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MAIN FEATURES

- The estimate of the total value of retail sales (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) at current prices for Australia for December quarter 1978 is \$7,205.8m.
- At current prices the seasonally adjusted December quarter 1978 estimate is 2.4 per cent greater than September quarter 1978 and 9.8 per cent greater than December quarter 1977.
- The estimate of the total value of retail sales (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) at constant (average 1974-75) prices for Australia for December quarter 1978 is \$4,868.6m.
- At constant (average 1974-75) prices the seasonally adjusted December quarter 1978 estimate is 0.6 per cent less than September quarter 1978 and 0.3 per cent greater than December quarter 1977.
- Seasonally adjusted figures for Totals and Broad Commodity Groups for States, not previously published, are included in Tables 1 and 7 respectively.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains statistics of the value of retail sales of goods classified by commodity groups for each State and Australia for the December quarter 1978 and for some earlier periods. In addition particulars of the value of retail sales for broad commodity groups at constant (average 1974-75) prices are published. The estimates are part of a series based on the 1973-74 Census of Retail Establishments. The last period for which estimates were made for the previous series was for December quarter 1975. This series is of different scope to the previously published series and so does not form a continuous series with previous figures. Details of the differences in scope are given in *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) March quarter 1978 of 21 July 1978, or are available from the Bureau on request.

2. Statistics for this series are available for quarters from September quarter 1975 onwards. However in order to assist users in the transition from one set of estimates to the other, the figures for Australia only for this series have been carried back to September quarter 1974. This arithmetic conversion has been made by

applying the percentage relationship of the average of the two quarters, September and December 1975, for which both series are available, to the values of sales of the previous series for the four quarters September 1974 to June 1975 inclusive.

3. Details of monthly totals for Australia from January 1978 to February 1979 are also shown in this bulletin. Further details of the monthly series are available in monthly bulletin *Retail Sales of Goods: Australia* (8501.0).

4. Figures for monthly and quarterly periods are estimates derived from sample surveys of retail establishments conducted by the Bureau each month and quarter. The sample used for the quarterly Survey of Retail Establishments is drawn from the population enumerated in periodic censuses of retail establishments. Between censuses the sample is maintained by the addition of new businesses and the deletion of businesses which have ceased trading.

Scope of the statistics

5. In the new series, all establishments included in the Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC) subdivisions 48 except motors establishments (ASIC classes 4861-4867), bread and milk vendors (ASIC classes 4831-4832), footwear repairers (ASIC class 4846) and household electrical appliance repairers (ASIC class 4852) are included in the scope of the survey. The following establishments are also included: cafes and restaurants (ASIC class 9211), licensed hotels, motels and wine saloons (ASIC class 9212), licensed clubs (ASIC classes 9221-9223) and hairdressers (ASIC classes 9321-9322).

6. The survey covers all States but does not include establishments in the Australian Capital Territory or Northern Territory and no estimates for these territories are included.

Coverage

7. Establishments included in the survey are a randomly selected sample of retail and selected service establishments in the scope of the survey as defined in the above paragraphs. Quarterly statistics shown in this bulletin are derived from returns received from a sample of retail establishments throughout Australia which account for approximately 45 per cent of the total value of retail sales in Australia. From these sample returns, totals for all retail sales in Australia are estimated.

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8. Details of the value of retail sales of some twelve broad commodity groups are collected in the survey. In relation to these groups it should be noted that:

Groceries includes small goods, frozen vegetables and frozen poultry;

Butchers' meat includes fresh poultry and rabbit meat;

Other food includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish and wrapped lunches;

Domestic hardware, china and glassware includes watches, clocks, jewellery and silverware, garden supplies and garden fertilisers and pesticides;

Electrical goods includes radios, televisions and accessories, domestic refrigerators, musical instruments and bottled liquified petroleum gas.

Newspapers, books and stationery includes religious and devotional goods and artists' requisites and supplies;

Other goods includes cigarettes and tobacco, sporting and travel goods, toys, photographic equipment and supplies and antiques.

9. Retail sales relate principally to sales to the final consumer of new and used goods for personal and household purposes and the survey is intended primarily as an indicator of such sales. For this reason, sales of building materials, builders' hardware and supplies such as tools of trade, paint, etc., commercial refrigerators, business machines, tractors, farm machinery and implements, earth moving equipment, grain feed, fertiliser and agricultural supplies are excluded from the estimates of retail sales.

