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WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES

PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING
OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
JULY 1972

This bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials used in Building other than House Building (base : Year 1966-67 = 100.0). A detailed description of the index is contained in Labour Report No. 55, 1970 (pp. 49-62.) A Price Index of Materials used in House Building is published in a separate bulletin (Reference No. 9.9).

2. Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.

3. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses and "low-rise" flats (in general, those up to three storeys). It includes 72 items, combined in eleven groups, in addition to an "All Groups" index. Although the selected materials (or many of them) are also used in house (and low-rise flat) 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, being designed for the specific purpose mentioned at the beginning of this paragraph, 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 included in that area.

4. The index is a fixed-weights index, and is calculated by the method known as "the weighted arithmetic mean of price relatives". The items and weights were derived from reported values of materials used in selected representative buildings constructed in or about 1966-67. The single weighting pattern relates to the whole of Australia, and is applied (with minor exceptions) in calculating indexes for each State capital city.

5. Prices are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable. They relate to specified standards of each commodity 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. that for "supplied and fixed". Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city, with the main exception that for the whole of the group Electrical Installation Materials and the majority of the items in the group Mechanical Services Components, Sydney and Melbourne price series are used.

6. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the weighted average of the six capitals are given for each group of items and for all groups combined in Tables 3-10.

7. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between cities as to differences in degree of price movement from period to period, but not as to the differences in price level.

8. Index numbers for the special purpose index for All Groups, excluding Electrical Installation Materials and Mechanical Services Components are given in Table 11.

9. Footnotes and Symbols

The following footnotes and symbols are standard throughout Tables 3-11.

- (a) Figures are shown to one decimal place to avoid distortions that would occur in rounding off the index numbers to the nearest whole number.
- (b) The Wholesale Price Index of Electrical Installation Material is used as the indicator for this group.

p = preliminary, subject to revision.
r = revised.

10. Table 1 below shows, for the six State capital cities separately and combined, the percentage change of the All Groups index number for the month of July 1972 from the preceding month (June 1972) and from the corresponding month of the previous year (July 1971).

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING - ALL GROUPS
Percentage change from previous periods

Percentage change between -	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
June 1972 and July 1972	+0.2	+0.5	+0.5	+0.6	+0.2	+0.6	+0.3
July 1971 and July 1972	+2.6	+6.0	+6.4	+6.3	+4.9	+6.8	+4.6

11. Table 2 shows corresponding changes for the individual groups and All Groups of the index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

TABLE 2. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
Percentage change from previous periods

Group	Percentage change between		Group	Percentage change between	
	June 1972 and July 1972	July 1971 and July 1972		June 1972 and July 1972	July 1971 and July 1972
Concrete mix, cement sand, etc.	-0.2	+2.5	Other metal products	+ 0.5	+ 2.6
Cement products	+0.8	+8.6	Plumbing fixtures	- 0.6	+ 13.2
Bricks, stone etc.	+0.5	+4.0	Miscellaneous materials	+ 1.0	+ 5.6
Timber, board and joinery	+1.0	+4.6	Electrical installation materials	+ 0.3	+ 5.0
Steel and iron products	-0.1	+3.8	Mechanical services components	+ 0.8	+ 6.4
Aluminium products	"	+4.2	All groups	+ 0.3	+ 4.6

TABLE 3. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	102.6	101.7	102.2	101.8	102.0	102.3	102.2
1968-69	106.5	105.0	105.1	105.0	104.7	105.1	105.6
1969-70	111.7	109.8	110.3	109.4	108.9	109.7	110.5
1970-71	116.4	115.1	116.4	113.9	113.3	115.0	115.5
1971-72 p	122.4	123.9	124.4	122.7	121.3	122.6	123.0
1969-70							
June	114.1	111.3	112.7	111.3	110.8	112.4	112.6
1970-71							
July	114.3	111.3	113.4	111.3	110.9	112.6	112.8
August	114.4	112.0	114.4	111.4	111.1	112.7	113.2
September	114.4	112.4	114.5	111.4	111.0	112.9	113.3
October	114.2	112.9	114.5	111.7	110.9	112.8	113.4
November	114.5	113.3	114.7	112.3	112.0	114.0	113.8
December	114.5	113.5	115.2	112.4	112.5	114.2	114.0
January	116.7	114.7	116.2	113.2	113.6	115.1	115.5
February	117.6	116.3	117.6	114.3	114.2	116.5	116.6
March	118.4	117.6	118.7	116.0	115.0	117.2	117.7
April	118.8	118.3	118.9	116.6	115.6	117.2	118.2
May	118.9	118.6	118.8	117.2	115.8	117.0	118.3
June	120.1	119.6	119.8	118.4	116.9	118.2	119.4
1971-72							
July	120.5	120.7	120.3	119.0	118.1	119.0	120.2
August	121.4	121.8	121.6	120.5	119.1	120.7	121.3
September	122.1	122.3	122.5	121.0	119.9	121.1	121.9
October	122.0	122.8	122.9	121.4	120.3	121.5	122.1
November	122.4	123.1	123.5	122.6	121.0	121.9	122.6
December	122.5	123.1	123.6	122.7	121.1	122.0	122.7
January	122.2	123.7	124.4	122.8	121.4	122.1	122.9
February	122.7	124.3	125.4	123.0	121.6	122.4	123.4
March	123.1	125.2	126.6	123.9	122.3	124.3	124.2
April	123.2	125.7	126.9	124.4	123.1	124.7	124.5
May	123.4	126.4	127.3	125.4	123.5	125.1	125.0
June p	123.3	r 127.4	r 127.4	125.8	123.7	126.4	r 125.3
1972-73							
July p	123.6	128.0	128.0	126.5	123.9	127.1	125.7

