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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
AUGUST 1974

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

	Percentage change between July 1974 August 1973 and and August 1974 August 1974	
State Capital Cities		
Sydney	+1.0	+20.9
Melbourne	+1.1	+21.1
Brisbane	+2.0	+24.7
Adelaide	+0.6	+20.5
Perth	+1.4	+21.5
Hobart	+1.3	+19.5
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+1.2	+21.4

An analysis of percentage changes for individual groups follows on page 2

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building. A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report No. 57, 1972* (pp. 45-58.) A Price Index of Materials used in House Building is published in a separate bulletin (Reference No. 9.9). Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.

Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses and low-rise flats (in general, those up to three storeys). It includes 72 items, combined in eleven groups, in addition to an *All Groups* index. Although the selected materials (or many of them) are also used in house (and low-rise flat) building, in building repair, maintenance and alteration work, and in engineering construction work (e.g. projects such as roads, dams, bridges and the like), the weighting pattern of the index, being designed for the specific purpose mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph, is not applicable to these other activities of the construction industry. In addition, since the weights are based on an average materials usage over a range of types of building within the defined area (building other than house building), the index is not necessarily applicable to any specific building or type of building included in that area.

Base period and method of calculation

3. The reference base of the index is the year 1966-67 = 100.0. The index is a fixed weights index and is calculated by the method known as the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives.

Derivation of items and weights

4. The items and weights were derived from reported values of materials used in selected representative buildings constructed in or about 1966-67. The single weighting pattern relates to the whole of Australia, and is applied (with minor exceptions) in calculating indexes for each State capital city.

Prices

5. Prices are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable. They relate to specified standards of each commodity and are obtained from representative suppliers of materials used in building. In general the point of pricing is *delivered on site* but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available, e.g. that for *supplied and fixed*. Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city, with the main exception that for the whole of the group Electrical installation materials and the majority of the items in the group Mechanical services components, Sydney and Melbourne price series are used. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from list prices. Thus measures of *special* or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis, and may sometimes necessitate revisions.

Index numbers

6. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for each group of items and for all groups combined in Tables 2 and 3. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between cities as to differences in degree of price movement from period to period, but not as to the differences in price level.

Interpretation

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

Special purpose index

8. Index numbers for the special purpose index for All groups excluding Electrical installation materials and Mechanical services components are shown for each capital city and the weighted average of the six capitals in the second column from the right in Table 3.

9. Table 1 below shows, for each group and the all groups of the index, the percentage change for the weighted average of the six State capital cities for the current month from the preceding month and the corresponding month of the previous year.

TABLE 1. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
Percentage change from previous periods

Group	Percentage change between -	
	July 1974 and August 1974	August 1973 and August 1974
Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	+1.5	+16.7
Cement products	+2.9	+17.9
Bricks, stone, etc.	+1.9	+21.7
Timber, board and joinery	+2.1	+24.5
Steel and iron products	+1.1	+27.5
Aluminium products	+1.6	+16.8
Other metal products	-0.5	+ 5.7
Plumbing fixtures	+0.3	+19.4
Miscellaneous materials	+1.2	+17.5
Electrical installation materials	-0.1	+13.7
Mechanical services components	+0.5	+21.5
All groups	+1.2	+21.4

TABLE 2. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1971-72	122.4	123.9	124.4	122.7	121.3	122.6	123.0
1972-73	127.2	131.2	130.4	129.8	126.3	129.7	128.9
1973-74	144.1	148.0	149.0	145.8	142.9	143.8	r145.8
1973-74							
July	135.1	139.2	138.4	137.4	132.9	137.2	136.7
August	137.0	140.6	139.9	139.4	136.0	138.4	138.5
September	137.7	141.3	141.1	139.3	136.4	138.8	139.2
October	138.9	141.5	142.7	139.4	137.0	139.0	140.0
November	140.0	143.2	145.1	140.8	138.8	139.6	141.5
December	141.3	144.3	146.9	142.6	139.6	140.9	142.8
January	142.7	145.6	148.6	144.3	141.5	141.6	144.3
February	143.9	147.6	149.9	146.1	143.5	143.3	145.9
March	145.1	149.2	151.0	147.7	145.6	143.8	147.2
April	151.6	156.7	155.1	153.0	149.7	148.1	153.3
May	155.7	161.2	162.3	157.1	155.4	155.6	158.1
June	r160.1	r165.0	r166.9	r162.2	r158.1	r158.9	r162.3
1974-75							
July p	r163.9	168.5	r171.0	r167.0	r162.9	r163.3	r166.2
August p	165.6	170.3	174.5	168.0	165.2	165.4	168.2

