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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING, EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES, JULY 1988

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MAIN FEATURES**Change between—**

	Change between—	
	June 88 and July 88	July 87 and July 88
	%	%
All groups index		
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+0.4	+10.3
Sydney	—	+10.1
Melbourne	+0.6	+10.2
Brisbane	+0.6	+11.5
Adelaide	+0.9	+10.0
Perth	+0.7	+10.6
Hobart	+0.5	+8.4
Darwin	+0.2	+9.1
Canberra	+0.3	+12.4

As shown in Table 2, the main price changes between June 1988 and July 1988 were:

- Prices for ready mixed concrete increased in all cities except Darwin (unchanged).
- Prices for reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh increased in all cities except Hobart and Darwin (unchanged).
- Prices for builders' hardware increased in all cities except Canberra (unchanged).
- Prices for conductors decreased in all cities except Darwin (unchanged).
- Prices for air conditioning equipment decreased in all cities except Canberra (increase).

EXPLANATORY NOTES**Introduction**

1. This publication contains the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building on reference base 1979-80 = 100.0 for the six State capital cities, 1981-82 = 100.0 for Darwin and 1986-87 = 100.0 for Canberra. The Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication contains a more detailed description of the index and its relationship with previous indexes. A

detailed description of the previous index is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973 (Ref. No. 6.7).*

Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses. It includes 68 items for the six State capital cities, 64 items for Darwin and 67 items for Canberra, which are combined into 10 industry of origin groups and an 'All groups' index. Table 1 presents 'All groups' index numbers for the weighted average of the six State capital cities and for each of the cities separately. Although many of the selected materials are also used in house building, in building repair, maintenance and alteration work, and in engineering construction work (e.g. projects such as roads, dams, bridges and the like), the weighting pattern of the index is not applicable to these other activities of the construction industry. In addition, since the weights are based on an average materials usage over a range of types of building within the defined area (building other than house building), the index is not necessarily applicable to any specific building or type of building.

Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. For the six State capital cities the items were selected and allocated weights in accordance with the estimated average values of materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses commenced in the six State capital cities in the three years ended June 1977. This same weighting pattern is used for each of the six capital cities. Copies of the weighting patterns for the 'All groups' index and the indexes in Table 6 of this publication are available from the ABS on request.

4. The weighting patterns for the Darwin and Canberra indexes are based on the same information used to construct the weighting patterns for the other capital cities, adjusted to account for differences in material usage and differences in price levels between Darwin, Canberra and the other cities. The list of selected items as well as the weights of the items for Darwin and Canberra are slightly different from those for the other capital cities. Copies of the weighting patterns for Darwin for the 'All groups' index and the indexes in Table 7 are available on request from the ABS. The weighting patterns for Canberra were shown in Appendix A of the November 1987 issue of this publication.

5. The weighting patterns referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 are applied to local price measures for calculating index numbers for each capital city.

Classifications used

6. For the weighted average of the six State capital cities the selected materials have been combined into broad groups on an *industry of origin* basis. Table 3 presents index numbers for groups defined in terms of the Groups (3 digit-level) of the 1978 edition of the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification* (ASIC); the percentage contributions for individual materials and groups are shown in Table A1 of the Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication. The 'industry of origin' is not necessarily identical with the industry which supplies the materials to builders. The 'industry of origin' is the industry in which the material is *primarily produced*, determined in accordance with the classification rules of the ASIC. For instance, many of the materials are sold to builders by wholesalers, but the materials are classified to the appropriate producing industries, rather than the wholesale trading industries. Some materials used in constructing buildings in Australia are imported. Imported materials are allocated to the same industry of origin as Australian produced materials.

Prices

7. Prices are collected at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or the nearest trading day. They relate to specified standards of each material and are obtained from representative suppliers of materials used in building. In general the point of pricing is *delivered on site* but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available, e.g. 'delivered to electrical contractor's store'. Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city.

8. As far as possible, *actual transactions prices* are used in this index — that is the prices actually paid by building contractors or subcontractors to suppliers for materials delivered on building sites. The actual price paid for anything can, of course, be described in various ways. Instead of being described as a single price (as usually happens in retail shops) a price for a building material may be described in terms of the components that make up the price — for instance 'list price plus sales tax', 'suppliers price plus freight', 'basic price less (particular types of) discount' and so on. It is these *net* prices that buyers pay to sellers for materials that the ABS aims to use in compiling this price index.

9. The ABS asks respondent businesses to report details of the discounts they offer so that actual transactions prices can be calculated. However as building materials suppliers offer many different types of discounts to buyers (e.g. trade discounts, settlement discounts, quantity discounts, competitive discounts) the identification of the discounts and the way in which they are applied by sellers pose considerable problems for the ABS. To the extent that discounts are identified and measured their effects are taken into account in calculating the index. Sometimes new discounts, or changes in the way discounts are applied by sellers, are identified only after index numbers

for a particular period have been published. In such cases, or in any other case where it is discovered that incorrect prices have been used in compiling the indexes, revisions to index numbers will occur in subsequent issues of this publication.

10. To minimise the incidence of revisions, the ABS has stringent procedures to verify that prices reported in its mail collections are transactions prices net of discounts.

11. Sales taxes levied on building materials are included in the prices used to compile the index. Materials used in the construction of Commonwealth, State and Local Government owned buildings are exempt from sales tax; materials used in most non-government 'health' and 'education' buildings are also exempt. At any particular time when there is a change in the rate of sales tax on building materials, the movement in the index takes into account the proportion of materials sold subject to sales tax and the proportion of materials exempt from sales tax.

12. The appendix to the September 1986 issue explains more fully the treatment of sales tax. The conversion factors published in Tables 1 and 2 of the Appendix allow users, if they wish to do so, to convert published index numbers for September 1986 and subsequent months to either include the full effects of sales tax changes or exclude entirely the effects of sales tax changes. Conversion factors for the period September 1981 to August 1982, September 1982 to August 1983, September 1983 to September 1985, and October 1985 to August 1986 are available from the ABS on request.

13. The Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication contains a detailed explanation of the measurement of price change for materials supplied to individual order.

Index numbers for selected materials.

14. Table 4 contains index numbers for selected materials used in constructing buildings other than houses for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. In general these indexes relate to either single items or combinations of items as shown in the weighting pattern published in Table A1 of the Appendix to the February 1981 issue of this publication. Table 5 contains index numbers for selected major materials for each State capital city separately. Table 7 contains corresponding index numbers for Darwin, and Table 9 corresponding index numbers for Canberra.

Index numbers for special combinations of materials

15. Table 6 contains index numbers for the following special combinations of materials, for each State capital city and the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

- (a) 'All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services components'. This index series is a continuation of the series described as the 'Special purpose' index in publications prior to the February 1981 issue.

(b) 'Electrical materials'. This index series is a continuation of the 'Electrical installation materials' series previously released in the publication *Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials* (6409.0) discontinued in February 1981.

(c) 'Mechanical services components'.

(d) 'Plumbing materials'.

Table 8 contains corresponding index numbers for Darwin, and Table 10 corresponding index numbers for Canberra.

Interpretation and analysis

16. Care should be exercised when interpreting month-to-month movements in the indexes as short term movements do not necessarily indicate a change in trend.

17. The separate city indexes measure price movements over time in each capital city individually. They do not measure differences in price levels between cities.

18. Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of monthly index numbers. All index numbers for the current month and the three previous months are preliminary and subject to revision. However, it may be necessary from time to time to revise index numbers for earlier periods if incorrect prices for those periods are detected or if the sample of prices used to compile the indexes is found to be unsatisfactory.

19. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed as changes in 'index points' or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating index points changes and percentage changes between any two periods.

Weighted average of six State capital cities—

All groups index number — July 1988:	207.0
less All groups index number — June 1988:	206.2
Change in index points:	+0.8

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+0.8}{206.2} \times 100 = +0.4$$

20. Table 1 includes percentage changes to indicate the following movements in index numbers:

- movements between consecutive financial years
- movements between corresponding months of consecutive years
- movements between consecutive months.

21. Table 2 provides an analysis of the contributions made by selected major building materials to the monthly change in the All groups index for each city separately and for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. These contributions are expressed in terms of All groups index points. The table shows for example, that in July 1988 the All groups index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by +0.8 index points, of which +0.03 index points were contributed by structural timber. Similarly, the table shows that the All groups

index for Sydney was unchanged, of which +0.03 index points were contributed by structural timber.