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TABLE 4. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - SYDNEY
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical insulation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	102.8	103.0	104.7	104.5	102.2	102.2	105.8	103.4	102.0	100.9	101.4	102.6
1968-69	105.7	109.0	109.1	109.7	106.6	106.4	108.8	102.9	102.3	102.1	107.6	106.5
1969-70	109.4	112.7	113.5	113.8	111.0	110.6	130.2	116.1	104.9	112.2	111.8	111.7
1970-71	115.5	119.2	118.2	118.8	116.2	115.4	124.7	123.3	110.3	110.9	118.9	116.4
1971-72p	120.0	129.1	120.3	124.5	122.8	120.0	125.5	136.8	117.7	114.7	127.5	122.4
1969-70												
June	111.2	114.1	116.7	114.9	114.0	113.6	131.8	120.5	106.4	113.6	115.3	114.1
1970-71												
July	111.2	114.1	117.1	115.6	114.0	113.6	130.6	119.4	107.8	113.6	115.5	114.3
August	111.2	116.7	117.1	115.5	114.3	113.6	130.5	118.9	107.5	113.0	116.2	114.4
September	111.2	116.7	117.4	115.5	114.5	113.6	126.2	118.8	108.1	111.5	116.6	114.4
October	111.2	116.7	117.4	116.0	114.5	114.1	125.4	119.1	108.1	109.9	116.0	114.2
November	111.2	116.9	117.4	116.9	114.8	114.2	122.5	120.9	108.6	109.6	116.6	114.5
December	111.3	116.9	117.4	117.2	114.8	114.2	122.3	121.9	108.9	109.4	116.8	114.5
January	118.8	120.7	118.7	117.9	116.7	115.4	124.8	122.1	109.4	109.7	118.8	116.7
February	119.8	122.0	118.6	120.7	117.0	117.0	122.5	126.5	110.1	108.7	121.0	117.6
March	119.9	122.1	118.9	122.6	117.5	117.3	122.3	128.4	111.8	110.6	121.9	118.4
April	119.9	122.1	119.4	122.7	117.6	117.3	122.8	128.7	114.3	111.7	122.5	118.8
May	119.9	122.3	119.6	122.9	117.7	117.3	123.1	127.6	114.3	111.6	122.2	118.9
June	119.9	123.3	119.6	122.5	121.5	117.3	123.6	127.4	114.3	111.6	122.7	120.1
1971-72												
July	119.9	123.3	119.6	122.6	122.7	117.4	123.6	126.8	114.8	112.0	122.7	120.5
August	120.6	123.3	120.6	123.6	123.1	117.7	124.5	126.8	115.3	113.2	125.6	121.4
September	120.6	125.0	120.6	123.7	123.9	118.8	126.0	128.8	116.0	114.2	126.4	122.1
October	120.6	125.5	120.3	123.8	122.6	120.0	126.2	130.7	116.8	114.3	127.3	122.0
November	120.6	130.4	120.3	123.7	122.5	120.4	126.0	140.3	117.6	114.3	127.8	122.4
December	120.6	130.5	120.3	123.9	122.3	120.5	125.7	140.3	118.6	114.2	128.0	122.5
January	120.6	130.5	119.8	123.9	121.7	120.5	124.9	140.3	117.4	114.3	128.1	122.2
February	120.5	130.8	120.3	124.8	122.2	120.7	124.9	139.6	118.9	115.1	128.3	122.7
March	120.2	130.8	120.3	125.9	123.2	120.7	125.2	139.6	118.9	115.4	128.5	123.1
April	119.8	133.0	120.3	126.2	123.1	121.0	126.1	139.0	118.9	115.5	128.6	123.2
May	118.8	133.1	120.3	126.1	123.1	121.0	126.1	145.2	119.4	117.1	129.1	123.4
June p	117.2	133.5	120.7	126.3	122.7	121.6	127.1	144.1	119.5	117.2	129.5	123.3
1972-73												
July p	116.2	133.6	120.5	126.8	122.6	121.7	127.8	142.1	122.5	117.6	130.6	123.6