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

p - preliminary, subject to revision. r - revised

TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
SYDNEY													
1971-72	120.0	129.1	120.3	124.5	122.8	120.0	125.5	136.8	117.7	114.7	127.5	122.4	122.4
1972-73	124.9	136.0	123.6	133.9	124.0	124.8	134.8	142.5	127.3	120.5	132.2	127.1	127.2
1973-74	140.2	147.5	141.5	161.2	140.7	r136.6	171.1	158.5	137.5	138.3	r143.7	144.8	144.1
1973-74													
July	136.5	140.7	127.1	148.8	129.9	130.2	157.9	150.5	132.0	129.7	136.7	135.4	135.1
August	135.8	144.3	128.2	152.9	131.2	130.4	170.2	154.4	132.0	136.2	136.6	137.1	137.0
September	136.5	144.3	128.2	155.8	132.4	133.8	167.1	154.4	132.1	133.6	137.0	138.3	137.7
October	136.0	144.6	139.5	156.0	133.8	133.8	166.3	154.4	134.1	133.0	137.4	139.7	138.9
November	135.7	144.9	139.5	157.0	136.2	133.8	167.1	154.4	134.6	135.5	137.6	140.9	140.0
December	136.4	145.6	145.1	159.9	137.4	133.8	167.6	154.4	134.9	136.5	138.3	142.3	141.3
January	139.3	146.3	145.8	162.1	139.0	135.0	169.0	154.4	136.1	135.0	140.2	144.0	142.7
February	142.1	147.4	146.6	161.6	139.8	135.8	173.2	154.4	136.7	137.2	142.2	144.9	143.9
March	141.9	148.2	146.8	164.1	140.9	136.6	173.4	155.2	139.2	139.2	143.1	146.1	145.1
April	146.0	149.9	146.8	167.3	152.0	139.7	178.1	164.2	141.9	143.6	152.8	152.3	151.6
May	146.0	154.1	149.8	172.6	156.2	146.2	180.8	171.7	145.3	146.3	159.3	156.1	155.7
June	150.4	160.2	154.0	r176.1	r159.9	r150.2	182.6	178.8	r151.6	153.4	r163.3	r160.3	r160.1
1974-75													
July p	r159.0	r161.5	160.6	r177.5	r165.2	r150.5	184.0	r181.8	r156.2	155.0	r165.2	r164.7	r163.9
August p	160.6	168.5	163.9	180.2	166.4	155.7	183.8	182.2	156.4	154.8	166.0	166.7	165.6
MELBOURNE													
1971-72	124.9	122.6	123.0	118.7	128.4	125.0	118.6	136.4	115.5	114.7	128.0	124.2	123.9
1972-73	129.6	133.4	130.8	127.7	136.4	134.5	123.1	149.8	123.6	120.5	132.8	132.1	131.2
1973-74	135.6	145.0	146.0	r156.7	155.5	149.6	r153.2	167.7	r133.6	138.3	144.3	149.6	148.0
1973-74													
July	131.2	139.5	142.9	143.3	143.0	143.3	145.8	162.1	129.6	129.7	137.4	140.5	139.2
August	131.8	139.7	144.2	143.4	144.2	143.6	155.1	162.2	130.5	136.2	137.3	141.6	140.6
September	132.0	139.7	144.2	146.2	146.8	143.5	147.7	162.6	130.4	133.6	137.7	142.8	141.3
October	132.0	139.9	144.2	146.9	147.1	143.5	148.6	162.6	130.4	133.0	138.1	143.0	141.5
November	132.0	139.9	144.2	148.7	150.1	146.1	152.7	163.3	130.8	135.5	138.3	144.9	143.2
December	132.3	139.9	145.3	153.0	150.9	146.1	154.0	163.3	131.2	136.5	139.0	146.0	144.3
January	133.0	146.4	145.3	155.3	152.5	148.7	151.8	163.3	131.2	135.0	140.9	147.5	145.6
February	137.8	148.1	145.3	159.3	153.7	149.8	153.0	163.3	132.1	137.2	142.9	149.5	147.6
March	139.4	149.2	145.3	162.0	155.5	152.6	154.4	163.3	132.8	139.2	143.7	151.2	r19.2
April	140.3	150.9	145.6	167.6	170.7	153.1	155.8	179.8	134.7	143.6	153.4	158.7	156.7
May	142.3	151.2	148.8	174.5	174.1	162.0	156.6	180.0	143.6	146.3	159.7	163.0	161.2
June	142.7	156.1	157.2	r179.7	177.0	163.4	r162.3	186.5	r146.4	153.4	r163.5	r166.5	r165.0
1974-75													
July p	r149.0	157.7	158.7	r183.7	181.9	164.1	158.4	r195.7	r151.4	155.0	r165.5	r170.5	168.5
August p	153.1	161.8	162.0	186.1	183.7	164.1	156.5	196.9	154.0	154.8	166.3	172.7	170.3

