



### PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND DARWIN JANUARY 1984

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#### MAIN FEATURES

|                                                 | Change between—           |                           |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                                                 | Dec. 83<br>and<br>Jan. 84 | Jan. 83<br>and<br>Jan. 84 |
| All groups index                                | %                         | %                         |
| Weighted average<br>of six State capital cities | +0.3                      | +5.8                      |
| Sydney                                          | +0.1                      | +5.2                      |
| Melbourne                                       | +0.6                      | +5.8                      |
| Brisbane                                        | +0.7                      | +7.8                      |
| Adelaide                                        | +0.4                      | +5.8                      |
| Perth                                           | +0.4                      | +5.6                      |
| Hobart                                          | +0.1                      | +8.0                      |
| Darwin                                          | +0.8                      | +6.7                      |

The change in the All groups index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities between December 1983 and January 1984 resulted mainly from small price increases for a wide range of materials.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### Introduction

This publication contains the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building on reference base 1979-80 = 100.0 for the six State capital cities and 1981-82 = 100.0 for Darwin. The Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication contains a more detailed description of the index and its relationship with previous indexes. A detailed description of the previous index is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973*.

##### Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses. It includes 68 items for the six State capital cities and 64 items for Darwin, which are combined into 10 industry of origin groups and an 'All groups' index. Table 1 presents 'All groups' index numbers for the weighted average of the six State capital cities and for each of the cities separately. Although many of the selected materials are also used in house 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 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.

##### Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. For the six State capital cities the items were selected and allocated weights in accordance with the estimated average values of materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses commenced in the six State capital cities in the three years ended June 1977. The same weighting pattern is used for each of the six capital cities. Copies of the weighting patterns for the 'All groups' index and the indexes in Table 5 of this publication are available from the ABS on request.

4. The weighting patterns for the Darwin index are based on the same information used to construct the weighting patterns for the other capital cities, adjusted to account for differences in material usage and differences in price levels between Darwin and the other cities. The list of selected items as well as the weights of the items for Darwin are slightly different from those for the other capital cities. Copies of the weighting patterns for Darwin for the 'All groups' index and the indexes in Table 7 are available on request from the ABS.

5. The weighting patterns referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 are applied to local price measures for calculating index numbers for each capital city.

##### Classifications used

6. For the weighted average of the six State capital cities the selected materials have been combined into broad groups on an *industry of origin* basis. Table 2

presents index numbers for groups defined in terms of the Groups (3 digit-level) of the 1978 edition of the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC); the percentage contributions for individual materials and groups are shown in Table A1 of the Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication. The 'industry of origin' is not necessarily identical with the industry which supplies the materials to builders. The 'industry of origin' is the industry in which the material is *primarily produced*, determined in accordance with the classification rules of the ASIC. For instance, many of the materials are sold to builders by wholesalers, but the materials are classified to the appropriate producing industries, rather than the wholesale trading industries. Some materials used in constructing buildings in Australia are imported. Imported materials are allocated to the same industry of origin as Australian produced materials.

### Prices

7. Prices are collected at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or the nearest trading day. They relate to specified standards of each material 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. 'delivered to electrical contractor's store'. Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city. As far as possible, *actual transaction prices* are used in the index as distinct from 'list prices'.

8. Sales taxes levied on building materials are included in the prices used to compile the index. Materials used in the construction of Commonwealth, State and Local Government owned buildings are exempt from sales tax; materials used in most non-government 'health' and 'education' buildings are also exempt. At any particular time when there is a change in the rate of sales tax on building materials, the movement in the index takes into account the proportion of materials sold subject to sales tax and the proportion of materials exempt from sales tax.

9. The appendix to the September 1983 issue explains more fully the treatment of sales tax. The conversion factors published in Tables 1 and 2 of that Appendix allow users, if they wish to do so, to convert published index numbers for September 1983 and subsequent months to either include the full effects of sales tax changes or exclude entirely the effects of sales tax changes. Conversion factors for the period September 1981 to August 1982, September 1982 to August 1983, and September 1983 and subsequent months are available from the ABS on request.

10. The Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication contains detailed explanations of:

- (a) treatment of discounts
- (b) measurement of price change for materials supplied to individual order.

### Index numbers for selected materials

11. Table 3 contains index numbers for selected materials used in constructing buildings other than houses for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. In general these indexes relate to either single items

or combinations of items as shown in the weighting pattern published in Table A1 of the Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication. Table 4 contains index numbers for selected major materials for each State capital city separately. Table 6 contains corresponding index numbers for Darwin.

### Index numbers for special combinations of materials

12. Table 5 contains index numbers for the following special combinations of materials, for each State capital city and the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

- (a) 'All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services components'. This index series is a continuation of the series described as the 'Special purpose' index in publications prior to the February 1981 issue.
- (b) 'Electrical materials'. This index series is a continuation of the 'Electrical installation materials' series previously released in the publication *Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials* (6409.0) discontinued in February 1981.
- (c) 'Mechanical services components'.
- (d) 'Plumbing materials'.

Table 7 contains corresponding index numbers for Darwin.

### Percentage changes

13. Table 1 shows price movements expressed in terms of percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes, with reference to Table 1.

Weighted average of six State capital cities—

Index number as at January 1984—149.4

Index number as at December 1983—148.9

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{149.4 - 148.9}{148.9} \times 100 = +0.3\%$$

### Interpretation

14. The indexes are subject to frequent uneven short term changes which do not necessarily indicate changes in trend. As a result changes in index numbers for individual months should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods.

15. The separate city indexes measure price movements over time in each capital city individually. They do not measure differences in price levels between cities.

16. Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of monthly index numbers. All index numbers for the months of the current financial year are preliminary and subject to revision.

### Related publications

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

*Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (6408.0)—issued monthly

*Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry, Australia* (6411.0)—issued monthly

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

*Price Indexes of Metallic Materials, Australia (6410.0)*—issued monthly

18. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

*Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, (6312.0)*—issued monthly

*Average Weekly Earnings, Australia (6302.0)*—issued quarterly

19. 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.

#### Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary—figures subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- r figures revised since previous issue

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TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING—ALL GROUPS

|                                                   | Weighted<br>average of<br>six State<br>capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Darwin        |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|---------------|
| INDEX NUMBERS                                     |                                                       |        |           |          |          |       |        |               |
| Base Year:                                        | 1979-80=100.0                                         |        |           |          |          |       |        | 1981-82=100.0 |
| 1980-81                                           | 112.9                                                 | 113.1  | 112.7     | 113.2    | 113.8    | 112.2 | 111.6  | n.a.          |
| 1981-82                                           | 125.4                                                 | 126.6  | 123.6     | 126.3    | 127.4    | 123.8 | 122.9  | 100.0         |
| 1982-83                                           | 140.4                                                 | 142.1  | 136.7     | 142.2    | 144.5    | 139.1 | 136.3  | 111.3         |
| 1982-83—<br>December                              | 140.2                                                 | 142.1  | 136.2     | 141.6    | 144.9    | 139.3 | 135.8  | 110.7         |
| January                                           | 141.2                                                 | 142.8  | 137.5     | 143.1    | 145.8    | 140.0 | 136.0  | 111.9         |
| February                                          | 141.6                                                 | 143.3  | 137.8     | 143.4    | 146.2    | 140.3 | 136.8  | 112.6         |
| March                                             | 142.3                                                 | 143.8  | 138.6     | 144.8    | 147.2    | 140.6 | 138.4  | 113.2         |
| April                                             | 142.9                                                 | 144.4  | 139.0     | 145.9    | 147.8    | 140.3 | 139.4  | 114.0         |
| May                                               | 143.6                                                 | 144.9  | 139.6     | 147.0    | 148.3    | 141.6 | 140.6  | 114.6         |
| June                                              | 144.2                                                 | 145.7  | 139.9     | 147.4    | 149.1    | 142.8 | 142.0  | 114.8         |
| 1983-84—<br>July p                                | 144.6                                                 | 146.0  | 140.2     | 147.8    | 149.3    | 143.3 | 142.6  | 115.8         |
| August p                                          | 145.1                                                 | 146.6  | 140.6     | 148.2    | 150.0    | 144.1 | 143.2  | 116.4         |
| September p                                       | 146.2                                                 | 147.7  | 141.6     | 149.9    | 151.1    | 145.0 | 144.3  | 117.3         |
| October p                                         | 147.4                                                 | 148.6  | 143.4     | 151.1    | 151.7    | 145.7 | 144.7  | 117.7         |
| November p                                        | 148.4                                                 | 149.6  | 144.2     | 152.4    | 152.9    | 147.2 | 146.3  | 118.2         |
| December p                                        | 148.9                                                 | 150.0  | 144.6     | 153.1    | 153.6    | 147.3 | 146.7  | 118.4         |
| January p                                         | 149.4                                                 | 150.2  | 145.5     | 154.2    | 154.2    | 147.9 | 146.9  | 119.4         |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGES                                |                                                       |        |           |          |          |       |        |               |
| Change from previous year—                        |                                                       |        |           |          |          |       |        |               |
| 1980-81                                           | +12.9                                                 | +13.1  | +12.7     | +13.2    | +13.8    | +12.2 | +11.6  | n.a.          |
| 1981-82                                           | +11.1                                                 | +9.7   | +11.6     | +12.0    | +10.3    | +10.1 | n.a.   | n.a.          |
| 1982-83                                           | +12.0                                                 | +12.2  | +10.6     | +12.6    | +13.4    | +12.4 | +10.9  | +11.3         |
| Change from corresponding month of previous year— |                                                       |        |           |          |          |       |        |               |
| 1982-83—<br>December                              | +14.2                                                 | +14.6  | +12.5     | +14.7    | +16.8    | +14.2 | +12.5  | +11.8         |
| January                                           | +13.0                                                 | +13.0  | +11.8     | +13.4    | +15.3    | +13.3 | +11.7  | +11.1         |
| February                                          | +11.0                                                 | +11.2  | +10.2     | +10.8    | +11.7    | +11.9 | +9.6   | +10.6         |
| March                                             | +9.6                                                  | +9.4   | +8.8      | +10.6    | +11.3    | +9.9  | +9.1   | +9.4          |
| April                                             | +9.1                                                  | +8.9   | +7.9      | +10.4    | +11.0    | +9.1  | +8.4   | +9.5          |
| May                                               | +8.7                                                  | +8.6   | +7.6      | +10.3    | +10.4    | +8.7  | +8.6   | +9.6          |
| June                                              | +7.9                                                  | +8.1   | +6.5      | +8.9     | +9.3     | +7.6  | +8.6   | +8.7          |
| 1983-84—<br>July p                                | +6.6                                                  | +6.6   | +5.0      | +8.4     | +8.3     | +6.1  | +8.3   | +7.6          |
| August p                                          | +6.0                                                  | +5.5   | +4.6      | +7.9     | +8.1     | +5.9  | +8.3   | +7.9          |
| September p                                       | +5.9                                                  | +5.4   | +4.8      | +8.2     | +7.1     | +5.8  | +8.3   | +7.7          |
| October p                                         | +6.3                                                  | +5.4   | +6.8      | +8.1     | +6.4     | +5.9  | +7.6   | +7.5          |
| November p                                        | +6.6                                                  | +5.9   | +7.1      | +8.4     | +6.3     | +6.3  | +8.2   | +7.5          |
| December p                                        | +6.2                                                  | +5.6   | +6.2      | +8.1     | +6.0     | +5.7  | +8.0   | +7.0          |
| January p                                         | +5.8                                                  | +5.2   | +5.8      | +7.8     | +5.8     | +5.6  | +8.0   | +6.7          |
| Change from previous month—                       |                                                       |        |           |          |          |       |        |               |
| 1982-83—<br>December                              | +0.7                                                  | +0.6   | +1.1      | +0.7     | +0.7     | +0.6  | +0.4   | +0.6          |
| January                                           | +0.7                                                  | +0.5   | +1.0      | +1.1     | +0.6     | +0.5  | +0.1   | +1.1          |
| February                                          | +0.3                                                  | +0.4   | +0.2      | +0.2     | +0.3     | +0.2  | +0.6   | +0.6          |
| March                                             | +0.5                                                  | +0.3   | +0.6      | +1.0     | +0.7     | +0.2  | +1.2   | +0.5          |
| April                                             | +0.4                                                  | +0.4   | +0.3      | +0.8     | +0.4     | +0.2  | +0.7   | +0.7          |
| May                                               | +0.5                                                  | +0.3   | +0.4      | +0.8     | +0.3     | +0.9  | +0.9   | +0.5          |
| June                                              | +0.4                                                  | +0.6   | +0.2      | +0.3     | +0.5     | +0.6  | +1.0   | +0.2          |
| 1983-84—<br>July p                                | +0.3                                                  | +0.2   | +0.2      | +0.3     | +0.1     | +0.4  | +0.4   | +0.9          |
| August p                                          | +0.3                                                  | +0.4   | +0.3      | +0.3     | +0.5     | +0.6  | +0.4   | +0.5          |
| September p                                       | +0.8                                                  | +0.8   | +0.7      | +1.1     | +0.7     | +0.6  | +0.8   | +0.8          |
| October p                                         | +0.8                                                  | +0.6   | +1.3      | +0.8     | +0.4     | +0.5  | +0.3   | +0.3          |
| November p                                        | +0.7                                                  | +0.7   | +0.6      | +0.9     | +0.8     | +1.0  | +1.1   | +0.4          |
| December p                                        | +0.3                                                  | +0.3   | +0.3      | +0.5     | +0.5     | +0.1  | +0.3   | +0.2          |
| January p                                         | +0.3                                                  | +0.1   | +0.6      | +0.7     | +0.4     | +0.4  | +0.1   | +0.8          |

