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EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

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

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

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

Table 1. Mine production

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

Table 2. Production of principal manufactured products of mineral origin

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

Tables 3, 4 and 5. Overseas Trade

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

Tables 6 and 7. Prices

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

Table 8. Export price index

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

Table 9. Commonwealth Government payments

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

Table 10. Changes in stocks of gold

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

4. Revision of data. Statistics for current months are preliminary and subject to revision. Revision of data, based on figures derived from established quarterly compilation of mineral statistics, the annual Mining Census and various special purposes collections will be incorporated in this bulletin as soon as possible after the revised information becomes available.

5. Commodity groupings. For the convenience of users of this bulletin, commodities in Tables 1 to 5 are grouped according to conventions generally accepted in the mineral industry.

6. Seasonal Adjustment. This bulletin includes seasonally adjusted production statistics for black coal, ingot steel, Portland cement and sulphuric acid. In all adjustments account has been taken of normal seasonal factors and "trading day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in the month). In the adjustment of black coal production, account has also been taken of the influence of Easter, Australia Day and varying patterns of annual leave which may, in successive years, affect figures differently for different months. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators", 1970 (Reference No. 1.10).

7. Rounding. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding.

8. Symbols used. For convenience the following symbols are used in this bulletin:

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TABLE 1. - MINE PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS, AUSTRALIA

Period	Metallic minerals										
	Non-ferrous						Ferrous and alloy (a)			Precious (b)	
	Copper (b)	Lead (b)	Zinc (b)	Tin (b)	Nickel concentrate (a)	Bauxite (a)	Iron ore and concentrate	Manganese ore	Tungsten concentrates	Gold (c)	Silver
	- tons -						- '000 tons -			f oz	'000 f oz
1967-68	93,187	369,137	392,758	5,902	30,577	4,506	20,389	745	1,738	802,845	20,419
1968-69	120,971	409,120	457,469	7,291	51,141	6,213	33,774	719	2,269	738,974	23,276
1969-70	136,526	462,990	508,570	8,748	155,854	8,082	42,454	841	2,381	656,775	26,126
July to Jan. -											
1969-70	78,440	268,023	299,390	(d) 4,473	76,433	(d) 4,143	(d) 19,762	(d) 454	(d) 1,191	381,881	15,054
1970-71	90,415	243,688	262,075	(d) 4,460	171,223	(d) 5,301	(d) 27,563	(d) 404	(d) 928	340,862	14,637
1969-70 -											
Dec.	10,576	34,618	37,608	(e)	14,595	(e)	(e)	(e)	(e)	54,120	2,183
Jan.	10,826	27,045	29,808	(	15,472	)	(	(	(	50,045	1,762
Feb.	10,177	35,453	38,714	2,058	12,720	1,747	10,394	182	566	53,101	2,216
Mar.	11,728	39,145	40,972	(	14,265	)	(	(	(	75,063	2,194
Apr.	11,684	39,096	42,989	(	16,304	)	(	(	(	49,721	2,180
May	11,960	38,437	42,236	2,217	16,590	2,192	12,298	206	624	48,242	2,181
June	12,537	42,836	44,249	(	19,542	)	(	(	(	48,767	2,301
1970-71 -											
July	11,943	38,185	41,690	(	21,035	)	(	(	(	46,987	2,226
Aug.	11,757	39,834	41,508	2,228	24,206	2,704	13,518	224	472	46,510	2,294
Sep.	11,212	37,693	43,327	(	24,129	)	(	(	(	46,718	2,154
Oct.	11,960	37,613	37,861	(	26,271	)	(	(	(	47,842	2,206
Nov.	13,265	36,106	38,784	2,232	26,143	2,597	14,045	180	456	49,010	2,209
Dec.	14,300	31,349	34,386	(	25,097	)	(	(	(	55,288	1,887
Jan.	15,978	22,908	24,519	(	24,342	)	(	(	(	48,507	1,661

