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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. 56, 1971 (pp. 49-62.) A Price Index of Materials used in House Building is published in a separate bulletin (Reference No. 9.9).

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. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from "list" prices. Thus measures of "special" or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis, and may sometimes necessitate revisions.
6. 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 and 4.
7. 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 the differences in price level.
8. Index numbers for the special purpose index for All groups excluding Electrical installation materials and Mechanical services components are shown for each capital city and the weighted average of the six capitals in the second column from the right in Table 4.
9. In interpreting movements in the index, particularly those from month to month, it should be noted that changes frequently occur in an uneven fashion both over time and also, between separate capital cities, at the same points of time. Changes in index numbers for individual months should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods.
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 September 1973 from the preceding month (August 1973), the percentage change for the month of September 1973 from the corresponding month of the previous year (September 1972), and the percentage change between the averages of the twelve months ended September 1972 and September 1973 respectively.

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	
August 1973 and September 1973	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	- 0.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.4
September 1972 and September 1973	+10.8	+ 9.8	+10.2	+ 9.8	+ 9.8	+ 8.9	+10.3
Average of 12 months and September 1972 to September 1973	+ 6.0	+ 6.8	+ 6.0	+ 6.8	+ 5.3	+ 6.4	+ 6.3

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

	Percentage change between -		
	August 1973 and September 1973	September 1972 and September 1973	Average of 12 months to September 1972 and Average of 12 months to September 1973
Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	+ 0.4	+ 8.8	+ 5.0
Cement products	+ 0.2	+ 7.8	+ 6.8
Bricks, stone, etc.	+ 0.7	+ 8.5	+ 5.8
Timber, board and joinery	+ 1.5	+19.0	+11.0
Steel and iron products	+ 1.0	+ 9.3	+ 5.2
Aluminium products	+ 1.0	+ 8.9	+ 6.1
Other metal products	- 2.5	+25.8	+10.7
Plumbing fixtures	+ 0.1	+ 9.3	+ 6.0
Miscellaneous materials	+ 0.1	+ 6.8	+ 6.8
Electrical installation materials	- 1.9	+13.4	+ 7.3
Mechanical services components	+ 0.3	+ 4.7	+ 3.7
All groups	+ 0.4	+10.3	+ 6.3

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	
1970-71	116.4	115.1	116.4	113.9	113.3	115.0	115.5
1971-72	122.4	123.9	124.4	122.7	121.3	122.6	123.0
1972-73	127.2	131.2	130.4	129.8	126.3	129.7	128.9
1972-73							
August	123.6	128.3	127.7	126.7	124.2	127.4	125.9
September	124.1	128.6	127.9	126.9	124.1	127.4	126.1
October	124.6	129.2	128.0	127.8	124.4	127.7	126.7
November	124.9	129.7	128.6	128.1	124.8	127.9	127.0
December	126.1	130.2	128.7	128.7	124.9	128.2	127.8
January	127.2	130.5	128.9	129.2	125.9	129.5	128.4
February	127.7	131.1	129.9	130.0	126.0	129.9	129.0
March	129.3	132.6	132.8	131.6	128.1	130.6	130.8
April	130.3	133.8	133.6	132.9	128.9	132.2	131.9
May	131.7	135.3	134.7	133.6	129.1	133.0	133.0
June	133.4	137.4	136.5	135.4	131.1	134.9	134.9
1973-74							
July	135.1	r139.2	138.4	137.4	r132.9	137.2	136.7
August p	136.8	r140.6	r139.9	139.4	r135.9	138.3	r138.5
September p	137.5	141.2	141.0	139.3	136.3	138.8	139.1

(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.

