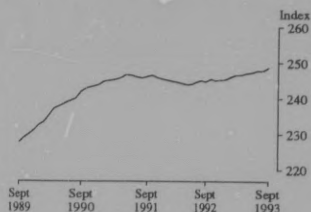


**PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE
BUILDING, EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES, SEPTEMBER 1993**

MAIN FEATURES

	Change between—	
	August 93 and September 93	September 92 and September 93
	%	%
Weighted average of six State capital cities	0.3	1.6
Sydney	0.2	—
Melbourne	0.4	2.8
Brisbane	0.2	1.9
Adelaide	0.3	3.0
Perth	0.4	1.5
Hobart	0.2	2.4
Darwin	0.8	2.2
Canberra	0.1	1.0

ALL GROUPS INDEX
Weighted average of six State capital cities
Index numbers
(Base: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)



The All groups index (weighted average of the six State capital cities) increased by 0.3% in September 1993.

Prices of some items were affected by the 1 percentage point increase in the sales tax rate announced in the 1993-94 Commonwealth Budget. The resulting price increases accounted for an increase of 0.1% (from August 1993 to September 1993) in the All groups index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

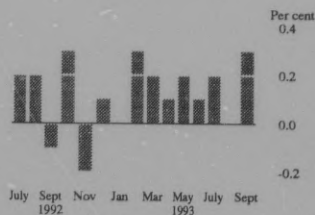
Increases for a range of items were partly offset by decreases in other items. The major contributors to the overall price movement were:

- air conditioning equipment (+0.6%);
- elevators and escalators (+1.9%);
- clay bricks (+1.2%);
- structural steel (+0.4%); and
- structural timber (+1.1%).

See Table 2 for the major contributors to each city's price movement.

The All groups index (weighted average of the six State capital cities) increased by 1.6% from September 1992 to September 1993.

Percentage change from previous month



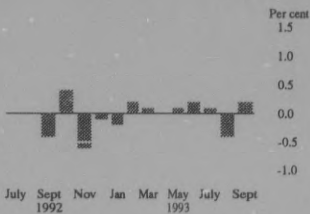
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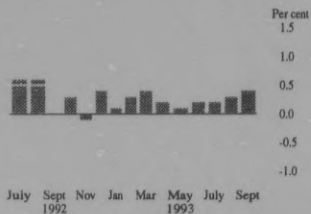
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PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH**

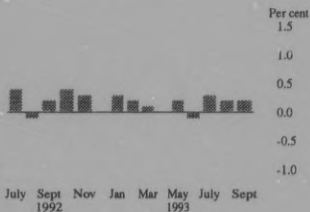
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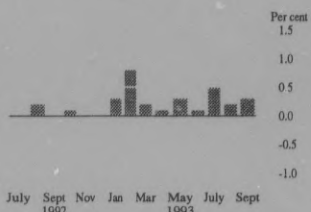
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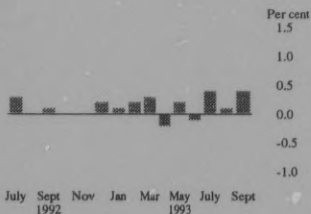
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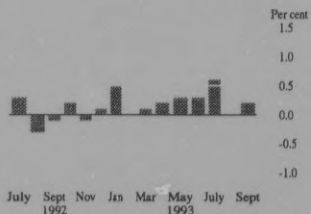
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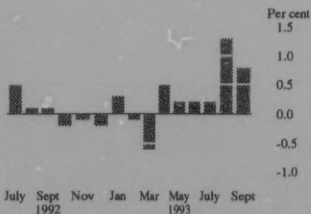
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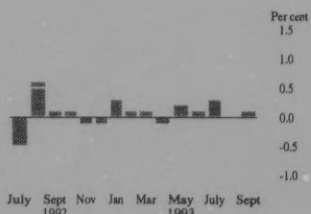


TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING—ALL GROUPS

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
1990-91	243.7	244.2	238.0	245.2	249.6	253.2	225.2	140.4
1991-92	245.2	247.8	235.6	251.3	250.0	252.5	232.1	143.7
1992-93 p	245.7	246.3	237.8	254.7	249.2	253.7	234.7	144.0
1992-93—								
July	244.6	247.4	234.6	252.7	247.0	252.8	234.4	142.9
August	245.0	247.3	236.0	252.4	247.4	252.8	233.8	143.7
September	244.7	246.3	236.0	252.9	247.3	253.0	233.5	143.8
October	245.4	247.3	236.5	253.9	247.5	252.9	233.9	144.0
November	245.0	245.9	236.5	254.6	247.6	253.8	233.6	143.8
December	245.2	245.7	237.4	254.5	247.6	253.4	233.8	143.8
January	245.3	245.1	237.7	255.2	248.4	253.6	234.9	144.1
February	246.0	245.7	238.4	255.6	250.4	254.0	234.9	144.2
March	246.5	245.9	239.3	255.8	251.0	254.8	235.1	144.3
April	246.7	245.9	239.8	255.9	251.3	254.4	235.5	144.2
May	247.1	246.2	240.1	256.3	252.1	254.9	236.3	144.5
June p	247.3	246.6	240.5	256.0	252.3	254.6	237.0	144.7
1993-94—								
July p	247.8	246.9	240.9	256.7	253.5	255.5	238.5	145.1
August p	247.8	245.9	241.6	257.2	253.9	255.7	238.6	145.1
September p	248.6	246.4	242.6	257.7	254.6	256.7	239.1	145.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGES								
Change from previous year								
1990-91	5.1	5.6	4.5	4.8	5.3	5.5	3.9	6.2
1991-92	0.6	1.5	-1.0	2.5	0.2	-0.3	3.1	2.4
1992-93 p	0.2	-0.6	0.9	1.4	-0.3	0.5	1.1	0.2
Change from corresponding month of previous year								
1992-93—								
July	-0.6	0.3	-2.1	1.3	-2.3	0.2	1.8	-0.3
August	-0.3	0.1	-1.0	1.0	-1.7	0.1	1.1	0.3
September	-0.6	-0.9	-0.9	1.0	-1.7	0.6	1.0	0.2
October	-0.4	-1.0	-0.4	1.2	-1.4	0.5	1.4	-0.3
November	-0.3	-1.0	—	1.4	-1.3	—	0.8	-0.1
December	-0.1	-1.0	0.8	1.1	-1.2	0.3	0.9	-0.1
January	0.1	-1.2	1.3	1.4	-0.7	0.2	1.3	0.4
February	0.5	-1.0	2.0	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.8	-0.2
March	0.8	-0.8	2.4	1.4	1.1	0.7	0.8	-0.2
April	1.0	-0.6	2.8	1.5	1.2	0.6	0.8	0.5
May	1.3	-0.2	3.0	1.7	1.7	1.0	1.0	0.6
June p	1.4	-0.3	3.1	1.7	2.2	1.0	1.4	0.8
1993-94—								
July p	1.3	-0.2	2.7	1.6	2.6	1.1	1.7	0.3
August p	1.1	-0.6	2.4	1.9	2.6	1.1	2.1	1.5
September p	1.6	—	2.8	1.9	3.0	1.5	2.4	1.0
Change from previous month								
1992-93—								
July	0.2	—	0.6	0.4	—	0.3	0.3	-0.5
August	0.2	—	0.6	-0.1	0.2	—	-0.3	0.6
September	-0.1	-0.4	—	0.2	—	0.1	-0.1	0.1
October	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	—	0.2	0.1
November	-0.2	-0.6	-0.1	0.3	—	—	-0.1	-0.1
December	0.1	-0.1	0.4	—	—	0.2	0.1	-0.1
January	—	-0.2	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.3
February	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.8	0.2	—	0.1
March	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	-0.6
April	0.1	—	0.2	—	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.5
May	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
June p	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.2
1993-94—								
July p	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
August p	—	-0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	—	—
September p	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.1

