75	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50
September	29.21	31.50-33.00	11	7.50-9.50	145-150	76.00-79.00	35-39	25.25-26.50

(a) The numerals shown at the head of each column are reference numbers which relate to the detailed price specifications set out in Appendix C. Appendix C also sets out explanations for abbreviations used, and currency and quantity equivalents for the units referred to in this table. (b) Monthly prices are average prices on the first trading day of the month. Annual prices are averages of monthly prices. (c) Monthly prices are a range from the lowest price to the highest on the first trading day of the period indicated. Annual prices are a range of lowest and highest prices derived from these monthly prices.

TABLE B. - WHOLESALE AND EXPORT PRICE INDEXES, AUSTRALIA (a)

Period	Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index (Base : Average of three years ended June 1959 = 100)			Export Price Index (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)		
	Metals and coal (b)	Metals (c)	Total basic materials	Metals and coal (d)	Gold	All groups
1967-68	397	497	361	120	104	100
1968-69	407	505	370	123	117	102
1969-70	439	547	380	(e) 143	(e) 109	(e)(f) 103
1969-70 -						
August	429	529	379	135	118	104
September	431	533	379	137	118	105
October	432	537	379	136	117	104
November	434	535	379	140	112	102
December	437	540	380	143	103	102
January	447	561	381	146	102	103
February	446	560	380	147	102	103
March	445	558	380	146	102	103
April	447	562	381	148	103	104
May	447	564	380	150	104	103
June	448	558	379	148	102	102
1970-71 -						
July	448	551	380	146	102	102
August	444	546	378	141	102	101
September	445	542	382	141	104	100

(a) See Appendix D for details on these indexes. (b) Comprises aluminium, iron and steel, copper wire bars, soft pig lead, tin ingots, zinc ingots, coal, and briquettes. (c) Comprises the metals listed in footnote (b) (i.e. coal and briquettes are excluded). (d) Comprises iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead, silver, and coal. (e) Interim series linked as at June 1969. (f) Includes in addition to the items of the previous series, the four items iron ore, bauxite, alumina, and mineral sands.

TABLE 9. - COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO THE MINERAL INDUSTRY AND TO THE
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY FOR PRODUCTS OF MINERAL ORIGIN, AUSTRALIA

(\$'000)

Period	Petroleum exploration (a) (b)	Gold mining (b) (c)	Pyrites mining (d)	Sulphuric acid production (e)	Phosphate fertiliser production (f)
1967-68	11,711	4,773	..	1,285	23,654
1968-69	12,497	1,810	..	988	31,665
1969-70	14,302	1,871	..	740	45,820
July to September -					
1969-70	5,108	20	..	177	3,414
1970-71	2,064	639	90	71	4,258
1969-70 -					
August	2,649	9	..	90	1,020
September	1,452	3	..	..	1,313
October	520	..	..	60	2,061
November	1,251	87	..	..	2,092
December	498	111	..	208	2,689
January	309	396	..	..	2,667
February	667	111	..	65	5,472
March	1,223	4	..	30	6,724
April	879	342	..	100	8,376
May	1,024	474	..	..	7,838
June	2,824	326	..	101	4,487
1970-71 -					
July	868	317	..	66	1,914
August	751	320	31	..	1,231
September	445	2	59	5	1,112

- (a) Petroleum Search Subsidy Act 1959-1969. (b) Includes Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
 (c) Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954-1968. (d) Pyrites Bounty Act 1960-1969.
 (e) Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954-1969. (f) Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act 1963-1969.

TABLE 10. - CHANGES IN STOCKS OF GOLD BULLION HELD IN AUSTRALIA

Period	Gold bullion							Gold specie - net surplus of imports
	Supplies			Disposals			Change in stocks held in Australia (c)	
	Refinery production (a)	Imports (b)	Total	Exports	Net industrial consumption	Total		
				- f oz -				\$A
1967-68	675,208	131,665	806,873	453,306	132,649	585,955	+ 220,918	22,025
1968-69	637,267	118,385	755,652	447,929	305,727	753,656	+ 1,996	31,861
1969-70	546,677	191,517	738,194	473,411	427,463	900,874	- 162,680	33,449
July to September -								
1969-70	144,601	94,449	239,050	263,440	132,405	395,845	- 156,795	6,604
1970-71	118,066	27,993	146,059	48,764	101,769	150,533	- 4,474	13,370
1969-70 -								
August	45,606	67,993	113,599	79,823	65,721	145,544	- 31,945	2,074
September	48,226	11,108	59,334	73,434	23,942	97,376	- 38,042	3,345
October	44,166	10,203	54,369	58,204	35,233	93,437	- 39,068	2,017
November	70,524	9,433	79,957	20,909	42,379	63,288	+ 16,669	3,089
December	43,759	11,569	55,328	16,241	37,074	53,315	+ 2,013	1,651
January	38,518	9,107	47,625	16,180	27,157	43,337	+ 4,288	1,981
February	37,389	11,597	48,986	355	28,396	28,751	+ 20,235	4,511
March	39,333	7,121	46,454	420	34,850	35,270	+ 11,184	3,734
April	37,463	15,399	52,862	704	32,691	33,395	+ 19,467	2,508
May	52,303	10,726	63,029	48,696	26,834	75,530	- 12,501	4,078
June	38,621	11,913	50,534	48,262	30,444	78,706	- 28,172	3,276
1970-71 -								
July	37,590	11,462	49,052	485	27,427	27,912	+ 21,140	2,480
August	42,268	11,644	53,912	32,123	33,799	65,922	- 12,010	4,222
September	38,208	4,887	43,095	16,156	40,543	56,699	- 13,604	6,668

