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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS

THE "ALL ITEMS" ("G" SERIES) INDEX

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1945

(Base Period 1923-27 = 1000)

Particulars concerning variations in retail prices as measured by the "All Items" ("G" Series) Index for 30 principal cities and towns of Australia have been made available by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician for the December Quarter, 1945.

This index covers principal items of food, groceries, house rents, clothing, footwear, headwear, household drapery, household utensils, fares, fuel, light, recreation, smoking and other miscellaneous items. It excludes fresh fruit and vegetables other than potatoes and onions.

Compared with the previous quarter, the index increased by 0.3% in the Six Capital Cities, and the 30 Towns combined by 0.3%. Individually the Capital Cities recorded the following changes:- increases occurred in Sydney (0.4%), Melbourne (0.2%), Brisbane (0.5%), Adelaide (0.3%), and Hobart (1.2%) while Perth decreased (0.1%).

The weighted average index of the Five Towns in each State compared with the previous quarter showed the following movements:- increases in New South Wales (0.5%), Victoria (0.1%), Queensland (0.4%), South Australia (0.3%) and Tasmania (1.2%) but Western Australia showed a decrease of (0.2%).

The rise in the index numbers for certain capital cities was due to increases in prices of certain clothing which were partly offset by seasonal decreases in prices of meat in all capitals except Brisbane and Hobart.

Compared with December quarter, 1944, the Five Town Index numbers showed increases in New South Wales (0.6%), Queensland (0.4%), South Australia (0.8%), Western Australia (0.3%), and Tasmania (1.5%), but Victoria showed a decrease (0.1%).

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15TH JANUARY, 1946

"C" SERIES.
(Dec. Qtr., 1945)

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(1) Individual Towns.

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING AND
MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1945.
(Base : weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000.)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1944		1945			6 Mths. ended Dec. 1945	Year ended Dec. 1945
	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Dec. 1945	Dec. 1945
SOUTH WALES							
Sydney	1142	1136	1141	1142	1147	1145	1142
Newcastle	1095	1093	1099	1103	1106	1105	1100
Broken Hill	1164	1184	1193	1194	1198	1196	1192
Goulburn	1116	1110	1111	1112	1121	1117	1114
Narrarat	1089	1066	1089	1090	1099	1095	1091
FIVE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1136	1135	1136	1139	1145	1142	1139
VICTORIA							
Melbourne	1138	1132	1134	1135	1137	1136	1135
Ballarat	1057	1086	1066	1085	1085	1085	1086
Geelong	1102	1099	1096	1099	1099	1099	1099
Geelong	1116	1114	1112	1114	1112	1113	1113
Murraywood	1140	1135	1135	1139	1145	1142	1139
FIVE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1134	1129	1131	1132	1133	1133	1131
QUEENSLAND							
Brisbane	1069	1071	1072	1069	1074	1072	1072
Toowoomba	1084	1086	1088	1085	1088	1087	1087
Rockhampton	1071	1077	1083	1077	1080	1079	1079
Townsville	1116	1117	1115	1109	1114	1112	1114
Mundubbergy	1056	1056	1053	1049	1055	1053	1054
FIVE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1073	1075	1076	1073	1077	1075	1075
SOUTH AUSTRALIA							
Adelaide	1096	1098	1100	1103	1106	1105	1102
Medina, Moolta, Wallaroo ..	996	993	996	1003	1005	1004	999
Port Pirie	1060	1060	1064	1066	1090	1088	1085
Mount Gambier	1070	1067	1068	1073	1073	1073	1070
Peterborough	1089	1089	1090	1095	1097	1097	1093
FIVE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1093	1094	1096	1099	1102	1101	1096
EASTERN AUSTRALIA							
Birth, Fremantle	1104	1104	1106	1108	1107	1108	1107
Mulgoorlie, Boulder	1203	1197	1204	1204	1202	1203	1202
Northern	1110	1111	1115	1114	1110	1112	1113
Boundary	1110	1111	1117	1116	1115	1116	1115
Geraldton	1168	1167	1171	1172	1168	1170	1170
FIVE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1112	1113	1117	1117	1115	1116	1116
TASMANIA							
Hobart	1106	1101	1099	1107	1120	1114	1107
Lanceston	1057	1064	1067	1073	1085	1079	1072
Burnie	1059	1053	1055	1065	1080	1073	1063
Devonport	1042	1037	1038	1045	1060	1053	1045
Queenstown	1108	1104	1106	1112	1116	1115	1110
FIVE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1089	1085	1085	1092	1105	1099	1092
THREE TOWNS - Wtd. Average:	1122	1120	1122	1123	1126	1125	1123
SIX CAPITALS - Wtd. Average:	1126	1123	1125	1126	1129	1126	1126
SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)							
Warwick (Queensland)	1061	1061	1059	1066	1071	1069	1064
Port Augusta (S.A.)	1080	1060	1082	1086	1087	1087	1084
Canberra (A.C.T.)	1149	1144	1149	1148	1155	1152	1149

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"C" SERIES
(December Qtr., 1945)
(2) Combination of
Towns, etc.

