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PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING AUGUST 1979

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MAIN FEATURES

All groups index	Change between -	
	July 79 and Aug. 79	Aug. 78 and Aug. 79
	%	%
Sydney	+1.5	+11.2
Melbourne	+1.2	+9.6
Brisbane	+1.1	+9.1
Adelaide	+0.9	+14.8
Perth	+2.2	+10.0
Hobart	+0.5	+9.5
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+1.4	+10.5

The 1.4% increase in the All groups index for August 1979 for the weighted average of six State capital cities was caused mainly by increased prices for clay bricks, hardwood, softwood, steel products, other metal products and cement products.

Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. The items and weights were derived from reported values of each material used in selected representative houses constructed in or about 1968-69 in each State capital city. Each State capital city has an individual weighting pattern which reflects the difference in the estimated relative importance of given items as between cities. In all cases the selection of materials was based on local usage. The weighting pattern for each capital city is applied to local price measures in calculating indexes for that city. The weights for groups of items are shown in Table 2. Further details concerning the weighting pattern are contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Ref. No. 6.7). The reference base of the index is the year 1966-67 = 100.0.

Prices

4. Price series used relate to specified standards of each commodity with the aim of incorporating in the index price changes for representative materials of constant quality.

5. 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*. The price series are obtained in all State capital cities from representative suppliers of materials used in house building. In the main they are collected as at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or as near thereto as practicable.

6. As far as possible, actual transaction prices are used in the index as distinct from *list* prices. Thus measures of special or other discounts are sought where these are believed to be significant. To the extent that they can be determined, significant changes in special discounts are incorporated in the index but this may sometimes be on a partly estimated basis, and may sometimes necessitate revisions.

Index numbers

7. The index has been compiled for each month from July 1966, and for the financial years from 1966-67. Index numbers for the financial years are simple averages of the relevant monthly index numbers. Index numbers for each State capital city and for the

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains index numbers of the Price Index of Materials Used in House Building. A detailed description of the index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (pp. 57-69). A Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building is published in a separate publication (6407.0). *Index numbers for the current month and the previous month are preliminary and subject to revision.*

Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of houses. Its composition is in accordance with the usage of materials in actual houses which were selected as representative for the purpose. The index does not purport to represent buildings of any kind other than houses. The house building construction types included are those which use brick, brick veneer, timber or asbestos cement sheeting as the principal material for the outer walls.

weighted average of the six capitals are given for all groups combined in Table 1 and for each group of items in Table 2. The separate city indexes measure price movements within each capital city individually. They enable comparisons to be drawn between capitals as to differences in degree of price movement from period to period, but not as to differences in price level.

Percentage changes

8. Tables 1 and 3 show price movements expressed in terms of percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating percentage changes, with reference to Table 1.

Weighted average of six State capital cities —
 Index number as at January 1979 266.9
 Index number as at December 1978 264.6

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{266.9 - 264.6}{264.6} \times 100 = +0.9\%$$

Interpretation

9. In interpreting movements in the index, particularly those from month to month, it should be noted that changes frequently occur in an uneven fashion both over time and also, between separate capital cities, at the same points of time. Changes in index numbers for individual months should not be interpreted in isolation and without reference to changes over longer periods.

Related publications

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

- *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building* (6407.0)
- *Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry* (6411.0)
- *Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry* (6412.0)
- *Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials* (6409.0)
- *Price Indexes of Metallic Materials* (6410.0)

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

- *Wage Rates Indexes, Preliminary* (6311.0)
- *Wage Rates* (6312.0)
- *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0)

12. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- p preliminary — figures subject to revision.
- r figures revised since previous issue.
- nil or less than half the final digit shown.