TABLE 2. INDEX NUMBERS BASED ON AUSTRALIAN STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (ASIC)  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

| Value weight(a)  | Selected ASIC Groups         |                                      |                                    |                            |                                 |                            |                                       |                                           |                                          |        | All groups |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|--------|------------|
|                  | Wood and wood products (253) | Clay products and refractories (286) | Cement and concrete products (287) | Basic iron and steel (294) | Structural metal products (314) | Sheet metal products (315) | Other fabricated metal products (316) | Appliances and electrical equipment (335) | Industrial machinery and equipment (336) | Other  |            |
|                  | 7.97%                        | 4.16%                                | 15.42%                             | 4.69%                      | 29.24%                          | 3.68%                      | 2.77%                                 | 9.70%                                     | 8.79%                                    | 13.58% | 100.00%    |
| 1980-81          | 114.3                        | 114.3                                | 113.0                              | 113.2                      | 113.9                           | 114.5                      | 112.9                                 | 109.8                                     | 111.2                                    | 112.6  | 112.9      |
| 1981-82          | 126.5                        | 126.8                                | 125.2                              | 126.6                      | 126.4                           | 130.3                      | 126.2                                 | 122.2                                     | 124.2                                    | 123.6  | 125.4      |
| 1982-83          | 140.2                        | 141.2                                | 143.4                              | 138.9                      | 138.3                           | 148.5                      | 142.5                                 | 138.5                                     | 142.3                                    | 139.2  | 140.4      |
| 1982-83—December | 139.5                        | 140.1                                | 142.3                              | 138.8                      | 138.7                           | 148.7                      | 141.1                                 | 139.7                                     | 142.2                                    | 138.7  | 140.2      |
| January          | 140.5                        | 141.9                                | 145.8                              | 138.9                      | 139.1                           | 149.2                      | 142.9                                 | 140.3                                     | 142.2                                    | 139.1  | 141.2      |
| February         | 140.7                        | 142.4                                | 146.1                              | 139.7                      | 139.1                           | 149.8                      | 144.2                                 | 140.3                                     | 142.5                                    | 140.5  | 141.6      |
| March            | 141.6                        | 144.0                                | 145.9                              | 140.9                      | 139.3                           | 150.5                      | 145.5                                 | 141.0                                     | 144.3                                    | 142.1  | 142.3      |
| April            | 142.4                        | 144.2                                | 145.2                              | 141.3                      | 139.1                           | 150.8                      | 147.1                                 | 142.0                                     | 147.2                                    | 143.5  | 142.9      |
| May              | 143.1                        | 144.6                                | 144.7                              | 141.5                      | 140.4                           | 151.4                      | 148.0                                 | 143.3                                     | 147.6                                    | 144.5  | 143.6      |
| June             | 143.7                        | 145.2                                | 145.0                              | 141.6                      | 141.4                           | 151.8                      | 148.8                                 | 144.7                                     | 147.5                                    | 145.0  | 144.2      |
| 1983-84—July p   | 143.9                        | 146.3                                | 144.7                              | 141.7                      | 141.6                           | 153.3                      | 152.0                                 | 144.9                                     | 147.6                                    | 145.7  | 144.6      |
| August p         | 145.6                        | 147.2                                | 144.5                              | 142.7                      | 142.1                           | 154.2                      | 153.3                                 | 144.8                                     | 147.7                                    | 146.4  | 145.1      |
| September p      | 146.4                        | 149.1                                | 144.2                              | 142.7                      | 142.9                           | 166.2                      | 154.1                                 | 147.1                                     | 148.8                                    | 146.6  | 146.2      |
| October p        | 147.3                        | 149.6                                | 147.1                              | 143.2                      | 144.3                           | 167.9                      | 154.6                                 | 146.6                                     | 150.3                                    | 146.7  | 147.4      |
| November p       | 149.0                        | 150.5                                | 149.4                              | 145.8                      | 145.1                           | 168.5                      | 155.3                                 | 146.4                                     | 150.8                                    | 147.4  | 148.4      |
| December p       | 149.8                        | 151.1                                | 149.5                              | 147.0                      | 145.2                           | 168.9                      | 155.6                                 | 147.7                                     | 151.0                                    | 148.0  | 148.9      |
| January p        | 150.1                        | 151.7                                | 151.0                              | 147.6                      | 145.2                           | 169.2                      | 156.5                                 | 148.5                                     | 151.2                                    | 149.1  | 149.4      |

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year 1979-80, see paragraph 3 of Explanatory notes.

TABLE 3. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

| Material                                                               | 1982-83 |         | 1982-83 |       |       |       |       |       |       |        | 1983-84  |         |        |        |        |         |  |  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|---------|--|--|
|                                                                        | 1981-82 | 1982-83 | Dec.    | Jan.  | Feb.  | Mar.  | Apr.  | May   | June  | July p | August p | Sept. p | Oct. p | Nov. p | Dec. p | Jan. p  |  |  |
| Structural timber                                                      | 123.4   | 134.0   | 132.0   | 133.5 | 134.3 | 135.7 | 137.2 | 138.2 | 139.7 | 140.2  | 141.2    | 141.9   | 142.3  | 143.3  | 145.1  | 145.6 * |  |  |
| Hardwood                                                               | 129.8   | 141.1   | 139.4   | 141.7 | 142.2 | 143.0 | 143.4 | 143.4 | 145.1 | 145.6  | 146.8    | 147.2   | 148.4  | 149.6  | 152.0  | 152.7   |  |  |
| Softwood                                                               | 111.8   | 121.4   | 118.6   | 118.9 | 120.1 | 122.5 | 126.1 | 128.9 | 130.0 | 130.4  | 131.1    | 132.5   | 131.4  | 132.0  | 132.6  | 132.8   |  |  |
| Plywood, hardboard and softboard                                       | 123.4   | 138.7   | 138.7   | 138.8 | 138.5 | 141.1 | 141.8 | 142.0 | 142.6 | 143.1  | 143.3    | 144.9   | 146.4  | 147.0  | 147.4  | 147.8   |  |  |
| Joinery products(a)                                                    | 127.7   | 142.0   | 141.6   | 142.5 | 142.6 | 143.4 | 143.9 | 144.5 | 144.9 | 145.1  | 147.0    | 147.8   | 148.7  | 150.8  | 151.3  | 151.5   |  |  |
| Clay bricks                                                            | 128.3   | 145.5   | 144.9   | 146.6 | 146.6 | 148.6 | 148.6 | 148.6 | 148.6 | 148.7  | 149.7    | 152.5   | 152.5  | 153.7  | 154.1  | 154.6   |  |  |
| Earthenware pipes and fittings                                         | 135.5   | 154.4   | 151.9   | 155.9 | 157.7 | 157.8 | 157.8 | 159.9 | 159.9 | 159.9  | 165.9    | 166.2   | 166.3  | 166.3  | 173.5  | 179.9   |  |  |
| Ceramic tiles                                                          | 117.0   | 120.2   | 118.6   | 118.6 | 120.0 | 121.1 | 122.1 | 123.2 | 126.0 | 126.0  | 126.6    | 127.2   | 129.2  | 129.5  | 129.6  | 129.6   |  |  |
| Toilet suites and hand basins                                          | 130.8   | 144.6   | 142.1   | 147.5 | 148.4 | 148.8 | 149.0 | 149.9 | 151.0 | 157.8  | 159.1    | 159.1   | 160.0  | 160.4  | 159.4  | 159.1   |  |  |
| Cement                                                                 | 132.1   | 152.3   | 150.0   | 157.1 | 157.3 | 157.3 | 157.3 | 157.3 | 156.8 | 156.8  | 157.2    | 157.9   | 161.0  | 163.3  | 163.3  | 161.9   |  |  |
| Ready mixed concrete                                                   | 123.7   | 143.3   | 141.7   | 146.3 | 146.5 | 146.2 | 145.1 | 144.3 | 144.7 | 144.3  | 143.9    | 143.3   | 147.1  | 149.1  | 149.0  | 151.0   |  |  |
| Precast concrete products                                              | 125.4   | 141.1   | 141.4   | 142.2 | 142.5 | 142.9 | 143.0 | 143.5 | 143.8 | 144.2  | 144.4    | 144.6   | 146.0  | 149.5  | 149.5  | 150.2   |  |  |
| Concrete masonry blocks                                                | 134.3   | 146.4   | 147.0   | 146.6 | 147.2 | 145.6 | 146.2 | 145.0 | 144.3 | 142.7  | 143.1    | 143.2   | 142.2  | 142.9  | 144.7  | 144.9   |  |  |
| Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.                               | 127.3   | 138.7   | 138.7   | 138.7 | 140.3 | 141.0 | 140.9 | 140.5 | 139.9 | 139.8  | 141.7    | 141.4   | 141.6  | 145.5  | 147.0  | 147.2   |  |  |
| Cast iron pipes and fittings                                           | 129.2   | 148.9   | 146.7   | 147.1 | 147.8 | 148.5 | 153.2 | 156.0 | 156.8 | 157.5  | 157.6    | 157.8   | 159.0  | 159.0  | 159.1  | 159.2   |  |  |
| Structural steel                                                       | 128.1   | 138.9   | 139.9   | 139.8 | 139.7 | 139.2 | 138.1 | 138.9 | 138.6 | 138.3  | 138.6    | 139.6   | 140.5  | 141.2  | 141.3  | 141.5   |  |  |
| Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh                                 | 126.4   | 139.0   | 139.5   | 140.2 | 140.5 | 140.9 | 140.6 | 143.3 | 146.0 | 146.2  | 147.4    | 148.4   | 149.8  | 149.9  | 149.9  | 149.9   |  |  |
| Aluminium windows                                                      | 126.3   | 138.0   | 138.0   | 138.1 | 138.2 | 139.3 | 139.5 | 140.7 | 142.1 | 142.6  | 143.2    | 144.5   | 147.0  | 148.0  | 148.1  | 148.7   |  |  |
| Aluminium screens, doors, louvres and other fabricated products        | 128.4   | 142.4   | 142.4   | 142.7 | 143.1 | 144.1 | 144.1 | 145.3 | 146.7 | 148.1  | 148.9    | 150.2   | 153.2  | 153.8  | 154.3  | 154.5   |  |  |
| Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc.                                    | 127.8   | 142.3   | 142.8   | 142.9 | 143.0 | 142.9 | 143.3 | 143.6 | 145.6 | 146.2  | 146.2    | 146.7   | 147.6  | 149.7  | 150.0  | 150.2   |  |  |
| Urinals, baths and sinks                                               | 127.0   | 137.0   | 136.6   | 136.5 | 136.8 | 137.8 | 139.4 | 141.1 | 142.1 | 142.8  | 142.8    | 143.2   | 146.1  | 146.4  | 147.1  | 147.4   |  |  |
| Builders' hardware (e.g. hinges, catches, handles, bolts, nails, etc.) | 127.7   | 144.7   | 143.5   | 144.9 | 146.6 | 147.5 | 149.1 | 149.5 | 150.4 | 152.6  | 152.9    | 153.6   | 154.5  | 156.4  | 156.7  | 158.1   |  |  |
| Sand, aggregate and filling                                            | 140.2   | 167.4   | 167.2   | 168.0 | 168.3 | 170.5 | 171.3 | 171.3 | 171.7 | 173.3  | 174.6    | 174.8   | 174.8  | 179.0  | 178.8  | 179.4   |  |  |
| Carpet                                                                 | 121.1   | 126.6   | 126.4   | 126.4 | 127.3 | 127.7 | 127.9 | 128.1 | 128.4 | 128.4  | 128.5    | 130.2   | 130.2  | 130.2  | 130.2  | 130.3   |  |  |
| Paint                                                                  | 129.9   | 151.1   | 150.2   | 150.2 | 152.8 | 156.1 | 156.4 | 156.9 | 156.9 | 156.9  | 158.3    | 160.1   | 161.2  | 163.6  | 164.1  | 166.8   |  |  |
| Asphalt                                                                | 136.9   | 159.3   | 158.9   | 159.2 | 160.7 | 161.6 | 162.0 | 162.7 | 162.7 | 163.5  | 163.8    | 164.1   | 165.0  | 165.0  | 165.0  | 165.0   |  |  |
| Glass                                                                  | 123.8   | 135.7   | 135.3   | 135.5 | 136.2 | 136.5 | 137.1 | 137.1 | 137.5 | 137.6  | 137.8    | 136.1   | 136.7  | 137.8  | 138.2  | 138.4   |  |  |
| Plaster and plaster products                                           | 127.1   | 145.4   | 142.8   | 143.3 | 149.0 | 149.0 | 149.1 | 150.1 | 151.2 | 151.3  | 151.6    | 151.9   | 152.5  | 153.2  | 153.2  | 153.3   |  |  |
| Asbestos cement products                                               | 128.5   | 143.3   | 144.9   | 146.2 | 146.2 | 146.2 | 146.2 | 146.6 | 148.5 | 149.0  | 149.0    | 149.0   | 149.0  | 149.0  | 149.5  | 153.1   |  |  |
| Non-ferrous pipes                                                      | 95.2    | 106.0   | 104.1   | 104.7 | 106.8 | 109.7 | 112.9 | 116.5 | 116.2 | 116.4  | 115.9    | 115.2   | 112.1  | 110.7  | 113.3  | 112.6   |  |  |
| Vinyl sheet and tiles                                                  | 117.6   | 125.5   | 126.2   | 125.6 | 125.9 | 126.1 | 127.8 | 128.9 | 130.0 | 130.4  | 131.3    | 132.4   | 132.5  | 133.2  | 133.4  | 135.3   |  |  |

