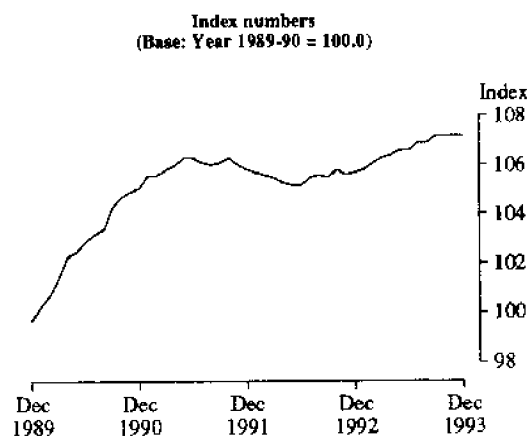


**PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE
BUILDING, SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA, DECEMBER 1993**

MAIN FEATURES

| | Change between— | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | November 93 and December 93 | December 92 and December 93 |
| | % | % |
| Weighted average of six State capital cities | — | 1.4 |
| Sydney | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| Melbourne | — | 2.4 |
| Brisbane | 0.2 | 1.0 |
| Adelaide | 0.2 | 3.2 |
| Perth | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Hobart | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Canberra | 0.2 | 1.5 |

ALL GROUPS INDEX
Weighted average of six State capital cities

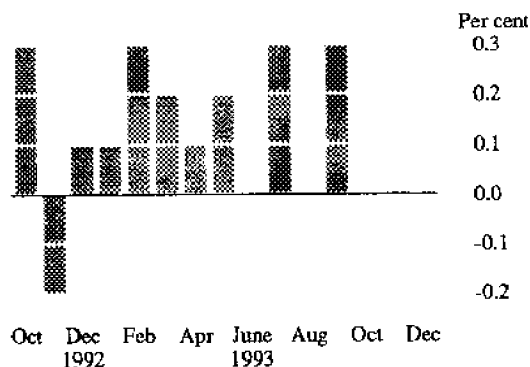


The All groups index (weighted average of the six State capital cities) was unchanged in December 1993, the third consecutive month in which no overall movement has been recorded.

Small increases for a range of items were offset by small decreases in other items. See Table 2 for the major contributors to each city's price movement in December.

The All groups index (weighted average of the six State capital cities) increased by 1.4% in the year to December 1993, compared with an annual movement of -0.1% recorded at December 1992.

Percentage change from previous month

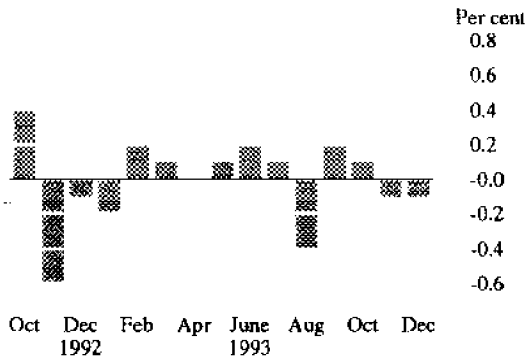


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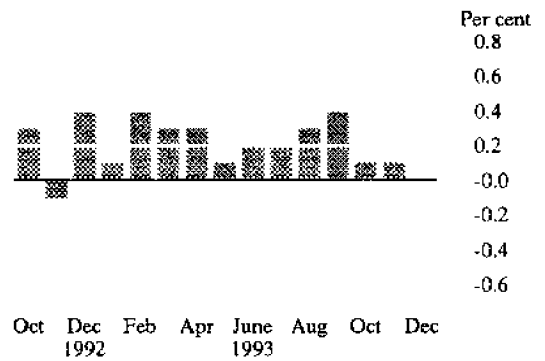
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**PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING — ALL GROUPS
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH**

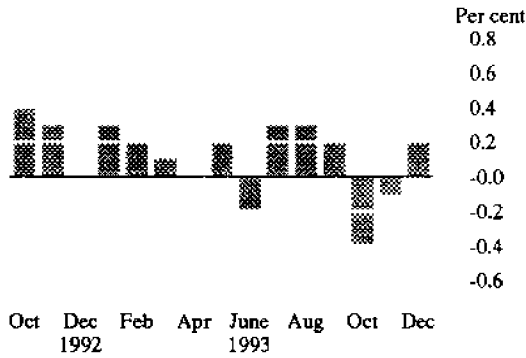
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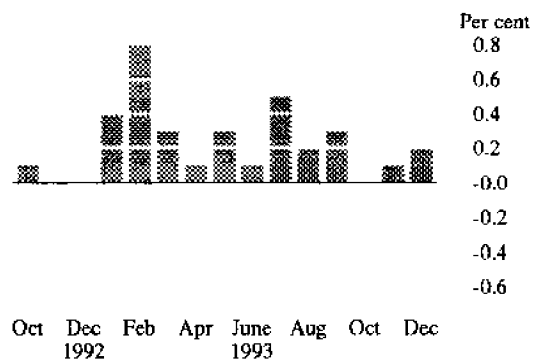
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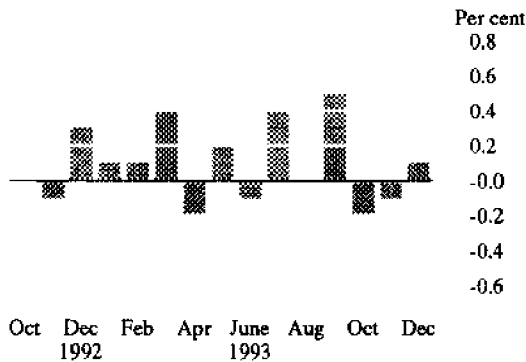
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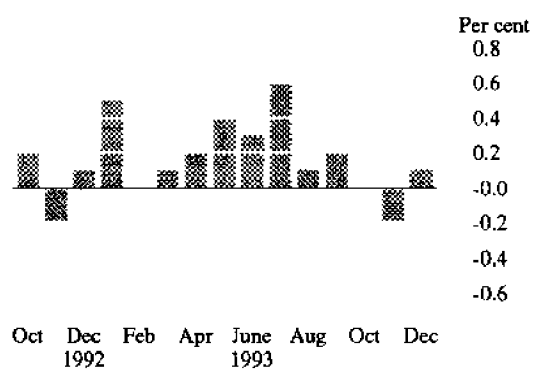
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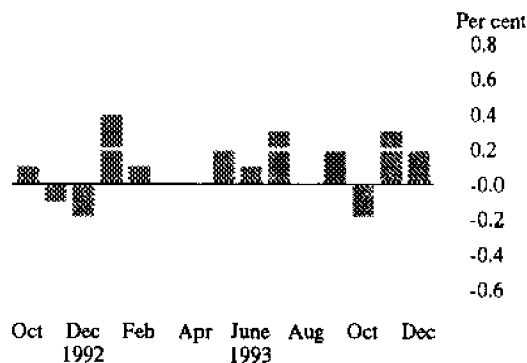


TABLE 1. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING ALL GROUPS

| | Weighted average of six State capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|--|---|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| | | | | | | | | |
| (Base Year 1989-90=100.0) | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 105.1 | 105.6 | 104.5 | 104.8 | 105.3 | 105.5 | 103.9 | 106.3 |
| 1991-92 | 105.7 | 107.2 | 103.4 | 107.4 | 105.4 | 105.2 | 107.1 | 108.8 |
| 1992-93 | 106.0 | 106.5 | 104.4 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 105.7 | 108.2 | 109.0 |
| <i>1992-93—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| October | 105.8 | 106.9 | 103.9 | 108.5 | 104.4 | 105.4 | 107.9 | 109.0 |
| November | 105.6 | 106.3 | 103.8 | 108.8 | 104.4 | 105.3 | 107.7 | 108.9 |
| December | 105.7 | 106.2 | 104.2 | 108.8 | 104.4 | 105.6 | 107.8 | 108.7 |
| January | 105.8 | 106.0 | 104.3 | 109.1 | 104.8 | 105.7 | 108.3 | 109.1 |
| February | 106.1 | 106.2 | 104.7 | 109.3 | 105.6 | 105.8 | 108.3 | 109.2 |
| March | 106.3 | 106.3 | 105.0 | 109.4 | 105.9 | 106.2 | 108.4 | 109.2 |
| April | 106.4 | 106.3 | 105.3 | 109.4 | 106.0 | 106.0 | 108.6 | 109.2 |
| May | 106.6 | 106.4 | 105.4 | 109.6 | 106.3 | 106.2 | 109.0 | 109.4 |
| June | 106.6 | 106.6 | 105.6 | 109.4 | 106.4 | 106.1 | 109.3 | 109.5 |
| <i>1993-94—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| July | 106.9 | 106.7 | 105.8 | 109.7 | 106.9 | 106.5 | 110.0 | 109.8 |
| August | 106.9 | 106.3 | 106.1 | 110.0 | 107.1 | 106.5 | 110.1 | 109.8 |
| September p | 107.2 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 110.2 | 107.4 | 107.0 | 110.3 | 110.0 |
| October p | 107.2 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 109.8 | 107.4 | 106.8 | 110.3 | 109.8 |
| November p | 107.2 | 106.5 | 106.7 | 109.7 | 107.5 | 106.7 | 110.1 | 110.1 |
| December p | 107.2 | 106.4 | 106.7 | 109.9 | 107.7 | 106.8 | 110.2 | 110.3 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGES | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Changes from previous year</i> | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 5.1 | 5.6 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.5 | 3.9 | 6.3 |
| 1991-92 | 0.6 | 1.5 | -1.1 | 2.5 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 3.1 | 2.4 |
| 1992-93 | 0.3 | -0.7 | 1.0 | 1.4 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| <i>Changes from corresponding month of previous year</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>1992-93—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| October | -0.5 | -1.0 | -0.4 | 1.1 | -1.4 | 0.5 | 1.4 | -0.3 |
| November | -0.4 | -1.0 | -0.1 | 1.3 | -1.3 | — | 0.7 | — |
| December | -0.1 | -1.0 | 0.8 | 1.0 | -1.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
| January | 0.1 | -1.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 0.5 |
| February | 0.5 | -1.0 | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| March | 0.8 | -0.7 | 2.3 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| April | 1.0 | -0.7 | 2.8 | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 |
| May | 1.3 | -0.2 | 3.0 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| June | 1.3 | -0.3 | 3.1 | 1.7 | 2.2 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| <i>1993-94—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| July | 1.3 | -0.3 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 1.8 | 1.5 |
| August | 1.2 | -0.6 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.7 | 1.1 | 2.1 | 0.9 |
| September p | 1.6 | — | 2.8 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 1.5 | 2.4 | 1.0 |
| October p | 1.3 | -0.3 | 2.6 | 1.2 | 2.9 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 0.7 |
| November p | 1.5 | 0.2 | 2.8 | 0.8 | 3.0 | 1.3 | 2.2 | 1.1 |
| December p | 1.4 | 0.2 | 2.4 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.5 |
| <i>Change from previous month</i> | | | | | | | | |
| <i>1992-93—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| October | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | — | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| November | -0.2 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 0.3 | — | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| December | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.4 | — | — | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| January | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| February | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.8 | 0.1 | — | 0.1 |
| March | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.1 | — |
| April | 0.1 | — | 0.3 | — | 0.1 | -0.2 | 0.2 | — |
| May | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 |
| June | — | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| <i>1993-94—</i> | | | | | | | | |
| July | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| August | — | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | — | 0.1 | — |
| September p | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| October p | — | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | — | -0.2 | — | -0.2 |
| November p | — | -0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.3 |
| December p | — | -0.1 | — | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |

