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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS.

THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) INDEX.

SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1949.

(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 September 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 1.8% in the Six Capital Cities, and the 1.7% in the 30 Towns combined. Increases as follows were recorded in Sydney (1.9%), Melbourne (1.4%), Brisbane (1.9%), Adelaide (2.3%), Perth (2.1%) and Hobart (0.9%).

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 (1.9%), Victoria (1.3%), Queensland (1.9%), South Australia (2.2%), Western Australia (2.1%), and Tasmania (1.0%).

The rise in the index was largely due to increases in prices of some items of Clothing in all States, Milk and Mutton in South Australia and Meat in Western Australia. Prices of Mutton fluctuated in Tasmania but were lower on the average in September Quarter than in June Quarter.

Miscellaneous items such as Firewood, Gas, Electricity and Fares rose in some States.

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QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

"C" Series
(Sept. Qtr. 1949)
(1) Individual Towns

FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (1 & 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING
AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1947		1948		1949		Six mths. ended Sept. Qtr. 1949	Year ended Sept. Qtr. 1949
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES</u>								
Sydney	932	933	1337	1359	1391	1425	1452	1439
Newcastle	898	897	1296	1324	1352	1393	1413	1403
Broken Hill	959	943	1396	1419	1461	1504	1554	1529
Goulburn	915	914	1309	1341	1380	1421	1434	1428
Bathurst	880	881	1298	1318	1358	1393	1411	1402
FIVE TOWNS (a)	929	930	1334	1357	1389	1424	1451	1438
<u>VICTORIA</u>								
Melbourne	921	916	1309	1345	1363	1402	1422	1412
Ballarat	872	875	1256	1294	1315	1355	1369	1362
Bendigo	870	868	1256	1290	1314	1355	1366	1361
Geelong	909	909	1296	1325	1344	1385	1401	1393
Warrnambool	914	918	1297	1329	1349	1387	1404	1396
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	915	1305	1341	1359	1399	1417	1408
<u>QUEENSLAND</u>								
Brisbane	866	866	1251	1291	1295	1338	1364	1351
Toowoomba	855	853	1260	1292	1304	1349	1377	1363
Rockhampton	864	861	1259	1290	1307	1349	1373	1361
Townsville	915	912	1300	1335	1356	1397	1418	1408
Bundaberg	845	843	1241	1276	1287	1327	1352	1340
FIVE TOWNS (a)	867	867	1256	1294	1300	1343	1368	1356
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u>								
Adelaide	908	903	1293	1327	1347	1377	1408	1393
Kadina, etc.	808	812	1181	1207	1241	1290	1309	1300
Port Pirie	894	897	1273	1308	1322	1356	1381	1369
Mount Gambier	875	866	1250	1271	1291	1331	1354	1343
Peterborough	895	896	1266	1295	1317	1352	1382	1367
FIVE TOWNS (a)	904	899	1288	1321	1342	1372	1402	1387
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA</u>								
Perth, etc.	904	904	1282	1316	1338	1406	1435	1421
Kalgoorlie, etc.	1067	1069	1383	1415	1441	1498	1525	1512
Northam	918	919	1289	1322	1347	1419	1446	1433
Bunbury	937	939	1298	1327	1355	1421	1447	1434
Geraldton	966	966	1344	1383	1411	1472	1494	1483
FIVE TOWNS (a)	918	918	1291	1325	1348	1414	1443	1429
<u>TASMANIA</u>								
Hobart	907	905	1307	1344	1379	1412	1425	1419
Launceston	888	886	1267	1301	1346	1385	1398	1392
Burnie	877	878	1243	1279	1323	1355	1382	1369
Devonport	861	860	1237	1259	1306	1337	1364	1351
Queenstown	905	902	1292	1325	1361	1395	1400	1401
FIVE TOWNS (a)	897	896	1286	1324	1363	1397	1411	1404
<u>THIRTY TOWNS (a)</u>	915	914	1308	1338	1362	1401	1425	1413
<u>SIX CAPITALS (a)</u>	917	916	1311	1341	1364	1403	1428	1416
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE).</u>								
Warwick (Q'ld.)	830	834	1249	1282	1294	1339	1371	1355
Port Augusta (S.A.)	880	881	1280	1313	1325	1355	1387	1371
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	-	-	1288	1313	1329	1365	1391	1378
Canberra (A.C.T.)	958	951	1341	1375	1408	1445	1466	1456

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

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QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS

"C" Series
(Sept. Qtr. 1949)

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

(2) Combination of
Towns etc.

ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.
(Base : Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(2) COMBINATIONS OF TOWNS ETC.

Combination of Towns and States	1939		1948		1949			Six Wths. ended Sept. Qtr. 1949	Year ended Sept. Qtr. 1949
	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.		
1. CAPITAL CITIES									
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. (6)	917	916	1311	1341	1364	1403	1428	1416	1384
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	1313	1343	1367	1403	1427	1415	1385
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	1316	1345	1369	1406	1430	1418	1388
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	1318	1347	1372	1410	1435	1423	1391
5. S.M.-A.P.-H.	923	922	1318	1347	1372	1410	1435	1423	1391
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	1320	1349	1375	1410	1435	1423	1392
7. S.M.-A.-H.	925	923	1321	1350	1375	1410	1435	1423	1393
8. S.M.-H.	927	926	1325	1353	1379	1415	1439	1427	1397
9. S.-B.-H.	919	920	1320	1346	1372	1408	1435	1422	1390
10. -M.B.A.P.H.	908	905	1294	1330	1347	1383	1412	1400	1369
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	1302	1338	1357	1398	1421	1410	1379
12. -M.-A.-H.	917	914	1305	1341	1360	1397	1419	1408	1379
13. -M.-A.-H.	918	914	1305	1341	1359	1396	1419	1408	1379
14. -.-A.-H.	908	903	1295	1330	1352	1383	1411	1397	1369
2. COUNTRY TOWNS									
1. New South Wales (4)	909	905	1314	1341	1373	1414	1439	1427	1392
2. Victoria (4)	887	888	1273	1306	1327	1368	1382	1375	1346
3. Queensland (4)	873	871	1269	1301	1317	1360	1384	1372	1341
4. S. Australia (4)	861	862	1236	1265	1288	1328	1351	1340	1308
5. W. Australia (4)	1009	1010	1349	1382	1409	1470	1496	1483	1439
6. Tasmania (4)	886	884	1264	1297	1341	1378	1394	1386	1353
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (24)	898	896	1288	1318	1345	1387	1408	1398	1365
8. N.V.-S.W.T. (20)	904	903	1292	1322	1351	1394	1414	1404	1370
9. N.V.Q.S.-H. (16)	890	889	1285	1315	1340	1381	1403	1392	1360
10. N.V.-S.-T. (16)	894	893	1287	1317	1346	1386	1406	1396	1364
11. N.V.-H.W.T. (16)	908	906	1297	1328	1357	1399	1420	1410	1376
12. N.V.-S.-H. (12)	896	894	1290	1320	1347	1388	1408	1398	1366
13. Broken Hill - Goulb. -Bath.	931	922	1352	1377	1417	1458	1491	1475	1436
3. WHOLE STATES									
1. N.V.Q.S.W.T. (30)	915	914	1308	1338	1362	1401	1425	1413	1382
2. N.V.Q.S.-T.	914	913	1309	1340	1363	1400	1424	1412	1382
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	1314	1344	1370	1408	1432	1420	1389
4. N.V.-S.W.-H.	921	920	1315	1345	1370	1408	1433	1421	1389
5. N.V.-B.-T.	920	920	1316	1346	1371	1408	1431	1420	1389
6. N.V.-S.-H.	921	920	1317	1346	1372	1408	1432	1420	1390
7. N.V.-H.W.T.	922	922	1317	1347	1373	1412	1436	1424	1392
8. N.V.-S.-H.	924	923	1321	1350	1376	1413	1436	1425	1394
9. -V.-S.W.T.	913	911	1299	1334	1355	1396	1417	1407	1376
10. -V.-S.W.-H.	915	912	1300	1335	1354	1396	1418	1407	1376
11. -V.-S.-T.	913	910	1300	1335	1356	1393	1413	1403	1374
12. -V.-S.-H.	914	911	1301	1336	1355	1393	1413	1403	1374
13. -V.-S.-T.	915	913	1304	1340	1359	1399	1416	1408	1379

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