

**PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
AUSTRALIA, MARCH 1991**

MAIN FEATURES

Change between—

	February 1991 and March 1991 %	March 1990 and March 1991 %
Manufacturing Division	-2.0	-2.0
Imported Materials	-1.6	-0.1
Home Produced Materials	-2.2	-2.9

The Manufacturing Division index decreased by 2.0% in March 1991 (-2.4 index points). Prices of Home Produced materials fell by 2.2% in March, while prices for Imported Materials fell by 1.6%

The main price changes were:

Imported materials—

- Decreased prices for crude petroleum and condensates (-0.7 index points)
- Decreased prices for machinery and equipment components (-0.2 index points)
- Increased prices for chemicals and chemical based materials (+0.2 index points)

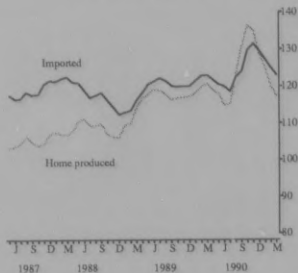
Home produced materials —

- Decreased prices for crude petroleum (-1.8 index points)

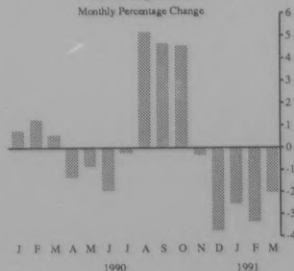
The Manufacturing Division index decreased by 2.0% between March 1990 and March 1991; the home produced materials index decreased by 2.9% and the imported materials index decreased by 0.1% over that period.

MANUFACTURING DIVISION

Index Numbers
(Base Year 1984-85 = 100.0)



**Manufacturing Division
Monthly Percentage Change**



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NOTE: Explanatory Notes are published at the back of this publication.

TABLE 1. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MANUFACTURING DIVISION INDEXES
(Base of each index : Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

		Source of materials	
	Manufacturing Division	Imported Materials	Home Produced Materials
INDEX NUMBERS			
1987-88	111.4	120.0	106.8
1988-89	113.1	116.5	111.3
1989-90	119.0	121.1	117.9
1989-90—			
January	119.2	121.4	118.1
February	120.8	122.8	119.8
March	121.5	122.9	120.7
April	119.9	121.7	119.0
May	118.9	120.5	118.0
June	116.6	120.0	114.8
1990-91—			
July	116.4	118.6	115.3
August	122.4	121.2	123.0
September	128.2	123.9	130.4
October	134.1	129.7	136.4
November	133.7	131.5	134.9
December	128.8	129.3	128.5
January	125.6	127.1	124.8
February p	121.5	124.8	119.8
March p	119.1	122.8	117.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGES			
		Change from previous year	
1987-88	+5.7	+2.1	+7.8
1988-89	+1.5	-2.9	+4.2
1989-90	+5.2	+3.9	+5.9
Change from corresponding month of previous year			
1989-90—			
January	+7.8	+7.5	+8.0
February	+8.6	+8.3	+8.9
March	+5.7	+5.8	+5.7
April	+2.0	+2.9	+1.7
May	+0.3	—	+0.3
June	-2.8	-1.1	-3.6
1990-91—			
July	-3.1	-2.9	-3.0
August	+2.7	-0.2	+4.3
September	+8.9	+3.2	+12.0
October	+13.8	+8.2	+16.9
November	+13.3	+9.6	+15.4
December	+9.0	+7.8	+9.6
January	+5.4	+4.7	+5.7
February p	+0.6	+1.6	—
March p	-2.0	-0.1	-2.9
Change from previous month			
1989-90—			
January	+0.8	+1.2	+0.8
February	+1.3	+1.2	+1.4
March	+0.6	+0.1	+0.8
April	-1.3	-1.0	-1.4
May	-0.8	-1.0	-0.8
June	-1.9	-0.4	-2.7
1990-91—			
July	-0.2	-1.2	+0.4
August	+5.2	+2.2	+6.7
September	+4.7	+2.2	+6.0
October	+4.6	+4.7	+4.6
November	-0.3	+1.4	-1.1
December	-3.7	-1.7	-4.7
January	-2.5	-1.7	-2.9
February p	-3.3	-1.8	-4.0
March p	-2.0	-1.6	-2.2

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
CONTRIBUTION OF SELECTED CATEGORIES OF MATERIALS TO MANUFACTURING DIVISION INDEX
(expressed in terms of total Manufacturing Division index points) (a)

Category	February 1991 p	March 1991 p	Change
Manufacturing Division	121.5	119.1	-2.4
<i>Contributions to Division Index (in index points)—</i>			
All Imported Materials	43.11	42.42	-0.69
Selected Imported Materials			
Crude petroleum and condensates	4.42	3.71	-0.71
Textile fibres, yarns and fabrics	5.23	5.28	+0.05
Pulp, paper and materials made of paper	3.40	3.38	-0.02
Chemicals and chemical based materials	9.09	9.29	+0.20
Basic iron and steel	2.84	2.84	—
Components for machinery and equipment	9.04	8.86	-0.18
All Home Produced Materials	78.42	76.72	-1.70
Selected Home Produced Materials			
Live animals	16.26	16.26	—
Other agricultural materials	15.75	15.68	-0.07
Hardwood and softwood logs	1.82	1.83	+0.01
Fish, prawns and lobsters	1.35	1.34	-0.01
Metal ores and concentrates	10.61	10.65	+0.04
Coal, crude petroleum and gas	21.76	19.99	-1.77
Electricity	5.63	5.67	+0.04

(a) For an explanation of this table see paragraph 26 of the Explanatory Notes and in the Appendix to the February 1988 issue of this publication.

