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RETAIL PRICE VARIATIONS

THE "ALL ITEMS" ("C" SERIES) INDEX  
SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1944.

(Base Period 1923-27 =1000)

Particulars concerning variations in retail prices as measured by the "all items" ("C" Series) Index for 30 principal cities and towns of Australia have been made available by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician for the September, quarter, 1944.

This index covers principal items of food, groceries, house rents, clothing, footwear, headwear, household drapery, household utensils, fares, fuel, light, recreation, smoking and other miscellaneous items. It excludes fresh fruit and vegetables other than potatoes and onions.

Compared with the previous quarter the index number increased by 0.4% in the Six Capital Cities, and the 30 Cities and Towns combined by 0.4%. Individually the Capital Cities recorded increases in Sydney (0.3%), Melbourne (0.6%), Adelaide (0.5%), Perth (0.5%) and Hobart (0.9%), while Brisbane showed a small decrease (0.1%).

The weighted average index of the Five Towns in each State compared with the previous quarter showed the following movements:- Increases occurred in New South Wales (0.3%), Victoria (0.6%), South Australia (0.5%), Western Australia (0.5%) and Tasmania (1.0%), while Queensland recorded a small decrease (0.1%).

From September quarter, 1943, to September quarter, 1944, the Five Town Index numbers showed no change in Victoria and Western Australia, but decreases were recorded in New South Wales (0.8%), Queensland (0.1%), South Australia (0.5%) and Tasmania (1.3%).

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"C" SERIES  
(1) Individual Towns

QUARTERLY RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS  
FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS), CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE.

"C" SERIES FOR QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1944.  
(Base : Weighted Average 6 Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(1) INDIVIDUAL TOWNS.

Town	1943		1944			6 Months ended September Quarter 1944	Year ended September Quarter 1944
	Sept. Quarter	Dec. Quarter	March Quarter	June Quarter	Sept. Quarter		
<b>New South Wales -</b>							
Sydney ..	1154	1143	1143	1143	1146	1145	1144
Newcastle ..	1112	1098	1097	1089	1093	1091	1094
Broken Hill ..	1179	1175	1175	1174	1184	1179	1177
Goulburn ..	1126	1116	1118	1119	1117	1118	1118
Bathurst ..	1096	1082	1085	1086	1090	1088	1086
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1151	1139	1139	1139	1142	1141	1140
<b>Victoria -</b>							
Melbourne ..	1139	1128	1129	1133	1140	1137	1133
Ballarat ..	1087	1075	1074	1082	1087	1085	1080
Bendigo ..	1097	1094	1095	1101	1104	1103	1099
Geelong ..	1117	1100	1103	1112	1118	1115	1108
Warrnambool ..	1122	1115	1115	1122	1138	1130	1123
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1136	1125	1125	1129	1136	1133	1129
<b>Queensland -</b>							
Brisbane ..	1074	1068	1072	1072	1071	1072	1071
Toowoomba ..	1078	1083	1087	1085	1084	1085	1085
Rockhampton ..	1074	1073	1075	1076	1074	1075	1075
Townsville ..	1114	1113	1116	1119	1117	1118	1116
Bundaberg ..	1058	1053	1056	1060	1057	1059	1057
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1076	1072	1075	1076	1075	1076	1075
<b>South Australia -</b>							
Adelaide ..	1106	1099	1098	1096	1101	1099	1099
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	1004	998	996	992	995	994	995
Port Pirie ..	1091	1081	1081	1077	1084	1081	1081
Mount Gambier ..	1056	1056	1057	1057	1071	1064	1060
Peterborough ..	1090	1083	1083	1082	1095	1089	1086
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1101	1094	1093	1091	1096	1094	1094
<b>Western Australia -</b>							
Perth, Fremantle ..	1110	1100	1102	1103	1110	1107	1104
Kalgoorlie, Boulder ..	1197	1189	1193	1195	1204	1200	1195
Northam ..	1117	1107	1109	1113	1118	1116	1112
Bunbury ..	1109	1097	1104	1109	1118	1114	1107
Geraldton ..	1179	1171	1174	1177	1184	1181	1177
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1118	1108	1110	1112	1118	1115	1112
<b>Tasmania -</b>							
Hobart ..	1125	1117	1105	1100	1110	1105	1108
Launceston ..	1086	1076	1067	1061	1072	1067	1069
Burnie ..	1094	1089	1076	1056	1069	1063	1073
Devonport ..	1069	1055	1040	1031	1045	1038	1043
Queenstown ..	1103	1098	1095	1096	1110	1103	1100
Weighted Average - 5 Towns:	1108	1100	1089	1083	1094	1089	1092
Weighted Average - 30 Towns:	1130	1120	1120	1121	1125	1123	1122
Weighted Average - 6 Capitals:	1133	1123	1124	1125	1129	1127	1125

SPECIAL TOWNS (NOT INCLUDED IN WEIGHTED AVERAGE)

Trinidad (Queensland) ..	1052	1057	1058	1058	1053	1062	1060
Port Augusta (S.A.) ..	1077	1070	1070	1070	1085	1076	1078
C. Harris (N.C.T.) ..	1170	1159	1160	1150	1152	1151	1155

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"C" SERIES FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1944.  
(Base: Weighted Average Six Capitals in 1923-27 = 1000)

(2) COMBINATION OF TOWNS, ETC.