Related publications

22. Users may also wish to refer to the following price index publications which are available on request:

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6408.0)—issued monthly

Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia (6411.0)—issued monthly

Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry, Australia (6412.0)—issued monthly

Price Indexes of Copper Materials, Australia (6410.0)—issued monthly

23. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia (6312.0)—issued monthly

Average Weekly Earnings, States and Australia (6302.0)—issued quarterly

24. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The *Catalogue* and *Publications Advice* are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil, or rounded to zero
- n.a. not available
- p preliminary—figures subject to revision
- r figures revised since previous issue

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TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING—ALL GROUPS

TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSES																		
	Weighted average of six State capital cities		Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra								
	INDEX NUMBERS																	
	(Base Year 1979-80=100.0)																	
									1981-82=100.0	1986-87=100.0								
1985-86	167.9	167.4	165.2	169.6	174.9	168.1	167.2		131.1	n.a.								
1986-87	180.9	181.0	177.8	179.7	187.9	183.9	177.9		139.6	100.0								
1987-88p	196.8	197.5	192.6	194.4	204.7	201.5	188.9		149.3	111.5								
1986-87—																		
May	185.2	185.1	182.0	183.2	192.9	189.8	180.3		141.6	102.5								
June	186.9	187.0	183.3	184.4	194.9	191.7	181.9		142.6	103.6								
1987-88—																		
July	187.7	187.9	184.1	184.8	196.0	192.4	182.6		143.1	104.9								
August	188.9	189.4	185.0	185.9	197.2	193.6	183.8		144.0	106.0								
September	189.8	190.5	186.0	187.0	197.8	194.1	183.7		144.5	107.1								
October	191.7	192.4	187.9	188.6	199.4	196.2	184.8		145.2	108.5								
November	194.3	195.1	190.2	191.1	202.4	199.2	186.8		148.4	109.8								
December	196.2	197.0	192.2	193.6	204.4	200.6	187.8		149.0	111.0								
January	198.5	199.5	194.0	195.9	207.2	203.1	189.9		151.3	112.4								
February	199.4	200.3	194.9	197.1	208.3	203.9	189.5		151.2	113.5								
March	200.9	201.7	196.9	198.8	208.3	205.9	191.7		152.0	114.9								
April p	202.6	204.0	198.0	200.5	209.5	207.8	193.5		152.8	115.3								
May p	204.8	205.7	200.4	204.0	212.1	209.5	195.9		154.8	116.6								
June p	206.2	206.9	201.7	204.9	213.6	211.3	196.9		155.8	117.5								
1988-89—																		
July p	207.0	206.9	202.9	206.1	215.6	212.8	197.9		156.1	117.9								
PERCENTAGE CHANGES																		
Change from previous year																		
1985-86	+8.0	+7.7	+8.1	+6.4	+8.8	+9.7	+8.9		+7.5	n.a.								
1986-87	+7.7	+8.1	+7.6	+6.0	+7.4	+9.4	+6.4		+6.5	n.a.								
1987-88 p	+8.8	+9.1	+8.3	+8.2	+8.9	+9.6	+6.2		+6.9	+11.5								
Change from corresponding month of previous year																		
1986-87—																		
May	+7.4	+7.3	+7.1	+6.1	+7.5	+9.8	+5.3		+5.3	n.a.								
June	+7.7	+7.8	+7.3	+6.2	+7.7	+9.7	+5.1		+5.6	n.a.								
1987-88—																		
July	+7.0	+7.1	+6.8	+5.7	+7.6	+8.8	+4.6		+5.2	+7.6								
August	+7.0	+7.4	+6.5	+5.9	+7.2	+8.5	+4.8		+5.4	+8.5								
September	+6.7	+6.8	+6.4	+5.7	+7.0	+8.2	+4.2		+5.2	+9.2								
October	+7.2	+7.4	+6.8	+6.1	+7.4	+8.9	+4.3		+5.1	+10.0								
November	+8.3	+8.6	+7.9	+7.2	+8.8	+9.5	+5.2		+6.6	+10.8								
December	+9.1	+9.5	+8.6	+8.0	+9.8	+9.8	+5.9		+6.7	+11.7								
January	+9.9	+10.5	+9.2	+8.7	+10.8	+10.4	+7.0		+8.2	+12.4								
February	+9.5	+10.1	+9.0	+8.8	+10.0	+9.8	+6.2		+7.0	+12.8								
March	+9.4	+9.9	+9.1	+9.1	+9.3	+9.7	+7.2		+7.5	+13.5								
April p	+9.6	+10.2	+9.0	+9.7	+9.3	+10.1	+7.6		+8.1	+13.3								
May p	+10.6	+11.1	+10.1	+11.4	+10.0	+10.4	+8.7		+9.3	+13.8								
June p	+10.3	+10.6	+10.0	+11.1	+9.6	+10.2	+8.2		+9.3	+13.4								
1988-89—																		
July p	+10.3	+10.1	+10.2	+11.5	+10.0	+10.6	+8.4		+9.1	+12.4								
Change from previous month																		
1986-87—																		
May	+0.2	-0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.7	+0.5	+0.3		+0.1	+0.7								
June	+0.9	+1.0	+0.7	+0.7	+1.0	+1.0	+0.9		+0.7	+1.1								
1987-88—																		
July	+0.4	+0.5	+0.4	+0.2	+0.6	+0.4	+0.4		+0.4	+1.3								
August	+0.6	+0.8	+0.5	+0.6	+0.6	+0.6	+0.7		+0.6	+1.0								
September	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5	+0.6	+0.3	+0.3	-0.1		+0.3	+1.0								
October	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0	+0.9	+0.8	+1.1	+0.6		+0.5	+1.3								
November	+1.4	+1.4	+1.2	+1.3	+1.5	+1.5	+1.2		+2.2	+1.2								
December	+1.0	+1.0	+1.1	+1.3	+1.0	+0.7	+0.5		+0.4	+1.1								
January	+1.2	+1.3	+0.9	+1.2	+1.4	+1.2	+1.1		+1.5	+1.3								
February	+0.5	+0.4	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5	+0.4	-0.2		-0.1	+1.0								
March	+0.8	+0.7	+1.0	+0.9	—	+1.0	+1.2		+0.5	+1.2								
April p	+0.8	+1.1	+0.6	+0.9	+0.6	+0.9	+0.9		+0.5	+0.3								
May p	+1.1	+0.8	+1.2	+1.7	+1.2	+0.8	+1.2		+1.3	+1.1								
June p	+0.7	+0.6	+0.6	+0.4	+0.7	+0.9	+0.5		+0.6	+0.8								
1988-89—																		
July p	+0.4	—	+0.6	+0.6	+0.9	+0.7	+0.5		+0.2	+0.3								

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
CONTRIBUTION OF MAJOR ITEMS TO CHANGE BETWEEN JUNE 1988 AND
JULY 1988, IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS(a)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Individual cities							
		Sydney	Mel- bourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra
ALL GROUPS	+0.8	—	+1.2	+1.2	+2.0	+1.5	+1.0	+0.3	+0.4
SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS									
Structural timber	+0.03	+0.03	+0.01	+0.03	—	+0.15	+0.02	+0.01	—
Joinery products(b)	+0.08	+0.07	+0.14	+0.03	+0.04	+0.03	—	+0.01	+0.04
Clay bricks	+0.03	+0.04	—	+0.15	+0.02	—	—	n.a.	+0.15
Ready mixed concrete	+0.26	+0.13	+0.10	+0.60	+0.71	+0.26	+0.12	—	+0.05
Precast concrete products	+0.05	+0.01	+0.05	+0.11	+0.01	+0.11	+0.34	+0.10	+0.03
Galv. steel decking, etc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	+0.06	—	—
Structural steel	-0.01	+0.02	-0.04	-0.16	+0.07	+0.10	—	—	+0.04
Reinforcing steel, etc.	+0.11	+0.13	+0.11	+0.10	+0.13	+0.03	—	—	+0.02
Aluminium windows	+0.05	—	—	+0.01	+0.10	+0.38	+0.10	—	—
Aluminium screens, doors, etc.	+0.07	+0.02	+0.17	—	+0.06	+0.09	+0.07	—	—
Suspended ceilings	+0.01	—	—	—	+0.07	—	—	—	—
Steel windows, doors, etc.	+0.03	+0.02	+0.08	—	+0.01	—	+0.01	+0.02	—
Builders' hardware	+0.11	+0.13	+0.12	+0.01	+0.15	+0.08	+0.08	+0.02	—
Sand, aggregate and filling	—	—	+0.01	+0.02	—	—	—	—	—
Carpet	+0.02	+0.02	+0.01	+0.05	+0.06	—	+0.04	—	+0.05
Paint	—	—	—	+0.01	—	—	+0.01	—	—
Non-ferrous pipes	+0.09	+0.07	+0.23	—	+0.01	+0.03	-0.07	+0.02	-0.30
Plaster and plaster products	+0.01	+0.01	+0.03	—	+0.01	—	—	—	+0.01
Conductors	-0.25	-0.60	-0.09	-0.02	-0.03	-0.06	-0.02	—	-0.01
Switchboards and switchgear	—	-0.02	—	+0.02	+0.01	—	+0.01	—	—
Lamps and light fittings	+0.07	-0.07	+0.15	+0.11	+0.26	+0.05	-0.03	+0.04	+0.07
Air conditioning equipment(c)	-0.21	-0.25	-0.22	-0.26	-0.10	-0.08	-0.26	-0.21	+0.30
Fire protection	+0.08	+0.13	+0.01	+0.04	+0.01	+0.24	—	—	+0.08
Elevators and escalators	+0.01	-0.07	+0.12	—	—	—	+0.05	+0.07	-0.01

(a) For an explanation of this table see paragraph 21 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes built in furniture, ready-made windows and doors, and other joinery products.
(c) Air conditioning excluding piping and electrical materials.