TABLE 3. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MANUFACTURING DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED CATEGORIES OF MATERIALS
(Base of each index : Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	Imported materials									
	Agricultural material(a)	Crude petroleum and co-derivatives	Mining material(a)	Textile fibres, yarns and fabrics	Pulp, paper and materials made of paper	Chemicals and chemical based materials	Basic iron and steel	Components for machinery and equipment	Manufactured material(a)	All imported material(a)
INDEX NUMBERS										
1987-88	106.5	61.6	67.9	142.9	120.5	142.0	128.2	148.0	136.4	120.0
1988-89	95.3	47.6	56.7	139.6	122.3	150.9	134.8	138.9	135.8	116.5
1989-90	85.5	58.1	66.1	140.2	131.2	158.3	134.5	141.5	139.5	121.1
1989-90—										
January	81.9	62.1	69.6	141.5	130.2	155.5	136.0	140.7	139.0	121.4
February	81.1	64.0	71.1	142.3	131.8	158.7	136.3	141.8	140.4	122.8
March	81.6	64.0	71.0	141.6	133.1	159.6	136.1	141.9	140.7	122.9
April	81.9	60.3	67.7	139.8	134.5	160.7	135.9	139.9	140.0	121.7
May	83.6	53.2	61.7	139.2	132.0	161.0	136.2	140.8	140.1	120.5
June	83.4	52.0	60.8	138.4	131.0	160.0	136.0	140.5	139.8	120.0
1990-91—										
July	82.7	48.5	58.4	137.9	131.7	157.9	132.0	140.7	138.6	118.6
August	82.5	48.5	58.4	137.9	131.7	157.9	132.0	140.7	138.6	118.6
September	81.2	64.2	71.8	136.0	130.3	156.9	130.2	142.0	138.0	121.2
October	81.1	85.5	80.5	135.0	128.0	153.1	129.8	139.7	136.4	123.9
November	83.4	104.8	106.3	138.6	126.8	154.5	131.7	144.5	139.1	129.7
December	83.4	104.8	106.3	138.6	126.8	154.5	131.7	144.5	139.1	129.7
January	83.9	97.7	97.7	138.9	128.9	158.0	131.7	146.9	141.5	131.5
February	84.9	80.9	86.3	138.2	130.6	160.0	130.1	147.4	141.5	127.1
March p	84.6	66.6	73.8	138.3	131.2	160.5	130.9	148.5	142.2	124.8
March p	84.2	55.9	64.7	139.5	130.5	163.9	130.9	145.5	142.3	122.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGES										
Change from previous year										
1987-88	-15.5	+1.7	-1.5	+4.8	+1.2	+6.9	+2.2	+0.3	+3.6	+2.3
1988-89	-10.5	-22.7	-16.5	-2.3	+1.5	+6.3	+5.1	-6.1	-0.4	-2.9
1989-90	-10.3	+22.1	+16.6	+0.4	+7.3	+4.9	-0.2	+1.9	+2.7	+3.9
Change from corresponding month of previous year										
1989-90—										
January	-10.1	+42.8	+31.8	+3.4	+11.0	+7.3	+2.9	+3.5	+5.1	+7.5
February	-9.4	+32.8	+26.0	+3.3	+12.5	+8.7	+1.0	+6.9	+6.3	+8.3
March	-11.3	+25.5	+19.5	+3.6	+17.2	+6.0	-0.5	+3.4	+4.5	+5.8
April	-13.3	+7.3	+5.3	+2.0	+10.8	+5.1	-1.2	+0.9	+2.5	+2.9
May	-11.2	-8.7	-6.9	+1.2	+4.3	+2.0	-1.5	+0.6	+1.4	—
June	-11.8	-11.3	-9.0	+0.2	+1.4	+0.8	-2.4	-0.1	+0.5	-1.1
1990-91—										
July	-13.6	-16.7	-12.7	-0.4	+1.2	-1.3	-5.4	-1.3	-1.2	-2.9
August	-13.9	+11.6	+8.8	-2.6	-1.5	-1.9	-0.6	-0.2	-1.1	-0.2
September	-10.0	+55.5	+40.9	-2.6	-1.9	+0.6	—	+1.5	+3.2	+3.2
October	-4.9	+88.8	+66.4	-1.3	-2.7	+1.2	-0.2	+1.5	+8.2	+8.2
November	+0.4	+84.3	+63.8	+0.8	+0.1	+0.4	—	+3.9	+2.2	+9.6
December	+1.2	+62.5	+48.3	+0.3	+0.1	+0.9	—	+4.0	+2.0	+9.6
January	+3.7	+30.3	+24.0	-2.3	+0.3	+2.9	+3.3	+4.8	+1.8	+4.7
February p	+4.3	+4.1	+3.5	-2.8	-0.5	+1.1	-4.0	+4.7	+1.3	+1.6
March p	+3.2	-12.7	-3.9	-1.5	-2.0	+2.7	-4.0	+2.5	+1.1	-0.1
Change from previous month										
1989-90—										
January	-1.2	+7.4	+5.6	-0.5	+1.1	-0.5	+3.3	+0.3	+0.5	+1.2
February	-1.0	+3.1	+2.4	+0.6	+1.2	+2.1	+0.2	+0.8	+1.0	+1.7
March	-0.6	—	0.4	-0.5	+1.0	+0.6	—	+0.1	+0.7	+0.2
April	+0.4	-5.8	-4.6	-1.3	+1.1	+0.7	-0.3	-1.4	-0.2	-1.0
May	+2.1	-11.8	-8.9	-0.9	-1.9	+0.2	+0.2	+0.6	+0.1	-1.0
June	-0.2	-2.3	-1.5	-0.6	-0.8	-0.6	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4
1990-91—										
July	-0.8	-6.7	-3.9	-0.4	+0.5	-1.3	-2.9	+0.1	-0.9	-1.2
August	-0.2	+33.0	+22.9	-1.4	-1.1	-0.6	-1.4	+0.9	-0.4	+2.2
September	-1.6	+32.6	+29.7	-0.7	-1.8	-2.4	-0.3	-1.6	-1.2	+2.2
October	-0.1	+22.6	+18.8	+2.7	-0.9	+0.9	+1.5	+3.4	+2.0	+4.7
November	+0.2	+0.8	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+1.6	+0.1	+1.7	+1.7	+1.7
December	+0.6	-10.1	-3.3	-1.6	-0.5	+0.7	-0.1	+0.7	-0.3	-1.7
January	+1.2	-12.8	-11.7	-0.5	+0.1	+1.3	-1.2	+1.0	+0.3	-1.7
February p	+0.4	-17.7	-14.5	-0.1	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	-1.8
March p	-0.5	-16.1	-12.3	+0.9	-0.5	+2.1	—	-2.0	+0.1	-1.6