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TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
BRISBANE													
1971-72	118.0	128.0	133.1	131.5	128.6	112.2	111.3	132.0	115.4	114.7	127.5	124.9	124.4
1972-73	113.0	137.0	139.6	143.7	136.8	118.9	112.1	142.3	118.8	120.5	132.3	131.2	130.4
1973-74	133.2	154.0	157.4	167.7	159.1	132.4	141.6	160.3	125.8	138.3	143.7	151.0	149.0
1973-74													
July	122.5	142.9	145.3	155.9	145.6	125.2	125.7	151.9	122.0	129.7	136.5	139.7	138.4
August	119.8	145.3	145.7	157.2	146.9	127.0	138.4	155.3	123.0	136.2	136.5	140.9	139.9
September	120.6	147.4	150.5	158.4	149.3	127.0	137.1	155.3	123.4	133.6	136.9	142.5	141.1
October	131.0	147.5	153.8	158.7	149.9	127.0	142.8	155.6	123.6	133.0	137.3	144.6	142.7
November	132.1	149.8	155.0	159.4	155.8	127.0	141.3	155.6	124.1	135.5	137.6	147.3	145.1
December	132.2	151.6	159.3	163.8	158.0	128.2	141.5	155.8	125.1	136.5	138.4	149.4	146.9
January	135.1	152.8	160.0	168.6	159.0	132.4	141.5	155.8	125.3	135.0	140.3	151.4	148.6
February	135.5	155.9	160.4	171.0	159.5	134.9	144.8	158.0	125.5	137.2	142.3	152.5	149.9
March	135.7	157.8	161.2	172.3	160.8	135.4	144.4	161.1	125.6	139.2	143.2	153.5	151.0
April	143.7	160.9	164.2	176.6	162.8	139.2	144.9	165.1	126.5	143.6	152.9	156.7	155.1
May	144.9	162.1	165.2	179.3	178.9	140.9	148.4	174.8	132.1	146.3	159.4	164.6	162.3
June	144.9	173.8	168.3	190.6	182.9	144.3	148.6	179.7	133.1	153.4	163.3	169.0	166.9
1974-75													
July p	146.5	179.1	171.9	195.4	189.2	145.4	151.6	187.3	138.1	155.0	165.1	173.6	171.0
August p	147.7	184.2	175.7	206.6	193.8	146.9	150.7	187.5	139.5	154.8	166.2	178.0	174.5
ADELAIDE													
1971-72	119.3	127.0	130.0	124.3	123.5	116.0	122.5	134.5	118.8	114.7	127.5	122.8	122.7
1972-73	127.2	137.8	140.3	133.9	130.6	121.1	127.1	145.5	123.7	120.5	132.3	130.4	129.8
1973-74	131.0	151.8	149.2	165.7	147.6	136.5	156.4	161.4	134.9	138.3	143.7	146.9	145.8
1973-74													
July	129.0	143.6	144.4	149.4	138.3	130.9	145.4	156.2	126.7	129.7	136.7	138.3	137.4
August	128.9	146.6	145.0	153.2	140.1	130.9	156.6	156.2	128.0	136.2	136.6	140.2	139.4
September	129.0	147.2	145.0	154.7	140.1	131.0	153.0	156.2	127.7	133.6	137.0	140.4	139.3
October	129.0	147.2	145.0	155.0	140.0	131.0	152.9	158.2	127.7	133.0	137.4	140.4	139.4
November	129.0	147.2	145.0	156.8	143.2	132.5	149.5	158.2	127.8	135.5	137.7	141.9	140.8
December	129.7	147.3	147.6	163.5	144.2	132.5	157.8	158.2	128.7	136.5	138.3	143.9	142.6
January	130.4	148.6	149.0	165.6	146.0	135.1	155.1	158.2	136.0	135.0	140.2	146.0	144.3
February	131.0	150.8	151.9	166.9	147.8	138.4	159.0	160.4	136.8	137.2	142.2	147.7	146.1
March	132.3	152.7	152.4	171.6	148.9	138.9	159.6	160.4	139.1	139.2	143.0	149.4	147.7
April	132.8	155.4	152.4	177.1	156.7	139.9	160.9	168.7	143.1	143.6	152.9	154.1	153.0
May	135.1	165.1	153.8	182.5	160.5	145.3	162.5	170.5	145.9	146.3	159.3	158.0	157.1
June	136.1	169.6	158.7	192.1	164.9	152.0	164.8	175.8	151.0	153.4	163.4	162.9	162.2
1974-75													
July p	141.9	173.5	176.3	195.7	171.9	152.0	156.2	188.7	155.1	155.0	165.2	168.6	167.0
August p	143.1	175.4	178.3	195.7	173.2	152.1	157.2	188.8	157.4	154.8	166.2	169.7	168.0