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

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

Period	Metallic minerals - continued			Fuel minerals					
	Mineral sands concentrates(a)			Black coal			Brown coal	Petroleum (b)	
	Ilmenite	Rutile	Zircon	Under-ground	Total	Seasonally adjusted (c)		Crude oil (d)	Natural gas
	- tons -			- '000 tons -				'000 bls	mil.cu ft
1967-68	530,513	280,863	290,876	30,268	36,759	..	23,064	11,962	167
1968-69	640,067	310,399	329,432	33,818	42,628	..	23,076	14,063	2,024
1969-70	785,434	366,554	368,772	35,980	47,721	..	23,928	30,705	27,541
July to January -									
1969-70	449,134	212,936	216,149	20,786	27,405	..	13,406	10,229	9,251
1970-71	511,511	211,819	234,154	21,336	28,384	..	13,297	51,137	38,112
1969-70 -									
December	64,009	35,574	31,738	2,428	3,209	3,990	1,622	1,564	1,764
January	69,907	24,826	24,514	2,175	2,925	4,108	1,597	1,431	1,776
February	59,781	29,216	28,819	3,140	4,125	4,068	1,674	1,426	2,772
March	76,511	29,673	30,694	2,746	3,721	3,987	2,037	2,944	3,282
April	63,798	37,706	38,498	2,736	3,791	3,951	2,076	5,305	3,420
May	67,623	27,706	21,983	2,955	3,848	3,732	2,383	5,418	4,083
June	68,587	32,570	31,983	3,616	4,832	4,444	2,352	5,383	4,733
1970-71 -									
July	65,856	28,907	31,954	3,887	5,193	4,329	2,555	4,881	5,817
August	70,576	28,009	30,008	2,591	3,513	3,903	2,117	7,207	5,521
September	72,866	30,672	34,827	3,398	4,586	4,176	1,957	7,742	5,664
October	66,540	26,622	30,304	3,495	4,662	4,299	1,698	7,912	5,379
November	64,797	28,487	32,038	3,389	4,497	4,243	1,674	7,255	5,330
December	63,964	30,283	30,722	2,277	2,987	3,969	1,702	8,246	5,283
January	59,767	27,969	31,529	2,300	2,947	4,205	1,595	7,895	5,118

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

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

Period	Metals									
	Non-ferrous								Ferrous	
	Alumina	Refined aluminium	Blister copper (b)	Refined copper	Lead bullion (b)(c)	Refined lead	Refined zinc	Refined tin	Iron ore pellets (d)	Pig iron
	'000 tons				- tons -				- '000 tons -	
1967-68	1,136	87,733	75,344	72,166	101,477	186,908	187,325	3,955	744	(e)5,209
1968-69	1,592	109,998	109,582	94,732	132,218	175,289	228,224	3,960	4,966	(e)5,722
1969-70	1,989	165,177	108,508	105,114	169,706	185,740	257,676	4,637	5,712	(e)5,888
July to January -										
1969-70	(f)1,011	83,747	67,439	61,158	98,940	110,438	151,042	2,315	3,519	3,558
1970-71	(f)1,127	121,437	71,028	64,434	100,893	100,790	150,209	3,227	3,741	3,722
1969-70 -										
December	(g)	14,164	9,252	8,311	13,480	15,308	22,193	389	458	525
January	)	16,145	8,191	10,398	12,783	14,668	21,975	162	499	516
February	) 463	16,608	7,602	8,957	12,386	13,873	19,152	419	392	451
March	)	15,742	8,782	8,487	13,976	16,398	20,863	444	508	420
April	)	16,205	8,279	9,362	14,438	14,345	21,953	383	375	433
May	) 515	16,648	7,882	8,784	14,603	15,049	22,680	598	378	530
June	)	16,227	8,524	8,366	15,351	15,637	21,986	478	539	507
1970-71 -										
July	)	16,787	9,175	6,136	14,726	15,260	23,192	125	525	518
August	) 552	17,417	10,839	10,913	16,845	15,901	22,568	527	560	528
September	)	17,209	8,493	10,502	14,760	11,970	20,326	569	407	529
October	)	17,729	10,296	9,613	12,980	15,129	21,666	522	572	555
November	) 575	16,938	10,781	8,592	12,347	14,742	17,441	449	491	523
December	)	17,603	10,282	9,110	14,544	14,261	22,676	453	617	541
January		17,754	11,162	9,568	14,691	13,527	22,340	582	569	528