For footnotes see end of Table 3

TABLE 3. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MANUFACTURING DIVISION INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED CATEGORIES OF MATERIALS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

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Home produced materials											
	Live animals	Other agricultural materials	Hardwood and softwood logs	Fish, prawns and lobsters	Agricultural forestry and fishing materials(a)	Metal ores and concentrates	Coal, crude petroleum and gas	Mining materials(a)	Electricity(a)	All home produced materials(a)	
INDEX NUMBERS											
1987-88	112.5	121.4	126.2	160.3	118.3	132.1	82.6	96.3	112.3	106.8	
1988-89	124.7	135.4	140.2	171.9	131.0	150.8	71.6	93.6	118.3	111.3	
1989-90	124.3	140.8	146.8	173.8	134.0	156.2	83.1	103.5	123.6	117.9	
1989-90—											
January	119.8	139.8	146.5	175.4	131.4	150.4	88.5	106.1	123.5	118.1	
February	125.4	141.6	148.1	171.9	134.9	147.6	89.8	106.5	123.9	119.8	
March	126.1	141.7	145.5	163.2	133.9	153.9	88.9	107.3	125.2	120.7	
April	129.4	141.6	146.6	166.1	136.5	153.1	85.7	105.6	121.7	119.0	
May	128.0	142.4	149.0	163.0	136.3	160.5	78.9	101.9	123.6	118.0	
June	123.9	141.1	150.8	163.6	133.8	158.5	73.4	97.6	123.9	114.8	
1990-91—											
July	122.7	137.4	151.3	170.3	131.8	157.1	75.1	98.9	128.2	115.3	
August	120.2	133.6	151.8	172.2	129.0	156.1	101.1	116.7	128.5	123.0	
September	115.3	133.8	152.9	172.7	126.8	153.3	125.4	133.3	128.7	124.4	
October	111.8	131.3	153.9	176.4	134.1	152.9	145.8	147.5	128.9	136.4	
November	113.1	132.6	156.8	174.0	124.0	152.2	141.5	144.5	129.3	134.9	
December	115.1	130.2	158.4	173.4	125.0	152.0	121.6	130.6	128.9	128.5	
January p	116.5	128.7	150.0	172.6	125.0	147.9	123.6	123.4	124.8	124.8	
February p	122.0	129.5	148.8	175.3	128.0	146.7	95.0	111.2	124.4	119.8	
March p	122.0	128.9	150.3	174.7	127.8	146.7	87.3	105.9	129.4	117.2	
PERCENTAGE CHANGES											
Change from previous year											
1987-88	+4.1	+12.9	+6.4	+9.8	+8.2	+16.1	+4.2	+7.8	+4.6	+7.8	
1988-89	+10.4	+11.5	+11.3	+3.7	+10.7	+14.2	-13.3	-2.8	+5.3	+4.2	
1989-90	+8.1	+4.0	+4.6	+4.6	+2.3	+3.6	+16.1	+10.6	+4.5	+5.9	
