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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS

THE ALL ITEMS ("G" SERIES) INDEX

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1949

(Base Period 1923-27 = 1000)

Particulars concerning variations in retail prices as measured by the All Items ("G" Series) Index for 30 principal cities and towns of Australia have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician for the December Quarter, 1949.

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 2.7% in the Six Capital Cities, and by 2.7% in the 30 Towns combined. Increases as follows were recorded in Sydney (2.3%), Melbourne (3.5%), Brisbane (2.1%), Adelaide (2.3%), Perth (1.7%) and Hobart (2.4%).

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 (2.3%), Victoria (3.6%), Queensland (2.1), South Australia (2.4%), Western Australia (1.7%), and Tasmania (2.3%).

These rises in the index were largely due to increased prices for foods such as Meat, Sugar, Bacon, etc. Prices of various items of Clothing rose in all States.

Miscellaneous items such as Fares, Firewood, Gas and Electricity rose substantially in Victoria.

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CANBERRA, A.C.T.

16TH JANUARY, 1950

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS

"C" Series
(Dec. Qtr. 1949)

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

(1) Individual Towns

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1949

(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS

Town	1939		1948	1949				Six Months ended Dec. Qtr. 1949	Year ended Dec. Qtr. 1949
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.		
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>									
Sydney	932	933	1359	1391	1425	1452	1486	1469	1439
Newcastle	898	897	1324	1352	1393	1413	1449	1431	1402
Broken Hill	959	943	1419	1461	1504	1554	1593	1574	1528
Goulburn	915	914	1341	1380	1421	1434	1467	1451	1426
Bathurst	880	881	1318	1358	1393	1411	1448	1430	1403
FIVE TOWNS (a)	929	930	1357	1389	1424	1451	1485	1468	1437
<u>VICTORIA</u>									
Melbourne	921	918	1345	1363	1402	1422	1472	1447	1415
Ballarat	872	875	1294	1315	1355	1369	1420	1395	1365
Bendigo	870	868	1290	1314	1355	1366	1424	1395	1365
Geelong	909	909	1325	1344	1385	1401	1457	1429	1397
Warranboool	914	918	1329	1349	1387	1404	1451	1428	1398
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	915	1341	1359	1399	1417	1468	1443	1411
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>									
Brisbane	866	866	1291	1295	1338	1364	1393	1379	1348
Toowoomba	855	853	1292	1304	1349	1377	1408	1393	1360
Rockhampton	864	861	1290	1307	1349	1373	1399	1386	1357
Townsville	915	912	1335	1356	1397	1418	1444	1431	1404
Dundaberg	845	843	1276	1287	1327	1352	1374	1363	1335
FIVE TOWNS (a)	867	867	1294	1300	1343	1368	1397	1383	1352
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>									
Adelaide	908	903	1327	1347	1377	1408	1440	1424	1393
Kadina, etc.	808	812	1207	1241	1290	1309	1340	1325	1285
Port Pirie	894	897	1308	1322	1356	1381	1416	1399	1369
Mount Gambier	875	866	1271	1291	1331	1354	1382	1368	1340
Peterborough	895	896	1295	1317	1352	1382	1419	1401	1373
FIVE TOWNS (a)	904	899	1321	1342	1372	1402	1435	1419	1388
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>									
Perth, etc.	904	904	1316	1338	1406	1435	1459	1447	1410
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1067	1069	1415	1441	1498	1525	1544	1535	1502
Northern	918	919	1322	1347	1419	1446	1467	1457	1420
Bunbury	937	939	1327	1355	1421	1447	1472	1460	1424
Geraldton	966	966	1383	1411	1472	1494	1521	1508	1475
FIVE TOWNS (a)	918	918	1325	1348	1414	1443	1467	1455	1418
<u>TASMANIA</u>									
Hobart	907	905	1344	1379	1412	1425	1459	1442	1419
Launceston	888	886	1301	1346	1385	1398	1425	1412	1389
Burnie	877	878	1279	1323	1355	1382	1406	1394	1367
Devonport	861	860	1259	1306	1337	1364	1398	1381	1351
Queenstown	905	902	1325	1361	1395	1407	1436	1422	1400
FIVE TOWNS (a)	897	896	1324	1363	1397	1411	1443	1427	1404
<u>SAULTY TOWNS (a)</u>	915	914	1338	1362	1401	1425	1463	1444	1413
<u>SIX CAPITALS (a)</u>	917	916	1341	1364	1403	1428	1466	1447	1415

SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)

Warwick (Qld.)	830	834	1282	1294	1339	1371	1390	1381	1349
Port Augusta (S.A.)	880	881	1313	1325	1355	1387	1426	1407	1373
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	1313	1329	1365	1391	1430	1411	1379
Canberra (A.C.T.)	958	951	1375	1408	1445	1466	1503	1485	1456

(a) Weighted Average. (b) First computed September Quarter, 1945.

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(2) Combination of
Towns etc.

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS),

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ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1949

(Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(2) COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1948		1949			Six months ended Dec. Qtr. 1949	Year ended Dec. Qtr. 1949
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June	Sept.	Dec.		
1. CAPITAL CITIES									
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. (6)	917	916	1341	1364	1403	1428	1466	1447	1415
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	1343	1367	1403	1427	1466	1447	1416
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	1345	1369	1406	1430	1469	1450	1419
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	1347	1372	1410	1435	1473	1454	1423
5. S.M.-A.P.-.	923	922	1347	1372	1410	1435	1474	1455	1423
6. S.H.-A.-H.	924	923	1349	1375	1410	1435	1475	1455	1424
7. S.H.-A.-.	925	923	1350	1375	1410	1435	1475	1455	1424
8. S.H.-A.-.	927	926	1353	1379	1415	1439	1480	1460	1428
9. S.-B.-A.-.	919	920	1346	1372	1408	1435	1468	1452	1421
10. -M.B.A.P.H.	908	905	1330	1347	1388	1412	1452	1432	1400
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	1338	1357	1396	1421	1463	1442	1410
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	1341	1360	1397	1419	1464	1442	1410
13. -M.-A.-.	918	914	1341	1359	1396	1419	1464	1442	1410
14. -.-A.-H.	908	903	1330	1352	1383	1411	1443	1427	1397
2. COUNTRY TOWNS									
1. New South Wales (4)	909	905	1341	1373	1414	1439	1475	1457	1425
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	1306	1327	1368	1382	1436	1409	1378
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	1301	1317	1360	1384	1411	1398	1368
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	1265	1288	1328	1351	1384	1368	1338
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	1302	1409	1470	1496	1517	1507	1473
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	1297	1341	1378	1394	1421	1408	1384
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	898	896	1318	1345	1387	1408	1445	1427	1396
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	1322	1351	1394	1414	1453	1434	1403
9. N.V.Q.S.-. (16)	890	889	1315	1340	1381	1403	1441	1422	1391
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	1317	1346	1386	1406	1447	1427	1396
11. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	908	906	1328	1357	1399	1420	1459	1440	1409
12. N.V.-S.-. (12)	896	894	1320	1347	1388	1408	1451	1430	1399
13. Broken Hill - Goulb. - Bath.	931	922	1377	1417	1458	1491	1528	1510	1474
3. WHOLE STATES									
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (30)	915	914	1338	1362	1401	1425	1463	1444	1413
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	1340	1363	1400	1424	1463	1444	1413
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	1344	1370	1408	1432	1471	1452	1420
4. N.V.-S.W.-.	921	920	1345	1370	1408	1433	1472	1453	1421
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	1346	1371	1408	1431	1471	1451	1420
6. N.V.-S.-.	921	920	1346	1372	1408	1432	1472	1452	1421
7. N.V.-S.W.T.	922	922	1347	1373	1412	1436	1475	1456	1424
8. N.V.-S.-.	924	923	1350	1376	1413	1436	1477	1457	1426
9. -V.-S.W.T.	913	911	1334	1355	1396	1417	1460	1439	1407
10. -V.-S.W.-.	915	912	1335	1354	1396	1418	1461	1440	1407
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	1335	1356	1393	1413	1459	1436	1405
12. -V.-S.-.	914	911	1336	1355	1393	1413	1460	1437	1405
13. -V.-S.-T.	915	913	1340	1359	1399	1416	1466	1441	1410

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