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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES
PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING
OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

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This bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building (base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0). A detailed description of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 54, 1968 and 1969 (pp.51-64).

2. Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.
3. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses and "low-rise" flats (in general, those up to three storeys). It includes 72 items, combined in eleven groups, in addition to an "All Groups" index. Although the selected materials (or many of them) are also used in house (and low-rise flat) building, in building repair, maintenance and alteration work, and in "engineering construction" work (e.g., projects such as roads, dams, bridges and the like), the weighting pattern of the index, being designed for the specific purpose mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph, is not applicable to these other activities of the construction industry. In addition, since the weights are based on an average materials usage over a range of types of building within the defined area (building other than house building), the index is not necessarily applicable to any specific building or type of building included in that area.
4. The index is a fixed-weights index and is calculated by the method known as "the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives". The items and weights were derived from reported values of materials used in selected representative buildings constructed in or about 1966-67. The single weighting pattern relates to the whole of Australia, and is applied (with minor exceptions) in calculating indexes for each State capital city.
5. Prices are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable. They relate to specified standards of each commodity and are obtained from representative suppliers of materials used in building. In general the point of pricing is "delivered on site" but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available, e.g. that for "supplied and fixed". Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city, with the main exception that for the whole of the group Electrical Installation Materials and the majority of the items in the group Mechanical Services Components, Sydney and Melbourne price series are used.
6. The index contained in this bulletin is the first of a series of indexes which will be prepared as circumstances permit and which will relate to materials used and articles produced by other important and defined areas (or "sectors") of the economy.
7. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for each group of items and for all groups combined in tables 3-10.
8. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between cities as to differences in degree of price movement from period to period, but not as to differences in price level.

9. Index numbers for the special purpose index for All Groups excluding Electrical Installation Materials and Mechanical Services Components are given in Table 11 on page 11.

10. Table 1 below shows, for the six State capital cities separately and combined, the percentage change of the All Groups index number for the month of March 1971 from the preceding month (February 1971) and from the corresponding month of the previous year (March 1970).

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS

Percentage change from previous periods

Percentage change between -	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
February 1971 and March 1971	+0.7	+1.1	+0.9	+1.4	+0.6	+0.5	+0.9
March 1970 and March 1971	+4.5	+5.8	+6.0	+4.6	+4.2	+5.4	+5.1

11. Table 2 shows corresponding changes for the individual groups and All Groups of the index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

TABLE 2. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

Percentage change from previous periods

Group	Percentage change between		Group	Percentage change between	
	Feb. 1971 and Mar. 1971	Mar. 1970 and Mar. 1971		Feb. 1971 and Mar. 1971	Mar. 1970 and Mar. 1971
Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	+1.1	+8.9	Other metal products	+0.2	-7.8
Cement products	+0.6	+7.5	Plumbing fixtures	+1.9	+7.2
Bricks, stone, etc.	+1.2	+5.1	Miscellaneous materials	+1.3	+4.9
Timber, board and joinery	+1.1	+8.7	Electrical installation materials	+1.7	-2.5
Steel and iron products	+0.6	+4.7	Mechanical services components	+0.7	+6.0
Aluminium products	+0.1	+6.4	All groups	+0.9	+5.1

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)(a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	102.6	101.7	102.2	101.8	102.0	102.3	102.2
1968-69	106.5	105.0	105.1	105.0	104.7	105.1	105.6
1969-70	111.7	109.8	110.3	109.4	108.9	109.7	110.5
1968-69							
January	106.8	105.2	105.9	105.1	104.8	105.1	105.9
February	107.5	105.8	106.5	105.8	105.5	105.5	106.5
March	107.9	106.0	104.9	106.4	105.7	106.1	106.6
April	108.3	106.4	106.7	106.5	105.8	106.1	107.2
May	108.8	106.6	107.5	106.9	106.0	106.6	107.6
June	109.2	107.1	107.6	107.1	106.4	106.9	107.9
1969-70							
July	109.4	107.3	108.0	107.4	106.8	107.4	108.2
August	109.7	108.2	108.0	107.6	107.2	107.7	108.6
September	110.1	108.7	108.4	108.3	107.9	108.0	109.1
October	110.2	108.8	108.9	108.4	107.8	108.5	109.2
November	110.3	108.9	109.1	108.4	107.8	108.5	109.3
December	110.7	109.2	109.5	108.7	108.1	108.7	109.7
January	111.6	109.8	110.5	109.1	108.7	109.6	110.4
February	112.7	110.9	111.5	110.1	109.3	110.8	111.5
March	113.3	111.2	111.9	110.9	110.3	111.1	112.0
April	114.1	111.5	112.6	111.5	110.7	112.0	112.6
May	114.3	111.4	112.8	111.4	110.9	112.1	112.7
June	114.1	111.3	112.7	111.3	110.8	112.4	112.6
1970-71							
July	114.3	111.3	113.4	111.3	110.9	112.6	112.8
August	114.4	112.0	114.4	111.4	111.1	112.7	113.2
September	114.4	112.4	114.5	111.4	111.0	112.9	113.3
October	114.2	112.9	114.5	111.7	110.9	112.8	113.4
November	114.5	113.3	114.7	112.3	112.0	114.0	113.8
December	114.5	113.5	115.2	112.4	112.5	114.2	114.0
January	116.7	114.7	116.2	113.2	113.6	r115.1	115.5
February p	117.6	r116.3	117.6	r114.4	114.2	r116.5	116.6
March p	118.4	117.6	118.6	116.0	114.9	117.1	117.7