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
CONTRIBUTION OF MAJOR ITEMS TO CHANGE BETWEEN AUGUST 1993 AND SEPTEMBER 1993,
IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS(a)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Individual cities						
		Sydney	Mel- bourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
ALL GROUPS	0.8	0.5	1.0	0.5	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.2
SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS								
Structural timber	0.05	—	0.06	-0.01	0.32	—	-0.06	0.02
Joinery products(b)	—	—	—	—	-0.02	—	0.04	0.02
Clay bricks	0.09	0.21	0.07	-0.04	—	—	—	0.03
Ready mixed concrete	-0.02	-0.09	0.03	0.01	—	—	0.23	—
Precast concrete products	0.02	0.02	—	0.07	0.02	0.08	—	0.03
Galv. steel decking, etc.	-0.03	-0.09	—	—	—	—	—	-0.06
Structural steel	0.07	-0.02	0.27	—	—	0.01	—	—
Reinforcing steel, etc.	-0.01	—	-0.04	—	—	—	-0.12	-0.02
Aluminium windows	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.10	—	—
Aluminium screens, doors, etc.	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	—	0.10	-0.02	—
Suspended ceilings	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.07	—	—
Steel windows, doors, etc.	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.10	-0.08	-0.01
Builders' hardware	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	—	—	-0.03	0.07
Sand, aggregate and filling	0.03	—	0.02	0.21	—	—	—	—
Carpet	—	0.02	0.02	-0.06	-0.07	0.03	0.02	—
Paint	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	-0.02	—
Non-ferrous pipes	-0.01	—	—	0.03	-0.15	—	—	-0.20
Plaster and plaster products	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Conductors	0.02	—	0.07	0.02	—	-0.01	-0.06	-0.02
Switchboards and switchgear	0.05	0.12	—	—	-0.01	0.01	0.20	—
Lamps and light fittings	0.04	0.05	0.05	—	0.04	0.05	-0.11	0.03
Air conditioning equipment(c)	0.18	0.16	0.15	0.14	0.36	0.21	0.15	0.06
Fire protection	0.01	—	—	—	—	-0.01	0.38	—
Elevators and escalators	0.11	0.19	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.24

(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										All groups 100.00%
	Wood and wood products (253) 7.97%	Clay products and refractories (286) 4.16%	Cement and concrete products (287) 15.42%	Basic iron and steel (294) 4.69%	Structural metal products (314) 29.24%	Sheet metal products (315) 3.68%	Other fabricated metal products (316) 2.77%	Appliances and electrical equipment (335) 9.70%	Industrial machinery and equipment (336) 8.79%	Other 13.58%	
1990-91	254.6	250.6	231.1	246.1	223.0	273.5	254.3	290.7	253.3	243.4	243.7
1991-92	256.7	253.0	227.6	251.7	221.1	279.1	262.9	294.8	261.0	247.0	245.2
1992-93 p	260.8	255.4	223.6	256.5	222.7	276.3	269.9	293.1	259.1	249.3	245.7
1992-93—											
July	256.7	255.1	221.5	253.3	222.3	280.5	265.8	293.6	257.7	248.4	244.6
August	257.0	255.1	223.5	253.6	221.9	276.0	265.9	297.2	256.7	248.6	245.0
September	257.1	255.3	221.8	254.1	221.6	274.7	266.4	293.3	257.0	249.4	244.7
October	256.8	255.5	223.3	254.0	222.1	274.8	266.1	296.0	261.1	249.3	245.4
November	257.8	255.4	222.8	254.2	222.0	274.9	265.8	294.5	260.2	248.1	245.0
December	258.2	255.2	222.9	256.4	222.1	274.7	266.0	294.6	260.0	248.7	245.2
January	258.6	255.3	222.9	256.6	222.4	275.1	269.6	292.0	260.1	249.2	245.3
February	261.5	255.6	222.9	258.2	222.9	276.8	270.7	292.8	259.6	249.8	246.0
March	263.8	255.3	224.2	258.7	223.2	276.9	274.2	292.7	259.3	249.9	246.5
April	265.3	255.6	225.1	259.0	222.9	276.8	275.3	290.1	260.0	250.8	246.7
May	267.7	255.7	225.6	259.8	223.8	277.5	276.3	289.3	258.7	250.3	247.1
June p	268.8	255.8	226.5	259.9	224.9	276.8	276.3	287.7	259.3	248.8	247.3
1993-94—											
July p	270.9	256.5	227.0	260.2	225.1	276.9	278.7	287.6	259.6	250.0	247.8
August p	271.4	257.4	226.0	260.8	225.2	277.6	279.0	285.9	259.9	250.5	247.8
September p	272.0	259.7	226.1	260.4	225.6	279.0	279.7	287.2	262.9	250.8	248.6

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at 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	1991-92	1992-93p	1992-93												1993-94		
			Jul.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June p	July p	Aug. p	Sept. p
Structural timber	221.8	236.9	222.2	223.6	224.0	223.8	225.1	227.1	228.5	240.0	245.6	252.4	263.3	267.3	273.9	272.8	275.9
Hardwood	233.5	245.0	237.9	237.9	238.5	238.5	238.5	240.1	240.2	250.5	251.7	252.6	253.8	259.2	259.6	259.7	259.2
Softwood	203.5	220.1	201.3	203.5	203.8	203.4	205.6	207.7	209.7	221.5	229.6	239.6	256.0	259.1	269.2	267.3	272.5
Plywood, hardboard and softboard	245.2	244.7	244.9	244.6	244.7	244.7	244.3	244.2	244.3	244.3	244.4	245.2	245.3	245.9	249.1	251.2	251.2
Joinery products(a)	267.3	268.7	267.2	267.3	267.2	266.9	267.9	267.9	268.1	268.9	270.5	270.6	270.9	271.3	272.0	272.8	272.8
Clay bricks	258.0	261.0	260.5	260.4	260.5	261.3	261.2	260.9	260.9	261.1	260.8	261.1	261.2	261.8	262.3	262.2	265.4
Earthenware pipes and fittings	302.1	302.9	304.4	306.4	306.3	305.1	305.1	303.1	302.4	302.2	300.5	300.6	300.5	298.2	298.7	296.6	294.0
Ceramic tiles	180.6	181.7	180.5	180.9	181.4	181.9	182.2	182.3	182.2	181.7	181.8	181.6	181.8	181.8	182.3	182.3	182.3
Toilet suites and hand basins	331.1	332.9	334.2	332.7	333.2	330.1	329.9	330.7	331.5	334.0	333.9	335.3	335.3	334.0	336.5	347.1	350.7
Cement	238.9	241.4	239.7	238.5	239.8	241.4	241.4	241.4	241.4	241.5	241.5	243.1	243.4	243.4	243.0	235.3	235.3
Ready mixed concrete	222.9	217.8	213.9	217.4	215.1	217.3	216.4	217.1	216.8	217.1	218.9	220.1	220.8	222.1	223.3	222.0	221.8
Precast concrete products	234.0	233.3	233.9	233.4	232.9	232.9	232.8	232.8	233.1	233.0	233.4	233.6	233.8	234.0	232.0	233.2	233.9
Concrete masonry blocks	240.5	233.5	241.4	237.7	235.9	236.2	236.1	231.0	232.2	230.3	230.2	230.2	230.2	230.2	230.3	230.3	231.5
Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	235.9	239.9	235.9	235.8	236.0	235.9	236.2	240.6	240.3	243.6	243.7	243.7	243.7	243.3	239.4	239.4	238.1
Cast iron pipes and fittings	320.6	336.1	334.4	335.8	335.7	335.8	335.9	335.7	335.7	335.7	335.7	336.1	336.1	340.2	367.1	369.5	369.7
Structural steel	220.5	221.6	220.9	220.9	221.0	221.1	220.7	220.7	221.1	221.5	221.2	221.6	224.3	224.7	226.0	226.4	227.2
Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	222.4	229.7	226.9	227.0	226.3	227.6	227.6	228.2	229.1	230.6	231.5	231.5	233.2	237.3	237.4	237.1	236.9
Aluminium windows	222.6	221.9	222.3	221.6	221.4	221.4	221.3	221.4	221.4	221.6	222.0	222.2	222.8	223.0	221.6	221.8	222.0
Aluminium screens, doors, louvres and other fabricated products	230.6	230.6	231.4	231.0	231.0	231.0	230.5	230.5	230.5	230.5	230.5	230.6	229.5	229.9	229.0	229.1	229.4
Suspended ceilings	203.9	202.3	204.4	202.7	202.0	202.4	202.4	201.8	201.9	202.4	203.7	201.1	200.9	201.3	201.0	201.4	201.8
Steel windows, doors, louvres, etc.	239.9	240.4	240.6	240.4	239.7	240.8	241.0	241.2	241.4	241.4	241.3	240.2	238.4	238.5	238.3	238.7	238.9
Urinals, baths and sinks	314.7	319.1	321.2	320.4	320.3	320.1	318.9	317.4	317.1	318.0	319.4	319.7	318.2	312.0	324.1	324.0	334.4
Builders' hardware (e.g. hinges, catches, handles, bolts, nails, etc.)	276.8	284.1	281.4	281.8	281.8	280.7	280.6	280.5	282.6	283.8	288.3	288.4	289.2	289.5	289.6	288.8	289.1
Sand, aggregate and filling	291.8	291.1	293.1	292.8	293.0	289.5	289.5	289.0	289.0	290.5	290.5	290.5	292.5	292.1	293.7	293.7	295.5
Carpet	231.2	226.1	227.5	227.8	228.0	226.9	225.1	224.7	225.0	225.0	225.3	226.0	226.0	225.8	226.0	222.5	222.5
Paint	296.5	300.3	298.3	298.3	299.3	299.0	299.3	301.2	301.1	301.6	301.3	300.9	301.2	301.6	304.5	303.9	304.2
Asphalt	246.3	254.4	252.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	254.4	255.4	255.4	255.5	255.5	255.5
Glass	212.7	215.8	212.8	212.8	213.1	213.1	213.1	213.1	213.1	213.1	214.3	222.3	224.8	223.4	224.0	222.4	222.4
Plaster and plaster products	237.9	241.2	239.9	240.0	240.3	240.2	240.2	240.2	240.0	240.0	240.7	245.2	245.1	244.2	245.0	244.9	244.9
Fibrous cement products	249.6	251.5	251.9	251.9	251.2	251.2	251.2	251.9	251.9	251.9	251.3	251.3	251.3	250.6	249.7	250.8	252.6
Non-ferrous pipes	217.4	225.5	223.7	224.7	227.4	228.9	228.9	225.1	227.5	230.6	229.4	227.7	221.1	215.3	217.7	222.8	223.1
Vinyl sheet and tiles	226.5	227.6	225.6	225.2	225.3	226.0	226.0	226.2	226.2	226.9	229.9	231.3	231.1	231.4	231.8	231.8	233.2