TABLE 3. INDEX NUMBERS BASED ON AUSTRALIAN STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (ASIC)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

Value weight(a)	Selected ASIC Groups									
	Wood and wood products (253)	Clay products and refractories (286)	Cement and concrete products (287)	Basic iron and steel (294)	Structural metal products (314)	Sheet metal products (315)	Other fabricated metal products (316)	Appliances and electrical equipment (335)	Industrial machinery and equipment (336)	All groups
	7.97%	4.16%	15.42%	4.69%	29.24%	3.68%	2.77%	9.70%	8.79%	100.00%
1985-86	177.6	170.4	164.3	164.1	158.4	182.5	177.6	169.4	183.7	167.9
1986-87	188.5	182.7	170.7	175.8	171.0	196.1	192.8	188.0	207.7	180.9
1987-88 p	203.7	195.0	179.5	191.4	184.3	213.5	207.5	220.5	218.4	196.8
1986-87—										
May	191.3	186.7	174.3	181.6	175.1	200.6	197.0	193.5	211.0	185.2
June	191.9	186.5	175.0	181.6	176.8	204.5	197.9	198.8	213.5	186.9
1987-88—										
July	193.8	188.3	175.7	182.3	177.5	205.1	198.0	199.6	212.6	187.7
August	194.4	190.6	175.8	182.8	178.0	206.1	200.1	201.8	213.6	188.9
September	196.3	190.7	175.9	184.1	178.7	208.3	200.7	203.4	212.8	189.8
October	197.6	191.6	176.4	190.1	180.7	210.3	201.6	205.6	213.5	191.7
November	199.0	192.5	177.4	191.1	182.4	212.6	203.3	214.5	214.8	194.3
December	203.2	192.8	178.0	191.1	183.5	213.0	206.8	220.4	215.5	196.2
January	204.1	193.3	178.9	192.9	184.7	213.8	208.9	230.0	219.0	198.5
February	206.4	196.5	180.3	193.7	185.9	214.6	210.1	230.3	219.5	199.4
March	208.0	198.6	182.4	194.5	186.6	216.1	212.2	232.0	223.1	200.9
April p	211.4	199.5	183.6	194.7	188.4	219.1	214.2	233.8	224.9	202.6
May p	214.0	200.8	183.9	199.2	191.8	221.0	216.2	236.7	225.0	204.8
June p	216.0	204.8	185.6	200.2	193.1	221.5	217.6	237.8	226.2	206.2
1988-89—										
July p	217.4	206.5	187.6	202.4	193.9	222.7	222.7	235.3	223.4	207.0

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as a reference base year 1979-80, see paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 4. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

Material	1986-87	1987-88p	1986-87					1987-88									
			May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr. p	May p	June p	July p
Structural timber	178.6	184.2	179.5	179.2	178.9	179.0	178.6	178.5	179.1	180.9	181.9	184.3	187.6	191.2	193.8	196.7	198.8
Hardwood	186.3	193.1	188.6	188.6	188.3	188.1	187.9	187.5	187.9	189.8	190.5	192.7	195.9	200.0	200.7	207.9	209.1
Softwood	164.7	168.3	163.2	162.5	162.0	162.6	161.7	162.4	163.3	165.0	166.3	169.1	172.8	175.7	179.9	179.2	181.8
Plywood, hardboard and softboard	172.4	191.4	176.2	178.0	178.9	182.4	183.0	182.9	187.4	188.6	189.9	195.2	198.6	202.9	203.4	204.0	204.4
Joinery products(a)	192.6	210.1	195.9	196.6	199.2	199.7	202.3	204.2	205.4	210.5	211.4	213.4	214.4	217.7	220.4	222.3	223.7
Clay bricks	183.0	193.7	186.2	186.2	188.1	190.0	189.8	190.5	190.8	191.0	191.3	194.8	196.4	197.3	199.1	204.8	206.1
Earthenware pipes and fittings	217.9	232.4	225.3	221.9	224.9	225.7	225.8	227.4	231.1	232.5	233.7	234.9	234.5	234.9	240.4	242.7	241.9
Ceramic tiles	158.7	166.0	160.6	160.6	160.6	161.8	161.8	162.6	164.9	165.7	166.6	166.8	170.5	170.8	170.2	169.7	172.1
Toilet suites and hand basins	207.2	239.2	219.1	218.8	222.4	230.8	233.0	234.7	235.0	235.5	236.1	243.6	248.4	249.4	249.8	251.2	255.1
Cement	189.7	198.7	192.4	195.0	196.1	196.3	195.8	196.1	198.7	198.4	199.5	199.2	199.5	200.1	201.3	203.7	202.9
Ready mixed concrete	167.7	175.6	171.1	171.5	172.0	172.1	171.7	172.2	173.2	173.7	174.4	176.1	178.6	179.8	180.3	182.5	185.0
Precast concrete products	174.9	186.2	179.6	180.5	182.2	182.3	183.7	184.2	184.4	185.4	186.3	187.3	188.7	190.6	189.6	189.9	191.4
Concrete masonry blocks	169.4	178.9	171.2	173.2	174.0	173.2	173.9	173.9	177.1	178.3	180.8	181.4	182.7	183.3	183.4	184.9	185.3
Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	166.8	181.5	173.2	172.9	172.9	172.8	172.8	182.5	182.5	182.3	182.0	181.8	182.1	183.4	191.8	191.1	191.1
Cast iron pipes and fittings	209.4	233.4	220.3	221.0	221.2	222.0	222.3	223.0	223.8	223.8	239.0	243.3	243.3	243.3	243.3	252.9	253.4
Structural steel	170.9	186.2	173.7	176.5	177.7	177.9	178.8	182.9	185.8	186.7	187.0	187.9	189.2	190.9	193.8	195.5	195.4
Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	165.8	176.2	167.1	169.5	170.7	170.8	171.5	171.5	171.8	174.8	177.3	177.4	177.4	178.2	185.0	187.6	189.3
Aluminium windows	174.2	192.1	184.3	184.7	184.7	184.8	185.5	187.6	189.7	191.1	192.7	194.9	193.6	198.1	201.9	201.0	202.4
Aluminium screens, doors, louvres and other fabricated products	177.8	197.1	183.9	185.9	186.0	189.6	190.1	192.4	197.2	197.6	199.5	199.8	201.0	203.3	204.7	204.4	208.3
Suspended ceilings	166.1	176.1	169.8	170.1	169.9	171.0	172.4	173.6	173.3	173.8	173.8	178.1	180.9	182.3	182.1	182.3	182.5
Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc.	180.2	191.1	186.1	187.4	187.5	187.4	187.7	188.2	189.6	189.5	190.8	191.3	192.0	193.4	196.4	199.1	199.8
Urinals, baths and sinks	193.8	222.2	209.5	211.5	212.2	213.0	213.2	216.6	218.1	218.6	220.9	222.3	222.7	234.4	236.2	237.7	240.0
Builders' hardware (e.g. hinges, catches, handles, bolts, nails, etc.)	200.9	214.7	206.6	207.8	207.5	208.1	209.3	209.5	210.3	214.1	214.7	216.0	218.9	219.7	222.9	225.2	231.2
Sand, aggregate and filling	208.4	218.5	212.5	213.0	213.5	214.6	214.7	215.0	215.6	216.0	216.9	221.1	221.9	223.4	224.7	225.1	225.3
Carpet	185.2	212.4	192.8	193.1	200.6	203.1	210.6	210.6	211.8	212.7	217.0	216.1	216.2	216.7	216.4	216.9	218.6
Paint	201.9	208.9	205.3	205.4	203.3	206.4	204.1	201.7	205.5	206.0	206.2	211.8	212.7	214.2	217.2	217.8	218.1
Asphalt	194.4	203.0	202.1	202.1	202.1	202.5	202.9	200.8	199.9	201.3	202.0	203.7	204.6	204.9	205.3	206.5	210.4
Glass	173.3	196.2	185.1	185.3	186.0	186.6	186.8	187.9	187.9	187.9	194.7	199.2	207.1	207.9	211.5	211.1	211.2
Plaster and plaster products	183.1	194.6	186.9	186.9	187.0	193.8	194.0	194.1	194.3	194.3	194.2	194.3	194.6	198.0	198.2	198.1	199.0
Fibrous cement products	182.3	194.3	188.0	188.8	186.0	186.3	192.3	192.7	193.0	193.0	193.1	198.4	201.3	201.3	201.3	201.2	201.2
Non-ferrous pipes	142.4	183.3	146.8	148.5	152.5	158.1	156.9	172.9	190.5	201.9	208.9	195.5	188.9	190.0	191.7	192.1	196.0
Vinyl sheet and tiles	169.4	191.0	174.3	174.4	169.0	174.1	185.7	186.8	190.8	199.3	200.1	197.7	198.5	199.2	201.8	189.5	201.2

(a) Includes built in furniture, partitions, ready made windows and doors, and other joinery.

TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	Structural steel	Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc.	Builders' hardware	Sand, aggregate and filling	Carpet	Paint	Non- ferrous pipes
SYDNEY														
1985-86	156.2	152.2	165.5	165.7	165.4	147.3	154.6	167.9	175.4	177.9	233.0	161.8	195.7	127.4
1986-87	162.0	156.8	175.0	174.4	180.1	158.7	160.9	177.1	183.8	203.5	245.8	189.5	207.3	133.3
1987-88 p	167.5	157.6	180.3	181.0	196.6	175.1	173.3	196.7	190.9	219.2	259.7	222.1	205.3	174.9
1986-87—														
May	162.0	157.0	178.0	177.9	187.4	160.5	162.1	187.0	186.9	211.5	252.2	195.1	209.7	138.8
June	162.0	156.4	178.3	178.3	188.2	164.5	164.3	187.4	188.7	211.1	252.2	195.1	209.4	139.1
1987-88—														
July	162.0	153.6	178.5	178.8	188.2	166.1	168.0	187.4	187.4	211.1	252.2	210.5	201.3	142.4
August	161.5	155.7	178.9	179.2	188.2	166.1	168.1	187.4	187.6	212.7	254.5	212.3	201.1	150.9
September	161.5	155.7	177.5	179.2	188.2	166.5	170.0	189.7	187.6	212.9	254.5	224.8	199.1	150.2
October	161.8	155.7	176.6	179.2	199.9	172.2	170.0	194.2	188.0	213.5	254.5	224.8	203.1	165.6
November	162.3	155.7	176.1	179.7	198.4	175.3	169.8	194.2	190.6	214.1	254.5	224.8	203.1	183.3
December	166.1	156.1	176.2	181.0	197.2	175.3	172.8	196.0	190.6	217.5	254.5	225.6	203.1	190.4
January	166.2	156.6	177.1	181.7	197.2	175.5	174.7	196.0	190.9	217.5	254.5	227.4	203.1	204.3
February	166.7	157.5	180.1	181.9	195.9	177.4	174.4	200.5	191.6	217.7	265.0	222.5	207.7	191.1
March	169.1	157.5	184.6	181.9	195.9	178.3	173.6	195.7	192.6	225.0	267.1	225.0	208.2	178.5
April p	176.1	157.5	184.8	185.0	199.8	180.2	174.5	203.6	192.6	227.3	267.3	223.0	208.2	180.3
May p	181.1	157.5	185.0	181.7	205.3	183.5	180.1	209.5	194.7	227.3	269.0	223.2	212.2	180.6
June p	176.0	172.6	188.2	182.5	205.3	184.9	184.1	205.7	196.4	234.0	269.0	223.2	213.2	181.6
1988-89—														
July p	177.8	174.0	189.5	182.8	205.3	185.2	186.2	205.7	196.9	241.3	269.0	224.7	213.2	184.7
MELBOURNE														
1985-86	181.2	198.7	152.3	154.0	135.8	150.5	164.3	149.3	157.5	187.3	171.1	160.2	193.8	142.0
1986-87	184.7	213.7	156.3	161.0	142.0	160.4	174.2	156.5	169.8	201.9	180.5	184.3	215.7	153.7
1987-88 p	190.2	233.8	159.7	173.1	155.5	175.5	179.2	170.4	180.5	212.1	186.6	211.8	231.0	195.2
1986-87—														
May	184.7	220.0	158.2	167.8	148.0	162.6	173.3	166.7	174.9	205.9	181.7	193.3	224.3	156.7
June	183.6	220.0	158.0	168.8	147.7	164.3	174.6	166.5	176.0	205.9	181.7	193.3	224.3	158.5
1987-88—														
July	182.5	230.3	158.0	168.8	147.7	166.0	174.2	166.5	176.5	205.9	183.8	200.2	224.1	164.1
August	182.6	230.3	158.0	168.7	147.7	166.3	174.2	166.5	177.3	205.9	184.0	202.0	234.3	165.9
September	183.0	230.2	157.6	171.2	147.7	167.7	174.2	166.1	177.4	206.0	184.3	209.6	226.2	165.1
October	182.8	229.8	157.6	171.1	156.2	173.6	174.2	166.1	177.5	206.0	185.3	209.6	214.1	187.8
November	184.0	231.1	157.1	171.3	156.2	175.6	174.5	170.2	178.3	207.4	187.2	209.6	226.4	204.7
December	185.1	231.1	157.6	171.5	156.2	177.2	178.7	171.2	177.8	213.0	187.2	211.1	226.2	221.3
January	187.6	231.1	158.0	171.7	156.2	177.2	180.0	171.2	178.4	213.0	187.2	215.9	226.2	215.6
February	188.4	234.8	158.8	172.1	156.2	177.4	180.1	171.2	178.6	213.6	187.2	215.6	226.2	205.3
March	195.9	237.9	161.0	176.7	156.2	179.1	180.1	171.4	179.8	213.7	187.3	216.6	237.0	204.3
April p	196.9	237.9	163.5	177.3	155.4	179.9	180.9	174.8	183.9	213.4	187.8	217.8	239.7	202.0
May p	201.6	240.5	164.4	178.1	165.2	181.8	189.2	174.8	188.3	223.3	188.7	216.3	241.3	204.1
June p	212.5	240.5	165.2	178.1	165.2	184.0	190.1	174.8	192.7	223.5	188.8	216.3	241.3	202.3
1988-89—														
July p	213.1	240.5	166.2	179.7	165.2	183.5	191.9	174.8	194.6	230.0	189.2	216.8	241.3	212.0

TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
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	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	Structural steel	Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvers, etc.	Builders' hardware	Sand, aggregate and filling	Carpet	Paint	Non-ferrous pipes
BRISBANE														
1985-86	172.4	166.7	168.4	176.1	165.7	170.8	148.4	151.5	160.8	167.0	220.1	157.6	182.1	141.2
1986-87	178.3	172.4	171.9	185.0	168.4	183.4	156.6	156.6	171.4	184.4	221.7	175.1	179.9	143.8
1987-88 p	183.6	182.0	184.2	202.4	181.7	197.1	167.3	174.5	182.8	202.1	225.8	201.8	178.0	177.5
1986-87—														
May	178.7	170.9	178.7	191.0	174.1	189.0	159.3	161.9	177.0	189.5	221.7	185.5	175.9	144.3
June	179.8	171.8	179.2	191.8	172.1	189.6	159.7	161.9	177.0	194.9	221.7	186.8	174.6	145.7
1987-88—														
July	179.9	171.0	180.3	198.8	172.1	190.3	159.6	161.9	177.3	191.3	221.7	186.8	174.9	146.1
August	181.7	172.8	181.1	199.3	172.1	190.3	159.7	161.9	177.3	191.5	221.7	192.4	172.9	153.8
September	178.2	171.7	181.2	199.3	172.1	193.0	160.0	161.9	179.3	198.6	221.7	199.0	172.2	152.5
October	178.6	177.5	181.3	199.3	181.7	193.2	160.1	161.9	182.0	199.0	221.7	199.0	177.8	161.0
November	178.9	177.5	183.6	199.3	181.7	197.4	159.9	165.7	182.4	199.9	221.7	199.0	177.8	181.2
December	178.9	177.5	184.0	202.5	183.0	198.7	163.4	166.0	182.5	201.7	225.0	200.3	177.8	195.6
January	178.9	178.8	185.3	203.7	182.9	198.7	167.0	175.5	183.4	202.8	225.2	204.5	176.3	204.3
February	188.7	178.6	185.3	204.6	183.0	199.0	167.9	181.1	184.2	206.3	228.6	208.2	180.0	190.5
March	188.7	184.3	185.4	204.6	183.0	199.7	170.8	183.0	184.2	208.9	228.6	208.2	179.3	183.5
April p	190.7	192.1	187.7	205.9	184.2	199.3	172.3	184.1	184.8	208.1	228.6	208.2	182.6	186.3
May p	189.0	199.3	187.7	205.9	195.4	203.0	180.8	194.1	187.6	209.1	232.6	208.2	181.4	187.7
June p	191.0	202.4	187.9	205.9	189.7	202.9	185.7	196.6	188.4	208.4	232.6	208.2	182.8	187.7
1988-89—														
July p	193.0	207.8	193.6	209.3	189.7	201.1	187.5	196.8	188.4	209.1	233.5	211.8	184.3	187.6
ADELAIDE														
1985-86	186.4	201.2	173.8	192.0	168.2	174.4	155.1	193.6	180.8	202.2	172.7	157.4	198.3	129.1
1986-87	201.5	212.4	172.4	204.0	178.6	191.9	168.0	207.5	200.4	216.5	176.9	175.5	209.2	140.1
1987-88 p	210.3	224.6	187.8	221.5	195.2	203.4	180.6	227.2	218.9	231.3	188.1	196.0	217.5	184.6
1986-87—														
May	207.6	220.1	176.1	208.2	183.5	195.0	170.3	218.3	209.9	222.6	186.2	182.5	211.3	147.7
June	207.0	220.1	176.9	210.2	183.5	197.7	176.4	220.6	213.2	222.6	186.2	182.5	211.3	151.7
1987-88—														
July	207.0	220.1	177.7	211.4	183.5	197.7	176.4	220.6	215.9	223.4	186.2	182.5	212.8	156.8
August	204.5	220.1	177.5	211.4	182.6	198.3	176.4	220.6	215.9	223.4	188.3	187.9	216.7	160.7
September	205.2	220.1	177.5	217.9	184.2	198.5	176.4	220.6	215.9	224.6	188.3	186.2	222.6	159.1
October	205.7	220.1	181.0	218.4	194.0	199.1	176.4	223.3	216.2	224.6	188.3	186.2	210.7	169.1
November	205.7	220.1	187.8	218.2	197.0	201.7	176.4	223.3	217.1	225.3	188.3	190.3	210.7	186.3
December	206.9	220.1	189.4	218.7	197.0	203.6	178.1	227.1	217.1	232.4	188.3	190.3	210.7	197.1
January	207.3	220.1	191.6	222.4	197.0	204.3	182.2	229.6	217.2	232.6	188.3	204.5	211.7	210.1
February	215.5	230.7	192.4	226.5	197.0	205.4	182.2	228.4	218.5	237.8	188.3	204.5	219.2	195.1
March	217.2	230.7	193.1	226.2	197.0	205.8	182.2	228.8	218.9	237.7	188.3	204.5	219.2	188.9
April p	217.3	230.7	193.8	229.0	197.0	206.5	182.2	230.6	219.4	237.7	188.3	204.5	219.2	194.5
May p	217.7	230.7	194.2	229.2	208.3	208.7	188.6	236.1	224.5	238.1	188.3	204.5	228.0	196.5
June p	214.0	231.5	197.2	229.2	208.3	211.0	189.5	237.6	229.8	238.1	188.3	206.6	228.0	201.2
1988-89—														
July p	214.3	232.4	204.1	229.4	208.3	211.8	191.6	240.1	229.9	246.5	188.3	211.2	228.0	201.4

TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
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	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	Structural steel	Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc.	Builders' hardware	Sand, aggregate and filling	Carpet	Paint	Non- ferrous pipes
PERTH														
1985-86	180.5	159.4	163.9	159.4	163.8	180.8	154.9	158.5	167.1	181.5	183.1	171.7	160.4	137.1
1986-87	187.9	170.5	165.4	170.8	173.7	203.1	168.2	195.4	186.4	196.4	184.5	195.0	169.4	144.3
1987-88 p	189.8	188.5	182.5	182.6	185.2	221.0	183.8	216.8	202.2	208.7	200.0	213.3	190.9	189.1
1986-87—														
May	189.9	176.4	170.6	173.3	180.5	207.2	172.5	211.6	200.5	199.3	187.8	202.7	172.5	150.6
June	189.5	176.4	172.9	174.6	178.3	210.9	177.7	211.6	200.5	205.3	192.3	203.8	175.5	154.2
1987-88—														
July	189.6	176.4	173.9	178.7	178.3	211.5	177.7	211.6	200.5	205.3	192.3	203.8	180.1	159.5
August	191.7	185.9	174.5	178.1	178.1	211.7	177.7	211.6	197.1	205.5	192.3	204.8	180.8	166.1
September	190.8	185.9	176.1	178.3	177.6	212.0	177.7	211.6	197.2	206.5	192.3	207.3	182.3	163.8
October	188.9	185.9	180.2	182.1	183.1	214.7	177.6	213.4	197.3	206.2	192.3	207.3	184.8	181.5
November	189.0	185.9	183.3	181.3	185.4	218.4	181.2	217.2	197.3	206.9	192.3	214.1	186.6	196.3
December	189.0	185.9	183.4	181.6	185.3	219.1	181.4	217.2	197.6	207.1	192.6	214.7	190.9	205.9
January	189.1	186.0	182.7	182.4	182.9	220.7	186.3	218.6	206.0	209.3	200.5	215.9	193.4	214.8
February	188.1	194.2	186.4	185.0	185.5	220.4	186.3	218.7	206.4	210.0	201.4	217.0	192.7	195.4
March	188.1	194.2	186.4	185.1	187.6	223.3	186.5	218.9	205.3	210.6	201.4	217.6	196.3	192.2
April p	188.5	194.2	186.5	187.1	187.6	229.1	186.5	221.7	206.5	211.3	213.4	218.1	199.2	193.9
May p	189.5	194.2	186.5	186.1	195.3	234.2	192.9	220.7	207.3	213.0	213.4	218.1	201.8	199.6
June p	194.7	194.2	190.6	185.8	195.3	236.8	193.5	220.4	207.6	213.0	216.2	221.0	201.6	200.1
1988-89—														
July p	204.1	194.2	193.1	189.2	195.3	237.9	194.0	230.0	207.6	217.5	216.2	221.0	202.1	201.4
HOBART														
1985-86	205.3	164.6	155.4	175.3	165.1	167.1	158.1	176.3	173.3	171.6	158.7	162.8	162.1	125.3
1986-87	211.0	173.8	163.5	186.4	178.5	176.5	166.4	192.2	179.1	182.1	168.7	182.0	179.2	133.2
1987-88 p	217.2	182.6	162.1	194.9	193.9	189.4	171.7	213.6	185.9	192.3	172.9	199.6	195.6	159.1
1986-87—														
May	212.7	176.0	163.8	188.3	184.1	178.5	168.2	200.6	181.8	187.6	172.6	191.0	179.2	137.6
June	212.7	181.5	162.4	188.3	182.6	185.0	168.2	204.0	181.8	190.9	172.6	191.6	183.3	137.8
1987-88—														
July	211.7	181.5	163.5	192.4	184.1	185.6	168.2	204.0	184.9	191.4	170.5	194.9	184.6	142.3
August	213.0	181.5	158.2	192.4	184.1	185.6	168.2	208.3	184.9	191.8	172.3	196.0	184.6	145.8
September	208.7	181.5	158.0	192.4	180.4	186.0	168.2	208.3	184.9	192.6	173.0	196.0	185.3	135.2
October	208.6	181.5	157.6	194.5	194.0	186.0	168.2	211.1	185.3	191.5	173.0	196.2	188.5	138.4
November	209.5	181.5	157.6	194.5	194.4	187.4	168.2	211.1	185.3	188.2	173.0	198.2	188.6	162.2
December	214.0	181.5	157.8	194.5	194.4	187.4	171.2	211.1	185.3	188.0	173.0	198.2	194.9	168.1
January	218.6	181.5	158.9	196.1	194.8	187.4	172.2	211.5	185.8	194.3	173.0	202.6	197.3	184.0
February	219.1	181.5	157.2	196.1	194.8	187.5	173.5	213.7	186.4	192.7	173.0	202.6	204.3	166.6
March	226.3	182.3	163.6	196.1	194.8	196.3	173.5	216.2	186.4	191.3	173.0	202.6	204.7	168.5
April p	226.2	182.3	164.7	196.1	197.8	196.3	173.5	222.6	186.4	197.2	173.3	202.8	204.6	167.7
May p	224.8	187.4	173.9	196.1	207.3	196.3	173.5	222.6	186.4	194.1	173.4	202.7	206.1	166.9
June p	226.3	187.4	174.5	198.1	205.4	196.3	181.8	223.0	190.3	194.0	173.4	202.7	207.2	163.7
1988-89—														
July p	227.8	187.4	175.6	208.4	208.0	196.3	181.8	225.6	190.5	198.7	173.4	205.8	208.1	161.0

TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS
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Value weight(a)	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Electrical materials						Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials				
		Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch-boards and switch-gear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators and escalators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof and roof plumbing	All plumbing materials	
—	20.96%	9.87%	28.92%	40.25%	100.00%	—	72.81%	13.04%	14.15%	100.00%	50.55%	14.52%	34.93%	100.00%		
SYDNEY																
1985-86	164.8	201.6	173.5	156.5	167.6	172.1	175.1	173.8	163.9	207.8	177.4	161.4	181.7	169.2	167.1	
1986-87	176.6	226.7	186.1	178.0	182.3	190.7	196.4	190.7	176.6	248.1	197.0	177.9	193.5	185.5	182.8	
1987-88 p	190.9	325.3	226.0	196.3	190.5	223.9	246.5	208.9	195.7	261.8	214.6	212.0	205.8	201.7	207.5	
1986-87—																
May	180.7	229.4	191.8	184.7	186.7	195.6	201.6	193.6	179.4	255.8	200.5	186.6	198.5	192.4	190.3	
June	181.9	241.9	197.3	187.0	187.9	199.9	208.0	199.5	179.7	255.5	204.8	187.7	199.5	192.2	191.0	
1987-88—																
July	182.8	250.4	197.1	187.5	188.6	202.1	211.2	199.4	182.1	253.8	204.8	188.9	201.6	192.2	191.9	
August	184.1	255.1	203.4	189.5	188.7	204.3	214.8	200.9	184.2	253.7	206.1	195.6	201.6	192.2	195.3	
September	185.3	259.5	210.9	190.8	188.7	206.3	218.2	201.1	187.9	254.7	206.9	197.8	203.5	192.2	196.7	
October	187.3	264.7	214.6	193.2	187.9	208.2	221.8	203.0	188.6	255.6	208.5	204.8	203.0	204.0	204.2	
November	188.9	302.0	226.9	195.5	188.0	217.9	238.0	205.4	194.5	264.6	212.3	213.2	203.0	202.9	208.1	
December	190.3	331.3	226.3	195.6	188.1	224.0	248.3	207.0	195.9	265.6	213.8	214.6	203.7	202.1	208.7	
January	191.6	371.8	226.6	197.3	191.3	234.4	263.4	211.7	199.4	268.2	218.1	223.5	206.9	202.1	213.6	
February	192.8	366.6	229.0	197.5	191.0	233.4	262.1	211.8	199.6	265.4	217.7	220.3	207.5	201.2	211.8	
March	193.9	371.6	235.2	198.3	191.7	235.6	265.2	214.3	203.3	266.3	220.2	218.3	209.0	201.3	211.0	
April p	196.3	373.0	238.7	202.2	192.7	237.8	268.1	216.8	203.6	265.3	221.8	220.7	209.0	205.6	213.7	
May p	198.1	377.6	251.2	204.2	194.8	241.4	272.8	204.1	217.3	263.6	222.1	221.8	209.7	212.0	216.6	
June p	199.5	380.1	252.1	204.2	194.1	241.8	273.8	217.6	205.2	264.2	222.5	224.0	211.3	212.4	218.1	
1988-89—																
July p	200.8	347.9	246.7	203.5	192.2	233.5	261.3	214.8	211.9	261.2	221.0	225.7	211.7	212.4	219.0	
MELBOURNE																
1985-86	162.1	189.1	160.9	154.7	161.8	165.4	167.8	178.5	161.2	207.6	180.3	159.6	182.7	146.2	158.3	
1986-87	172.2	211.9	177.0	180.4	184.7	184.4	184.4	184.4	175.4	194.9	196.5	196.3	196.3	154.8	171.8	
1987-88 p	184.7	283.2	195.4	211.3	204.4	222.0	233.9	210.3	188.5	260.9	214.6	208.3	209.2	169.6	194.9	
1986-87—																
May	176.0	212.6	179.4	197.7	194.3	197.6	199.9	196.6	177.4	255.5	202.4	182.9	202.3	161.0	178.1	
June	176.6	232.4	178.0	200.9	195.8	203.2	208.2	199.4	179.6	255.2	204.7	184.9	202.7	160.8	179.1	
1987-88—																
July	177.9	221.2	178.9	202.0	197.3	201.9	204.9	199.7	179.3	253.5	204.7	189.2	203.1	160.9	181.3	
August	178.4	227.2	183.6	203.1	197.3	203.9	208.3	202.3	181.6	253.4	206.9	190.8	203.6	160.9	182.2	
September	179.3	227.0	186.3	203.2	201.2	205.7	208.8	202.2	185.8	254.4	207.4	192.2	204.1	160.9	183.0	
October	181.1	231.5	186.8	203.4	202.6	207.3	208.9	205.5	188.1	259.8	201.5	204.2	204.2	160.9	186.2	
November	182.7	258.8	195.8	207.2	202.6	215.0	223.4	207.0	188.4	262.7	212.5	208.3	206.7	170.8	195.0	
December	184.4	276.7	196.9	207.2	205.0	219.9	229.9	209.5	189.1	263.0	214.4	215.3	208.7	170.8	198.8	
January	184.9	322.3	197.5	214.3	204.5	231.3	249.4	212.3	192.1	265.8	217.2	215.0	210.5	172.6	199.5	
February	186.0	317.9	199.8	217.4	206.0	232.1	249.7	212.4	193.3	264.0	217.2	213.5	211.6	171.4	198.5	
March	187.8	325.5	204.0	217.4	206.0	234.1	253.1	215.9	194.0	264.9	220.0	215.6	212.7	171.4	199.8	
April p	189.1	327.2	201.0	217.1	208.0	234.9	253.1	218.0	188.4	264.6	220.7	217.6	212.7	170.9	200.6	
May p	191.5	328.6	204.6	221.2	210.7	237.9	256.1	219.5	190.4	263.2	221.9	220.4	215.3	178.2	204.9	
June p	192.8	334.3	209.7	222.2	211.9	240.3	259.4	220.2	191.4	265.2	222.8	220.3	217.6	178.5	205.3	
1988-89—																
July p	194.4	329.5	209.7	222.2	216.1	241.0	257.8	218.8	191.8	270.6	222.6	224.6	220.2	178.5	207.9	