(a) Refinery production from newly-won gold of Australian origin and scrap of domestic and overseas origin. (b) Includes gold content of gold bullion imported for refining in Australia. (c) Includes changes in holdings in Australia by official and banking institutions both on their own behalf and that of non-residents.

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APPENDIX A

AUSTRALIAN EXPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (A.E.C.C.) 1970-71

ITEMS INCLUDED IN TABLES 3 AND 4

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Statistical item</u>	<u>Description</u>
Non-ferrous -		
Copper -		
Concentrate	283.11.00	Ores and concentrates of copper
Blister	682.11.09	Black, blister, rough or standard copper
Refined	682.12.01	Refined copper
	(284.00.23	Copper-lead dross and speiss
Matte, slags, etc.	(284.00.24	Copper slags and residues
	(283.12.00	Copper matte (including copper-lead matte)
Lead -		
Concentrate	283.40.00	Ores and concentrates of lead
Bullion	685.10.11	Bullion (lead and silver-lead)
Refined	685.10.19	Unworked n.e.i.
Slags and residues	284.00.25	Lead slags and residues
Zinc -		
Concentrate	283.50.00	Ores and concentrates of zinc
Refined	686.10.00	Unworked zinc and zinc alloys
Slags and residues	284.00.27	Zinc slags and residues
Tin -		
Concentrate	283.60.00	Ores and concentrates of tin
Refined	687.10.01	Refined tin
Aluminium, refined	684.10.00	Unworked aluminium and aluminium alloys
Ferrous and alloy -		
Iron ore -		
Pellets	281.30.01	Pellets
Fines	281.30.05	Fines
Lump	281.30.09	Other (including lump and run-of-mine)
Manganese ores and concentrates	(283.70.01	In bulk
	(283.70.09	In bags
Tungsten -		
Scheelite conc.	283.92.09	Scheelite
Wolfram conc.	283.92.01	Wolfram
Pig iron	(671.10.00	Spiegeleisen
	(671.20.00	Pig iron and cast iron
	(672.40.01	Ingots, blocks, lumps and similar forms of iron or steel
	(672.40.09	Other
Steel ingots, blooms	(672.51.00	Blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars and roughly forged pieces (except of high carbon or alloy steel)
	(672.54.00	Blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars and roughly forged pieces of high carbon or alloy steel

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Statistical item</u>	<u>Description</u>
Mineral sands -		
Ilmenite conc.	{ 283.93.12	In bulk
	{ 283.93.14	In bags, drums and similar containers
Rutile conc.	{ 283.93.02	In bulk
	{ 283.93.03	In bags, drums and similar containers
Zircon conc.	{ 283.93.22	In bulk
	{ 283.93.23	In bags, drums and similar containers
Precious -		
	{ 991.00.03	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
Gold, refined	{ 991.00.08	Refined bullion (except mint bullion)
	{ 991.00.09	Fabricated, includes granules (gold content)
	{ 681.10.01	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
Silver, refined	{ 681.10.09	Other
Coal, black	321.40.00	Coal (anthracite, bituminous and sub-bituminous)

APPENDIX BAUSTRALIAN IMPORT COMMODITY CLASSIFICATION (A.I.C.C.) 1970-71INCLUDED IN TABLE 5

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Statistical item</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tin, refined	687.10.01	Tin
Nickel, pigs, anodes, etc.	(683.10.01	Pellets; shot; granulated
	(683.10.02	Other
	(683.24.00	Electroplating anodes of nickel
Ferro alloys	(671.40.09	Other
	(671.50.02	Ferro-chromium
	(671.50.03	Ferro-molybdenum
	(671.50.04	Ferro-nickel
	(671.50.05	Ferro-silicon
	(671.50.09	Other
Gold -		
Unrefined bullion	991.00.02	Unrefined bullion
Refined forms	(991.00.03	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
	(991.00.04	Refined bullion (except mint bullion)
Petroleum, crude	(331.01.00	Crude petroleum
	(331.02.01	Topped crudes
	(331.02.02	Crude petroleum, enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum
	(331.02.09	Other oils for use as refinery feed-stock (including enriched residuals)
	(	
Asbestos	(276.40.01	Amosite
	(276.40.02	Chrysotile (white)
	(276.40.09	Other
Industrial diamonds	(275.10.01	Uncut
	(275.10.09	Other
	(275.21.01	Diamond dust and powder
Phosphate rock	271.30.00	Natural phosphates, whether or not ground
Potassium fertilisers	(561.30.01	Potassium chloride
	(561.30.02	Potassium sulphate
	(561.30.09	Other
Sulphur	(274.10.01	In bulk
	(274.10.09	Bagged or otherwise packed

