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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS.

THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) INDEX.

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1950.

(Base Period 1923-27 = 1000)

Particulars concerning variations in retail prices as measured by the All Items ("C" Series) Index for 30 principal cities and towns of Australia have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician for the December Quarter, 1950.

This index covers items of food, groceries, house rents, clothing, footwear, headwear, household drapery, household utensils, fares, fuel, light, recreation, smoking and other miscellaneous items. It excludes fresh fruit and vegetables other than potatoes and onions.

Compared with the previous quarter, the index increased by 4.5% in the Six Capital Cities, and by 4.5% in the 30 Towns combined. Increases as follows were recorded in Sydney (4.2%), Melbourne (4.9%), Brisbane (4.3%), Adelaide (5.3%), Perth (3.9%) and Hobart (3.5%).

The weighted average index of the Five Towns in each State, compared with the previous quarter showed increases in all States viz:- New South Wales (4.2%), Victoria (4.9%), Queensland (4.4%), South Australia (5.3%), Western Australia (3.9%) and Tasmania (3.7%).

The rises in the index were largely due to increased prices for foods such as Bread, Potatoes, and Meat as well as for Clothing and Household Drapery. Fares rose in two States and the prices of Newspapers in four States.

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QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

"C" Series
(Dec. Qtr., 1950)
1. Individual Towns

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING
AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DEC., 1950.
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

1. INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1939		1949		1950			Six Months Ended Dec. Qtr. 1950	Year Ended Dec. Qtr. 1950
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
NEW SOUTH WALES									
Sydney	932	933	1486	1515	1564	1613	1680	1647	1593
Newcastle	898	897	1449	1473	1519	1552	1628	1590	1543
Broken Hill	959	943	1593	1614	1646	1717	1790	1754	1692
Goulburn	915	914	1467	1495	1555	1597	1664	1631	1578
Bathurst	830	881	1448	1475	1522	1570	1641	1606	1552
FIVE TOWNS (a)	929	930	1485	1513	1562	1610	1678	1644	1591
VICTORIA									
Melbourne	921	918	1472	1501	1542	1569	1646	1608	1565
Ballarat	872	875	1420	1456	1480	1513	1588	1551	1509
Bendigo	870	868	1424	1462	1495	1529	1592	1561	1520
Geelong	909	909	1457	1493	1523	1559	1619	1589	1549
Warrnambool	914	918	1451	1483	1531	1571	1648	1610	1558
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	915	1468	1498	1538	1566	1642	1604	1561
QUEENSLAND									
Brisbane	866	866	1393	1414	1446	1482	1546	1514	1472
Toowoomba	855	853	1408	1429	1455	1496	1562	1529	1486
Rockhampton	864	861	1399	1428	1461	1497	1577	1537	1491
Townsville	915	912	1444	1469	1506	1528	1595	1562	1525
Bundaberg	845	843	1374	1401	1437	1471	1548	1510	1464
FIVE TOWNS (a)	867	867	1397	1419	1451	1487	1553	1520	1478
SOUTH AUSTRALIA									
Adelaide	908	903	1440	1456	1492	1527	1608	1568	1521
Kadina, etc.	808	812	1340	1359	1397	1431	1503	1467	1423
Port Pirie	894	897	1416	1433	1468	1501	1597	1549	1500
Mount Gambier	875	866	1382	1405	1452	1516	1622	1569	1499
Peterborough	895	896	1419	1435	1475	1501	1571	1536	1496
FIVE TOWNS (a)	904	899	1435	1451	1487	1523	1604	1564	1516
WESTERN AUSTRALIA									
Perth, etc.	904	904	1459	1479	1517	1547	1607	1577	1538
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1067	1069	1544	1571	1616	1652	1706	1679	1636
Northam	918	919	1467	1494	1532	1561	1614	1588	1550
Bunbury	937	939	1472	1499	1532	1573	1633	1603	1559
Geraldton	966	966	1521	1546	1590	1623	1686	1655	1611
FIVE TOWNS (a)	918	918	1467	1487	1526	1557	1617	1587	1547
TASMANIA									
Hobart	907	905	1459	1455	1501	1547	1601	1574	1526
Launceston	888	886	1425	1424	1465	1513	1569	1541	1493
Burnie	877	878	1406	1417	1459	1492	1566	1529	1484
Devonport	861	860	1398	1413	1454	1487	1571	1529	1481
Queenstown	905	902	1436	1431	1471	1518	1555	1537	1494
FIVE TOWNS (a)	897	896	1443	1441	1485	1531	1587	1559	1511
THIRTY TOWNS (a)	915	914	1463	1483	1530	1568	1639	1604	1556
SIX CAPITALS (a)	917	916	1466	1491	1534	1572	1643	1608	1560

SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)

Warwick (Q'ld.)	830	834	1390	1406	1432	1474	1533	1504	1461
Port Augusta (S.A.)	880	881	1426	1443	1479	1522	1604	1563	1512
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	1430	1446	1488	1518	1609	1564	1515
Canberra (A.C.T.)	958	951	1503	1531	1567	1614	1689	1652	1600

(a) Weighted Average.

(b) First computed September Quarter, 1946.

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"C" Series
(Dec. Qtr., 1950)
2. Combination of
Towns etc.

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING
AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DEC., 1950
(Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(2) COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1949		1950			Six Months Ended Dec. Qtr. 1950	Year Ended Dec. Qtr. 1950
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
1. CAPITAL CITIES									
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. (6)	917	916	1466	1491	1534	1572	1643	1608	1560
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	1466	1492	1535	1574	1645	1610	1562
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	1469	1497	1540	1579	1650	1615	1567
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	1473	1500	1543	1582	1653	1618	1570
5. S.M.-A.P.-.	923	922	1474	1501	1544	1582	1654	1618	1570
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	1475	1501	1545	1584	1657	1621	1572
7. S.M.-A.-.	925	923	1475	1502	1547	1585	1658	1622	1573
8. S.M.-.-.	927	926	1480	1509	1554	1593	1665	1629	1580
9. S.-B.-.	919	920	1468	1495	1541	1567	1654	1621	1569
10. -M.B.A.P.H.	908	905	1452	1476	1514	1545	1618	1582	1538
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	1463	1487	1527	1557	1632	1595	1551
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	1464	1489	1529	1558	1635	1597	1553
13. -M.-A.-.	918	914	1464	1490	1530	1559	1637	1598	1554
14. -.-A.-H.	908	903	1443	1456	1493	1530	1607	1569	1522
15. S.M.B.-.-.	920	919	1469	1498	1541	1580	1651	1616	1568
2. COUNTRY TOWNS									
1. New South Wales (4)	909	905	1475	1499	1544	1585	1660	1623	1572
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	1436	1472	1502	1537	1604	1571	1529
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	1411	1437	1469	1502	1574	1538	1496
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	1384	1402	1441	1479	1566	1523	1472
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	1517	1544	1586	1621	1678	1650	1607
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	1421	1423	1464	1509	1568	1539	1491
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	898	896	1445	1470	1507	1545	1616	1581	1535
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	1453	1478	1517	1556	1626	1591	1544
9. N.V.Q.S.-. (16)	890	889	1441	1469	1506	1543	1616	1580	1534
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	1447	1471	1510	1550	1621	1586	1538
11. N.V.-.-W.T. (16)	908	906	1459	1484	1524	1563	1631	1597	1551
12. N.V.-S.-. (12)	896	894	1451	1479	1517	1556	1629	1593	1545
13. Broken Hill-Goulb. Bath.	931	922	1528	1552	1595	1654	1724	1689	1631
3. WHOLE STATES									
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (30)	915	914	1463	1488	1530	1563	1639	1604	1556
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	1463	1488	1531	1570	1641	1606	1558
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	1471	1497	1540	1579	1650	1615	1567
4. N.V.-S.W.-.	921	920	1472	1499	1542	1580	1652	1616	1568
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	1471	1498	1541	1580	1653	1617	1568
6. N.V.-S.-.	921	920	1472	1500	1544	1582	1655	1619	1570
7. N.V.-.-W.T.	922	922	1475	1502	1547	1586	1656	1621	1573
8. N.V.-.-.	924	923	1477	1504	1551	1591	1662	1627	1578
9. -V.-S.W.T.	913	911	1460	1484	1523	1554	1628	1591	1547
10. -V.-S.W.-.	915	912	1461	1487	1526	1556	1631	1594	1550
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	1459	1484	1523	1554	1630	1592	1548
12. -V.-S.-.	914	911	1460	1487	1526	1556	1633	1595	1551
13. -V.-.-T.	915	913	1466	1493	1533	1563	1637	1600	1557

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