p - preliminary, subject to revision. r - revised

TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
(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	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
SYDNEY													
1970-71	115.5	119.2	118.2	118.8	116.2	115.4	124.7	123.3	110.3	110.9	118.9	116.6	116.4
1971-72	120.0	129.1	120.3	124.5	122.8	120.0	125.5	136.8	117.7	114.7	127.5	122.4	122.4
1972-73	124.9	136.0	123.6	133.9	124.0	124.8	134.8	142.5	127.3	120.5	132.2	127.1	127.2
1972-73													
August	115.1	133.6	121.1	127.4	122.5	122.1	127.8	141.8	122.5	117.8	130.8	123.1	123.6
September	116.5	133.6	123.3	127.8	122.4	123.2	128.0	141.4	123.8	117.8	130.8	123.7	124.1
October	115.5	135.5	123.3	130.2	122.4	123.5	128.0	141.4	124.9	118.1	132.2	124.1	124.6
November	113.9	135.7	123.8	131.8	122.6	123.6	128.0	141.4	125.7	119.0	132.7	124.3	124.9
December	122.0	135.7	123.8	133.3	122.7	123.6	128.0	141.3	127.3	119.4	132.4	125.8	126.1
January	130.0	136.0	123.9	133.6	123.1	124.2	128.0	141.3	127.3	119.7	132.6	127.1	127.2
February	131.6	136.5	123.9	134.2	123.5	124.4	131.7	141.4	127.7	120.1	132.3	127.8	127.7
March	131.6	136.6	123.8	137.8	125.2	125.8	140.9	142.4	130.9	121.0	132.2	129.7	129.3
April	131.6	137.2	124.8	139.2	125.8	128.0	146.2	142.9	131.0	124.4	132.4	130.6	130.3
May	138.0	137.2	124.8	139.9	126.7	128.4	148.9	143.0	132.3	125.3	132.9	132.2	131.7
June	137.3	140.3	125.7	144.7	128.6	128.7	153.8	149.6	131.7	125.7	135.0	134.0	133.4
1973-74													
July	136.5	140.7	127.1	148.8	129.9	130.2	r157.9	150.5	132.0	129.7	r136.7	r135.4	135.1
August p	135.8	142.7	128.2	r152.9	r131.1	r130.4	r169.4	r153.2	132.0	r136.2	r136.4	137.0	136.8
September p	136.5	142.7	128.2	155.8	132.1	133.8	165.6	153.2	132.1	133.6	136.9	138.0	137.5
MELBOURNE													
1970-71	111.9	115.1	115.8	113.4	116.0	117.1	120.8	121.6	110.2	110.9	119.4	114.8	115.1
1971-72	124.9	122.6	123.0	118.7	128.4	125.0	118.6	136.4	115.5	114.7	128.0	124.2	123.9
1972-73	129.6	133.4	130.8	127.7	136.4	134.5	123.1	149.8	123.6	120.5	132.8	132.1	131.2
1972-73													
August	129.0	130.2	126.6	122.3	133.8	130.4	120.1	146.5	119.8	117.8	131.3	129.0	128.3
September	129.5	130.5	126.6	122.6	134.2	130.4	120.1	146.5	120.7	117.8	131.4	129.4	128.6
October	129.3	131.6	126.6	122.9	134.7	131.9	120.1	146.5	121.9	118.1	132.8	129.8	129.2
November	129.3	131.6	126.8	124.6	134.9	132.8	120.1	146.5	121.9	119.0	133.3	130.3	129.7
December	129.3	131.9	129.6	124.9	135.6	133.5	120.1	146.5	123.1	119.4	133.0	130.9	130.2
January	129.3	132.2	129.6	126.4	135.7	133.8	119.4	146.6	123.1	119.7	133.2	131.2	130.5
February	129.1	132.2	131.0	129.1	135.7	134.5	119.6	147.0	125.6	120.1	132.9	132.0	131.1
March	129.0	137.3	132.4	130.3	138.0	136.7	124.9	153.9	125.7	121.0	132.8	133.8	132.6
April	130.4	137.7	132.5	131.7	138.7	139.4	128.5	154.9	126.1	124.4	133.0	134.9	133.8
May	130.4	137.9	140.9	134.6	140.2	139.7	128.5	156.1	127.3	125.3	133.6	136.7	135.3
June	130.8	138.0	141.1	140.8	142.1	142.0	135.4	160.5	127.6	125.7	135.7	139.0	137.4
1973-74													
July	131.2	139.5	142.9	r143.3	r143.0	143.3	145.8	162.1	129.6	129.7	r137.4	r140.5	r139.2
August p	r131.8	139.8	144.2	r143.2	r144.2	143.6	155.1	162.2	130.5	r136.2	r137.1	r141.6	r140.6
September p	132.0	139.8	144.2	146.1	146.4	143.5	147.9	162.6	130.5	133.6	137.6	142.6	141.2

