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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS.

THE "ALL ITEMS" ("C" SERIES) INDEX
QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1940.

(Base Period 1923-27=1000)

Particulars concerning variations in the retail prices of Food and Groceries, Rents of 4 and 5 roomed houses, Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements, 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 (Dr. Roland Wilson) for the quarter ended 30th June, 1940.

Compared with the previous quarter the price levels increased in both the Six Capital Cities and the 30 Towns combined by 2.6%. Individually the Capital Cities showed the following increases:- Perth (3.3%), Melbourne (3.1%), Sydney (2.5%), Adelaide (2.4%), Hobart (2.2%) and Brisbane (1.5%).

The weighted average of the Five Towns in each State compared with the previous quarter, showed the following increases:- Western Australia (3.2%), Victoria (3.1%), New South Wales (2.7%), South Australia (2.4%), Tasmania (2.2%) and Queensland (1.6%).

Compared with the June quarter, 1939, the following percentage increases are recorded by the Five Town index numbers:- Victoria (4.6%), New South Wales (4.2%), Queensland (4.0%), Tasmania (3.6%), Western Australia (2.9%) and South Australia (2.8%).

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"C" Series
(1) Individual Towns

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

"C" SERIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1940.
(BASE: WEIGHTED AVERAGE 6 CAPITALS IN 1923-27 = 1000)
(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1939			1940		Year ended June Quarter 1940
	June Quarter	September Quarter	December Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	
NEW SOUTH WALES -						
Sydney	932	933	943	946	970	948
Newcastle	896	897	910	914	941	916
Broken Hill	959	943	949	954	980	957
Goulburn	915	914	917	921	946	925
Bathurst	880	881	890	894	918	896
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	929	930	940	943	968	945
VICTORIA -						
Melbourne	921	918	932	934	963	937
Ballarat	872	875	879	882	903	885
Sandigo	870	868	887	889	916	890
Geelong	909	909	917	915	939	920
Marrnambool	914	918	928	936	951	933
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	917	915	928	930	959	933
QUEENSLAND -						
Brisbane	866	866	874	887	900	882
Toowoomba	855	853	862	874	890	870
Rockhampton	864	861	872	887	900	880
Townsville	915	912	921	932	947	926
Bundaberg	845	843	851	860	873	857
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	867	867	876	888	902	883
SOUTH AUSTRALIA -						
Adelaide	908	903	906	912	934	914
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	808	812	814	811	826	816
Port Pirie	894	897	896	894	914	900
Mount Gambier	875	866	880	886	887	875
Peterborough	895	896	900	901	918	904
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	904	899	902	907	929	909
WESTERN AUSTRALIA -						
Perth, Fremantle	904	904	899	902	932	909
Kalgoorlie, Boulder	1067	1069	1065	1064	1092	1073
Northam	918	919	913	912	943	922
Bunbury	937	939	938	934	963	944
Geraldton	966	966	959	958	983	967
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	918	918	914	916	945	923
TASMANIA -						
Hobart	907	905	919	918	938	920
Launceston	888	886	895	898	921	900
Burnie	877	878	889	890	907	891
Devonport	861	860	867	869	886	871
Queenstown	905	902	908	914	929	913
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	897	896	908	909	929	911
Weighted Average - 30 Towns:	915	914	923	927	951	929
Weighted Average - 6 Capitals:	917	916	926	930	954	932
SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE).						
Charters Towers (C.)	871	886	896	904	919	901
Warwick (C.)	830	834	842	845	863	846
Port Augusta (S. A.)	880	881	885	883	904	888
Canberra (A. C. T.)	958	951	953	958	985	962

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"C" Series
(2) Combination of
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FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS) CLOTHING AND
MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

"C" SERIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED JUNE, 1940.
(BASE: WEIGHTED AVERAGE SIX CAPITALS IN 1923-27=1000)
(2) COMBINATION OF TOWNS ETC.