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TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - SYDNEY

(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	102.8	103.0	104.7	104.5	102.2	102.2	105.8	103.4	102.0	100.9	101.4	102.6
1968-69	105.7	109.0	109.1	109.7	106.6	106.4	108.8	102.9	102.3	102.1	107.6	106.5
1969-70	109.4	112.7	113.5	113.8	111.0	110.6	130.2	116.1	104.9	112.2	111.8	111.7
1968-69												
January	107.0	110.3	110.1	110.5	107.0	106.7	107.8	101.9	100.8	100.2	108.1	106.6
February	107.1	110.3	110.1	110.9	107.4	106.7	112.7	101.9	102.2	104.1	108.2	107.5
March	107.4	110.7	110.5	111.2	107.9	106.7	112.8	105.4	102.2	104.6	108.6	107.9
April	107.8	110.7	110.5	112.3	108.3	106.7	115.9	105.4	102.1	105.0	108.8	108.3
May	107.8	111.5	110.5	112.3	109.0	107.4	118.1	105.4	102.3	105.7	109.1	108.8
June	107.8	111.5	111.2	113.2	108.9	108.1	120.9	105.4	102.3	107.2	109.3	109.2
1969-70												
July	107.9	111.5	111.4	112.8	109.0	108.3	121.4	109.5	102.2	108.4	109.4	109.4
August	108.0	111.6	111.4	112.9	109.1	108.6	125.5	110.4	102.8	109.3	109.7	109.7
September	108.0	111.7	111.4	113.0	109.3	108.9	128.5	110.0	104.1	111.3	109.3	110.1
October	108.0	111.7	111.4	113.7	109.4	108.9	126.5	111.1	104.1	111.2	109.3	110.2
November	108.0	111.7	111.4	113.7	109.6	108.8	127.3	114.5	104.7	110.5	109.3	110.3
December	108.2	112.0	111.6	113.5	109.7	108.9	132.2	117.3	104.7	112.7	109.4	110.7
1970-71												
January	110.6	112.6	114.3	113.8	110.6	110.3	133.3	117.3	104.7	112.8	109.7	111.6
February	110.6	113.1	115.1	113.7	111.7	111.6	131.0	120.8	105.7	112.9	114.2	112.7
March	110.6	113.7	115.6	113.9	112.6	112.4	133.8	120.9	106.3	113.4	115.1	113.3
April	110.6	114.0	115.6	114.7	113.5	113.5	136.9	120.9	106.7	115.1	115.3	114.1
May	111.2	114.1	115.6	115.2	113.9	113.5	134.7	120.5	106.7	115.3	115.3	114.3
June	111.2	114.1	116.7	114.9	114.0	113.6	131.8	120.5	106.4	113.6	115.3	114.1
1970-71												
July	111.2	114.1	117.1	115.6	114.0	113.6	130.6	119.4	107.8	113.6	115.5	114.3
August	111.2	116.7	117.1	115.5	114.3	113.6	130.5	118.9	107.5	113.0	116.2	114.4
September	111.2	116.7	117.4	115.5	114.5	113.6	126.2	118.8	108.1	111.5	116.6	114.4
October	111.2	116.7	117.4	116.0	114.5	114.1	125.4	119.1	108.1	109.9	116.0	114.2
November	111.2	116.9	117.4	116.9	114.8	114.2	122.5	120.9	108.6	109.6	116.6	114.5
December	111.3	116.9	117.4	117.2	114.8	114.2	122.3	121.9	108.9	109.4	116.8	114.5
1971-72												
January	118.8	120.7	118.7	117.9	116.7	115.4	124.8	122.1	109.4	109.7	118.8	116.7
February p	119.8	122.0	118.6	120.7	117.0	117.0	122.5	126.5	110.1	108.7	121.0	117.6
March p	119.8	122.1	118.9	122.6	117.5	117.3	122.3	128.4	111.8	110.6	121.9	118.4