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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	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
BRISBANE													
1970-71	112.7	120.8	123.4	121.2	118.3	107.1	113.2	119.5	108.5	110.9	118.9	116.6	116.4
1971-72	118.0	128.0	133.1	131.5	128.6	112.2	111.3	132.0	115.4	114.7	127.5	124.9	124.4
1972-73	113.0	137.0	139.6	143.7	136.8	118.9	112.1	142.3	118.8	120.5	132.3	131.2	130.4
1972-73													
August	114.0	133.8	136.4	140.8	132.5	115.6	110.9	140.8	116.5	117.8	130.8	128.3	127.7
September	114.0	133.8	136.4	140.8	132.6	116.5	110.9	140.8	117.4	117.8	130.8	128.5	127.9
October	109.8	135.1	138.9	140.9	133.0	117.1	110.8	141.1	117.4	118.1	132.3	128.4	128.0
November	106.6	135.3	138.9	140.9	135.6	117.1	110.8	141.1	117.6	119.0	132.8	129.0	128.6
December	107.3	135.3	138.9	140.9	135.5	117.1	110.8	141.2	117.7	119.4	132.5	129.1	128.7
January	106.9	136.2	139.0	141.3	135.9	118.1	110.6	141.1	117.0	119.7	132.6	129.3	128.9
February	113.6	137.0	139.8	141.8	136.4	118.2	110.6	141.1	117.1	120.1	132.3	130.6	129.9
March	113.6	140.4	140.2	148.3	140.6	122.3	111.8	143.1	121.5	121.0	132.2	134.1	132.8
April	113.6	140.5	143.1	148.9	141.2	122.3	113.8	143.1	121.8	124.4	132.4	134.7	133.6
May	119.3	140.5	144.2	149.0	141.7	123.7	116.1	143.2	121.9	125.3	132.8	136.0	134.7
June	122.5	141.9	144.8	151.0	143.9	125.0	117.3	150.3	121.8	125.7	134.9	137.9	136.5
1973-74													
July	122.5	r142.9	145.3	155.9	145.6	125.2	125.7	151.9	122.0	129.7	136.5	139.7	138.4
August p	119.8	145.3	145.7	157.2	146.9	127.0	138.4	155.3	123.0	r136.2	r136.4	140.9	r139.9
September p	120.6	147.4	150.5	158.4	149.3	127.0	137.1	155.3	123.4	133.6	136.8	142.5	141.0
ADELAIDE													
1970-71	109.7	118.8	121.3	114.8	112.6	107.2	122.5	121.4	111.4	110.9	118.9	113.4	113.9
1971-72	119.3	127.0	130.0	124.3	123.5	116.0	122.5	134.5	118.8	114.7	127.5	122.8	122.7
1972-73	127.2	137.8	140.3	133.9	130.6	121.1	127.1	145.5	123.7	120.5	132.3	130.4	129.8
1972-73													
August	125.2	133.9	137.8	127.9	127.3	118.1	123.5	143.0	121.0	117.8	130.8	127.0	126.7
September	125.2	133.9	137.8	128.3	127.8	118.1	123.5	143.0	121.2	117.8	130.8	127.2	126.9
October	125.3	135.3	137.8	128.9	129.4	119.1	123.5	143.0	121.4	118.1	132.3	128.1	127.8
November	125.7	135.3	138.3	129.0	129.5	119.1	123.7	143.2	122.2	119.0	132.8	128.3	128.1
December	128.5	135.9	138.3	130.8	129.5	119.1	123.7	143.2	123.3	119.4	132.5	129.1	128.7
January	128.5	137.6	140.6	133.0	129.6	119.1	123.7	143.2	123.3	119.7	132.6	129.7	129.2
February	128.5	139.5	142.3	135.4	129.9	119.4	123.7	143.8	125.8	120.1	132.3	130.7	130.0
March	128.5	139.5	142.8	137.1	132.7	125.4	126.8	148.8	125.9	121.0	132.1	132.7	131.6
April	128.6	142.8	142.8	138.9	133.9	125.4	135.7	148.7	126.0	124.4	132.4	133.9	132.9
May	128.6	142.9	142.8	143.2	133.9	125.6	135.9	148.7	126.2	125.3	132.8	134.6	133.6
June	128.7	143.6	144.1	146.1	136.7	127.2	138.2	154.2	126.6	125.7	135.0	136.6	135.4
1973-74													
July	r129.0	143.6	144.4	149.4	138.3	130.9	145.4	156.2	126.7	129.7	r136.7	138.3	137.4
August p	r128.9	146.6	145.0	153.2	140.1	130.9	156.6	156.2	128.0	r136.2	136.3	r140.2	139.4
September p	129.0	147.2	145.0	154.7	140.1	131.0	152.7	156.2	127.7	133.6	136.9	140.3	139.3