Quarterly estimates

10. Estimates from the June quarter 1978 are subject to revision at a later stage when more precise information relating to trading of new businesses is available. In addition to the estimates compiled from the full sample, preliminary quarterly figures, *Retail Sales of Goods: Australia (Preliminary)* (8502.0) are normally published in less detail about eight weeks after the end of each quarter. They are compiled on the basis of returns received from approximately 80% of establishments included in the full quarterly sample.

Reliability of estimates

11. As the estimates are derived from returns received from a sample of retail establishments they may differ from the results which would have been obtained by a comparable complete collection. A measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error of the estimates*. There are about 2 chances in 3 that a sample estimate will differ from results which would be obtained from a comparable complete collection by less than 1 standard error, and 19 chances in 20 that the difference would be less than 2 standard errors. If, for example, a sample gives an estimate of \$1,000 million and the standard error of this estimate is 1 per cent, i.e. \$10 million, then there would be 2 chances in 3 that a comparable complete collection would give a figure

within the range of \$990 million to \$1,010 million, and 19 chances in 20 that the figure would be within the range of \$980 million to \$1,020 million.

12. For December quarter 1978, the standard error of the estimate of total value of retail sales (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) for Australia is approximately 0.4 per cent and for each State varies between 0.7 and 0.9 per cent. The standard errors of estimates for individual commodity groups for Australia vary between 0.7 and 2.0 per cent and those of the corresponding estimates for each State vary between 1.2 and 4.0 per cent and are generally below 3.0 per cent. Further details are given in Appendix 1 of the March quarter 1978 bulletin (8503.0), or are available from the Bureau on request.

13. Estimates of retail sales are also subject to non-sampling errors. A major source of such possible error is the necessity to make estimates for every period to take account of the probable commencement of new retail businesses. These estimates can only be projected forward on the basis of past information obtained at regular annual intervals by new business censuses. However the information is of necessity approximately 1½ to 2 years out of date before the total estimates of retail sales can finally be adjusted and the adequacy of new business provisions assessed. The difficulty of making proper allowance for the value of retail sales of new businesses is increased in a period of substantial price increases. In this bulletin estimates for the September quarter 1977 to the September quarter 1978 have been revised on the basis of information which became available from the 1978 New Business Census.

Seasonally adjusted statistics

14. This bulletin also includes 'seasonally adjusted' retail sales statistics. In addition to being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, all series have been adjusted for trading day effects arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in each month or quarter. While the normal seasonal factors should change only gradually from year to year the trading day adjustment for any month or quarter will vary from year to year in accordance with the combination of days which occur in the month or quarter. Adjustment has also been made for the effects of movements in the date of Easter and Australia Day. Where relevant, component series of total series have been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence while the unadjusted components in the original series add to the total, the seasonally adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals. It should be noted that the seasonally adjusted figures reflect the sampling errors to which the original figures are subject and do not remove random influences (e.g. abnormal weather, strikes).

15. Details of the seasonal adjustment methods used, together with selected measures of variability for these series, are given in the explanatory notes and Appendix 2 of the March quarter 1978 bulletin. Comparative details for other series and a general description of the seasonal adjustment methods are given in *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0).

Retail sales of goods at constant prices

16. This bulletin includes series of the value of retail sales of goods at constant (average 1974-75) prices. Quarterly figures are presented in both original and seasonally adjusted form. The scope of the series at constant prices is identical to that of the series at current prices based on the 1973-74 Census.

17. The series are measures of change in value after the direct effects of price changes have been eliminated. Measures of this type are subject to approximations and assumptions and should not be interpreted in any precise quantitative sense.

18. Further details of the nature, concepts and methods of compilation of these measures are given in pages 4, 5 and 6 of *Retail Sales of Goods* (8503.0) March quarter 1978 of 21 July 1978, or are available from the Bureau on request.

19. The methods used to seasonally adjust constant price series are similar to those used to adjust the current price series.

Other retail trade publications

Users may wish to consult other retail trade publications issued by ABS. The following publications are available, on request and free of charge, from any office of ABS. Retail trade statistics relating to individual States are available from the respective State offices of ABS (and Central Office for the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory).

Retail Sales of Goods : Australia, December Quarter 1978 (Preliminary) (8502.0)

Retail Sales of Goods : Australia, Month of February 1978 (8501.0)

Economic Censuses: 1968-69 - Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, Final Bulletin, Part 1 - Details of Operations by Industry Class, Australia (8614.0) (Bulletins also available for States and Territories.)

