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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIA

JUNE QUARTER 1967 (PRELIMINARY)

1. The tables in this bulletin contain preliminary estimates of the value of retail sales for the June quarter 1967. Figures for some earlier quarters are also shown for purposes of comparison.

2. These preliminary quarterly estimates have been compiled on the basis of a large response from a sample of retail establishments used to provide quarterly estimates of value of retail sales in Australia. The movement over the corresponding quarter of the preceding year which is shown by the preliminary quarterly estimates of total value of retail sales in Australia (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) normally differs by less than one per cent from the corresponding movements shown by the estimates compiled from the full sample and published about three months after the end of the quarter.

3. All figures in this Bulletin are on a basis comparable with the 1961-62 Retail Census. Further information relating to the basis on which the statistics of retail sales of goods are compiled, is contained in Statistical Bulletin "Retail Sales of Goods" March quarter 1967 of 7 July 1967.

4. This bulletin includes for the first time seasonally adjusted retail sales statistics (see Tables 2 and 3). Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators" issued on 18 July 1967. However, no adjustment has been made for the effects of movement in the date of Easter. Each of the component series shown in Table 2 has been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence while the unadjusted components in the original series shown in Table 1 add to the totals, the adjusted components in Table 2 may not add to the adjusted totals.



TABLE 1. - VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY
BROAD COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE
OVER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING QUARTER : AUSTRALIA (a)

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Quarter		Food and drink (b)	Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (c)	Other (d)	Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	Motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.
		\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<u>Value of retail sales</u>						
1963-64	September	670.1	469.8	246.8	1,386.7	544.9
	December	736.1	571.5	307.3	1,614.9	564.0
	March	697.4	437.2	246.5	1,381.1	513.4
	June	692.7	521.3	254.7	1,468.7	557.9
1964-65	September	715.8	508.5	264.5	1,488.8	585.7
	December	797.4	620.5	336.3	1,754.2	599.0
	March	740.4	460.4	266.0	1,466.8	557.2
	June	747.6	541.7	271.6	1,560.9	585.9
1965-66	September	769.2	520.2	283.1	1,572.5	605.2
	December	856.1	630.6	357.2	1,843.9	569.1
	March	787.1	467.6	282.6	1,537.3	545.2
	June (e)	798.4	548.1	290.6	1,637.1	569.7
1966-67	September (e)	823.4	530.4	306.6	1,660.4	583.7
	December (e)	913.4	653.1	377.9	1,944.4	625.1
	March (e)	851.9	484.9	304.3	1,641.1	575.0
	June (f)	853.6	578.7	307.5	1,739.8	609.5
<u>Percentage increase over</u> <u>corresponding quarter of</u> <u>previous year</u>						
		%	%	%	%	%
1964-65	September	6.8	8.2	7.2	7.4	7.5
	December	8.3	8.6	9.4	8.6	6.2
	March	6.2	5.3	7.9	6.2	8.5
	June	7.9	3.9	6.6	6.3	5.0
1965-66	September	7.5	2.3	7.0	5.6	3.3
	December	7.4	1.6	6.2	5.1	-5.0
	March	6.3	1.6	6.2	4.8	-2.2
	June (e)	6.8	1.2	7.0	4.9	-2.8
1966-67	September (e)	7.0	2.0	8.3	5.6	-3.6
	December (e)	6.7	3.6	5.8	5.5	9.8
	March (e)	8.2	3.7	7.7	6.8	5.5
	June (f)	6.9	5.6	5.8	6.3	7.0

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Groceries; Butchers' meat; Other food; and Beer, wine and spirits. (c) Includes Clothing and drapery; Footwear; Hardware, china and glassware; Electrical goods; and Furniture and floor coverings. (d) Includes Chemists' goods; Newspapers, books and stationery; and Other goods. (e) Subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (f) Preliminary estimate.

NOTE. Minus sign (-) denotes decrease.

**TABLE 2. - VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS BY
BROAD COMMODITY GROUPINGS AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE
OVER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING QUARTER : AUSTRALIA (a)**

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (b)

