

## PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING MAY 1978

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### SUMMARY OF RESULTS

All groups index	Change between -		Weighted average of six State capital cities Groups and All groups	Change between -	
	Apr. 78 and May 78	May 77 and May 78		Apr. 78 and May 78	May 77 and May 78
	%	%		%	%
Sydney	+0.4	+8.2	Concrete mix, cement and sand	+0.5	+10.5
Melbourne	+0.2	+5.4	Cement products	..	+9.8
Brisbane	+0.4	+8.0	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	+0.2	+9.5
Adelaide	+0.9	+6.5	Timber, board and joinery	+0.4	+5.6
Perth	+0.2	+8.1	Steel products	+0.3	+8.2
Hobart	+0.3	+8.7	Other metal products	+0.4	+4.9
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.4	+7.2	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	..	+6.4
			Electrical installation materials	+1.2	+6.4
			Installed appliances	+0.9	+6.8
			Plaster and plaster products	+0.1	+7.9
			Miscellaneous materials	+0.1	+7.9
			All groups	+0.4	+7.2

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

#### Introduction

This bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials used in House Building. A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (pp. 57-69). A Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building is published in a separate bulletin (6407.0.) *Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.*

#### Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of houses. Its composition is in accordance with the usage of materials in actual houses which were selected as representative for the purpose. The index does not purport to represent buildings of any kind other than houses. The house building construction types included are those which use brick, brick veneer, timber or asbestos cement sheeting as the principal material for the outer walls.

#### Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. The items and weights were derived from reported values of each material used in selected representative houses constructed in or about 1968-69 in each State capital city. Each State capital city has an individual weighting pattern which reflects the difference in the estimated relative importance of given items as between cities. In all cases the selection of materials was based on local usage. The weighting pattern for each capital city is applied to local price measures in calculating indexes for that city. The weights for groups of items are shown in Table 3. Further details concerning the weighting pattern are contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Ref. No. 6.7). The reference base of the index is the year 1966-67 = 100.0.

#### Prices

4. Price series used relate to specified standards of each commodity with the aim of incorporating in the index price changes for representative materials of constant quality.

5. 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. that for *supplied and fixed*. The price series are obtained in all State capital cities from representative suppliers of materials used in house building. In the main they are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable.

6. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from *list* prices. Thus measures of special or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis, and may sometimes necessitate revisions.

#### Index numbers

7. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for the financial years are simple averages of the relative monthly index numbers. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for *all groups combined* in Table 1 and for *each group of items* in Table 3. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between capitals as to *differences in degree of price movement* from period to period, but not as to differences in price level.

#### Percentage changes

8. Table 2 shows, for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals, monthly and annual percentage changes for all groups combined. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes:

Sydney —

Index number as at Jan. 1978 253.8 (see Table 1)

Index number as at Dec. 1977 252.7 (see Table 1)

Percentage change =  $\frac{253.8 - 252.7}{252.7} \times 100 = +0.4\%$

#### Interpretation

9. In interpreting movements in the index, particularly those from month to month, it should be noted that changes frequently occur in an uneven fashion both over time and also, between separate capital cities, at the same points of time. Changes in index numbers for individual months should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods.

#### Related publications

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

- . *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building* (6407.0.)
- . *Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry* (6411.0.)
- . *Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry* (6412.0.)
- . *Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials* (6409.0.)
- . *Price Indexes of Metallic Materials* (6410.0.)

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

- . *Wage Rates Indexes, Preliminary* (6311.0.)
- . *Wage Rates and Earnings* (6312.0.)
- . *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0.)

12. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0.) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

#### Symbols used

- p — preliminary, subject to revision.
- r — revised.

TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING  
ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1974-75	189.4	178.4	187.0	195.4	172.4	179.1	183.4
1975-76	211.1	209.1	218.5	222.5	201.9	209.2	208.1
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1977-78							
November	251.3	236.8	262.0	268.5	252.4	255.3	249.8
December	252.7	237.8	263.5	269.8	252.9	256.1	251.0
January	253.8	238.6	265.0	270.9	253.6	256.7	251.9
February	255.7	240.4	268.6	272.0	254.5	258.0	253.7
March	256.6	241.6	269.1	273.3	257.2	260.9	255.1
April p	259.8	242.6	270.3	274.3	257.5	261.3	256.7
May p	260.9	243.1	271.3	276.9	257.9	262.2	257.6

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING  
ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS PERIOD

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Change from previous year -							
1974-75	+19.9	+20.7	+22.9	+24.3	+21.6	+23.1	+21.2
1975-76	+11.5	+12.2	+16.8	+13.9	+17.1	+16.8	+13.5
1976-77	+11.1	+11.7	+11.4	+12.7	+13.8	+12.4	+11.9
Change from corresponding month of previous year -							
1976-77							
April	+11.0	+10.8	+ 9.7	+12.2	+11.9	+10.0	+11.0
May	+ 8.8	+ 9.4	+ 9.0	+ 9.4	+11.4	+ 9.1	+ 9.5
June	+ 9.0	+ 9.1	+ 8.4	+ 9.3	+11.5	+ 9.3	+ 9.3
1977-78							
July	+ 9.7	+ 8.7	+ 9.8	+ 8.8	+12.4	+10.7	+ 9.8
August	+ 9.7	+ 8.6	+10.3	+ 9.5	+12.9	+ 9.7	+ 9.9
September	+10.2	+ 7.6	+ 9.9	+ 9.5	+11.7	+ 9.8	+ 9.6
October	+10.1	+ 7.7	+10.0	+ 9.4	+11.4	+10.2	+ 9.5
November	+ 9.2	+ 7.9	+ 9.0	+ 9.0	+11.3	+10.2	+ 9.1
December	+ 9.0	+ 7.3	+ 9.3	+ 8.9	+11.2	+ 9.4	+ 8.9
January	+ 7.5	+ 6.2	+ 9.5	+ 8.3	+10.7	+ 9.0	+ 7.9
February	+ 6.5	+ 5.8	+ 8.1	+ 6.9	+10.2	+ 7.9	+ 7.1
March	+ 6.0	+ 5.8	+ 7.8	+ 6.7	+ 8.4	+ 8.8	+ 6.6
April p	+ 7.1	+ 5.2	+ 7.6	+ 5.7	+ 8.3	+ 8.5	+ 6.7
May p	+ 8.2	+ 5.4	+ 8.0	+ 6.5	+ 8.1	+ 8.7	+ 7.2
Change from previous month -							
1976-77							
April	+ 0.2	+ 1.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.6
May	- 0.6	-	-	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	- 0.1
June	+ 1.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.8	+ 0.2	+ 1.4	+ 1.2	+ 1.0
1977-78							
July	+ 1.2	+ 0.6	+ 1.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.4	+ 1.7	+ 1.1
August	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.4	+ 1.5	+ 1.3	+ 0.7
September	+ 0.8	+ 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.4
October	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.5
November	-	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
December	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.5
January	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
February	+ 0.7	+ 0.8	+ 1.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.7
March	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.1	+ 1.1	+ 0.6
April p	+ 1.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	+ 0.6
May p	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.4

TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
SYDNEY												
Value weight (a)	5.24%	7.09%	14.34%	38.23%	4.89%	7.25%	3.95%	1.53%	4.43%	5.57%	7.48%	100.00%
1974-75	185.4	192.1	177.8	213.3	189.6	173.2	179.6	167.7	158.3	150.8	162.1	189.4
1975-76	216.5	226.4	200.8	228.5	225.8	189.2	208.8	185.2	177.1	171.6	190.5	211.1
1976-77	239.7	251.1	224.2	255.0	258.4	209.6	228.5	204.5	195.6	183.9	209.1	234.5
1976-77												
April	243.8	255.0	229.1	268.2	264.7	217.7	232.9	211.3	198.1	186.3	214.2	242.6
May	243.4	255.0	220.4	268.2	265.3	215.8	232.9	210.7	198.1	186.5	214.2	241.2
June	247.2	260.9	229.6	269.5	270.7	217.0	235.0	210.5	198.1	186.7	217.3	244.3
1977-78												
July	250.1	265.7	230.8	271.7	274.2	217.7	242.3	212.8	204.8	190.9	221.0	247.2
August	250.3	269.2	230.8	272.0	276.5	216.8	242.6	211.8	204.8	191.6	221.2	247.6
September	250.5	271.0	239.6	272.0	278.0	217.9	242.3	211.4	208.4	195.6	222.7	249.7
October	265.4	271.0	239.6	272.7	279.5	220.7	244.7	216.1	209.3	195.0	222.8	251.2
November	260.8	271.4	239.8	273.0	281.4	220.4	245.2	219.4	209.5	195.7	223.3	251.3
December	260.8	271.7	241.1	273.7	287.5	220.2	249.2	222.1	211.2	197.2	227.2	252.7
1978-79												
January	263.1	272.8	242.4	273.9	288.0	223.6	250.2	223.6	211.2	199.5	228.3	253.8
February	265.0	273.1	242.4	275.9	289.3	224.2	251.4	222.8	214.1	199.5	238.9	255.7
March	267.1	273.3	242.6	277.4	289.9	224.4	251.8	221.4	214.9	201.7	239.3	256.7
April p	268.1	276.6	247.9	281.8	291.3	228.7	252.4	222.9	214.9	201.7	240.1	259.8
May p	269.7	274.8	248.8	283.5	292.0	229.5	252.4	226.0	217.2	201.7	240.9	260.9
MELBOURNE												
Value weight (a)	4.63%	8.55%	10.48%	37.78%	5.58%	6.47%	3.34%	1.66%	6.87%	7.19%	7.45%	100.00%
1974-75	159.7	205.2	172.4	190.5	196.5	177.4	165.9	145.3	151.4	161.6	178.4	178.4
1975-76	189.4	241.1	192.3	207.3	231.9	185.4	204.6	181.0	166.8	168.1	186.7	200.1
1976-77	213.1	279.1	209.4	233.5	269.4	206.2	218.7	200.3	181.9	175.8	208.2	223.6
1976-77												
April	217.6	286.9	212.1	244.2	278.6	213.2	219.2	208.2	184.4	177.8	214.8	230.6
May	217.6	286.9	212.3	243.8	279.5	213.2	219.2	207.2	185.4	177.8	214.2	230.6
June	218.2	291.4	215.9	244.1	280.2	214.0	219.8	207.6	187.8	177.8	214.4	231.9
1977-78												
July	220.8	295.8	216.4	244.9	282.8	215.0	215.5	207.1	189.9	181.9	219.3	233.4
August	225.9	296.0	219.5	245.8	286.5	214.9	216.1	206.4	190.1	182.0	219.7	234.7
September	226.4	296.6	219.5	244.4	290.0	214.6	218.6	205.5	194.0	185.0	219.2	234.9
October	227.5	298.1	220.7	245.1	291.4	215.8	219.5	207.5	194.1	185.0	219.3	235.7
November	230.3	301.1	222.5	245.3	294.1	217.5	220.5	215.6	193.5	185.0	219.5	236.8
December	230.6	301.1	223.0	245.9	297.4	219.4	223.4	215.3	194.5	187.3	221.0	237.8
1978-79												
January	236.0	301.7	223.1	246.8	297.8	219.8	223.4	217.7	193.8	188.8	221.4	238.6
February	236.6	305.8	226.2	248.5	298.4	221.5	223.6	216.6	196.3	189.0	222.5	240.4
March	236.6	307.4	226.2	249.8	299.9	222.7	224.5	217.9	198.2	191.6	223.1	241.6
April p	237.8	311.9	229.0	249.9	301.2	224.4	224.9	218.2	198.0	191.6	224.3	242.6
May p	238.2	313.3	229.0	250.1	303.3	225.8	225.1	217.5	200.1	191.6	224.4	243.1

