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COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES - JUNE, 1936.

The results of the investigations made under the direction of the Honorable the Treasurer by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) as to the price of Food and Groceries (44 commodities) in 36 principal towns in Australia, have been made available for the month of June, 1936.

BASE PERIOD. The index numbers in the attached table are computed to the base 1923-27 = 1000, which has replaced the 1911 base since January, 1930.

Comparison with July, 1914.- The following are the percentage increases in the capital cities as compared with the figures for July, 1914:- Sydney, 29.3; Melbourne, 28.8; Brisbane, 29.8; Adelaide, 14.9; Perth and Fremantle, 19.1; Hobart, 17.0; 30 Towns, 25.7; 6 Capitals, 26.5.

Comparison with May, 1936.- Compared with the previous month price levels for the Six Capitals and 30 Towns rose 0.4% and 0.2% respectively.

Percentage increases were recorded in Western Australia (5.3%); Tasmania (0.5%); Victoria (0.4%); and South Australia (0.4%). Decreases were recorded in New South Wales (0.5%); and Queensland (0.3%).

Groceries.- Flour prices showed a slight downward tendency in all the States except Western Australia. Potato prices fell slightly in most of the towns.

Dairy Produce.- Butter prices increased in Tasmania and decreased in South Australia. Egg prices decreased in all States except Western Australia. Milk prices increased in Brisbane and Toowoomba.

Meat.- Prices advanced in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania, decreased in Queensland, but remained practically stationary in New South Wales.

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RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.
COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES ONLY.

JUNE, 1936.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS FOR EACH ONE OF THE 36
PRINCIPAL TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA.

BASE: Weighted Average cost in the Six Capital Cities
during the five-yearly period 1923-27 = 1000.

Towns	July 1914	June 1935	April 1936	May 1936	June 1936	Percentage Increase from July 1914 to June 1936
Sydney ..	645	832	839	838	834	29.3
Newcastle ..	642	855	949	852	847	31.9
Broken Hill ..	821	936	934	935	932	13.5
Goulburn ..	661	801	834	840	833	26.0
Bathurst ..	613	825	832	840	837	36.5
<u>Wtd.Aver. - N.S.WALES..</u>	<u>652</u>	<u>836</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>841</u>	<u>837</u>	<u>28.4</u>
Melbourne ..	619	782	793	794	797	28.8
Ballarat ..	617	810	817	817	816	32.3
Bundigo ..	619	812	799	806	809	30.7
Geelong ..	609	798	788	793	796	30.7
Warrnambool ..	608	823	813	815	813	33.7
<u>Wtd.Aver. - VICTORIA ..</u>	<u>618</u>	<u>784</u>	<u>794</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>29.1</u>
Brisbane ..	591	751	777	768	767	29.8
Toomomba ..	582	717	748	741	743	27.7
Rockhampton ..	646	781	840	841	828	28.2
Charters Towers ..	696	822	877	875	869	24.9
Warwick ..	605	735	765	766	757	25.1
<u>Wtd.Aver. - QUEENSLAND</u>	<u>605</u>	<u>752</u>	<u>782</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>772</u>	<u>27.6</u>
Adelaide ..	699	781	793	801	803	14.9
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	588	848	859	867	868	26.2
Port Pirie ..	722	817	844	856	868	20.2
Mount Gambier ..	595	764	793	795	809	36.0
Peterborough ..	749	805	808	844	840	12.1
<u>Wtd.Aver. - S.AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>697</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>797</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>808</u>	<u>15.9</u>
Perth, Fremantle ..	749	830	824	844	892	19.1
Kalgoorlie, Boulder ..	931	930	957	992	1014	8.9
Northam ..	(a)	871	855	879	943	-
Bunbury ..	793	853	860	869	887	11.9
Geraldton ..	803	849	858	905	903	11.8
<u>Wtd.Aver. - W.AUSTRALIA</u>	<u>790</u>	<u>842</u>	<u>838</u>	<u>857</u>	<u>902</u>	<u>14.2</u>
Hobart ..	678	788	811	787	793	17.0
Launceston ..	640	790	790	776	776	21.3
Burnie ..	(a)	831	836	820	823	-
Devonport ..	(a)	809	816	791	797	-
Queenstown ..	735	900	902	881	879	19.4
<u>Wtd.Aver. - TASMANIA ..</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>809</u>	<u>788</u>	<u>792</u>	<u>17.9</u>
<u>Wtd.Aver. - 30 TOWNS ..</u>	<u>651</u>	<u>805</u>	<u>815</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>818</u>	<u>25.7</u>
<u>Wtd.Aver. - 6 CAPITALS</u>	<u>645</u>	<u>802</u>	<u>812</u>	<u>813</u>	<u>816</u>	<u>26.5</u>
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN ABOVE WEIGHTED AVERAGES).</u>						
Lithgow (N.) ..	(a)	839	826	828	833	-
Yallourn (V.) ..	(a)	825	834	844	838	-
Townsville (Q.) ..	(a)	856	883	881	871	-
Port Augusta (S.) ..	(a)	859	911	929	926	-
Zeehan (T.) ..	723	946	929	908	903	24.9
Canberra (F.C.T.) ..	(a)	903	888	889	889	-

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