Quarter	Food and drink (c)	Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (d)	Other (e)	Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	Motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<u>Value of retail sales</u>					
1963-64 September	685.8	486.6	258.0	1,430.4	529.8
December	690.9	492.9	260.1	1,444.9	538.7
March	700.4	499.9	263.5	1,462.6	542.9
June	713.5	515.8	272.1	1,501.5	568.5
1964-65 September	731.3	526.1	275.8	1,533.2	569.4
December	746.7	533.6	284.2	1,565.7	574.5
March	754.9	534.4	288.3	1,576.8	589.4
June	770.0	536.3	290.5	1,596.2	594.6
1965-66 September	784.6	537.5	294.7	1,617.0	588.6
December	799.2	540.6	301.1	1,640.8	547.2
March	804.6	544.1	306.7	1,656.5	577.1
June (f)	822.6	542.8	311.0	1,674.7	576.4
1966-67 September (f)	838.3	547.1	318.6	1,704.3	568.2
December (f)	856.4	562.4	320.1	1,737.9	601.7
March (f)	866.9	561.3	328.4	1,759.8	608.3
June (g)	880.0	573.0	329.2	1,780.8	615.7
<u>Percentage increase over corresponding quarter of previous year</u>					
	%	%	%	%	%
1964-65 September	6.6	8.1	6.9	7.2	7.5
December	8.1	8.3	9.3	8.4	6.7
March	7.8	6.9	9.4	7.8	8.6
June	7.9	4.0	6.8	6.3	4.6
1965-66 September	7.3	2.2	6.9	5.5	3.4
December	7.0	1.3	5.9	4.8	-4.8
March	6.6	1.8	6.4	5.1	-2.1
June (f)	6.8	1.2	7.1	4.9	-3.1
1966-67 September (f)	6.8	1.8	8.1	5.4	-3.5
December (f)	7.2	4.0	6.3	5.9	10.0
March (f)	7.7	3.2	7.1	6.2	5.4
June (g)	7.0	5.6	5.9	6.3	6.8

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) See paragraph 4, page 1. (c) Includes Groceries; Butchers' meat; Other food; and Beer, wine and spirits. (d) Includes Clothing and drapery; Footwear; Hardware, china and glassware; Electrical goods; and Furniture and floor coverings. (e) Includes Chemists' goods; Newspapers, books and stationery; and Other goods. (f) Subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (g) Preliminary estimate.

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TABLE 3. - TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.) AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE OVER PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING QUARTER

Quarter	Original							Seasonally adjusted (a)
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)	Aust. (b)
	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m	\$m
<u>Total value of retail sales</u>								
1963-64 September	534.0	399.0	193.3	122.4	94.9	43.1	1,386.7	1,430.4
December	627.1	468.0	216.3	142.8	110.7	50.0	1,614.9	1,444.9
March	522.8	402.6	190.7	125.0	97.2	42.8	1,381.1	1,462.6
June	565.0	425.2	199.8	133.5	101.2	44.0	1,468.7	1,501.5
1964-65 September	567.6	431.6	206.2	134.6	103.6	45.2	1,488.8	1,533.2
December	676.2	508.2	236.8	157.6	121.6	53.8	1,754.2	1,565.7
March	549.5	430.8	201.7	136.0	104.2	44.6	1,466.8	1,576.8
June	592.7	451.4	214.9	143.4	110.9	47.6	1,560.9	1,596.2
1965-66 September	594.3	454.2	219.9	143.8	113.8	46.5	1,572.5	1,617.0
December	704.5	535.6	248.6	166.5	132.9	55.8	1,843.9	1,640.8
March	571.9	451.6	209.9	141.3	115.9	46.7	1,537.3	1,656.5
June (c)	621.9	473.5	223.5	146.2	122.1	49.9	1,637.1	1,674.7
1966-67 September (c)	626.6	480.3	232.7	146.6	124.1	50.1	1,660.4	1,704.3
December (c)	738.5	561.5	263.5	173.8	146.1	61.0	1,944.4	1,737.9
March (c)	609.6	478.3	227.8	148.4	125.6	51.4	1,641.1	1,759.8
June (d)	657.5	502.7	238.2	154.7	132.5	54.2	1,739.8	1,780.8
<u>Percentage increase over corresponding quarter of previous year</u>								
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1964-65 September	6.3	8.2	6.7	10.0	9.2	4.9	7.4	7.2
December	7.8	8.6	9.5	10.4	9.8	7.6	8.6	8.4
March	5.1	7.0	5.8	8.8	7.2	4.2	6.2	7.8
June	4.9	6.2	7.6	7.4	9.6	8.2	6.3	6.3
1965-66 September	4.7	5.2	6.6	6.8	9.8	2.9	5.6	5.5
December	4.2	5.4	5.0	5.6	9.3	3.7	5.1	4.8
March	4.1	4.8	4.1	3.9	11.2	4.7	4.8	5.1
June (c)	4.9	4.9	4.0	2.0	10.1	4.8	4.9	4.9
1966-67 September (c)	5.4	5.7	5.8	1.9	9.1	7.7	5.6	5.4
December (c)	4.8	4.8	6.0	4.4	9.9	9.3	5.5	5.9
March (c)	6.6	5.9	8.5	5.0	8.4	10.1	6.8	6.2
June (d)	5.7	6.2	6.6	5.8	8.5	8.6	6.3	6.3

(a) See paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new business. (d) Preliminary estimate.

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