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

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

Period	Metals - continued									
	Ferrous - continued				Precious					
	Steel ingots (b)		Blooms and slabs	Tinplate	Refined gold					Refined silver
	Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)			Australian origin		From scrap	Overseas origin		
					Newly won	Value (d)		Newly- won	From scrap	
	- '000 tons -		tons	f oz	\$'000		- f oz -		'000 f oz	
1967-68	(e)6,298	..	(e)5,483	(e)254,063	655,360	21,380	19,121	129,789	727	9,693
1968-69	(e)6,599	..	(e)5,749	(e)255,650	621,943	25,217	14,584	123,599	740	9,134
1969-70	(e)6,766	..	(e)5,801	(e)278,136	527,297	17,257	18,461	126,238	919	10,241
July to January -										
1969-70	4,088	..	3,533	168,770	329,511	11,000	11,717	66,404	340	6,116
1970-71	4,022	..	3,416	184,118	276,766	9,124	11,896	68,488	880	5,037
1969-70 -										
December	606	576	518	26,288	43,033	1,348	726	9,445	..	950
January	569	562	487	24,509	37,370	1,169	1,148	9,593	..	845
February	488	553	424	23,386	35,958	1,135	1,431	8,495	..	702
March	518	516	439	25,674	37,107	1,175	1,674	13,373	552	750
April	514	550	442	19,433	36,200	1,147	1,263	12,904	..	883
May	596	587	489	19,686	51,178	1,619	1,125	11,620	..	742
June	565	565	473	23,814	37,343	1,181	1,251	13,442	27	1,047
1970-71 -										
July	600	581	528	26,102	35,589	1,150	1,634	9,327	367	664
August	572	555	491	26,764	39,535	1,291	2,663	11,396	70	718
September	556	550	465	25,891	36,856	1,245	1,130	8,594	222	879
October	581	565	480	27,133	51,085	1,663	2,032	10,724	204	892
November	563	562	488	25,887	39,217	1,311	1,596	10,791	..	540
December	592	566	478	25,529	39,968	1,288	1,788	7,130	13	640
January	558	561	487	26,812	34,516	1,177	1,053	10,526	4	704

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

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

Period	Fuels						Building materials and chemicals					
	Petroleum products			Coal products			Building materials			Chemicals		
	Motor spirit	Automotive distillate	Furnace fuel	Industrial diesel fuel	Metallurgical coke	Brown coal briquettes	Portland cement		Asbestos cement sheets-non-acoustic	Sulphuric acid		
							Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)		Original	Seasonally adjusted (a)	Superphosphate (b)
	mil. gal.								'000 sq yd		- '000 tons -	
1967-68	1,897	2,344	6,206	984	3,678	1,745	3,805	..	36,251	1,892	..	3,935
1968-69	2,023	2,579	6,113	1,038	4,106	1,471	3,978	..	38,071	1,853	..	3,938
1969-70	2,110	2,852	5,987	1,080	4,708	1,539	4,439	..	42,120	1,748	..	3,598
July to January -												
1969-70	1,209	1,621	3,469	660	2,754	841	2,590	..	23,481	1,068	..	2,141
1970-71	1,298	1,808	3,592	698	2,965	725	2,681	..	22,271	918	..	1,838
1969-70 -												
December	195	288	547	76	411	98	329	371	3,156	173	167	365
January	169	223	495	75	410	83	299	400	1,764	171	164	346
February	159	212	491	71	369	102	355	374	3,641	148	147	355
March	189	244	527	94	397	155	378	364	3,503	151	141	332
April	172	255	464	77	360	146	371	376	3,824	131	120	306
May	189	249	514	88	406	146	366	339	3,343	139	135	255
June	192	270	521	90	420	149	379	385	4,327	112	122	210
1970-71 -												
July	146	158	437	84	408	143	418	393	3,937	88	99	165
August	211	274	565	139	430	116	401	380	3,292	127	138	218
September	196	262	570	108	422	109	391	370	4,407	156	146	312
October	191	247	517	109	432	116	415	379	2,619	146	142	322
November	172	261	441	81	421	94	417	400	3,238	142	158	289
December	191	294	538	89	422	68	337	382	3,778	144	140	282
January	191	312	523	87	430	79	304	409	998	115	113	249