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TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued  
(Base of each index: Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical insulation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
BRISBANE												
Value weight (a)	5.04%	10.44%	9.35%	35.29%	8.03%	8.17%	3.50%	1.81%	4.26%	5.09%	9.02%	100.00%
1974-75	168.0	180.4	184.5	220.9	188.3	174.6	175.0	172.6	128.9	140.9	146.5	187.0
1975-76	195.6	209.3	206.1	264.6	226.1	194.3	202.6	187.0	145.4	166.8	166.1	218.5
1976-77	212.8	237.9	230.9	295.2	260.6	219.4	223.4	204.7	159.6	174.4	178.9	243.5
1976-77												
April	216.1	246.0	234.2	306.7	268.4	227.1	225.3	208.4	158.7	176.9	189.2	251.2
May	216.1	246.1	234.2	306.7	268.4	227.7	225.3	209.8	158.7	176.9	189.2	251.3
June	216.1	246.3	235.4	311.5	269.3	228.0	225.3	209.2	158.3	177.3	189.5	253.3
1977-78												
July	321.1	253.9	241.5	316.7	273.3	229.6	228.1	208.4	159.1	179.6	192.5	257.7
August	224.5	259.8	241.8	319.1	275.2	231.0	231.3	209.8	156.7	180.6	192.3	259.7
September	224.5	260.0	241.8	319.6	278.8	231.5	231.9	209.2	157.8	181.6	193.3	260.5
October	226.6	260.9	242.0	319.8	279.9	237.0	232.9	216.2	162.1	182.1	193.9	261.5
November	226.6	262.2	242.0	320.0	282.7	237.8	231.2	218.6	157.3	182.1	194.2	262.0
December	227.8	262.4	242.0	322.1	284.6	237.4	235.5	221.0	157.0	182.4	195.1	263.5
January	229.1	265.4	244.7	323.4	284.7	238.6	235.5	221.7	158.2	188.4	197.0	265.0
February	232.7	266.5	246.1	332.1	284.6	239.5	237.1	221.6	159.9	188.5	197.2	268.6
March	232.7	268.5	246.4	332.5	284.0	239.4	237.1	220.1	159.9	187.5	198.9	269.1
April p	232.9	276.3	246.4	333.2	285.0	240.0	237.3	222.3	158.7	187.5	199.5	270.3
May p	235.9	279.6	247.5	333.5	286.4	240.0	236.0	230.1	159.0	188.9	199.7	271.3
ADELAIDE												
Value weight (a)	8.13%	6.98%	14.85%	35.52%	6.67%	7.24%	3.42%	1.37%	4.20%	4.19%	7.43%	100.00%
1974-75	160.9	205.0	181.4	230.5	190.0	170.1	180.4	163.4	147.6	155.6	176.4	195.4
1975-76	193.2	237.4	209.1	255.9	232.5	188.2	207.1	174.6	169.2	178.4	203.0	222.5
1976-77	218.3	272.9	229.3	292.1	264.1	210.5	225.3	188.6	190.6	188.5	229.5	250.7
1976-77												
April	224.3	282.4	238.4	303.9	269.1	218.4	228.1	197.3	196.5	190.7	238.6	259.5
May	224.4	282.6	238.4	304.9	269.3	218.1	228.3	195.5	196.5	190.7	240.3	260.0
June	225.3	282.6	238.4	305.1	271.0	218.1	228.3	195.8	196.6	190.7	242.3	260.4
1977-78												
July	230.4	293.2	239.2	305.3	273.2	218.7	231.1	196.6	200.1	195.8	247.4	262.7
August	236.6	293.5	246.6	310.7	278.9	212.3	233.7	195.5	200.4	195.8	247.4	266.4
September	237.5	294.8	246.6	312.2	279.1	211.9	233.7	195.1	201.5	190.7	246.1	267.0
October	241.8	300.8	246.6	312.5	279.2	213.9	234.9	200.1	201.5	198.7	246.6	268.3
November	243.2	301.3	246.6	312.3	283.4	208.8	235.7	203.4	202.5	198.7	246.9	268.5
December	243.9	301.3	246.6	314.2	286.8	209.3	239.7	204.9	204.3	200.7	248.0	269.8
January	244.6	301.9	253.8	313.5	287.0	208.7	239.7	205.9	204.3	202.6	248.9	270.9
February	252.6	305.4	254.2	313.9	287.3	209.1	239.7	205.3	206.3	202.6	249.6	272.0
March	255.7	310.9	255.4	314.8	287.5	208.9	239.7	205.7	206.3	206.0	248.5	273.3
April p	255.7	311.3	258.6	315.2	287.9	209.9	239.7	207.4	207.4	206.0	250.4	274.3
May p	253.2	310.4	258.7	322.1	288.3	213.5	240.1	211.2	208.5	206.0	250.4	276.9

