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WHOLESALE PRICESPRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALSFEBRUARY, 1965

This Bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials on the reference base : Year 1959-60 = 100.0. Information on the construction of the index is contained in statistical bulletin S.B. 71 published on 11th November, 1964.

2. The index is a fixed weights index. It provides quarterly comparisons since August, 1959, of the overall price changes occurring for a combination of materials, fixed as to quantity and quality. The yearly index numbers are simple averages of the four quarterly index numbers in each year.

3. The items in this index have been selected as representative of materials used in electrical installation in structures such as hospitals, schools, factories and multi-storied commercial buildings and flats.

4. The basis of pricing is the price to electrical contractors, delivered on site or into store, Sydney and Melbourne. The price series used relate to specific standards for each item and in some cases are combinations of prices for different makes, types, etc.

5. In general, the weights for the index were derived from information relating to the values of materials used in selected representative projects in Sydney and Melbourne during the three years 1960-61 to 1962-63. The projects selected for this purpose had a minimum electrical materials and labour content of £5,000.

6. Table 1 below shows for each index the percentage change of the index number for the month of February, 1965, from November, 1964, and from the corresponding month of the previous year, February, 1964.

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICESPRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS - FEBRUARY, 1965GROUPS AND ALL GROUPSChange from Previous Periods

(Per Cent)

| Percentage Change<br>Between -             | Conductors | Conduit &<br>Accessories | Switch-board<br>and Switch-gear<br>Material | All Groups |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| (i) November, 1964 and<br>February, 1965.  | + 17.4     | ..                       | + 1.2                                       | + 7.4      |
| (ii) February, 1964 and<br>February, 1965. | + 29.7     | + 0.6                    | + 5.2                                       | +13.2      |

TABLE 2. - WHOLESALE PRICES

## PRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS

## GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS

(Base of each Index : Year 1959-60 = 100.0(a))

| Period           | Conductors | Conduit and Accessories | Switch-board and Switch-gear Material | All Groups |
|------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| <u>Year</u>      |            |                         |                                       |            |
| 1959-60          | 100.0      | 100.0                   | 100.0                                 | 100.0      |
| 1960-61          | 99.5       | 102.3                   | 100.9                                 | 100.7      |
| 1961-62          | 98.7       | 102.8                   | 99.8                                  | 100.1      |
| 1962-63          | 96.8       | 103.6                   | 100.5                                 | 99.8       |
| 1963-64          | 93.2       | 103.7                   | 100.8                                 | 98.5       |
| 1959-60 - August | 99.1       | 96.1                    | 99.4                                  | 98.5       |
| November         | 99.7       | 100.6                   | 99.2                                  | 99.8       |
| February         | 99.9       | 101.7                   | 100.7                                 | 100.6      |
| May              | 101.3      | 101.7                   | 100.7                                 | 101.2      |
| 1960-61 - August | 101.1      | 101.9                   | 100.9                                 | 101.2      |
| November         | 99.7       | 102.2                   | 100.9                                 | 100.7      |
| February         | 98.6       | 102.5                   | 100.8                                 | 100.4      |
| May              | 98.7       | 102.5                   | 101.1                                 | 100.5      |
| 1961-62 - August | 98.6       | 102.5                   | 99.6                                  | 100.0      |
| November         | 98.6       | 102.5                   | 99.7                                  | 100.0      |
| February         | 98.7       | 102.5                   | 99.9                                  | 100.1      |
| May              | 98.7       | 103.6                   | 99.9                                  | 100.4      |
| 1962-63 - August | 97.9       | 103.6                   | 100.1                                 | 100.1      |
| November         | 97.9       | 103.6                   | 100.6                                 | 100.3      |
| February         | 97.9       | 103.6                   | 100.6                                 | 100.3      |
| May              | 93.4       | 103.6                   | 100.7                                 | 98.5       |
| 1963-64 - August | 93.3       | 103.4                   | 100.8                                 | 98.5       |
| November         | 93.3       | 103.8                   | 100.8                                 | 98.6       |
| February         | 93.5       | 103.8                   | 100.8                                 | 98.7       |
| May              | 92.6       | 103.8                   | 100.9                                 | 98.3       |
| 1964-65 - August | 96.4       | 104.4                   | r103.8                                | r101.0     |
| November         | 103.3      | 104.4                   | r104.7                                | r104.0     |
| February         | 121.3      | 104.4                   | 106.0                                 | 111.7      |

(a) The figures appearing after the decimal points are inserted to avoid the distortions that would sometimes occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.

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