Change from corresponding month of previous year											
1989-90—											
January	+0.4	+4.3	-0.2	+7.1	+2.3	+2.8	+25.2	+15.5	+4.0	+8.0	
February	+5.0	+2.9	+0.3	+18.1	+5.1	-2.4	+28.7	+14.3	+4.1	+8.9	
March	+2.3	+0.6	-2.1	+4.3	+1.4	+1.4	+7.6	+2.4	+6.0	+5.7	
April	+0.5	+3.3	+5.0	+4.1	+6.7	-7.4	+2.3	+4.3	+4.0	+0.3	
May	+1.4	+0.6	+7.3	+0.6	-2.8	+2.7	+6.1	+0.3	+4.0	-3.6	
June	-3.9	-0.7	+8.7	-2.5		-2.9	-10.4	-5.8			
1990-91—											
July	-6.0	-3.0	+5.4	-7.1	-4.1	-2.4	-7.3	-3.7	+4.3	-3.0	
August	-3.4	-4.9	+5.1	-7.0	-4.5	-2.6	+22.3	+13.9	+4.5	+4.3	
September	-3.6	-5.0	+2.4	-7.0	-4.5	-2.6	+22.3	+13.9	+4.5	+12.0	
October	-4.0	-5.9	+3.0	-3.4	-5.4	-3.7	+76.5	+42.2	+6.6	+16.9	
November	-3.0	-7.1	+6.4	-3.2	-5.3	-3.4	+43.1	+24.5	+4.4	+9.9	
December	-3.1	-7.9	+7.3	+1.7	-4.9	-1.7	+27.6	+16.5	+4.0	+5.7	
January p	-2.8	-8.5	+0.5	+1.0	-4.9	-1.7	+27.6	+16.5	+4.0	+5.7	
February p	-2.7	-9.0	+3.3	+7.0	-6.0	-4.7	-1.8	-1.3	+3.4	-2.9	
March p	-4.8										
Change from previous month											
1989-90—											
January	+0.8	—	-0.7	+2.9	+0.5	-4.4	+4.1	+1.1	—	+0.8	
February	+4.7	+1.3	+1.1	+3.0	+2.7	-1.9	+1.3	+0.4	+0.3	+1.4	
March	+2.2	+0.1	-1.8	-5.1	+0.7	+4.3	-1.0	+0.8	+1.0	+0.8	
April	+1.0	+0.1	-0.6	+1.8	+0.4	-2.5	-5.8	-3.4	-1.2	-1.4	
May	-1.1	+0.6	+1.9	-0.1	-0.1	+4.8	-3.7	-1.6	-4.2	-0.8	
June	-3.2	-0.9	+1.2	+0.4	-1.8	-1.2	-7.0	-4.2	+0.2	-2.7	
1990-91—											
July	-1.0	-2.6	+0.3	+4.1	-1.5	-0.9	+2.3	+1.3	+3.5	+0.4	
August	-2.0	-2.8	+0.1	-2.1	-0.6	-0.6	+34.6	+18.0	+0.2	+6.7	
September	-4.1	-0.9	+0.9	+0.3	-1.7	-1.0	+24.0	+14.7	+0.2	+6.0	
October	-3.0	+1.9	+0.7	-2.1	-0.5	-0.5	+16.3	+10.7	+0.3	+4.6	
November	-1.1	-0.8	-4.3	-0.1	-1.8	-2.9	-2.0	-2.0	+0.3	-1.1	
December	+1.9	-0.1	+3.3	+1.0	-4.0	-0.1	-2.6	-5.4	-0.4	-2.9	
January p	+4.7	+0.6	+2.2	+2.4	-2.7	-2.7	-7.2	-5.4	-0.4	-4.0	
February p	+2.2	+0.6	+3.3	+2.4	-2.7	-2.7	-7.2	-5.4	-0.4	-4.0	
March p	—	-0.5	+1.0	+3.3	-2.4	-2.4	-8.1	-10.8	+0.8	-2.2	

(a) Index numbers are available for these series back to July 1968. Annual index numbers for the period 1968-69 to 1984-85 on reference base: Year 1984-85 = 100.0 are shown in Table A5 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