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TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - MELBOURNE

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	99.9	101.0	102.4	100.8	102.4	100.9	105.8	102.4	102.8	100.9	101.4	101.7
1968-69	101.1	103.1	107.3	104.0	106.2	104.0	106.7	103.4	104.3	102.1	108.0	105.0
1969-70	104.4	108.5	110.5	107.8	110.4	108.7	124.1	111.8	106.4	112.2	112.1	109.8
1968-69												
January	101.5	102.4	108.4	103.8	107.2	105.0	104.5	102.8	104.0	100.2	108.4	105.2
February	101.5	102.4	108.7	104.6	107.4	104.2	109.0	102.3	104.3	104.1	108.5	105.8
March	101.5	102.4	108.7	104.7	107.7	103.7	109.5	103.1	104.4	104.6	108.9	106.0
April	101.7	104.7	100.7	105.5	107.8	104.2	112.5	105.1	104.4	105.0	109.1	106.4
May	101.7	105.6	108.7	105.6	107.8	104.2	114.8	105.2	104.6	105.7	109.5	106.6
June	101.7	105.6	108.7	106.7	107.8	105.0	118.8	105.2	104.8	107.2	109.6	107.1
1969-70												
July	101.8	106.1	108.7	106.9	107.8	105.3	110.9	106.1	104.8	108.4	109.7	107.3
August	107.4	106.6	100.7	107.9	107.9	106.0	119.5	109.5	105.2	109.3	110.0	106.2
September	107.4	107.1	109.0	108.0	108.4	106.0	125.1	110.8	105.5	111.3	109.6	108.7
October	107.0	107.5	109.0	108.0	108.5	107.6	122.5	110.6	105.6	111.2	109.6	108.8
November	107.0	108.3	109.0	108.0	108.8	107.6	122.8	110.7	106.3	110.5	109.6	108.9
December	107.1	108.2	109.1	108.0	100.9	107.6	124.7	111.0	106.4	112.7	109.7	109.2
January	107.1	109.3	110.9	107.7	110.5	107.6	124.1	111.0	106.5	112.0	110.0	109.8
February	105.8	109.4	112.6	107.5	111.7	109.4	123.4	114.4	106.7	112.9	114.5	110.9
March	104.0	109.8	112.3	107.6	112.4	109.4	126.6	114.5	107.4	113.4	115.4	111.2
April	100.1	109.8	112.3	107.9	113.2	112.4	123.3	114.5	107.4	114.1	115.6	111.5
May	98.8	109.8	112.3	100.1	113.2	112.7	127.3	114.4	107.4	115.3	115.6	111.4
June	99.7	110.5	112.3	108.5	113.2	112.7	126.3	114.4	107.4	115.6	115.6	111.3
1970-71												
July	99.8	110.1	112.3	108.9	113.2	111.2	122.6	115.9	107.8	113.6	115.8	111.3
August	102.8	112.2	112.5	109.0	113.8	113.1	121.5	115.8	108.0	113.6	116.7	112.0
September	105.3	113.4	112.3	109.1	114.0	113.1	124.3	115.9	108.0	111.5	117.1	112.4
October	107.3	113.4	114.0	110.8	114.6	113.8	123.9	119.2	108.1	109.9	116.5	112.9
November	110.0	113.9	114.1	110.9	114.6	113.8	122.3	119.2	108.5	109.6	117.2	113.3
December	110.0	113.9	114.1	111.4	114.6	114.2	121.7	119.2	108.5	109.4	117.4	113.5
January	113.2	114.3	114.6	112.1	115.3	120.4	121.7	119.2	109.2	109.7	119.3	114.7
February p	112.9	117.0	115.9	117.3	116.8	121.3	119.0	124.8	110.3	108.7	121.5	116.3
March p	117.9	118.1	119.4	117.5	117.5	120.5	120.3	127.6	111.5	110.6	122.3	117.6