Economic Censuses: 1968-69 - Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, Final Bulletin, Part 2 - Industry and Commodity Details by Size of Establishments (8620.0) (Separate bulletins are available for all States except Tasmania.)

Economic Censuses: 1968-69 - Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, Final Bulletin, Part 3 - Commodity Sales (8621.0) (Separate bulletins are available for all States except Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Tasmania.)

Census of Retail Establishments and Selected Service Establishments, year ended 30 June 1974.

Final Bulletin Australia (8614.0)

Final Bulletin New South Wales (8605.1)

Final Bulletin Victoria (8617.0)

Final Bulletin Queensland (8618.0)

Final Bulletin South Australia (8601.4)

Final Bulletin Western Australia (8619.0)

Final Bulletin Tasmania (8601.6)

Final Bulletin Australian Capital Territory (8616.0)

Final Bulletin Northern Territory (8615.0)

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TABLE 1. TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) AT CURRENT PRICES
(\$ million)

<i>Period</i>	<i>New South Wales</i>	<i>Victoria</i>	<i>Queensland</i>	<i>South Australia</i>	<i>Western Australia</i>	<i>Tasmania</i>	<i>Australia (a)</i>
Original							
Year -							
1974-75 (b)	6,254.3	4,752.2	2,432.3	1,503.3	1,391.5	485.4	16,819.0
1974-75 (c)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	16,339.7
1975-76 (c)	7,114.5	5,233.5	2,737.8	1,781.1	1,646.0	532.3	19,045.2
1976-77 (c)	7,950.6	5,798.4	3,124.5	2,025.5	1,916.7	618.0	21,433.7
1977-78 (c)	8,696.4	6,359.2	3,515.0	2,158.4	2,142.3	685.1	23,556.4
Quarter (c) -							
1977-78 -							
September	2,015.6	1,488.3	838.4	508.8	498.6	160.8	5,510.5
December	2,463.1	1,776.1	965.7	595.6	594.0	188.9	6,583.4
March	1,996.1	1,491.0	820.5	507.3	501.8	162.4	5,479.1
June	2,221.6	1,603.8	890.4	546.7	547.9	173.0	5,983.4
1978-79 -							
September	2,244.1	1,605.6	914.5	552.3	565.2	173.4	6,055.1
December	2,730.8	1,911.6	1,058.2	640.4	659.2	205.6	7,205.8
Seasonally adjusted							
Quarter (c) -							
1977-78 -							
September	2,079.1	1,538.2	851.4	523.4	511.6	165.6	5,680.1
December	2,177.1	1,574.3	869.2	532.6	525.7	168.7	5,827.6
March	2,173.6	1,609.1	886.6	548.3	544.9	174.1	5,944.9
June	2,259.8	1,639.5	906.7	555.6	562.5	177.4	6,108.8
1978-79 -							
September	2,323.0	1,657.4	933.1	568.1	579.1	178.4	6,245.2
December	2,418.6	1,705.2	956.9	573.5	584.7	184.0	6,397.9

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Series based on 1968-69 Retail Census. (c) Series based on 1973-74 Retail Census.

TABLE 2. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY BROAD COMMODITY GROUPS AT CURRENT AND CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1974-75) PRICES : AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

Quarter	Food and drink	Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture	Other	Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
ORIGINAL				
Current Prices				
1977-78 -				
September	2,611.0	1,940.7	958.8	5,510.5
December	2,967.8	2,402.4	1,213.2	6,583.4
March	2,760.1	1,755.3	963.7	5,479.1
June	2,826.4	2,159.5	997.5	5,983.4
1978-79 -				
September	2,943.8	2,063.6	1,047.7	6,055.1
December	3,330.5	2,530.3	1,345.0	7,205.8
Constant (Average 1974-75) Prices				
1977-78 -				
September	1,967.3	1,470.7	723.0	4,161.0
December	2,190.5	1,779.4	900.6	4,870.5
March	2,014.6	1,285.1	703.4	4,003.1
June	2,025.6	1,539.6	722.3	4,287.5
1978-79 -				
September	2,050.8	1,456.7	746.7	4,254.2
December	2,191.4	1,763.0	914.2	4,868.6
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED				
Current Prices				
1977-78 -				
September	2,672.9	2,002.9	1,003.3	5,680.1
December	2,759.6	2,052.9	1,028.1	5,827.6
March	2,826.4	2,064.2	1,038.7	5,944.9
June	2,909.8	2,137.5	1,062.6	6,108.8
1978-79 -				
September	3,014.9	2,128.1	1,095.9	6,245.2
December	3,106.0	2,169.8	1,145.9	6,397.9
Constant (Average 1974-75) Prices				
1977-78 -				
September	2,006.1	1,509.3	755.8	4,272.2
December	2,046.4	1,528.9	763.6	4,330.3
March	2,066.7	1,501.8	760.7	4,339.8
June	2,078.8	1,531.5	767.6	4,376.9
1978-79 -				
September	2,091.8	1,493.0	780.0	4,369.6
December	2,053.4	1,520.2	779.2	4,341.3