TABLE 2. PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING
CONTRIBUTION OF MAJOR ITEMS TO CHANGE BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1993 AND DECEMBER 1993,
IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS(a)

| | Weighted average of six State capital cities | Individual cities | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------------|----------------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| | | Sydney | Mel- bourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
| ALL GROUPS | — | -0.1 | — | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS | | | | | | | | |
| Structural timber | — | 0.01 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Joinery products(b) | — | — | — | 0.02 | — | -0.01 | — | 0.02 |
| Clay bricks | — | — | — | — | 0.01 | — | — | — |
| Ready mixed concrete | -0.04 | -0.11 | — | 0.03 | 0.08 | -0.02 | 0.16 | — |
| Precast concrete products | — | -0.01 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Plaster and plaster products | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Steel decking and cladding | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Structural steel | 0.02 | — | — | 0.12 | — | 0.03 | — | — |
| Reinforcing steel, bar, fabric and mesh | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | — | 0.02 | 0.11 |
| Aluminium windows | — | — | — | 0.02 | — | — | — | — |
| Aluminium screens, doors, louvres | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Suspended ceilings and access floors | — | — | — | — | 0.01 | — | — | — |
| Fabricated steel products | 0.01 | — | — | 0.08 | — | — | — | — |
| Builders' hardware | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Elevators, escalators and travelators | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | — | — | -0.01 | — | — |
| Sand and aggregate | — | — | — | 0.02 | — | — | — | — |
| Carpet | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.03 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Paint and other coatings | — | — | — | — | -0.03 | — | -0.01 | — |
| Non-ferrous pipes and fittings | — | — | — | — | -0.02 | — | — | — |
| Conductors | -0.01 | — | -0.02 | — | — | — | -0.03 | -0.03 |
| Switchboards and switchgear | — | 0.01 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.01 |
| Lamps and light fittings | 0.02 | — | — | — | 0.22 | — | -0.04 | — |
| Fire protection | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.03 |
| Air conditioning equipment(c) | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.02 | — | — |

(a) For an explanation of this table see paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes. (b) Includes built-in furniture, ready-made windows and doors, and other joinery products.
(c) Air conditioning excluding piping and electrical materials.

TABLE 3. INDEX NUMBERS BASED ON AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (ANZSIC)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Wood and wood products (231-232) 5.51% (a) | Ceramics (b) (262) 3.49% (a) | Cement, plaster and concrete products (263) 16.22% (a) | Iron and steel products (271) 3.83% (a) | Structural metal products (274) 27.17% (a) | Sheet metal products (275) 3.09% (a) | Fabricated metal products (276) 4.00% (a) | Electrical equipment and appliances (c) (285) 7.93% (a) | Industrial machinery and equipment (286) 12.47% (a) | Other materials 16.29% (a) | All groups 100.00% |
|-------------|---|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1990-91 | 104.0 | 104.2 | 108.5 | 105.9 | 103.5 | 107.6 | 105.2 | 107.0 | 103.0 | 104.5 | 105.1 |
| 1991-92 | 104.9 | 105.2 | 106.9 | 108.3 | 102.6 | 109.8 | 108.8 | 108.5 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 105.7 |
| 1992-93 | 106.5 | 106.2 | 105.0 | 110.3 | 103.3 | 108.7 | 111.7 | 107.9 | 105.3 | 107.0 | 106.0 |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 104.9 | 106.3 | 104.8 | 109.3 | 103.1 | 108.1 | 110.1 | 108.9 | 106.1 | 107.0 | 105.8 |
| November | 105.3 | 106.2 | 104.6 | 109.4 | 103.0 | 108.1 | 110.0 | 108.4 | 105.8 | 106.5 | 105.6 |
| December | 105.5 | 106.2 | 104.6 | 110.3 | 103.1 | 108.1 | 110.1 | 108.4 | 105.7 | 106.8 | 105.7 |
| January | 105.6 | 106.2 | 104.6 | 110.4 | 103.2 | 108.2 | 111.6 | 107.5 | 105.7 | 107.0 | 105.8 |
| February | 106.8 | 106.3 | 104.6 | 111.1 | 103.4 | 108.9 | 112.0 | 107.8 | 105.5 | 107.3 | 106.1 |
| March | 107.8 | 106.2 | 105.3 | 111.3 | 103.6 | 108.9 | 113.5 | 107.7 | 105.4 | 107.3 | 106.3 |
| April | 108.4 | 106.3 | 105.7 | 111.4 | 103.4 | 108.9 | 113.9 | 106.8 | 105.7 | 107.7 | 106.4 |
| May | 109.4 | 106.4 | 105.9 | 111.8 | 103.9 | 109.2 | 114.4 | 106.5 | 105.2 | 107.5 | 106.6 |
| June | 109.8 | 106.4 | 106.3 | 111.8 | 104.4 | 108.9 | 114.4 | 105.9 | 105.4 | 106.8 | 106.6 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 110.7 | 106.7 | 106.6 | 112.0 | 104.5 | 108.9 | 115.4 | 105.9 | 105.5 | 107.3 | 106.9 |
| August | 110.9 | 107.1 | 106.1 | 112.2 | 104.5 | 109.2 | 115.5 | 105.2 | 105.6 | 107.6 | 106.9 |
| September p | 111.1 | 108.0 | 106.1 | 112.0 | 104.7 | 109.8 | 115.8 | 105.7 | 106.9 | 107.7 | 107.2 |
| October p | 111.6 | 108.1 | 106.3 | 111.2 | 104.7 | 109.8 | 116.0 | 105.5 | 106.4 | 108.1 | 107.2 |
| November p | 112.2 | 108.3 | 105.9 | 111.4 | 104.9 | 109.8 | 116.0 | 104.7 | 106.4 | 108.2 | 107.2 |
| December p | 112.3 | 108.1 | 105.6 | 111.4 | 105.0 | 109.9 | 116.1 | 104.9 | 106.3 | 108.2 | 107.2 |

(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year 1989-90, see paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes. (b) Previously 'Clay products and refractories'. (c) Previously 'Appliances and electrical equipment'.

TABLE 4. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| Material | 1992-93 | | | | | | | | | | | | 1993-94 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | | | | | | | |
| Structural timber | 100.3 | 107.1 | 101.2 | 101.8 | 102.7 | 103.3 | 108.5 | 111.1 | 114.2 | 119.1 | 120.9 | 123.9 | 123.4 | 124.8 | 125.0 | 125.7 | 126.2 | | | | | | | |
| Hardwood | 100.1 | 105.0 | 102.2 | 102.2 | 102.9 | 103.0 | 107.4 | 107.9 | 108.3 | 108.8 | 111.1 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 111.1 | 111.5 | 113.3 | 113.3 | | | | | | | |
| Softwood | 100.9 | 109.2 | 100.9 | 102.0 | 103.0 | 104.0 | 109.9 | 113.9 | 118.8 | 127.0 | 128.5 | 133.5 | 132.6 | 135.2 | 135.4 | 135.9 | 136.5 | | | | | | | |
| Plywood and board | 107.0 | 106.9 | 106.9 | 106.7 | 106.6 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.4 | 108.8 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 112.1 | 112.9 | 113.1 | | | | | | | |
| Joinery products(a) | 105.8 | 106.4 | 105.7 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 106.1 | 106.5 | 107.1 | 107.1 | 107.2 | 107.4 | 107.7 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 108.1 | 108.6 | 108.7 | | | | | | | |
| Ceramic sanitaryware (b) | 109.9 | 110.5 | 109.6 | 109.5 | 109.8 | 110.1 | 110.9 | 110.9 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 110.9 | 111.7 | 115.2 | 116.4 | 116.8 | 117.3 | 116.8 | | | | | | | |
| Ceramic tiles | 102.3 | 102.9 | 103.1 | 103.2 | 103.3 | 103.2 | 102.9 | 103.0 | 102.9 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 103.3 | 103.4 | 103.6 | 103.4 | | | | | | | |
| Clay bricks | 105.0 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 106.3 | 106.2 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 106.1 | 106.3 | 106.3 | 106.6 | 106.8 | 106.7 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 107.9 | 107.9 | | | | | | | |
| Cement | 109.9 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.0 | 111.1 | 111.1 | 111.8 | 112.0 | 112.0 | 111.8 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.4 | 108.3 | 108.3 | | | | | | | |
| Ready mixed concrete | 106.0 | 103.5 | 103.3 | 102.9 | 103.2 | 103.1 | 103.2 | 104.1 | 104.7 | 105.0 | 105.6 | 106.2 | 105.6 | 105.5 | 105.4 | 104.4 | 104.0 | | | | | | | |
| Precast concrete products | 107.2 | 106.9 | 106.7 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 106.8 | 106.7 | 106.9 | 107.0 | 107.1 | 107.2 | 106.3 | 106.8 | 107.1 | 107.3 | 108.0 | 108.0 | | | | | | | |
| Concrete masonry blocks | 112.0 | 108.7 | 110.0 | 109.9 | 107.5 | 108.1 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.8 | 107.0 | 107.3 | 107.2 | | | | | | | |
| Plaster and plaster products | 108.4 | 109.9 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.5 | 109.4 | 109.4 | 109.7 | 111.8 | 111.7 | 110.4 | 111.7 | 111.6 | 111.6 | 112.3 | 112.6 | 112.7 | | | | | | | |
| Fibrous cement products | 110.7 | 111.6 | 111.4 | 111.4 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.8 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.5 | 111.2 | 110.8 | 111.3 | 112.1 | 112.7 | 112.7 | 112.7 | | | | | | | |
| Steel decking and cladding | 106.6 | 108.4 | 106.6 | 106.7 | 108.7 | 108.6 | 110.1 | 110.1 | 110.1 | 110.1 | 109.9 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 107.6 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 106.4 | | | | | | | |
| Cast iron pipes and fittings | 110.9 | 116.3 | 116.2 | 116.2 | 116.1 | 116.1 | 116.1 | 116.1 | 116.3 | 116.3 | 117.7 | 127.0 | 127.8 | 127.9 | 127.8 | 128.1 | 128.1 | | | | | | | |
| Structural steel | 100.7 | 101.2 | 101.0 | 100.8 | 100.8 | 101.0 | 101.1 | 101.0 | 101.2 | 102.4 | 102.6 | 103.2 | 103.4 | 103.7 | 103.7 | 104.1 | 104.3 | | | | | | | |
| Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | 105.7 | 109.2 | 108.2 | 108.2 | 108.5 | 108.9 | 109.7 | 110.1 | 110.1 | 110.9 | 112.8 | 112.9 | 112.7 | 112.6 | 112.5 | 112.3 | 112.4 | | | | | | | |
| Aluminium windows | 99.5 | 99.1 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 98.9 | 99.0 | 99.2 | 99.3 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.0 | 99.1 | 99.2 | 99.6 | 99.6 | 99.6 | | | | | | | |
| Aluminium screens, doors, louvres | 101.5 | 101.6 | 101.8 | 101.5 | 101.5 | 101.5 | 101.5 | 101.5 | 101.6 | 101.1 | 101.3 | 100.9 | 100.9 | 101.1 | 101.1 | 101.2 | 101.2 | | | | | | | |
| Suspended ceilings and access floors | 101.0 | 100.2 | 100.3 | 100.3 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.3 | 100.9 | 99.7 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 99.6 | 99.8 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 100.0 | | | | | | | |
| Fabricated steel products (c) | 107.2 | 107.4 | 107.6 | 107.7 | 107.8 | 107.9 | 107.9 | 107.8 | 107.3 | 106.5 | 106.6 | 106.5 | 106.7 | 106.7 | 106.8 | 107.1 | 107.4 | | | | | | | |
| Sheet steel sanitaryware (d) | 108.4 | 109.9 | 110.2 | 109.8 | 109.3 | 109.2 | 109.5 | 109.6 | 110.0 | 110.1 | 109.6 | 110.2 | 111.6 | 115.2 | 115.1 | 114.7 | 114.7 | | | | | | | |
| Builders' hardware (e.g. hinges, catches, handles, bolts, nails, etc.) | 109.8 | 112.6 | 111.3 | 111.3 | 111.2 | 112.1 | 112.5 | 114.3 | 114.4 | 114.7 | 114.8 | 114.8 | 114.5 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | 114.6 | | | | | | | |
| Sand and aggregate | 115.6 | 115.3 | 114.7 | 114.7 | 114.5 | 114.5 | 115.1 | 115.1 | 115.1 | 115.9 | 116.0 | 116.4 | 116.4 | 117.1 | 117.5 | 118.0 | 119.5 | | | | | | | |
| Carpet | 101.5 | 99.3 | 99.6 | 98.8 | 98.6 | 98.8 | 98.8 | 98.9 | 99.2 | 99.2 | 99.1 | 99.2 | 97.7 | 97.7 | 99.9 | 99.9 | 99.0 | | | | | | | |
| Paint and other coatings | 116.7 | 118.2 | 117.7 | 117.8 | 118.5 | 118.5 | 118.7 | 118.6 | 118.4 | 118.5 | 118.7 | 119.8 | 119.6 | 119.7 | 120.2 | 120.0 | 119.7 | | | | | | | |
| Glass products | 97.6 | 99.0 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 97.8 | 98.3 | 102.0 | 103.1 | 102.5 | 102.8 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.0 | 102.1 | | | | | | | |
| Non-ferrous pipes and fittings | 100.8 | 104.6 | 106.2 | 104.1 | 104.4 | 105.5 | 107.0 | 106.4 | 105.6 | 102.6 | 99.9 | 101.0 | 103.3 | 103.1 | 102.3 | 101.7 | 101.6 | | | | | | | |
| Plastic floor coverings | 106.5 | 107.0 | 106.3 | 106.3 | 106.3 | 106.3 | 106.7 | 108.1 | 108.7 | 108.7 | 108.8 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 109.6 | 110.1 | 110.1 | 110.2 | | | | | | | |

