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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

PRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS

FEBRUARY 1970

This Bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials on the reference base: Year 1959-60 = 100.0.

1. Information on the construction of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 57, 1965 and 1966. The index provides comparisons at quarterly intervals from August 1959 to February 1969, of the overall price changes occurring for a combination of materials, fixed as to quantity and quality. Comparisons are monthly from February 1969. The yearly index numbers shown are simple averages of index numbers for the months of August, November, February and May in each year.
2. 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.
3. 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 sizes, types, etc.
4. 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.
5. Table 1 below shows for each index and for all groups the percentage change of the index number from mid-January 1970 to mid-February 1970, and from mid-February 1969.

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

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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
January 1970 and February 1970	-0.3	+0.8	+0.3	+0.1
February 1969 and February 1970	+15.0	+3.2	+4.0	18.5

TABLE 1 - MORTALITY INDEX
THIRTY YEAR OF MORTALITY, INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
1955-1970
 (Base of each index 1 Year 1955-1970 = 100.0(a))

Period	Conductors	Conductors and accessories	Switch-board and other gear	All groups
<u>Index (a)</u>				
1955-59	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1960-64	99.5	102.3	100.9	100.7
1965-69	98.7	102.8	99.8	100.1
1970-74	96.8	105.6	100.5	99.8
1975-79	93.2	103.7	100.8	98.5
1980-84	110.6	104.6	105.2	107.2
1985-89	109.8	104.2	106.6	105.7
1990-94	120.2	105.8	109.2	112.8
1995-99	119.9	106.0	112.5	112.8
2000-04	119.5	107.3	115.3	115.0
<u>Index (b)</u>				
1955-57 - 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
1967-69 - August	111.5	106.3	110.3	109.8
November	123.1	109.3	112.4	114.9
February	127.7	105.7	113.0	117.0
May	117.1	106.7	114.2	113.5
1969-71 - 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
March	124.8	109.1	115.7	117.7
April	125.9	109.1	115.6	118.1
May	127.2	109.1	116.2	118.8
June	131.4	109.1	116.5	120.6
1969-70 - July	134.8	109.1	116.7	122.0
August	135.8	109.1	118.3	125.0
September	141.3	109.1	118.5	129.2
October	140.2	109.2	118.9	125.0
November	137.9	109.2	119.6	124.3
December	143.8	109.3	119.6	126.7
January	144.0	109.3	119.9	126.9
February	143.5	110.2	120.3	127.0

(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) Simple average of index numbers for the months of August, November, February and May in each year. (c) As at mid-point of month.

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