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 3. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN RETAIL SALES BY BROAD COMMODITY GROUPS AT CURRENT AND CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1974-75) PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED : AUSTRALIA (a)

Retail sales by broad commodity groups	Percentage change from preceding quarter						December qtr 1978 on December qtr 1977
	1977-78				1978-79		
	Sept.	Dec.	March	June	Sept.	Dec.	
CURRENT PRICES							
Food and drink	2.1	3.2	2.4	3.0	3.6	3.0	12.6
Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture	1.5	2.5	0.6	3.6	-0.4	2.0	5.7
Other	2.5	2.5	1.0	2.3	3.1	4.6	11.5
Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	1.9	2.6	2.0	2.8	2.2	2.4	9.8
CONSTANT (AVERAGE 1974-75) PRICES							
Food and drink	-0.6	2.0	1.0	0.6	0.6	-1.8	0.3
Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture	-0.4	1.3	-1.8	2.0	-2.5	1.8	-0.6
Other	1.6	1.0	-0.4	0.9	1.6	-0.1	2.0
Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	-0.1	1.4	0.2	0.9	-0.2	-0.6	0.3

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 4. TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) MONTHLY ESTIMATES : AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

Month	Original	Seasonally adjusted
1977-78 -		
January	1,780.0	1,959.7
February	1,758.5	1,991.6
March	1,940.6	1,987.3
April	1,900.9	2,013.0
May	2,108.2	2,045.6
June	1,974.3	2,037.0
1978-79 -		
July	1,941.2	2,063.8
August	2,052.5	2,086.8
September	2,061.4	2,117.2
October	2,091.0	2,124.0
November	2,223.6	2,114.1
December	2,891.2	2,183.5
January	2,049.0	2,194.0
February	1,953.0	2,212.0

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 5. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.), ORIGINAL AND SEASONALLY ADJUSTED: AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

Quarter	Food and groceries				Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware, china and glassware	Electrical goods	Furniture and floor coverings	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
	Groceries	Butchers' meat	Other food	Total										
ORIGINAL														
1977-78 -														
September	996.4	344.3	552.0	1,892.7	718.3	832.2	131.8	208.4	446.1	322.2	295.9	196.5	466.4	5,510.5
December	1,125.4	362.1	616.8	2,104.3	863.5	1,023.9	154.3	317.0	546.4	360.8	342.7	248.8	621.7	6,583.4
March	1,036.1	343.3	589.9	1,969.3	790.8	741.7	124.8	214.1	400.3	274.4	288.0	211.5	464.2	5,479.1
June	1,099.3	367.9	598.1	2,065.3	761.1	988.5	164.6	224.0	457.3	325.1	309.4	206.5	481.6	5,983.4
1978-79 -														
September	1,128.5	381.3	618.6	2,128.4	815.4	905.0	142.8	238.3	442.7	334.8	319.8	216.5	511.4	6,055.1
December	1,257.3	404.2	693.5	2,355.0	975.5	1,085.2	167.8	358.6	544.4	374.3	375.6	276.1	693.3	7,205.8
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED														
1977-78 -														
September	1,006.5	339.4	563.3	1,912.0	761.5	866.9	137.1	229.2	461.0	312.7	301.0	208.7	489.9	5,680.1
December	1,049.4	351.9	582.9	1,983.1	774.6	888.3	138.0	240.3	465.8	321.3	304.1	224.3	504.9	5,827.6
March	1,080.9	360.9	596.8	2,038.7	793.7	903.5	144.6	245.6	455.1	317.7	312.2	209.4	515.3	5,944.9
June	1,123.3	364.6	613.3	2,098.1	807.2	927.5	156.1	248.2	467.7	331.3	318.2	219.4	524.6	6,108.8
1978-79 -														
September	1,139.8	377.3	633.8	2,154.0	861.2	940.4	147.4	262.6	459.1	324.5	327.1	231.1	535.9	6,245.2
December	1,176.2	395.2	653.8	2,225.5	876.7	945.2	151.1	271.5	464.2	333.6	332.8	249.0	565.9	6,397.9