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

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

Commodity (b)		Quantity				Value (\$'000)					
		1968-69	1969-70	July-Jan.		Jan. 1971	1968-69	1969-70	July-Jan.		Jan. 1971
				1968-70	1970-71				1969-70	1970-71	
METALLIC MINERALS AND METALS (c)											
Non-ferrous -											
Copper -											
Concentrate	tons	40,535	64,577	35,206	98,334	29,037	9,847	15,199	6,758	24,180	5,858
Blister	"	7,551	7,903	5,230	4,561	678	9,937	13,256	8,257	6,247	824
Refined	"	26,116	37,964	19,658	16,694	6,636	27,367	54,733	27,666	16,858	6,074
Matte, slags, etc.	"	8,547	12,401	6,198	5,105	..	3,033	6,889	3,670	1,980	..
Lead -											
Concentrate	tons	111,122	120,565	66,933	59,645	2,364	21,322	23,000	13,108	11,960	702
Bullion	"	121,304	166,494	90,855	96,128	22,911	39,332	60,392	32,081	32,419	7,378
Refined	"	115,263	159,417	100,768	72,233	596	25,007	43,071	26,751	17,848	164
Slags and residues	"	4,317	3,189	1,725	2,946	155	664	934	506	633	14
Zinc -											
Concentrate	tons	327,043	430,191	218,005	257,501	35,352	22,021	30,739	15,896	17,270	2,308
Refined	"	115,561	152,684	88,442	80,378	12,889	27,189	38,741	21,979	21,693	3,390
Slags and residues	"	6,748	5,452	3,513	3,254	316	306	373	232	275	44
Tin -											
Concentrate	tons	6,474	7,031	4,190	3,616	351	9,072	10,453	6,188	4,978	436
Refined	"	434	556	242	824	74	1,230	1,791	777	2,569	229
Aluminium, refined (d)	tons	8,062	50,029	18,788	50,519	6,145	4,233	23,144	8,412	23,510	2,774
Ferrous and alloy -											
Iron ore -											
Pellets	'000 tons	4,306	5,056	2,902	3,170	573	47,910	58,849	34,239	34,485	6,464
Fines	"	2,073	7,532	4,054	7,107	1,082	13,619	48,643	26,439	44,154	6,435
Lump	"	13,710	20,559	11,118	16,270	2,326	118,000	170,449	93,844	129,511	18,444
Manganese ore	tons	618,723	630,470	378,910	366,343	33,975	11,755	11,440	6,782	6,898	498

(a) In addition to the commodities listed, significant quantities of nickel ores and concentrates are also exported, but details are not available for publication. (b) The Australian Export Commodity Classification for each commodity in this table is shown in Appendix A. (c) Quantities shown for metallic minerals are gross quantities, not metallic contents. Principal metallic contents of selected ores and concentrates exported are shown in Table 4. (d) In addition to refined aluminium, significant quantities of alumina and bauxite are exported, but details are not available for publication.

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

Commodity (a)	Quantity					Value (\$'000)					
	1968-69	1969-70	July - Jan.		Jan. 1971	1968-69	1969-70	July - Jan.		Jan. 1971	
			1969-70	1970-71				1969-70	1970-71		
METALLIC MINERALS AND METALS (b)											
Ferrous and alloy - contd -											
Tungsten -											
Scheelite concentrate	tons	1,765	1,409	787	591	45	4,391	4,225	2,336	1,772	135
Wolfram concentrate	"	699	949	494	490	130	1,957	3,494	1,541	2,148	526
Pig iron	tons	350,471	306,156	191,010	199,669	8,881	13,359	14,742	9,457	12,351	499
Steel ingots, blooms	"	421,916	444,077	328,292	79,254	14,381	23,679	30,945	21,262	7,344	1,147
Mineral sands -											
Ilmenite concentrate	tons	505,330	588,558	306,371	359,576	46,723	5,386	5,843	3,026	3,550	381
Rutile concentrate	"	301,006	333,769	185,903	231,983	38,663	23,913	29,777	16,003	22,394	3,787
Zircon concentrate	"	296,605	345,403	177,342	218,471	31,848	11,992	13,434	7,115	7,964	1,200
Precious -											
Gold, refined	f oz	447,929	473,411	374,974	74,525	701	15,894	16,377	13,202	2,378	24
Silver, refined	'000 f oz	11,828	7,942	3,816	5,151	361	22,005	13,350	6,245	8,054	560
FUEL MINERALS											
Coal, black	'000 tons	14,824	17,493	10,200	10,843	1,463	116,725	165,524	96,192	110,314	15,769