TABLE 4. PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES
MANUFACTURING SUBDIVISION INDEXES
(Base of each index: Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	Food, beverages and tobacco (21)	Textiles (23)	Clothing (244-245)	Footwear (246)	Wood, wood products and furniture (25)	Paper, paper products printing and publishing (26)	Basic chemicals and other chemical products (272-276)	Petroleum and coal products (277-278)	Non- metallic mineral products (28)	Basic metal products (29)	Fabricated metal products (31)	Transport equipment (32)	Other machinery and equipment (33)	Miscellaneous non- ferrous factories (34)
INDEX NUMBERS														
1987-88	114.1	153.9	136.3	134.7	125.5	119.6	119.8	74.5	117.0	122.3	127.1	136.5	130.6	132.7
1988-89	125.1	153.1	138.6	137.7	133.4	127.0	125.5	61.0	121.0	136.8	140.7	138.4	136.2	135.9
1989-90	128.8	145.4	140.0	143.8	142.2	133.5	128.6	72.5	127.8	143.1	144.9	142.6	140.3	136.1
1989-90—														
January	126.8	146.0	140.5	141.7	144.5	133.6	128.5	78.0	128.9	139.9	145.2	142.2	140.6	133.4
February	129.3	146.4	140.8	144.4	142.8	134.5	130.1	79.5	129.5	139.4	144.7	142.7	139.5	134.4
March	129.9	146.7	141.0	145.5	143.5	135.1	129.9	78.7	130.0	140.5	145.3	140.6	137.7	135.3
April	130.7	146.4	140.3	145.2	142.7	133.1	131.0	73.4	130.9	142.5	146.9	142.9	141.1	136.0
May	130.7	146.2	140.1	145.7	144.3	134.3	131.6	67.7	131.3	146.6	147.7	143.3	142.7	136.7
June	129.2	143.0	140.3	144.9	145.6	133.7	131.0	62.5	131.3	145.7	147.5	142.6	141.4	135.1
1990-91—														
July	129.1	135.9	140.1	146.1	146.2	137.7	130.6	62.9	135.8	145.1	147.0	142.8	141.5	133.9
August	126.9	134.2	139.3	146.3	146.3	137.0	130.2	88.8	135.0	144.7	147.8	142.9	143.8	132.6
September	125.4	134.3	139.9	146.0	145.9	135.9	129.1	114.1	138.1	143.5	147.9	142.5	145.3	131.9
October	123.7	133.8	142.5	145.8	147.6	135.5	131.4	135.9	138.3	144.4	148.1	145.3	145.1	131.8
November	123.6	135.3	143.1	146.6	147.5	138.1	134.0	132.5	139.9	144.2	148.5	147.4	145.3	131.7
December	124.6	135.0	143.0	146.6	148.9	139.2	133.2	140.9	141.4	144.4	148.0	147.6	145.1	131.8
January	124.5	135.3	143.1	146.7	147.9	139.5	134.6	102.7	141.0	141.4	148.0	147.6	145.1	131.8
February p	127.1	133.6	142.6	146.9	147.7	141.0	136.4	84.2	144.3	141.2	148.0	148.5	144.2	134.1
March p	127.2	129.8	143.1	146.5	148.4	140.6	136.6	75.1	144.1	141.3	148.0	147.2	143.9	132.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGES														
Change from previous year														
1987-88	+5.1	+22.5	+7.4	+8.7	+6.3	+3.6	+3.3	+3.3	+5.9	+12.8	+10.3	+4.8	+8.2	+12.2
1988-89	+9.6	-0.5	+1.7	+2.2	+4.2	+6.2	+4.8	+8.1	+3.4	+10.7	+11.9	+1.4	+6.3	+2.4
1989-90	+3.0	-5.0	+1.0	+4.4	+6.6	+3.1	+3.3	+18.9	+5.6	+4.6	+3.0	+3.0	+3.2	+0.1