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Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
PERTH													
1971-72	113.6	119.8	128.8	119.6	125.1	115.0	114.4	118.3	119.2	114.7	127.3	121.0	121.3
1972-73	118.4	127.5	133.3	126.4	129.2	118.2	118.4	127.1	125.6	120.5	132.0	126.0	126.3
1973-74	125.0	141.1	147.8	151.1	151.0	128.4	146.8	136.6	133.5	138.3	143.6	143.3	142.9
1973-74													
July	120.8	128.6	136.8	142.2	135.0	123.2	134.2	130.0	130.6	129.7	136.5	132.6	132.9
August	120.8	138.5	139.0	142.9	140.6	123.2	144.3	132.9	131.3	136.2	136.4	136.0	136.0
September	120.8	138.7	144.3	143.5	141.5	122.9	142.0	133.2	131.0	133.6	136.8	136.7	136.4
October	120.8	138.7	144.3	143.9	143.3	122.9	141.5	133.4	131.5	133.0	137.3	137.4	137.0
November	120.8	138.7	144.3	146.4	146.8	122.9	146.1	133.6	131.5	135.5	137.5	139.3	138.8
December	120.8	138.7	144.3	149.1	147.9	122.9	146.7	133.6	131.5	136.5	138.2	140.2	139.6
January	122.0	140.1	144.3	154.5	150.6	125.3	145.2	134.8	131.6	135.0	140.2	142.4	141.5
February	126.7	141.0	145.0	154.7	152.3	129.5	145.5	137.2	133.0	137.2	142.2	144.3	143.5
March	131.7	144.2	155.5	155.2	153.3	132.1	147.7	137.2	133.8	139.2	143.0	146.7	145.6
April	131.7	146.1	155.5	156.4	159.4	133.3	152.1	141.9	136.6	143.6	153.0	149.9	149.7
May	131.7	147.3	157.4	159.9	170.2	141.0	156.6	144.8	139.1	146.3	159.3	155.8	155.4
June	131.7	152.2	162.3	164.3	171.5	141.4	159.6	146.4	141.0	153.4	163.3	157.8	158.1
1974-75													
July p	131.7	157.9	171.6	171.0	180.7	141.5	158.7	151.8	141.7	155.0	165.1	163.4	162.9
August p	135.0	158.0	171.8	178.4	182.5	143.2	155.6	152.4	147.0	154.8	166.1	166.2	165.2
HOBART													
1971-72	123.4	123.7	118.3	122.2	126.4	110.8	126.0	135.1	115.8	114.7	127.5	122.7	122.6
1972-73	130.3	138.4	130.1	134.3	133.6	111.8	126.7	142.9	120.2	120.5	132.1	130.3	129.7
1973-74	139.3	149.3	150.0	154.6	148.7	117.3	150.1	154.0	129.1	138.3	143.5	144.4	143.8
1973-74													
July	138.7	145.2	143.0	143.1	141.2	113.1	146.1	148.0	126.0	129.7	136.4	138.2	137.2
August	138.7	146.0	143.8	143.5	142.5	113.1	146.4	149.1	126.6	136.2	136.3	139.0	138.4
September	138.7	146.0	144.0	145.9	143.2	113.1	148.3	149.1	127.5	133.6	136.7	139.8	138.8
October	138.7	147.9	144.0	146.6	143.4	113.1	148.1	149.1	127.7	133.0	137.1	140.0	139.0
November	138.7	147.9	144.0	147.5	144.0	114.0	148.4	149.1	127.6	135.5	137.3	140.5	139.6
December	138.7	147.9	146.4	154.6	144.3	114.0	149.1	149.1	128.0	136.5	138.1	141.9	140.9
January	138.8	147.9	148.7	155.8	145.4	113.6	148.1	149.1	128.0	135.0	140.0	142.6	141.6
February	139.0	148.6	149.9	157.8	147.3	117.9	149.0	152.2	128.6	137.2	142.0	144.2	143.3
March	139.0	148.6	149.9	157.8	147.8	118.1	149.0	152.2	129.3	139.2	142.9	144.5	143.8
April	139.6	150.0	158.0	158.6	153.1	119.8	151.8	161.8	130.2	143.6	152.6	147.8	148.1
May	139.7	155.3	159.2	170.8	165.8	128.8	153.7	165.1	132.7	146.3	159.4	156.0	155.6
June	142.8	159.9	169.6	173.5	166.6	128.8	162.8	174.1	137.2	153.4	163.3	158.8	158.9
1974-75													
July p	144.4	168.6	180.4	177.9	173.9	128.8	163.1	177.6	138.3	155.0	165.2	163.9	163.3
August p	145.0	169.4	189.4	180.3	176.8	128.8	163.4	178.3	142.0	154.8	166.0	166.4	165.4