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

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

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

Particulars	Metallic contents - estimated from assay								
	Copper	Lead	Zinc	Tin	Iron	Manganese	Tungstic oxide(b)	Gold	Silver
	- tons -				'000 tons	tons	units	f oz	'000 f oz
1967-68	21,419	194,677	174,568	1,881	8,013	162,866	110,120	113,337	10,714
1968-69	20,352	205,893	181,991	3,823	13,123	254,908	169,897	102,502	11,948
1969-70	25,364	253,933	231,201	3,871	21,349	293,891	164,938	126,960	15,907
July to January -									
1969-70	12,619	143,353	119,949	2,383	11,718	177,990	87,943	56,677	8,720
1970-71	30,845	141,515	140,317	1,795	16,917	172,592	74,254	121,452	7,176
January 1971 -									
Copper concentrate	6,754	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,338	34
Blister copper	676	..	..	..	..	..	..	5,635	4
Lead concentrate	222	922	292	..	..	..	..	3,402	194
Lead bullion	1	22,752	..	..	..	..	..	..	212
Lead slags and residues	..	106	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zinc concentrate	..	243	18,381	..	..	..	..	..	10
Zinc slags and residues	..	..	243	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tin concentrate	..	..	..	158	..	..	..	..	..
Iron ore - Pellets	..	..	..	..	373	..	..	..	..
Pines	..	..	..	..	672	..	..	..	..
Lump	..	..	..	..	1,496	..	..	..	..
Manganese ore	..	..	..	..	..	15,409	..	..	..
Scheelite concentrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	3,060	..	..
Wolfram concentrate	..	..	..	..	..	..	9,436	..	..
Total January 1971	7,653	24,023	18,916	158	2,542	15,409	12,496	12,375	453

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

(b) 1 unit = 22.4 lb.

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

Commodity (a)	Quantity					Value (\$'000)					
	1968-69	1969-70	July - Jan.		Jan. 1971	1968-69	1969-70	July - Jan.		Jan. 1971	
			1969-70	1970-71				1969-70	1970-71		
METALS											
Tin, refined	tons	143	103	54	59	11	415	347	176	192	35
Nickel (pigs, anodes, etc.)	tons	1,754	1,466	882	1,406	9	3,415	5,372	2,882	3,515	32
Ferro-alloys	tons	21,779	30,589	17,676	23,904	3,396	5,189	12,748	6,194	7,666	573
Gold -											
Unrefined bullion (b)	f oz	114,276	129,287	72,771	62,498	8,540	4,075	4,146	2,371	2,025	280
Refined	"	4,109	62,230	61,990	224	34	143	2,389	2,377	11	1
FUEL MINERALS											
Petroleum, crude	mil.gals	5,179	5,096	3,132	2,030	285	214,343	200,356	123,677	77,632	11,337
NON-METALLIC MINERALS											
Asbestos	short tons	60,115	65,447	43,616	58,008	13,784	7,638	8,572	5,345	7,378	1,570
Diamonds -											
Industrial	metric carats	699,473	963,226	579,184	513,109	47,407	2,823	3,626	2,089	2,148	197
Gemstone	"	35,526	33,826	18,182	25,323	2,773	5,246	5,447	2,965	3,491	377
Phosphate rock	'000 tons	3,146	2,746	1,641	1,205	97	31,625	27,875	17,021	12,961	1,022
Potassium fertilisers	tons	132,263	127,347	71,357	70,956	661	3,353	3,432	1,840	2,023	35
Sulphur	tons	394,973	427,300	264,040	117,423	55	15,177	10,786	7,462	2,217	18

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

(b) Gold content.

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

Period	Copper		Lead			Zinc			
	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	U.S.A. (US c-lb)	Aust. (\$A-ton)	L.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	Prod. (£Stg- ton)	U.S.A. (US c-lb)
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1967-68	1,132.1	(b) 511.5	210.0	(b) 92.0	13.84	258.0	(b) 105.3	108.0	13.50
1968-69	1,126.5	(b) 516.7	234.3	(b) 101.3	13.46	266.1	(b) 114.0	115.8	13.84
1969-70	1,500.1	671.8	283.5	132.2	16.10	291.2	123.9	127.3	15.30
1970-71 -									
Highest	1,366.4	581.8	290.0	135.3	16.50	295.0	126.8	128.0	15.50
Lowest	963.2	413.3	250.0	107.9	13.50	295.0	114.1	128.0	14.50
1969-70 -									
December	1,563.7	(b) 719.2	290.0	(b) 141.3	16.23	295.0	(b) 131.2	130.0	15.50
January	1,550.1	677.2	290.0	135.1	16.50	295.0	125.9	128.0	15.50
February	1,512.0	690.1	290.0	139.2	16.50	295.0	124.0	128.0	15.50
March	1,587.0	730.4	290.0	139.7	16.50	295.0	123.3	128.0	15.50
April	1,635.2	725.2	290.0	133.6	16.50	295.0	122.1	128.0	15.50
May	1,551.2	665.9	290.0	130.4	16.50	295.0	121.5	128.0	15.50
June	1,401.1	607.0	290.0	128.3	16.50	295.0	122.0	128.0	15.50
1970-71 -									
July	1,296.3	567.8	290.0	125.1	15.70	295.0	124.0	128.0	15.50
August	1,226.6	527.5	275.7	118.9	15.13	295.0	124.5	128.0	15.35
September	1,164.8	519.3	270.0	118.4	14.75	295.0	124.9	128.0	15.00
October	1,120.9	475.8	270.0	118.7	14.75	295.0	123.4	128.0	15.00
November	1,030.4	451.9	270.0	116.5	14.75	295.0	121.7	128.0	15.00
December	995.2	435.3	270.0	115.2	14.67	295.0	120.4	128.0	15.00
January	972.2	420.7	253.0	109.2	14.25	295.0	118.4	128.0	14.75