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TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - *continued*  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
PERTH												
Value weight (a)	7.94%	8.14%	16.44%	29.60%	6.07%	7.69%	4.59%	1.76%	4.12%	4.01%	9.64%	100.00%
1974-75	148.7	178.8	190.7	179.2	193.8	165.6	159.0	172.8	140.5	128.3	164.3	172.4
1975-76	174.8	214.6	223.4	212.9	232.6	179.9	181.5	187.1	159.5	147.7	194.0	201.9
1976-77	197.6	248.3	251.8	240.9	263.1	197.5	224.5	204.0	172.4	170.5	230.8	229.8
1976-77												
April	203.0	255.4	260.1	249.6	269.7	202.5	235.3	212.1	175.5	174.0	245.0	237.7
May	203.0	255.4	260.1	252.9	269.7	200.9	235.3	209.3	175.7	174.0	244.8	238.5
June	203.0	263.1	262.2	259.0	270.3	202.1	235.3	208.9	175.7	180.6	246.2	241.9
1977-78												
July	206.9	274.9	267.6	259.8	275.7	202.0	241.9	207.5	176.5	182.1	248.7	245.3
August	214.7	276.8	267.6	266.7	282.5	200.7	244.6	205.9	176.5	181.6	254.0	249.1
September	218.2	277.5	267.6	266.7	284.9	201.1	245.4	205.4	172.6	184.0	254.6	249.5
October	218.2	277.7	273.8	266.7	285.3	204.7	246.0	210.0	175.3	184.9	258.0	251.4
November	221.2	278.0	274.7	267.9	285.1	205.2	247.7	212.5	175.7	184.9	258.3	252.4
December	221.3	278.7	274.7	268.1	286.6	205.4	251.5	215.5	175.6	184.9	258.9	252.9
1977-78												
January	221.3	280.6	275.4	268.1	287.9	205.8	254.7	217.8	176.5	184.9	259.5	253.6
February	221.3	280.8	275.9	269.2	288.4	205.8	257.1	216.9	178.6	187.6	261.5	254.5
March	221.3	286.0	279.2	273.6	288.4	206.6	257.1	216.9	177.9	188.3	265.1	257.2
April p	222.4	286.1	280.1	273.7	288.4	208.1	257.1	215.5	177.6	188.7	265.6	257.5
May p	224.8	286.1	280.1	273.7	287.7	208.1	257.1	219.3	178.8	189.0	265.6	257.9
HOBART												
Value weight (a)	7.25%	7.01%	10.14%	38.15%	7.49%	7.93%	2.74%	1.61%	6.98%	4.99%	5.71%	100.00%
1974-75	157.6	178.6	201.0	192.5	188.7	160.2	173.2	162.4	130.3	157.0	178.6	179.1
1975-76	184.9	205.9	244.0	226.6	224.2	181.8	202.2	174.6	136.9	188.3	204.8	209.2
1976-77	205.0	231.6	272.1	257.4	254.7	201.4	228.2	191.8	148.0	202.2	234.0	235.1
1976-77												
April	208.6	234.7	273.9	265.0	263.1	206.1	233.4	197.6	150.9	211.0	239.2	240.8
May	208.6	235.3	274.1	265.0	263.4	208.8	233.5	199.8	150.9	211.0	239.3	241.2
June	209.2	235.8	283.9	269.0	263.8	211.9	233.5	200.2	150.9	211.1	241.0	244.1
1977-78												
July	210.9	236.3	293.5	275.5	265.6	211.9	236.8	196.2	153.4	213.8	242.6	248.3
August	215.6	252.1	293.5	278.3	271.2	212.8	242.0	195.4	153.4	213.8	243.3	251.5
September	215.6	252.8	293.5	280.0	273.0	214.7	241.7	194.6	152.7	215.9	245.9	252.7
October	215.6	253.7	304.4	280.0	275.4	216.8	245.2	199.2	152.6	215.9	247.0	254.4
November	215.6	254.3	307.0	280.1	281.0	216.8	245.6	200.9	152.6	215.9	247.2	255.3
December	219.6	254.6	307.4	280.2	281.8	219.5	248.2	201.5	153.6	217.2	248.2	256.1
1977-78												
January	219.6	254.8	309.3	280.4	282.5	220.0	250.1	203.1	154.3	217.2	249.8	256.7
February	221.8	254.8	309.3	282.2	283.4	220.4	250.1	202.7	155.8	217.2	254.2	258.0
March	221.8	254.8	313.4	287.7	284.2	220.9	251.4	200.9	156.1	219.4	255.7	260.9
April p	222.8	254.8	313.4	287.8	284.4	221.5	251.9	204.3	156.1	223.6	257.4	261.3
May p	227.4	256.2	313.4	287.9	283.7	222.9	252.4	206.7	159.2	223.6	258.5	262.2