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TABLE 6. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - BRITANE

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	100.5	101.4	103.7	103.8	102.3	101.7	106.0	102.7	102.6	100.9	101.5	102.2
1968-69	100.5	107.0	107.8	107.5	105.2	101.6	103.4	103.5	103.6	102.1	107.6	105.1
1969-70	105.3	116.1	114.9	112.0	110.4	104.1	118.9	112.7	105.2	112.2	111.7	110.3
1968-69												
January	104.2	104.7	109.6	108.1	107.6	101.4	102.9	102.6	103.7	100.2	108.1	105.9
February	104.1	107.9	109.6	108.2	108.1	101.5	103.0	102.6	103.5	104.1	108.2	106.5
March	89.1	109.3	109.6	109.0	106.9	101.7	105.1	104.2	103.8	104.6	108.6	104.9
April	103.7	113.9	109.6	109.6	107.0	101.7	100.9	105.3	104.0	105.0	108.8	106.7
May	103.7	114.4	109.6	110.2	108.6	101.7	106.5	105.3	104.1	105.7	109.2	107.5
June	104.3	114.1	109.7	110.2	107.8	102.4	110.5	105.4	104.1	107.2	109.3	107.6
1969-70												
July	105.2	114.1	110.5	110.2	107.8	102.4	112.0	107.6	104.1	108.4	109.4	106.0
August	105.2	114.1	110.5	110.4	107.5	102.4	112.8	106.1	103.7	109.3	109.7	108.0
September	105.2	114.7	110.5	110.4	107.0	103.3	113.3	100.2	104.4	111.3	109.3	108.4
October	105.2	115.8	116.2	110.3	108.1	103.3	114.3	110.5	105.4	111.2	109.2	106.9
November	105.2	115.8	116.2	110.7	108.7	103.3	114.5	110.7	105.6	110.5	109.3	109.1
December	105.2	116.2	116.4	110.9	108.7	103.3	120.8	113.4	105.7	112.7	109.3	109.5
January	105.2	116.2	116.5	111.9	111.3	103.3	121.3	113.4	105.8	112.8	109.7	110.5
February	105.2	117.3	116.5	112.2	111.9	105.1	123.4	116.3	105.3	112.9	114.1	111.5
March	105.2	117.3	116.5	113.3	112.2	105.6	123.3	116.3	105.1	113.4	115.0	111.9
April	105.2	116.8	116.5	113.4	112.5	106.6	125.5	116.0	105.6	115.1	115.3	112.6
May	105.3	117.6	116.5	114.7	113.6	105.9	124.2	116.0	105.6	115.3	115.3	112.8
June	106.7	117.5	116.5	115.2	113.6	105.2	121.4	115.7	105.5	113.6	115.3	112.7
1970-71												
July	112.0	117.5	117.9	115.2	114.0	105.2	115.7	115.7	105.8	113.6	115.5	113.4
August	112.0	118.1	117.9	115.2	116.8	105.3	118.1	115.8	106.0	113.0	116.2	114.4
September	112.0	118.1	121.7	115.2	116.8	105.3	115.5	115.9	106.8	111.9	116.5	114.5
October	112.0	118.1	122.4	116.6	116.9	105.5	113.6	118.8	107.2	109.9	116.0	114.5
November	112.0	118.1	123.4	117.1	117.0	105.5	113.0	118.8	107.3	109.6	116.6	114.7
December	112.0	121.9	123.4	117.3	118.1	105.5	110.7	118.8	107.4	109.4	116.8	115.2
January	112.0	121.9	124.8	120.6	118.6	107.0	112.0	118.8	108.0	109.7	118.8	116.2
February p	113.6	122.8	125.6	126.7	118.8	107.9	112.5	120.4	108.8	108.7	121.0	117.6
March p	113.6	123.1	125.6	127.7	120.0	108.3	111.8	122.4	111.3	110.6	121.9	118.6

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TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - ADELAIDE