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TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - ALL GROUPS

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Weighted average of six State capital cities
INDEX NUMBERS							
(Base of each Index = Year 1966-67 = 100.0)							
1976-77	234.5	223.6	243.5	250.7	229.8	235.1	232.9
1977-78	254.0	238.6	265.1	270.7	253.4	256.7	252.0
1978-79	272.7	251.4	281.3	292.1	268.2	273.6	268.1
1978-79							
July	263.0	243.3	273.7	280.3	258.6	264.0	259.0
August	264.5	244.4	274.6	279.7	260.0	265.4	260.2
September	265.4	244.9	275.1	279.7	261.8	265.5	260.9
October	266.7	246.1	275.2	280.6	262.9	266.1	262.0
November	267.3	247.0	276.6	282.1	264.7	268.0	263.0
December	268.9	248.3	277.9	286.8	265.1	268.8	264.6
January	271.9	250.0	279.6	292.1	267.0	268.8	266.9
February	274.6	254.3	284.9	295.8	271.4	276.7	270.9
March	278.2	255.9	287.0	300.6	274.8	279.7	273.7
April	282.2	259.7	289.3	306.8	276.1	284.0	277.2
May	284.1	261.2	289.8	308.9	277.4	287.9	278.7
June	285.9	261.5	291.5	311.2	278.8	288.3	280.2
1979-80							
July p	289.8	264.5	296.1	318.3	279.9	289.2	283.6
August p	294.2	267.8	299.5	321.1	286.0	290.7	287.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGES							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year -</i>							
1976-77	+11.1	+11.7	+11.4	+12.7	+13.8	+12.4	+11.9
1977-78	+ 8.3	+ 6.7	+ 8.9	+ 8.0	+10.3	+ 9.2	+ 8.2
1978-79	+ 7.4	+ 5.4	+ 6.1	+ 7.9	+ 5.8	+ 6.6	+ 6.4
<i>Change from corresponding month of previous year -</i>							
1978-79							
July	+ 6.4	+ 4.2	+ 6.2	+ 6.7	+ 5.4	+ 6.3	+ 5.6
August	+ 6.8	+ 4.1	+ 5.7	+ 5.0	+ 4.4	+ 5.5	+ 5.3
September	+ 6.3	+ 4.3	+ 5.6	+ 4.8	+ 4.9	+ 5.1	+ 5.2
October	+ 6.2	+ 4.4	+ 5.2	+ 4.6	+ 4.6	+ 4.6	+ 5.1
November	+ 6.4	+ 4.3	+ 5.6	+ 5.1	+ 4.9	+ 5.0	+ 5.3
December	+ 6.4	+ 4.4	+ 5.5	+ 6.3	+ 4.8	+ 5.0	+ 5.4
January	+ 7.1	+ 4.8	+ 5.5	+ 7.8	+ 5.3	+ 4.7	+ 6.0
February	+ 7.4	+ 5.8	+ 6.1	+ 8.8	+ 6.6	+ 7.2	+ 6.8
March	+ 8.4	+ 5.9	+ 6.7	+10.0	+ 6.8	+ 7.2	+ 7.3
April	+ 8.6	+ 7.0	+ 7.0	+11.8	+ 7.2	+ 8.7	+ 8.0
May	+ 8.9	+ 7.4	+ 6.8	+11.6	+ 7.6	+ 9.8	+ 8.2
June	+ 9.2	+ 7.3	+ 7.2	+11.9	+ 7.6	+ 9.5	+ 8.4
1979-80							
July p	+10.2	+ 8.7	+ 8.2	+13.6	+ 8.2	+ 9.5	+ 9.5
August p	+11.2	+ 9.6	+ 9.1	+14.8	+10.0	+ 9.5	+10.5
<i>Change from previous month -</i>							
1978-79							
July	+ 0.4	- 0.2	+ 0.6	+ 0.8	- 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.2
August	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	- 0.2	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
September	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	-	+ 0.7	-	+ 0.3
October	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	-	+ 0.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.2	+ 0.4
November	+ 0.2	+ 0.4	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.4
December	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.3	+ 0.6
January	+ 1.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 1.8	+ 0.7	-	+ 0.9
February	+ 1.0	+ 1.7	+ 1.9	+ 1.3	+ 1.6	+ 2.9	+ 1.5
March	+ 1.3	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 1.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.0
April	+ 1.4	+ 1.5	+ 0.8	+ 2.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.3
May	+ 0.7	+ 0.6	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 1.4	+ 0.5
June	+ 0.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
1979-80							
July p	+ 1.4	+ 1.1	+ 1.6	+ 2.3	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 1.2
August p	+ 1.5	+ 1.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.9	+ 2.2	+ 0.5	+ 1.4