Combinations of Towns and States	1939			1940		Year ended June Quarter 1940
	June Quarter	Sep- tember Quarter	De- cember Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	
1. CAPITAL CITIES						
1. S.M.B.A.P.H. - 6 Capitals ..	917	916	926	930	954	932
2. S.M.B.A.-H.	918	917	928	932	956	933
3. S.M.B.-H.	920	919	930	934	958	935
4. S.M.-A.P.H.	923	922	931	934	960	937
5. S.M.-A.P.-.	923	922	931	934	961	937
6. S.M.-A.-H.	924	923	934	937	962	939
7. S.M.-A.-.	925	923	934	937	963	939
8. S.M.-.	927	926	936	941	967	943
9. S.-B.-.	919	920	930	934	956	935
10. -A.B.A.P.H.	908	905	914	919	944	921
11. -M.-A.P.H.	916	913	922	925	952	928
12. -A.-A.-H.	917	914	925	928	955	931
13. -M.-A.-.	918	914	926	929	956	931
14. -. -A.-H.	908	903	908	913	935	915
2. COUNTRY TOWNS						
1. New South Wales - 4 Towns	905	905	916	920	946	922
2. Victoria 4 "	887	888	898	899	922	902
3. Queensland 4 "	873	871	880	893	907	888
4. South Australia 4 "	861	862	865	861	879	867
5. Western Australia 4 "	1009	1010	1006	1005	1033	1014
6. Tasmania 4 "	886	884	892	895	917	897
7. N.V.C.S.W.T. 24 "	898	896	905	909	931	910
8. N.V.-S.W.T. 20 "	904	903	911	913	937	916
9. N.V.C.S.-. 16 "	890	889	898	903	925	904
10. N.V.-S.-T. 16 "	894	893	902	905	928	907
11. N.V.-.W.T. 16 "	908	906	915	918	942	920
12. N.V.-S.-. 12 "	896	894	904	906	930	909
13. Broken Hill - Goulburn - Bethurst ..	931	922	928	933	958	935
3. WHOLE STATES						
1. N.V.C.S.W.T. - 30 Towns	915	914	923	927	951	929
2. N.V.C.S.-T.	914	913	924	930	952	930
3. N.V.-S.W.T.	920	919	929	931	958	934
4. N.V.-S.W.-.	921	920	929	932	959	935
5. N.V.-S.-T.	920	920	930	933	959	936
6. N.V.-S.-.	921	920	931	934	960	936
7. N.V.-S.-.	922	922	932	934	961	937
8. N.V.-.W.T.	924	923	935	937	964	940
9. N.V.-.	913	911	920	922	950	926
10. -.V.-S.W.T.	915	912	921	923	951	927
11. -.V.-S.-T.	913	910	921	923	950	926
12. -.V.-S.-.	914	911	922	925	952	928
13. -.V.-. -T.	915	913	926	928	956	931

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"C" SERIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1940.
(BASE: WEIGHTED AVERAGE 6 CAPITALS IN 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS

Town	1939		1940			Year ended September Quarter 1940
	September Quarter	December Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	September Quarter	
<u>NEW SOUTH WALES -</u>						
Sydney	933	943	940	970	973	958
Newcastle	897	910	914	941	945	928
Broken Hill	943	949	954	980	980	966
Goulburn	914	917	921	946	947	933
Bathurst	881	890	894	918	924	907
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	930	940	943	968	970	955
<u>VICTORIA -</u>						
Melbourne	918	932	934	963	968	949
Ballarat	875	879	882	903	911	894
Bendigo	868	887	889	916	928	905
Geelong	909	917	915	939	944	929
Warrnambool	918	928	936	951	956	943
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	915	928	930	959	964	945
<u>QUEENSLAND -</u>						
Brisbane	866	874	887	900	906	892
Toowoomba	853	862	874	890	895	880
Rockhampton	861	872	887	900	900	890
Townsville	912	921	932	947	949	937
Bundaberg	843	851	860	873	875	865
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	857	876	888	902	906	893
<u>SOUTH AUSTRALIA -</u>						
Adelaide	903	906	912	934	939	923
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	812	814	811	826	838	822
Port Pirie	897	896	894	914	923	907
Mount Gambier	866	880	866	887	899	883
Peterborough	896	900	901	918	928	912
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	899	902	907	929	935	918
<u>WESTERN AUSTRALIA -</u>						
Perth, Fremantle	904	899	902	932	941	919
Kalgoorlie, Boulder	1069	1065	1064	1092	1106	1083
Northam	919	913	912	943	958	932
Eunbury	939	938	934	963	965	950
Geraldton	966	959	958	983	998	975
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	918	914	916	945	955	933
<u>TASMANIA -</u>						
Hobart	905	919	918	938	948	931
Launceston	886	895	898	921	929	911
Burnie	878	889	890	907	921	902
Devonport	860	867	869	886	900	881
Queenstown	902	908	914	929	935	922
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	896	908	909	929	938	921
Weighted Average - 30 Towns:	914	923	927	951	956	939
Weighted Average - 6 Capitals:	916	926	930	954	959	942
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE).</u>						
Charters Towers (Q.)	886	896	904	919	917	909
Warwick (Q.)	834	842	845	863	862	853
Port Augusta (S.A.)	881	885	883	904	923	899
Canberra (A.C.T.)	951	953	958	985	992	972

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5. S.M.A.P.H. ..	922	931	934	961	965	948
6. S.M.A.P.H. ..	923	934	937	962	966	950
7. S.M.A.P.H. ..	923	934	937	963	967	950
8. S.M.A.P.H. ..	926	938	941	967	971	954
9. S.B.A.P.H. ..	920	930	934	956	960	945
10. S.M.B.A.P.H. ..	905	914	919	944	950	932
11. S.M.A.P.H. ..	913	922	925	952	958	939
12. S.M.A.P.H. ..	914	925	928	955	960	942
13. S.M.A.P.H. ..	914	926	929	956	961	943
14. S.A.P.H. ..	903	908	913	935	940	924
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9. N.V.Q.S.W.T. .. 16 "	889	898	903	925	930	914
10. N.V.Q.S.W.T. .. 16 "	893	902	905	928	935	918
11. N.V.Q.S.W.T. .. 16 "	906	915	918	942	949	931
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5. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	920	930	933	959	963	946
6. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	920	931	934	960	963	947
7. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	922	932	934	961	965	948
8. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	923	935	937	964	967	951
9. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	911	920	922	950	956	937
10. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	912	921	923	951	957	938
11. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	910	921	923	950	956	938
12. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	911	922	925	952	957	939
13. N.V.Q.S.W.T. ..	913	926	928	956	962	943

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