For footnote see end of table.

TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

Period	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All group
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES												
Value weight (a)	5.73%	8.10%	12.85%	36.16%	5.86%	7.20%	3.74%	1.63%	5.13%	5.64%	7.96%	100.00%
1974-75	165.7	193.1	180.3	203.5	192.1	170.3	174.5	168.3	146.4	147.8	161.5	183.4
1975-76	195.1	227.0	205.1	226.2	229.3	187.1	201.5	183.5	165.9	167.7	187.9	208.1
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1976-77												
April	222.4	265.5	233.0	265.5	270.6	215.0	228.4	208.9	184.4	181.3	219.0	240.6
May	222.3	265.6	230.0	265.9	271.0	214.3	228.5	208.0	184.8	181.3	218.9	240.3
June	223.8	269.9	234.9	267.9	273.0	215.2	229.3	208.0	185.8	182.2	220.4	242.6
1977-78												
July	227.2	276.5	237.3	269.8	276.5	215.9	232.4	208.1	188.9	185.9	224.1	245.2
August	231.4	278.9	238.8	271.8	280.3	215.1	233.9	207.4	188.8	186.2	225.4	247.0
September	232.3	279.9	241.9	271.6	282.7	215.5	234.6	206.8	191.0	189.2	225.7	248.0
October	237.7	281.0	243.6	272.1	283.8	218.3	236.0	211.0	191.6	189.4	226.7	249.2
November	237.9	282.4	244.3	272.4	286.1	218.5	236.7	215.5	191.6	189.4	227.0	249.8
December	238.3	282.6	244.9	273.2	289.5	218.9	240.3	217.1	192.5	191.5	228.8	251.0
January	240.5	283.9	246.6	273.7	290.0	220.4	241.3	219.0	192.5	193.0	229.7	251.9
February	242.5	285.8	247.5	276.1	290.7	221.2	242.4	218.1	194.8	193.4	233.8	253.7
March	243.5	287.9	248.4	277.9	291.2	221.7	242.8	217.9	195.7	195.3	234.9	255.1
April p	244.4	291.5	251.5	279.5	292.2	223.9	243.1	218.8	195.6	195.4	235.8	256.7
May p	245.7	291.6	251.9	280.7	293.1	224.9	243.1	221.4	197.4	195.6	236.1	257.6

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year; see paragraph 3.