APPENDIX CPRICES OF SELECTED METALS AND MINERALS (TABLES 6 AND 7)

<u>Reference number</u>	<u>Particulars of Price Bases</u>
1.	Refined electrolytic copper, ex-smelter Port Kembla.
2.	Refined electrolytic copper wirebars, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
3.	Refines soft pig lead, f.o.b. Port Pirie.
4.	Refined soft pig lead, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
5.	Refined soft pig lead, ex-warehouse, mid-day New York.
6.	Zinc, g.o.b. grade, delivered Melbourne, Sydney, Port Kemble and Adelaide. Prior to April 1968 basis was g.o.b. grade, f.o.r. Cockle Creek.
7.	Zinc, g.o.b. grade, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
8.	Zinc, g.o.b. grade, producers' base price.
9.	Zinc, Prime Western, f.o.b. East St Louis.
10.	Refined tin, domestic 5 ton lots, ex-works or delivered buyers' premises.
11.	Refined tin, L.M.E. warehouse, mid-day cash price, average of buyers' and sellers' quotes, L.M.E.
12.	Refined tin, ex-works, Penang.
13.	Refined nickel, delivered.
14.	Refined aluminium, 99.5% domestic, 1-20K ingots, c.i.f. capital cities.
15.	Refined aluminium, min. 99.5% domestic, delivered.
16.	Australian gold sold on Australian premium markets. The Reserve Bank official price is \$31.25 per fine ounce. Prices quoted relate to month in which sales contract was negotiated.
17.	Australian gold sold on overseas premium markets by Gold Producers Association. Prices relate to the month in which gold sales contracts are negotiated with exporters and do not necessarily relate to the month in which the gold is actually delivered and/or exported.
18.	Refined gold, spot, London open market.
19.	Refined silver, spot, London.
20.	Concentrates, per ton of contained tin, 70% Sn grade, delivered Sydney.

APPENDIX C - continuedReference
numberParticulars of Price Bases

21. Concentrates, per ltu of WO_3 grade, standard quality, c.i.f. Europe.
22. Nominal prices*, concentrates, 52-54% TiO_2 , f.o.b. Bunbury.
23. Concentrates, 52-54% TiO_2 , Malaysian origin, c.i.f. Europe.
24. Nominal prices*, concentrates, 95-97% TiO_2 , bagged f.o.b./f.o.r.
25. Concentrates, 95-97% TiO_2 , Australian origin, c.i.f. Europe.
26. Nominal prices*, concentrates, standard grade, minimum 65% ZrO_2 , f.o.b.
27. Concentrates, 66-67% ZrO_2 , c.i.f. Europe.

* These domestic prices for ores and concentrates are nominal, the prices quoted being subject to negotiation between the producer and purchaser. Ore and concentrate prices will also vary according to grade and possible impurities, and in many cases with size of the ore parcel.

Abbreviations used

c.i.f.	cost, insurance, freight
f.o.b.	free on board
f.o.r.	free on rail
g.o.b.	good ordinary brand
L.M.E.	London Metal Exchange
ltu	long ton unit

Currency and quantity equivalents

Unit	Equivalent to -
\$Mal 1	\$A 0.29
£Stg1	\$A 2.14; prior to November 1967, \$A 2.50
\$US1	\$A 0.89
ltu	22.4 lb
metric ton	2204.6 lb
picul	$133\frac{1}{3}$ lb
short ton	2,000 lb
ton	2,240 lb

APPENDIX D
PRICE INDEXES (TABLE 8)

Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

1. The weighting system used in the Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of included commodities in Australia from 1928-29 to 1934-35. The validity of the weighting and the representativeness of the index have become increasingly affected by changes in usage and in industrial structure and the index is outmoded. However it is published as an interim service mainly to meet the needs of those who require it for special purposes. New series of wholesale price index numbers relating to materials used and articles produced by defined areas of the economy are being developed.
2. The base of each index is -

Average of three years ended June 1939 = 100.
3. The total basic materials group includes metals and coal, oils, fats and waxes, textiles, chemicals, rubber and hides, and building materials.
4. The construction of the index is shown and the quantity multipliers (weights) included are listed in Labour Report No. 53, 1967, Chapter 2, Wholesale Prices and Price Indexes.

Export Price Index

1. Figures from July 1969 have been compiled on an interim basis which incorporates a re-weighting (1969-70 basis) of the items contained in the previous series and the inclusion of some additional items. The interim series have been linked to the previous series at June 1969. A comprehensive review and re-basing of the index is expected to be completed later this financial year.
2. The base of each index is -

Year 1959-60 = 100.
3. The "All groups" index includes wool, meats, dairy produce, cereals, dried and canned fruit, sugar, hides and tallow, metals and coal, gold, and from July 1969, iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands.
4. A detailed description of the index as constructed up to June 1969 is given in Year Book, No. 56, 1970, pages 240-2. The interim series was introduced in the July 1970 issue of Export Price Index (Reference No. 9.2).