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TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
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Value weight(a)	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Electrical materials					All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings	Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials			
		Con- ductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch- boards and switch- gear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials		Air con- ditioning	Fire protection	Elevators and escalators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof and roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
		20.96%	9.87%	28.92%	40.25%	100.00%	—	72.81%	13.04%	14.15%	100.00%	50.55%	14.52%	34.93%	100.00%
		BRISBANE													
1985-86	168.2	185.8	161.7	165.4	165.3	169.3	171.9	174.3	156.4	207.6	176.7	165.5	167.8	167.9	166.7
1986-87	176.6	185.8	182.2	189.7	172.8	181.3	187.1	188.1	168.6	247.9	174.0	173.2	180.8	172.3	174.0
1987-88 p	190.0	261.6	222.0	207.2	180.6	209.4	228.8	200.0	186.9	261.0	206.9	200.5	194.3	184.7	194.1
1986-87—															
May	180.6	183.7	187.3	197.2	173.0	183.7	190.8	188.0	171.1	255.6	195.3	174.9	186.4	177.7	177.5
June	181.0	203.7	201.7	200.2	173.3	190.3	201.7	191.1	172.5	255.2	197.8	176.2	188.5	175.7	177.9
1987-88—															
July	181.5	203.7	202.2	200.2	173.3	190.3	201.8	191.3	175.1	253.6	198.0	176.6	188.5	175.7	178.0
August	182.5	209.8	203.4	200.2	173.4	191.7	204.1	192.8	177.6	253.5	199.4	184.5	189.8	173.7	182.2
September	183.8	209.8	203.6	200.2	175.8	192.7	204.2	192.2	178.5	254.4	199.2	183.8	189.5	175.5	181.7
October	185.1	221.9	207.9	205.7	176.4	197.5	211.8	193.7	179.8	255.9	200.7	188.5	190.1	183.6	187.0
November	186.9	246.0	219.3	208.3	176.4	204.4	223.3	196.2	185.0	262.8	204.1	196.3	190.5	183.6	191.0
December	189.6	261.7	219.3	208.3	175.6	207.4	228.9	198.0	185.7	263.1	205.6	206.4	191.1	186.4	197.2
January	191.4	277.7	219.3	206.5	177.9	211.2	233.6	201.4	188.9	265.8	208.9	211.9	196.8	186.3	200.8
February	192.4	288.6	221.1	208.0	180.1	214.9	238.4	202.1	190.2	264.0	209.3	208.8	197.4	186.4	199.3
March	193.3	303.4	235.6	209.2	187.3	222.8	246.6	205.0	193.9	265.0	212.1	208.2	198.2	186.4	199.1
April p	195.0	302.7	237.4	210.3	187.4	223.1	247.2	208.0	194.7	264.6	214.3	211.6	199.2	187.2	201.3
May p	199.0	305.4	246.5	214.9	192.0	227.8	251.9	209.2	195.2	263.3	215.0	214.8	200.3	197.0	206.5
June p	199.8	309.0	247.8	215.0	191.6	228.5	253.4	209.6	197.6	265.4	215.9	214.4	200.3	193.0	204.9
1988-89—															
July p	201.6	308.1	247.1	215.8	194.8	229.8	253.4	207.0	199.5	265.3	214.2	216.2	207.2	193.0	206.8
ADELAIDE															
1985-86	175.5	201.7	150.6	159.5	156.3	166.2	172.8	172.8	165.1	207.6	176.7	161.2	181.8	168.4	166.7
1986-87	187.2	211.9	163.0	174.4	167.7	178.4	185.7	190.6	176.6	247.9	196.9	177.7	198.3	179.5	181.3
1987-88 p	202.6	289.7	187.6	201.4	181.3	210.4	230.1	205.8	191.6	260.9	211.7	207.6	230.0	193.3	204.4
1986-87—															
May	192.5	208.8	163.8	182.6	174.6	183.0	188.7	193.7	179.5	255.5	200.6	185.5	207.1	184.7	188.4
June	194.1	228.5	169.6	184.9	173.9	188.1	197.6	197.0	181.5	255.1	203.2	187.9	206.3	184.7	189.4
1987-88—															
July	195.2	228.4	169.6	185.4	180.9	191.0	197.9	197.2	183.2	253.5	203.3	190.6	209.0	184.7	191.2
August	195.8	239.7	176.2	186.0	181.7	194.6	203.2	195.3	184.9	253.4	205.2	194.1	218.9	182.9	192.6
September	196.3	240.6	177.6	181.7	182.0	197.5	208.1	199.1	183.8	254.3	205.2	191.3	209.7	184.2	191.5
October	197.9	241.1	178.0	198.7	182.0	198.8	210.2	200.6	188.1	255.8	206.8	196.7	212.1	193.2	197.7
November	200.2	282.4	178.3	201.3	182.0	208.3	226.0	202.6	191.1	262.7	209.6	208.0	213.2	195.3	202.3
December	201.9	307.7	186.7	201.6	180.6	213.9	236.4	204.4	192.9	263.0	211.2	209.7	215.4	195.3	205.5
January	204.0	342.2	187.8	204.0	180.6	222.0	249.8	208.1	195.0	265.8	214.5	218.1	218.6	193.6	209.6
February	205.5	335.9	187.6	207.1	179.4	221.0	249.1	208.2	197.1	263.9	214.7	214.5	227.7	193.6	209.1
March	205.7	309.4	196.5	207.7	179.6	216.6	241.5	194.7	194.7	264.9	216.0	212.7	226.4	193.6	208.0
April p	206.9	311.6	197.2	207.7	182.4	218.1	242.2	211.8	194.8	264.5	217.0	217.0	228.8	193.6	210.5
May p	209.7	318.8	206.5	212.3	182.4	222.0	248.7	213.0	195.6	263.2	217.8	219.9	232.7	204.6	216.4
June p	211.5	318.5	208.8	210.2	182.0	221.4	248.0	214.7	195.7	265.3	219.4	223.1	236.2	204.6	218.5
1988-89—															
July p	213.9	316.6	209.1	210.7	189.3	224.1	247.6	214.0	196.0	265.2	218.9	227.5	235.6	204.6	220.7

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TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