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	101.2	101.9	104.6	101.5	102.3	100.1	106.0	102.7	101.1	100.9	101.4	101.8
1968-69	105.3	107.6	104.7	105.1	105.3	99.2	105.2	103.5	103.1	102.1	107.7	105.0
1969-70	107.9	112.5	113.5	108.9	108.2	100.2	126.8	112.3	106.9	112.2	111.7	109.4
1968-69												
January	105.5	109.6	110.4	105.0	105.5	99.4	103.2	102.7	102.9	100.2	108.0	105.1
February	105.4	109.6	110.4	105.2	105.8	99.4	108.0	102.7	104.3	104.1	108.2	105.8
March	105.5	109.6	110.9	107.7	106.6	98.7	108.0	104.5	104.3	104.6	106.6	106.4
April	105.5	109.6	110.9	107.7	106.6	98.7	109.7	104.6	104.4	105.0	106.6	106.5
May	105.6	110.6	110.9	108.3	106.6	98.7	112.7	104.8	105.2	105.7	109.1	106.9
June	105.6	110.6	110.9	108.4	106.5	99.3	114.6	104.9	105.5	107.2	109.3	107.1
1969-70												
July	105.6	110.6	110.9	108.4	106.6	99.3	116.8	105.0	106.8	108.4	109.4	107.4
August	105.6	110.6	110.9	108.4	106.6	99.3	119.7	105.0	106.8	109.3	109.6	107.6
September	107.0	111.9	110.9	108.8	107.1	99.3	126.3	106.4	106.8	111.3	109.2	108.3
October	108.5	111.9	110.9	108.8	107.1	99.3	122.6	106.8	106.8	111.2	109.2	108.4
November	108.5	111.9	110.9	108.8	107.1	99.3	123.6	110.3	106.8	110.5	109.3	108.4
December	108.6	111.9	110.9	108.8	107.1	99.3	127.8	111.9	106.8	112.7	109.3	108.7
January	108.6	112.0	111.4	108.8	107.8	99.3	129.6	111.9	106.9	112.8	109.7	109.1
February	108.5	112.0	112.0	108.9	109.2	100.2	127.5	117.2	106.8	112.9	114.1	110.1
March	108.6	112.0	117.0	109.4	109.5	101.0	130.4	117.2	106.8	113.4	115.1	110.9
April	108.6	115.2	118.3	109.4	109.7	101.9	134.1	117.1	107.2	115.1	115.3	111.5
May	108.6	115.2	118.3	108.7	110.0	101.9	131.6	117.1	107.3	115.3	115.3	111.4
June	108.6	115.2	118.3	109.1	110.0	101.9	121.0	117.2	107.5	112.6	115.3	111.3
1970-71												
July	108.6	115.2	118.3	109.2	110.2	101.9	126.9	117.2	107.5	113.6	115.5	111.3
August	108.5	115.2	118.5	109.4	110.3	101.9	126.7	117.2	107.8	113.0	116.2	111.4
September	108.8	115.2	118.5	110.1	110.3	101.3	125.8	117.2	107.8	111.5	116.6	111.4
October	108.8	117.0	119.6	112.1	110.6	101.3	124.9	119.9	108.8	109.9	116.0	111.7
November	108.8	117.0	119.6	112.5	111.2	106.0	121.7	119.9	109.7	109.6	116.7	112.3
December	109.0	117.0	119.6	112.7	111.3	106.0	121.7	120.0	109.8	109.4	116.9	112.4
January	109.1	117.0	119.6	113.2	112.8	106.1	121.7	120.2	110.1	109.7	118.8	113.2
February p	109.2	121.6	119.9	115.1	113.2	110.6	120.0	122.1	112.4	108.7	121.1	114.4
March p	109.4	123.2	124.6	119.4	114.2	112.1	120.2	125.9	113.6	110.6	121.9	116.0

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TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - PERTH