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TABLE 5. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - MELBOURNE
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	99.9	101.0	102.4	100.8	102.4	100.9	105.8	102.4	102.8	100.9	101.4	101.7
1968-69	101.1	103.1	107.3	104.0	106.2	104.0	106.7	103.4	104.3	102.1	108.0	105.0
1969-70	104.4	108.5	110.5	107.8	110.4	108.7	124.1	111.8	106.4	112.2	112.1	109.8
1970-71	111.9	115.1	115.8	113.4	116.0	117.1	120.8	121.6	110.2	110.9	119.4	115.1
1971-72 p	124.9	122.6	123.0	118.7	128.4	125.0	118.6	136.4	115.5	114.7	128.0	123.9
1969-70 June	99.7	110.5	112.3	108.5	113.2	112.7	126.3	114.4	107.4	113.6	115.6	111.3
1970-71 July	99.8	110.1	112.3	108.9	113.2	111.2	122.6	115.9	107.8	113.6	115.8	111.3
August	102.8	112.2	112.5	109.0	113.8	113.1	121.5	115.8	108.0	113.0	116.7	112.0
September	105.3	113.4	112.8	109.1	114.0	113.1	124.3	115.9	108.0	111.5	117.1	112.4
October	107.3	113.4	114.0	110.8	114.6	113.8	123.9	119.2	108.1	109.9	116.5	112.9
November	110.0	113.9	114.1	110.9	114.6	113.8	122.3	119.2	108.5	109.6	117.2	113.3
December	110.8	113.9	114.1	111.4	114.6	114.2	121.7	119.2	108.5	109.4	117.4	115.5
January	113.2	114.3	114.6	112.1	115.3	120.4	121.7	119.2	109.2	109.7	119.3	114.7
February	112.9	117.0	115.9	117.3	116.8	121.3	119.0	124.8	110.4	108.7	121.5	116.3
March	117.9	118.1	119.4	117.5	117.4	121.1	120.3	127.6	111.5	110.6	122.3	117.6
April	120.0	118.1	119.8	117.6	117.7	121.1	118.8	127.6	114.1	111.7	123.0	118.3
May	120.9	118.3	119.8	117.9	118.4	121.1	117.1	127.6	114.1	111.6	122.7	118.6
June	121.4	118.4	119.8	118.0	121.3	121.1	116.8	127.5	114.1	111.6	123.2	119.6
1971-72 July	121.4	118.4	119.8	117.8	124.7	122.4	117.0	127.8	114.1	112.0	123.1	120.7
August	121.8	118.4	119.8	117.9	126.5	122.5	117.8	128.2	114.1	113.2	126.1	121.8
September	121.7	120.3	119.8	118.0	126.9	122.3	118.8	129.9	114.7	114.2	127.0	122.3
October	121.7	120.6	119.9	118.2	127.5	123.9	118.6	130.0	115.7	114.3	127.8	122.8
November	122.1	121.2	119.9	118.2	127.6	124.1	118.6	136.8	116.0	114.3	128.4	123.1
December	122.2	121.2	124.5	118.5	126.8	125.5	118.6	136.8	114.5	114.2	128.5	123.1
January	126.6	121.8	125.4	118.5	126.9	126.0	118.6	138.5	114.5	114.3	128.7	123.7
February	127.9	123.0	125.2	118.5	127.7	126.1	118.7	138.5	115.1	115.1	128.9	124.3
March	128.4	124.3	125.1	118.9	130.0	126.1	118.8	138.5	115.5	115.4	129.1	125.2
April	128.2	126.7	125.4	119.5	131.0	126.3	118.9	138.6	115.9	115.5	129.2	125.7
May	128.4	127.8	125.6	119.8	131.6	126.8	119.1	146.4	116.7	117.1	129.6	126.4
June p	128.0	127.8	125.5	120.4	133.5	128.5	119.2	146.5	119.5	117.2	130.1	127.4
1972-73 July p	128.8	130.1	125.7	122.2	133.4	128.6	120.1	146.5	119.8	117.6	131.1	128.0