(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.	Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvers, etc.	Builders' hardware	Sand, aggregate and filling	Carpet	Paint	Non-ferrous pipes
SYDNEY													
1990-91	206.0	235.0	244.9	217.8	249.7	211.0	216.4	224.5	219.9	330.5	238.3	281.2	210.8
1991-92	202.8	229.1	239.4	218.9	255.2	215.9	226.9	215.2	281.9	338.4	236.8	304.2	219.0
1992-93 p	217.4	227.5	209.5	219.0	261.6	218.6	242.1	213.2	286.3	339.0	229.0	312.5	221.4
1992-93—													
July	199.5	229.1	223.8	220.5	255.9	216.4	238.0	215.4	282.7	341.7	232.4	312.3	224.3
August	203.0	227.0	223.4	220.6	257.0	216.4	238.4	212.5	286.5	340.8	232.8	312.3	226.1
September	201.9	227.0	216.2	219.2	257.0	216.3	237.2	212.5	281.4	341.4	233.4	312.3	230.7
October	202.1	227.0	215.9	219.0	257.0	216.3	240.4	212.5	283.5	338.2	230.8	312.3	231.8
November	204.6	227.0	212.2	218.5	257.0	218.4	240.5	212.5	283.5	338.2	226.9	312.3	218.1
December	204.7	227.0	209.1	218.5	262.1	218.4	240.5	212.5	282.7	338.2	226.2	312.6	218.1
January	206.7	227.0	205.0	218.5	262.1	218.4	241.1	212.5	282.7	338.2	227.5	312.6	218.4
February	216.1	227.0	202.4	218.5	266.3	218.5	245.1	213.1	288.9	338.2	227.5	312.6	219.2
March	224.8	227.0	201.9	218.5	266.3	218.5	244.4	213.1	288.8	338.2	227.5	312.6	219.2
April	238.8	228.1	200.8	218.6	266.3	218.5	244.4	213.1	292.1	338.2	227.5	312.6	217.3
May	252.7	228.1	201.5	218.6	266.3	223.6	244.4	214.6	292.1	338.2	227.5	312.6	215.6
June p	254.1	228.1	201.6	218.6	266.3	223.6	251.0	214.6	291.6	338.2	227.5	312.6	215.5
1993-94—													
July p	261.4	228.1	201.8	218.6	266.3	224.0	251.0	210.0	291.6	338.2	227.5	310.3	216.0
August p	254.7	228.1	196.6	218.6	266.3	224.1	251.0	210.9	293.8	338.2	221.9	310.3	219.7
September p	255.0	235.8	195.7	219.2	262.5	223.9	251.0	210.9	294.0	338.2	223.4	310.3	219.7
MELBOURNE													
1990-91	226.2	274.8	197.3	212.0	202.8	207.9	223.5	205.1	249.5	259.4	244.5	312.9	233.1
1991-92	219.8	283.0	172.7	210.2	209.6	196.3	204.3	198.7	255.6	277.4	252.0	331.7	209.4
1992-93 p	233.0	287.3	198.8	203.5	212.5	192.1	207.9	197.8	288.9	281.2	227.9	335.2	213.1
1992-93—													
July	222.3	286.6	168.5	204.6	208.5	196.3	204.9	196.9	255.2	287.6	244.1	328.9	209.4
August	221.6	286.9	182.2	203.2	209.7	196.3	205.2	198.2	254.9	287.6	244.1	329.1	209.6
September	219.6	287.3	183.1	203.2	209.7	196.3	204.3	197.6	253.1	287.5	244.1	329.3	213.0
October	219.3	288.6	191.1	203.9	209.7	196.3	204.3	197.6	253.1	283.5	235.6	328.4	214.7
November	220.3	287.8	192.4	203.9	209.7	190.1	204.3	197.4	251.8	283.5	235.6	327.2	216.0
December	226.3	287.4	199.5	203.9	211.1	190.1	206.1	197.4	252.6	283.5	235.6	327.2	215.3
January	226.5	287.3	202.1	203.9	210.0	190.1	207.5	197.4	252.8	289.7	235.6	327.5	219.6
February	239.6	287.3	206.5	202.5	216.3	190.1	207.5	197.4	252.6	281.5	235.6	327.5	220.1
March	243.6	287.3	211.7	202.7	216.7	189.0	211.3	198.3	252.6	292.4	241.5	327.5	218.2
April	245.0	287.3	214.8	203.1	216.7	190.1	211.3	198.6	252.6	292.4	241.5	327.5	218.2
May	252.0	287.0	215.5	203.1	216.7	190.1	212.7	198.6	252.6	294.4	247.4	327.5	205.1
June p	259.9	287.3	218.4	203.8	215.0	190.6	215.8	198.6	252.6	294.4	247.4	327.5	197.8
1993-94—													
July p	261.0	287.3	222.6	195.8	202.8	191.5	214.2	198.6	253.6	295.4	247.4	348.4	201.4
August p	261.7	287.3	226.2	199.5	202.8	191.5	213.3	199.3	253.6	290.1	247.4	350.3	202.9
September p	265.7	289.7	226.5	199.5	202.8	194.4	212.7	199.3	253.6	290.4	248.6	350.3	202.9