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
SYDNEY												
Value weight (a)	5.24%	7.09%	14.34%	38.23%	4.89%	7.25%	3.95%	1.53%	4.43%	5.57%	7.48%	100.00%
1976-77	239.7	251.1	224.2	255.0	258.4	209.6	228.5	204.5	195.6	183.9	209.1	234.5
1977-78	261.9	272.3	241.2	276.0	285.2	222.9	248.1	220.0	211.5	197.9	230.8	254.0
1978-79	284.9	287.3	256.3	296.9	309.1	244.0	247.6	245.4	224.7	211.4	255.6	272.7
1978-79												
July	276.1	276.3	249.4	284.7	296.6	231.5	252.9	230.0	217.8	203.7	247.3	263.0
August	274.9	278.5	249.4	286.8	298.3	233.4	252.9	232.4	223.4	203.7	249.7	264.5
September	277.9	283.5	249.4	287.9	300.2	236.1	233.2	233.6	220.0	206.3	252.0	265.4
October	278.9	284.1	252.0	289.3	301.4	236.9	237.0	238.1	224.0	206.3	253.1	266.7
November	279.3	285.6	253.0	289.4	302.6	238.8	237.0	239.0	224.0	206.3	253.7	267.3
December	280.8	285.8	253.7	291.5	304.1	239.5	241.0	239.4	224.0	213.0	254.1	268.9
January	289.8	286.4	256.8	294.7	308.3	241.1	245.2	244.6	224.0	213.4	255.6	271.9
February	290.0	287.2	258.4	297.8	315.8	248.4	245.9	251.1	224.8	213.4	257.2	274.6
March	290.4	294.5	259.7	302.9	319.0	253.4	251.2	254.0	226.1	213.4	260.2	278.2
April	293.2	294.9	263.1	308.6	319.5	257.9	256.3	263.3	226.1	218.5	261.2	282.2
May	293.6	294.9	264.4	312.4	321.0	257.0	258.5	261.6	228.8	218.5	261.4	284.1
June	293.5	295.9	266.8	316.5	321.8	254.5	259.8	257.8	228.8	219.7	261.4	285.9
1979-80												
July p	304.6	297.6	273.8	319.5	330.4	257.9	263.7	262.7	229.5	219.9	262.8	289.8
August p	304.7	300.1	278.1	325.5	334.5	263.1	263.7	265.8	229.7	224.2	267.5	294.2
MELBOURNE												
Value weight (a)	4.63%	8.55%	10.48%	37.78%	5.58%	6.47%	3.34%	1.66%	6.87%	7.19%	7.45%	100.00%
1976-77	213.1	279.1	209.4	233.5	269.4	206.2	218.7	200.3	181.9	175.8	208.2	223.6
1977-78	232.0	303.4	233.7	247.2	295.8	219.9	221.7	213.8	195.4	187.7	218.6	238.6
1978-79	244.8	325.9	239.4	255.8	316.2	242.6	228.4	238.1	203.8	199.5	230.7	251.4
1978-79												
July	226.9	313.4	229.0	250.1	308.0	227.6	225.4	220.9	201.9	193.0	224.0	243.3
August	221.9	313.8	229.3	251.4	309.3	232.9	225.4	225.4	201.0	193.1	227.5	244.4
September	219.3	319.5	229.3	251.2	310.0	233.5	222.9	225.6	201.3	195.6	228.4	244.9
October	225.4	321.6	238.3	250.7	310.7	234.1	217.4	230.8	201.5	195.7	228.4	246.1
November	234.5	321.9	239.9	250.7	310.7	234.2	217.4	232.0	202.9	195.7	229.8	247.0
December	239.3	322.9	239.9	251.2	311.1	235.1	226.5	232.4	202.9	200.4	231.2	248.3
January	246.1	323.0	239.8	253.3	311.7	239.8	229.0	237.5	203.6	200.5	231.6	250.0
February	260.8	331.6	244.2	257.3	321.6	243.1	230.4	246.2	204.0	200.9	231.5	254.3
March	260.9	334.3	244.2	258.7	323.2	249.4	233.2	244.6	204.8	200.9	232.9	255.9
April	263.3	334.4	244.7	264.4	325.4	254.9	237.8	236.8	206.8	205.9	234.3	259.7
May	270.1	337.4	247.2	264.7	326.2	264.1	238.0	254.8	206.8	206.0	234.4	261.2
June	269.1	337.4	247.2	265.5	328.4	262.4	237.6	249.8	208.1	206.2	234.6	261.5
1979-80												
July p	284.4	338.4	255.2	267.3	329.9	262.2	243.3	257.5	210.1	206.2	236.7	264.5
August p	285.1	344.1	257.9	271.4	334.4	265.2	245.1	256.4	212.4	208.5	238.7	267.8