(a) Includes built in furniture, partitions, ready made windows and doors, and other joinery.

TABLE 4. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

|                      | Structural<br>timber | Clay<br>bricks | Ready<br>mixed<br>concrete | Precast<br>concrete<br>products | Galvanised<br>steel<br>decking,<br>cladding,<br>etc. | Structural<br>steel | Reinforcing<br>steel<br>bar,<br>fabric<br>and<br>mesh | Aluminium<br>windows | Steel<br>windows,<br>doors,<br>louvers,<br>etc. | Builders'<br>hardware | Sand,<br>aggregate<br>and<br>filling | Carpet | Paint | Non-<br>ferrous<br>pipes |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------------------------|
| SYDNEY               |                      |                |                            |                                 |                                                      |                     |                                                       |                      |                                                 |                       |                                      |        |       |                          |
| 1980-81              | 109.1                | 112.1          | 113.5                      | 111.5                           | 113.9                                                | 114.0               | 113.8                                                 | 114.9                | 114.0                                           | 112.9                 | 126.0                                | 110.7  | 118.1 | 94.9                     |
| 1981-82              | 119.6                | 123.0          | 129.8                      | 127.2                           | 127.5                                                | 126.1               | 125.3                                                 | 131.9                | 130.4                                           | 126.7                 | 137.6                                | 120.8  | 128.1 | 94.7                     |
| 1982-83              | 132.8                | 134.6          | 133.6                      | 143.1                           | 142.3                                                | 136.6               | 138.5                                                 | 141.5                | 145.4                                           | 139.3                 | 194.1                                | 127.1  | 150.1 | 104.6                    |
| 1982-83—<br>December | 130.5                | 134.7          | 152.7                      | 143.8                           | 142.3                                                | 138.0               | 139.7                                                 | 140.7                | 145.9                                           | 136.4                 | 195.6                                | 126.8  | 148.7 | 102.0                    |
| January              | 131.8                | 134.7          | 155.9                      | 144.4                           | 142.3                                                | 137.8               | 139.7                                                 | 140.7                | 146.0                                           | 138.7                 | 195.6                                | 126.8  | 148.7 | 102.4                    |
| February             | 132.5                | 134.7          | 156.0                      | 144.6                           | 145.4                                                | 137.7               | 139.7                                                 | 141.1                | 146.0                                           | 142.2                 | 195.6                                | 128.2  | 153.1 | 105.1                    |
| March                | 133.8                | 135.4          | 155.6                      | 144.6                           | 145.4                                                | 137.7               | 139.7                                                 | 141.3                | 145.3                                           | 142.2                 | 195.6                                | 128.2  | 155.3 | 107.4                    |
| April                | 135.7                | 135.4          | 154.3                      | 145.0                           | 145.4                                                | 136.0               | 139.7                                                 | 142.0                | 145.7                                           | 144.6                 | 197.1                                | 128.6  | 155.8 | 111.9                    |
| May                  | 138.3                | 135.4          | 150.1                      | 145.3                           | 145.6                                                | 136.1               | 142.5                                                 | 146.3                | 145.8                                           | 144.6                 | 197.1                                | 128.6  | 156.0 | 115.0                    |
| June                 | 140.6                | 135.4          | 150.2                      | 145.3                           | 145.6                                                | 135.7               | 145.3                                                 | 147.4                | 150.4                                           | 145.3                 | 197.6                                | 128.6  | 156.0 | 113.8                    |
| 1983-84—<br>July p   | 140.6                | 135.4          | 149.9                      | 145.3                           | 145.6                                                | 136.3               | 145.4                                                 | 148.2                | 150.6                                           | 145.3                 | 197.6                                | 128.6  | 156.7 | 114.2                    |
| August p             | 140.6                | 136.6          | 150.2                      | 145.0                           | 148.6                                                | 136.0               | 145.4                                                 | 149.3                | 150.7                                           | 146.1                 | 199.8                                | 128.9  | 157.7 | 114.1                    |
| September p          | 141.2                | 137.5          | 149.9                      | 145.1                           | 148.6                                                | 136.5               | 146.4                                                 | 151.1                | 152.2                                           | 147.3                 | 199.8                                | 130.9  | 159.0 | 113.0                    |
| October p            | 139.9                | 137.5          | 153.4                      | 145.1                           | 148.6                                                | 136.9               | 146.8                                                 | 153.5                | 153.1                                           | 147.3                 | 199.8                                | 130.9  | 159.2 | 109.6                    |
| November p           | 139.1                | 137.5          | 155.2                      | 151.6                           | 153.5                                                | 137.3               | 146.8                                                 | 153.5                | 156.9                                           | 148.3                 | 205.7                                | 130.9  | 163.6 | 107.9                    |
| December p           | 139.6                | 138.6          | 155.2                      | 151.6                           | 155.6                                                | 137.3               | 146.8                                                 | 153.5                | 157.2                                           | 148.3                 | 205.1                                | 130.9  | 164.7 | 111.5                    |
| January p            | 140.2                | 138.6          | 155.1                      | 152.4                           | 155.6                                                | 137.7               | 146.8                                                 | 153.5                | 156.5                                           | 148.4                 | 205.1                                | 130.9  | 167.5 | 112.0                    |
| MELBOURNE            |                      |                |                            |                                 |                                                      |                     |                                                       |                      |                                                 |                       |                                      |        |       |                          |
| 1980-81              | 116.0                | 115.8          | 115.2                      | 110.6                           | 112.7                                                | 113.5               | 115.9                                                 | 108.0                | 113.5                                           | 113.5                 | 110.1                                | 109.6  | 118.4 | 95.2                     |
| 1981-82              | 122.2                | 133.1          | 116.7                      | 121.3                           | 126.8                                                | 125.8               | 127.8                                                 | 119.7                | 124.2                                           | 128.1                 | 122.3                                | 118.1  | 131.2 | 96.2                     |
| 1982-83              | 127.0                | 160.7          | 128.4                      | 132.4                           | 129.3                                                | 132.2               | 138.4                                                 | 130.0                | 134.9                                           | 148.8                 | 141.0                                | 122.9  | 152.4 | 109.5                    |
| 1982-83—<br>December | 124.8                | 160.8          | 124.1                      | 132.2                           | 129.0                                                | 132.8               | 137.9                                                 | 128.9                | 135.2                                           | 148.6                 | 140.2                                | 122.8  | 151.6 | 107.6                    |
| January              | 128.4                | 160.6          | 132.3                      | 132.6                           | 128.2                                                | 132.5               | 139.8                                                 | 129.1                | 135.2                                           | 148.9                 | 141.7                                | 122.8  | 151.6 | 108.4                    |
| February             | 128.4                | 160.8          | 133.6                      | 132.9                           | 127.5                                                | 132.1               | 140.4                                                 | 129.1                | 135.2                                           | 149.7                 | 142.3                                | 123.7  | 153.2 | 110.8                    |
| March                | 130.0                | 166.7          | 133.0                      | 133.8                           | 129.4                                                | 130.7               | 141.1                                                 | 132.4                | 135.2                                           | 150.6                 | 142.3                                | 123.7  | 157.1 | 114.6                    |
| April                | 129.3                | 166.7          | 132.2                      | 133.8                           | 128.7                                                | 130.2               | 140.1                                                 | 132.4                | 135.6                                           | 152.4                 | 142.3                                | 123.9  | 157.1 | 116.9                    |
| May                  | 129.4                | 166.7          | 131.2                      | 134.5                           | 127.1                                                | 130.4               | 143.6                                                 | 132.4                | 135.7                                           | 152.7                 | 142.3                                | 123.9  | 158.9 | 121.5                    |
| June                 | 130.2                | 166.7          | 130.0                      | 135.0                           | 125.5                                                | 129.5               | 146.5                                                 | 133.7                | 135.9                                           | 154.5                 | 142.5                                | 123.9  | 158.9 | 120.5                    |
| 1983-84—<br>July p   | 131.2                | 166.7          | 128.9                      | 135.0                           | 123.9                                                | 128.8               | 147.2                                                 | 133.7                | 137.1                                           | 158.9                 | 147.8                                | 123.9  | 158.9 | 120.5                    |
| August p             | 133.3                | 167.7          | 126.6                      | 135.9                           | 125.3                                                | 128.8               | 151.1                                                 | 133.7                | 137.1                                           | 159.6                 | 149.2                                | 124.1  | 160.0 | 120.4                    |
| September p          | 134.1                | 174.2          | 122.7                      | 136.2                           | 125.3                                                | 131.0               | 151.1                                                 | 135.3                | 137.4                                           | 160.9                 | 149.6                                | 125.4  | 162.8 | 118.0                    |
| October p            | 136.9                | 174.2          | 128.6                      | 139.2                           | 125.3                                                | 132.5               | 154.2                                                 | 138.6                | 139.9                                           | 162.7                 | 149.7                                | 125.4  | 164.5 | 115.4                    |
| November p           | 138.7                | 176.5          | 129.5                      | 140.7                           | 128.8                                                | 133.4               | 154.1                                                 | 138.6                | 140.1                                           | 165.4                 | 154.0                                | 125.4  | 166.4 | 114.6                    |
| December p           | 142.5                | 176.5          | 129.7                      | 140.7                           | 128.8                                                | 133.4               | 154.1                                                 | 138.6                | 140.2                                           | 166.0                 | 154.0                                | 125.4  | 166.4 | 117.9                    |
| January p            | 143.3                | 176.5          | 134.0                      | 141.0                           | 129.5                                                | 133.4               | 154.1                                                 | 138.6                | 141.6                                           | 170.6                 | 154.3                                | 125.4  | 167.0 | 116.7                    |