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

Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Galvanised steel decking, cladding, etc.	Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvers, etc.	Builders' hardware	Sand, aggregate and filling	Carpet	Paints	Non-ferrous pipes
BRISBANE												
1990-91	223.7	273.4	260.2	246.3	230.2	234.3	230.6	224.5	238.9	299.1	220.7	215.9
1991-92	224.1	282.2	272.8	254.6	239.2	235.9	231.8	247.5	245.1	326.1	215.9	233.6
1992-93 p	242.4	294.6	270.2	258.3	245.2	248.2	232.7	236.4	253.7	341.6	208.7	236.8
1992-93—												
July	231.2	288.8	272.8	257.7	238.4	239.4	246.3	232.4	232.3	250.8	207.4	232.8
August	231.4	293.5	272.3	257.7	238.4	239.4	245.7	232.4	232.3	251.8	207.4	232.8
September	234.6	293.5	272.3	257.8	238.4	239.7	245.7	232.4	232.3	251.7	207.4	238.1
October	235.1	296.4	272.3	256.7	238.4	239.7	247.0	232.4	234.8	251.7	207.4	238.1
November	235.2	298.2	272.6	256.7	238.4	244.3	247.0	232.0	237.8	251.7	207.4	238.1
December	236.5	295.1	270.7	256.7	244.5	244.4	247.3	232.2	237.8	252.0	207.4	238.1
January	238.4	295.1	271.7	258.1	244.5	247.1	249.3	232.2	238.3	253.1	207.4	238.1
February	247.6	296.7	268.1	258.7	244.5	249.9	249.3	232.2	238.3	253.3	207.4	238.1
March	249.0	293.8	267.5	259.9	244.5	249.9	249.3	233.3	238.1	256.0	207.4	238.1
April	255.5	293.8	268.4	259.9	244.5	249.9	249.3	233.6	238.1	256.8	213.1	236.9
May	256.5	295.4	266.3	259.9	244.5	252.8	249.3	233.6	238.1	256.8	213.1	236.9
June p	257.8	295.4	266.8	259.9	244.5	254.2	253.2	234.0	238.1	258.1	211.6	235.8
1993-94—												
July p	267.7	295.4	266.2	262.7	241.7	254.7	255.4	234.0	237.6	256.3	213.5	239.9
August p	267.8	294.1	261.3	263.2	241.7	256.0	255.4	232.3	240.0	256.3	215.7	238.2
September p	267.3	292.8	261.4	263.4	241.7	256.0	255.4	232.3	239.9	257.5	211.1	238.2
ADELAIDE												
1990-91	269.7	269.2	225.6	291.5	240.2	242.2	226.0	271.4	253.1	292.1	224.8	258.5
1991-92	258.6	283.8	216.6	301.5	236.2	236.1	220.2	270.6	252.7	306.3	224.3	271.3
1992-93 p	286.1	287.0	199.6	304.4	236.5	235.6	220.2	269.8	253.1	313.6	221.2	265.7
1992-93—												
July	254.8	286.5	198.4	303.9	235.9	235.2	219.2	269.8	252.7	312.0	221.8	265.9
August	258.2	286.5	196.0	302.6	232.9	235.2	219.2	269.8	252.3	312.0	221.9	265.9
September	270.0	286.5	195.9	302.5	232.9	235.2	219.2	269.8	252.3	312.0	221.9	265.9
October	266.5	286.5	193.9	302.5	232.9	235.2	219.2	269.8	251.6	312.0	221.9	265.9
November	267.9	286.5	192.9	302.6	235.1	235.8	219.2	269.8	253.6	312.0	221.9	265.9
December	267.9	287.1	193.9	302.6	238.4	235.8	219.2	269.8	253.6	312.0	221.9	265.9
January	270.6	287.1	195.2	304.1	238.4	235.8	219.2	269.8	253.6	312.0	221.9	265.9
February	291.2	287.1	198.7	304.2	238.4	235.8	220.7	269.8	253.6	312.8	229.2	265.9
March	302.6	287.1	200.9	306.0	238.4	235.8	220.7	269.8	253.6	315.7	229.2	265.9
April	302.7	286.0	205.1	306.0	238.4	235.8	220.7	269.8	253.6	315.7	229.2	265.9
May	335.1	286.6	209.8	307.4	238.4	235.8	220.7	269.8	253.6	315.7	221.2	263.9
June p	345.1	290.9	212.9	307.9	238.4	235.7	225.1	269.8	253.6	318.2	221.2	265.4
1993-94—												
July p	364.2	290.5	213.0	307.8	238.4	241.5	227.0	271.3	253.6	318.3	221.2	267.4
August p	374.5	290.6	213.6	307.8	238.4	242.7	227.0	272.8	254.5	318.3	221.2	254.9
September p	394.5	290.7	213.6	308.4	238.4	242.7	227.0	272.8	254.5	318.3	216.2	258.0

TABLE 5. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
(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, louvers, etc.	Builders' hardware	Sand, aggregate and filling	Carpet	Paint	Non-ferrous pipes
PERTH														
1990-91	246.4	234.5	245.6	239.7	243.9	276.6	236.0	254.8	254.3	255.7	270.0	235.3	251.4	228.6
1991-92	237.8	239.6	255.8	252.5	237.6	262.5	232.1	251.6	249.8	268.3	278.3	236.3	270.3	224.4
1992-93 p	245.6	242.0	254.6	256.3	241.8	263.3	237.2	253.6	248.4	276.2	279.3	237.0	282.0	222.9
1992-93—														
July	239.7	242.0	251.9	255.2	239.6	260.5	235.4	253.2	247.7	271.6	278.5	237.0	281.5	236.0
August	239.7	241.6	252.0	255.4	235.3	260.5	235.4	253.2	247.8	271.6	278.5	237.0	281.5	217.4
September	238.8	241.6	251.6	255.4	236.1	261.8	235.4	253.2	248.3	271.8	278.8	237.0	281.5	218.6
October	238.8	241.6	253.9	255.4	236.1	262.1	235.4	253.2	248.3	272.6	278.8	237.0	281.5	219.1
November	238.8	240.9	254.0	255.4	236.2	262.5	235.4	253.2	248.2	271.6	278.8	237.0	281.5	220.3
December	238.8	242.0	254.0	255.4	245.5	262.9	235.4	253.2	248.2	272.6	278.8	237.0	281.5	220.3
January	239.5	242.0	254.0	255.4	245.5	262.9	235.4	253.2	248.6	273.6	278.8	237.0	281.5	228.1
February	250.0	242.0	254.0	257.1	245.5	262.9	235.4	253.2	248.6	275.1	280.0	237.0	282.5	228.7
March	250.1	242.5	255.8	257.6	245.5	262.9	235.4	253.2	248.7	282.6	280.0	237.0	282.5	229.0
April	253.5	242.5	257.9	257.6	245.5	264.2	235.4	254.6	248.7	282.6	280.0	237.0	282.5	221.5
May	259.5	242.5	257.7	257.6	245.5	268.1	246.4	254.6	248.7	284.2	280.0	237.0	282.5	206.5
June p	259.5	242.5	257.7	257.6	245.5	268.4	246.4	254.6	248.9	284.2	280.0	236.9	282.5	206.5
1993-94—														
July p	263.2	247.7	257.8	257.6	245.5	270.1	246.4	254.6	248.9	284.2	285.2	236.9	288.3	215.9
August p	263.2	247.7	257.8	257.6	245.5	270.7	246.4	252.1	248.9	284.2	285.2	236.9	292.3	215.9
September p	263.0	247.7	257.8	259.9	245.5	270.8	246.4	254.6	251.2	284.2	285.2	238.8	292.3	215.9
HOBART														
1990-91	260.4	209.7	198.0	246.0	243.7	235.7	212.1	222.8	219.2	230.7	196.1	229.3	238.4	183.6
1991-92	261.4	215.9	206.8	251.4	244.4	246.4	219.6	226.3	222.3	242.9	226.9	228.1	254.7	195.8
1992-93 p	268.1	223.5	213.6	252.2	247.4	251.6	221.8	224.3	215.7	245.3	229.4	225.8	260.1	231.9
1992-93—														
July	264.8	221.6	208.6	251.4	241.7	249.5	222.2	227.3	221.4	246.2	226.9	228.1	259.3	230.2
August	264.8	221.6	208.6	251.4	241.7	249.5	222.2	227.3	221.4	246.2	226.9	228.1	261.9	230.2
September	264.8	221.6	211.5	252.1	242.9	249.5	220.2	222.9	213.2	246.2	226.9	228.1	263.4	231.2
October	266.9	222.2	210.5	252.1	241.7	249.5	220.3	222.8	213.2	244.1	229.5	228.1	264.6	231.2
November	267.1	222.2	209.4	252.1	244.2	249.5	220.3	222.8	213.8	244.8	229.5	228.1	264.6	231.2
December	267.1	222.1	209.4	252.1	251.0	249.5	221.3	222.8	213.8	244.6	229.5	224.1	261.6	231.2
January	267.1	225.0	216.5	252.1	251.0	251.5	221.3	222.8	217.8	245.2	229.5	224.1	257.2	233.0
February	267.1	225.0	216.5	252.1	251.0	251.9	221.3	222.8	213.8	244.6	229.5	224.1	258.8	233.0
March	267.8	225.0	217.6	252.1	250.3	251.9	221.3	222.8	213.8	244.1	229.5	224.1	258.8	239.0
April	273.7	225.3	217.6	252.1	250.3	251.9	221.3	223.1	214.6	244.9	229.5	224.1	257.0	233.7
May	271.7	225.3	217.8	253.1	251.1	257.3	224.7	225.3	217.9	245.8	229.5	224.1	257.2	231.1
June p	274.2	225.3	219.3	253.1	251.8	257.3	224.7	233.4	217.9	247.3	236.4	224.8	257.2	227.8
1993-94—														
July p	278.2	225.3	219.8	253.1	251.8	261.0	224.7	233.4	227.6	249.8	236.7	224.8	258.4	228.1
August p	278.2	225.3	219.4	253.1	251.8	261.1	224.6	233.7	227.6	250.0	237.4	224.8	258.5	223.0
September p	274.3	225.3	221.6	253.1	251.8	261.1	222.6	233.7	225.6	248.6	237.4	226.2	255.3	223.0