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	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
BRISBANE												
Value weight (a)	5.04%	10.44%	9.35%	35.29%	8.03%	8.17%	3.50%	1.81%	4.26%	5.09%	9.02%	100.00%
1976-77	212.8	237.9	230.9	295.2	260.6	219.4	223.4	204.7	159.6	174.4	178.9	243.5
1977-78	229.2	266.3	244.1	325.5	282.4	236.8	234.2	219.2	158.3	185.5	196.5	265.1
1978-79	252.6	288.7	261.8	340.5	299.7	250.1	236.7	245.7	164.2	199.3	214.7	281.3
1978-79												
July	236.9	279.5	248.9	335.5	290.8	241.0	236.0	232.6	161.5	191.4	208.4	273.7
August	239.6	279.6	251.7	335.4	292.4	241.8	236.4	233.5	161.8	195.5	208.8	274.6
September	239.6	279.6	251.9	335.4	292.8	244.3	236.4	235.3	162.6	196.9	210.6	275.1
October	239.8	279.6	255.5	335.5	293.2	245.0	221.3	239.0	162.6	197.1	210.7	275.2
November	240.6	284.0	259.4	335.6	293.4	245.6	221.3	238.8	163.3	202.9	212.3	276.6
December	245.3	290.9	261.2	335.6	294.9	245.1	228.9	239.4	161.9	199.3	213.5	277.9
January	247.4	291.7	261.9	338.8	295.9	245.8	229.3	244.0	161.9	199.3	213.6	279.6
February	259.2	292.5	263.8	346.0	306.2	251.1	240.1	250.5	163.8	199.3	214.7	284.9
March	258.7	294.2	270.9	346.1	307.1	258.6	239.0	254.0	165.1	199.3	219.6	287.0
April	270.9	297.2	272.2	346.1	309.4	260.3	251.0	259.6	167.4	203.1	221.1	289.3
May	275.7	297.6	272.2	346.2	310.0	260.8	251.1	262.1	168.8	203.7	221.2	289.8
June	277.8	298.1	272.2	350.1	310.2	261.6	249.8	259.6	170.0	203.7	222.4	291.5
1979-80												
July p	277.7	301.0	278.7	356.3	315.5	262.4	255.6	260.8	173.5	204.1	229.5	296.1
August p	285.8	309.8	285.0	356.6	318.7	260.4	256.6	265.2	174.3	209.9	233.2	299.5
ADELAIDE												
Value weight (a)	8.13%	6.98%	14.85%	35.52%	6.67%	7.24%	3.42%	1.37%	4.20%	4.19%	7.43%	100.00%
1976-77	218.3	272.9	229.3	292.1	264.1	210.5	225.3	188.6	190.6	188.5	229.5	250.7
1977-78	245.5	303.0	251.0	314.2	284.2	212.0	237.3	203.7	204.4	201.7	248.4	270.7
1978-79	262.2	323.9	276.5	339.5	301.8	229.0	246.2	226.1	218.0	220.3	267.3	292.1
1978-79												
July	242.0	310.9	270.7	325.1	292.9	218.1	240.1	213.1	212.3	212.3	257.2	280.3
August	236.7	310.9	270.7	324.7	293.4	218.3	237.4	216.0	212.3	209.3	257.3	279.7
September	227.8	310.9	270.8	325.1	293.4	218.9	238.3	217.1	213.2	214.0	259.9	279.7
October	224.3	311.8	270.8	328.4	295.2	220.0	229.6	220.7	213.1	214.0	259.9	280.6
November	226.5	322.6	270.8	329.3	295.6	220.9	229.8	220.6	214.7	214.0	261.4	282.1
December	254.1	323.0	270.8	333.4	296.2	224.3	237.8	220.8	214.7	223.3	262.0	286.8
January	272.3	323.3	270.8	340.1	297.8	225.5	246.9	225.3	218.9	223.3	270.5	292.1
February	279.7	324.7	271.3	344.2	310.2	229.3	249.0	232.7	220.5	223.3	272.0	295.8
March	284.3	336.8	281.0	346.5	310.7	240.7	250.5	236.0	220.7	223.3	277.2	300.6
April	299.0	337.2	288.6	354.0	311.3	244.5	264.6	239.9	221.0	230.0	277.7	306.8
May	299.1	337.2	288.8	359.4	312.3	246.1	265.2	238.6	221.9	230.0	276.4	308.9
June	r300.8	337.2	292.7	363.7	312.8	241.9	265.2	232.8	232.9	230.0	276.6	311.2
1979-80												
July p	r302.3	340.2	299.7	376.8	320.0	242.3	273.1	234.5	233.1	230.0	279.6	318.3
August p	305.3	342.2	305.0	378.0	328.1	245.3	273.9	239.3	233.4	234.8	281.0	321.1

