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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONSTHE "ALL ITEMS" ("C" SERIES) INDEX

DECEMBER QUARTER, 1944.

(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 Acting Commonwealth Statistician for the December quarter, 1944.

This index covers principal items of food, groceries, house rents, clothing, footwear, headgear, 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 number decreased by 0.3% in the Six Capital Cities, and the 20 Towns combined by 0.3%. Individually the Capital Cities recorded the following decreases:- Sydney (0.3%), Melbourne (0.2%), Brisbane (0.2%), Adelaide (0.3%), Perth (0.5%) and Hobart (0.4%).

The weighted average index of the Five Towns in each State compared with the previous quarter showed the following decreases:- New South Wales (0.3%), Victoria (0.2%), Queensland (0.2%), South Australia (0.3%), Western Australia (0.5%) and Tasmania (0.5%).

The slight fall in the indexes for December quarter, 1944, was due mainly to reductions in price of meat and to a seasonal fall in price of eggs.

Compared with December quarter, 1943, the Five Town Index numbers showed increases in Victoria (0.8%), Queensland (0.1%) and Western Australia (0.4%), but decreases were recorded in New South Wales (0.1%), South Australia (0.1%) and Tasmania (1.0%).

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"C" SERIES.
(1) Individual Towns.

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS
FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING AND
MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

"C" SERIES FOR QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER, 1944.
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS

Town	1943					1944					6 Months ended December Quarter 1944	Year ended December Quarter 1944
	Dec. Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	Sept. Quarter	Dec. Quarter	Dec. Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	Sept. Quarter	Dec. Quarter	Dec. Quarter	Dec. Quarter
NEW SOUTH WALES -												
Sydney	1143	1143	1143	1146	1142	1144	1144	1144	1144	1144	1144	1144
Newcastle	1098	1097	1089	1093	1085	1094	1094	1094	1094	1094	1094	1094
Broken Hill	1175	1175	1174	1184	1184	1184	1184	1179	1179	1179	1179	1179
Goulburn	1116	1118	1119	1117	1116	1117	1117	1118	1118	1118	1118	1118
Bathurst	1082	1085	1086	1090	1089	1090	1090	1086	1086	1086	1086	1086
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1139	1139	1139	1142	1138	1140	1140	1140	1140	1140	1140	1140
VICTORIA -												
Melbourne	1128	1129	1133	1140	1138	1139	1135	1135	1135	1135	1135	1135
Ballarat	1075	1074	1082	1087	1087	1087	1083	1083	1083	1083	1083	1083
Bendigo	1094	1095	1101	1104	1102	1103	1101	1101	1101	1101	1101	1101
Geelong	1100	1103	1112	1116	1116	1117	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112	1112
Warrnambool	1115	1115	1122	1136	1140	1139	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129	1129
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1125	1125	1129	1136	1134	1135	1131	1131	1131	1131	1131	1131
QUEENSLAND -												
Brisbane	1068	1072	1072	1071	1069	1070	1071	1071	1071	1071	1071	1071
Toowoomba	1063	1067	1065	1064	1064	1064	1065	1065	1065	1065	1065	1065
Rockhampton	1073	1075	1076	1074	1071	1073	1074	1074	1074	1074	1074	1074
Townsville	1113	1116	1119	1117	1116	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117	1117
Bundaberg	1053	1056	1060	1057	1056	1057	1057	1057	1057	1057	1057	1057
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1072	1075	1076	1075	1073	1074	1075	1075	1075	1075	1075	1075
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -												
Adelaide	1099	1098	1096	1101	1098	1100	1098	1098	1098	1098	1098	1098
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	998	996	992	995	996	996	995	995	995	995	995	995
Port Pirie	1081	1081	1077	1084	1080	1082	1081	1081	1081	1081	1081	1081
Mount Gambier	1056	1057	1057	1071	1070	1071	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064	1064
Peterborough	1083	1083	1082	1085	1089	1092	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087	1087
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1094	1093	1091	1096	1093	1095	1093	1093	1093	1093	1093	1093
EASTERN AUSTRALIA -												
Perth, Fremantle	1100	1102	1103	1110	1104	1107	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105
Kalgoorlie, Boulder	1189	1193	1195	1204	1203	1204	1199	1199	1199	1199	1199	1199
Northam	1107	1109	1113	1118	1110	1114	1113	1113	1113	1113	1113	1113
Bunbury	1097	1104	1109	1118	1110	1114	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110	1110
Geraldton	1171	1174	1177	1184	1168	1176	1176	1176	1176	1176	1176	1176
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1108	1110	1112	1118	1112	1115	1113	1113	1113	1113	1113	1113
TASMANIA -												
Hobart	1117	1105	1100	1110	1106	1108	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105	1105
Launceston	1076	1067	1061	1072	1067	1070	1067	1067	1067	1067	1067	1067
Burnie	1089	1076	1056	1061	1059	1064	1065	1065	1065	1065	1065	1065
Devonport	1056	1040	1031	1045	1042	1044	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040
Queenstown	1092	1085	1086	1110	1106	1109	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102	1102
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1100	1082	1073	1084	1069	1092	1089	1089	1089	1089	1089	1089
Weighted Average - 30 Towns:	1120	1120	1131	1132	1122	1124	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122	1122
Weighted Average - 6 Capitals:	1123	1124	1125	1129	1126	1128	1126	1126	1126	1126	1126	1126
SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)												
Perth (Queensland)	1057	1059	1062	1063	1061	1062	1061	1061	1061	1061	1061	1061
Port Augusta (S.A.)	1070	1070	1070	1085	1080	1083	1076	1076	1076	1076	1076	1076
Port Augusta (A.C.T.)	1159	1160	1150	1152	1149	1151	1153	1153	1153	1153	1153	1153