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|                  | Structural timber | Clay bricks | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc. | Structural steel | Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | Aluminium windows | Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc. | Builders' hardware | Sand, aggregate and filling | Carpet | Paint | Non-ferrous pipes |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| BRISBANE         |                   |             |                      |                           |                                          |                  |                                        |                   |                                     |                    |                             |        |       |                   |
| 1980-81          | 116.7             | 114.9       | 110.8                | 112.0                     | 114.1                                    | 115.6            | 113.5                                  | 116.0             | 114.3                               | 113.5              | 123.6                       | 113.7  | 121.4 | 99.7              |
| 1981-82          | 129.1             | 130.0       | 120.9                | 125.7                     | 130.8                                    | 133.4            | 125.1                                  | 125.5             | 146.3                               | 127.8              | 126.2                       | 126.2  | 132.6 | 97.8              |
| 1982-83          | 137.8             | 142.4       | 143.8                | 147.3                     | 148.7                                    | 146.3            | 139.6                                  | 133.9             | 138.9                               | 147.6              | 181.6                       | 130.4  | 152.9 | 103.3             |
| 1982-83—December | 135.6             | 142.7       | 139.1                | 148.2                     | 148.5                                    | 146.7            | 139.8                                  | 136.1             | 140.2                               | 146.9              | 175.4                       | 130.7  | 152.5 | 103.5             |
| January          | 136.0             | 142.7       | 148.4                | 149.8                     | 148.5                                    | 146.7            | 140.1                                  | 134.9             | 140.2                               | 149.7              | 177.5                       | 130.7  | 152.5 | 104.4             |
| February         | 137.3             | 142.7       | 148.4                | 149.8                     | 152.2                                    | 146.4            | 140.2                                  | 133.6             | 139.8                               | 151.3              | 177.6                       | 130.7  | 153.3 | 104.4             |
| March            | 138.9             | 142.7       | 148.3                | 149.8                     | 152.9                                    | 146.5            | 141.7                                  | 133.6             | 140.6                               | 151.3              | 195.9                       | 130.7  | 157.8 | 105.2             |
| April            | 142.8             | 142.7       | 153.0                | 150.0                     | 152.9                                    | 146.5            | 141.7                                  | 133.6             | 141.6                               | 151.3              | 195.9                       | 130.7  | 157.8 | 106.2             |
| May              | 142.8             | 142.7       | 156.3                | 150.4                     | 152.9                                    | 148.2            | 145.3                                  | 130.8             | 143.1                               | 152.6              | 195.9                       | 130.7  | 157.8 | 108.1             |
| June             | 142.8             | 142.7       | 156.6                | 150.5                     | 151.5                                    | 148.7            | 146.1                                  | 133.5             | 143.8                               | 153.4              | 196.2                       | 130.7  | 157.8 | 108.7             |
| 1983-84—July p   | 144.0             | 142.7       | 156.8                | 150.5                     | 152.7                                    | 148.7            | 146.1                                  | 134.0             | 144.2                               | 153.4              | 196.2                       | 130.7  | 157.8 | 108.7             |
| August p         | 144.0             | 142.7       | 156.1                | 150.5                     | 154.9                                    | 150.1            | 146.4                                  | 134.0             | 144.2                               | 151.7              | 197.1                       | 130.7  | 159.2 | 109.6             |
| September p      | 144.7             | 142.7       | 160.0                | 151.0                     | 155.9                                    | 150.7            | 149.2                                  | 134.0             | 145.1                               | 150.7              | 197.1                       | 130.7  | 160.0 | 115.0             |
| October p        | 145.1             | 142.7       | 163.4                | 154.6                     | 156.9                                    | 152.6            | 149.7                                  | 137.2             | 144.3                               | 153.0              | 197.1                       | 130.7  | 162.2 | 115.0             |
| November p       | 147.6             | 147.0       | 164.8                | 154.6                     | 158.6                                    | 153.2            | 150.4                                  | 139.1             | 147.2                               | 153.3              | 200.3                       | 130.7  | 162.4 | 115.0             |
| December p       | 148.9             | 147.0       | 165.3                | 154.6                     | 162.3                                    | 153.7            | 150.4                                  | 139.5             | 148.1                               | 154.4              | 200.3                       | 130.7  | 162.4 | 113.5             |
| January p        | 148.9             | 147.0       | 171.8                | 157.3                     | 162.3                                    | 153.7            | 150.4                                  | 139.5             | 147.3                               | 154.4              | 202.2                       | 130.7  | 169.0 | 113.4             |
| ADELAIDE         |                   |             |                      |                           |                                          |                  |                                        |                   |                                     |                    |                             |        |       |                   |
| 1980-81          | 114.3             | 121.6       | 117.9                | 114.9                     | 113.1                                    | 116.2            | 115.6                                  | 114.5             | 116.3                               | 124.3              | 110.5                       | 122.6  | 91.8  |                   |
| 1981-82          | 127.2             | 138.9       | 135.9                | 133.1                     | 125.4                                    | 133.0            | 127.4                                  | 134.0             | 131.9                               | 137.4              | 114.9                       | 134.9  | 92.7  |                   |
| 1982-83          | 143.7             | 161.2       | 156.5                | 152.6                     | 140.8                                    | 150.9            | 140.6                                  | 157.9             | 149.4                               | 150.7              | 151.0                       | 118.9  | 160.0 | 103.9             |
| 1982-83—December | 142.3             | 156.2       | 158.4                | 153.0                     | 141.2                                    | 152.0            | 142.2                                  | 159.3             | 150.9                               | 151.1              | 153.4                       | 119.0  | 159.4 | 101.0             |
| January          | 142.3             | 168.8       | 158.9                | 153.5                     | 141.3                                    | 152.0            | 142.2                                  | 161.5             | 151.2                               | 151.2              | 153.4                       | 119.0  | 159.4 | 102.1             |
| February         | 142.3             | 168.8       | 159.2                | 154.2                     | 143.6                                    | 152.6            | 142.2                                  | 161.5             | 151.4                               | 150.4              | 153.4                       | 119.0  | 161.6 | 104.6             |
| March            | 144.7             | 168.8       | 160.7                | 154.8                     | 143.8                                    | 152.7            | 142.2                                  | 162.2             | 151.4                               | 153.4              | 153.7                       | 119.3  | 166.4 | 107.7             |
| April            | 147.8             | 168.8       | 160.5                | 154.8                     | 144.2                                    | 152.3            | 142.1                                  | 162.2             | 151.6                               | 154.8              | 153.7                       | 119.3  | 166.4 | 112.3             |
| May              | 147.8             | 168.9       | 160.3                | 155.7                     | 143.6                                    | 154.6            | 142.1                                  | 162.2             | 152.0                               | 154.8              | 153.7                       | 119.8  | 166.4 | 114.9             |
| June             | 151.5             | 168.9       | 160.3                | 156.3                     | 144.3                                    | 154.5            | 145.7                                  | 163.4             | 152.8                               | 155.3              | 153.7                       | 120.7  | 166.4 | 115.5             |
| 1983-84—July p   | 151.5             | 168.9       | 160.0                | 156.6                     | 145.4                                    | 151.3            | 145.9                                  | 163.4             | 153.2                               | 160.1              | 153.7                       | 120.7  | 165.1 | 115.6             |
| August p         | 152.8             | 168.9       | 159.7                | 156.6                     | 146.4                                    | 153.0            | 145.8                                  | 165.1             | 153.6                               | 160.1              | 153.7                       | 120.7  | 166.9 | 115.1             |
| September p      | 152.8             | 173.6       | 159.7                | 156.6                     | 146.4                                    | 152.9            | 147.7                                  | 165.1             | 155.4                               | 160.1              | 153.7                       | 124.4  | 167.8 | 112.8             |
| October p        | 152.9             | 174.0       | 159.5                | 158.2                     | 146.4                                    | 154.3            | 148.5                                  | 167.8             | 154.4                               | 160.1              | 153.7                       | 124.4  | 168.8 | 107.5             |
| November p       | 153.5             | 174.0       | 164.2                | 160.7                     | 149.2                                    | 154.4            | 148.5                                  | 167.8             | 154.7                               | 164.5              | 156.8                       | 124.4  | 170.3 | 105.1             |
| December p       | 156.8             | 174.1       | 164.1                | 160.7                     | 151.4                                    | 154.4            | 148.5                                  | 168.8             | 154.7                               | 164.5              | 156.8                       | 124.4  | 170.3 | 107.7             |
| January p        | 156.8             | 174.1       | 164.0                | 160.7                     | 151.4                                    | 154.4            | 148.5                                  | 174.2             | 156.1                               | 164.5              | 156.8                       | 124.4  | 172.5 | 107.7             |



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|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| PERTH            |                   |             |                      |                           |                                          |                  |                                        |                   |                                     |                    |                             |        |       |                   |
| 1980-81          | 116.9             | 110.3       | 105.7                | 109.6                     | 113.3                                    | 116.1            | 114.4                                  | 110.0             | 117.4                               | 113.4              | 122.6                       | 115.2  | 116.4 | 95.1              |
| 1981-82          | 129.1             | 121.4       | 115.6                | 119.7                     | 125.8                                    | 131.2            | 126.4                                  | 118.9             | 134.7                               | 125.1              | 131.8                       | 129.3  | 124.8 | 93.8              |
| 1982-83          | 143.8             | 130.0       | 138.4                | 136.4                     | 138.1                                    | 145.6            | 140.3                                  | 133.0             | 148.2                               | 142.8              | 159.4                       | 137.4  | 141.1 | 106.6             |
| 1982-83—December | 142.8             | 128.4       | 141.4                | 135.8                     | 138.3                                    | 147.1            | 140.2                                  | 134.6             | 148.0                               | 142.1              | 159.4                       | 135.9  | 140.2 | 105.0             |
| January          | 142.8             | 131.5       | 140.9                | 138.0                     | 140.3                                    | 147.1            | 141.3                                  | 134.6             | 148.1                               | 142.7              | 160.3                       | 135.9  | 140.2 | 105.6             |
| February         | 146.0             | 131.5       | 139.0                | 139.0                     | 140.0                                    | 147.1            | 141.8                                  | 134.6             | 149.2                               | 143.7              | 161.1                       | 137.5  | 142.6 | 107.5             |
| March            | 146.0             | 131.5       | 136.7                | 139.1                     | 140.0                                    | 146.0            | 142.9                                  | 134.6             | 149.1                               | 147.0              | 159.6                       | 140.9  | 144.9 | 110.6             |
| April            | 146.0             | 131.5       | 127.3                | 139.1                     | 141.8                                    | 143.4            | 142.9                                  | 134.6             | 149.7                               | 147.3              | 162.2                       | 140.9  | 145.7 | 114.6             |
| May              | 146.7             | 131.5       | 132.8                | 139.1                     | 141.8                                    | 145.5            | 144.5                                  | 134.6             | 149.7                               | 148.2              | 162.2                       | 142.0  | 145.7 | 119.6             |
| June             | 146.7             | 131.5       | 138.5                | 139.2                     | 141.3                                    | 145.7            | 146.8                                  | 135.9             | 150.4                               | 148.7              | 162.2                       | 143.6  | 145.7 | 121.7             |
| 1983-84—July p   | 147.1             | 131.5       | 138.6                | 142.6                     | 141.9                                    | 145.7            | 146.8                                  | 137.6             | 150.0                               | 152.1              | 162.2                       | 143.6  | 146.5 | 122.0             |
| August p         | 149.5             | 135.0       | 141.5                | 142.9                     | 141.8                                    | 146.0            | 146.8                                  | 137.6             | 150.3                               | 152.1              | 162.3                       | 143.6  | 148.4 | 116.9             |
| September p      | 151.3             | 135.7       | 142.4                | 142.9                     | 138.1                                    | 147.4            | 147.2                                  | 138.5             | 145.9                               | 152.1              | 162.7                       | 145.1  | 151.1 | 117.3             |
| October p        | 151.3             | 135.7       | 146.4                | 142.9                     | 139.2                                    | 146.9            | 149.1                                  | 139.3             | 146.6                               | 152.5              | 163.1                       | 145.1  | 153.6 | 112.0             |
| November p       | 154.9             | 135.7       | 149.9                | 146.0                     | 144.8                                    | 148.7            | 149.7                                  | 144.0             | 148.5                               | 155.1              | 163.1                       | 145.1  | 154.2 | 109.7             |
| December p       | 154.9             | 135.7       | 148.4                | 146.0                     | 144.8                                    | 149.0            | 149.9                                  | 144.0             | 149.2                               | 155.1              | 163.8                       | 145.1  | 154.2 | 111.8             |
| January p        | 154.9             | 140.2       | 148.2                | 146.0                     | 144.8                                    | 149.7            | 149.9                                  | 144.0             | 149.2                               | 155.1              | 165.9                       | 145.8  | 158.3 | 107.6             |
| HOBART           |                   |             |                      |                           |                                          |                  |                                        |                   |                                     |                    |                             |        |       |                   |
| 1980-81          | 113.9             | 104.7       | 107.2                | 113.0                     | 113.1                                    | 110.8            | 114.4                                  | 116.1             | 117.2                               | 117.2              | 108.3                       | 116.1  | 117.7 | 98.9              |
| 1981-82          | 123.2             | 119.0       | 113.9                | 137.7                     | 128.6                                    | 122.1            | 125.6                                  | 123.6             | 133.0                               | 128.5              | 113.4                       | 126.5  | 125.0 | 97.8              |
| 1982-83          | 130.9             | 136.1       | 127.2                | 154.8                     | 140.9                                    | 131.4            | 138.2                                  | 136.6             | 142.6                               | 142.7              | 123.6                       | 133.6  | 143.7 | 106.7             |
| 1982-83—December | 126.6             | 137.4       | 125.5                | 153.7                     | 139.9                                    | 131.0            | 138.2                                  | 136.2             | 141.0                               | 141.0              | 121.2                       | 133.5  | 143.7 | 104.8             |
| January          | 126.6             | 137.4       | 125.9                | 153.7                     | 139.9                                    | 131.0            | 138.2                                  | 136.2             | 141.0                               | 142.1              | 121.2                       | 134.6  | 143.7 | 104.8             |
| February         | 126.6             | 137.4       | 126.5                | 153.7                     | 144.6                                    | 131.0            | 138.2                                  | 138.2             | 143.9                               | 144.4              | 123.1                       | 134.6  | 145.2 | 106.7             |
| March            | 128.2             | 137.4       | 130.0                | 157.0                     | 145.1                                    | 132.2            | 138.6                                  | 138.2             | 144.3                               | 144.2              | 128.5                       | 134.6  | 146.6 | 109.6             |
| April            | 138.8             | 137.4       | 130.9                | 157.3                     | 143.4                                    | 132.5            | 138.6                                  | 139.5             | 145.8                               | 146.2              | 128.5                       | 134.9  | 148.7 | 113.0             |
| May              | 140.9             | 137.4       | 131.8                | 158.0                     | 143.4                                    | 133.1            | 142.1                                  | 139.5             | 145.8                               | 146.2              | 128.5                       | 134.9  | 148.7 | 117.1             |
| June             | 140.9             | 139.1       | 135.6                | 158.0                     | 143.4                                    | 134.0            | 146.4                                  | 140.4             | 147.3                               | 146.2              | 134.9                       | 134.9  | 149.0 | 118.3             |
| 1983-84—July p   | 140.9             | 139.4       | 135.7                | 158.2                     | 144.2                                    | 134.0            | 146.4                                  | 140.4             | 147.3                               | 147.9              | 136.4                       | 134.9  | 135.3 | 118.5             |
| August p         | 140.9             | 139.4       | 136.2                | 158.2                     | 145.7                                    | 134.0            | 147.3                                  | 142.9             | 149.9                               | 149.8              | 136.4                       | 135.5  | 144.2 | 118.7             |
| September p      | 142.5             | 139.9       | 136.8                | 158.2                     | 145.7                                    | 134.0            | 147.3                                  | 144.2             | 151.4                               | 151.0              | 137.1                       | 135.3  | 146.0 | 117.7             |
| October p        | 141.0             | 139.9       | 136.9                | 158.7                     | 145.7                                    | 134.0            | 149.4                                  | 145.7             | 151.2                               | 151.1              | 137.1                       | 135.7  | 142.3 | 114.6             |
| November p       | 141.0             | 139.9       | 138.5                | 162.6                     | 148.9                                    | 134.9            | 149.4                                  | 154.7             | 155.2                               | 151.1              | 141.4                       | 135.7  | 142.9 | 112.5             |
| December p       | 141.0             | 139.9       | 139.3                | 162.6                     | 149.8                                    | 134.9            | 149.7                                  | 154.7             | 155.5                               | 150.0              | 141.4                       | 135.8  | 152.1 | 114.1             |
| January p        | 143.0             | 139.9       | 139.3                | 162.6                     | 149.8                                    | 134.9            | 149.7                                  | 154.7             | 155.5                               | 150.0              | 141.4                       | 135.8  | 152.1 | 113.8             |

TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

| Value weight(a)      | All groups<br>excluding<br>electrical<br>materials<br>and<br>mechanical<br>services | Electrical materials |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                                                                                  | Mechanical services components |                    |                                |                               | Plumbing materials    |          |                                 |                              |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                      |                                                                                     | Con-<br>ductors      | Conduit<br>and<br>accessories | Switch-<br>boards<br>and<br>switch-<br>gear | Lamps<br>and<br>light<br>fittings | All<br>electrical<br>materials | All<br>electrical<br>materials<br>excluding<br>lamps<br>and<br>light<br>fittings | Air<br>con-<br>ditioning       | Fire<br>protection | Elevators<br>and<br>escalators | All<br>mechanical<br>services | Hydraulic<br>plumbing | Drainage | Roof<br>and<br>roof<br>plumbing | All<br>plumbing<br>materials |
|                      |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                                                                                  |                                |                    |                                |                               |                       |          |                                 |                              |
|                      |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                                                                                  |                                |                    |                                |                               |                       |          |                                 |                              |
| —                    | 20.96%                                                                              | 9.87%                | 28.92%                        | 40.23%                                      | 100.00%                           | —                              | 72.81%                                                                           | 13.04%                         | 14.15%             | 100.00%                        | 50.55%                        | 14.52%                | 34.93%   | 100.00%                         |                              |
| SYDNEY               |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                                                                                  |                                |                    |                                |                               |                       |          |                                 |                              |
| 1980-81              | 113.8                                                                               | 104.9                | 112.8                         | 111.8                                       | 109.8                             | 109.6                          | 109.5                                                                            | 110.6                          | 112.8              | 112.5                          | 111.2                         | 107.3                 | 113.6    | 114.1                           | 110.6                        |
| 1981-82              | 127.6                                                                               | 115.4                | 120.4                         | 127.0                                       | 123.8                             | 122.6                          | 121.8                                                                            | 123.2                          | 123.6              | 127.4                          | 123.9                         | 116.0                 | 129.3    | 129.1                           | 122.5                        |
| 1982-83              | 142.7                                                                               | 135.5                | 132.5                         | 143.1                                       | 138.5                             | 138.6                          | 138.6                                                                            | 140.1                          | 135.0              | 153.0                          | 141.3                         | 129.7                 | 149.2    | 144.6                           | 137.7                        |
| 1982-83—<br>December | 142.5                                                                               | 138.1                | 134.1                         | 145.0                                       | 138.5                             | 139.9                          | 140.8                                                                            | 140.2                          | 135.3              | 153.1                          | 141.4                         | 128.2                 | 151.0    | 144.5                           | 137.2                        |
| January              | 143.3                                                                               | 139.0                | 134.1                         | 145.1                                       | 139.6                             | 140.5                          | 141.2                                                                            | 140.4                          | 135.4              | 153.3                          | 141.6                         | 129.1                 | 151.0    | 144.5                           | 137.6                        |
| February             | 143.9                                                                               | 138.8                | 133.8                         | 145.3                                       | 139.3                             | 140.4                          | 141.1                                                                            | 140.9                          | 135.1              | 153.4                          | 141.9                         | 130.4                 | 151.0    | 147.6                           | 139.4                        |
| March                | 144.2                                                                               | 139.2                | 134.0                         | 145.7                                       | 139.9                             | 140.9                          | 141.5                                                                            | 142.7                          | 136.4              | 156.1                          | 143.8                         | 132.5                 | 151.5    | 147.7                           | 140.6                        |
| April                | 144.4                                                                               | 140.4                | 133.8                         | 145.8                                       | 142.1                             | 142.0                          | 141.9                                                                            | 145.5                          | 137.3              | 156.1                          | 145.9                         | 135.2                 | 152.0    | 147.7                           | 142.0                        |
| May                  | 144.8                                                                               | 143.3                | 134.4                         | 146.0                                       | 143.2                             | 143.1                          | 143.1                                                                            | 146.2                          | 138.2              | 156.1                          | 146.6                         | 137.1                 | 153.8    | 147.9                           | 143.3                        |
| June                 | 145.7                                                                               | 147.1                | 135.7                         | 147.3                                       | 143.2                             | 144.4                          | 145.3                                                                            | 146.4                          | 138.6              | 155.4                          | 146.7                         | 137.2                 | 154.2    | 147.9                           | 143.4                        |
| 1983-84—<br>July p   | 146.0                                                                               | 146.5                | 138.7                         | 147.9                                       | 143.9                             | 145.1                          | 145.9                                                                            | 146.4                          | 138.7              | 155.4                          | 146.6                         | 141.8                 | 154.3    | 147.9                           | 145.7                        |
| August p             | 146.7                                                                               | 145.2                | 142.2                         | 147.7                                       | 144.4                             | 145.3                          | 145.9                                                                            | 146.6                          | 138.7              | 154.3                          | 146.7                         | 142.9                 | 154.3    | 150.4                           | 147.2                        |
| September p          | 147.2                                                                               | 152.3                | 141.8                         | 147.4                                       | 146.1                             | 147.3                          | 148.2                                                                            | 152.1                          | 138.9              | 155.0                          | 150.8                         | 143.8                 | 155.1    | 150.4                           | 147.7                        |
| October p            | 148.1                                                                               | 148.4                | 142.4                         | 147.9                                       | 147.1                             | 147.1                          | 147.2                                                                            | 153.3                          | 139.3              | 156.3                          | 152.0                         | 143.3                 | 155.3    | 150.4                           | 147.5                        |
| November p           | 149.4                                                                               | 145.8                | 141.7                         | 147.9                                       | 147.2                             | 146.6                          | 146.2                                                                            | 153.6                          | 141.0              | 156.9                          | 152.4                         | 146.5                 | 157.5    | 154.6                           | 147.9                        |
| December p           | 149.7                                                                               | 145.8                | 142.0                         | 150.7                                       | 146.8                             | 147.3                          | 147.5                                                                            | 154.2                          | 141.5              | 157.1                          | 153.0                         | 141.9                 | 157.5    | 156.4                           | 149.2                        |
| January p            | 149.7                                                                               | 145.8                | 145.3                         | 151.0                                       | 148.8                             | 148.4                          | 148.2                                                                            | 154.6                          | 142.6              | 157.0                          | 153.4                         | 143.6                 | 162.5    | 156.7                           | 150.9                        |
| MELBOURNE            |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                                                                                  |                                |                    |                                |                               |                       |          |                                 |                              |
| 1980-81              | 113.4                                                                               | 105.3                | 112.5                         | 110.6                                       | 109.9                             | 109.3                          | 109.0                                                                            | 110.6                          | 112.7              | 112.5                          | 111.1                         | 107.3                 | 118.5    | 114.1                           | 111.3                        |
| 1981-82              | 123.9                                                                               | 115.0                | 120.2                         | 123.1                                       | 123.1                             | 121.1                          | 119.8                                                                            | 122.9                          | 123.7              | 127.4                          | 123.7                         | 115.8                 | 134.4    | 128.5                           | 122.9                        |
| 1982-83              | 135.9                                                                               | 131.8                | 130.3                         | 139.8                                       | 139.2                             | 137.0                          | 135.4                                                                            | 139.7                          | 134.1              | 152.9                          | 140.8                         | 130.8                 | 152.0    | 134.6                           | 135.2                        |
| 1982-83—<br>December | 135.0                                                                               | 136.6                | 131.9                         | 142.6                                       | 139.6                             | 139.0                          | 138.7                                                                            | 139.7                          | 134.0              | 153.0                          | 140.9                         | 129.1                 | 151.4    | 134.7                           | 134.3                        |
| January              | 136.6                                                                               | 137.4                | 131.9                         | 142.7                                       | 139.9                             | 139.4                          | 139.0                                                                            | 140.0                          | 134.2              | 153.2                          | 141.1                         | 130.1                 | 153.6    | 134.4                           | 135.0                        |
| February             | 137.0                                                                               | 134.3                | 131.3                         | 142.6                                       | 139.7                             | 138.6                          | 137.8                                                                            | 140.3                          | 134.0              | 153.3                          | 141.3                         | 131.5                 | 153.9    | 139.9                           | 135.6                        |
| March                | 137.7                                                                               | 132.3                | 131.9                         | 143.0                                       | 141.1                             | 138.9                          | 137.4                                                                            | 141.8                          | 134.2              | 156.0                          | 142.8                         | 134.1                 | 154.6    | 135.3                           | 137.5                        |
| April                | 137.8                                                                               | 131.2                | 132.7                         | 143.3                                       | 141.7                             | 139.1                          | 137.3                                                                            | 144.3                          | 135.3              | 156.0                          | 144.7                         | 136.0                 | 155.3    | 134.7                           | 138.4                        |
| May                  | 138.3                                                                               | 133.8                | 132.8                         | 143.5                                       | 143.1                             | 140.3                          | 138.4                                                                            | 145.2                          | 135.7              | 156.0                          | 145.5                         | 135.3                 | 155.8    | 133.6                           | 139.2                        |
| June                 | 138.5                                                                               | 137.2                | 133.9                         | 145.0                                       | 143.1                             | 141.5                          | 140.4                                                                            | 145.4                          | 136.3              | 155.3                          | 145.6                         | 139.5                 | 156.2    | 132.9                           | 139.6                        |
| 1983-84—<br>July p   | 138.9                                                                               | 135.0                | 136.9                         | 144.8                                       | 143.4                             | 141.4                          | 140.1                                                                            | 146.4                          | 136.2              | 155.3                          | 146.3                         | 142.1                 | 158.2    | 131.8                           | 140.8                        |
| August p             | 139.2                                                                               | 132.6                | 141.0                         | 144.5                                       | 144.4                             | 141.6                          | 139.8                                                                            | 147.3                          | 136.4              | 154.2                          | 146.9                         | 142.3                 | 158.5    | 132.7                           | 141.3                        |
| September p          | 139.4                                                                               | 143.1                | 141.5                         | 144.5                                       | 145.7                             | 144.4                          | 143.5                                                                            | 152.3                          | 136.9              | 154.9                          | 150.7                         | 141.7                 | 158.5    | 132.8                           | 141.0                        |
| October p            | 141.6                                                                               | 142.1                | 141.1                         | 145.2                                       | 146.0                             | 144.5                          | 143.4                                                                            | 153.1                          | 137.1              | 156.2                          | 151.5                         | 141.6                 | 159.0    | 132.8                           | 141.1                        |
| November p           | 142.6                                                                               | 141.3                | 139.9                         | 145.3                                       | 146.0                             | 144.2                          | 143.0                                                                            | 153.2                          | 138.7              | 156.8                          | 151.8                         | 141.5                 | 161.0    | 136.1                           | 142.4                        |
| December p           | 142.9                                                                               | 144.7                | 139.9                         | 148.1                                       | 145.6                             | 145.6                          | 145.6                                                                            | 154.2                          | 139.2              | 156.9                          | 152.6                         | 142.8                 | 164.0    | 136.7                           | 143.7                        |
| January p            | 143.9                                                                               | 144.6                | 142.8                         | 148.2                                       | 147.0                             | 146.4                          | 146.0                                                                            | 154.1                          | 140.8              | 156.8                          | 152.8                         | 143.0                 | 165.1    | 137.2                           | 144.2                        |