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	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
PERTH												
Value weight (a)	7.94%	8.14%	16.44%	29.60%	6.07%	7.69%	4.59%	1.76%	4.12%	4.01%	9.64%	100.00%
1976-77	197.6	248.3	251.8	240.9	263.1	197.5	224.5	204.0	172.4	170.5	230.8	229.8
1977-78	219.8	280.8	274.9	269.0	286.1	205.4	251.4	213.8	176.7	185.8	259.8	253.4
1978-79	229.5	296.1	289.8	284.4	303.0	r224.6	262.8	236.9	184.6	194.1	277.9	268.2
1978-79												
July	226.2	286.9	281.8	272.2	292.0	209.5	257.1	221.4	180.5	189.5	267.0	258.6
August	224.9	286.9	281.8	275.8	296.3	211.2	257.1	223.7	181.0	189.5	268.1	260.0
September	225.1	287.5	281.8	280.1	295.2	212.1	257.9	225.4	181.0	190.4	270.9	261.8
October	224.9	287.5	286.7	280.1	296.0	212.7	256.9	230.9	182.7	194.6	270.9	262.9
November	228.1	294.8	287.1	281.4	296.4	213.3	255.9	231.5	182.9	194.6	275.3	264.7
December	227.5	294.8	287.1	281.4	296.7	213.6	257.7	231.8	183.2	194.6	279.0	265.1
January	227.5	297.8	287.1	284.5	299.2	217.5	257.7	236.3	184.6	195.9	279.0	267.0
February	226.6	299.7	289.7	289.9	310.2	231.3	263.6	241.4	186.4	195.9	279.3	271.4
March	230.5	302.1	298.5	290.6	314.1	239.4	266.7	244.9	186.7	195.9	282.7	274.8
April	234.9	302.1	298.5	290.6	314.3	244.9	274.0	253.7	187.4	195.9	282.8	276.1
May	238.7	302.4	298.5	292.0	312.7	244.3	274.6	253.5	187.4	195.9	288.2	277.4
June	239.0	311.1	298.5	293.8	313.1	r244.8	274.6	248.0	189.4	195.9	291.2	278.8
1979-80												
July p	239.0	313.5	298.5	294.0	319.5	r244.0	r281.9	249.3	190.0	197.3	292.5	279.9
August p	238.1	316.6	317.0	299.8	324.5	250.4	282.4	252.7	190.6	197.9	294.4	286.0
HOBART												
Value weight (a)	7.25%	7.01%	10.14%	38.15%	7.49%	7.93%	2.74%	1.61%	6.98%	4.99%	5.71%	100.00%
1976-77	205.0	231.6	272.1	257.4	254.7	201.4	228.2	191.8	148.0	202.2	234.0	235.1
1977-78	219.5	253.0	306.4	282.3	279.2	218.4	247.4	201.2	184.9	218.2	250.8	256.7
1978-79	227.3	278.6	326.6	300.7	297.9	231.9	258.5	224.5	161.6	229.6	273.5	273.6
1978-79												
July	229.0	256.8	318.7	288.0	287.9	223.5	253.2	210.4	159.5	225.0	264.5	264.0
August	229.4	275.0	318.7	287.9	289.5	223.9	253.2	211.7	189.5	225.0	265.8	264.0
September	229.5	275.0	318.7	287.9	289.5	224.4	255.1	212.6	159.6	227.1	265.1	265.5
October	229.5	275.0	319.3	288.9	292.1	224.4	252.6	213.4	159.6	227.4	265.3	266.1
November	229.5	275.7	327.9	290.7	292.3	225.2	252.6	217.6	159.6	227.4	266.6	266.0
December	229.7	275.7	327.9	290.8	293.2	227.7	254.1	217.7	159.6	230.1	271.6	268.8
January	221.8	275.7	327.9	291.2	293.5	227.7	255.6	222.0	159.6	230.1	276.4	268.8
February	221.8	275.9	327.9	308.1	301.7	233.2	257.5	231.2	161.7	230.3	276.9	276.7
March	221.9	277.2	333.1	311.8	307.7	237.1	260.0	233.5	162.0	231.4	279.6	279.7
April	223.3	291.4	333.1	317.2	307.7	242.1	267.9	241.5	164.3	233.4	281.8	284.0
May	229.0	295.2	333.1	323.1	310.1	246.9	269.0	241.7	167.7	234.2	283.4	287.9
June	233.4	294.8	333.1	323.1	309.7	246.9	271.0	240.1	167.3	234.2	284.8	288.3
1979-80												
July p	237.8	294.8	333.1	323.1	310.0	250.3	275.5	240.0	168.4	234.4	286.1	289.2
August p	242.0	295.7	334.3	323.2	317.2	253.1	275.5	240.5	168.6	235.8	287.6	290.7