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TABLE 6. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - BRISBANE
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscellaneous materials	Electrical insulation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	100.5	101.4	103.7	103.8	102.3	101.7	106.0	102.7	102.6	100.9	101.5	102.2
1968-69	100.5	107.0	107.8	107.5	106.2	101.6	103.4	103.5	103.6	102.1	107.6	105.1
1969-70	105.3	116.1	114.9	112.0	110.4	104.1	118.9	112.7	105.2	112.2	111.7	110.3
1970-71	112.7	120.8	123.4	121.2	118.3	107.1	113.2	119.5	108.5	110.9	118.9	116.4
1971-72p	118.0	128.0	133.1	131.5	128.6	112.2	111.3	132.0	115.4	114.7	127.5	124.4
1969-70 June	106.7	117.5	116.5	115.2	113.6	105.2	121.4	115.7	105.5	113.6	115.3	112.7
1970-71 July	112.0	117.5	117.9	115.2	114.0	105.2	115.7	115.7	105.8	113.6	115.5	113.4
August	112.0	118.1	117.9	115.2	116.8	105.3	118.1	115.8	106.0	113.0	116.2	114.4
September	112.0	118.1	121.7	115.2	116.8	105.3	115.5	115.9	106.8	111.5	116.5	114.5
October	112.0	118.1	122.4	116.6	116.9	105.5	113.6	118.8	107.2	109.9	116.0	114.5
November	112.0	118.1	123.4	117.1	117.0	105.5	113.0	118.8	107.3	109.6	116.6	114.7
December	112.0	121.9	123.4	117.3	118.1	105.5	110.7	118.8	107.4	109.4	116.8	115.2
January	112.0	121.9	124.8	120.6	118.6	107.0	112.0	118.8	108.0	109.7	118.8	116.2
February	113.6	122.8	125.6	126.7	118.8	107.9	112.5	120.4	108.8	108.7	121.0	117.6
March	113.6	123.1	125.6	127.7	120.0	109.5	111.8	122.4	111.2	110.6	121.9	118.7
April	113.6	123.3	126.0	127.8	120.1	109.6	111.8	122.7	111.2	111.7	122.5	118.9
May	113.6	123.3	126.0	127.8	120.1	109.7	111.8	122.7	110.8	111.6	122.2	118.8
June	113.6	123.9	126.0	127.7	122.8	109.7	111.3	122.7	111.6	111.6	122.7	119.8
1971-72 July	113.6	123.9	126.0	128.1	124.2	109.7	110.4	122.7	112.6	112.0	122.7	120.3
August	113.6	123.9	126.0	128.1	126.4	109.7	115.3	123.6	112.9	113.2	125.6	121.6
September	113.6	125.6	133.0	128.2	127.2	110.1	114.5	124.4	112.9	114.2	126.4	122.5
October	113.6	125.6	134.4	128.4	127.2	111.4	110.2	126.0	115.0	114.3	127.3	122.9
November	114.8	125.9	134.4	129.4	127.6	112.3	110.5	134.3	115.7	114.3	127.9	123.5
December	114.8	126.9	134.4	129.4	127.6	112.3	110.5	134.3	115.7	114.2	128.0	123.6
January	122.0	127.1	134.4	129.5	127.6	112.3	110.5	134.3	115.7	114.3	128.2	124.4
February	122.8	129.4	134.8	134.7	127.7	113.0	110.5	134.4	116.4	115.1	128.4	125.4
March	122.8	129.4	134.8	134.6	131.3	113.7	110.6	134.1	116.5	115.4	128.6	126.6
April	122.8	131.5	134.8	134.9	132.0	113.7	110.6	134.2	116.0	115.5	128.6	126.9
May	122.8	133.1	134.8	136.0	131.9	113.8	110.6	140.6	116.0	117.1	129.1	127.3
June p	118.2	133.2	134.9	136.6	132.3	113.9	110.9	140.9	118.8	117.2	129.6	127.4
1972-73 July p	118.2	133.9	134.9	140.1	132.5	113.9	110.9	140.8	117.8	117.6	130.6	128.0