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

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			
		Conductors 20.96%	Conduit and accessories 9.87%	Switch-boards and switch-gear 28.92%	Lamps and light fittings 40.23%	All electrical materials 100.00%		Air conditioning 72.81%	Fire protection 13.04%	Elevators and escalators 14.15%	All mechanical services 100.00%	Hydraulic plumbing 50.55%	Drainage 14.52%	Roof and roof plumbing 34.93%	All plumbing materials 100.00%
SYDNEY															
1990-91	234.6	567.7	285.0	227.0	208.7	296.8	252.5	258.7	306.5	260.9	266.8	267.5	299.8	264.4	
1991-92	236.3	607.1	298.0	234.6	203.9	306.6	262.5	268.0	310.2	269.9	273.6	270.8	264.9	270.2	
1992-93 p	235.2	582.8	297.5	244.8	200.2	302.9	265.7	270.8	275.8	267.7	284.0	274.1	268.4	277.2	
1992-93—															
July	235.9	599.0	303.0	240.3	204.2	307.1	265.5	269.6	289.6	269.3	278.8	278.7	263.9	273.6	
August	235.6	626.7	303.0	240.3	203.9	312.8	261.7	271.9	289.1	266.9	279.5	279.1	263.4	273.8	
September	234.6	626.7	303.0	241.8	195.5	309.9	262.0	271.9	287.1	266.7	281.8	275.5	263.4	274.5	
October	235.0	626.7	303.9	241.8	196.0	310.2	268.0	271.9	287.0	271.1	284.3	274.8	263.4	275.6	
November	234.5	597.4	292.1	244.5	195.5	303.4	266.7	270.3	276.7	268.5	279.5	273.5	263.4	273.0	
December	234.2	597.4	292.6	244.8	196.4	303.9	266.7	270.3	273.9	268.1	279.5	271.3	267.3	274.1	
January	234.0	570.3	294.4	246.8	197.8	299.6	266.1	269.1	272.5	267.4	285.2	271.4	267.3	277.0	
February	234.8	570.3	295.4	246.9	199.5	300.4	266.4	270.3	270.3	267.4	285.1	271.4	274.9	279.6	
March	235.0	568.9	295.4	248.1	199.5	300.5	266.7	270.3	269.0	267.4	285.5	271.5	274.9	279.8	
April	235.5	540.7	295.6	248.1	204.6	296.6	266.3	270.4	269.7	267.2	290.0	273.3	274.2	282.1	
May	236.3	534.5	295.6	248.1	204.6	295.3	266.4	271.9	262.2	266.4	289.3	273.5	272.6	281.2	
June p	236.9	534.5	295.6	246.1	204.6	294.7	266.0	271.9	262.3	266.2	289.8	275.2	272.6	281.7	
1993-94—															
July p	237.2	533.3	295.6	246.2	204.7	294.5	266.1	271.9	267.9	267.0	297.6	279.5	272.6	286.2	
August p	236.4	507.4	295.6	246.5	204.7	289.2	266.4	273.8	263.0	266.8	302.3	279.4	273.0	288.8	
September p	236.5	507.4	295.6	251.0	206.0	291.1	267.9	273.8	271.8	269.2	302.7	279.8	268.3	287.4	
MELBOURNE															
1990-91	227.9	495.0	239.6	261.3	227.9	294.7	254.1	219.4	291.5	254.9	256.6	270.3	223.4	247.0	
1991-92	222.7	508.1	251.7	275.3	231.0	303.9	253.1	258.8	226.7	295.5	259.8	245.7	226.5	245.0	
1992-93 p	226.1	484.1	247.4	276.7	231.4	299.0	244.6	244.2	226.2	265.2	259.4	246.7	226.8	244.8	
1992-93—															
July	222.1	479.4	245.4	277.7	235.9	300.0	259.4	224.8	277.6	257.5	246.3	276.9	230.9	245.4	
August	223.7	492.4	245.6	277.7	235.9	302.7	259.8	225.5	273.4	257.3	246.8	276.9	231.8	245.9	
September	223.5	492.6	245.6	278.3	236.0	302.9	261.7	225.5	271.3	258.3	248.8	277.3	225.8	244.9	
October	224.3	491.7	246.3	278.3	230.3	300.5	244.6	225.5	269.9	260.3	247.1	275.8	225.8	243.8	
November	223.9	492.9	246.3	284.1	230.1	302.4	265.4	225.2	264.9	260.1	247.5	275.8	225.8	244.0	
December	223.3	493.2	244.4	282.8	230.1	301.9	264.9	225.2	265.1	259.7	246.2	275.1	226.8	243.6	
January	225.9	485.2	243.8	277.0	230.0	298.5	264.9	229.4	265.8	260.4	247.2	275.1	226.1	243.9	
February	227.1	485.0	243.8	273.5	230.0	297.4	265.0	226.5	263.2	259.7	247.3	276.6	230.5	245.7	
March	228.4	483.8	245.5	272.4	230.0	297.0	263.5	226.6	259.3	248.2	276.7	276.7	230.8	246.2	
April	229.1	477.9	245.7	272.8	229.5	295.7	263.8	226.6	259.9	259.8	248.5	278.0	230.8	246.6	
May	229.5	469.0	258.0	272.8	229.6	295.1	266.9	226.6	256.4	260.2	244.6	278.0	230.8	244.6	
June p	230.1	465.9	258.0	272.8	229.6	294.4	267.0	226.6	256.7	260.3	242.0	275.0	230.6	242.8	
1993-94—															
July p	230.5	464.7	258.0	273.7	229.6	294.5	267.2	227.1	256.6	260.4	245.8	280.6	221.4	242.3	
August p	231.5	460.4	258.0	273.7	229.6	293.6	268.1	227.1	256.6	261.2	250.6	281.0	221.4	244.8	
September p	232.3	464.3	258.5	273.7	231.1	295.0	269.7	227.1	259.6	262.7	255.4	281.1	221.4	247.3	