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TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - GROUP INDEX NUMBERS - continued
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES												
Value weight (a)	5.73%	8.10%	12.85%	36.16%	5.86%	7.20%	3.74%	1.63%	5.13%	5.64%	7.96%	100.00%
1976-77	217.8	258.9	227.8	254.1	263.2	207.9	224.3	201.8	181.9	178.8	210.7	232.9
1977-78	239.0	284.6	245.8	275.0	287.7	220.1	239.1	215.5	193.3	191.8	230.4	252.0
1978-79	255.5	303.8	262.2	290.8	306.8	239.7	244.1	240.0	202.9	204.3	248.2	268.1
1978-79												
July	243.9	292.4	253.8	281.4	297.7	226.8	243.4	224.5	199.1	197.3	239.9	259.0
August	241.7	293.6	254.1	283.1	299.5	229.3	243.2	227.4	199.7	197.8	242.0	260.2
September	240.9	296.9	254.1	283.8	300.1	230.8	236.2	228.5	200.8	200.8	243.9	260.9
October	242.3	297.8	258.6	284.4	300.9	231.6	233.4	233.2	201.1	200.6	244.3	262.0
November	245.7	300.9	259.9	284.7	301.5	232.8	233.2	233.9	201.8	201.3	246.0	263.0
December	250.9	302.4	260.3	285.9	302.4	233.3	238.8	234.3	201.7	205.5	247.5	264.6
January	257.3	303.2	261.4	288.9	304.4	235.9	241.6	239.1	202.5	205.8	248.8	266.9
February	262.9	306.7	263.9	293.5	310.0	242.6	244.8	246.2	203.4	205.9	249.5	270.9
March	264.4	311.1	267.6	295.9	316.4	249.3	247.9	247.9	204.2	205.9	252.7	273.7
April	269.8	312.0	269.9	300.5	317.7	253.7	254.8	257.2	205.6	210.3	253.6	277.2
May	273.2	313.2	271.0	302.6	318.2	256.2	255.9	256.2	206.7	210.5	254.7	278.7
June	273.5	314.9	272.2	305.2	318.6	254.9	256.0	251.9	208.1	210.6	255.5	280.2
1979-80												
July p	280.6	316.7	277.9	308.6	324.5	255.9	261.5	256.2	209.6	211.2	257.9	283.6
August p	281.9	321.3	284.9	312.8	329.2	260.3	262.4	258.3	210.8	214.4	261.0	287.6

