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WHOLESALE PRICES

PRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS

FEBRUARY 1969

This Bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials on the reference base : Year 1959-60 = 100.0. Information on the construction of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.

2. The index provides comparisons at quarterly intervals since August 1959, of the overall price changes occurring for a combination of materials, fixed as to quantity and quality. The yearly index numbers are simple averages of the four index numbers in each relevant year.
3. The items in this index have been selected as representative of materials used in electrical installation in structures such as hospitals, schools, factories and multi-storied commercial buildings and flats.
4. The items are priced as at the middle of the month for which index numbers are published. The basis of pricing is the price to electrical contractors, delivered on site or into store, Sydney and Melbourne. The price series used relate to specific standards for each item and in some cases are combinations of prices for different makes, types, etc.
5. In general, the weights for the index were derived from information relating to the values of materials used in selected representative projects in Sydney and Melbourne during the three years 1960-61 to 1962-63. The projects selected for this purpose had a minimum electrical materials and labour content of \$10,000.
6. Table 1 below shows for each index the percentage change of the index number from mid-November 1968, to mid-February 1969, and from mid-February 1968.

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICES

PRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS - FEBRUARY 1969

GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS

Change from previous periods

(Per cent)

Percentage change between -	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch-board and switch-gear material	All groups
November 1968 and February 1969	+9.6	..	+0.1	+3.9
February 1968 and February 1969	-2.3	+1.0	+2.4	+0.1

TABLE 2. - WHOLESALE PRICES
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GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS

(Base of each index : Year 1959-60 = 100.0 (a))

Period	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch-board and switch-gear material	All groups
<u>Year (b)</u>				
1959-60	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1960-61	99.5	102.3	100.9	100.7
1961-62	98.7	102.8	99.8	100.1
1962-63	96.8	103.6	100.5	99.8
1963-64	93.2	103.7	100.8	98.5
1964-65	110.6	104.6	105.2	107.2
1965-66	105.8	104.2	106.6	105.7
1966-67	120.2	105.8	109.2	112.8
1967-68	119.9	106.0	112.5	113.8
<u>Month (c)</u>				
1963-64 - November	93.3	103.8	100.8	98.6
February	93.5	103.8	100.8	98.7
May	92.6	103.8	100.9	98.3
1964-65 - August	96.4	104.4	103.8	101.0
November	103.3	104.4	104.7	104.0
February	121.3	104.4	106.0	111.7
May	121.3	105.1	106.3	112.0
1965-66 - August	104.2	105.3	106.3	105.2
November	104.3	104.1	106.3	105.0
February	108.3	103.7	106.9	106.6
May	106.5	103.8	106.9	106.0
1966-67 - August	124.1	104.5	106.9	113.2
November	122.6	106.2	109.8	114.0
February	122.6	106.3	110.1	114.2
May	111.3	106.3	110.0	109.6
1967-68 - August	111.5	106.3	110.3	109.8
November	123.1	105.3	112.4	114.9
February	127.7	105.7	113.0	117.0
May	117.1	106.7	114.2	113.5
1968-69 - August	112.2	106.5	113.8	111.3
November	113.9	106.8	115.6	112.7
February	124.8	106.8	115.7	117.1

(a) The figures appearing after the decimal points are inserted to avoid the distortions that would sometimes occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number. (b) Simple average of four index numbers in year. (c) As at mid-point of month.

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