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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAJUNE QUARTER, 1961 (PRELIMINARY) AND MONTH OF JULY, 1961 (PROVISIONAL)

1. This bulletin contains preliminary figures of retail sales of goods for June quarter, 1961, and a provisional figure for the month of July, 1961.
2. JUNE QUARTER, 1961 - Table 1 below shows, for each State and Australia, preliminary figures of the total value of retail sales of goods (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.) for June quarter, 1961, and a preliminary figure of the total value of retail sales of Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. for Australia only.
3. MONTH OF JULY, 1961 - Table 2 below shows, for Australia, a provisional estimate of the total value of retail sales of goods (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.) for the month of July, 1961.
4. For purposes of comparison, figures for some earlier periods are also included. Information relating to the basis of the figures shown in this Bulletin and more detailed figures for earlier periods, are contained in Statistical Bulletin No. 956 of 30th June, 1961.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS

(All figures are on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census)

TABLE 1 : QUARTERLY ESTIMATES

Quarter	Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)							Total Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (a)
	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)	AUSTRALIA (b)
	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Total Value of Retail Sales								
1958-59 : September	231.2	170.9	78.7	48.3	38.1	17.9	585.1	180.9
December	268.6	195.6	88.9	56.8	44.6	20.6	675.1	195.5
March	227.2	168.3	77.4	49.2	40.0	17.6	579.7	177.6
June	240.1	178.0	82.2	53.1	41.7	18.5	613.6	190.6
1959-60 : September	247.7	180.6	85.9	53.9	40.8	18.4	627.3	204.8
December	289.4	212.4	98.3	64.4	48.3	22.1	734.9	236.6
March	253.8	183.0	86.6	56.9	45.7	19.4	645.4	220.2
June (c)	265.0	197.9	91.7	60.0	47.4	20.8	682.8	233.8
1960-61 : September (c)	268.0	197.9	94.9	58.9	45.0	20.8	685.5	250.9
December (c)	307.4	228.7	105.4	67.1	52.1	24.2	784.9	251.3
March (c)	258.8	192.3	90.0	58.2	47.6	20.9	667.8	200.0
June (d)	267.2	197.4	93.8	59.7	48.0	21.4	687.5	203.7
Increase over corresponding quarter of previous year	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1959-60 : September	7.1	5.7	9.1	11.6	7.1	2.8	7.2	13.2
December	7.7	8.6	10.6	13.4	8.3	7.3	8.9	21.0
March	11.7	8.7	11.9	15.7	14.3	10.2	11.3	24.0
June (c)	10.4	11.2	11.6	13.0	13.7	12.4	11.3	22.7
1960-61 : September (c)	8.2	9.6	10.5	9.3	10.3	13.0	9.3	22.5
December (c)	6.2	7.7	7.2	4.2	7.9	9.5	6.8	6.2
March (c)	2.0	5.1	3.9	2.3	4.2	7.7	3.5	- 9.2
June (d)	0.8	- 0.3	2.3	- 0.5	1.3	2.9	0.7	-12.9

(a) Includes Tractors, New and Used Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc., but excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Subject to revision.

(d) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.

NOTE: Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

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MONTH	Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.) AUSTRALIA (a)
	£m.
1961 : April (b)	220.8
May (b)	239.7
June (b)	227.0
July (c)	223.1

- (a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Preliminary estimate, subject to revision.
 (c) Provisional estimate, subject to revision.

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