(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	100.6	104.3	103.0	104.1	101.7	99.7	105.7	101.7	102.7	100.9	101.4	102.0
1968-69	101.4	108.1	106.2	108.0	104.2	101.8	106.4	103.4	103.9	102.1	107.5	104.7
1969-70	102.8	111.3	111.4	111.3	107.1	102.6	127.0	110.8	107.8	112.2	111.5	106.9
1966-69												
January	101.3	100.8	106.3	108.3	104.6	102.4	105.2	104.5	105.8	100.2	107.9	104.8
February	101.6	108.9	107.1	108.9	104.8	102.4	109.8	104.5	104.0	104.1	105.1	105.5
March	101.6	108.9	107.1	100.9	105.0	102.6	109.0	104.6	104.0	104.6	106.4	105.7
April	101.6	108.9	107.1	108.9	105.0	102.6	112.1	104.8	104.4	105.0	105.8	105.8
May	101.6	108.9	107.1	109.3	105.0	102.6	114.9	104.8	104.2	105.7	105.9	106.0
June	101.6	110.4	107.1	109.9	105.0	102.6	118.2	104.8	104.3	107.2	109.0	106.4
1969-70												
July	102.2	110.4	107.5	110.0	105.0	103.7	118.1	107.3	105.4	108.4	109.2	106.8
August	102.4	110.4	107.5	110.9	105.0	103.2	122.1	107.2	107.3	109.2	109.4	107.2
September	102.9	110.4	110.8	111.0	105.5	103.3	125.9	107.3	107.8	111.3	109.0	107.9
October	102.9	110.4	110.8	111.0	105.6	102.9	122.2	107.3	107.8	111.2	109.0	107.8
November	102.9	110.4	110.8	111.0	105.6	102.5	124.5	110.6	107.8	110.5	109.0	107.8
December	102.9	110.4	111.0	111.0	105.6	102.5	128.6	111.0	107.8	112.7	105.1	108.1
1970-71												
January	102.9	110.5	111.8	110.8	107.1	102.3	130.3	111.6	107.9	112.8	109.5	108.7
February	102.9	110.5	112.4	110.8	107.3	102.3	128.6	111.6	108.0	112.9	115.9	109.3
March	102.9	110.5	112.9	111.9	109.1	102.9	130.6	110.1	107.9	113.4	114.8	110.3
April	102.9	110.5	112.9	112.5	109.5	102.9	133.3	114.0	109.1	115.1	115.0	110.7
May	102.9	115.8	114.4	112.5	109.5	101.3	121.0	114.0	107.7	115.3	115.0	110.9
June	102.9	115.8	114.4	112.0	110.0	101.0	128.9	114.0	106.7	115.5	115.0	110.8
1970-71												
July	102.9	115.8	114.4	112.0	110.1	101.6	125.8	114.0	109.8	113.6	115.3	110.9
August	103.1	116.1	114.4	112.0	110.2	103.1	125.8	114.0	110.2	115.0	116.0	111.1
September	103.2	116.1	114.6	112.0	110.3	103.1	122.4	114.0	110.2	111.5	116.4	111.0
October	103.2	118.2	114.6	112.0	110.3	104.5	122.4	114.1	110.2	109.9	115.8	110.9
November	106.4	118.2	114.6	114.0	112.0	104.7	117.0	112.1	110.5	109.6	116.5	112.0
December	106.8	118.2	119.0	115.4	112.0	104.7	116.8	112.1	111.1	109.4	116.7	112.5
1971-72												
January	108.5	118.2	120.3	117.2	113.1	105.3	116.8	112.1	111.9	109.7	118.6	113.6
February	110.0	118.3	120.3	117.2	113.4	107.8	112.7	111.8	113.4	108.7	118.2	114.2
March	110.1	120.5	120.3	117.7	114.2	108.3	112.2	111.9	113.4	110.6	121.7	114.9

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TABLE 9. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - HOBERT