(a) Includes built-in furniture, partition, readymade windows and doors, and other joinery. (b) Previously 'Toilet suites and hand basins'. (c) Previously 'Steel windows, doors, louvres and other fabricated steel products'. (d) Previously 'Urinals, baths and sinks'.

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| | Structural timber | Clay bricks | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Steel decking and cladding | Structural steel | Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | Aluminium windows | Fabricated steel products (a) | Builders' hardware | Sand and aggregate | Carpet coatings | Paint and other coatings | Non-ferrous pipes and fittings |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SYDNEY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 103.9 | 99.9 | 110.6 | 104.6 | 105.7 | 103.7 | 104.8 | 103.6 | 104.8 | 105.4 | 110.5 | 103.4 | 111.0 | 105.1 |
| 1991-92 | 102.4 | 97.4 | 108.1 | 105.1 | 108.0 | 106.1 | 109.9 | 99.2 | 107.0 | 108.4 | 113.1 | 102.8 | 120.1 | 109.2 |
| 1992-93 | 109.7 | 96.7 | 94.6 | 105.2 | 110.8 | 107.4 | 117.2 | 98.4 | 108.0 | 110.1 | 113.3 | 99.4 | 123.3 | 110.4 |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 102.0 | 96.5 | 97.5 | 105.2 | 108.8 | 106.3 | 116.4 | 98.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 113.1 | 100.2 | 123.2 | 115.6 |
| November | 103.2 | 96.5 | 95.8 | 104.9 | 108.8 | 107.3 | 116.4 | 98.0 | 109.0 | 109.0 | 113.1 | 98.5 | 123.2 | 108.7 |
| December | 103.3 | 96.5 | 94.4 | 104.9 | 111.0 | 107.3 | 116.4 | 98.0 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 113.1 | 98.2 | 123.4 | 108.7 |
| January | 104.3 | 96.5 | 92.6 | 104.9 | 111.0 | 107.3 | 116.7 | 98.0 | 109.0 | 108.7 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 123.4 | 108.9 |
| February | 109.0 | 96.5 | 91.4 | 104.9 | 112.7 | 107.4 | 118.6 | 98.3 | 109.1 | 109.8 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 123.4 | 109.3 |
| March | 113.4 | 96.5 | 91.2 | 104.9 | 112.7 | 107.4 | 118.3 | 98.3 | 109.1 | 112.3 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 123.4 | 109.3 |
| April | 120.5 | 96.9 | 90.7 | 105.0 | 112.7 | 107.4 | 118.3 | 98.3 | 112.3 | 112.3 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 123.4 | 108.3 |
| May | 127.5 | 96.9 | 91.0 | 105.0 | 112.7 | 109.9 | 118.3 | 99.0 | 105.0 | 112.3 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 123.4 | 107.5 |
| June | 128.2 | 96.9 | 91.1 | 105.0 | 112.7 | 109.9 | 121.5 | 99.0 | 105.1 | 112.2 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 123.4 | 107.4 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 131.9 | 96.9 | 91.1 | 105.0 | 112.7 | 110.1 | 121.5 | 96.9 | 104.3 | 112.2 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 122.5 | 107.7 |
| August | 128.5 | 96.9 | 88.8 | 105.0 | 112.7 | 110.1 | 121.5 | 97.3 | 104.3 | 113.0 | 113.1 | 96.3 | 122.5 | 109.5 |
| September p | 128.7 | 100.2 | 88.4 | 105.3 | 111.1 | 110.0 | 121.5 | 97.3 | 104.3 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 97.0 | 122.5 | 109.5 |
| October p | 129.7 | 100.2 | 88.5 | 105.5 | 109.5 | 110.0 | 121.1 | 98.2 | 104.4 | 113.0 | 113.1 | 99.9 | 122.5 | 107.7 |
| November p | 130.0 | 100.2 | 86.7 | 105.5 | 109.5 | 110.1 | 121.1 | 98.2 | 104.4 | 113.0 | 113.1 | 99.9 | 122.5 | 107.4 |
| December p | 131.1 | 100.2 | 85.5 | 105.3 | 109.4 | 110.1 | 121.4 | 98.2 | 104.4 | 113.1 | 113.1 | 98.7 | 122.5 | 107.4 |
| MELBOURNE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 100.1 | 103.8 | 107.4 | 103.7 | 104.0 | 98.8 | 106.7 | 99.5 | 106.9 | 105.2 | 115.5 | 102.0 | 111.0 | 99.4 |
| 1991-92 | 97.2 | 106.9 | 94.0 | 102.8 | 107.5 | 93.3 | 97.5 | 96.4 | 109.5 | 112.6 | 119.0 | 100.4 | 119.2 | 89.4 |
| 1992-93 | 103.2 | 108.5 | 108.2 | 99.5 | 109.0 | 91.3 | 99.2 | 96.0 | 108.4 | 117.2 | 113.8 | 98.8 | 118.8 | 90.9 |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 97.1 | 109.0 | 104.0 | 99.7 | 107.5 | 93.3 | 97.5 | 95.9 | 108.4 | 115.0 | 111.2 | 99.0 | 117.1 | 91.6 |
| November | 97.5 | 108.7 | 104.7 | 99.7 | 107.5 | 90.4 | 97.5 | 95.8 | 107.9 | 115.0 | 111.2 | 98.4 | 117.4 | 92.1 |
| December | 100.2 | 108.6 | 108.6 | 99.7 | 108.3 | 90.4 | 98.4 | 95.8 | 108.2 | 115.0 | 111.2 | 98.4 | 119.8 | 91.9 |
| January | 100.3 | 108.5 | 110.0 | 99.7 | 107.7 | 90.4 | 99.0 | 95.8 | 108.3 | 117.5 | 111.2 | 98.6 | 119.8 | 93.7 |
| February | 106.1 | 108.5 | 112.4 | 99.0 | 110.9 | 90.4 | 99.0 | 95.8 | 108.2 | 117.5 | 114.0 | 98.6 | 119.8 | 93.9 |
| March | 107.8 | 108.5 | 115.2 | 99.1 | 111.1 | 89.8 | 100.9 | 96.2 | 108.2 | 118.6 | 114.0 | 98.6 | 119.8 | 93.1 |
| April | 108.5 | 108.5 | 116.9 | 99.3 | 111.1 | 90.4 | 100.9 | 96.4 | 108.2 | 118.6 | 114.0 | 98.6 | 119.8 | 93.1 |
| May | 111.6 | 108.4 | 117.3 | 99.3 | 111.1 | 90.4 | 101.5 | 96.4 | 108.2 | 119.4 | 116.8 | 98.6 | 120.2 | 87.5 |
| June | 115.0 | 108.5 | 118.9 | 99.7 | 110.3 | 90.6 | 103.0 | 96.4 | 108.2 | 119.4 | 116.8 | 98.6 | 120.7 | 84.4 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 115.5 | 108.5 | 121.2 | 95.7 | 104.0 | 91.0 | 102.2 | 96.4 | 108.7 | 119.8 | 116.8 | 98.6 | 123.5 | 85.9 |
| August | 115.8 | 108.5 | 123.1 | 97.6 | 104.0 | 91.0 | 101.8 | 96.7 | 108.7 | 117.7 | 116.8 | 95.8 | 124.2 | 86.6 |
| September p | 117.6 | 109.4 | 123.3 | 97.6 | 104.0 | 92.4 | 101.5 | 96.7 | 108.7 | 117.8 | 117.4 | 96.4 | 124.2 | 86.6 |
| October p | 116.3 | 109.4 | 123.3 | 98.1 | 104.0 | 92.6 | 101.7 | 96.7 | 108.7 | 117.6 | 118.9 | 99.7 | 124.4 | 86.7 |
| November p | 117.7 | 109.4 | 123.0 | 99.2 | 104.0 | 94.1 | 100.9 | 96.6 | 109.7 | 117.6 | 120.5 | 99.5 | 125.4 | 86.8 |
| December p | 117.7 | 109.4 | 123.0 | 99.3 | 104.0 | 94.1 | 101.0 | 96.6 | 109.7 | 117.6 | 120.5 | 98.2 | 125.4 | 86.8 |