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

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

Period	Tin			Nickel U.K. (£Stg-metric ton)	Aluminium		Gold		Silver U.K. (dStg- f oz)	
	Aust. (\$A-ton)	I.M.E. (£Stg- metric ton)	Straits (\$Mal- picul)		Aust. (\$A-ton)	U.S.A. (US c-lb)	Premium markets (\$A-f oz)			U.K. (\$US-f oz)
							Australia	Overseas		
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1967-68	3,007.8	(b)1,274.9	577.8	(b) 837.0	520.9	25.1	(c)36.42	32.54	(d)	195.2
1968-69	3,063.2	(b)1,363.6	585.6	(b) 944.0	538.0	26.4	36.83	36.17	41.28	198.6
1969-70	3,463.8	1,524.6	669.9	1,123.7	564.9	27.9	33.49	32.05	37.40	179.1
1970-71 -										
Highest	3,495.0	1,542.5	680.0	1,246.5	578.0	29.0	33.76	32.46	39.01	188.0
Lowest	3,240.0	1,432.5	619.9	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.63	31.68	35.23	155.3
1969-70 -										
December	3,610.0	(b)1,616.3	699.2	(b)1,220.0	555.5	28.0	31.53	31.63	35.17	180.5
January	3,600.0	1,601.3	693.1	(b)1,220.0	555.5	28.0	31.45	(e)	34.94	185.9
February	3,497.0	1,569.6	670.2	(b)1,220.0	578.0	28.0	31.45	(e)	34.99	188.8
March	3,525.0	1,581.5	680.1	(b)1,220.0	578.0	28.0	31.45	31.39	35.09	187.6
April	3,628.0	1,004.2	702.0	1,200.5	578.0	28.0	31.65	31.49	35.62	184.2
May	3,571.7	1,557.8	689.2	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	32.03	(e)	35.96	167.8
June	3,382.4	1,476.6	651.4	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.56	31.68	35.42	164.1
1970-71 -										
July	3,292.3	1,458.0	633.6	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.63	31.68	35.32	165.7
August	3,414.0	1,508.3	659.7	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	31.73	31.79	35.38	180.2
September	3,419.6	1,518.9	658.3	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	32.49	32.46	36.19	181.6
October	3,430.5	1,528.8	657.1	1,200.5	578.0	29.0	33.47	(e)	37.52	175.6
November	3,415.5	1,506.9	654.0	1,246.5	578.0	29.0	33.42	(e)	37.44	176.6
December	3,302.6	1,457.2	639.5	1,246.5	578.0	29.0	33.52	(e)	37.44	163.7
January	3,282.2	1,441.8	628.6	1,246.5	578.0	29.0	33.76	(e)	37.89	163.1