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

TABLE 6. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS
(EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): STATES
(\$ million)

Quarter	Food and groceries			Total	Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware, china and glassware	Electrical goods	Furniture and floor coverings	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
	Groceries	Butchers' meat	Other food											
NEW SOUTH WALES														
1977-78 -														
September	338.3	122.0	201.0	661.3	290.4	306.7	47.7	76.9	154.7	117.8	112.9	73.5	173.7	2,015.6
December	390.5	130.3	223.8	744.6	357.9	393.4	58.4	117.8	199.5	136.8	129.6	90.6	234.5	2,463.1
March	349.4	122.8	212.8	685.0	324.9	265.1	45.1	80.1	139.4	98.6	108.3	77.3	172.3	1,996.1
June	374.9	130.4	220.0	725.3	314.3	376.2	58.8	85.1	165.2	122.6	117.2	77.0	179.9	2,221.6
1978-79 -														
September	381.8	134.9	227.4	744.1	341.8	334.7	51.8	91.9	157.4	128.9	122.4	80.4	190.7	2,244.1
December	435.8	142.6	254.8	833.2	411.7	419.8	63.7	137.2	201.1	152.1	145.3	101.9	264.8	2,730.8
VICTORIA														
1977-78 -														
September	269.9	106.5	153.3	529.7	166.4	225.7	36.4	57.2	123.2	86.9	79.3	52.6	130.9	1,488.3
December	305.4	110.3	170.4	586.1	201.2	273.2	43.6	88.5	143.5	97.6	94.4	66.9	181.1	1,776.1
March	286.1	107.5	159.3	552.9	185.6	209.6	35.8	58.0	107.0	70.9	79.4	58.3	133.5	1,491.0
June	297.0	115.0	162.2	574.2	176.5	266.0	47.2	60.0	121.8	84.6	83.4	56.0	134.1	1,603.8
1978-79 -														
September	301.6	119.6	166.5	587.7	186.3	247.4	39.4	63.0	116.8	82.9	85.7	56.7	139.7	1,605.6
December	337.5	127.9	188.5	653.9	220.1	290.8	46.3	97.1	142.1	90.0	102.0	72.7	196.6	1,911.6
QUEENSLAND														
1977-78 -														
September	157.0	47.7	78.6	283.3	120.4	122.3	18.7	30.6	69.5	47.2	48.0	31.1	67.3	838.4
December	173.3	50.8	87.6	311.7	135.4	145.7	20.3	45.9	82.1	50.3	53.5	39.6	81.2	965.7
March	158.7	48.1	85.7	292.5	122.8	107.8	17.1	30.7	61.9	42.9	45.5	34.8	64.5	820.5
June	171.1	50.6	87.4	309.1	120.9	139.2	22.7	32.2	67.2	47.3	49.5	32.8	69.5	890.4
1978-79 -														
September	179.6	52.3	89.8	321.7	126.4	133.4	20.4	35.0	66.4	49.6	51.0	36.2	74.4	914.5
December	196.2	55.2	98.9	350.3	152.4	157.2	22.1	52.2	78.2	52.1	57.6	44.4	91.7	1,058.2

TABLE 6. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY COMMODITY GROUPS
(EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.): STATES - continued
(\$ million)