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| | Structural timber | Clay bricks | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Steel decking and cladding | Structural steel | Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | | | Aluminium windows | Fabricated steel products (a) | Builders' hardware | Sand and aggregate | Carpet coatings | Paint and other fittings | Non-ferrous pipes and other coatings |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | | Reinforcing steel bar | Fabric | Mesh | | | | | | | |
| BRISBANE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 102.5 | 106.5 | 114.5 | 104.4 | 106.1 | 104.5 | 109.2 | 99.1 | 105.8 | 101.2 | 111.0 | 99.0 | 103.3 | 100.1 | | |
| 1991-92 | 102.7 | 109.9 | 120.0 | 108.0 | 107.4 | 107.1 | 114.2 | 99.6 | 108.7 | 104.8 | 121.0 | 96.9 | 111.8 | 106.7 | | |
| 1992-93 | 111.1 | 114.7 | 118.9 | 109.6 | 108.6 | 111.6 | 115.6 | 100.0 | 111.4 | 107.4 | 126.8 | 93.6 | 113.3 | 121.4 | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 107.7 | 115.4 | 119.8 | 108.9 | 107.0 | 108.8 | 115.0 | 99.9 | 110.6 | 106.6 | 126.8 | 93.0 | 113.9 | 119.5 | | |
| November | 107.8 | 116.1 | 119.9 | 108.9 | 107.0 | 110.9 | 115.0 | 99.7 | 112.1 | 106.6 | 126.8 | 93.0 | 113.9 | 118.9 | | |
| December | 108.4 | 114.9 | 119.1 | 108.9 | 109.7 | 110.9 | 115.2 | 99.8 | 112.1 | 106.7 | 126.8 | 93.0 | 113.9 | 122.3 | | |
| January | 109.3 | 114.9 | 119.5 | 109.5 | 109.7 | 112.2 | 116.1 | 99.8 | 112.3 | 107.2 | 126.8 | 93.0 | 113.9 | 123.0 | | |
| February | 113.5 | 115.5 | 118.0 | 109.7 | 109.7 | 113.4 | 116.1 | 99.8 | 112.3 | 107.3 | 126.8 | 93.0 | 113.9 | 128.1 | | |
| March | 114.1 | 114.4 | 117.7 | 110.2 | 109.7 | 113.4 | 116.1 | 100.3 | 112.2 | 108.4 | 126.8 | 93.0 | 113.9 | 128.8 | | |
| April | 117.1 | 114.4 | 118.1 | 110.2 | 109.7 | 113.4 | 116.1 | 100.4 | 112.2 | 108.8 | 126.8 | 95.6 | 113.3 | 126.7 | | |
| May | 117.6 | 115.0 | 117.2 | 110.2 | 109.7 | 114.8 | 116.1 | 100.4 | 112.2 | 108.8 | 126.8 | 95.6 | 113.3 | 125.1 | | |
| June | 118.1 | 115.0 | 117.4 | 110.2 | 109.7 | 115.4 | 117.9 | 100.6 | 112.2 | 109.3 | 126.8 | 94.9 | 112.8 | 116.0 | | |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 122.7 | 115.0 | 117.1 | 111.4 | 108.4 | 115.6 | 119.0 | 100.6 | 112.0 | 108.6 | 127.5 | 95.8 | 114.8 | 117.3 | | |
| August | 122.7 | 114.5 | 115.0 | 111.6 | 108.4 | 116.2 | 119.0 | 99.8 | 113.1 | 108.6 | 127.5 | 96.8 | 114.0 | 129.7 | | |
| September p | 122.5 | 114.0 | 115.0 | 112.6 | 108.4 | 116.2 | 119.0 | 99.8 | 113.1 | 109.1 | 131.9 | 94.7 | 114.0 | 130.3 | | |
| October p | 122.1 | 114.4 | 114.1 | 112.6 | 103.6 | 115.6 | 119.0 | 99.8 | 113.0 | 109.4 | 131.9 | 94.7 | 115.3 | 129.5 | | |
| November p | 123.2 | 112.8 | 113.4 | 112.9 | 103.6 | 116.4 | 119.0 | 99.8 | 113.0 | 109.4 | 131.9 | 94.4 | 110.8 | 128.2 | | |
| December p | 123.2 | 112.8 | 113.7 | 112.9 | 103.6 | 117.8 | 119.0 | 100.2 | 115.6 | 109.4 | 148.0 | 94.4 | 110.8 | 128.2 | | |
| ADELAIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 103.5 | 106.6 | 102.7 | 109.6 | 105.6 | 102.6 | 106.5 | 103.4 | 102.4 | 105.0 | 109.1 | 104.2 | 103.1 | 104.0 | | |
| 1991-92 | 99.3 | 112.4 | 98.6 | 113.3 | 103.8 | 99.9 | 103.8 | 103.1 | 102.2 | 110.1 | 112.6 | 102.5 | 108.2 | 103.5 | | |
| 1992-93 | 109.8 | 113.7 | 90.8 | 114.4 | 103.9 | 99.7 | 103.8 | 102.8 | 102.3 | 112.8 | 113.2 | 101.1 | 105.9 | 111.0 | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 102.3 | 113.5 | 88.2 | 113.7 | 102.3 | 99.6 | 103.3 | 102.8 | 101.7 | 112.2 | 114.7 | 101.4 | 106.0 | 111.8 | | |
| November | 102.8 | 113.5 | 88.2 | 113.8 | 103.3 | 99.8 | 103.3 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 112.2 | 114.7 | 101.4 | 106.0 | 111.8 | | |
| December | 102.8 | 113.7 | 88.2 | 113.8 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 103.3 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 112.2 | 112.4 | 101.1 | 106.0 | 111.8 | | |
| January | 103.9 | 113.7 | 88.8 | 114.3 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 103.3 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 112.5 | 112.6 | 100.2 | 106.0 | 111.8 | | |
| February | 111.8 | 113.7 | 90.4 | 114.4 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 104.1 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 112.5 | 111.3 | 101.1 | 106.0 | 117.3 | | |
| March | 116.2 | 113.7 | 91.4 | 115.0 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 104.1 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 113.5 | 111.3 | 101.1 | 106.0 | 113.2 | | |
| April | 116.2 | 113.3 | 93.4 | 115.0 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 104.1 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 113.5 | 111.3 | 101.1 | 106.1 | 111.2 | | |
| May | 128.6 | 113.5 | 95.5 | 115.6 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 104.1 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 113.5 | 112.5 | 101.1 | 105.2 | 107.5 | | |
| June | 132.5 | 115.2 | 96.9 | 115.8 | 104.7 | 99.8 | 106.1 | 102.8 | 102.5 | 114.4 | 113.4 | 101.1 | 105.8 | 108.8 | | |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 139.8 | 115.0 | 96.9 | 115.7 | 104.7 | 102.2 | 107.0 | 103.4 | 102.5 | 114.5 | 113.6 | 101.1 | 106.6 | 108.3 | | |
| August | 143.8 | 115.1 | 97.2 | 115.7 | 104.7 | 102.8 | 107.0 | 103.9 | 102.9 | 114.5 | 113.6 | 101.1 | 101.6 | 109.3 | | |
| September p | 151.4 | 115.1 | 97.2 | 115.9 | 104.7 | 102.8 | 107.0 | 103.9 | 102.9 | 114.5 | 113.6 | 98.8 | 102.9 | 106.3 | | |
| October p | 153.8 | 115.2 | 97.7 | 115.3 | 104.8 | 102.1 | 107.0 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 114.5 | 113.1 | 99.5 | 106.6 | 106.4 | | |
| November p | 153.8 | 115.1 | 97.8 | 115.3 | 104.8 | 101.3 | 107.0 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 114.5 | 113.1 | 99.5 | 105.3 | 102.5 | | |
| December p | 153.8 | 115.9 | 98.6 | 115.4 | 104.8 | 101.3 | 107.2 | 103.9 | 103.9 | 114.5 | 113.4 | 99.5 | 101.5 | 101.1 | | |