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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)	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Electrical materials					All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fixtures	Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials				
		Con- ductors 20.96%	Conduit and accessories 9.87%	Switch- boards and light- gear 28.92%	Lamps and light fixtures 40.23%	All electrical materials 100.00%		Air con- ditioning 72.81%	Fire protection 13.04%	Elevators and escalators 14.15%	All mechanical services 100.00%	Hydraulic plumbing 50.55%	Drainage 14.52%	Roof and roof plumbing 34.93%	All plumbing materials 100.00%	
		BRISBANE														
1990-91	242.0	401.6	275.9	256.3	197.2	264.9	310.5	237.5	248.5	313.3	249.6	244.6	265.4	241.9	246.7	
1991-92	249.6	348.7	281.6	264.9	203.9	299.6	297.1	243.4	248.2	320.2	254.9	249.3	278.1	243.9	251.6	
1992-93 p	252.3	356.7	282.7	227.2	210.6	267.6	306.0	251.2	259.1	294.4	258.3	264.2	279.0	244.9	259.6	
1992-93—																
July	250.8	369.5	279.7	264.4	208.3	265.4	303.8	244.6	257.9	300.6	254.3	252.6	281.0	242.4	253.1	
August	250.5	359.4	281.7	270.1	208.3	265.1	303.4	245.1	257.9	298.6	254.3	256.6	281.8	242.4	255.3	
September	250.7	359.8	283.3	270.1	208.7	265.5	303.8	247.4	257.9	299.5	256.1	260.1	280.5	242.4	256.9	
October	251.2	359.8	283.3	278.3	208.7	267.9	307.7	250.8	257.9	299.4	258.6	261.3	277.1	242.4	257.0	
November	252.0	359.8	283.3	278.3	208.7	267.9	307.7	252.7	257.9	295.8	259.4	261.1	277.1	242.4	256.9	
December	251.8	359.8	283.3	278.4	208.7	267.9	307.8	253.1	258.7	295.3	259.8	266.2	278.6	246.6	261.1	
January	252.6	359.8	283.0	281.5	208.8	268.8	309.2	253.5	260.2	294.2	260.1	260.9	278.6	246.6	261.5	
February	253.0	359.8	283.7	281.5	208.8	268.9	309.3	253.6	260.2	293.4	260.1	270.6	278.6	246.6	263.4	
March	253.3	359.8	285.3	281.8	207.7	268.6	309.7	254.2	260.2	292.1	260.4	271.8	278.6	246.6	264.0	
April	253.8	347.2	285.3	281.8	208.8	266.5	305.3	253.7	260.2	293.3	260.1	270.9	279.0	246.6	263.6	
May	254.0	347.0	280.0	280.0	220.6	270.1	303.5	253.7	260.2	285.1	259.0	272.2	279.5	246.6	264.3	
June p	254.1	338.6	280.0	280.0	220.5	268.3	300.6	252.0	260.2	285.3	257.8	260.5	277.8	246.6	258.2	
1993-94—																
July p	255.0	338.2	280.0	279.6	220.5	268.1	300.2	251.8	261.4	286.2	257.9	266.5	285.0	244.6	261.5	
August p	255.4	341.3	280.0	277.4	220.5	268.1	300.2	254.8	261.7	284.2	259.8	281.3	287.0	244.6	269.3	
September p	255.8	342.2	280.1	277.4	220.4	268.3	300.6	256.0	261.7	287.6	261.2	282.6	293.2	244.6	270.9	
ADELAIDE																
1990-91	246.1	462.4	212.9	244.6	194.0	266.8	315.8	256.5	208.8	303.2	256.9	258.1	273.6	235.8	252.6	
1991-92	245.5	425.8	226.8	259.6	193.0	264.4	312.5	265.0	209.1	307.8	263.7	258.1	280.4	234.6	253.2	
1992-93 p	244.8	392.4	219.6	262.4	197.7	259.4	300.9	269.4	221.5	281.9	265.0	261.3	278.4	234.1	254.3	
1992-93—																
July	242.6	392.5	219.6	261.0	189.8	255.8	300.3	267.3	211.9	291.8	263.5	259.3	281.1	234.4	251.8	
August	243.0	395.1	219.6	261.0	189.8	256.4	301.2	267.9	211.9	293.9	263.7	260.9	281.1	230.5	253.2	
September	243.0	394.9	219.6	261.2	189.8	256.4	301.2	268.3	216.8	293.4	263.7	260.4	280.2	230.5	252.8	
October	242.9	394.9	219.6	261.9	189.8	256.6	301.6	268.7	220.4	283.4	264.5	260.2	276.7	230.5	252.2	
November	243.1	395.1	219.6	261.9	189.5	256.5	301.6	268.8	220.4	281.7	264.4	258.6	277.3	232.5	252.2	
December	243.4	395.1	219.6	262.0	189.5	256.5	301.7	269.4	221.9	281.8	265.0	260.3	281.1	235.8	254.8	
January	243.8	395.1	222.8	263.4	189.5	257.2	302.9	270.2	221.9	283.6	265.8	261.6	281.1	235.8	255.4	
February	245.1	395.1	222.8	263.4	213.0	266.7	302.9	270.9	221.9	283.2	266.3	268.1	280.5	235.8	258.6	
March	246.1	395.1	222.8	263.4	213.0	266.7	302.9	270.6	225.4	281.9	266.3	264.1	276.1	235.8	256.0	
April	246.8	385.9	216.5	263.3	213.3	264.2	298.6	270.1	225.4	283.2	266.1	275.6	275.6	235.8	255.2	
May	248.0	385.9	216.5	263.2	213.3	264.2	298.5	270.2	230.1	269.6	264.9	258.9	275.1	235.8	253.2	
June p	249.3	383.9	216.5	263.2	192.6	255.4	297.8	270.8	230.1	269.8	265.4	259.9	275.1	235.8	253.7	
1993-94—																
July p	251.0	383.9	216.5	263.2	192.6	255.4	297.8	270.0	230.1	269.5	264.7	261.8	276.3	235.8	254.8	
August p	251.1	382.7	216.5	269.6	192.6	257.1	300.5	271.2	230.1	270.5	267.7	260.8	275.2	235.8	254.2	
September p	251.5	382.7	216.5	269.2	193.8	257.4	300.3	274.2	230.1	272.7	268.2	262.0	276.6	235.8	255.0	