Quarter	Food and groceries				Beer, wine and spirits	Clothing and drapery	Footwear	Hardware, china and glassware	Electrical goods	Furniture and floor coverings	Chemists' goods	Newspapers, books and stationery	Other goods	Total (excl. motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)
	Groceries	Butchers' meat	Other food	Total										
SOUTH AUSTRALIA														
1977-78 -														
September	96.5	31.4	52.7	180.6	51.6	78.6	13.1	19.0	46.2	32.1	25.6	17.4	44.6	508.8
December	106.2	32.6	59.8	198.6	63.6	91.8	15.0	28.0	54.1	33.7	29.2	22.7	58.9	595.6
March	99.0	30.8	57.4	187.2	59.1	72.2	12.7	19.7	40.5	28.4	25.1	18.2	44.2	507.3
June	103.8	33.3	56.6	193.7	54.7	94.9	17.1	19.7	45.0	31.0	26.8	18.3	45.5	546.7
1978-79 -														
September	107.5	33.5	59.0	200.0	60.1	84.0	13.9	20.8	46.5	33.0	26.9	19.1	48.0	552.3
December	116.7	35.7	66.4	218.8	68.5	96.8	16.5	31.2	53.3	35.8	31.2	25.1	63.2	640.4
WESTERN AUSTRALIA														
1977-78 -														
September	106.2	27.5	51.2	184.9	68.8	71.5	12.0	18.6	38.9	28.8	22.1	15.3	37.7	498.6
December	118.7	28.3	58.3	205.3	80.6	86.8	12.6	27.5	52.7	32.1	26.4	20.3	49.7	594.0
March	113.5	25.3	58.6	197.4	75.4	61.5	10.0	18.5	40.1	25.3	21.5	15.8	36.3	501.8
June	121.0	28.7	56.3	206.0	71.5	82.0	14.0	20.5	44.6	29.9	24.2	15.4	39.8	547.9
1978-79 -														
September	126.6	30.1	58.8	215.5	78.1	77.2	13.2	21.0	42.8	31.1	24.6	16.8	44.9	565.2
December	136.2	30.7	65.8	232.7	96.1	87.2	14.3	31.2	54.9	33.5	28.4	21.8	59.1	659.2
TASMANIA														
1977-78 -														
September	28.5	9.2	15.2	52.9	20.7	27.4	3.9	6.1	13.6	9.4	8.0	6.6	12.2	160.8
December	31.3	9.8	16.9	58.0	24.8	33.0	4.4	9.3	14.5	10.3	9.6	8.7	16.3	188.9
March	29.4	8.8	16.1	54.3	23.0	25.5	4.1	7.1	11.4	8.3	8.2	7.1	13.4	162.4
June	31.5	9.9	15.6	57.0	23.2	30.2	4.8	6.5	13.5	9.7	8.3	7.0	12.8	173.0
1978-79 -														
September	31.4	10.9	17.1	59.4	22.7	28.3	4.1	6.6	12.8	9.3	9.2	7.3	13.7	173.4
December	34.9	12.1	19.1	66.1	26.7	33.4	4.9	9.7	14.8	10.8	11.1	10.2	17.9	205.6

TABLE 7. VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY BROAD COMMODITY
GROUP AT CURRENT PRICES, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED : STATES
(\$ million)

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Food and drink</i>	<i>Clothing, hardware electrical and furniture</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)</i>
NEW SOUTH WALES				
1977-78 -				
September	964.4	735.4	376.3	2,079.1
December	1,025.1	764.9	388.3	2,177.1
March	1,041.6	747.9	381.7	2,173.6
June	1,069.0	792.3	399.0	2,259.8
1978-79 -				
September	1,106.2	799.1	413.2	2,323.0
December	1,161.1	824.0	437.9	2,418.6
VICTORIA				
1977-78 -				
September	716.2	544.5	277.7	1,538.2
December	736.3	554.0	286.1	1,574.3
March	746.6	566.7	291.6	1,609.1
June	774.7	571.6	294.1	1,639.5
1978-79 -				
September	796.6	564.4	298.5	1,657.4
December	819.6	576.6	312.5	1,705.2
QUEENSLAND				
1977-78 -				
September	406.5	291.6	149.4	851.4
December	417.7	298.2	153.0	869.2
March	429.6	301.4	155.6	886.6
June	441.0	310.0	159.4	906.7
1978-79 -				
September	453.7	310.2	164.7	933.1
December	472.5	314.0	171.5	956.9
SOUTH AUSTRALIA				
1977-78 -				
September	237.9	193.4	91.6	523.4
December	245.1	194.4	93.5	532.6
March	251.6	201.4	94.8	548.3
June	254.5	204.6	96.8	555.6
1978-79 -				
September	267.7	201.6	98.3	568.1
December	268.0	205.5	100.8	573.5
WESTERN AUSTRALIA				
1977-78 -				
September	259.3	173.0	79.4	511.6
December	265.6	181.3	80.6	525.7
March	278.1	183.8	80.0	544.9
June	288.0	189.9	84.5	562.5
1978-79 -				
September	301.5	187.3	91.1	579.1
December	303.8	191.4	91.8	584.7
TASMANIA				
1977-78 -				
September	75.4	61.5	28.2	165.6
December	77.2	62.6	29.3	168.7
March	78.6	64.9	30.2	174.1
June	83.2	64.1	30.6	177.4
1978-79 -				
September	83.9	62.5	31.8	178.4
December	86.7	64.6	33.3	184.0