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CCST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES - FEBRUARY, 1935.

The results of the investigations made under the direction of the Honorable the Treasurer by the Commonwealth Statistician (Mr. E. T. McPhee) as to the price of Food and Groceries (44 commodities) have been made available for the month of February, 1935.

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.

Compared with the previous month, the price levels for the 30 Towns and for the Six Capitals decreased 0.2% and 0.4% respectively.

Increases were recorded in Victoria, 0.3%; and Queensland, 0.8%; and decreases in New South Wales, 0.7%; South Australia, 0.4%; and Western Australia, 0.1%. In Tasmania no change occurred.

The following are the percentage increases in the various capitals, etc., as compared with the figures for July, 1914:- Sydney, 27.9%; Melbourne, 25.2%; Brisbane, 26.4%; Adelaide, 9.9%; Perth and Fremantle, 8.3%; Hobart, 17.1%; 30 Towns, 22.6%; Six Capitals, 23.1%.

In Group I (Groceries), Bread prices rose in some country towns in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. Flour prices increased and Tea prices dropped slightly. The movements of Potato prices varied throughout the Commonwealth.

In Group II (Dairy Produce), Egg prices increased in all States.

In Group III (Meat), prices dropped in Victoria, rose in some Queensland towns, but elsewhere showed no definite tendency.

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RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.
COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES ONLY.

February, 1935.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS FOR EACH OF THE 30 PRINCIPAL TOWNS IN AUSTRALIA.
BASE- Weighted Average cost in the Six Capital Cities during the five-yearly period
1923-27 = 1000.

Town	July 1914	February 1934	December 1934	January 1935	February, 1935	Percentage Increase from July, 1914, to February, 1935
Sydney	645	814	832	832	825	27.9
Newcastle	642	820	843	848	845	31.6
Broken Hill	821	890	933	940	942	14.7
Goulburn	661	801	816	834	822	24.4
Bathurst	613	803	819	799	802	30.8
N. Aver. - N.S.Wales ..	652	816	835	835	829	27.1
Melbourne	619	727	763	774	775	25.2
Bellarat	617	756	785	804	800	29.7
Bendigo	619	753	786	799	799	29.1
Geelong	609	745	773	786	793	30.2
Warrnambool	608	762	797	811	813	33.7
N. Aver. - Victoria ..	618	730	765	776	778	25.9
Brisbane	591	720	727	741	747	26.4
Toowoomba	582	690	699	711	715	22.9
Rockhampton	646	755	762	776	782	21.1
Charters Towers	696	804	807	821	827	18.8
Warwick	605	738	720	728	727	20.2
N. Aver. - Queensland ..	605	724	729	743	749	23.8
Adelaide	699	758	763	772	768	9.9
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	833	840	852	856	24.4
Port Pirie	722	771	805	808	807	11.8
Mount Gambier	595	741	754	769	768	29.1
Peterborough	749	793	793	806	810	8.1
N. Aver. - South Australia	697	761	767	776	773	10.9
Perth, Fremantle	749	783	803	813	811	8.3
Kalgoorlie, Boulder ..	931	952	975	971	977	4.9
Northam	(a)	831	826	834	837	-
Bunbury	793	825	836	850	849	7.1
Geraldton	808	775	822	824	837	3.6
N. Aver. - Western Australia	790	802	817	826	825	4.4
Hobart	678	753	813	795	794	17.1
Launceston	640	730	799	789	794	24.1
Burnie	(a)	742	831	826	824	-
Devonport	(a)	749	818	812	798	-
Queenstown	735	873	904	909	907	23.4
N. Aver. - Tasmania ..	672	750	813	799	799	18.9
N. Aver. - 30 Towns ..	651	771	794	800	798	22.6
N. Aver. - 6 Capitals ..	645	767	791	797	794	23.1
<u>SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGES).</u>						
Lithgow (N.) ..	(a)	779	836	825	819	-
Wollongong, Port Kembla(N.)	(a)	(a)	832	832	804	-
Yallourn (V.) ..	(a)	777	792	809	817	-
Townsville (Q.) ..	(a)	833	818	835	860	-
Port Augusta (S.) ..	(a)	832	871	882	892	-
Zeelhan (T.) ..	723	924	961	958	959	32.6
Canberra (F.C.T.) ..	(a)	899	926	923	906	-

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