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	104.8	100.4	103.1	101.7	102.5	100.8	105.9	103.2	101.7	100.9	101.4	102.3
1968-69	108.0	103.8	106.5	103.8	105.5	99.6	103.1	105.5	103.0	102.1	107.7	105.1
1969-70	109.1	107.1	111.3	108.9	109.8	100.9	122.3	114.0	107.5	112.2	111.8	109.7
1968-69												
January	108.6	103.7	108.6	104.2	105.8	99.5	101.1	104.6	103.0	100.2	108.1	105.1
February	102.8	103.7	108.6	104.7	105.8	99.5	101.1	104.6	103.1	104.1	106.3	105.5
March	108.8	103.7	108.6	104.7	107.0	99.5	102.1	107.3	103.2	104.6	108.7	106.1
April	108.8	103.7	108.6	104.7	107.1	99.5	102.1	108.3	103.2	105.0	108.9	106.1
May	108.8	103.7	108.6	104.7	107.1	100.2	112.3	108.3	103.3	105.7	109.2	106.6
June	108.8	106.4	108.7	105.7	107.1	100.3	112.3	108.3	103.2	107.2	109.3	106.9
1969-70												
July	108.8	106.4	109.2	107.9	107.2	100.4	113.2	108.8	103.2	106.4	109.5	107.4
August	108.8	106.6	109.2	108.1	107.2	100.4	117.3	111.5	103.0	109.3	109.7	107.7
September	108.8	106.6	109.5	108.1	107.6	100.4	117.3	111.5	103.8	111.3	105.3	108.0
October	108.8	106.6	109.5	108.1	107.7	100.8	124.5	113.1	107.6	111.2	109.3	108.5
November	109.0	106.6	109.7	108.1	107.7	100.8	124.7	113.4	107.6	110.5	109.3	108.5
December	109.0	106.6	109.8	108.1	107.9	100.8	124.0	114.4	107.5	112.7	109.4	108.7
1970-71												
January	109.0	107.6	109.9	108.7	109.7	100.8	124.0	115.3	109.0	112.8	109.8	109.6
February	109.0	107.6	109.9	108.7	111.8	101.2	124.0	115.3	109.1	112.9	114.2	110.8
March	109.0	107.6	109.6	108.7	112.2	101.2	124.0	115.3	109.4	113.4	115.1	111.1
April	109.1	107.6	116.3	109.9	112.8	101.6	124.0	116.4	109.4	115.1	115.3	112.0
May	109.2	107.6	116.3	110.0	112.9	101.4	125.0	116.4	109.7	115.3	115.3	112.1
June	111.2	107.6	116.3	112.1	112.9	101.1	125.0	116.4	109.7	113.6	115.3	112.4
1970-71												
July	111.2	107.6	116.3	112.8	112.9	101.1	125.0	116.4	110.1	113.6	115.5	112.6
August	111.4	108.0	116.8	113.0	113.0	101.1	125.0	117.7	110.2	113.0	116.2	112.7
September	111.8	111.2	118.5	113.0	113.0	101.1	125.0	120.8	110.7	111.5	116.6	112.9
October	111.8	110.5	119.6	113.0	113.1	101.1	125.0	121.6	110.7	109.9	116.0	112.8
November	117.6	110.5	120.1	114.8	113.1	105.9	123.2	121.6	110.8	109.6	116.7	114.0
December	117.8	112.0	120.1	115.1	113.3	106.1	123.2	121.6	110.9	109.4	116.9	114.2
1971-72												
January	117.8	112.7	120.4	115.3	115.0	106.2	125.9	121.6	111.0	109.7	118.8	115.1
February	117.9	115.5	120.4	120.1	115.4	111.5	125.9	122.6	111.4	108.7	121.0	116.5
March	118.4	116.3	120.7	120.0	116.0	111.8	125.9	125.5	111.0	110.6	121.8	117.1

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TABLE 10. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Fiscal- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	101.5	102.2	103.7	103.0	102.3	101.4	105.9	102.8	102.3	100.9	101.4	102.2
1968-69	103.5	106.8	100.2	107.2	106.1	103.9	106.8	103.3	103.2	102.1	107.7	105.6
1969-70	106.9	111.7	111.6	111.2	110.1	107.4	126.3	113.7	105.8	112.2	111.8	110.5
1968-69												
January	104.6	107.1	109.2	107.5	106.8	104.4	105.4	102.6	102.5	100.2	108.1	105.9
February	104.7	107.5	109.4	106.0	107.1	104.1	109.5	102.5	103.3	104.1	108.3	106.5
March	102.8	107.8	109.6	104.5	107.3	104.0	109.9	104.5	103.3	104.6	108.7	106.6
April	105.0	109.1	109.6	109.2	107.5	104.1	111.7	105.3	103.4	105.0	108.9	107.2
May	105.0	109.7	109.6	109.4	108.0	104.4	114.8	105.3	103.6	105.7	109.2	107.6
June	105.1	109.9	109.9	110.1	107.9	105.1	117.9	105.3	103.6	107.2	109.4	107.9
1969-70												
July	105.3	110.1	110.1	110.1	107.9	105.4	118.6	107.0	103.9	108.4	109.5	108.2
August	106.8	110.3	110.1	110.5	108.0	105.6	121.2	109.2	104.3	109.3	109.7	108.6
September	107.0	110.6	110.5	110.6	108.3	105.8	124.9	109.4	105.1	111.3	109.3	109.1
October	107.1	110.9	111.2	110.9	108.4	106.2	123.1	110.4	105.4	111.2	109.3	109.2
November	107.1	111.1	111.2	110.9	108.6	106.1	123.8	112.2	105.8	110.5	109.4	109.3
December	107.2	111.2	111.4	110.9	108.7	106.2	127.8	114.1	105.8	112.7	109.4	109.7
January	108.1	111.8	113.0	111.0	110.1	106.7	128.4	114.1	105.9	112.8	109.8	110.4
February	107.7	112.2	113.9	111.0	111.2	108.1	127.3	117.3	106.3	112.9	114.2	111.5
March	107.2	112.5	114.6	111.4	111.9	108.6	129.6	117.4	106.7	113.4	115.1	112.0
April	106.2	112.9	114.9	111.9	112.7	110.0	132.2	117.5	107.0	115.1	115.3	112.6
May	106.1	113.4	114.9	112.3	112.9	109.9	130.4	117.3	107.0	115.3	115.3	112.7
June	106.6	113.6	115.4	112.4	113.0	109.8	128.5	117.3	106.9	113.6	115.3	112.6
1970-71												
July	107.4	113.5	115.8	112.8	113.1	109.5	125.6	117.3	107.8	113.6	115.6	112.8
August	108.1	115.2	115.9	112.8	113.7	110.1	125.6	117.1	107.8	113.0	116.3	113.2
September	108.9	115.6	116.7	112.9	113.9	110.1	123.9	117.2	108.1	111.5	116.7	113.3
October	109.4	115.9	117.2	113.9	114.1	110.6	123.2	118.8	108.3	109.9	116.1	113.4
November	110.5	116.2	117.3	114.6	114.4	111.2	120.7	119.4	108.7	109.6	116.8	113.8
December	110.9	116.7	117.7	115.1	114.6	111.3	120.1	119.8	108.9	109.4	117.0	114.0
January	114.7	118.4	118.6	116.1	115.9	113.8	121.4	119.9	109.5	109.7	118.9	115.5
February p	115.4	120.2	119.1	119.8	116.5	115.5	119.3	123.5	110.5	108.7	121.2	116.6
March p	116.7	120.9	120.5	121.1	117.2	115.6	119.5	125.0	111.9	110.6	122.0	117.7