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TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

| (Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0) |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Value weight(a)                            | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Electrical materials |                         |                               |                          |                          | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings | Mechanical services components |                 |                          |                         | Plumbing materials |          |                        |                        |
|                                            |                                                                   | Conductors           | Conduit and accessories | Switch-boards and switch-gear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials |                                                             | Air conditioning               | Fire protection | Elevators and escalators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof and roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|                                            |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| BRISBANE                                   |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| 1980-81                                    | 114.2                                                             | 105.4                | 111.9                   | 112.6                         | 108.5                    | 109.4                    | 110.0                                                       | 109.8                          | 112.6           | 112.5                    | 110.6                   | 108.2              | 111.9    | 113.7                  | 110.6                  |
| 1981-82                                    | 127.4                                                             | 116.5                | 118.9                   | 128.5                         | 120.1                    | 121.7                    | 122.7                                                       | 122.5                          | 124.4           | 127.4                    | 123.4                   | 116.0              | 128.5    | 129.6                  | 122.6                  |
| 1982-83                                    | 143.0                                                             | 137.6                | 129.1                   | 143.9                         | 139.0                    | 139.2                    | 139.3                                                       | 137.8                          | 135.0           | 152.9                    | 139.6                   | 129.0              | 150.1    | 147.4                  | 138.5                  |
| 1982-83—December                           | 142.2                                                             | 138.7                | 131.5                   | 145.8                         | 137.5                    | 139.5                    | 140.9                                                       | 137.8                          | 135.0           | 153.0                    | 139.6                   | 128.3              | 151.7    | 146.5                  | 138.1                  |
| January                                    | 144.1                                                             | 139.5                | 131.5                   | 145.9                         | 138.6                    | 140.2                    | 141.3                                                       | 138.1                          | 135.0           | 153.2                    | 139.9                   | 130.2              | 151.8    | 148.0                  | 139.5                  |
| February                                   | 144.3                                                             | 140.0                | 130.7                   | 146.0                         | 141.7                    | 141.5                    | 141.3                                                       | 138.5                          | 134.9           | 153.3                    | 140.2                   | 130.2              | 151.9    | 150.5                  | 140.5                  |
| March                                      | 145.6                                                             | 142.2                | 130.7                   | 146.2                         | 144.0                    | 143.0                    | 142.3                                                       | 139.7                          | 135.4           | 156.0                    | 141.5                   | 131.6              | 152.5    | 152.1                  | 141.8                  |
| April                                      | 146.6                                                             | 145.0                | 130.6                   | 146.4                         | 144.7                    | 143.9                    | 143.3                                                       | 142.2                          | 136.4           | 156.0                    | 143.4                   | 132.4              | 152.8    | 152.0                  | 142.2                  |
| May                                        | 147.8                                                             | 148.0                | 130.7                   | 147.3                         | 146.1                    | 145.3                    | 144.8                                                       | 143.0                          | 136.8           | 156.0                    | 144.0                   | 133.8              | 152.8    | 152.8                  | 143.2                  |
| June                                       | 148.2                                                             | 152.8                | 131.8                   | 148.7                         | 143.9                    | 146.0                    | 147.4                                                       | 143.6                          | 137.2           | 155.3                    | 144.4                   | 134.9              | 153.1    | 152.0                  | 143.5                  |
| 1983-84—                                   |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| July p                                     | 148.6                                                             | 154.1                | 136.0                   | 149.3                         | 144.5                    | 147.0                    | 148.8                                                       | 143.6                          | 137.9           | 155.3                    | 144.5                   | 136.1              | 156.2    | 152.8                  | 144.9                  |
| August p                                   | 149.0                                                             | 153.3                | 140.4                   | 149.4                         | 146.1                    | 148.0                    | 149.3                                                       | 144.0                          | 137.9           | 154.2                    | 144.6                   | 138.2              | 156.9    | 155.6                  | 147.0                  |
| September p                                | 150.2                                                             | 159.2                | 140.4                   | 149.1                         | 147.6                    | 149.8                    | 151.2                                                       | 149.0                          | 138.2           | 154.9                    | 148.4                   | 140.6              | 156.9    | 156.3                  | 148.5                  |
| October p                                  | 151.7                                                             | 154.7                | 140.9                   | 149.9                         | 147.5                    | 149.1                    | 150.1                                                       | 150.4                          | 138.1           | 156.2                    | 149.6                   | 141.4              | 156.9    | 157.0                  | 149.1                  |
| November p                                 | 153.2                                                             | 153.7                | 140.4                   | 150.4                         | 149.3                    | 149.7                    | 149.9                                                       | 150.6                          | 140.0           | 156.8                    | 150.1                   | 141.6              | 156.9    | 158.4                  | 149.7                  |
| December p                                 | 153.8                                                             | 156.1                | 140.6                   | 152.6                         | 150.4                    | 151.3                    | 151.8                                                       | 150.7                          | 140.3           | 156.9                    | 150.2                   | 141.2              | 156.9    | 160.9                  | 150.4                  |
| January p                                  | 155.1                                                             | 156.1                | 142.1                   | 152.7                         | 152.2                    | 152.1                    | 152.1                                                       | 150.9                          | 141.4           | 156.8                    | 150.5                   | 142.4              | 161.4    | 160.9                  | 151.6                  |
| ADELAIDE                                   |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| 1980-81                                    | 115.1                                                             | 104.7                | 111.7                   | 113.1                         | 109.1                    | 109.6                    | 109.9                                                       | 108.9                          | 112.2           | 112.5                    | 109.9                   | 105.2              | 112.3    | 114.4                  | 109.4                  |
| 1981-82                                    | 129.3                                                             | 115.1                | 118.6                   | 126.8                         | 121.6                    | 121.4                    | 121.4                                                       | 119.6                          | 123.9           | 127.4                    | 121.3                   | 114.1              | 128.7    | 129.5                  | 120.5                  |
| 1982-83                                    | 146.5                                                             | 137.0                | 128.3                   | 143.7                         | 136.8                    | 138.0                    | 138.8                                                       | 135.9                          | 134.3           | 152.9                    | 138.1                   | 126.8              | 145.2    | 144.9                  | 135.8                  |
| 1982-83—December                           | 147.1                                                             | 138.0                | 130.5                   | 146.4                         | 136.6                    | 139.1                    | 140.8                                                       | 135.5                          | 134.1           | 153.0                    | 137.8                   | 124.3              | 143.7    | 145.2                  | 134.4                  |
| January                                    | 148.1                                                             | 138.8                | 130.1                   | 146.6                         | 137.6                    | 139.7                    | 141.1                                                       | 136.1                          | 134.2           | 153.2                    | 138.3                   | 126.6              | 147.6    | 145.2                  | 136.2                  |
| February                                   | 148.5                                                             | 140.1                | 130.0                   | 146.9                         | 137.3                    | 139.9                    | 141.7                                                       | 136.7                          | 134.2           | 153.2                    | 138.7                   | 127.4              | 148.3    | 147.5                  | 137.5                  |
| March                                      | 149.4                                                             | 142.1                | 130.1                   | 147.2                         | 138.3                    | 140.9                    | 142.6                                                       | 138.1                          | 134.7           | 155.9                    | 140.3                   | 130.0              | 149.0    | 147.7                  | 138.9                  |
| April                                      | 149.6                                                             | 145.4                | 129.6                   | 147.2                         | 139.1                    | 141.8                    | 143.6                                                       | 140.6                          | 135.9           | 155.9                    | 142.1                   | 133.0              | 151.0    | 148.1                  | 140.9                  |
| May                                        | 150.1                                                             | 148.4                | 129.7                   | 147.2                         | 140.9                    | 143.2                    | 144.7                                                       | 141.1                          | 136.4           | 155.9                    | 142.6                   | 134.9              | 151.0    | 147.6                  | 141.7                  |
| June                                       | 150.9                                                             | 154.4                | 130.8                   | 149.0                         | 140.9                    | 145.1                    | 147.9                                                       | 141.7                          | 137.0           | 155.2                    | 143.0                   | 135.6              | 151.2    | 148.3                  | 142.3                  |
| 1983-84—                                   |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| July p                                     | 151.0                                                             | 154.3                | 132.9                   | 149.9                         | 141.2                    | 145.6                    | 148.6                                                       | 142.0                          | 137.1           | 155.2                    | 143.3                   | 137.9              | 152.9    | 149.7                  | 144.2                  |
| August p                                   | 151.9                                                             | 152.2                | 136.7                   | 149.7                         | 141.4                    | 145.6                    | 148.4                                                       | 142.1                          | 137.2           | 154.1                    | 143.3                   | 141.3              | 153.1    | 150.5                  | 146.3                  |
| September p                                | 152.6                                                             | 156.4                | 134.9                   | 149.4                         | 142.7                    | 146.7                    | 149.5                                                       | 145.9                          | 137.3           | 154.9                    | 146.1                   | 140.4              | 153.0    | 150.5                  | 145.8                  |
| October p                                  | 153.2                                                             | 151.6                | 135.1                   | 151.0                         | 144.2                    | 146.8                    | 148.6                                                       | 146.5                          | 137.2           | 156.1                    | 146.6                   | 138.6              | 153.0    | 150.5                  | 144.8                  |
| November p                                 | 154.8                                                             | 149.6                | 133.8                   | 151.0                         | 144.2                    | 146.2                    | 147.6                                                       | 146.6                          | 139.5           | 156.8                    | 147.1                   | 137.9              | 154.7    | 153.0                  | 145.6                  |
| December p                                 | 155.4                                                             | 153.6                | 133.8                   | 153.8                         | 143.7                    | 147.7                    | 150.4                                                       | 147.7                          | 140.4           | 156.9                    | 148.1                   | 137.9              | 156.5    | 155.7                  | 146.8                  |
| January p                                  | 156.0                                                             | 153.6                | 136.1                   | 153.9                         | 145.4                    | 148.7                    | 150.8                                                       | 148.2                          | 141.8           | 156.8                    | 148.6                   | 140.1              | 161.8    | 155.7                  | 148.7                  |