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|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PERTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 103.0 | 107.8 | 111.4 | 109.7 | 105.1 | 101.2 | 107.5 | 104.3 | 107.6 | 106.3 | 108.8 | 103.6 | 104.0 | 100.0 |
| 1991-92 | 99.4 | 110.2 | 116.0 | 115.5 | 102.4 | 96.0 | 105.7 | 103.0 | 105.7 | 111.5 | 112.2 | 104.0 | 111.8 | 98.2 |
| 1992-93 | 102.7 | 111.3 | 115.5 | 117.2 | 104.2 | 96.3 | 108.1 | 103.8 | 105.1 | 114.8 | 112.6 | 104.3 | 116.6 | 97.5 |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 99.8 | 111.1 | 115.1 | 116.8 | 101.7 | 95.9 | 107.2 | 103.6 | 105.1 | 113.3 | 112.4 | 104.3 | 116.4 | 95.8 |
| November | 99.8 | 110.8 | 115.2 | 116.8 | 101.8 | 96.0 | 107.2 | 103.6 | 105.0 | 112.9 | 112.4 | 104.3 | 116.4 | 96.4 |
| December | 99.8 | 111.3 | 115.2 | 116.8 | 105.8 | 96.2 | 107.2 | 103.6 | 105.2 | 113.7 | 112.4 | 104.3 | 116.4 | 96.4 |
| January | 100.1 | 111.3 | 115.2 | 116.8 | 105.8 | 96.2 | 107.2 | 103.6 | 105.2 | 114.3 | 112.9 | 104.3 | 117.9 | 100.0 |
| February | 104.5 | 111.3 | 117.6 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 96.2 | 107.2 | 103.6 | 105.2 | 117.5 | 112.9 | 104.3 | 116.8 | 100.0 |
| March | 104.6 | 111.5 | 116.5 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 96.7 | 107.2 | 104.2 | 105.2 | 117.5 | 112.9 | 104.3 | 116.0 | 100.0 |
| April | 106.0 | 111.5 | 117.0 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 98.1 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 105.2 | 118.1 | 112.9 | 104.3 | 116.8 | 96.9 |
| May | 108.5 | 111.5 | 116.9 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 98.2 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 105.3 | 118.1 | 112.9 | 104.3 | 116.8 | 90.3 |
| June | 108.5 | 111.5 | 116.9 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 98.2 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 105.3 | 118.1 | 112.9 | 104.3 | 116.8 | 90.3 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 110.0 | 113.9 | 116.9 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 98.8 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 105.3 | 118.1 | 115.0 | 104.3 | 119.2 | 94.4 |
| August | 110.0 | 113.9 | 116.9 | 117.8 | 105.8 | 99.0 | 112.3 | 103.2 | 105.3 | 118.1 | 115.0 | 104.3 | 120.9 | 94.4 |
| September p | 109.9 | 113.9 | 116.9 | 118.9 | 105.8 | 99.1 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 106.3 | 118.1 | 115.0 | 105.1 | 120.9 | 94.4 |
| October p | 109.9 | 113.6 | 117.1 | 118.9 | 105.8 | 99.1 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 106.3 | 118.1 | 115.0 | 105.1 | 121.1 | 94.2 |
| November p | 109.9 | 113.6 | 116.5 | 123.2 | 105.8 | 99.2 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 106.4 | 118.1 | 115.3 | 105.1 | 121.1 | 94.2 |
| December p | 109.9 | 113.6 | 116.3 | 123.2 | 105.8 | 99.6 | 112.3 | 104.2 | 106.4 | 118.5 | 115.3 | 105.1 | 121.1 | 94.2 |
| HOBART | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 105.1 | 105.0 | 105.1 | 107.3 | 102.7 | 104.7 | 104.3 | 97.1 | 103.7 | 106.3 | 106.8 | 103.6 | 105.1 | 105.0 |
| 1991-92 | 105.5 | 108.0 | 109.8 | 109.6 | 102.9 | 109.5 | 108.0 | 98.7 | 105.2 | 111.9 | 123.6 | 103.1 | 112.3 | 111.9 |
| 1992-93 | 108.2 | 111.9 | 113.4 | 109.9 | 104.2 | 111.7 | 109.0 | 97.9 | 102.1 | 113.0 | 125.0 | 102.1 | 114.7 | 132.6 |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 107.7 | 111.2 | 111.7 | 109.9 | 101.8 | 110.8 | 108.3 | 97.2 | 100.9 | 112.4 | 125.0 | 103.1 | 116.7 | 132.2 |
| November | 107.8 | 111.2 | 111.1 | 109.9 | 102.8 | 110.8 | 108.3 | 97.2 | 101.2 | 112.8 | 125.0 | 103.1 | 116.7 | 132.2 |
| December | 107.8 | 111.2 | 111.1 | 109.9 | 105.7 | 110.8 | 108.8 | 97.2 | 101.2 | 112.9 | 125.0 | 101.3 | 115.3 | 132.2 |
| January | 107.8 | 112.6 | 114.9 | 109.9 | 105.7 | 111.7 | 108.8 | 97.2 | 101.2 | 112.9 | 125.0 | 101.3 | 113.4 | 133.2 |
| February | 107.8 | 112.6 | 114.9 | 109.9 | 105.7 | 111.9 | 108.8 | 97.2 | 101.2 | 112.7 | 125.0 | 101.3 | 114.1 | 133.2 |
| March | 108.1 | 112.6 | 115.5 | 109.9 | 105.4 | 111.9 | 108.8 | 97.2 | 101.2 | 112.4 | 125.0 | 101.3 | 114.1 | 136.7 |
| April | 110.5 | 112.8 | 115.5 | 109.9 | 105.4 | 111.9 | 108.8 | 97.3 | 101.6 | 112.8 | 125.0 | 101.3 | 113.3 | 133.6 |
| May | 109.6 | 112.8 | 115.6 | 110.4 | 105.7 | 114.3 | 110.5 | 98.3 | 103.1 | 113.2 | 125.0 | 101.3 | 113.4 | 132.1 |
| June | 110.7 | 112.8 | 116.4 | 110.4 | 106.0 | 114.3 | 110.5 | 101.8 | 103.1 | 113.9 | 128.8 | 101.6 | 113.4 | 130.2 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 112.3 | 112.8 | 116.7 | 110.4 | 106.0 | 115.9 | 110.5 | 101.8 | 107.7 | 115.1 | 128.9 | 101.6 | 113.9 | 130.4 |
| August | 112.3 | 112.8 | 116.5 | 110.4 | 106.0 | 116.0 | 110.4 | 101.9 | 107.7 | 115.2 | 129.3 | 101.6 | 114.0 | 127.5 |
| September p | 110.7 | 112.8 | 117.6 | 110.4 | 106.0 | 116.0 | 109.4 | 101.9 | 106.8 | 114.5 | 129.3 | 102.2 | 112.6 | 127.5 |
| October p | 114.5 | 112.8 | 117.6 | 110.4 | 106.0 | 116.0 | 109.4 | 101.9 | 106.8 | 114.3 | 129.3 | 102.2 | 114.6 | 131.0 |
| November p | 114.2 | 112.8 | 115.9 | 110.3 | 106.0 | 116.0 | 109.4 | 101.9 | 106.8 | 114.8 | 129.3 | 102.2 | 114.6 | 131.0 |
| December p | 114.4 | 112.8 | 117.6 | 110.3 | 106.0 | 116.0 | 109.7 | 101.9 | 106.8 | 114.6 | 129.3 | 102.2 | 114.0 | 131.0 |

(a) Previously 'Steel windows, doors, louvres and other fabricated steelwork'.

TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Electrical materials | | | | | | | | | | Mechanical services components | | | | Plumbing materials | | |
|-----------|---|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services 31.34% | Conduit and accessories 7.53% | Switch-boards and switch-gear 28.01% | Lamps and light fittings 53.12% | All electrical materials 100.00% | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings SYDNEY | Air conditioning 53.44% | Fire protection 15.43% | Elevators, escalators and travellers 31.13% | All mechanical services 100.00% | Hydraulic plumbing 88.90% | Drainage 7.56% | Roof plumbing 3.54% | All plumbing materials 100.00% | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 105.2 | 118.7 | 106.1 | 104.4 | 100.6 | 112.2 | 106.3 | 105.0 | 101.8 | 105.4 | 106.5 | 109.1 | 106.7 | 106.9 | | | |
| 1991-92 | 105.9 | 126.9 | 111.0 | 107.9 | 98.3 | 118.3 | 110.5 | 103.0 | 101.8 | 109.1 | 109.2 | 110.5 | 108.8 | 109.2 | | | |
| 1992-93 | 105.4 | 121.8 | 110.8 | 112.6 | 96.5 | 117.2 | 111.8 | 110.9 | 91.6 | 108.2 | 113.4 | 111.8 | 110.3 | 112.1 | | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 105.3 | 131.0 | 113.2 | 111.2 | 94.5 | 121.9 | 112.8 | 111.3 | 95.3 | 109.6 | 113.5 | 112.1 | 108.2 | 111.4 | | | |
| November | 105.1 | 124.9 | 108.8 | 112.5 | 94.2 | 118.5 | 112.2 | 110.7 | 91.9 | 108.5 | 111.6 | 111.5 | 108.2 | 110.4 | | | |
| December | 105.0 | 124.9 | 109.0 | 112.6 | 94.7 | 118.6 | 112.2 | 110.7 | 91.0 | 108.4 | 111.6 | 110.6 | 109.8 | 110.8 | | | |
| January | 104.9 | 119.2 | 109.6 | 113.5 | 95.3 | 115.9 | 112.0 | 110.2 | 90.5 | 113.9 | 113.9 | 110.7 | 109.8 | 112.0 | | | |
| February | 105.2 | 119.2 | 110.0 | 113.6 | 96.1 | 116.0 | 112.1 | 110.7 | 89.8 | 108.1 | 113.8 | 110.7 | 112.9 | 113.1 | | | |
| March | 105.3 | 118.9 | 110.0 | 114.1 | 96.1 | 116.1 | 112.2 | 110.7 | 89.3 | 108.1 | 144.0 | 110.7 | 112.9 | 113.1 | | | |
| April | 105.6 | 113.0 | 110.1 | 114.1 | 98.6 | 112.9 | 112.1 | 110.7 | 89.6 | 108.0 | 115.8 | 111.5 | 112.6 | 114.1 | | | |
| May | 105.9 | 111.7 | 110.1 | 114.1 | 98.6 | 112.9 | 112.1 | 111.3 | 87.1 | 107.7 | 115.5 | 111.5 | 112.0 | 113.7 | | | |
| June | 106.2 | 111.7 | 110.1 | 113.2 | 98.6 | 112.0 | 112.0 | 111.3 | 87.1 | 107.6 | 115.7 | 112.2 | 112.0 | 113.9 | | | |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 106.3 | 111.5 | 110.1 | 113.2 | 98.7 | 111.8 | 112.0 | 111.3 | 89.0 | 107.9 | 118.8 | 114.0 | 112.0 | 115.7 | | | |
| August | 106.0 | 106.0 | 110.1 | 113.4 | 98.7 | 109.0 | 112.1 | 113.9 | 87.3 | 107.8 | 120.7 | 113.9 | 112.1 | 116.8 | | | |
| September | 106.0 | 106.0 | 110.1 | 115.5 | 99.3 | 106.6 | 112.1 | 114.1 | 90.3 | 108.2 | 120.4 | 115.7 | 108.0 | 116.2 | | | |
| October | 106.1 | 106.1 | 110.1 | 115.5 | 99.3 | 106.6 | 111.8 | 112.1 | 90.3 | 108.2 | 120.4 | 115.7 | 108.0 | 115.9 | | | |
| November | 106.2 | 102.8 | 110.0 | 115.5 | 99.6 | 108.1 | 111.9 | 113.0 | 90.1 | 108.3 | 120.6 | 115.7 | 108.0 | 116.1 | | | |
| December | 106.0 | 102.0 | 111.8 | 116.0 | 99.8 | 108.6 | 111.9 | 112.0 | 90.1 | 108.3 | 120.8 | 115.7 | 107.8 | 116.8 | | | |
| 1990-91 | 104.3 | 118.4 | 109.3 | 104.0 | 99.2 | 111.5 | 103.8 | 104.5 | 101.9 | 103.6 | 103.3 | 109.5 | 105.6 | 105.0 | | | |
| 1991-92 | 101.8 | 121.5 | 114.8 | 109.5 | 100.5 | 115.9 | 105.8 | 108.0 | 103.2 | 105.6 | 98.9 | 109.2 | 109.2 | 104.1 | | | |
| 1992-93 | 103.4 | 115.8 | 112.8 | 110.1 | 100.7 | 113.1 | 108.0 | 107.8 | 92.7 | 105.5 | 99.3 | 112.0 | 108.2 | 104.0 | | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 102.6 | 117.6 | 112.3 | 110.7 | 100.2 | 114.2 | 108.1 | 107.4 | 94.3 | 105.8 | 99.5 | 111.7 | 106.8 | 103.6 | | | |
| November | 102.4 | 117.9 | 112.3 | 113.1 | 100.1 | 115.3 | 108.5 | 107.3 | 92.6 | 105.7 | 99.6 | 111.7 | 106.8 | 103.7 | | | |
| December | 103.1 | 117.9 | 111.4 | 112.5 | 100.1 | 115.0 | 108.3 | 107.3 | 92.6 | 105.6 | 99.1 | 111.4 | 107.2 | 103.7 | | | |
| January | 103.3 | 116.0 | 111.2 | 110.2 | 100.1 | 113.1 | 108.3 | 109.3 | 92.9 | 105.9 | 99.5 | 111.4 | 106.9 | 103.7 | | | |
| February | 103.9 | 116.0 | 111.2 | 108.8 | 100.1 | 112.5 | 108.3 | 107.9 | 92.0 | 105.6 | 99.6 | 112.0 | 109.0 | 104.4 | | | |
| March | 104.5 | 115.7 | 111.9 | 108.4 | 100.1 | 112.3 | 108.5 | 108.0 | 90.2 | 105.4 | 99.9 | 112.1 | 109.1 | 104.6 | | | |
| April | 104.8 | 114.3 | 112.0 | 108.6 | 99.9 | 111.7 | 108.6 | 108.0 | 90.8 | 105.6 | 100.0 | 112.6 | 109.1 | 104.8 | | | |
| May | 105.0 | 112.1 | 117.6 | 108.6 | 99.9 | 111.4 | 109.1 | 108.0 | 89.6 | 105.8 | 98.5 | 112.6 | 109.1 | 104.0 | | | |
| June | 105.3 | 111.4 | 117.6 | 108.6 | 99.9 | 111.0 | 109.1 | 108.0 | 89.7 | 105.8 | 97.4 | 111.4 | 109.0 | 103.2 | | | |
| 1993-94 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 108.4 | 111.1 | 117.6 | 108.9 | 99.9 | 111.0 | 109.2 | 108.2 | 89.5 | 105.9 | 99.0 | 113.6 | 104.7 | 103.0 | | | |
| August | 106.9 | 110.1 | 117.6 | 108.9 | 99.9 | 110.5 | 109.6 | 108.2 | 89.7 | 106.2 | 106.9 | 113.8 | 104.7 | 104.0 | | | |
| September | 106.3 | 111.0 | 117.9 | 108.9 | 100.6 | 108.2 | 110.2 | 108.2 | 90.7 | 106.8 | 102.8 | 113.9 | 104.7 | 105.1 | | | |
| October | 106.4 | 109.8 | 117.9 | 108.9 | 100.6 | 107.1 | 110.7 | 108.2 | 90.5 | 107.0 | 108.2 | 113.5 | 105.0 | 105.4 | | | |
| November | 106.6 | 109.0 | 117.9 | 108.9 | 100.6 | 110.1 | 110.8 | 108.2 | 90.2 | 107.0 | 105.0 | 113.1 | 105.0 | 105.4 | | | |
| December | 106.6 | 108.2 | 119.6 | 108.8 | 100.6 | 109.8 | 110.9 | 108.2 | 90.1 | 107.0 | 103.2 | 113.1 | 105.0 | 105.4 | | | |