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TABLE 11. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

SPECIAL PURPOSE INDEX : ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING ELECTRICAL
INSTALLATION MATERIALS AND MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS
INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	103.0	101.8	102.4	102.0	102.2	102.6	102.4
1968-69	106.8	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.6	105.0	105.6
1969-70	111.6	109.1	109.9	108.7	108.1	109.1	110.1
1968-69							
January	107.3	105.2	106.2	105.1	104.8	105.1	106.1
February	107.8	105.5	106.5	105.5	105.2	105.2	106.5
March	108.2	105.6	104.4	106.3	105.3	105.8	106.5
April	108.6	106.1	106.5	106.3	105.5	105.8	107.1
May	109.1	106.3	107.5	106.6	105.6	106.2	107.5
June	109.4	106.6	107.4	106.8	105.9	106.5	107.8
1969-70							
July	109.5	106.7	107.7	107.0	106.2	107.0	107.9
August	109.8	107.8	107.6	107.1	106.6	107.2	108.4
September	110.1	108.3	107.9	107.8	107.3	107.4	108.8
October	110.2	108.4	108.6	107.9	107.2	108.1	109.0
November	110.4	108.6	108.9	108.0	107.3	108.1	109.2
December	110.7	108.7	109.2	108.2	107.5	108.2	109.4
January	111.7	109.5	110.4	108.5	108.1	109.2	110.3
February	112.4	110.0	110.9	109.2	108.2	110.0	110.9
March	113.0	110.3	111.2	110.0	109.2	110.2	111.4
April	113.7	110.4	111.9	110.4	109.6	111.1	111.9
May	114.0	110.2	112.1	110.4	109.8	111.2	112.0
June	113.9	110.4	112.2	110.4	109.8	111.8	112.0
1970-71							
July	114.1	110.3	113.0	110.4	109.8	111.9	112.2
August	114.3	111.2	114.2	110.5	110.1	112.1	112.7
September	114.3	111.8	114.5	110.6	110.1	112.5	112.9
October	114.4	112.7	114.8	111.2	110.3	112.6	113.3
November	114.7	113.1	115.0	111.9	111.5	114.0	113.7
December	114.7	113.3	115.5	112.0	112.1	114.3	114.0
January	117.1	114.6	116.5	112.7	113.2	115.1	115.6
February p	118.0	116.3	118.0	113.9	113.7	116.6	116.8
March p	118.7	117.6	118.9	115.6	114.3	117.0	117.7

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Footnotes and Symbols

The following footnotes and symbols are standard throughout tables 3-11.

- (a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.
- (b) The Wholesale Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials is used as the indicator for this group.

p - preliminary, subject to revision.

r - revised.

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