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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(s)	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Electrical materials										Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials			
		Con- ductors 20.90%	Conduit and accessories 9.87%	Switch- boards and switch- gear 28.92%	Lamps and light fixtures 40.25%	All electrical materials 100.00%	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fixtures	Air con- ditioning 72.81%	Fire protection 13.04%	Elevators and escalators 14.15%	All mechanical services 100.00%	Hydraulic plumbing 50.55%	Drainage 14.52%	Roof and roof plumbing 14.93%	All plumbing materials 100.00%				
PERTH																			
1990-91	246.2	576.6	276.3	265.1	209.9	359.4	376.3	243.0	257.2	314.5	254.9	242.7	267.1	244.6	246.9				
1991-92	245.0	483.4	300.9	277.3	228.2	351.1	353.6	247.9	258.0	321.6	259.6	232.4	280.4	239.9	242.0				
1992-93 p	246.9	473.8	308.3	281.4	233.6	355.2	353.5	249.8	258.2	293.8	257.2	230.4	287.2	244.2	243.5				
1992-93—																			
July	245.9	464.4	305.9	281.0	232.3	352.4	349.6	249.3	258.1	303.2	258.1	236.2	284.4	241.1	244.9				
August	245.6	485.5	306.3	281.0	233.5	357.3	357.0	248.5	259.0	299.5	257.1	229.5	286.3	238.1	240.8				
September	245.7	487.4	306.4	281.0	232.2	357.2	357.7	249.9	259.3	295.7	257.6	229.9	286.3	238.7	241.2				
October	245.9	487.4	306.4	280.3	228.8	357.7	357.4	249.0	258.6	295.7	256.9	228.1	286.5	238.6	240.3				
November	245.7	487.4	306.5	281.9	228.8	358.2	358.2	249.2	258.8	292.5	256.6	228.5	286.5	238.7	240.5				
December	246.6	487.4	307.0	281.1	228.8	356.0	357.9	249.0	258.9	292.7	256.5	229.8	288.8	247.9	244.7				
January	246.8	471.5	309.2	281.3	237.4	356.3	357.7	249.2	258.1	294.4	256.8	232.8	286.5	247.9	245.9				
February	247.0	471.8	310.3	281.3	237.3	356.5	353.0	252.2	257.8	293.4	257.3	233.0	286.5	247.9	246.0				
March	248.2	471.8	310.3	281.3	237.4	356.5	353.0	250.2	257.8	290.8	257.0	232.9	288.1	247.9	246.1				
April	247.6	464.6	310.3	281.3	237.4	355.0	350.6	251.8	257.5	293.2	258.4	231.8	288.9	247.9	245.7				
May	248.9	456.3	310.3	281.4	234.1	351.9	347.7	251.2	257.5	286.8	257.1	229.2	288.9	247.9	244.4				
June p	248.6	450.3	310.3	284.0	234.7	351.7	346.8	250.3	257.2	287.1	256.4	223.3	288.4	247.9	241.4				
1993-94—																			
July p	249.9	450.3	310.4	284.0	232.9	351.0	346.8	251.1	257.2	286.5	256.9	228.2	290.7	247.9	244.1				
August p	249.7	460.0	310.4	284.2	233.0	351.1	350.3	251.8	257.6	287.1	257.5	228.3	292.0	247.9	244.4				
September p	250.6	459.7	310.3	284.5	234.3	353.6	350.3	253.9	257.2	291.0	259.5	228.9	292.0	247.9	244.7				
HOBART																			
1990-91	217.1	170.9	238.3	207.1	184.4	261.4	313.3	231.7	230.5	327.6	245.1	213.8	221.9	240.7	224.3				
1991-92	224.3	157.6	249.1	215.0	190.5	267.3	319.1	237.9	237.2	336.9	251.8	225.6	225.7	243.6	231.9				
1992-93 p	228.2	122.1	252.8	230.4	182.4	261.4	314.6	246.1	237.4	303.8	253.1	234.7	223.3	247.1	237.4				
1992-93—																			
July	227.8	135.9	249.5	222.7	191.9	261.4	308.2	243.6	237.2	314.5	252.8	244.7	226.6	242.3	241.2				
August	227.2	124.8	249.5	222.7	186.2	261.0	311.3	243.6	237.2	308.1	251.9	242.5	225.5	242.3	239.9				
September	227.1	124.9	249.5	223.0	181.6	259.3	311.7	243.7	237.2	305.6	251.6	242.7	225.5	243.2	240.4				
October	227.2	125.4	249.5	225.4	181.6	260.0	312.9	246.4	237.2	305.5	253.5	242.7	225.6	242.3	240.1				
November	226.6	126.4	249.5	232.9	181.6	262.2	316.5	246.9	237.2	301.6	253.4	240.4	222.4	244.2	234.1				
December	226.8	125.4	249.5	232.9	181.6	262.2	316.5	247.1	237.2	301.7	253.6	240.8	222.6	249.9	236.2				
January	228.2	125.2	256.0	233.9	180.8	262.1	316.9	247.4	237.2	302.8	253.9	231.6	222.6	249.9	236.7				
February	228.3	121.5	256.0	234.2	180.8	262.1	316.8	247.4	237.2	302.4	253.8	231.6	222.6	249.9	236.7				
March	228.5	121.5	256.0	234.2	180.8	262.1	316.8	247.7	237.2	301.1	253.9	231.1	221.5	249.9	236.3				
April	229.1	119.4	256.0	234.2	180.8	261.6	316.1	247.1	237.9	303.9	253.9	230.7	221.5	249.9	236.1				
May	230.4	119.2	256.0	234.2	180.8	261.6	316.0	246.5	237.9	299.1	252.8	229.5	221.7	249.9	235.7				
June p	231.3	119.2	256.0	234.2	180.8	261.6	316.0	246.1	237.9	299.3	252.6	228.2	221.7	251.0	235.2				
1993-94—																			
July p	232.7	114.9	257.1	234.2	195.3	266.6	314.7	246.3	237.9	299.0	252.7	228.0	221.4	251.0	235.1				
August p	232.7	114.0	257.1	234.2	195.8	266.7	314.4	246.5	238.7	299.4	253.0	229.2	222.1	246.9	234.4				
September p	232.8	110.9	249.1	242.1	192.7	266.2	315.8	247.6	257.7	303.3	256.8	229.1	222.1	247.2	234.4				

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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)	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Electrical materials						Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials			
		Con- ductors 20.96%	Conduit and accessories 9.87%	Switch- boards and switch- gear 28.92%	Lamps and light fixings 40.25%	All electrical materials 100.00%	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fixings	Air con- ditioning 72.81%	Fire protection 13.04%	Elevators and escalators 14.15%	All mechanical services 100.00%	Hydraulic plumbing 50.55%	Drainage 14.52%	Roof and roof plumbing 34.93%	All plumbing materials 100.00%
1990-91	235.7	511.7	261.1	247.9	210.9	289.6	342.6	250.1	239.7	303.9	256.3	256.5	267.7	242.5	253.2
1991-92	235.7	508.6	274.2	259.0	212.9	294.2	349.1	257.3	245.3	308.7	263.0	255.5	274.5	246.1	255.0
1992-93 p	236.8	488.8	273.0	265.5	213.4	292.1	345.1	261.8	248.8	278.2	262.4	261.6	276.2	247.4	258.8
1992-93—															
July	235.4	493.6	273.7	262.3	215.0	292.9	345.3	259.2	246.8	289.7	261.9	258.9	278.3	245.7	257.1
August	235.7	508.6	274.0	263.0	214.9	296.2	351.0	258.0	247.9	287.3	260.8	259.2	278.7	245.0	257.1
September	235.4	508.9	274.2	263.7	211.8	295.3	351.5	259.1	248.4	284.9	261.4	261.0	277.3	243.4	257.2
October	235.8	508.6	274.7	264.8	210.0	294.8	352.0	262.5	248.8	284.5	263.8	261.3	275.8	243.3	257.1
November	235.6	498.6	270.6	267.8	209.8	293.1	349.2	262.5	248.2	278.4	262.9	259.3	275.4	243.6	256.2
December	236.0	498.7	270.3	267.4	210.1	293.1	349.0	262.5	248.4	277.4	262.8	259.9	275.2	247.2	257.7
January	236.3	485.1	271.4	267.0	211.4	290.8	344.3	262.5	249.3	277.4	262.9	262.3	275.0	247.0	258.8
February	237.1	485.1	272.0	266.1	214.6	291.8	343.9	262.8	248.9	275.6	262.8	264.0	275.4	251.0	261.1
March	237.9	484.2	272.7	266.2	214.4	291.7	343.8	263.1	249.3	273.1	262.7	264.0	275.1	251.1	261.1
April	238.3	469.2	272.1	266.3	216.3	289.3	338.5	263.1	249.3	274.5	262.9	265.3	276.2	250.8	261.8
May	239.0	463.6	275.0	266.1	217.4	288.8	336.9	263.4	250.3	267.5	262.2	263.4	276.3	250.3	260.7
June p	239.6	460.8	275.0	265.7	215.4	287.2	335.7	263.0	250.3	267.8	262.0	260.8	275.8	250.2	259.3
1993-94—															
July p	240.2	459.9	275.1	265.9	215.4	287.1	335.5	263.1	250.6	269.6	262.4	266.1	280.2	247.3	261.6
August p	240.3	450.7	275.1	266.4	215.4	285.4	332.5	264.0	251.4	267.9	262.9	270.9	280.5	247.4	264.1
September p	240.7	451.9	275.0	268.2	216.5	286.6	333.8	265.7	251.7	273.0	264.9	272.8	281.6	245.7	264.6

