

RETAIL PRICES
VARIATIONS SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN 1939
SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1939 TO MARCH QUARTER, 1956
(BASE: Six Capitals 1923-27 = 1000)

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Group (a)	"a" Series Index (Aggregates)				"Group Index" (a) 115		
	Sept. Quarter 1939	March Quarter 1956	Differ- ence	Percent- age Increase	Sept. Quarter 1939	March Quarter 1956	Percent- age Increase
	d.	d.	d.	%			%
SYDNEY							
Food	193,333	621,013	427,680	(b) 79.4	930	2,986	221.1
Rent	138,602	180,864	42,262	(b) 7.9	1,039	1,355	30.4
Clothing	106,559	414,408	307,849	(b) 57.1	841	3,267	288.5
Miscellaneous	100,394	221,719	121,325	(b) 22.5	939	2,074	120.9
Total:	538,888	1,438,004	899,116	166.9	933	2,490	166.9
MELBOURNE							
Food	193,866	624,369	430,503	(b) 81.2	932	3,002	222.1
Rent	127,699	158,300	30,601	(b) 5.8	957	1,186	23.9
Clothing	104,390	412,303	307,913	(b) 58.1	823	3,250	294.9
Miscellaneous	104,140	237,798	133,658	(b) 25.2	974	2,224	128.3
Total:	530,095	1,432,770	902,675	170.3	918	2,481	170.3
BRISBANE							
Food	177,895	546,625	368,730	(b) 73.7	855	2,628	207.4
Rent	114,119	138,805	24,686	(b) 4.9	855	1,040	21.6
Clothing	105,762	396,827	291,065	(b) 58.2	834	3,128	275.1
Miscellaneous	102,151	223,068	120,917	(b) 24.2	955	2,086	118.4
Total:	499,927	1,305,325	805,398	161.0	866	2,260	161.0
ADELAIDE							
Food	184,711	561,616	376,905	(b) 72.3	888	2,700	204.1
Rent	118,751	175,598	56,847	(b) 10.9	890	1,316	47.9
Clothing	108,982	410,873	301,891	(b) 57.9	861	3,239	276.2
Miscellaneous	109,028	231,080	122,052	(b) 23.4	1,020	2,161	111.9
Total:	521,472	1,379,167	857,695	164.5	903	2,388	164.5
PERTH							
Food	196,432	610,802	414,370	(b) 79.4	944	2,937	211.1
Rent	117,618	256,195	138,577	(b) 26.6	881	1,920	117.9
Clothing	106,096	409,531	303,435	(b) 58.1	836	3,228	286.1
Miscellaneous	101,943	227,506	125,563	(b) 24.1	953	2,129	123.4
Total:	522,089	1,504,034	981,945	188.2	904	2,605	188.2
HOBART							
Food	190,497	639,717	449,220	(b) 85.9	916	3,076	235.8
Rent	123,700	216,062	92,362	(b) 17.7	927	1,619	74.6
Clothing	108,101	415,816	307,715	(b) 58.9	852	3,278	284.7
Miscellaneous	100,526	228,793	128,267	(b) 24.6	940	2,140	127.7
Total:	522,824	1,500,388	977,564	187.1	905	2,598	187.1
SIX CAPITALS							
Food	191,298	608,611	417,313	(b) 78.9	920	2,926	218.0
Rent	129,071	174,788	45,717	(b) 8.7	967	1,310	35.5
Clothing	106,033	411,385	305,352	(b) 57.7	836	3,243	287.9
Miscellaneous	102,734	228,448	125,714	(b) 23.8	961	2,137	122.4
Total:	529,136	1,423,232	894,096	169.1	916	2,465	169.1
CANTERRA							
Food	217,547	667,283	449,736	(b) 81.9	1,046	3,208	206.7
Rent	131,164	182,294	51,130	(b) 9.3	983	1,366	39.0
Clothing	107,691	427,096	319,405	(b) 58.2	850	3,367	296.1
Miscellaneous	92,623	208,618	115,995	(b) 21.1	866	1,951	125.3
Total:	549,025	1,485,291	936,266	170.3	951	2,572	170.3

- (a) In respect of food the indexes are an average for the three months of the quarter; in respect of other groups the indexes are as at the middle of the quarter.
 (b) Dissection of percentage rise in total index to show amount due to rise in each group.

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