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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS.

THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) INDEX.

JUNE QUARTER, 1950

(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 June Quarter, 1950.

This index covers 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 2.9% in the Six Capital Cities, and by 2.8% in the 30 Towns combined. Increases as follows were recorded in Sydney (3.2%), Melbourne (2.7%), Brisbane (2.3%), Adelaide (2.5%), Perth (2.6%) and Hobart (3.2%).

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 (3.2%), Victoria (2.7%), Queensland (2.3%), South Australia (2.5%), Western Australia (2.6%) and Tasmania (3.1%).

The rises in the index were mainly due to increased prices for Food and Clothing in all States.

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CANBERRA A.C.T.

14TH JULY, 1950

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

"C" Series
(June Qtr., 1950)
(1) Individual Towns

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

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1950.
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1929		1949		1950			Six Months ended June Qr 1950	Year ended June Qtr. 1950
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>									
Sydney	932	933	1425	1452	1486	1515	1564	1540	1504
Newcastle	898	897	1393	1413	1449	1473	1519	1496	1464
Broken Hill	959	943	1504	1554	1593	1614	1646	1630	1602
Goulburn	915	914	1421	1434	1467	1495	1555	1525	1488
Bathurst	880	881	1393	1411	1448	1475	1522	1499	1464
FIVE TOWNS (a)	929	930	1424	1451	1485	1513	1562	1538	1503
<u>VICTORIA</u>									
Melbourne	921	918	1402	1422	1472	1501	1542	1522	1464
Ballarat	872	875	1355	1369	1420	1456	1487	1468	1431
Bendigo	870	868	1355	1366	1424	1462	1495	1479	1437
Geelong	909	909	1385	1401	1457	1493	1523	1508	1469
Warrnambool	914	918	1387	1404	1451	1483	1531	1507	1467
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	915	1399	1417	1468	1498	1538	1518	1480
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>									
Brisbane	866	866	1338	1364	1393	1414	1446	1430	1404
Toowoomba	855	853	1349	1377	1408	1429	1455	1442	1417
Rockhampton	864	861	1349	1373	1399	1428	1461	1445	1415
Townsville	915	912	1397	1418	1444	1469	1506	1488	1459
Bundaberg	845	843	1327	1352	1374	1401	1437	1419	1391
FIVE TOWNS (a)	867	867	1343	1368	1397	1419	1451	1435	1409
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>									
Adelaide	908	903	1377	1408	1440	1456	1492	1474	1449
Kadina, etc.	838	812	1290	1309	1340	1359	1397	1378	1351
Port Pirie	894	897	1356	1381	1416	1433	1468	1451	1425
Mount Gambier	875	866	1331	1354	1382	1405	1452	1429	1398
Peterborough	895	896	1352	1382	1419	1435	1475	1455	1428
FIVE TOWNS (a)	924	899	1372	1402	1435	1451	1487	1469	1444
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>									
Perth, etc.	904	904	1406	1435	1459	1479	1517	1496	1473
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1067	1059	1498	1525	1544	1571	1616	1594	1564
Northam	918	919	1419	1446	1467	1494	1532	1513	1485
Bunbury	937	939	1421	1447	1472	1499	1532	1516	1488
Geraldton	966	966	1472	1494	1521	1546	1590	1568	1538
FIVE TOWNS (a)	918	918	1414	1443	1467	1487	1526	1507	1481
<u>TASMANIA</u>									
Hobart	907	905	1412	1425	1459	1455	1501	1478	1460
Launceston	888	886	1385	1398	1425	1424	1465	1445	1428
Burnie	877	878	1355	1382	1406	1417	1459	1438	1416
Devonport	861	860	1337	1364	1398	1413	1454	1434	1407
Queenstown	905	902	1395	1407	1436	1431	1471	1451	1436
FIVE TOWNS (a)	897	896	1397	1411	1443	1441	1485	1463	1445
THIRTY TOWNS (a)	915	914	1401	1425	1463	1488	1530	1509	1477
SIX CAPITALS (a)	917	916	1423	1428	1466	1491	1534	1513	1480
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)</u>									
Warwick (Q'ld)	830	834	1339	1371	1390	1406	1432	1419	1400
Port Augusta (S.A.)	883	881	1355	1367	1426	1443	1479	1461	1434
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	1365	1391	1430	1446	1488	1467	1439
Canberra (A.C.T.)	958	951	1445	1466	1503	1531	1567	1549	1517

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

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(June Qtr. 1950.)

