

Reference No. 9.6

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING MARCH 1975

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Percentage change between -

	Feb. 75 and March 75	March 74 and March 75
State Capital Cities		
Sydney	+1.2	+26.1
Melbourne	+1.0	+25.1
Brisbane	+1.1	+28.3
Adelaide	+1.1	+27.4
Perth	+1.5	+27.0
Hobart	+1.9	+30.3
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+1.1	+26.5

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

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.

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

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 for the "All groups" level of the index, the percentage changes for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

TABLE 1 - PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

Group	Percentage change from previous periods	
	Percentage change between -	
	Feb. 75 and March 75	March 74 and March 75
Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	+0.8	+25.0
Cement products	+0.5	+27.2
Bricks, stone, etc.	+1.8	+24.1
Timber, board and joinery	+1.0	+20.9
Steel and iron products	+0.8	+26.7
Aluminium products	+1.0	+ 0.3
Other metal products	+1.1	+31.8
Plumbing fixtures	+3.7	+27.1
Miscellaneous materials	+2.1	+15.9
Electrical installation materials	+2.6	+31.1
Mechanical services components	+0.8	+26.5
All groups	+1.1	

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	145.8
1973-74							
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	160.1	165.0	166.9	162.2	158.1	158.9	162.3
1974-75							
July	163.9	168.5	171.0	167.0	162.9	163.5	166.2
August	165.8	170.3	174.7	168.5	165.8	166.2	168.5
September	168.2	172.2	177.7	171.6	167.4	169.3	170.8
October	170.5	174.8	180.6	175.9	170.4	172.4	173.5
November	172.9	176.8	183.2	178.0	172.5	174.7	175.8
December	175.1	179.2	184.9	179.9	174.6	177.7	177.9
January	177.9	r181.4	188.1	r182.7	r177.8	181.2	180.7
February p	r180.9	r184.9	191.5	r186.2	r182.1	183.8	r184.1
March p	183.0	186.7	193.7	188.2	184.9	187.3	186.2

(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	136.6	171.1	158.5	137.5	138.3	143.7	144.8	144.1
1973-74													
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	176.1	159.9	150.2	182.6	178.8	151.6	153.4	163.3	160.3	160.1
1974-75													
July	159.0	161.5	160.6	177.5	165.2	150.8	184.0	181.8	154.6	155.0	166.1	164.7	163.9
August	160.2	168.5	163.9	179.8	166.4	156.6	183.8	182.2	156.2	154.8	167.9	166.7	165.8
September	160.8	175.1	167.8	186.2	168.8	161.9	178.7	185.5	156.7	150.5	171.7	169.6	168.2
October	162.8	175.3	169.0	188.7	171.0	162.4	174.0	185.6	158.4	153.1	178.2	171.3	170.5
November	164.6	179.4	175.7	189.3	172.0	167.9	175.2	192.5	162.7	157.0	180.2	173.5	172.9
December	170.5	181.1	176.9	190.8	173.1	173.0	176.1	194.6	166.5	157.2	182.3	175.9	175.1
January	177.1	187.5	180.2	191.6	177.4	174.5	170.9	195.0	168.6	156.5	184.7	179.2	177.9
February p	183.0	191.0	180.9	194.1	r181.2	178.9	171.8	197.9	171.2	157.3	r186.1	r182.7	r180.9
March p	183.8	190.2	187.9	195.8	182.7	180.3	172.1	206.0	174.6	161.4	187.5	184.6	183.0
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	156.7	155.5	149.6	153.2	167.7	133.6	138.3	144.3	149.6	148.0
1973-74													
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	149.2
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	179.7	177.0	163.4	162.3	186.5	146.4	153.4	163.5	166.5	165.0
1974-75													
July	149.0	157.7	158.7	183.7	181.9	164.1	158.4	195.7	151.4	155.0	166.4	170.5	168.5
August	153.1	162.0	162.0	184.6	183.7	164.1	156.5	196.9	154.0	154.8	168.2	172.5	170.3
September	153.4	163.9	165.5	186.2	187.3	169.4	149.5	197.6	154.4	150.5	172.1	174.6	172.2
October	153.5	164.4	165.5	186.3	191.1	170.4	152.2	197.6	156.4	153.1	178.5	176.6	174.8
November	156.7	172.1	165.5	187.7	192.0	170.6	152.8	205.3	160.4	157.0	180.5	178.4	176.8
December	161.6	172.5	169.0	188.4	194.5	173.5	151.2	208.8	164.7	157.2	182.6	181.0	179.2
January	163.8	174.2	171.0	188.5	r199.2	r175.8	148.3	208.9	165.5	156.5	r185.1	r183.5	r181.4
February p	167.3	183.0	171.8	188.7	r206.2	r178.1	147.1	208.7	170.3	157.3	r186.4	r187.7	r184.9
March p	169.3	184.2	171.9	189.8	207.5	179.4	150.2	219.5	172.9	161.4	187.8	189.3	186.7

For footnotes and symbols see end of table.