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TABLE 7. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - ADELAIDE
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	101.2	101.9	104.6	101.5	102.3	100.1	106.0	102.7	101.1	100.9	101.4	101.8
1968-69	105.3	107.6	108.7	105.1	105.3	99.2	105.2	103.5	103.1	102.1	107.7	105.0
1969-70	107.9	112.5	113.5	108.9	108.2	100.2	126.8	112.3	106.9	112.2	111.7	109.4
1970-71	109.7	118.8	121.3	114.8	112.6	107.2	122.5	121.4	111.4	110.9	118.9	113.9
1971-72p	119.3	127.0	130.0	124.3	123.5	116.0	122.5	134.5	118.8	114.7	127.5	122.7
1969-70 June	108.6	115.2	118.3	109.1	110.0	101.9	131.0	117.2	107.5	113.6	115.3	111.3
1970-71 July	108.6	115.2	118.3	109.2	110.2	101.9	126.9	117.2	107.5	113.6	115.5	111.3
August	108.5	115.2	118.5	109.4	110.3	101.9	126.7	117.2	107.8	113.0	116.2	111.4
September	108.8	115.2	118.8	110.1	110.3	101.3	125.8	117.2	107.8	111.5	116.6	111.4
October	108.8	117.0	119.6	112.1	110.6	101.3	124.9	119.9	108.8	109.9	116.0	111.7
November	108.8	117.0	119.6	112.5	111.2	106.0	121.7	119.9	109.7	109.6	116.7	112.3
December	109.0	117.0	119.6	112.7	111.3	106.0	121.7	120.0	109.8	109.4	116.9	112.4
January	109.1	117.0	119.6	113.2	112.8	106.1	121.7	120.2	110.1	109.7	118.8	113.2
February	109.2	121.2	119.9	115.1	113.2	110.6	120.0	122.1	112.4	108.7	121.1	114.3
March	109.4	122.8	124.6	119.4	114.2	112.1	120.2	125.9	113.6	110.6	121.9	116.0
April	109.5	122.8	125.3	121.0	114.2	113.0	120.2	125.9	115.9	111.7	122.6	116.6
May	113.4	122.8	126.1	121.6	114.3	113.0	120.2	125.9	116.4	111.6	122.3	117.2
June	113.4	122.8	126.1	121.5	118.3	113.0	120.2	125.9	116.4	111.6	122.7	118.4
1971-72 July	113.4	122.9	126.1	121.6	119.9	113.0	120.2	125.9	116.4	112.0	122.7	119.0
August	114.1	122.9	126.3	121.9	121.8	114.8	122.2	128.5	118.7	113.2	125.6	120.5
September	114.1	125.1	126.3	121.9	122.4	115.7	122.7	129.3	118.7	114.2	126.5	121.0
October	114.3	125.1	126.3	122.9	122.4	116.6	122.7	129.2	118.9	114.3	127.4	121.4
November	120.7	125.5	130.6	124.5	122.4	116.8	122.7	135.7	118.7	114.3	127.9	122.6
December	120.9	128.0	131.3	124.7	122.3	116.8	122.7	135.5	117.9	114.2	128.0	122.7
January	121.1	128.0	131.7	124.7	122.5	116.8	122.7	135.5	118.1	114.3	128.2	122.8
February	121.3	128.0	132.2	124.7	122.6	116.8	122.7	135.5	118.5	115.1	128.4	123.0
March	121.3	128.2	132.2	125.7	125.1	115.9	122.7	135.5	118.6	115.4	128.6	123.9
April	122.8	129.7	132.2	125.7	126.0	116.1	122.7	135.6	118.6	115.5	128.6	124.4
May	122.9	130.4	132.2	125.9	127.4	116.1	122.7	143.7	120.9	117.1	129.1	125.4
June p	124.3	130.5	132.2	127.3	127.4	117.1	122.7	143.7	121.0	117.2	129.5	125.8
1972-73 July p	124.6	133.9	137.8	127.6	127.3	118.1	122.7	143.0	121.0	117.6	130.6	126.5

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TABLE 8. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - PERTU