Value weight(a)	Electrical materials						Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials			
	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch-boards and switch-gear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators and escalators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof and roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
	—	20.9%	9.87%	28.92%	40.25%	100.00%	72.81%	13.04%	14.15%	100.00%	50.55%	14.52%	34.93%	100.00%
PERTH														
1985-86	164.9	208.9	159.5	186.7	164.1	179.6	190.0	174.2	159.2	207.8	177.0	154.6	184.2	164.0
1986-87	179.2	235.0	173.7	208.0	186.4	201.6	211.8	191.3	175.6	248.1	197.3	169.1	199.8	173.3
1987-88 p	194.5	337.1	209.1	234.0	203.6	238.1	261.3	208.3	196.9	261.1	214.3	191.6	202.0	185.6
1986-87—														
May	185.2	243.5	180.7	212.7	189.4	206.7	218.3	196.8	179.3	255.8	202.8	176.1	204.2	180.1
June	186.5	254.7	183.9	214.0	197.9	213.1	223.4	199.1	179.9	255.4	204.5	174.1	199.0	178.4
1987-88—														
July	187.3	258.4	184.0	216.0	198.1	214.6	225.7	199.2	180.6	253.8	204.5	175.7	195.7	178.4
August	188.2	267.0	189.4	216.7	198.1	217.1	229.9	200.8	183.9	253.7	206.1	180.0	195.9	181.7
September	188.8	268.5	193.8	217.2	198.1	218.0	231.4	200.5	188.8	254.6	206.7	179.3	197.8	178.0
October	190.8	274.8	198.1	218.7	200.5	221.2	235.1	202.3	189.7	256.0	208.2	185.1	200.1	182.8
November	192.8	308.9	212.0	223.0	203.5	232.1	251.4	204.3	195.1	262.9	211.4	192.5	199.0	186.2
December	193.3	347.3	213.0	224.5	204.6	241.1	265.8	206.0	196.9	263.3	212.9	197.3	199.8	186.1
January	195.2	370.8	213.8	223.5	203.9	245.6	273.7	210.6	200.3	266.0	217.1	201.5	202.9	184.0
February	196.2	372.6	214.7	226.7	203.7	246.9	276.0	210.3	202.7	264.2	217.0	195.6	204.1	185.8
March	197.8	386.2	217.4	226.7	203.6	250.0	281.2	213.7	204.9	265.2	219.8	195.4	204.9	187.3
April p	199.5	394.5	217.5	229.9	208.8	254.7	285.7	216.2	205.4	264.8	221.7	196.5	207.1	187.3
May p	201.4	396.0	224.8	231.9	209.0	256.4	288.4	216.9	205.7	263.5	222.0	200.1	208.2	196.3
June p	203.1	400.7	230.2	232.6	210.8	258.9	291.3	218.6	208.6	265.6	224.0	200.7	208.6	196.3
1988-89—														
July p	204.9	397.5	230.6	232.6	212.1	258.8	290.2	217.9	220.3	265.4	224.9	202.1	207.7	196.3
HOBART														
1985-86	163.8	211.6	157.3	188.4	165.0	180.7	191.4	173.7	157.3	208.3	176.5	150.8	153.2	165.2
1986-87	173.1	210.9	171.9	218.5	169.0	192.3	208.1	186.2	167.5	251.4	193.0	165.0	165.1	177.6
1987-88 p	182.5	255.7	203.8	244.7	179.8	216.9	241.8	195.9	186.5	265.0	204.4	176.2	172.5	189.3
1986-87—														
May	175.6	201.9	173.9	227.8	174.0	195.4	209.8	186.6	168.9	258.6	194.5	166.1	165.4	181.9
June	176.7	205.3	180.7	235.1	178.1	200.5	215.7	189.1	169.3	258.2	196.3	164.8	164.2	181.2
1987-88—														
July	177.6	208.7	181.2	235.1	178.1	201.3	217.0	189.5	172.0	256.2	196.6	167.3	167.1	182.3
August	178.4	219.9	186.1	235.2	178.1	203.2	218.3	190.7	174.3	255.8	197.8	169.1	167.6	182.3
September	178.2	219.3	186.1	239.2	179.0	205.6	223.4	189.2	176.6	256.8	197.4	167.6	167.6	179.4
October	179.6	221.0	191.0	239.5	176.2	205.3	225.0	189.8	178.9	258.2	198.1	168.6	174.4	188.9
November	180.5	245.5	201.9	243.6	178.5	213.7	237.4	193.0	184.8	266.6	202.3	177.4	174.4	189.2
December	181.3	248.6	207.5	244.6	179.8	215.7	239.9	194.3	185.1	267.3	203.4	179.6	173.9	189.2
January	182.5	282.6	207.5	244.7	180.0	222.9	251.8	197.9	189.8	270.1	207.1	185.5	173.4	189.4
February	182.3	273.1	210.6	246.5	178.1	221.2	249.9	197.0	189.4	269.4	206.2	179.8	173.5	189.4
March	184.3	284.2	213.1	245.6	178.6	225.5	253.7	192.5	192.5	269.7	209.3	178.5	174.3	191.2
April p	186.5	284.2	213.1	246.2	178.6	223.7	254.0	202.3	192.8	269.1	210.5	181.0	174.5	192.1
May p	188.6	289.3	223.8	256.8	185.5	231.7	262.8	203.2	193.7	268.2	211.2	181.1	174.8	199.9
June p	189.6	292.4	223.8	257.3	185.5	232.5	264.1	203.4	205.5	273.1	213.5	178.5	173.9	198.6
1988-89—														
July p	191.2	291.1	223.8	257.7	184.6	232.0	263.8	201.3	205.5	275.2	212.3	183.0	181.6	200.7

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TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1979-80 = 100.0)

Value weight(a)	Electrical materials								Plumbing materials							
	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Con- ductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch- boards and switch- gear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings		Mechanical services components				Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof and roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
									Air con- ditioning	Fire protection	Elevators and escalators	All mechanical services				
	—	20.96%	9.87%	28.92%	40.25%	100.00%	—		72.81%	13.04%	14.15%	100.00%	50.55%	14.52%	34.93%	100.00%
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES																
1985-86	165.6	197.0	164.1	161.2	164.0	170.1	174.3		175.1	161.7	207.7	178.0	160.4	180.0	161.7	163.7
1986-87	176.6	216.3	178.9	183.7	180.4	188.8	194.4		191.4	175.0	248.1	197.3	175.7	193.3	172.9	177.3
1987-88 p	190.5	301.3	210.3	206.5	193.5	221.5	240.3		207.5	192.0	261.3	213.1	206.1	205.8	187.5	199.6
1986-87—																
May	180.9	217.6	183.1	193.6	185.9	194.5	200.3		194.0	177.6	255.7	200.6	182.4	199.0	179.2	183.7
June	181.9	233.6	187.5	196.2	187.7	199.8	207.9		197.9	178.8	255.4	203.5	183.6	199.0	178.6	184.1
1987-88—																
July	182.9	233.8	187.8	197.0	189.2	200.7	208.4		198.0	180.2	253.7	203.6	185.8	199.9	178.7	185.4
August	183.8	240.3	192.9	198.2	189.3	203.0	212.1		199.9	182.5	253.6	205.3	190.5	200.4	178.5	187.7
September	184.8	242.1	197.0	199.8	190.7	204.7	214.1		199.8	185.8	254.5	205.7	191.2	201.3	178.5	188.2
October	186.6	247.5	199.6	201.9	191.2	206.9	217.5		201.8	187.2	255.8	207.5	198.1	201.8	187.4	194.9
November	188.3	280.1	209.6	205.0	191.6	215.8	232.1		204.0	191.1	263.5	210.8	205.8	202.6	188.4	199.2
December	189.9	304.4	210.9	205.3	192.2	221.3	241.0		206.0	192.2	264.1	212.4	210.7	203.8	188.4	201.9
January	191.2	340.7	211.3	207.8	193.4	230.2	255.0		209.8	195.4	266.7	216.0	215.9	206.8	188.6	205.0
February	192.3	338.3	213.2	209.7	193.8	230.6	255.4		209.9	196.5	264.6	215.9	212.9	208.6	188.1	203.6
March	193.6	342.9	219.7	210.2	195.0	232.8	258.3		212.8	198.5	265.5	218.4	212.4	209.5	188.3	203.6
April p	195.3	344.9	220.4	211.9	196.8	234.5	259.9		215.2	197.2	264.9	219.9	214.9	210.1	189.8	205.4
May p	197.8	348.3	229.0	215.3	199.0	238.0	264.2		216.1	198.1	263.5	220.5	217.2	211.8	197.7	209.6
June p	199.1	351.8	231.8	215.5	199.2	239.1	266.0		216.9	199.4	265.1	221.4	218.3	213.4	197.4	210.3
1988-89—																
July p	200.7	338.4	229.8	215.4	201.1	236.8	260.9		215.0	203.3	265.6	220.6	221.0	215.1	197.4	211.9

(a) Composition and weighting as at reference base year 1979-80; see paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 7. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—DARWIN
(Base of each index: Year 1981-82 = 100.0)

	Structural timber	Ready mixed concrete	Galvanized steel, cladding, etc.	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvers, etc.	Builders' hardware	Paint	Non- ferrous pipes
1985-86	113.7	118.2	128.1	119.0	129.1	133.1	159.7	135.1
1986-87	121.0	127.5	132.2	122.0	135.0	151.2	184.1	142.8
1987-88 p	134.4	131.7	146.9	131.3	144.2	167.4	219.2	154.5
1986-87— May	122.5	127.1	138.3	119.0	136.8	160.2	194.8	144.2
June	122.5	129.0	138.3	125.7	138.2	164.7	199.7	144.2
1987-88— July	122.5	129.0	137.5	125.7	140.7	164.7	199.7	146.9
August	122.3	129.4	137.5	125.7	140.7	164.7	199.7	149.0
September	129.1	127.9	137.5	125.7	140.7	164.7	204.9	149.0
October	129.1	127.9	142.9	125.7	142.0	164.9	207.8	139.9
November	132.2	132.9	146.1	125.7	142.0	167.6	207.8	161.3
December	132.2	132.9	149.1	125.7	142.0	167.6	207.8	166.3
January	135.9	132.9	149.1	136.3	142.8	167.6	207.7	173.5
February	137.1	132.9	149.1	136.3	143.4	166.6	235.1	159.1
March	143.9	131.1	147.9	136.3	143.4	167.2	236.8	147.2
April p	143.9	136.2	150.1	136.3	144.4	171.1	236.8	150.5
May p	144.2	136.2	157.2	136.3	152.6	171.1	237.3	138.8
June p	139.9	136.2	157.2	140.2	155.3	171.1	249.0	158.8
1988-89— July p	140.5	136.2	157.2	140.2	155.7	172.1	249.6	159.9