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

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

Period	Tin	Wolfram	Ilmenite (c)		Rutile (c)		Zircon (c)	
	Aust. (b) (\$A - 1tu)	U.K. (c) (£Stg - 1tu)	Aust. (\$A - ton)	U.K. (£Stg-metric ton)	Aust. (\$A - ton)	U.K. (£Stg-metric ton)	Aust. (\$A - ton)	U.K. (£Stg-metric ton)
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
1967-68	25.81	14.75-21.13	9-10	(d)7.00-9.50	88- 96	(a)43.00-50.00	46-50	(d)25.00-30.00
1968-69	25.98	18.00-22.50	9-10	(d)7.50-9.50	88-124	(a)48.50-66.00	42-50	(d)26.25-30.00
1969-70	30.90	21.00-38.00	9-11	(d)7.50-9.50	124-150	(a)66.00-79.00	35-47	(d)25.25-27.75
1970-71 -								
Highest	29.61	36.75	11	11.32	150	79.72	39	28.5
Lowest	27.78	26.80	11	(d) 7.50	145	(d) 76.00	35	(d) 25.25
1969-70 -								
December	31.10	24.25-25.50	9-10	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(a)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
January	31.24	30.00-32.50	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
February	30.08	36.50-38.00	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
March	29.50	36.50-38.00	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
April	30.85	33.50-35.00	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
May	31.98	33.50-34.50	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
June	30.42	34.25-36.75	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
1970-71 -								
July	28.75	34.00-36.75	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
August	28.41	33.75-35.75	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
September	29.21	31.50-33.00	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
October	29.61	28.00-30.00	11	(d)7.50-9.50	145-150	(d)76.00-79.00	35-39	(d)25.25-26.50
November	29.36	26.80-28.00	11	(d)9.50-11.50	145-150	(d)78.00-81.00	35-39	(d)27.25-28.50
December	28.83	28.00-30.25	11	(d)9.50-11.50	145-150	(d)78.00-81.00	35-39	(d)27.25-28.50
January	27.78	28.54-29.77	11	9.35-11.32	145-150	76.77-79.72	35-39	26.82-28.05

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

TABLE 8. - EXPORT PRICE INDEX, AUSTRALIA (a)(b)

Period	Export Price Index (Base : Year 1959-60 = 100)		
	Metals and coal (c)	Gold	All groups
1967-68	120	104	100
1968-69	123	117	102
1969-70	(d) 143	(d) 109	(d)(e) 103
1969-70 -			
December	143	103	102
January	146	102	102
February	147	102	102
March	146	102	102
April	148	103	104
May	150	104	103
June	148	102	102
1970-71 -			
July	146	102	101
August	141	102	101
September	141	104	100
October	140	106	98
November	138	108	100
December	138	108	98
January	137	109	100

(a) See Appendix D for details on this index. (b) The Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index previously included in this table has been discontinued as from this issue. See Appendix D. (c) Comprises iron and steel, copper, zinc, lead, silver, and coal. (d) Interim series linked as at June 1969. (e) Includes in addition to the items of the previous series, the four items iron ore, bauxite, alumina, and mineral sands.

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

(\$'000)

Period	Petroleum exploration (a) (b)	Gold mining (b) (c)	Pyrites mining (d)	Sulphuric acid production (e)	Phosphate fertiliser production (f)
1967-68	11,711	4,773	..	1,286	23,654
1968-69	12,497	1,810	..	988	31,665
1969-70	14,302	1,871	..	740	45,820
July to January -					
1969-70	7,685	614	..	445	12,923
1970-71	4,803	2,095	126	278	12,811
1969-70 -					
December	498	111	..	208	2,689
January	309	396	..	..	2,667
February	667	111	..	65	5,472
March	1,223	4	..	30	6,724
April	879	342	..	100	8,376
May	1,024	474	..	..	7,838
June	2,824	326	..	101	4,487
1970-71 -					
July	868	317	..	66	1,914
August	751	320	31	..	1,231
September	445	2	59	5	1,112
October	601	154	..	150	1,668
November	1,012	699	..	3	1,951
December	635	134	..	..	2,377
January	492	470	36	54	2,557

- (a) Petroleum Search Subsidy Act 1959-69. (b) Includes Territory of Papua and New Guinea.
(c) Gold-Mining Industry Assistance Act 1954-1968. (d) Pyrites Bounty Act 1960-1969.
(e) Sulphuric Acid Bounty Act 1954-1969. (f) Phosphate Fertilizers Bounty Act 1963-1969.