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TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
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| | Electrical materials | | | | | | | | | | Mechanical services components | | | | Plumbing materials | | |
|-----------------|---|-------|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|---|--------|------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | | Switch boards and switch gear | | Lamps and light fittings | | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings | | Air conditioning | | Elevators, escalators and travelators | | Fire protection | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
| | 31.34% | 7.53% | 28.01% | 33.12% | 100.00% | 53.44% | 15.43% | 31.13% | 100.00% | 88.90% | 7.56% | 3.54% | 100.00% | | | | |
| BRISBANE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 106.1 | 91.0 | 99.8 | 99.4 | 98.2 | 97.7 | 102.8 | 106.5 | 103.0 | 103.3 | 101.6 | 110.3 | 106.3 | 104.5 | | | |
| 1991-92 | 109.5 | 79.0 | 101.8 | 102.7 | 96.2 | 93.4 | 105.3 | 106.3 | 105.3 | 105.5 | 103.6 | 115.6 | 107.2 | 106.6 | | | |
| 1992-93 | 110.7 | 80.8 | 102.3 | 106.1 | 99.2 | 96.3 | 108.7 | 111.0 | 96.8 | 106.9 | 109.8 | 116.0 | 107.6 | 110.0 | | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 110.2 | 81.5 | 102.5 | 105.1 | 99.3 | 96.8 | 108.5 | 110.5 | 98.5 | 107.0 | 108.6 | 115.2 | 106.5 | 108.9 | | | |
| November | 110.5 | 81.5 | 102.5 | 105.1 | 99.3 | 96.8 | 109.3 | 110.5 | 97.3 | 107.3 | 108.5 | 115.2 | 106.5 | 108.8 | | | |
| December | 110.4 | 81.5 | 102.5 | 105.1 | 99.3 | 96.8 | 109.3 | 110.8 | 97.1 | 107.5 | 108.5 | 115.8 | 106.4 | 110.6 | | | |
| January | 110.8 | 81.5 | 102.3 | 105.2 | 99.6 | 97.3 | 109.7 | 111.5 | 96.7 | 107.6 | 110.9 | 115.8 | 107.6 | 110.8 | | | |
| February | 111.0 | 81.5 | 102.6 | 105.2 | 99.7 | 97.3 | 109.7 | 111.5 | 96.5 | 107.6 | 112.4 | 115.8 | 108.4 | 111.6 | | | |
| March | 111.1 | 81.5 | 103.2 | 104.6 | 99.6 | 97.4 | 110.0 | 111.5 | 96.1 | 107.7 | 112.9 | 115.8 | 108.4 | 111.8 | | | |
| April | 111.3 | 78.6 | 103.2 | 105.2 | 98.8 | 96.0 | 109.8 | 111.5 | 96.4 | 107.6 | 112.9 | 116.0 | 108.4 | 111.6 | | | |
| May | 111.4 | 78.6 | 101.3 | 111.1 | 100.1 | 95.5 | 109.8 | 111.5 | 93.8 | 107.2 | 113.1 | 116.2 | 108.4 | 111.9 | | | |
| June | 111.4 | 76.7 | 101.3 | 111.1 | 99.4 | 94.6 | 109.0 | 111.5 | 93.8 | 106.7 | 108.2 | 115.5 | 108.4 | 109.4 | | | |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 111.8 | 76.6 | 101.3 | 111.1 | 99.4 | 94.4 | 109.0 | 112.0 | 94.1 | 106.7 | 110.7 | 118.5 | 107.5 | 110.8 | | | |
| August | 112.0 | 77.3 | 101.3 | 111.1 | 99.4 | 94.4 | 110.3 | 112.1 | 93.5 | 107.5 | 116.9 | 119.3 | 107.5 | 114.1 | | | |
| September p | 112.2 | 77.5 | 101.3 | 111.0 | 99.4 | 94.6 | 110.8 | 112.1 | 94.6 | 108.1 | 117.4 | 121.9 | 107.1 | 114.7 | | | |
| October p | 111.9 | 77.5 | 101.3 | 111.1 | 99.4 | 94.5 | 108.8 | 112.1 | 94.6 | 107.0 | 117.4 | 122.2 | 107.1 | 114.7 | | | |
| November p | 111.8 | 75.1 | 101.3 | 111.1 | 98.7 | 93.4 | 108.7 | 112.1 | 94.4 | 106.9 | 117.6 | 120.9 | 107.1 | 114.8 | | | |
| December p | 112.1 | 75.1 | 101.6 | 111.1 | 98.7 | 93.5 | 108.8 | 112.2 | 94.4 | 106.9 | 117.1 | 121.9 | 107.1 | 114.4 | | | |
| ADELAIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 104.5 | 118.4 | 109.8 | 101.3 | 109.0 | 112.6 | 109.0 | 104.1 | 100.0 | 105.9 | 103.8 | 104.8 | 105.8 | 104.6 | | | |
| 1991-92 | 104.2 | 109.0 | 116.9 | 100.7 | 108.0 | 111.4 | 112.7 | 104.2 | 101.5 | 109.8 | 103.8 | 107.5 | 105.2 | 104.8 | | | |
| 1992-93 | 103.9 | 100.4 | 113.2 | 103.2 | 106.0 | 107.3 | 114.6 | 110.5 | 93.0 | 110.3 | 105.1 | 106.7 | 105.0 | 105.3 | | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 103.1 | 101.1 | 113.2 | 113.8 | 104.9 | 107.5 | 114.2 | 109.9 | 93.5 | 110.1 | 104.6 | 106.0 | 105.4 | 104.4 | | | |
| November | 103.2 | 101.1 | 113.2 | 113.8 | 104.8 | 107.5 | 114.3 | 109.9 | 92.9 | 110.0 | 104.0 | 106.2 | 105.7 | 104.4 | | | |
| December | 103.3 | 101.1 | 113.2 | 113.8 | 104.8 | 107.6 | 114.5 | 110.7 | 92.9 | 110.3 | 104.3 | 107.7 | 105.7 | 105.5 | | | |
| January | 103.5 | 101.1 | 114.8 | 114.4 | 105.1 | 108.0 | 114.9 | 110.7 | 93.5 | 110.6 | 105.2 | 107.7 | 105.7 | 105.8 | | | |
| February | 104.0 | 101.1 | 114.8 | 114.4 | 109.0 | 108.0 | 115.2 | 110.7 | 93.4 | 110.8 | 107.8 | 107.5 | 106.7 | 107.1 | | | |
| March | 104.5 | 101.1 | 114.8 | 114.4 | 109.0 | 108.0 | 115.1 | 112.4 | 93.0 | 110.8 | 106.2 | 105.8 | 105.7 | 107.1 | | | |
| April | 104.8 | 98.8 | 111.6 | 114.4 | 108.0 | 106.5 | 114.8 | 112.4 | 93.4 | 110.7 | 105.6 | 105.6 | 105.7 | 106.0 | | | |
| May | 105.3 | 98.8 | 111.6 | 114.3 | 108.0 | 106.4 | 114.9 | 114.8 | 88.9 | 110.7 | 105.6 | 105.4 | 105.7 | 105.7 | | | |
| June | 105.8 | 98.3 | 111.6 | 114.3 | 104.4 | 106.2 | 115.1 | 114.8 | 89.0 | 110.4 | 104.5 | 105.4 | 105.7 | 104.8 | | | |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 106.5 | 98.3 | 111.6 | 114.3 | 104.4 | 106.2 | 114.8 | 114.8 | 88.9 | 110.2 | 105.3 | 105.9 | 105.7 | 105.5 | | | |
| August | 106.6 | 98.0 | 111.6 | 117.1 | 105.1 | 107.1 | 115.3 | 114.8 | 89.2 | 110.6 | 104.9 | 106.4 | 105.7 | 105.3 | | | |
| September p | 106.7 | 98.0 | 111.6 | 116.9 | 105.2 | 111.6 | 116.6 | 114.8 | 89.9 | 110.6 | 105.3 | 106.0 | 105.7 | 105.6 | | | |
| October p | 107.0 | 97.3 | 113.0 | 116.9 | 105.1 | 106.9 | 117.0 | 114.7 | 89.9 | 110.8 | 105.5 | 105.8 | 105.7 | 105.7 | | | |
| November p | 107.2 | 96.9 | 113.0 | 116.9 | 105.0 | 106.7 | 115.1 | 114.7 | 89.7 | 110.8 | 104.8 | 105.3 | 105.7 | 105.7 | | | |
| December p | 107.3 | 96.7 | 114.0 | 111.6 | 108.5 | 106.7 | 115.0 | 114.7 | 89.7 | 110.7 | 104.8 | 105.8 | 105.7 | 104.3 | | | |

TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Electrical materials | | | | | | | | | | Mechanical services components | | | | | Plumbing materials | | |
|-----------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|--|--|
| | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Switch-boards and switch-gear | Conduit and accessories | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and travelators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials | | |
| | 31.34% | 28.01% | 7.53% | 33.12% | 100.00% | 33.12% | 100.00% | 5.54% | 15.43% | 31.13% | 100.00% | 88.90% | 7.56% | 3.54% | 100.00% | | | |
| PERTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 105.8 | 105.9 | 110.0 | 99.5 | 107.1 | 110.3 | 103.3 | 102.3 | 105.2 | 103.3 | 103.1 | 105.8 | 108.6 | 105.5 | 105.1 | | | |
| 1991-92 | 105.3 | 110.8 | 119.8 | 108.1 | 105.0 | 103.6 | 105.6 | 104.4 | 105.6 | 105.6 | 104.7 | 99.4 | 114.0 | 103.4 | 103.0 | | | |
| 1992-93 | 106.1 | 112.4 | 122.8 | 110.7 | 105.7 | 103.6 | 105.7 | 105.2 | 105.7 | 96.5 | 103.7 | 98.5 | 116.7 | 105.3 | 103.7 | | | |
| 1992-93-- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 105.7 | 112.0 | 122.0 | 108.4 | 105.9 | 104.7 | 105.8 | 104.8 | 105.8 | 97.1 | 103.6 | 97.5 | 116.5 | 102.9 | 102.3 | | | |
| November | 105.6 | 112.6 | 122.1 | 108.4 | 105.0 | 105.0 | 105.9 | 104.9 | 105.9 | 96.1 | 103.5 | 97.7 | 116.5 | 102.9 | 102.4 | | | |
| December | 106.0 | 112.3 | 122.3 | 108.4 | 106.0 | 104.9 | 105.9 | 104.8 | 105.9 | 96.1 | 103.5 | 98.2 | 117.4 | 106.9 | 104.2 | | | |
| January | 106.1 | 112.4 | 123.1 | 112.5 | 106.1 | 103.4 | 103.6 | 104.9 | 103.6 | 96.7 | 103.6 | 99.5 | 116.5 | 106.9 | 104.7 | | | |
| February | 106.1 | 112.4 | 123.6 | 112.5 | 106.1 | 103.5 | 103.5 | 105.3 | 103.8 | 96.4 | 103.8 | 99.6 | 116.5 | 106.9 | 104.7 | | | |
| March | 106.7 | 112.4 | 123.6 | 112.5 | 106.1 | 103.4 | 105.5 | 105.3 | 105.5 | 95.5 | 103.7 | 99.6 | 117.1 | 106.9 | 104.8 | | | |
| April | 106.4 | 112.4 | 123.6 | 112.5 | 105.6 | 102.7 | 105.4 | 106.0 | 105.4 | 96.3 | 104.2 | 99.1 | 117.4 | 106.9 | 104.6 | | | |
| May | 107.0 | 112.4 | 123.6 | 110.9 | 104.5 | 101.9 | 105.4 | 105.8 | 105.4 | 94.2 | 103.7 | 98.0 | 117.4 | 106.9 | 104.0 | | | |
| June | 106.8 | 113.5 | 123.6 | 111.2 | 104.5 | 101.6 | 105.2 | 105.4 | 105.2 | 94.3 | 103.4 | 95.5 | 117.2 | 106.9 | 102.8 | | | |
| 1993-94-- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 107.4 | 113.5 | 123.6 | 110.4 | 104.2 | 101.6 | 105.2 | 105.7 | 105.2 | 94.1 | 103.6 | 97.6 | 118.2 | 106.9 | 103.9 | | | |
| August | 107.3 | 113.5 | 123.6 | 110.4 | 105.0 | 102.6 | 105.4 | 106.0 | 105.4 | 94.3 | 103.9 | 97.6 | 118.7 | 106.9 | 104.0 | | | |
| September | 107.7 | 113.7 | 123.6 | 111.0 | 105.1 | 102.6 | 105.2 | 106.9 | 105.2 | 95.6 | 104.7 | 97.9 | 118.7 | 106.9 | 104.2 | | | |
| October | 107.8 | 113.1 | 123.6 | 106.9 | 102.6 | 101.0 | 106.9 | 103.4 | 103.4 | 95.6 | 104.7 | 98.3 | 119.4 | 106.9 | 104.6 | | | |
| November | 108.0 | 113.1 | 116.0 | 106.9 | 100.2 | 97.5 | 105.2 | 106.2 | 105.2 | 95.3 | 104.2 | 98.4 | 121.4 | 106.9 | 104.9 | | | |
| December | 108.1 | 113.2 | 117.1 | 106.9 | 100.3 | 97.6 | 105.2 | 106.4 | 105.2 | 95.1 | 104.2 | 98.3 | 121.4 | 106.9 | 104.8 | | | |
| 1992-93-- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 103.8 | 106.7 | 106.4 | 96.9 | 103.2 | 105.9 | 104.5 | 104.2 | 104.5 | 106.2 | 104.6 | 105.6 | 108.6 | 103.6 | 105.3 | | | |
| November | 107.2 | 113.2 | 111.3 | 100.1 | 105.6 | 107.9 | 107.6 | 107.0 | 107.6 | 109.2 | 107.5 | 111.4 | 110.5 | 104.9 | 108.8 | | | |
| December | 109.1 | 118.7 | 112.9 | 95.9 | 103.3 | 106.4 | 107.7 | 110.7 | 107.7 | 98.4 | 108.1 | 115.9 | 109.4 | 106.4 | 111.4 | | | |
| 1992-93-- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 108.6 | 116.9 | 111.4 | 95.4 | 102.7 | 105.8 | 107.6 | 110.8 | 107.6 | 99.0 | 108.2 | 119.9 | 110.5 | 104.3 | 112.7 | | | |
| November | 108.3 | 119.6 | 111.4 | 95.4 | 103.6 | 107.0 | 107.6 | 111.0 | 107.6 | 97.7 | 108.2 | 113.8 | 108.9 | 105.1 | 109.9 | | | |
| December | 108.4 | 119.6 | 111.4 | 95.4 | 103.6 | 107.0 | 107.6 | 111.1 | 107.6 | 97.8 | 108.2 | 114.0 | 109.0 | 107.6 | 110.8 | | | |
| January | 109.1 | 119.9 | 114.3 | 95.0 | 103.5 | 108.4 | 107.6 | 111.2 | 107.6 | 98.1 | 108.4 | 114.4 | 109.0 | 107.6 | 111.1 | | | |
| February | 109.1 | 120.0 | 114.3 | 95.0 | 103.5 | 107.1 | 107.6 | 111.2 | 107.6 | 98.0 | 108.3 | 114.4 | 109.0 | 107.6 | 110.9 | | | |
| March | 109.2 | 120.0 | 114.3 | 95.0 | 103.5 | 107.1 | 107.6 | 111.4 | 107.6 | 97.5 | 108.4 | 114.1 | 108.5 | 107.6 | 110.9 | | | |
| April | 109.5 | 120.0 | 114.3 | 95.0 | 103.3 | 106.9 | 107.9 | 111.1 | 107.9 | 98.5 | 108.4 | 113.9 | 108.5 | 107.6 | 110.8 | | | |
| May | 110.1 | 120.0 | 114.3 | 95.0 | 103.3 | 106.9 | 107.9 | 110.8 | 107.9 | 96.9 | 107.9 | 113.3 | 108.6 | 107.8 | 110.6 | | | |
| June | 110.6 | 120.0 | 114.3 | 95.0 | 103.3 | 106.9 | 107.9 | 110.7 | 107.9 | 97.0 | 107.8 | 112.7 | 108.6 | 108.1 | 110.4 | | | |
| 1993-94-- | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 111.2 | 120.0 | 114.8 | 102.6 | 105.3 | 106.4 | 107.9 | 110.7 | 107.9 | 96.9 | 107.9 | 112.6 | 108.4 | 108.1 | 110.3 | | | |
| August | 111.2 | 120.0 | 114.8 | 102.9 | 105.3 | 106.3 | 108.3 | 110.8 | 108.3 | 97.0 | 108.0 | 113.2 | 108.8 | 106.3 | 110.0 | | | |
| September | 111.3 | 122.9 | 111.3 | 101.3 | 105.1 | 106.8 | 116.9 | 111.3 | 108.3 | 98.3 | 109.6 | 113.1 | 108.8 | 106.4 | 110.0 | | | |
| October | 111.1 | 122.9 | 111.3 | 101.3 | 105.1 | 106.8 | 116.8 | 112.0 | 116.8 | 98.1 | 110.0 | 111.0 | 103.8 | 109.9 | 107.9 | | | |
| November | 111.0 | 122.8 | 111.3 | 101.3 | 104.8 | 106.3 | 116.8 | 112.4 | 116.8 | 98.1 | 110.1 | 112.4 | 102.4 | 109.9 | 109.0 | | | |
| December | 111.2 | 122.9 | 110.7 | 99.3 | 103.6 | 105.5 | 116.8 | 112.2 | 116.8 | 98.1 | 110.0 | 112.1 | 102.4 | 109.9 | 108.7 | | | |