TABLE 8. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—DARWIN
(Base of each index: Year 1981-82 = 100.0)

(BASE OF EACH INDEX: YEAR 1984=100)																						
Value weight(a)	Electrical materials						Mechanical services components						Plumbing materials									
	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Conduit and accessories		Switch-boards and switch-gear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators and escalators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Roof and roof plumbing		All plumbing materials							
		Conductors	Conduit and accessories	30.28%	39.30%	100.00%							—	74.64%		11.38%	13.98%	100.00%	46.45%	14.80%	38.75%	100.00%
1985-86	126.3	168.9	149.3	144.7	164.6	157.9	153.6	147.6	132.1	140.8	144.9	135.1	151.2	121.7	132.3							
1986-87	133.8	190.1	173.3	154.8	171.1	170.2	169.7	159.6	141.9	154.7	156.9	151.7	167.6	140.0	152.4							
1987-88 p	142.1	275.3	204.0	166.7	183.2	199.0	209.2	167.1	155.4	164.7	165.4	164.9	186.1	138.7	157.9							
1986-87— May	135.6	199.2	180.0	158.9	172.2	174.4	175.9	161.8	143.4	159.7	159.4	154.3	170.0	130.0	147.2							
June	136.9	206.2	182.4	159.9	171.6	176.1	179.1	159.7	143.8	159.6	157.9	155.1	172.7	130.0	148.0							
1987-88— July	137.4	210.2	182.4	160.4	171.6	177.1	180.7	160.1	144.2	159.7	158.2	156.5	177.9	129.5	149.2							
August	138.0	216.8	187.1	160.8	178.9	181.9	183.9	161.1	145.1	159.8	159.1	158.6	179.6	130.7	150.9							
September	138.3	216.7	189.2	161.3	179.0	182.3	184.5	161.4	151.1	160.8	160.1	157.3	181.3	130.8	150.6							
October	138.3	220.5	189.4	164.9	183.8	186.1	187.6	166.0	151.9	162.4	163.9	156.7	181.3	136.1	152.4							
November	140.7	273.8	203.3	166.4	186.0	199.6	208.4	168.3	154.5	164.8	166.2	163.9	181.5	138.1	156.5							
December	141.3	277.1	199.9	166.5	186.0	200.0	209.0	169.0	155.6	164.4	166.9	168.2	188.9	140.1	160.4							
January	143.2	312.2	200.2	167.3	190.5	209.1	221.2	170.1	156.8	166.9	168.1	170.4	188.9	140.1	161.4							
February	143.7	306.3	196.8	168.4	185.4	205.9	219.2	167.7	160.2	166.6	166.7	166.6	188.9	140.1	159.6							
March	144.2	310.2	219.0	169.4	183.3	208.4	224.7	168.7	160.5	167.2	167.6	167.7	189.6	139.3	159.0							
April p	145.0	313.3	218.8	169.9	187.1	210.7	226.0	169.1	160.6	167.2	167.9	167.9	189.7	140.7	160.5							
May p	147.0	323.8	229.1	172.6	183.2	213.1	232.5	171.1	161.9	166.7	169.5	173.4	192.6	149.4	166.9							
June p	148.1	323.2	233.1	172.9	183.2	213.5	233.2	172.2	162.1	169.8	170.7	173.5	192.9	149.4	167.0							
1988-89— July p	148.5	323.1	233.3	173.1	184.6	214.1	233.3	170.4	161.9	173.5	169.9	174.4	194.8	149.4	167.7							

(a) Composition and weighting as at reference base year 1981-82: see paragraph 4 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 9. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—CANBERRA
(Base of each index: year 1986-87 = 100.0)

	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	Structural steel	Aluminium window frames	Steel windows, doors, louvers, etc.	Builders' hardware	Carpent	Paint	Non- ferrous metal
1986-87	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1987-88 p	107.7	104.5	109.2	106.1	111.8	109.2	116.0	111.4	105.6	123.9	110.5	124.5
1986-87— May	100.6	98.9	100.5	100.8	104.7	103.6	103.9	103.4	104.5	104.5	104.5	106.7
June	100.6	99.5	104.4	102.1	104.7	104.0	103.9	103.7	104.3	104.3	104.3	106.7
1987-88— July	100.6	99.6	105.1	102.4	105.7	104.0	103.9	105.7	104.5	113.3	104.5	106.0
August	100.6	97.9	106.1	102.4	105.7	103.9	111.4	106.6	104.2	119.3	101.0	107.7
September	100.6	97.7	104.3	102.4	107.2	103.6	111.4	106.9	104.5	119.3	101.5	111.1
October	100.6	100.8	107.9	106.2	112.2	107.2	111.7	110.1	107.8	120.6	101.5	111.1
November	100.1	103.3	107.9	106.2	106.2	107.2	111.7	110.6	104.1	120.6	110.0	121.0
December	100.8	104.5	110.6	106.6	112.2	109.0	111.7	111.1	104.1	120.6	110.0	121.6
January	100.8	106.1	110.6	106.7	112.2	109.0	111.7	111.1	105.9	128.6	112.7	130.0
February	100.8	106.3	110.9	106.7	112.2	113.4	117.4	111.2	105.8	128.8	114.0	126.9
March	114.0	106.4	110.9	106.7	112.2	113.4	122.4	111.9	106.6	128.8	115.5	136.5
April p	116.2	108.7	110.9	106.7	112.2	113.3	122.4	113.1	106.7	129.0	116.1	139.0
May p	116.2	109.2	111.3	109.6	118.5	111.1	126.6	118.8	106.6	129.0	119.1	139.9
June p	116.2	113.3	111.3	109.6	118.5	112.5	129.8	119.9	106.3	129.0	120.1	139.9
1988-89— July p	116.5	118.6	111.9	111.0	118.5	113.1	129.8	119.9	106.3	131.4	120.1	127.3

TABLE 10. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—CANBERRA
(Base of each index: Year 1986-87 = 100.0)

Index of each index from 1986-87 = 100%																
Value weight(a)	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Electrical materials					All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings	Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials				
		Con-ductors	Conduit and accessories	Switch-boards and switch-gear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials		Air con-ditioning	Fire protection	Elevators and escalators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof and roof plumbing	All plumbing materials	
	—	20.65%	107.1%	28.00%	40.64%	100.00%	—	69.37%	12.15%	18.48%	100.00%	60.41%	12.06%	27.53%	100.00%	
1986-87	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
1987-88 p	111.1	143.3	118.3	118.6	109.3	119.9	127.1	110.9	107.4	104.3	109.3	122.7	110.0	110.6	117.8	
1986-87— May	102.5	100.3	99.8	103.6	103.3	102.4	101.8	102.6	102.1	102.1	102.5	104.5	103.8	103.6	104.2	
June	103.3	107.4	104.9	103.9	103.4	104.5	105.3	105.3	103.6	101.9	104.5	105.1	104.4	103.6	104.6	
1987-88— July	104.7	107.9	105.2	111.5	103.4	106.8	109.1	105.5	103.7	101.4	104.5	110.5	105.9	104.0	108.2	
August	105.9	111.5	110.3	112.7	105.5	109.3	111.9	106.2	104.0	101.3	105.0	112.6	105.9	104.0	109.5	
September	107.1	111.8	110.4	114.1	106.6	110.2	112.6	106.6	105.6	102.3	105.7	113.7	105.9	105.2	110.4	
October	108.8	118.2	110.2	114.1	106.6	111.5	114.8	106.7	105.8	102.8	105.8	116.0	106.1	111.0	113.4	
November	109.6	131.3	116.1	120.2	106.7	116.6	123.4	108.4	105.9	105.5	107.5	119.1	105.8	111.2	115.3	
December	110.7	147.6	116.7	120.2	106.7	120.0	129.1	109.2	106.8	105.7	108.2	120.1	108.5	111.2	116.2	
January	111.8	162.4	116.9	120.3	106.7	123.1	134.3	112.4	107.7	106.6	110.8	126.3	110.8	111.2	120.3	
February	113.2	162.5	117.6	120.3	106.9	123.3	134.5	112.3	109.0	105.8	110.7	125.0	112.6	111.2	119.7	
March	114.2	164.1	124.5	120.3	113.9	127.2	136.3	115.1	109.6	106.1	112.8	129.7	113.8	113.1	123.2	
April p	114.7	164.2	126.2	121.2	115.4	128.3	137.1	115.4	109.7	106.0	112.9	131.4	113.8	113.1	124.2	
May p	115.8	168.6	133.0	123.7	116.6	131.1	141.0	116.7	110.0	105.4	113.8	133.1	114.9	116.1	126.2	
June p	117.0	169.3	132.8	124.4	116.6	131.4	141.5	116.7	110.8	105.6	114.0	135.1	115.7	116.1	127.5	
1988-89— July p	116.9	169.0	132.8	124.4	118.7	132.2	141.4	118.9	115.1	105.4	115.9	130.8	116.6	116.1	125.0	

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