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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS

THE "ALL ITEMS" ("C" SERIES) INDEX
SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1947.

(Base Period 1923-27 = 1000)

Particulars concerning variations in retail prices as measured by the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index for 30 principal cities and towns of Australia have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician for the September Quarter, 1947.

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 1.5% in the Six Capital Cities, and by 1.5% in the 30 Towns combined. Increases as follows were recorded in Sydney (2.0%), Melbourne (1.2%), Brisbane (1.0%), Adelaide (1.3%), Perth (1.4%) and Hobart (2.5%).

The weighted average index of the Five Towns in each State, compared with the previous quarter showed increases in all States viz:- New South Wales (1.9%) Victoria (1.2%), Queensland (1.0%), South Australia (1.3%), Western Australia (1.4%) and Tasmania (2.2%).

Prices of Clothing rose in all capital Cities, particularly in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Hobart.

Groceries rose in all capitals, due mainly to Sago, Jam, dried and canned fruits and potatoes. Dairy Produce dropped in all capitals due to a decrease in the price of eggs. Meat showed a big increase in Hobart (12 points) and a smaller rise in Perth (3 points), but elsewhere the movement was of no significance.

In the Miscellaneous Group, there were small all-round increases in Household Drapery, while in the "Other" Section, Fuel rose in Melbourne and Hobart, and effect was given to the recent increases in Fares in New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

Compared with September quarter, 1946, the five Towns Index numbers showed increases in New South Wales (4.4%), Victoria (3.5%), Queensland (4.1%) South Australia (4.3%), Western Australia (3.4%) and Tasmania (4.1%).

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QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

"C" SERIES
(Sept. Qtr., 1947)
(1) Individual Towns

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

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-7 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1939		1946		1947			6 Mths. ended Sept. Qtr., 1947	Year ended Sept. Qtr., 1947
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>									
Sydney ..	932	933	1167	1177	1192	1194	1218	1206	1195
Newcastle ..	898	897	1119	1131	1149	1150	1169	1160	1150
Broken Hill ..	959	943	1218	1223	1234	1237	1258	1248	1238
Goulburn ..	915	914	1134	1145	1155	1160	1183	1172	1161
Bathurst ..	880	881	1120	1122	1137	1147	1169	1158	1144
FIVE TOWNS (a)	929	930	1163	1174	1189	1191	1214	1203	1192
<u>VICTORIA</u>									
Melbourne ..	921	918	1149	1157	1159	1175	1189	1182	1170
Bellarat ..	872	875	1095	1096	1104	1123	1132	1128	1114
Bendigo ..	870	868	1107	1114	1118	1130	1139	1135	1125
Geelong ..	909	909	1121	1132	1144	1161	1170	1166	1152
Warrnambool ..	914	918	1152	1159	1164	1175	1185	1180	1171
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	915	1145	1153	1156	1171	1185	1178	1166
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>									
Brisbane ..	866	866	1092	1110	1123	1125	1136	1131	1124
Toowoomba ..	855	853	1106	1125	1139	1141	1153	1147	1140
Rockhampton ..	864	861	1093	1111	1126	1129	1142	1136	1127
Townsville ..	915	912	1135	1156	1172	1169	1181	1175	1170
Bundaberg ..	845	843	1073	1090	1107	1108	1111	1110	1104
FIVE TOWNS (a)	867	867	1095	1114	1127	1129	1140	1135	1128
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>									
Adelaide ..	908	903	1121	1128	1137	1154	1169	1162	1147
Kadina, etc. ..	808	812	1023	1031	1041	1061	1072	1067	1051
Port Pirie ..	894	897	1107	1115	1125	1142	1156	1149	1135
Mount Gambier ..	875	866	1095	1103	1113	1121	1137	1129	1119
Peterborough ..	895	896	1106	1118	1124	1143	1159	1151	1126
FIVE TOWNS (a)	904	899	1117	1124	1133	1150	1165	1158	1142
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>									
Perth, etc. ..	904	904	1128	1136	1136	1151	1167	1159	1148
Kalgoorlie, etc. ..	1067	1069	1223	1231	1239	1253	1270	1262	1248
Northam ..	918	919	1134	1141	1145	1160	1177	1169	1156
Bunbury ..	937	939	1137	1145	1149	1163	1180	1172	1159
Geraldton ..	966	966	1188	1195	1196	1209	1229	1219	1207
FIVE TOWNS (a)	918	918	1137	1143	1145	1160	1176	1168	1157
<u>TASMANIA</u>									
Hobart ..	907	905	1143	1155	1152	1158	1187	1173	1163
Launceston ..	888	886	1102	1114	1119	1133	1153	1143	1130
Burnie ..	877	878	1099	1103	1106	1115	1139	1127	1116
Devonport ..	861	860	1086	1091	1094	1105	1126	1116	1104
Queenstown ..	905	902	1151	1153	1153	1163	1188	1176	1164
FIVE TOWNS (a)	897	896	1126	1137	1137	1147	1172	1160	1148
THIRTY TOWNS (a)	915	914	1143	1153	1162	1171	1189	1180	1169
SIX CAPITALS (a)	917	916	1146	1156	1165	1174	1192	1183	1172
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)</u>									
Warwick (Q'ld.) ..	830	834	1085	1108	1123	1125	1139	1132	1124
Port Augusta (S.A.) ..	880	881	1107	1118	1125	1148	1161	1155	1138
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	1132	1140	1147	1168	1179	1174	1159
Canberra (A.C.T.) ..	958	951	1171	1178	1188	1188	1213	1201	1192

