

RETAIL PRICES
VARIATIONS SINCE OUTBREAK OF WAR IN 1939
SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1939 TO JUNE QUARTER, 1955
 (Base: Six Capitals 1923-27 = 1000)

Group (a)	"C" Series Index (Aggregates)				"Group Index" (a)		
	Sept. Quarter 1939	June Quarter 1955	Difference	Percentage Increase	Sept. Quarter 1939	June Quarter 1955	Percentage Increase
	d.	d.	d.	%			%
SYDNEY							
Food	193,333	589,541	396,208	(b)73.5	936	2,835	204.8
Rent	138,602	177,805	39,203	(b) 7.3	1,039	1,332	28.2
Clothing	106,559	414,530	307,971	(b)57.2	841	3,267	288.5
Miscellaneous	100,394	217,192	116,798	(b)21.7	939	2,031	116.3
Total:	538,888	1,399,068	860,180	159.7	933	2,423	159.7
MELBOURNE							
Food	193,866	575,926	382,060	(b)72.1	932	2,769	197.1
Rent	127,699	134,222	6,523	(b) 1.2	957	1,006	5.1
Clothing	104,390	409,759	305,369	(b)57.6	823	3,230	292.5
Miscellaneous	104,140	225,046	120,906	(b)22.8	974	2,105	116.1
Total:	530,095	1,344,953	814,858	153.7	918	2,329	153.7
BRISBANE							
Food	177,895	523,697	345,802	(b)69.1	855	2,518	194.5
Rent	114,119	136,647	22,528	(b) 4.5	855	1,024	19.8
Clothing	105,762	399,598	293,836	(b)58.8	834	3,150	277.7
Miscellaneous	102,151	213,878	111,727	(b)22.3	955	2,000	109.4
Total:	499,927	1,273,820	773,893	154.7	866	2,206	154.7
ADELAIDE							
Food	181,711	549,518	367,807	(b)70.5	888	2,642	197.5
Rent	118,751	165,274	46,523	(b) 8.9	890	1,239	39.2
Clothing	108,982	412,881	303,899	(b)58.3	861	3,254	277.9
Miscellaneous	109,028	203,525	121,501	(b)23.3	1,020	2,156	111.4
Total:	521,472	1,331,202	816,730	160.5	903	2,352	160.5
PERTH							
Food	196,432	674,278	477,846	(b)78.1	944	2,905	207.7
Rent	117,618	245,164	127,546	(b)24.4	881	1,837	108.5
Clothing	106,096	409,749	303,653	(b)58.2	836	3,230	286.4
Miscellaneous	101,943	224,130	122,187	(b)23.7	953	2,096	119.9
Total:	522,089	1,553,321	1,031,232	197.4	904	2,569	197.4
HOBART							
Food	190,497	597,774	407,277	(b)78.0	916	2,874	213.8
Rent	123,700	169,777	46,077	(b) 8.8	927	1,272	37.2
Clothing	108,101	413,883	305,779	(b)58.5	852	3,262	282.9
Miscellaneous	100,526	226,363	125,837	(b)24.1	940	2,117	125.2
Total:	522,824	1,407,797	884,970	169.4	905	2,438	169.4
SIX CAPITALS							
Food	191,298	575,959	384,661	(b)72.8	920	2,769	201.0
Rent	129,071	163,205	33,934	(b) 6.4	967	1,222	26.4
Clothing	106,033	411,068	305,035	(b)57.7	836	3,240	287.6
Miscellaneous	102,734	221,362	118,628	(b)22.4	961	2,070	115.4
Total:	529,136	1,371,394	842,258	159.3	916	2,375	159.3
CANBERRA							
Food	217,547	634,274	416,727	(b)75.9	1,046	3,050	191.6
Rent	131,164	134,841	3,677	(b) 0.7	983	1,011	2.8
Clothing	107,691	424,598	316,907	(b)57.7	850	3,347	293.8
Miscellaneous	92,623	203,561	110,938	(b)20.2	866	1,934	119.9
Total:	549,025	1,397,274	848,229	154.5	951	2,420	154.5

(a) In respect of food the indexes are an average for the three months of the quarter; in respect of other groups the indexes are as at the middle of the quarter. (b) Dissection of percentage rise in total index to show amount due to rise in each group.