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

Period	Concrete mix, 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	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
PERTH													
1970-71	107.0	118.3	119.0	115.4	112.9	105.8	117.4	112.7	111.8	110.9	118.7	112.7	113.3
1971-72	113.6	119.8	128.8	119.6	125.1	115.0	114.4	118.3	119.2	114.7	127.3	121.0	121.3
1972-73	118.4	127.5	133.3	126.4	129.2	118.2	118.4	127.1	125.6	120.5	132.0	126.0	126.3
1972-73													
August	116.4	126.9	130.4	122.7	128.0	115.9	115.5	125.6	122.1	117.8	130.6	123.9	124.2
September	116.4	126.9	130.4	122.8	127.5	115.9	115.5	125.6	123.0	117.8	130.5	123.8	124.1
October	116.3	128.2	130.4	122.8	127.7	115.9	115.5	126.2	123.1	118.1	132.0	123.9	124.4
November	116.3	128.2	130.4	122.8	128.2	116.5	115.5	126.4	123.6	119.0	132.5	124.2	124.8
December	116.3	128.2	130.4	123.2	128.3	116.5	115.7	126.6	124.1	119.4	132.2	124.4	124.9
January	120.5	128.3	135.4	123.4	128.4	116.5	115.7	126.7	125.7	119.7	132.4	125.5	125.9
February	120.5	128.3	135.4	123.4	128.4	116.7	116.1	127.4	127.0	120.1	132.1	125.6	126.0
March	120.5	128.3	136.4	130.7	130.8	121.7	118.5	128.2	127.9	121.0	131.9	128.3	128.1
April	120.5	128.6	136.4	131.9	131.0	122.3	123.3	128.2	128.5	124.4	132.2	128.8	128.9
May	120.5	128.6	136.6	131.9	131.1	122.1	125.6	128.2	129.2	125.3	132.6	129.0	129.1
June	120.5	128.6	136.8	138.9	133.0	122.8	128.4	130.0	130.2	125.7	134.8	131.1	131.1
1973-74													
July	r120.8	128.6	136.8	142.2	135.0	123.2	134.2	130.0	130.6	129.7	r136.5	132.6	r132.9
August p	r120.8	138.5	r139.0	142.9	r140.3	123.2	144.0	133.6	131.3	r136.2	r136.2	r135.9	r135.9
September p	120.8	138.7	144.3	143.5	141.1	122.9	142.9	133.8	131.0	133.6	136.6	136.5	136.3
HOBART													
1970-71	116.0	112.8	118.3	116.6	114.6	106.6	125.3	122.7	111.6	110.9	118.9	114.8	115.0
1971-72	123.4	123.7	118.3	122.2	126.4	110.8	126.0	135.1	115.8	114.7	127.5	122.7	122.6
1972-73	130.3	138.4	130.1	134.3	133.6	111.8	126.7	142.9	120.2	120.5	132.1	130.3	129.7
1972-73													
August	129.2	138.4	125.0	129.5	131.5	111.4	124.2	144.9	117.3	117.8	130.7	127.9	127.4
September	129.2	138.4	125.0	129.7	131.6	111.4	124.3	140.7	117.8	117.8	130.7	128.0	127.4
October	129.2	138.4	125.0	129.8	131.6	111.4	124.3	140.7	118.4	118.1	132.2	128.0	127.7
November	129.2	138.4	125.0	130.0	131.6	111.4	124.3	142.3	118.4	119.0	132.6	128.1	127.9
December	129.2	138.4	126.6	130.2	131.9	111.4	124.3	142.3	119.9	119.4	132.3	128.5	128.2
January	129.3	138.4	133.3	137.5	132.0	111.4	124.3	142.3	120.3	119.7	132.5	130.1	129.5
February	130.2	138.4	134.1	138.0	132.1	111.8	124.3	142.3	122.2	120.1	132.2	130.6	129.9
March	130.2	138.4	134.1	138.1	133.8	111.9	126.3	143.1	122.4	121.0	132.0	131.4	130.6
April	130.3	138.4	134.2	138.9	137.0	112.8	132.7	143.1	122.4	124.4	132.2	133.1	132.2
May	130.2	138.6	134.9	139.1	138.9	112.9	132.7	143.1	122.7	125.3	132.6	133.9	133.0
June	137.8	138.6	139.1	140.8	139.7	112.9	134.0	144.8	123.3	125.7	134.7	135.9	134.9
1973-74													
July	r138.7	145.2	143.0	143.1	141.2	113.1	r146.1	148.0	126.0	129.7	r136.4	138.2	137.2
August p	138.7	145.2	143.8	143.5	r142.5	113.1	146.5	149.1	r126.6	r136.2	r136.1	138.9	138.3
September p	138.7	145.2	144.0	145.9	143.2	113.1	148.5	149.1	127.4	133.6	136.6	139.7	138.8