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING AND
MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE
ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1945.
(Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)
(2) COMBINATION OF TOWNS, ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1944		1945			6 Months ended December Quarter 1945	Year ended Dec. Quarter 1945
	Dec. Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	Sept. Quarter	Dec. Quarter		
1. CAPITAL CITIES							
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. - 6 Capitals	1126	1123	1125	1126	1129	1128	1126
2. S.M.B.A.-H. ..	1128	1124	1126	1127	1131	1129	1127
3. S.M.B.-H. ..	1131	1127	1129	1130	1134	1132	1130
4. S.H.-A.P.H. ..	1132	1128	1131	1132	1135	1134	1132
5. S.H.-A.P.-. ..	1133	1129	1131	1132	1136	1134	1132
6. S.H.-H. ..	1134	1130	1132	1134	1136	1136	1134
7. S.M.-A.-. ..	1135	1131	1133	1134	1138	1136	1134
8. S.M.-. ..	1140	1135	1138	1139	1143	1141	1139
9. S.-. ..	1128	1125	1128	1128	1133	1131	1129
10. -M.B.A.P.H. ..	1115	1112	1114	1115	1118	1117	1115
11. -A.-A.P.H. ..	1124	1120	1122	1124	1126	1125	1123
12. -A.-H. ..	1127	1123	1125	1126	1129	1128	1126
13. -H.-A.-. ..	1128	1124	1126	1127	1130	1129	1127
14. -. -. -. H. ..	1099	1096	1100	1104	1108	1106	1103
2. COUNTRY TOWNS							
1. New South Wales 4 Towns	1112	1110	1115	1116	1123	1121	1117
2. Victoria 4 "	1105	1103	1102	1103	1102	1103	1103
3. Queensland 4 "	1085	1088	1090	1085	1089	1087	1088
4. South Australia 4 "	1050	1048	1051	1056	1058	1057	1053
5. West. Australia 4 "	1169	1166	1172	1172	1169	1171	1170
6. Tasmania 4 "	1067	1063	1066	1072	1084	1078	1071
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. 24 "	1100	1099	1102	1103	1106	1105	1103
8. N.V.-S.W.T. 20 "	1104	1102	1105	1108	1111	1110	1107
9. N.V.Q.S.-. 16 "	1099	1098	1100	1101	1104	1103	1101
10. N.V.-S.-T. 16 "	1098	1096	1099	1101	1105	1103	1100
11. N.V.-.W.T. 16 "	1109	1107	1110	1112	1115	1114	1111
12. N.V.-S.-. 12 "	1103	1101	1103	1106	1108	1107	1105
13. Broken Hill-Goulburn-Bathurst ..	1146	1143	1149	1150	1156	1153	1150
3. WHOLE STATES							
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. 30 Towns	1122	1120	1122	1123	1126	1125	1123
2. N.V.Q.S.-T. ..	1123	1120	1122	1123	1127	1125	1123
3. N.V.-S.W.T. ..	1128	1125	1128	1129	1133	1131	1129
4. N.V.-S.W.-. ..	1130	1127	1129	1130	1134	1132	1130
5. N.V.-S.-T. ..	1129	1126	1129	1130	1134	1132	1130
6. N.V.-S.-. ..	1131	1128	1130	1131	1135	1133	1131
7. N.V.-.W.T. ..	1132	1129	1132	1133	1136	1135	1133
8. N.V.-. ..	1136	1132	1135	1136	1140	1138	1136
9. -V.-S.W.T. ..	1121	1118	1120	1121	1123	1122	1121
10. -.V.-S.W.-. ..	1123	1120	1122	1123	1124	1124	1122
11. -.V.-S.-T. ..	1122	1118	1120	1122	1124	1123	1121
12. -.V.-S.-. ..	1124	1121	1123	1124	1126	1125	1124
13. -.V.-.T. ..	1130	1125	1127	1129	1131	1130	1128

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