(a) Weighted Average. (b) First computed September Quarter, 1946.

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"C" SERIES
(Sept.Qtr. 1947)

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(2) Combination of
Towns etc.

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

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 1947
(Base; Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27=1000)

(2) COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS, ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1946		1947		6 Mths. ended Sept.Qtr. 1947	Year ended Sept.Qtr. 1947
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
1. <u>CAPITAL CITIES</u>								
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. (6)	917	916	1146	1156	1165	1174	1192	1183
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	1148	1157	1167	1175	1194	1185
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	1151	1161	1170	1178	1197	1188
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	1152	1161	1169	1179	1198	1189
5. S.M.-A.P.-	923	922	1152	1161	1170	1179	1198	1189
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	1154	1163	1172	1181	1200	1191
7. S.M.-A.-	925	923	1154	1163	1172	1182	1201	1192
8. S.M.-.-.-	927	926	1159	1168	1177	1186	1205	1196
9. S.-B.-P.-	919	920	1152	1164	1179	1181	1202	1192
10. -M.B.A.P.H.	908	905	1133	1142	1147	1160	1175	1168
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	1140	1148	1151	1167	1182	1175
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	1142	1150	1154	1169	1184	1177
13. -M.-A.-	918	914	1142	1150	1154	1170	1184	1177
14. -.-.-A.-H.	908	903	1125	1132	1139	1155	1172	1164
2. <u>COUNTRY TOWNS</u>								
1. N. S. Wales (4)	909	905	1137	1147	1163	1165	1185	1175
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	1111	1118	1126	1142	1151	1147
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	1106	1125	1140	1141	1152	1147
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	1076	1084	1093	1110	1123	1117
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	1191	1198	1204	1216	1236	1227
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	1104	1114	1118	1131	1152	1142
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	893	896	1121	1132	1143	1151	1166	1159
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	1125	1133	1144	1154	1170	1162
9. N.V.Q.S.-. (16)	890	889	1117	1128	1141	1148	1162	1155
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	1119	1127	1139	1148	1164	1156
11. N.V.-.-W.T. (16)	908	906	1129	1138	1149	1158	1174	1166
12. N.V.-S.-. (12)	896	894	1121	1129	1142	1151	1166	1159
13. Broken Hill - Goulb.- Bath.	931	922	1175	1181	1192	1197	1219	1208
3. <u>WHOLE STATES</u>								
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (80)	915	914	1143	1153	1162	1171	1189	1180
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	1143	1154	1163	1171	1189	1180
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	1149	1158	1166	1176	1194	1185
4. N.V.-S.W.-.	921	920	1149	1159	1168	1177	1195	1186
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	1150	1159	1168	1177	1196	1187
6. N.V.-S.-.-	921	920	1150	1160	1169	1178	1197	1188
7. N.V.-.-W.T.	922	922	1152	1162	1171	1179	1198	1189
8. N.V.-.-.-	924	923	1155	1165	1174	1182	1201	1192
9. -V.-S.W.P.	913	911	1137	1145	1149	1164	1179	1172
10. -V.-S.W.-.	915	912	1138	1146	1150	1165	1180	1173
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	1138	1146	1150	1165	1180	1173
12. -V.-S.-.-	914	911	1138	1146	1151	1166	1180	1173
13. -V.-.-.-T.	915	913	1143	1152	1154	1169	1184	1177

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