(2) Combination of
Towns etc.

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

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1950.
(Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 100)

(2) COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1949			1950		Six Months ended June Qtr. 1950	Year ended June Qtr. 1950
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.		
1. <u>CAPITAL CITIES</u>									
1. S.M.B.A.-P.H. (6)	917	916	1403	1428	1466	1491	1534	1513	1482
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	1403	1427	1466	1492	1535	1514	1480
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	1406	1430	1469	1497	1540	1519	1484
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	1410	1435	1473	1500	1543	1522	1488
5. S.M.-A.P.-.	923	922	1410	1435	1474	1501	1544	1523	1489
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	1410	1435	1475	1501	1545	1523	1489
7. S.M.-A.-.	925	923	1410	1435	1475	1502	1547	1525	1490
8. S.M.-.-.	927	926	1415	1439	1480	1509	1554	1532	1496
9. S.-B.-.-.	919	920	1408	1435	1468	1495	1541	1518	1485
10. S.M.B.A.-P.H.	908	905	1388	1412	1452	1476	1514	1495	1464
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	1398	1421	1463	1487	1527	1507	1475
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	1397	1419	1464	1489	1529	1509	1475
13. -H.-A.-.	916	914	1396	1419	1464	1490	1530	1510	1476
14. -.-A.-H.	908	903	1363	1411	1443	1456	1493	1475	1451
2. <u>COUNTRY TOWNS</u>									
1. New South Wales (4)	909	905	1414	1439	1475	1499	1544	1522	1489
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	1368	1382	1436	1472	1502	1487	1448
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	1360	1384	1411	1437	1469	1453	1425
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	1328	1351	1384	1402	1441	1422	1395
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	1470	1496	1517	1544	1586	1565	1536
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	1378	1394	1421	1423	1464	1444	1426
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	898	896	1387	1408	1445	1470	1507	1489	1458
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	1394	1414	1453	1478	1517	1498	1466
9. N.V.Q.S.-. (16)	890	889	1361	1403	1441	1469	1506	1488	1455
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	1366	1406	1447	1471	1510	1491	1459
11. N.V.-S.W.T. (16)	908	906	1399	1420	1459	1484	1524	1504	1472
12. N.V.-S.-. (12)	896	894	1368	1408	1451	1479	1517	1498	1464
3. Broken Hill - Goulb. - Bath.	931	922	1458	1491	1528	1552	1595	1574	1542
3. <u>WHOLE STATES</u>									
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (30)	915	914	1401	1425	1463	1488	1530	1509	1477
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	1400	1424	1463	1488	1531	1510	1477
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	1408	1432	1471	1497	1540	1519	1485
4. N.V.-S.W.-.	921	920	1408	1433	1472	1499	1542	1521	1487
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	1408	1431	1471	1496	1541	1520	1485
6. N.V.-S.-.	921	920	1408	1432	1472	1500	1544	1522	1487
7. N.V.-S.W.T.	922	922	1412	1436	1475	1502	1547	1525	1490
8. N.V.-.-.	924	923	1413	1436	1477	1506	1551	1529	1493
9. -V.-S.W.T.	913	911	1396	1417	1460	1484	1523	1504	1471
10. -V.-S.W.-.	915	912	1396	1418	1461	1487	1526	1507	1473
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	1393	1413	1459	1484	1523	1504	1470
12. -V.-S.-.	914	911	1393	1413	1460	1487	1526	1507	1472
13. -V.-.-T.	915	913	1399	1416	1466	1493	1533	1513	1477

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