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TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

| (Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0) |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Value weight(a)                            | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Electrical materials |                         |                               |                          |                          | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings | Mechanical services components |                 |                          |                         | Plumbing materials |          |                        |                        |
|                                            |                                                                   | Conductors           | Conduit and accessories | Switch-boards and switch-gear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials |                                                             | Air conditioning               | Fire protection | Elevators and escalators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof and roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|                                            |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| PERTH                                      |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| 1980-81                                    | 112.4                                                             | 106.5                | 112.8                   | 114.1                         | 110.3                    | 110.8                    | 111.2                                                       | 111.2                          | 112.7           | 112.5                    | 111.6                   | 107.2              | 114.0    | 113.2                  | 110.3                  |
| 1981-82                                    | 123.8                                                             | 117.5                | 119.9                   | 127.8                         | 123.9                    | 123.3                    | 122.9                                                       | 123.0                          | 125.1           | 127.4                    | 123.9                   | 113.8              | 132.4    | 125.0                  | 120.4                  |
| 1982-83                                    | 138.8                                                             | 139.9                | 132.3                   | 147.9                         | 138.0                    | 140.7                    | 142.5                                                       | 137.8                          | 136.1           | 153.0                    | 139.7                   | 125.6              | 151.1    | 138.7                  | 133.9                  |
| 1982-83—December                           | 139.0                                                             | 141.2                | 134.3                   | 149.9                         | 137.8                    | 141.7                    | 144.3                                                       | 137.5                          | 136.1           | 153.1                    | 139.5                   | 124.8              | 149.2    | 137.8                  | 132.9                  |
| January                                    | 139.8                                                             | 142.1                | 134.4                   | 150.0                         | 139.1                    | 142.4                    | 144.6                                                       | 137.6                          | 136.1           | 153.3                    | 139.7                   | 125.5              | 149.2    | 141.6                  | 134.6                  |
| February                                   | 140.1                                                             | 143.0                | 134.4                   | 150.7                         | 138.6                    | 142.6                    | 145.3                                                       | 138.0                          | 136.2           | 153.4                    | 139.9                   | 126.5              | 154.4    | 141.4                  | 135.7                  |
| March                                      | 140.0                                                             | 145.2                | 135.1                   | 151.1                         | 139.3                    | 143.5                    | 146.4                                                       | 139.8                          | 136.6           | 156.1                    | 141.7                   | 129.3              | 155.8    | 141.4                  | 137.4                  |
| April                                      | 139.0                                                             | 148.3                | 135.1                   | 151.4                         | 140.3                    | 144.7                    | 147.6                                                       | 142.6                          | 137.7           | 156.1                    | 143.8                   | 130.9              | 155.7    | 143.5                  | 138.9                  |
| May                                        | 140.4                                                             | 150.9                | 133.1                   | 152.6                         | 141.6                    | 145.9                    | 148.8                                                       | 143.5                          | 137.7           | 156.1                    | 144.6                   | 132.7              | 155.7    | 143.5                  | 139.8                  |
| June                                       | 141.8                                                             | 156.9                | 133.6                   | 154.2                         | 141.7                    | 147.7                    | 151.7                                                       | 144.5                          | 138.2           | 155.4                    | 145.2                   | 134.8              | 156.8    | 143.0                  | 140.9                  |
| 1983-84—                                   |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| July p                                     | 142.3                                                             | 156.8                | 137.9                   | 154.5                         | 141.9                    | 148.3                    | 152.6                                                       | 144.6                          | 138.4           | 155.4                    | 145.3                   | 135.1              | 158.4    | 144.1                  | 141.6                  |
| August p                                   | 143.3                                                             | 154.6                | 140.8                   | 155.2                         | 142.7                    | 148.7                    | 152.6                                                       | 144.5                          | 138.3           | 154.3                    | 145.1                   | 134.3              | 158.8    | 144.5                  | 141.4                  |
| September p                                | 143.7                                                             | 160.8                | 140.0                   | 154.5                         | 144.0                    | 150.2                    | 154.3                                                       | 146.0                          | 138.6           | 155.0                    | 148.5                   | 134.4              | 158.9    | 147.2                  | 140.5                  |
| October p                                  | 144.5                                                             | 155.3                | 140.3                   | 154.6                         | 144.0                    | 149.1                    | 152.5                                                       | 15.0                           | 138.4           | 156.3                    | 149.7                   | 132.5              | 158.8    | 141.5                  | 139.5                  |
| November p                                 | 146.3                                                             | 153.6                | 139.3                   | 154.7                         | 144.0                    | 148.6                    | 151.8                                                       | 150.2                          | 140.2           | 156.9                    | 150.6                   | 132.6              | 164.1    | 145.6                  | 141.2                  |
| December p                                 | 146.4                                                             | 155.9                | 139.3                   | 158.1                         | 143.5                    | 149.9                    | 154.2                                                       | 151.0                          | 140.6           | 157.1                    | 150.5                   | 133.5              | 166.9    | 146.3                  | 142.8                  |
| January p                                  | 146.9                                                             | 156.3                | 140.4                   | 158.9                         | 144.8                    | 150.8                    | 154.9                                                       | 151.3                          | 141.5           | 157.0                    | 150.8                   | 133.4              | 170.0    | 146.3                  | 143.2                  |
| HOBART                                     |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| 1980-81                                    | 111.6                                                             | 106.1                | 111.8                   | 113.1                         | 109.7                    | 110.1                    | 110.4                                                       | 112.9                          | 112.8           | 112.5                    | 112.8                   | 109.2              | 111.1    | 115.1                  | 111.5                  |
| 1981-82                                    | 122.5                                                             | 117.3                | 124.4                   | 122.8                         | 124.4                    | 121.7                    | 121.0                                                       | 125.9                          | 124.8           | 125.9                    | 115.3                   | 125.9              | 119.7    | 129.0                  | 120.8                  |
| 1982-83                                    | 134.6                                                             | 140.9                | 130.7                   | 146.8                         | 140.3                    | 141.4                    | 142.1                                                       | 141.2                          | 135.2           | 152.6                    | 142.0                   | 125.3              | 126.5    | 141.4                  | 131.1                  |
| 1982-83—December                           | 133.8                                                             | 142.0                | 132.6                   | 147.8                         | 141.2                    | 142.4                    | 143.2                                                       | 140.9                          | 135.1           | 152.6                    | 141.8                   | 123.1              | 125.9    | 140.9                  | 129.7                  |
| January                                    | 134.0                                                             | 142.6                | 132.6                   | 147.8                         | 141.2                    | 142.6                    | 143.5                                                       | 141.0                          | 135.2           | 152.8                    | 141.9                   | 123.4              | 125.9    | 140.9                  | 129.9                  |
| February                                   | 135.0                                                             | 144.2                | 132.5                   | 147.8                         | 141.0                    | 142.8                    | 144.0                                                       | 141.5                          | 135.4           | 152.9                    | 142.3                   | 125.2              | 125.9    | 144.8                  | 132.1                  |
| March                                      | 136.4                                                             | 146.2                | 132.5                   | 153.7                         | 142.4                    | 145.5                    | 147.6                                                       | 143.5                          | 135.6           | 155.6                    | 144.2                   | 127.7              | 126.4    | 145.5                  | 133.8                  |
| April                                      | 137.2                                                             | 149.4                | 132.5                   | 153.8                         | 143.0                    | 146.4                    | 148.7                                                       | 146.2                          | 136.2           | 155.6                    | 146.2                   | 129.1              | 126.4    | 144.3                  | 134.0                  |
| May                                        | 138.4                                                             | 152.4                | 134.1                   | 153.8                         | 144.7                    | 147.9                    | 150.0                                                       | 147.1                          | 136.6           | 155.5                    | 146.9                   | 130.7              | 126.4    | 144.3                  | 134.8                  |
| June                                       | 140.0                                                             | 150.6                | 134.5                   | 161.1                         | 144.8                    | 149.7                    | 153.0                                                       | 147.6                          | 137.0           | 154.9                    | 147.3                   | 133.3              | 129.2    | 144.3                  | 136.5                  |
| 1983-84—                                   |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| July p                                     | 140.4                                                             | 159.0                | 137.9                   | 161.7                         | 144.8                    | 152.0                    | 156.8                                                       | 148.2                          | 137.5           | 154.9                    | 147.7                   | 135.0              | 129.5    | 147.7                  | 138.6                  |
| August p                                   | 141.1                                                             | 158.4                | 142.6                   | 161.6                         | 145.3                    | 152.5                    | 157.4                                                       | 148.5                          | 137.7           | 153.8                    | 147.8                   | 136.0              | 131.4    | 148.8                  | 139.8                  |
| September p                                | 141.8                                                             | 166.1                | 143.4                   | 161.2                         | 146.6                    | 154.6                    | 160.0                                                       | 152.4                          | 138.1           | 154.5                    | 150.9                   | 136.3              | 131.7    | 148.8                  | 140.0                  |
| October p                                  | 142.2                                                             | 160.9                | 143.6                   | 161.9                         | 147.4                    | 154.1                    | 158.5                                                       | 153.3                          | 137.8           | 155.8                    | 151.6                   | 136.6              | 132.5    | 149.7                  | 140.8                  |
| November p                                 | 144.1                                                             | 160.8                | 143.6                   | 163.0                         | 147.4                    | 154.4                    | 159.0                                                       | 153.4                          | 139.5           | 156.4                    | 152.0                   | 136.0              | 131.9    | 151.9                  | 141.7                  |
| December p                                 | 144.5                                                             | 165.1                | 143.6                   | 164.1                         | 147.0                    | 155.4                    | 161.1                                                       | 154.1                          | 140.0           | 156.3                    | 152.6                   | 137.2              | 136.1    | 153.0                  | 142.5                  |
| January p                                  | 144.6                                                             | 165.1                | 144.0                   | 164.1                         | 148.2                    | 155.9                    | 161.1                                                       | 154.0                          | 141.6           | 156.4                    | 152.8                   | 137.3              | 137.2    | 153.0                  | 142.7                  |

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TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued  
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