(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—CANBERRA
(Base of each index: year 1986-87 = 100.0)

	Structural number	Clay bricks	Ready mix concrete	Precast concrete products	Galvanized steel decking, cladding, etc.	Structural steel	Aluminium windows	Steel windows, doors, louvers, etc.	Builder's hardware	Carpet	Paint	Non-ferrous pipes
1990-91	136.3	157.7	132.1	131.7	135.8	142.4	156.7	136.3	132.1	142.6	146.2	152.3
1991-92	133.1	164.1	139.7	133.8	140.2	148.2	151.9	141.9	139.3	140.3	144.9	152.6
1992-93 p	139.4	168.8	140.7	134.5	141.7	150.8	144.9	148.9	140.5	126.1	146.3	161.1
1992-93—												
July	137.2	166.2	141.1	135.0	140.2	149.3	144.1	143.4	140.1	129.8	146.5	154.7
August	137.8	166.2	141.1	135.0	140.2	149.3	144.6	148.6	139.3	127.3	145.7	153.7
September	137.4	167.8	141.1	134.6	140.2	149.3	144.6	148.6	139.3	127.3	148.1	156.7
October	137.4	169.1	140.6	133.8	140.2	150.2	144.6	148.6	139.3	127.3	148.1	158.0
November	135.8	169.1	140.6	133.8	140.2	150.6	144.6	149.1	139.3	124.1	148.1	160.0
December	137.0	169.2	140.6	133.2	141.2	152.4	144.6	149.1	139.3	124.1	147.7	164.5
January	135.8	169.2	140.6	133.8	141.1	152.4	144.6	149.8	139.5	122.8	147.7	165.5
February	137.2	170.0	140.6	133.8	143.4	152.4	144.8	149.8	142.5	123.6	147.7	167.0
March	139.1	170.0	140.6	133.8	143.4	149.8	144.8	149.8	142.5	123.6	147.7	167.8
April	142.3	169.2	140.6	134.7	143.4	149.8	144.8	149.8	142.6	128.9	140.3	170.5
May	145.2	170.8	140.6	136.4	143.4	149.8	146.2	149.8	142.8	131.6	140.3	158.7
June p	150.6	168.9	140.6	136.4	143.4	152.2	146.2	149.8				
1993-94—												
July p	159.5	172.8	140.6	136.4	143.4	152.2	146.7	149.3	142.8	131.6	140.3	159.6
August p	165.7	172.8	140.6	136.4	143.3	152.3	146.7	149.8	142.8	131.6	142.3	160.9
September p	166.8	173.8	140.6	137.7	140.1	152.3	146.7	149.4	143.3	131.7	142.3	152.4

TABLE 8. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—CANBERRA
(Base of each index: Year 1986-87 = 100.0)

(Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0)																
Value weight(a)	Electrical materials							Mechanical services components				Plumbing materials				
	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Con- ductors 20.65%	Conduit and accessories 10.71%	Switch- boards and switch- gear 28.00%	Lamps and light fittings 40.64%	All electrical materials 100.00%	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings	Air con- ditioning 69.37%	Fire protection 12.15%	Elevators and escalators 18.48%	All mechanical services 100.00%	Hydraulic plumbing 60.41%	Drainage 12.00%	Roof and roof plumbing 77.51%	All plumbing materials 100.00%	
1990-91	138.1	323.6	157.4	136.8	132.0	175.6	205.5	137.4	140.0	121.4	134.8	153.4	144.4	136.1	147.6	
1991-92	140.7	369.5	166.3	142.0	126.9	184.9	225.5	141.4	145.9	121.5	138.3	154.0	141.9	139.8	148.6	
1992-93 p	141.8	343.1	170.1	150.2	126.9	182.7	230.9	143.0	145.5	103.6	136.0	154.9	136.9	141.0	148.9	
1992-93—																
July	140.9	336.3	165.3	142.2	119.5	175.5	213.9	140.8	146.4	114.9	136.7	153.7	137.5	139.9	148.0	
August	141.1	346.0	165.5	150.5	126.7	182.8	221.2	141.5	145.0	114.9	137.0	153.0	137.9	139.9	147.6	
September	140.8	346.0	169.2	150.5	126.7	183.2	221.9	141.5	145.2	114.4	136.9	154.2	137.0	139.9	148.2	
October	141.4	346.0	169.2	150.5	126.7	183.2	221.9	143.2	145.2	114.4	138.2	154.0	135.7	139.9	147.9	
November	141.4	346.0	169.0	150.5	128.0	183.7	221.9	143.4	145.4	104.4	136.8	154.7	136.1	140.5	148.5	
December	141.2	346.0	169.0	150.5	128.0	183.7	221.9	143.1	145.4	102.3	135.8	150.1	136.1	140.4	145.8	
January	141.9	346.0	171.1	150.9	128.0	184.0	222.4	143.6	145.4	98.2	135.5	156.1	136.1	141.0	150.1	
February	142.1	346.0	171.1	150.9	128.0	184.0	222.4	143.6	145.4	98.2	135.6	156.7	136.1	141.0	150.4	
March	142.2	346.0	172.9	151.4	128.0	184.4	223.0	143.9	145.5	98.2	135.5	157.1	137.9	141.7	150.5	
April	142.2	341.0	172.9	151.4	127.6	183.2	221.2	143.7	145.3	98.2	135.5	157.1	137.9	141.3	151.2	
May	143.0	335.9	172.9	151.4	127.6	182.1	219.5	143.8	145.9	90.0	134.1	158.4	137.9	141.3	151.2	
June p	143.3	335.9	172.9	151.4	127.6	182.1	219.5	143.4	145.9	90.0	133.8	154.6	138.6	141.3	149.0	
1993-94—																
July p	143.6	331.2	172.9	151.4	127.6	181.2	217.8	143.4	145.7	98.0	135.3	156.8	140.0	141.3	150.5	
August p	143.9	327.7	174.0	151.4	127.6	180.6	216.8	143.4	146.2	91.7	134.2	157.2	139.8	141.2	150.7	
September p	143.8	326.4	174.0	151.4	128.5	180.7	216.4	143.5	146.1	99.6	135.7	153.3	144.1	138.7	148.2	

(a) Composition and weighting as at reference base year 1986-87; see paragraph 4 of Explanatory Notes.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

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 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. Further details on the treatment of sales tax in this index, including details of conversion factors to fully include or fully exclude the effect of changes in the sales tax rates, 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 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.

- '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.
- '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.
- 'Mechanical services components'.
- 'Plumbing materials'.

Table 8 contains 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— September 1993:	248.6
less All groups index number— September 1992:	244.7
Change in index points:	+3.9

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+3.9}{244.7} \times 100 = +1.6$$

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 September 1993 the All groups index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 0.8 index points, with air-conditioning equipment contributing +0.18 index points. Similarly, the table shows that the All groups index for Melbourne increased by 1.0 index points, of which +0.15 index points were contributed by air-conditioning equipment.

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

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- p preliminary—figures subject to revision
- r figures revised since previous issue

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