Change from corresponding month of previous year														
1989-90—														
January	+2.9	-1.7	+1.7	+3.7	+6.8	+6.9	+4.5	+32.2	+7.7	+4.3	+3.1	+3.9	+3.1	—
February	+5.3	-2.2	+2.5	+5.2	+5.7	+7.2	+5.4	+31.4	+8.1	+1.2	+2.6	+5.9	+2.7	+1.7
March	+1.8	-1.4	+1.9	+6.1	+2.7	+6.6	+4.1	+21.5	+8.2	+1.5	+2.5	+5.9	+2.7	+1.7
April	+0.8	-1.1	+3.3	+5.8	+6.1	+8.1	+7.9	+2.6	+1.8	+1.8	+2.5	+2.0	+1.4	+1.4
May	+0.3	-0.5	+0.6	+5.3	+7.5	+3.9	+3.4	-2.2	+7.8	+0.6	+2.4	+2.1	+3.0	+1.1
June	-1.8	-1.2	+0.4	+5.1	+8.6	+2.3	+2.6	-13.6	+8.0	+0.6	+2.3	+1.4	+2.5	-0.3
1990-91—														
July	-1.8	-6.5	+0.4	+1.5	+6.9	+4.6	+0.8	-11.2	+9.3	+0.5	+2.0	+0.6	+2.2	-2.6
August	-2.4	-7.6	-0.4	+1.8	+6.5	+3.3	+0.5	+26.0	+7.7	+0.8	+4.7	+1.1	+3.8	-3.3
September	-2.0	-7.2	+1.4	+0.6	+3.4	+2.6	+0.4	+60.2	+10.1	+1.3	+2.7	+1.0	+1.2	-3.5
October	-2.4	-7.4	+2.3	+2.9	+5.1	+1.7	+2.4	+89.8	+10.9	+0.5	+2.7	+1.6	+2.8	-3.4
November	-2.0	-6.3	+2.5	+3.2	+4.2	+4.2	+4.2	+81.3	+11.0	+0.9	+3.1	+3.4	+3.7	-4.1
December	-1.4	-7.5	+1.4	+3.5	+4.6	+4.6	+4.6	+52.8	+12.0	+0.7	+3.1	+3.7	+3.7	-4.4
January	-1.8	-7.3	+1.8	+3.5	+2.4	+4.4	+4.7	+31.7	+9.4	+1.1	+1.9	+3.8	+3.2	+1.0
February p	-1.7	-8.7	+1.3	+1.7	+3.4	+4.3	+4.3	+5.9	+11.4	+1.3	+2.3	+3.4	+3.4	+1.4
March p	-2.1	-11.5	+1.5	+0.7	+3.9	+5.2	+4.1	-4.6	+10.8	-1.4	+1.5	+3.2	+2.3	-2.3
Change from previous month														
1989-90—														
January	+0.3	—	-0.1	—	+1.2	+0.8	+0.2	+5.3	+2.5	-2.7	+1.0	+0.3	+0.5	-2.6
February	+2.0	+0.3	+0.2	+1.9	+0.7	+1.2	+0.5	+1.9	+0.5	-0.4	-0.3	+0.4	-0.8	+0.7
March	+0.5	+0.2	+0.1	+0.8	—	+0.4	-0.2	-1.0	+0.4	+2.8	+0.8	+0.8	+0.8	+1.0
April	+0.6	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1	+0.5	-0.3	-0.7	+0.7	-0.6	+0.8	+0.1	+0.4	+0.2
May	—	-0.1	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.6	-0.5	-7.8	+0.3	+2.9	+0.5	+0.3	+1.1	+0.5
June	-1.1	-2.2	+0.1	-0.5	+0.9	-0.4	-0.5	-7.7	+0.2	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.9	-1.2
1990-91—														
July	-0.1	-5.0	-0.1	+0.8	+0.4	+3.0	-0.3	+0.6	+3.3	-0.4	-0.3	+0.1	+0.1	-0.9
August	-1.7	-1.3	-0.6	+0.1	+0.1	+0.5	-0.3	+41.2	-0.6	-0.3	+0.5	+0.1	+1.6	-1.0
September	-0.2	+0.3	-0.4	-0.2	+0.3	-0.8	-0.8	+28.5	+2.3	-0.8	+0.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5
October	-1.4	-0.4	+1.9	-0.1	+0.3	-0.3	-0.1	+19.1	+0.1	+0.6	+0.6	+2.0	+1.3	-0.1
November	-0.1	+1.1	+0.4	+0.5	-0.1	+1.9	+2.0	-2.5	+1.2	-0.1	+0.3	+1.4	+0.1	-0.1
December	+0.8	-0.2	-0.3	+0.2	+1.2	+0.4	+0.2	-14.6	+0.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.5
January	-0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	-0.9	+0.6	+0.2	-9.3	+0.1	+1.7	-0.2	+0.6	+0.6	+1.9
February p	+2.1	-1.3	-0.3	+0.1	+1.1	+1.3	+1.3	-18.0	+2.3	-0.1	—	+1.6	-0.6	-0.3
March p	+0.1	-2.8	+0.4	-0.3	+0.5	-0.3	+0.1	-10.8	-0.1	+0.1	—	-0.9	-0.2	-1.1