(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	100.6	104.3	103.0	104.1	101.7	99.7	105.7	101.7	102.7	100.9	101.4	102.0
1968-69	101.4	108.1	106.2	108.0	104.2	101.8	106.4	103.4	103.9	102.1	107.5	104.7
1969-70	102.8	111.3	111.4	111.3	107.1	102.6	107.0	108.7	107.8	112.2	111.5	108.9
1970-71	107.0	118.3	119.0	115.4	112.9	105.8	117.4	112.7	111.8	110.9	118.7	113.3
1971-72p	113.6	119.8	128.8	119.6	125.1	115.0	114.4	118.3	119.2	114.7	127.3	121.3
1969-70 June	102.9	115.8	114.4	112.0	110.0	101.0	128.9	114.0	108.7	113.6	115.0	110.8
1970-71 July	102.9	115.8	114.4	112.0	110.1	101.6	125.8	114.0	109.8	113.6	115.3	110.9
August	103.1	116.1	114.4	112.0	110.2	103.1	125.8	114.0	110.2	113.0	116.0	111.1
September	103.2	116.1	114.6	112.0	110.3	103.1	122.4	114.0	110.2	111.5	116.4	111.0
October	103.2	118.2	114.6	112.0	110.3	104.5	122.4	114.1	110.2	109.9	115.8	110.9
November	106.4	118.2	114.6	114.0	112.0	104.7	117.0	112.1	110.5	109.6	116.5	112.0
December	106.8	118.2	119.0	115.4	112.0	104.7	116.8	112.1	111.1	109.4	116.7	112.5
January	108.5	118.2	120.3	117.2	113.1	105.3	116.8	112.1	111.9	109.7	118.6	113.6
February	110.0	118.3	120.3	117.2	113.4	107.8	112.7	111.8	113.4	108.7	120.8	114.2
March	110.1	120.7	120.3	118.3	114.2	108.3	112.7	111.9	113.4	110.6	121.7	115.0
April	110.1	120.2	124.2	118.4	114.8	108.4	112.2	111.9	113.5	111.7	122.4	115.6
May	110.1	120.2	125.5	118.4	115.5	108.8	112.3	111.9	113.5	111.6	122.1	115.8
June	110.1	119.2	125.5	117.9	119.0	108.8	112.3	111.9	113.9	111.6	122.4	116.9
1971-72 July	110.1	119.2	125.5	118.1	122.9	109.1	112.0	111.9	114.1	112.0	122.4	118.1
August	110.1	119.2	125.5	118.5	123.4	110.5	112.8	111.9	116.1	113.2	125.3	119.1
September	110.6	119.2	125.7	118.6	124.1	113.6	114.5	113.8	117.8	114.2	126.3	119.9
October	111.7	119.2	126.1	118.7	124.3	113.9	114.5	113.5	117.8	114.3	127.1	120.3
November	111.7	119.4	130.4	119.7	124.1	116.6	115.0	117.1	120.6	114.3	127.7	121.0
December	111.7	119.5	130.4	119.7	124.2	116.6	115.1	119.9	119.9	114.2	127.8	121.1
January	116.2	119.5	130.4	119.8	123.5	116.6	114.7	119.9	119.9	114.3	128.0	121.4
February	116.2	119.5	130.4	119.4	123.9	116.6	114.7	119.9	120.2	115.1	128.2	121.6
March	116.2	119.5	130.4	119.4	126.2	116.4	114.8	119.9	120.8	115.4	128.4	122.3
April	116.2	121.2	130.4	120.8	127.7	116.4	114.7	121.6	120.8	115.5	128.5	123.1
May	116.5	121.2	130.4	120.8	128.2	116.4	114.7	125.0	121.1	117.1	128.9	123.5
June p	116.5	121.2	130.4	121.6	128.2	117.4	114.9	125.0	121.3	117.2	129.4	123.7
1972-73 July p	116.5	121.2	130.4	122.6	127.8	115.9	115.4	125.6	122.2	117.6	130.4	123.9