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
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													
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	146.5	179.1	171.9	195.4	189.2	145.4	151.6	187.3	138.1	155.0	166.1	173.6	171.0
August	147.7	184.2	175.7	206.2	193.7	146.9	150.7	187.5	139.5	154.8	168.1	178.0	174.7
September	148.0	191.5	182.6	206.4	198.3	156.5	151.7	188.5	141.4	150.5	172.4	181.5	177.7
October	148.0	194.7	190.5	205.5	201.4	163.1	151.6	190.0	143.0	153.1	178.8	183.9	180.6
November	160.2	196.3	191.9	206.2	202.4	163.7	149.4	201.0	143.6	157.0	180.9	186.4	183.2
December	160.3	200.2	192.8	206.7	203.1	171.6	149.4	201.4	150.1	157.2	183.0	188.2	184.9
January	164.5	201.7	193.0	209.5	209.3	173.1	148.5	202.4	152.8	156.5	185.6	192.0	188.1
February p	169.4	202.6	193.5	212.1	214.9	178.1	150.4	202.4	155.6	157.3	186.9	196.0	191.5
March p	170.4	202.8	193.0	215.6	216.5	182.1	152.3	208.5	159.8	161.4	188.3	198.1	193.7
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													
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	139.9	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	141.9	173.5	176.3	195.7	171.9	152.0	156.2	189.1	155.3	155.0	166.2	168.6	167.0
August	143.1	175.4	180.9	195.7	173.2	152.1	161.2	189.2	157.6	154.8	168.1	170.1	168.5
September	150.6	180.9	180.9	198.3	178.0	156.6	157.7	193.1	157.9	150.5	171.9	173.8	171.6
October	151.4	181.1	191.9	203.1	182.8	162.2	159.1	193.1	159.5	153.1	178.7	177.9	175.9
November	151.4	185.7	191.7	207.5	183.9	162.3	160.8	202.2	163.9	157.0	180.7	179.8	178.0
December	151.4	194.9	193.5	208.6	185.4	165.2	160.8	210.8	168.5	157.2	182.9	181.9	179.9
January	152.4	198.1	193.5	216.9	189.5	165.7	161.3	210.8	168.7	156.5	185.4	185.1	182.7
February p	163.0	199.2	193.8	218.1	194.4	169.5	159.8	211.9	172.7	157.3	186.7	189.3	186.2
March p	164.3	206.5	193.8	220.8	195.5	169.5	161.5	212.6	177.2	161.4	188.1	191.1	188.2

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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, and, 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
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													
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	131.7	157.9	171.6	171.0	180.7	141.5	158.7	151.8	141.7	155.0	166.1	163.4	162.9
August	135.0	158.0	171.8	178.4	183.6	143.2	155.6	152.4	147.0	154.8	168.0	166.2	165.8
September	135.0	160.4	171.8	179.4	187.6	145.6	151.1	152.7	147.7	150.5	172.0	168.6	167.4
October	135.0	161.7	173.3	180.6	191.9	149.5	150.7	153.2	149.6	153.1	178.5	171.0	170.4
November	135.0	162.7	182.3	182.7	193.4	149.5	151.9	155.2	152.0	157.0	180.5	173.0	172.5
December	136.4	165.8	188.2	186.4	194.2	153.6	152.0	156.2	157.2	157.2	182.6	175.3	174.6
January	136.4	168.7	188.3	188.9	201.5	157.8	149.7	156.3	157.5	156.5	185.2	178.9	177.8
February p	151.3	176.3	188.5	189.0	207.1	163.7	146.0	161.9	159.9	157.3	186.4	184.0	182.1
March p	153.3	178.0	193.6	191.8	209.8	165.9	151.1	165.5	164.1	161.4	188.0	187.0	184.9
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													
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	144.4	168.6	180.4	177.9	174.3	128.8	163.1	177.6	138.9	155.0	166.2	163.9	163.5
August	145.0	169.4	189.4	180.3	177.7	133.2	162.5	178.3	143.0	154.8	167.9	167.1	166.2
September	146.5	174.3	189.4	183.3	183.5	137.0	161.8	178.3	147.3	150.5	171.7	171.0	169.3
October	147.6	175.8	190.9	183.9	187.0	139.2	165.1	178.3	153.2	153.1	178.1	173.4	172.4
November	151.8	179.1	191.5	187.9	187.6	142.0	165.5	186.1	156.0	157.0	180.5	175.6	174.7
December	155.6	180.7	198.1	190.5	188.9	151.3	171.2	191.4	162.0	157.2	182.6	179.1	177.7
January	155.7	180.9	200.8	190.6	197.9	151.5	173.3	192.7	164.9	156.5	185.0	183.2	181.2
February p	161.4	180.9	202.3	191.6	201.9	153.7	173.1	192.7	168.6	157.3	186.4	186.3	183.8
March p	163.9	183.0	203.2	193.5	207.4	159.2	173.2	195.0	172.8	161.4	187.8	190.0	187.3

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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	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	148.8	138.4	158.5	159.6	134.2	138.3	143.9	147.0	145.8
1973-74													
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	179.4	169.1	151.8	168.7	178.0	146.5	153.4	163.4	163.1	162.3
1974-75													
July	150.5	163.8	164.4	182.6	174.9	152.3	167.7	184.4	150.1	155.0	166.2	167.6	166.2
August	152.8	168.6	167.9	185.8	176.9	155.2	167.2	185.0	152.5	154.8	168.0	170.1	168.5
September	153.7	173.5	171.4	189.2	180.5	160.7	162.7	187.0	153.2	150.5	171.9	172.9	170.8
October	154.7	174.3	173.9	190.7	183.6	162.9	161.7	187.3	155.1	153.1	178.4	175.0	173.5
November	158.0	178.9	177.5	192.1	184.7	165.3	162.2	194.6	158.6	157.0	180.5	177.2	175.8
December	161.9	181.3	179.9	193.4	186.1	170.1	162.5	197.6	163.2	157.2	182.5	179.5	177.9
January	165.8	185.1	181.8	195.1	r191.1	r171.9	159.4	198.0	r164.7	156.5	r185.1	182.7	180.7
February p	172.0	189.6	182.5	196.7	r196.2	r175.8	r159.3	r199.7	r168.1	157.3	r186.4	r186.6	r184.1
March p	173.4	190.5	185.7	198.6	197.8	177.5	161.0	207.0	171.6	161.4	187.8	188.6	186.2

(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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