TABLE 5. SELECTED METALLIC MATERIALS USED IN FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY
(ASIC Subdivision 31)
(Base of each index : Year 1984-85 = 100.0)

	<i>Iron and steel</i> (a)	<i>Aluminium</i> (a)	<i>Copper and brass</i> (a)	<i>Zinc</i> (a)
INDEX NUMBERS				
1987-88	124.6	134.5	145.8	114.8
1988-89	135.1	137.9	165.2	160.1
1989-90	141.0	152.8	171.8	179.6
1989-90—				
January	142.2	152.0	166.0	171.5
February	142.3	149.7	162.9	157.2
March	142.7	152.2	172.4	166.1
April	143.7	152.6	177.5	165.3
May	143.9	152.6	184.0	185.3
June	143.9	152.3	180.4	190.7
1990-91—				
July	143.3	153.1	176.9	184.9
August	144.3	152.4	184.3	182.4
September	144.3	153.1	185.6	178.4
October	145.5	153.5	179.1	171.4
November	145.5	158.2	176.8	160.2
December	145.9	155.2	173.6	158.7
January	145.4	152.4	174.2	158.1
February p	145.9	150.4	171.6	149.6
March p	146.0	149.4	172.2	147.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGES				
	<i>Change from previous year</i>			
1987-88	+8.1	+18.1	+27.4	+0.1
1988-89	+8.4	+17.4	+13.3	+39.5
1989-90	+4.4	-3.2	+4.0	+12.2
	<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year</i>			
1989-90—				
January	+6.1	-2.9	-6.5	+10.5
February	+5.3	-4.0	-3.0	-9.0
March	+4.2	-4.2	-4.3	-15.6
April	+3.6	-3.2	+0.5	-9.9
May	+3.3	-3.1	+6.4	+3.9
June	+3.2	-4.3	+8.2	+0.6
1990-91—				
July	+2.6	-2.7	+8.5	—
August	+6.3	-1.6	+10.2	-1.1
September	+4.0	—	+4.3	-10.6
October	+4.4	+0.3	+2.0	-8.7
November	+4.2	+4.4	+3.2	-15.1
December	+4.1	+1.9	+6.1	-8.3
January	+2.3	+0.3	+4.9	-7.8
February p	+2.5	+0.5	+5.3	-4.8
March p	+2.3	-1.8	-0.1	-11.1
	<i>Change from previous month</i>			
1989-90—				
January	+1.5	-0.2	+1.5	-0.9
February	+0.1	-1.5	-1.9	-8.3
March	+0.3	+1.7	+5.8	+5.7
April	+0.7	+0.3	+3.0	-0.5
May	+0.1	—	+3.7	+12.1
June	—	-0.2	-2.0	+2.9
1990-91—				
July	-0.4	+0.5	-1.9	-3.0
August	+0.7	-0.5	+4.2	-1.4
September	—	+0.5	+0.7	-2.2
October	+0.8	+0.3	-3.5	-3.9
November	—	+3.1	-1.3	-6.5
December	+0.3	-1.9	-1.8	-0.9
January	-0.3	-1.8	+0.3	-0.4
February p	+0.3	-1.3	-1.5	-5.4
March p	+0.1	-0.7	+0.3	-1.3

(a) These index numbers replace series previously published in Table 1 of the *Price Indexes of Metallic Materials, Australia* (610.0). Except for Zinc, index numbers are available for these series back to July 1968. Zinc index numbers are only available back to July 1976. Annual index numbers for the period 1968-69 to 1984-85, on reference base : Year 1984-85 = 100.0, are shown in Table A6 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains a set of price indexes relating to materials used in Australian manufacturing industries. Each index is presented on *reference base : Year 1984-85 = 100.0*.

2. Table 1 contains index numbers for materials used in the Manufacturing Industry as a whole (Division C of the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC)) and for Imported materials and Home Produced materials contributing to the Division index.

3. Table 2 provides an analysis of the contributions which selected categories of materials make to the total Manufacturing Division index (see paragraph 26).

4. Table 3 contains index numbers for selected groups of commodities used in the Manufacturing Division. These include index numbers for Imported materials and Home Produced materials and for selected commodity groupings within each of these categories.

5. Table 4 contains index numbers for materials used in 14 Manufacturing 'sectors'. These 'sectors' are defined in terms of ASIC Subdivisions, ASIC Groups or combinations of ASIC Groups.

6. Table 5 contains index numbers for selected commodities used in the Fabricated Metal Products index (ASIC Subdivision 31).

7. Some of the index number series in Tables 3 and 4 replace series that were included in this publication prior to the December 1985 issue. The index numbers in Table 5 replace series previously published in Table 1 of *Price Indexes of Metallic Materials — Australia* (6410.0). Details of the relationship between new and old series are set out in paragraphs 20 to 25 and in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

8. The Appendix to the December 1985 issue provides details of the composition and weighting of each index included in this publication. It also advises users about linking (new) index number series on the *reference base : Year 1984-85 = 100.0* and (old) index number series on the *reference base : Year 1968-69 = 100.0*. The Appendix also contains tables of linked annual index numbers for the period from 1968-69 to 1984-85 on *reference base : Year 1984-85 = 100.0*.

Scope and composition

9. The composition of each of the indexes in this publication is based on materials (including fuels) used by establishments classified to designated 'sectors' of Australian manufacturing industry (i.e. ASIC Division C, Manufacturing). The indexes are on a *net 'sector' basis*; that is, each relates only to those materials which are used in the defined 'sector' of Australian manufacturing industry and which have been produced by establishments outside that 'sector'. These establishments are either Australian manufacturing establishments classified to

other manufacturing 'sectors' or to other Divisions of Australian industry (e.g. 'Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting' or 'Mining') or are overseas producers (including overseas manufacturing establishments).

10. The Manufacturing Division index measures changes in prices of materials (including fuels) used by establishments classified to ASIC Division C, Manufacturing, which have been purchased or transferred in from establishments outside the Manufacturing Division. It excludes semi-processed materials which have been produced by establishments within the Manufacturing Division and are sold or transferred to other establishments within the Manufacturing Division. The index reflects purchases of materials at the point of entry to the Manufacturing Division.

11. The indexes for ASIC Subdivisions 21, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33 and 34 and the indexes for ASIC Groups 244-245, 246, 275-276 and 277-278 measure changes in prices of materials (including fuels) used by establishments classified to each defined ASIC manufacturing 'sector' which have been purchased or transferred in from establishments outside that 'sector'. Each excludes semi-processed materials which have been produced by establishments within that specific 'sector' and sold or transferred to establishments in the same 'sector'. The pricing and weights for these *net 'sector'* indexes therefore reflect purchases and transfers in at the point of entry to the respective ASIC Subdivision, or ASIC Group or Group combination.