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(2) COMBINATION OF TOWNS, ETC.

Combinations of Towns and States	1943		1944			6 Months ended December quarter 1944	Year ended December quarter 1944
	Dec. Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	Sept. Quarter	Dec. Quarter		
1. CAPITAL CITIES.							
1. S.M.B.,P.H. - 6 Capitals	1123	1124	1125	1129	1126	1128	1126
2. S.M.B.,P.H. ..	1125	1125	1126	1131	1128	1130	1128
3. S.M.B.,P.H. ..	1126	1129	1130	1134	1131	1133	1131
4. S.M.,P.H. ..	1129	1129	1130	1135	1132	1134	1132
5. S.M.,P.H. ..	1129	1130	1131	1136	1133	1135	1133
6. S.M.,P.H. ..	1131	1131	1133	1137	1134	1136	1134
7. S.M.,P.H. ..	1132	1132	1133	1130	1135	1137	1135
8. S.M.,P.H. ..	1136	1137	1139	1143	1140	1142	1140
9. S.M.,P.H. ..	1128	1129	1129	1131	1128	1130	1129
10. S.M.,P.H. ..	1110	1111	1113	1118	1115	1117	1114
11. S.M.,P.H. ..	1119	1118	1120	1127	1124	1126	1122
12. S.M.,P.H. ..	1121	1121	1123	1130	1127	1129	1125
13. S.M.,P.H. ..	1121	1122	1124	1131	1126	1130	1126
14. S.M.,P.H. ..	1102	1099	1099	1102	1099	1101	1099
2. COUNTRY TOWNS.							
1. New South Wales 4 Towns	1112	1111	1106	1110	1112	1111	1110
2. Victoria 4 "	1091	1092	1100	1105	1105	1106	1101
3. Queensland 4 "	1085	1086	1089	1087	1085	1086	1087
4. South Australia 4 "	1048	1047	1044	1052	1050	1051	1048
5. West. Australia 4 "	1159	1163	1166	1174	1169	1172	1168
6. Tasmania 4 "	1077	1067	1060	1073	1067	1070	1067
7. N.V.,S.W.T. 24 "	1097	1097	1097	1101	1100	1101	1099
8. N.V.,S.W.T. 20 "	1100	1099	1099	1105	1104	1105	1102
9. N.V.,S.,T. 16 "	1095	1095	1095	1099	1099	1099	1097
10. N.V.,S.,T. 16 "	1095	1093	1092	1098	1098	1099	1096
11. N.V.,S.,T. 16 "	1105	1104	1104	1110	1101	1110	1107
12. N.V.,S.,T. 12 "	1047	1047	1047	1102	1103	1103	1100
13. Broken Hill-Goulburn-Bathurst ..	1140	1141	1143	1146	1146	1146	1144
3. WHOLE STATES.							
1. N.V.,S.W.T. 30 Towns	1120	1120	1121	1125	1122	1124	1122
2. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1121	1121	1122	1126	1123	1125	1123
3. N.V.,S.W.T. ..	1126	1125	1126	1132	1128	1130	1128
4. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1127	1127	1128	1133	1130	1132	1130
5. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1127	1127	1128	1133	1129	1131	1129
6. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1128	1128	1129	1134	1131	1133	1131
7. N.V.,S.W.T. ..	1130	1129	1131	1136	1132	1134	1132
8. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1135	1133	1135	1139	1136	1138	1136
9. N.V.,S.W.T. ..	1115	1115	1117	1123	1121	1122	1119
10. N.V.,S.W.T. ..	1116	1116	1116	1125	1123	1124	1121
11. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1116	1115	1117	1124	1122	1123	1120
12. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1116	1117	1120	1127	1124	1126	1122
13. N.V.,S.,T. ..	1123	1122	1123	1132	1130	1131	1127

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