Combinations of Towns and States	1943		1944			6 Months ended Sep- tember Quarter 1944	Year ended Sep- tember Quarter 1944
	Sep- tember Quarter	Decem- ber Quarter	March Quar- ter	June Quar- ter	Sep- tember Quarter		
<b>1. CAPITAL CITIES:</b>							
1. Sydney, N.S.W. - 6 Capitals ..	1133	1123	1124	1125	1129	1127	1125
2. Melbourne, V. ..	1135	1125	1125	1126	1131	1129	1127
3. Brisbane, Q. ..	1139	1129	1129	1130	1134	1132	1130
4. Perth, W.A. ..	1139	1129	1129	1130	1135	1133	1131
5. Adelaide, S.A. ..	1140	1129	1130	1131	1136	1134	1132
6. Hobart, T. ..	1142	1131	1131	1132	1137	1135	1133
7. Darwin, N.T. ..	1142	1132	1132	1133	1138	1136	1134
8. Cairns, Q. ..	1147	1135	1137	1139	1143	1141	1139
9. Townsville, Q. ..	1138	1128	1129	1129	1131	1130	1129
10. Mackay, Q. ..	1119	1110	1114	1113	1118	1116	1113
11. Gold Coast, Q. ..	1126	1118	1116	1120	1127	1124	1121
12. Townsville, N.S.W. ..	1131	1121	1121	1123	1130	1127	1124
13. Brisbane, N.S.W. ..	1131	1121	1122	1124	1131	1128	1125
14. Sydney, N.S.W. ..	1109	1102	1099	1097	1102	1100	1100
<b>2. COUNTRY TOWNS:</b>							
1. 100 South. V. - 4 Towns	1124	1112	1111	1106	1110	1108	1110
2. Victoria " "	1103	1091	1092	1100	1106	1103	1097
3. Queensland " "	1084	1085	1086	1089	1087	1088	1087
4. South Australia " "	1056	1048	1047	1044	1052	1048	1048
5. Western Australia " "	1128	1159	1163	1156	1174	1170	1166
6. Tasmania " "	1086	1077	1067	1060	1072	1066	1069
7. N.V. - S. - T. 24 "	1106	1097	1097	1097	1101	1099	1098
8. N.V. - S. - T. 20 "	1114	1100	1099	1099	1105	1102	1101
9. N.V. - S. - T. 16 "	1103	1095	1095	1095	1095	1097	1096
10. N.V. - S. - T. 16 "	1106	1095	1093	1092	1099	1096	1095
11. N.V. - S. - T. 16 "	1116	1105	1104	1104	1110	1107	1106
12. N.V. - S. - T. 12 "	1109	1097	1097	1097	1102	1100	1098
13. Broken Hill-Goulburn-Bothurst	1147	1140	1141	1141	1146	1144	1142
<b>3. WHOLE STATES:</b>							
1. N.V. - S. - T. 30 Towns	1130	1120	1120	1121	1125	1123	1122
2. N.V. - S. - T.	1131	1121	1121	1122	1126	1124	1123
3. N.V. - S. - T.	1137	1126	1125	1126	1132	1129	1127
4. N.V. - S. - T.	1137	1127	1127	1126	1133	1131	1129
5. N.V. - S. - T.	1136	1127	1127	1126	1133	1131	1129
6. N.V. - S. - T.	1139	1128	1128	1129	1134	1132	1130
7. N.V. - S. - T.	1141	1130	1129	1131	1136	1134	1132
8. N.V. - S. - T.	1144	1133	1133	1135	1139	1137	1135
9. N.V. - S. - T.	1125	1115	1115	1117	1123	1120	1118
10. N.V. - S. - T.	1126	1116	1116	1115	1125	1122	1120
11. N.V. - S. - T.	1126	1116	1115	1117	1124	1121	1119
12. N.V. - S. - T.	1128	1118	1117	1120	1127	1124	1121
13. N.V. - S. - T.	1134	1123	1122	1123	1133	1129	1126

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