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WHOLESALE PRICES
PRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS
AUGUST, 1966

This Bulletin contains index numbers of the Price Index of Electrical Installation Materials on the reference base : Year 1959-60 = 100.0. Information on the construction of the index is contained in statistical bulletin S.B.71 published on 11th November, 1964.

2. The index provides comparisons at quarterly intervals since August, 1959, of the overall price changes occurring for a combination of materials, fixed as to quantity and quality. The yearly index numbers are simple averages of the four index numbers in each relevant year.

3. The items in this index have been selected as representative of materials used in electrical installation in structures such as hospitals, schools, factories and multi-storied commercial buildings and flats.

4. The items are priced as at the middle of the month for which index numbers are published. The basis of pricing is the price to electrical contractors, delivered on site or into store, Sydney and Melbourne. The price series used relate to specific standards for each item and in some cases are combinations of prices for different makes, types, etc.

5. In general, the weights for the index were derived from information relating to the values of materials used in selected representative projects in Sydney and Melbourne during the three years 1960-61 to 1962-63. The projects selected for this purpose had a minimum electrical materials and labour content of \$10,000.

6. Table 1 below shows for each index the percentage change of the index number from mid-May, 1966, to mid-August, 1966, and from mid-August, 1965.

TABLE 1. - WHOLESALE PRICES
PRICE INDEX OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS - AUGUST, 1966
GROUPS AND ALL GROUPS

Change from Previous Periods
(Per Cent.)

Percentage Change Between -	Conductors	Conduit and Accessories	Switch-board and Switch-gear Material	All Groups
May, 1966 and August, 1966	+ 16.5	+ 0.7	..	+ 6.8
August, 1965 and August, 1966	+ 19.1	- 0.8	+ 0.6	+ 7.6

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TABLE 2. - WHOLESALE PRICES
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(Base of each Index : Year 1959-60 = 100.0(a))

Period	Conductors	Conduit and Accessories	Switch-board and Switch-gear Material	All Groups
<u>Year (b)</u>				
1959-60	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1960-61	99.5	102.3	100.9	100.7
1961-62	98.7	102.8	99.8	100.1
1962-63	96.8	103.6	100.5	99.8
1963-64	93.2	103.7	100.8	98.5
1964-65	110.6	104.6	105.2	107.2
1965-66	105.8	104.2	106.6	105.7
<u>Month (c)</u>				
1961-62 - August	98.6	102.5	99.6	100.0
November	98.6	102.5	99.7	100.0
February	98.7	102.5	99.9	100.1
May	98.7	103.6	99.9	100.4
1962-63 - August	97.9	103.6	100.1	100.1
November	97.9	103.6	100.6	100.3
February	97.9	103.6	100.6	100.3
May	93.4	103.6	100.7	98.5
1963-64 - August	93.3	103.4	100.8	98.5
November	93.3	103.8	100.8	98.6
February	93.5	103.8	100.8	98.7
May	92.6	103.8	100.9	98.3
1964-65 - August	96.4	104.4	103.8	101.0
November	103.3	104.4	104.7	104.0
February	121.3	104.4	106.0	111.7
May	121.3	105.1	106.3	112.0
1965-66 - August	104.2	105.3	106.3	105.2
November	104.3	104.1	106.3	105.0
February	108.3	103.7	106.9	106.6
May	106.5	103.8	106.9	106.0
1966-67 - August	124.1	104.5	106.9	113.2

- (a) The figures appearing after the decimal points are inserted to avoid the distortions that would sometimes occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Simple average of four index numbers in year.
- (c) As at mid-point of month.

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