TABLE 3. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING - PERCENTAGE CHANGES
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

	Concrete mix, cement and sand	Cement products	Clay bricks, tiles, etc.	Timber, board and joinery	Steel products	Other metal products	Plumbing fixtures, etc.	Electrical installation materials	Installed appliances	Plaster and plaster products	Miscellaneous materials	All groups
Value weight (a)	5.73%	8.10%	12.85%	36.16%	5.86%	7.20%	3.74%	1.63%	5.13%	5.64%	7.96%	100.00%
Change from corresponding month of previous year -												
1978-79												
March	+8.6	+8.1	+7.7	+6.5	+8.7	+12.4	+2.1	+12.8	+4.3	+5.4	+7.6	+7.3
April	+10.4	+7.0	+7.3	+7.5	+8.7	+13.3	+4.8	+17.6	+5.1	+7.6	+7.5	+8.0
May	+11.2	+7.3	+7.6	+7.8	+8.5	+13.9	+5.3	+15.7	+4.7	+7.6	+7.9	+8.2
June	+11.0	+7.7	+7.8	+8.6	+7.6	+12.4	+5.3	+12.3	+4.8	+7.0	+7.8	+8.4
1979-80												
July p	+15.0	+8.3	+9.5	+9.7	+9.0	+12.8	+7.4	+14.1	+5.3	+7.0	+7.5	+9.5
August p	+16.6	+9.4	+12.1	+10.5	+9.9	+13.5	+7.9	+13.6	+5.2	+8.4	+7.9	+10.5
Change from previous month -												
1978-79												
March	+0.6	+1.4	+1.4	+0.8	+0.8	+2.8	+1.3	+0.7	+0.4	-	+1.3	+1.0
April	+2.0	+0.3	+0.9	+1.6	+0.4	+1.8	+0.4	+2.8	+0.7	+2.1	+0.4	+1.3
May	+1.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.7	+0.2	+1.0	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.4	+0.5
June	+0.1	+0.5	+0.4	+0.9	+0.1	-0.5	-	-	+0.7	+0.2	+0.3	+0.5
1979-80												
July p	+2.6	+0.6	+2.1	+1.1	+1.9	+0.4	+2.1	+1.7	+0.7	+0.1	+0.9	+1.2
August p	+0.5	+1.5	+2.5	+1.4	+1.4	+1.7	+0.3	+0.8	+0.6	+1.5	+1.2	+1.4

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year; see paragraph 3.