| (Base of each index: year 1975-80 = 100.0)   |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                          |                                                                               |                                |                                |                               |                       |                    |                                 |                              |  |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Value weight(a)                              | All groups<br>excluding<br>electrical<br>materials<br>and<br>mechanical<br>services | Electrical materials |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                          | All<br>electrical<br>materials<br>excluding<br>lamps and<br>light<br>fixtures | Mechanical services components |                                |                               |                       | Plumbing materials |                                 |                              |  |
|                                              |                                                                                     | Con-<br>ductors      | Conduit<br>and<br>accessories | Switch-<br>boards<br>and<br>switch-<br>gear | Lamps<br>and<br>light<br>fixtures | All<br>electrical<br>materials | Air<br>con-<br>ditioning |                                                                               | Fire<br>protection             | Elevators<br>and<br>escalators | All<br>mechanical<br>services | Hydraulic<br>plumbing | Drainage           | Roof<br>and<br>roof<br>plumbing | All<br>plumbing<br>materials |  |
|                                              |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                          |                                                                               |                                |                                |                               |                       |                    |                                 |                              |  |
| 1980-81                                      | 113.7                                                                               | 105.2                | 112.5                         | 111.9                                       | 109.6                             | 109.7                          | 110.4                    | 112.7                                                                         | 112.5                          | 111.0                          | 107.2                         | 114.7                 | 114.0              | 110.7                           |                              |  |
| 1981-82                                      | 126.2                                                                               | 115.7                | 119.9                         | 126.1                                       | 122.5                             | 122.0                          | 121.4                    | 122.7                                                                         | 123.9                          | 127.4                          | 123.5                         | 115.5                 | 130.3              | 128.4                           |                              |  |
| 1982-83                                      | 140.6                                                                               | 135.4                | 130.9                         | 142.9                                       | 138.6                             | 138.4                          | 138.3                    | 139.0                                                                         | 134.8                          | 153.0                          | 140.4                         | 129.1                 | 149.5              | 141.4                           |                              |  |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                          |                                                                               |                                |                                |                               |                       |                    |                                 |                              |  |
| 1982-83—<br>December                         | 140.2                                                                               | 138.1                | 132.8                         | 145.1                                       | 138.4                             | 139.7                          | 140.6                    | 139.0                                                                         | 134.9                          | 153.0                          | 140.5                         | 127.6                 | 149.7              | 141.2                           |                              |  |
| January                                      | 141.4                                                                               | 139.0                | 132.7                         | 145.3                                       | 139.3                             | 140.3                          | 141.0                    | 139.3                                                                         | 134.9                          | 153.3                          | 140.7                         | 128.7                 | 150.8              | 141.7                           |                              |  |
| February                                     | 141.9                                                                               | 138.4                | 132.3                         | 145.4                                       | 139.4                             | 140.2                          | 140.8                    | 139.7                                                                         | 134.8                          | 153.3                          | 141.0                         | 129.8                 | 151.5              | 143.3                           |                              |  |
| March                                        | 142.4                                                                               | 138.7                | 132.7                         | 145.9                                       | 140.6                             | 140.9                          | 141.2                    | 141.3                                                                         | 135.4                          | 156.0                          | 142.6                         | 132.2                 | 152.2              | 144.0                           |                              |  |
| April                                        | 142.6                                                                               | 139.9                | 132.7                         | 146.0                                       | 141.8                             | 141.7                          | 141.7                    | 143.9                                                                         | 136.4                          | 156.0                          | 144.6                         | 134.4                 | 152.9              | 144.0                           |                              |  |
| May                                          | 143.3                                                                               | 142.7                | 132.8                         | 146.5                                       | 143.1                             | 143.0                          | 142.9                    | 144.7                                                                         | 137.0                          | 156.0                          | 145.3                         | 136.2                 | 153.6              | 143.8                           |                              |  |
| June                                         | 144.0                                                                               | 146.8                | 133.9                         | 148.0                                       | 142.9                             | 144.3                          | 145.3                    | 145.1                                                                         | 137.5                          | 155.3                          | 145.5                         | 137.1                 | 154.1              | 143.5                           |                              |  |
| 1983-84—                                     |                                                                                     |                      |                               |                                             |                                   |                                |                          |                                                                               |                                |                                |                               |                       |                    |                                 |                              |  |
| July p                                       | 144.3                                                                               | 146.3                | 137.1                         | 148.4                                       | 143.4                             | 144.8                          | 145.8                    | 145.4                                                                         | 137.7                          | 155.3                          | 145.8                         | 139.9                 | 155.4              | 143.6                           |                              |  |
| August p                                     | 144.9                                                                               | 144.6                | 140.9                         | 148.3                                       | 144.1                             | 145.1                          | 145.8                    | 145.8                                                                         | 137.7                          | 154.2                          | 146.0                         | 140.9                 | 155.7              | 145.3                           |                              |  |
| September p                                  | 145.4                                                                               | 152.1                | 140.6                         | 148.0                                       | 145.6                             | 147.2                          | 148.2                    | 150.8                                                                         | 138.0                          | 154.9                          | 149.7                         | 141.2                 | 156.0              | 145.1                           |                              |  |
| October p                                    | 146.7                                                                               | 148.7                | 140.9                         | 148.7                                       | 146.2                             | 146.9                          | 147.4                    | 151.9                                                                         | 138.3                          | 156.2                          | 150.7                         | 140.8                 | 156.2              | 144.6                           |                              |  |
| November p                                   | 148.1                                                                               | 147.0                | 139.9                         | 148.8                                       | 146.5                             | 146.6                          | 146.7                    | 152.1                                                                         | 139.9                          | 156.9                          | 151.2                         | 139.7                 | 158.4              | 148.6                           |                              |  |
| December p                                   | 148.4                                                                               | 149.1                | 140.1                         | 151.6                                       | 146.2                             | 147.8                          | 148.8                    | 152.7                                                                         | 140.4                          | 157.0                          | 151.7                         | 140.6                 | 159.8              | 150.0                           |                              |  |
| January p                                    | 149.0                                                                               | 149.1                | 142.6                         | 151.8                                       | 147.9                             | 148.8                          | 149.3                    | 153.0                                                                         | 141.7                          | 156.9                          | 152.1                         | 141.7                 | 163.3              | 150.3                           |                              |  |

(a) Composition and weighting as at reference base year 1979-80: see paragraph 3 of Explanatory notes.

TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—DARWIN  
(Base of each index: Year 1981-82 = 100.0)

|                  | Structural timber | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc. | Structural steel | Aluminium windows | Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc. | Builders' hardware | Sand, aggregate and filling | Carpet | Paint | Non-ferrous pipes |
|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------|-------------------|
| 1981-82          | 100.0             | 100.0                | 100.0                     | 100.0                                    | 100.0            | 100.0             | 100.0                               | 100.0              | 100.0                       | 100.0  | 100.0 | 100.0             |
| 1982-83          | 102.0             | 110.6                | 111.1                     | 110.8                                    | 112.2            | 112.1             | 112.0                               | 108.5              | 113.9                       | 105.4  | 116.6 | 111.4             |
| 1983-84—December | 101.1             | 108.9                | 110.7                     | 110.6                                    | 112.8            | 112.2             | 113.2                               | 107.6              | 112.6                       | 105.8  | 118.1 | 109.5             |
| January          | 101.1             | 113.4                | 112.4                     | 110.6                                    | 112.8            | 112.2             | 113.2                               | 108.1              | 115.5                       | 105.8  | 118.1 | 110.8             |
| February         | 103.9             | 113.2                | 112.4                     | 112.9                                    | 113.1            | 113.0             | 113.2                               | 108.1              | 115.5                       | 105.8  | 118.1 | 112.0             |
| March            | 103.9             | 113.2                | 112.4                     | 112.9                                    | 113.1            | 113.0             | 113.2                               | 109.7              | 115.5                       | 105.8  | 120.6 | 114.7             |
| April            | 103.8             | 113.2                | 112.4                     | 113.0                                    | 111.7            | 113.6             | 112.3                               | 112.3              | 116.4                       | 105.8  | 118.9 | 119.9             |
| May              | 104.8             | 113.2                | 112.4                     | 113.0                                    | 113.7            | 117.1             | 113.6                               | 112.8              | 116.4                       | 105.8  | 118.9 | 120.5             |
| June             | 105.1             | 113.2                | 110.8                     | 113.0                                    | 113.7            | 117.1             | 113.6                               | 113.1              | 116.4                       | 105.8  | 118.8 | 120.5             |
| 1983-84—July p   | 105.2             | 114.7                | 110.8                     | 113.2                                    | 114.6            | 117.3             | 116.6                               | 112.7              | 116.4                       | 105.8  | 120.0 | 118.9             |
| August p         | 107.5             | 115.3                | 113.2                     | 115.9                                    | 113.8            | 117.3             | 116.6                               | 114.9              | 116.4                       | 105.8  | 120.0 | 120.8             |
| September p      | 107.6             | 115.3                | 113.2                     | 115.9                                    | 116.3            | 117.3             | 116.3                               | 115.3              | 116.4                       | 115.0  | 122.0 | 120.8             |
| October p        | 107.6             | 115.3                | 113.2                     | 115.9                                    | 116.5            | 118.2             | 116.6                               | 115.3              | 116.4                       | 117.5  | 125.1 | 120.8             |
| November p       | 107.7             | 115.3                | 114.3                     | 118.0                                    | 117.3            | 118.2             | 116.6                               | 117.7              | 117.5                       | 125.2  | 120.8 | 120.8             |
| December p       | 107.7             | 115.3                | 114.3                     | 117.8                                    | 117.9            | 118.9             | 117.1                               | 118.4              | 117.7                       | 117.5  | 125.2 | 120.8             |
| January p        | 107.7             | 116.1                | 116.1                     | 117.8                                    | 117.9            | 118.9             | 120.1                               | 119.0              | 117.7                       | 117.5  | 128.6 | 116.3             |

TABLE 7. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—DARWIN  
(Base of each index: Year 1981-82 = 100.0)

| Value weight(a)  | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Electrical materials |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             | Mechanical services components |                 |                          |                         | Plumbing materials |          |                        |                        |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
|                  |                                                                   | Conductors           | Conduit and accessories | Switch-boards and switch-gear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings | Air conditioning               | Fire protection | Elevators and escalators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof and roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|                  |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| —                | —                                                                 | 20.28%               | 10.14%                  | 30.28%                        | 39.30%                   | 100.00%                  | —                                                           | 74.64%                         | 11.38%          | 13.98%                   | 100.00%                 | 46.45%             | 14.80%   | 38.75%                 | 100.00%                |
| 1981-82          | 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                  |
| 1982-83          | 110.3                                                             | 120.8                | 114.8                   | 116.9                         | 115.2                    | 116.8                    | 117.9                                                       | 114.3                          | 108.5           | 120.0                    | 114.4                   | 108.4              | 117.3    | 108.5                  | 109.8                  |
| 1982-83—December | 109.5                                                             | 123.8                | 115.8                   | 116.8                         | 115.2                    | 117.5                    | 119.0                                                       | 114.5                          | 108.3           | 120.4                    | 114.6                   | 106.1              | 118.1    | 108.3                  | 108.7                  |
| January          | 110.9                                                             | 124.5                | 115.8                   | 117.6                         | 116.0                    | 118.2                    | 119.6                                                       | 114.4                          | 108.5           | 120.4                    | 114.6                   | 108.9              | 118.1    | 108.3                  | 110.0                  |
| February         | 111.6                                                             | 125.9                | 115.8                   | 118.7                         | 117.7                    | 119.5                    | 120.6                                                       | 114.6                          | 108.9           | 119.9                    | 114.7                   | 109.3              | 118.1    | 110.0                  | 110.9                  |
| March            | 111.9                                                             | 127.9                | 115.8                   | 118.8                         | 118.1                    | 120.1                    | 121.3                                                       | 117.1                          | 109.6           | 120.8                    | 116.9                   | 111.3              | 119.6    | 110.0                  | 112.0                  |
| April            | 112.6                                                             | 128.2                | 119.3                   | 119.2                         | 118.6                    | 120.8                    | 122.2                                                       | 118.7                          | 109.9           | 121.2                    | 118.0                   | 113.6              | 121.6    | 110.1                  | 113.4                  |
| May              | 113.2                                                             | 130.4                | 119.3                   | 119.9                         | 122.8                    | 123.1                    | 123.3                                                       | 119.0                          | 110.0           | 121.2                    | 118.3                   | 114.3              | 121.6    | 110.1                  | 113.8                  |
| June             | 113.3                                                             | 129.2                | 120.2                   | 122.5                         | 123.0                    | 123.8                    | 124.4                                                       | 119.3                          | 110.1           | 121.1                    | 118.5                   | 114.7              | 122.7    | 110.1                  | 114.1                  |
| 1983-84—         |                                                                   |                      |                         |                               |                          |                          |                                                             |                                |                 |                          |                         |                    |          |                        |                        |
| July p           | 114.4                                                             | 127.1                | 121.1                   | 122.9                         | 122.4                    | 123.4                    | 124.0                                                       | 121.1                          | 110.2           | 121.2                    | 119.9                   | 114.5              | 122.9    | 112.6                  | 115.0                  |
| August p         | 114.9                                                             | 129.2                | 126.1                   | 122.9                         | 121.8                    | 124.1                    | 125.6                                                       | 122.7                          | 110.5           | 121.1                    | 121.1                   | 118.3              | 126.5    | 114.3                  | 117.9                  |
| September p      | 115.4                                                             | 133.7                | 126.1                   | 123.4                         | 121.8                    | 125.1                    | 127.3                                                       | 126.3                          | 110.7           | 121.6                    | 123.9                   | 118.3              | 126.5    | 114.3                  | 117.9                  |
| October p        | 115.9                                                             | 130.9                | 126.9                   | 124.1                         | 121.8                    | 124.9                    | 126.9                                                       | 127.0                          | 111.3           | 123.0                    | 124.6                   | 118.7              | 126.5    | 114.3                  | 118.1                  |
| November p       | 116.3                                                             | 129.2                | 125.7                   | 126.1                         | 121.8                    | 125.0                    | 127.1                                                       | 127.4                          | 114.0           | 124.2                    | 125.5                   | 118.7              | 129.7    | 116.3                  | 119.4                  |
| December p       | 116.5                                                             | 133.7                | 125.7                   | 126.9                         | 121.8                    | 126.2                    | 129.0                                                       | 127.6                          | 114.3           | 124.4                    | 125.7                   | 118.8              | 129.7    | 116.2                  | 119.4                  |
| January p        | 117.0                                                             | 133.4                | 125.8                   | 127.3                         | 141.3                    | 133.9                    | 129.1                                                       | 127.5                          | 114.2           | 124.4                    | 125.5                   | 118.4              | 131.5    | 116.2                  | 119.5                  |

(a) Composition and weighting as at reference base year 1981-82: see paragraph 4 of Explanatory notes.