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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIA

DECEMBER QUARTER 1967 (PRELIMINARY)

1. The tables in this bulletin contain preliminary estimates of the value of retail sales for the December quarter 1967. Figures for some earlier quarters are also shown for purposes of comparison.

2. These preliminary quarterly estimates have been compiled on the basis of a large response from a sample of retail establishments used to provide quarterly estimates of value of retail sales in Australia. The preliminary quarterly estimates of total value of retail sales in Australia (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) normally differ by less than one per cent from the corresponding estimates compiled from the full sample and published about three months after the end of the quarter.

3. All figures in this Bulletin are on a basis comparable with the 1961-62 Retail Census. Further information relating to the basis on which the statistics of retail sales of goods are compiled, is contained in Statistical Bulletin "Retail Sales of Goods" September quarter 1967 of 5 January 1968.

4. This bulletin includes seasonally adjusted retail sales statistics. No adjustment has been made for the effects of movement in the date of Easter. Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators" issued on 18 July 1967. Each of the component series shown in Table 1 has been seasonally adjusted independently. As a consequence while the unadjusted components in the original series shown in Table 1 add to the totals, the adjusted components may not add to the adjusted totals.

TABLE 1. - VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF
GOODS BY BROAD COMMODITY GROUPINGS : AUSTRALIA (a)
(\$ million)

Quarter	Food and drink (b)	Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (c)	Other (d)	Total (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.)	Motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.
ORIGINAL					
1964-65 September	715.7	508.5	264.5	1,488.7	586.2
December	797.0	620.0	336.4	1,754.0	599.2
March	740.1	460.4	266.0	1,466.5	557.3
June	747.3	541.7	271.6	1,560.6	585.9
1965-66 September	768.9	520.2	283.0	1,572.1	605.4
December	855.7	630.5	357.3	1,843.5	569.3
March	786.4	467.4	283.0	1,536.8	545.3
June (e)	798.0	548.6	290.6	1,637.2	570.0
1966-67 September (e)	820.7	530.1	305.5	1,656.3	582.5
December (e)	912.7	653.1	377.8	1,943.6	624.5
March (e)	852.1	485.0	304.2	1,641.3	575.4
June (e)	851.7	577.4	306.7	1,735.8	615.0
1967-68 September (e)	877.1	566.0	319.0	1,762.1	647.4
December (f)	961.6	689.9	396.1	2,047.6	672.2

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (g)

1964-65 September	731.1	526.1	275.8	1,533.2	569.7
December	746.3	533.6	284.1	1,566.1	574.5
March	754.4	534.4	288.3	1,576.9	589.7
June	769.6	536.3	290.5	1,595.7	594.8
1965-66 September	784.6	537.5	294.5	1,615.7	588.9
December	799.0	540.3	301.3	1,640.1	547.4
March	804.1	544.1	306.9	1,656.0	577.0
June (e)	821.8	543.2	311.0	1,674.0	576.3
1966-67 September (e)	835.7	547.1	317.6	1,700.5	567.2
December (e)	855.4	562.4	319.9	1,736.9	601.1
March (e)	866.8	561.3	328.2	1,759.2	608.9
June (e)	878.0	571.7	328.4	1,776.7	621.2
1967-68 September (e)	897.7	586.5	333.3	1,818.5	630.4
December (f)	907.2	597.3	337.4	1,841.4	647.6

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Groceries; Butchers' meat; Other food; and Beer, wine and spirits. (c) Includes Clothing and drapery; Footwear; Hardware, china and glassware; Electrical goods; and Furniture and floor coverings. (d) Includes Chemists' goods; Newspapers, books and stationery; and Other goods. (e) Subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (f) Preliminary estimate.
(g) See paragraph 4, page 1.

TABLE 2. - TOTAL VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS
(EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)
 (\$ million)

Quarter	Original							Seasonally adjusted (a)
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)	Aust. (b)
1964-65 September	567.6	431.6	206.2	134.6	103.5	45.2	1,408.7	1,533.2
December	676.0	508.2	236.8	157.6	121.6	53.8	1,754.0	1,566.1
March	549.3	430.8	201.7	136.0	104.1	44.6	1,466.5	1,576.9
June	592.5	451.4	214.9	143.4	110.8	47.6	1,560.6	1,595.7
1965-66 September	594.0	454.2	219.9	143.8	113.7	46.5	1,572.1	1,615.7
December	704.2	535.6	248.6	166.5	132.8	55.8	1,843.5	1,640.1
March	571.5	451.4	209.9	141.5	115.8	46.7	1,536.8	1,656.0
June (c)	621.9	473.4	223.5	146.5	122.0	49.9	1,637.2	1,674.0
1966-67 September (c)	626.3	476.3	232.7	146.9	124.0	50.1	1,656.3	1,700.5
December (c)	738.0	561.1	263.5	173.9	146.1	61.0	1,943.6	1,736.9
March (c)	609.9	478.2	227.8	148.3	125.7	51.4	1,641.3	1,759.2
June (c)	655.2	503.2	237.6	153.9	131.8	54.1	1,735.8	1,776.7
1967-68 September (c)	666.4	506.8	243.8	155.7	134.7	54.7	1,762.1	1,818.5
December (d)	778.9	590.1	276.3	182.1	156.5	63.7	2,047.6	1,841.4

(a) See paragraph 4, page 1. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (d) Preliminary estimate.

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