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

Period	Gold bullion						Gold specie - net surplus of imports	
	Supplies			Disposals				
	Refinery production (a)	Imports (b)	Total	Exports	Net industrial consumption	Total		
							Change in stocks held in Australia (c)	
				- f oz -				\$A
1967-68	675,208	131,665	806,873	453,306	132,649	585,955	+ 220,918	22,025
1968-69	637,267	118,385	755,652	447,929	305,727	753,656	+ 1,996	31,861
1969-70	546,677	191,517	738,194	473,411	427,463	900,874	- 162,680	33,449
July to January -								
1969-70	341,568	134,761	476,329	374,974	274,248	649,222	- 172,893	15,342
1970-71	289,542	62,722	352,264	74,525	372,314	446,839	- 94,575	25,756
1969-70 -								
December	43,759	11,569	55,328	16,241	37,074	53,315	+ 2,013	1,651
January	38,518	9,107	47,625	16,180	27,157	43,337	+ 4,288	1,981
February	37,389	11,597	48,986	355	28,396	28,751	+ 20,235	4,511
March	39,333	7,121	46,454	420	34,850	35,270	+ 11,184	3,734
April	37,463	15,399	52,862	704	32,691	33,395	+ 19,467	2,508
May	52,303	10,726	63,029	48,696	26,834	75,530	- 12,501	4,078
June	38,621	11,913	50,534	48,262	30,444	78,706	- 28,172	3,276
1970-71 -								
July	37,590	11,462	49,052	485	27,427	27,912	+ 21,140	2,480
August	42,268	11,644	53,912	32,123	33,799	65,922	- 12,010	4,222
September	38,208	4,887	43,095	16,156	40,543	56,699	- 13,604	6,668
October	53,321	11,916	65,237	16,669	54,189	70,858	- 5,621	6,510
November	40,813	11,487	52,300	7,991	61,529	69,520	- 17,220	4,841
December	41,769	2,752	44,521	400	83,332	83,732	- 39,211	7,584
January	35,573	8,574	44,147	701	71,495	72,196	- 28,049	- 6,549

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

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APPENDIX A

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

ITEMS INCLUDED IN TABLES 3 AND 4

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

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

APPENDIX B

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

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Statistical item</u>	<u>Description</u>
Tin, refined	687.10.01	Tin
Nickel, pigs, anodes, etc.	(683.10.01	Pellets; shot; granulated
	(683.10.02	Other
	(683.24.00	Electroplating anodes of nickel
	(671.40.09	Ferro Manganese
Ferro alloys	(671.50.02	Ferro-chromium
	(671.50.03	Ferro-molybdenum
	(671.50.04	Ferro-nickel
	(671.50.05	Ferro-silicon
	(671.50.09	Other
Gold -		
Unrefined bullion	991.00.02	Unrefined bullion
	(991.00.03	Mint bullion (i.e. in the form accepted in inter-bank transactions)
Refined forms	(991.00.04	Refined bullion (except mint bullion)
	(331.01.00	Crude petroleum
	(331.02.01	Topped crudes
	(331.02.02	Crude petroleum, enriched with a distillate from crude petroleum
Petroleum, crude	(331.02.09	Other oils for use as refinery feed-stock (including enriched residuals)
	(	
Asbestos	(276.40.01	Amosite
	(276.40.02	Chrysotile (white)
	(276.40.09	Other
Diamonds -		
Industrial	(275.10.01	Uncut
	(275.10.09	Other
	(275.21.01	Diamond dust and powder
Gemstone	667.20.00	Gemstone diamonds
Phosphate rock	271.30.00	Natural phosphates, whether or not ground
	(561.30.01	Potassium chloride
Potassium fertilisers	(561.30.02	Potassium sulphate
	(561.30.09	Other
	(274.10.01	In bulk
Sulphur	(274.10.09	Bagged or otherwise packed

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

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

APPENDIX C - continuedReference
numberParticulars of Price Bases

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

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

Abbreviations used

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

Currency and quantity equivalents

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

APPENDIX DPRICE INDEXES (TABLE 8)Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index

Index numbers for this series subsequent to December 1970 for the selected groups contained therein will henceforth be made available on special request to meet the needs of those who require them for an interim period for purposes such as applications under existing contracts. Such requests should be addressed to:

The Commonwealth Statistician,
G.P.O. Box 17,
Canberra, A.C.T. 2600

endorsed "Wholesale Price Index - Interim Service". To facilitate arrangements they should specify the nature of the need and indicate its estimated duration.

Export Price Index

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

Year 1959-60 = 100.
3. The "All groups" index includes, wool, meats, dairy produce, cereals, dried and canned fruit, sugar, hides and tallow, metals and coal, gold, and from July 1969, iron ore, bauxite, alumina and mineral sands.
4. A detailed description of the index as constructed up to June 1969 is given in Year Book, No 56, 1970, pages 240.2. The interim series was introduced in the July 1970 issue of Export Price Index (Reference No. 9.2).