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TABLE 3. - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES													
1971-72	120.6	126.1	124.2	123.4	125.4	119.3	120.6	134.3	116.9	114.7	127.7	123.1	123.0
1972-73	124.5	135.0	130.1	132.9	130.3	125.4	126.4	143.5	124.5	120.5	132.4	129.3	128.9
1973-74	136.0	147.7	146.3	160.2	r148.8	r138.4	158.5	159.6	r134.2	138.3	r143.9	r147.0	r145.8
1973-74													
July	131.4	140.1	136.6	147.6	137.0	132.1	147.1	152.6	129.2	129.7	136.9	137.5	136.7
August	130.9	142.9	137.7	149.8	138.7	132.5	157.9	154.9	129.8	136.2	136.7	139.1	138.5
September	131.4	143.3	138.6	152.1	140.2	133.8	154.1	155.1	129.9	133.6	137.2	140.1	139.2
October	132.5	143.5	143.7	152.5	141.1	133.8	154.8	155.3	130.8	133.0	137.6	141.2	140.0
November	132.5	143.9	143.8	153.9	144.2	134.6	156.0	155.5	131.1	135.5	137.8	142.7	141.5
December	133.0	144.5	147.2	157.9	145.4	134.8	157.4	155.5	131.6	136.5	138.5	144.2	142.8
January	134.9	146.9	147.8	160.6	147.0	137.0	157.0	155.6	132.8	135.0	140.4	145.9	144.3
February	137.7	148.5	148.5	162.0	148.1	138.7	159.8	156.4	133.5	137.2	142.4	147.4	145.9
March	138.7	149.8	149.6	164.3	149.4	140.1	160.5	157.1	135.0	139.2	143.2	148.7	147.2
April	141.7	151.7	150.3	168.3	159.5	142.2	163.3	167.1	137.3	143.6	153.0	154.4	153.3
May	142.6	154.8	152.7	173.8	165.8	148.8	165.7	171.9	142.3	146.3	159.4	159.2	158.1
June	144.6	161.1	158.3	r179.4	r169.1	r151.8	r168.7	178.0	r146.5	153.4	r163.4	r163.1	r162.3
1974-75													
July p	r150.5	r163.8	164.4	r182.6	r174.9	r152.3	167.7	r184.4	r150.7	155.0	r165.2	r167.6	r166.2
August p	152.8	168.6	167.6	186.5	176.9	154.7	166.9	185.0	152.5	154.8	166.1	170.1	168.2

(a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.

(b) The Wholesale Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

(c) All groups excluding Electrical installation materials and Mechanical services components.

p - preliminary, subject to revision. r - revised.

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