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TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued
(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	Special purpose index (c)	All groups
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES													
1970-71	113.0	118.0	118.6	117.0	115.8	113.0	121.4	121.3	110.3	110.9	119.0	115.5	115.5
1971-72	120.6	126.1	124.2	123.4	125.4	119.3	120.6	134.3	116.9	114.7	127.7	123.1	123.0
1972-73	124.5	135.0	130.1	132.9	130.3	125.4	126.4	143.5	124.5	120.5	132.4	129.3	128.9
1972-73													
August	120.2	132.3	127.0	127.5	128.0	122.3	122.0	141.8	120.7	117.8	130.9	125.9	125.9
September	120.8	132.4	127.8	127.8	128.1	122.9	122.1	141.5	121.6	117.8	130.9	126.3	126.1
October	119.9	133.9	128.1	128.9	128.5	123.6	122.1	141.6	122.4	118.1	132.4	126.7	126.7
November	118.8	134.0	128.4	130.0	128.9	123.9	122.1	141.7	122.9	119.0	132.9	127.0	127.0
December	122.4	134.1	129.3	130.9	129.2	124.1	122.1	141.7	124.1	119.4	132.6	127.9	127.8
January	125.9	134.5	130.1	131.9	129.4	124.5	121.9	141.8	124.1	119.7	132.7	128.7	128.4
February	127.4	135.1	130.7	133.2	129.7	124.9	123.5	142.0	125.4	120.1	132.5	129.5	129.0
March	127.4	136.9	131.2	136.5	132.0	127.5	129.3	145.1	127.3	121.0	132.3	131.6	130.8
April	127.8	137.6	132.1	137.9	132.8	129.2	134.0	145.5	127.6	124.4	132.5	132.5	131.9
May	131.0	137.7	134.6	139.3	133.7	129.6	135.6	145.8	128.5	125.3	133.0	133.9	133.0
June	131.5	139.2	135.3	144.0	135.7	130.7	140.1	151.3	128.5	125.7	135.1	135.9	134.9
1973-74													
July	131.4	140.1	136.6	r147.6	r137.0	132.1	r147.1	152.6	129.2	129.7	r136.9	r137.5	136.7
August p	r130.9	142.4	r137.7	r149.8	r138.6	132.5	r157.6	r154.5	r129.8	r136.2	r136.6	r139.0	r138.5
September p	131.4	142.7	138.7	152.1	140.0	133.8	153.6	154.7	129.9	133.6	137.0	140.0	139.1

(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.

(c) All groups excluding Electrical installation materials and Mechanical services components.

p - preliminary, subject to revision. r - revised.

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