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TABLE 9. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - HOBART
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	104.8	100.4	103.1	101.7	102.5	100.8	105.9	103.2	101.7	100.9	101.4	102.3
1968-69	108.0	103.8	108.5	103.8	105.5	103.1	105.5	105.5	103.0	102.1	107.7	105.1
1969-70	109.1	107.1	111.3	108.9	109.8	100.9	122.3	114.0	107.5	112.2	111.8	109.7
1970-71	116.0	112.8	118.3	116.6	114.6	106.6	125.3	122.7	111.6	110.9	118.9	115.0
1971-72 p	123.4	123.7	118.3	122.2	126.4	110.8	126.0	135.1	115.8	114.7	127.5	122.6
1969-70												
June	111.2	107.6	116.3	112.1	112.9	101.1	125.0	116.4	109.7	113.6	115.3	112.4
1970-71												
July	111.2	107.6	116.3	112.8	112.9	101.1	125.0	116.4	110.1	113.6	115.5	112.6
August	111.4	108.0	116.8	113.0	113.0	101.1	125.0	117.7	110.2	113.0	116.2	112.7
September	111.8	110.2	118.5	113.0	113.0	101.1	125.0	120.8	110.7	111.5	116.6	112.9
October	111.8	110.5	119.6	113.0	113.1	101.1	125.0	121.6	110.7	109.9	116.0	112.8
November	117.6	110.5	120.1	114.8	113.1	105.9	123.2	121.6	110.8	109.6	116.7	114.0
December	117.8	112.0	120.1	115.1	113.3	106.1	123.2	121.6	110.9	109.4	116.9	114.2
January	117.8	112.7	120.4	115.3	115.0	106.2	125.9	121.6	111.0	109.7	118.8	115.1
February	117.9	115.5	120.4	120.3	115.4	111.5	125.9	122.6	111.5	108.7	121.0	116.5
March	118.6	116.3	120.7	120.2	116.0	112.6	125.9	125.5	111.8	110.6	121.8	117.2
April	118.7	116.3	115.5	120.2	115.8	112.6	125.9	128.2	113.4	111.7	122.5	117.2
May	118.7	117.0	115.5	120.5	115.8	109.5	126.6	127.5	113.6	111.6	122.2	117.0
June	118.7	117.0	115.5	120.6	119.1	110.0	126.8	127.5	114.7	111.6	122.7	118.2
1971-72												
July	118.7	117.0	116.5	120.9	121.3	110.0	125.9	127.5	114.7	112.0	122.7	119.0
August	120.7	117.0	116.7	121.1	124.5	110.0	125.9	128.0	114.7	113.2	125.6	120.7
September	120.7	117.4	116.7	121.1	124.8	110.0	125.9	130.2	115.2	114.2	126.5	121.1
October	120.7	118.9	116.7	121.5	125.1	110.8	125.9	130.3	116.5	114.3	127.3	121.5
November	120.7	120.3	118.3	121.6	125.4	110.9	125.9	136.2	116.9	114.3	127.9	121.9
December	120.7	120.3	118.4	122.0	125.6	111.0	125.9	137.0	115.9	114.2	128.0	122.0
January	120.7	120.3	118.4	122.1	125.7	111.0	125.9	137.0	115.9	114.3	128.2	122.1
February	121.2	123.5	118.4	122.1	125.9	111.0	125.9	137.0	115.3	115.1	128.4	122.4
March	129.0	127.5	118.4	122.2	129.1	111.0	125.9	137.0	115.3	115.4	128.5	124.3
April	129.0	131.7	118.4	122.2	129.7	111.0	126.8	137.9	115.3	115.5	128.6	124.7
May	129.1	133.1	118.4	122.3	129.8	111.0	126.8	138.7	116.8	117.1	129.1	125.1
June p	129.2	137.8	124.6	127.7	129.8	111.4	124.7	144.9	116.8	117.2	129.5	126.4
1972-73												
July p	129.2	137.8	125.0	129.6	130.6	111.4	124.7	144.9	116.9	117.6	130.5	127.1

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TABLE 10. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Concrete mix, cement, sand, etc.	Cement products	Bricks, stone, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel and iron products	Aluminium products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures	Miscel- laneous materials	Electrical installation materials (b)	Mechanical services components	All groups
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	101.5	102.2	103.7	103.0	102.3	101.4	105.9	102.8	102.3	100.9	101.4	102.2
1968-69	103.5	106.8	108.2	107.2	106.1	103.9	106.8	103.3	103.2	102.1	107.7	105.6
1969-70	106.9	111.7	112.6	111.2	110.1	107.4	126.3	113.7	105.8	112.2	111.8	110.5
1970-71	113.0	118.0	118.6	117.0	115.8	113.0	121.4	121.3	110.3	110.9	119.0	115.5
1971-72 p	120.6	126.1	124.2	123.4	125.4	119.3	120.6	134.3	116.9	114.7	127.7	123.0
1969-70 June	106.6	113.6	115.4	112.4	113.0	109.8	128.5	117.3	106.9	113.6	115.3	112.6
1970-71 July	107.4	113.5	115.8	112.8	113.1	109.5	125.6	117.3	107.8	113.6	115.6	112.8
August	108.1	115.2	115.9	112.8	113.7	110.1	125.6	117.1	107.8	113.0	116.3	113.2
September	108.9	115.6	116.7	112.9	113.9	110.1	123.9	117.2	108.1	111.5	116.7	113.3
October	109.4	115.9	117.2	113.9	114.1	110.6	123.2	118.8	108.3	109.9	116.1	113.4
November	110.5	116.2	117.3	114.6	114.4	111.2	120.7	119.4	108.7	109.6	116.8	113.8
December	110.9	116.7	117.7	115.1	114.6	111.3	120.1	119.8	108.9	109.4	117.0	114.0
January	114.7	118.4	118.6	116.1	115.9	113.8	121.4	119.9	109.5	109.7	118.9	115.5
February	115.4	120.2	119.1	119.8	116.5	115.5	119.3	123.5	110.5	108.7	121.2	116.6
March	116.8	120.9	120.5	121.2	117.2	116.0	119.5	125.8	111.9	110.6	122.0	117.7
April	117.4	120.9	121.1	121.4	117.4	116.1	119.3	126.0	113.9	111.7	122.7	118.2
May	117.9	121.1	121.4	121.6	117.7	116.0	119.0	125.5	113.9	111.6	122.4	118.3
June	118.0	121.5	121.4	121.4	121.1	116.0	119.0	125.4	114.1	111.6	122.8	119.4
1971-72 July	118.0	121.5	121.5	121.5	123.2	116.5	118.9	125.3	114.4	112.0	122.8	120.2
August	118.6	121.5	121.9	122.0	124.4	116.9	120.4	125.8	115.0	113.2	125.7	121.3
September	118.6	123.1	122.8	122.1	125.0	117.6	121.3	127.4	115.6	114.2	126.6	121.9
October	118.7	123.4	122.9	122.3	124.7	118.9	120.8	128.4	116.5	114.3	127.4	122.1
November	119.6	125.7	123.7	122.7	124.7	119.4	120.8	136.2	117.2	114.3	128.0	122.6
December	119.6	126.1	125.0	122.8	124.5	119.9	120.7	136.4	117.1	114.2	128.1	122.7
January	122.1	126.3	125.1	122.8	124.2	120.1	120.4	136.9	116.6	114.3	128.3	122.9
February	122.5	127.1	125.3	123.9	124.7	120.2	120.4	136.6	117.5	115.1	128.5	123.4
March	122.8	127.6	125.3	124.5	126.7	120.2	120.5	136.6	117.7	115.4	128.7	124.2
April	122.7	129.8	125.4	124.9	127.2	120.4	120.9	136.5	117.7	115.5	128.8	124.5
May	122.4	130.5	125.4	125.1	127.5	120.5	121.0	143.0	118.4	117.1	129.2	125.0
June p	r 121.2	130.8	125.7	r 125.8	r 128.0	121.4	121.4	142.8	119.6	117.2	129.7	r 125.3
1972-73 July p	121.0	131.9	126.3	127.1	127.9	121.4	122.0	141.9	120.8	117.6	130.7	125.7