Items and weights

12. These indexes are *fixed weight indexes*. The items included in the indexes were selected on the basis of values of materials used in 1977-78. With a few exceptions the selected items were allocated weights in accordance with the estimated value of manufacturing usage in 1977-78.

The exceptions are:

- (a) Fuels (e.g. crude petroleum, natural gas, electricity) which were allocated weights on the basis of estimated 1982-83 usage.
- (b) Cereal grains, which were allocated weights based on estimated manufacturing usage in 1977-78 and 1978-79.
- (c) Live animals, which were allocated weights based on the average value of slaughtering in 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1983-84.

Many of the selected items carry not only the weight of directly priced materials but also the weight of unpriced materials whose prices are considered to move similarly to those of directly priced materials.

13. For the Manufacturing Division index, individual materials have been grouped into two broad categories: Imported materials and Home Produced materials. Within

each of these categories materials have been grouped on the basis of ASIC *industry of origin* (i.e. the industry in which, in accordance with the classification rules of ASIC, the materials are primarily produced in Australia or the industry in which the materials would be classified had the materials been produced in Australia). Percentage contributions in 1984-85, of individual materials to the relevant commodity groups and to the Manufacturing Division as a whole are set out in Table A1 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

14. Percentage contributions, in 1984-85, for each material to each 'sector' index are set out in Table A2 in the Appendix to the December 1985 issue of this publication.

Prices

15. For those materials subject to significant price variation throughout the month (e.g. agricultural materials, metal ores and concentrates and imported materials generally) average monthly prices are used in compiling these indexes. All other materials are priced at the midpoint of the month. Prices of home produced materials are generally obtained from manufacturers who use the material but in some cases prices are obtained from suppliers (producers or wholesalers). Prices of imported materials are generally obtained from importers.

16. In concept, pricing for these indexes is at the point at which the material physically enters the defined manufacturing 'sector'. Therefore, as far as possible, prices are on a *delivered into store* basis.

Prices of transferred goods

17. Transfers which do not take place on the open market present problems in the measurement of price change. An example is where a vertically integrated enterprise extracts a mineral (mining activity) and also processes it (manufacturing activity). Since the material is transferred from one part of the enterprise to another there is usually no transaction price. In such instances various methods of imputing changes in market prices have been adopted. Depending on circumstances and the availability of data, these methods include using changes in opportunity cost (based, for example, on the price of the material in an established market) or changes in cost (based on expenses actually incurred in obtaining the material). Imputations of this kind enter partly into price series for materials such as nickel concentrates, silver-lead concentrates and zinc concentrates.

Seasonal materials

18. In the case of some seasonal materials such as fruit and vegetables, where deliveries do not occur over the whole year, the previous season's prices are repeated for the months outside the selling season until the subsequent season's prices become operative.

Estimated prices

19. For items such as sugar cane, where prices are only determined annually, the final prices are sometimes not known until during or after the relevant season or contract

period, and sometimes not for many months after the close of the season or contract period. Estimates of the current season or contract period price are used in index calculations until the final price becomes available. Incorporation of such final prices may involve lengthy revisions to index numbers.

Electricity

20. The index numbers for electricity published in Table 3 are based on prices paid for electricity used by a representative sample of manufacturing establishments. Both 'tariff' prices and special contract prices are included in the calculations.

Index numbers

21. Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the monthly index numbers.

22. Index numbers for the latest month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision. Index numbers which include estimated prices for materials (e.g. sugar cane) are also preliminary until actual prices are obtained at the end of the season or contract period (see paragraph 19 above). Revisions might also occur to index numbers for any earlier period if the ABS discovers that any prices previously reported by respondents are incorrect and corrected prices are obtained.

Analysis of index changes

23. Care should be exercised when interpreting month-to-month movements in the indexes as short-term movements do not necessarily indicate changes in trend.

24. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in 'index points' or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating index points changes and percentage changes between any two periods:

Manufacturing Division index numbers—

December 1990	128.8 (see Table 1)
less November 1990	133.7 (see Table 1)
Change in index points	-4.9

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{-4.9}{133.7} \times 100 = -3.7\%$$

25. In this publication percentage changes are shown in respect of movements between:

- consecutive financial years
- corresponding months of consecutive years
- consecutive months.

26. Table 2 provides an analysis of the contribution which selected categories of materials make to the total Manufacturing Division index. For example, imported crude petroleum and condensates contributed 3.71 index points to the total Manufacturing Division index number of 119.1 for March 1991 and -0.71 index points to the net

change in that month (which on this occasion was -2.4 index points). A further explanation is provided in the Appendix to the February 1988 issue of Catalogue No. 6411.0.

Related publications

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

Price Indexes of Materials Used in Coal Mining, Australia (6415.0)—issued monthly

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

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

Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building, Eight Capital Cities (6407.0)—issued monthly

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

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