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TABLE 11. - WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
SPECIAL PURPOSE INDEX : ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING ELECTRICAL
INSTALLATION MATERIALS AND MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS
INDEX NUMBERS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	State capital cities						Weighted average of six State capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	103.0	101.8	102.4	102.0	102.2	102.6	102.4
1968-69	106.8	104.8	105.1	104.9	104.6	105.0	105.6
1969-70	111.6	109.1	109.9	108.7	108.1	109.1	110.1
1970-71	116.6	114.8	116.6	113.4	112.7	114.8	115.5
1971-72p	122.4	124.2	124.9	122.8	121.0	122.7	123.1
1969-70 June	113.9	110.4	112.2	110.4	109.8	111.8	112.0
1970-71 July	114.1	110.3	113.0	110.4	109.8	111.9	112.2
August	114.3	111.2	114.2	110.5	110.1	112.1	112.7
September	114.3	111.8	114.5	110.6	110.1	112.5	112.9
October	114.4	112.7	114.8	111.2	110.3	112.6	113.3
November	114.7	113.1	115.0	111.9	111.5	114.0	113.7
December	114.7	113.3	115.5	112.0	112.1	114.3	114.0
January	117.1	114.6	116.5	112.7	113.2	115.1	115.6
February	118.0	116.3	118.0	113.9	113.7	116.6	116.8
March	118.7	117.6	119.0	115.6	114.4	117.1	117.8
April	119.0	118.3	119.1	116.2	114.9	116.9	118.2
May	119.1	118.7	119.1	116.9	115.3	116.8	118.4
June	120.6	119.9	120.2	118.5	116.5	118.2	119.8
1971-72 July	121.1	121.3	120.9	119.1	118.1	119.2	120.6
August	121.7	122.1	121.9	120.5	118.7	120.7	121.4
September	122.3	122.4	122.8	120.9	119.5	120.9	122.0
October	122.0	122.9	123.1	121.1	119.8	121.4	122.1
November	122.4	123.2	123.9	122.6	120.7	121.8	122.7
December	122.5	123.2	123.9	122.7	120.7	121.9	122.7
January	122.1	124.0	124.9	122.9	121.1	121.9	122.9
February	122.6	124.6	126.1	123.0	121.2	122.2	123.5
March	123.1	125.7	127.5	124.1	122.1	124.6	124.4
April	123.2	127.3	127.9	124.7	123.0	125.1	124.8
May	123.2	126.9	128.2	125.7	123.3	125.4	125.1
June p	r 123.0	r 128.1	r 128.1	r 126.2	123.5	126.9	r 125.5
1972-73 July p	123.1	128.6	128.7	126.8	123.5	127.5	125.8

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