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TABLE 6. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—continued
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Electrical materials | | | | | | | | | | Mechanical services components | | | | | Plumbing materials | | |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--|------------------|---|---|--------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|--|--|
| | All electrical materials | | | | | All excluding lamps and light fittings | | | | | Elevators, escalators and mechanical services | | | All plumbing materials | | | | |
| | Conduit and accessories | Switchboards and switchgear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | All electrical materials | Conduit and accessories | Switchboards and switchgear | Lamps and light fittings | All excluding lamps and light fittings | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials | | |
| 31.34% | 28.01% | 33.12% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 7.53% | 28.01% | 33.12% | 100.00% | 53.44% | 15.43% | 31.13% | 88.90% | 7.56% | 3.54% | 100.00% | | | |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1990-91 | 114.3 | 106.8 | 104.9 | 106.8 | 106.8 | 106.8 | 99.9 | 109.9 | 104.9 | 105.4 | 102.0 | 104.5 | 104.4 | 108.8 | 106.1 | 105.6 | | |
| 1991-92 | 113.6 | 112.2 | 109.6 | 108.5 | 108.5 | 108.5 | 100.8 | 111.9 | 108.0 | 107.8 | 103.6 | 107.2 | 104.0 | 111.5 | 107.7 | 106.3 | | |
| 1992-93 | 109.2 | 111.7 | 112.3 | 107.7 | 107.7 | 107.7 | 101.1 | 110.6 | 109.9 | 109.4 | 93.4 | 107.0 | 106.5 | 112.2 | 108.2 | 107.9 | | |
| 1992-93— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 113.6 | 112.4 | 112.0 | 108.7 | 108.7 | 108.7 | 99.4 | 112.9 | 110.2 | 109.4 | 95.5 | 107.5 | 106.3 | 112.1 | 106.4 | 107.2 | | |
| November | 111.4 | 110.7 | 113.3 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 99.3 | 112.0 | 110.2 | 109.1 | 93.5 | 107.2 | 105.5 | 111.9 | 106.6 | 106.8 | | |
| December | 111.4 | 110.6 | 113.1 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 108.0 | 99.5 | 111.9 | 110.2 | 109.2 | 93.1 | 107.1 | 105.8 | 111.8 | 108.1 | 107.5 | | |
| January | 108.4 | 111.0 | 112.9 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 107.2 | 100.1 | 110.4 | 110.2 | 109.6 | 93.1 | 107.2 | 106.8 | 111.7 | 108.1 | 107.9 | | |
| February | 108.4 | 111.2 | 112.6 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 107.6 | 101.6 | 110.3 | 110.3 | 109.4 | 92.5 | 107.1 | 107.4 | 111.9 | 109.8 | 108.9 | | |
| March | 108.2 | 111.5 | 112.6 | 107.5 | 107.5 | 107.5 | 101.5 | 110.2 | 110.4 | 109.6 | 91.7 | 107.1 | 107.4 | 111.8 | 109.8 | 108.9 | | |
| April | 104.8 | 111.3 | 112.7 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 106.6 | 102.4 | 108.5 | 110.4 | 109.6 | 92.1 | 107.2 | 108.0 | 112.2 | 109.7 | 109.2 | | |
| May | 103.5 | 112.5 | 112.6 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 106.5 | 102.9 | 108.0 | 110.5 | 110.0 | 89.8 | 106.9 | 107.2 | 112.3 | 109.5 | 108.7 | | |
| June | 102.9 | 112.5 | 112.4 | 105.9 | 105.9 | 105.9 | 101.9 | 107.6 | 110.4 | 110.0 | 89.9 | 106.8 | 106.1 | 112.1 | 109.4 | 108.1 | | |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 102.7 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 105.8 | 105.8 | 105.8 | 102.0 | 107.6 | 110.4 | 110.2 | 90.5 | 107.0 | 108.3 | 113.9 | 108.2 | 109.1 | | |
| August | 100.7 | 112.5 | 112.7 | 105.2 | 105.2 | 105.2 | 102.0 | 106.6 | 110.8 | 110.5 | 89.9 | 107.2 | 110.3 | 114.0 | 108.2 | 110.1 | | |
| September p | 100.9 | 112.5 | 113.5 | 105.6 | 105.6 | 105.6 | 102.5 | 107.0 | 111.5 | 110.6 | 91.6 | 108.0 | 111.0 | 114.4 | 107.5 | 110.3 | | |
| October p | 100.4 | 111.8 | 113.4 | 105.3 | 105.3 | 105.3 | 102.1 | 106.7 | 110.9 | 110.6 | 91.5 | 107.7 | 111.0 | 115.1 | 106.7 | 110.4 | | |
| November p | 97.8 | 111.8 | 113.4 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 102.2 | 105.5 | 110.9 | 110.6 | 91.3 | 107.6 | 111.0 | 115.0 | 106.7 | 110.5 | | |
| December p | 107.4 | 113.2 | 113.5 | 104.9 | 104.9 | 104.9 | 103.2 | 105.6 | 111.0 | 110.6 | 91.2 | 107.6 | 111.0 | 115.1 | 106.6 | 110.4 | | |

TABLE 7. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS—CANNERRA
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Structural timber | Clay bricks | Ready mixed concrete | Precast concrete products | Steel decking and cladding | Steel structural steel | Aluminium windows | Fabricated steel products (a) | Builders' hardware | Carpet | Paint and other coatings | Non ferrous pipes and fittings |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1990-91 | 102.1 | 104.0 | 112.1 | 101.8 | 106.5 | 107.0 | 99.9 | 106.0 | 108.0 | 100.8 | 111.4 | 104.2 |
| 1991-92 | 99.8 | 108.2 | 118.6 | 103.4 | 110.0 | 111.4 | 96.8 | 110.3 | 113.9 | 99.2 | 110.5 | 104.3 |
| 1992-93 | 104.5 | 111.3 | 119.5 | 104.1 | 111.2 | 113.4 | 92.4 | 115.8 | 114.9 | 89.1 | 111.5 | 110.2 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 103.0 | 111.5 | 119.4 | 103.5 | 110.0 | 112.9 | 92.2 | 115.6 | 113.9 | 90.0 | 112.9 | 108.1 |
| November | 101.8 | 111.5 | 119.4 | 103.5 | 110.0 | 113.2 | 92.2 | 115.9 | 113.9 | 87.7 | 112.9 | 109.4 |
| December | 102.7 | 111.6 | 119.4 | 103.0 | 110.7 | 114.6 | 92.2 | 115.9 | 113.9 | 87.7 | 112.6 | 105.7 |
| January | 101.8 | 111.6 | 119.4 | 103.5 | 110.7 | 114.6 | 92.2 | 116.7 | 114.1 | 86.4 | 112.6 | 105.7 |
| February | 102.8 | 112.1 | 119.4 | 103.5 | 112.5 | 114.6 | 92.2 | 116.5 | 114.1 | 86.8 | 112.6 | 113.2 |
| March | 104.3 | 112.1 | 119.4 | 103.5 | 112.5 | 114.6 | 92.3 | 116.5 | 116.5 | 87.3 | 112.6 | 114.2 |
| April | 106.7 | 111.6 | 119.4 | 104.2 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 93.2 | 116.5 | 116.5 | 87.3 | 112.6 | 114.8 |
| May | 108.8 | 112.7 | 119.4 | 105.5 | 112.5 | 112.6 | 93.2 | 116.5 | 116.6 | 91.1 | 106.9 | 116.6 |
| June | 112.9 | 111.4 | 119.4 | 105.5 | 112.5 | 114.4 | 93.2 | 116.3 | 116.8 | 93.0 | 106.9 | 108.5 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 119.6 | 114.0 | 119.4 | 105.5 | 112.5 | 114.4 | 93.5 | 116.5 | 116.8 | 93.0 | 106.9 | 109.2 |
| August | 124.2 | 114.0 | 119.4 | 105.5 | 112.4 | 114.5 | 93.5 | 116.5 | 116.8 | 93.0 | 108.5 | 110.1 |
| September p | 123.0 | 114.6 | 119.4 | 106.5 | 109.9 | 114.5 | 93.5 | 116.2 | 118.8 | 93.1 | 108.5 | 104.2 |
| October p | 125.7 | 114.7 | 119.4 | 106.4 | 107.5 | 114.4 | 93.5 | 115.7 | 118.8 | 93.1 | 108.5 | 102.9 |
| November p | 126.7 | 114.7 | 119.4 | 106.4 | 107.5 | 114.4 | 95.3 | 115.7 | 119.8 | 94.6 | 108.5 | 109.8 |
| December p | 126.7 | 114.7 | 119.4 | 106.4 | 107.5 | 114.4 | 95.3 | 115.7 | 119.6 | 94.6 | 108.5 | 109.8 |

(a) Previously 'Steel windows, doors, louvers and other fabricated steelwork'.

TABLE 8. INDEX NUMBERS FOR SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF BUILDING MATERIALS—CANNERRA
(Base of each index: Year 1989-90 = 100.0)

| | Electrical materials | | | | | | | | | | Plumbing materials | | | |
|-------------|---|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Conduit and accessories | Switch boards and gear | Lamps and fittings | All electrical materials | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and travelators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
| | 31.3% | 7.53% | 28.01% | 33.12% | 100.00% | 100.00% | 53.44% | 15.43% | 31.13% | 100.00% | 88.90% | 7.50% | 3.54% | 100.00% |
| 1990-91 | 105.6 | 134.2 | 102.7 | 101.5 | 112.4 | 118.1 | 105.3 | 107.8 | 102.1 | 105.0 | 102.4 | 107.5 | 103.4 | 103.3 |
| 1991-92 | 107.7 | 133.3 | 106.6 | 96.5 | 118.4 | 129.6 | 108.3 | 112.3 | 102.2 | 107.8 | 102.8 | 105.6 | 106.2 | 104.0 |
| 1992-93 | 108.5 | 142.3 | 112.8 | 97.5 | 117.0 | 126.9 | 109.5 | 112.0 | 87.1 | 106.0 | 103.4 | 101.9 | 107.1 | 104.2 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| October | 108.2 | 143.5 | 111.7 | 97.4 | 117.3 | 127.5 | 109.7 | 111.8 | 96.2 | 107.7 | 102.8 | 101.0 | 106.3 | 103.5 |
| November | 108.2 | 143.5 | 111.6 | 98.4 | 117.6 | 127.5 | 109.9 | 111.9 | 89.5 | 106.6 | 103.3 | 101.3 | 106.8 | 103.9 |
| December | 108.0 | 143.5 | 111.6 | 98.4 | 117.6 | 127.5 | 109.7 | 111.9 | 86.0 | 105.8 | 100.2 | 101.3 | 106.7 | 102.0 |
| January | 108.6 | 143.5 | 112.9 | 98.4 | 117.8 | 127.8 | 110.0 | 111.9 | 84.7 | 105.9 | 104.0 | 101.3 | 107.0 | 104.5 |
| February | 108.7 | 143.5 | 112.9 | 98.4 | 117.8 | 127.8 | 110.0 | 111.9 | 82.6 | 105.6 | 104.2 | 101.3 | 108.7 | 105.0 |
| March | 108.8 | 143.5 | 114.1 | 98.4 | 118.1 | 128.2 | 110.3 | 112.0 | 82.6 | 105.7 | 104.6 | 101.3 | 108.7 | 105.2 |
| April | 109.4 | 141.4 | 114.1 | 98.1 | 117.3 | 127.1 | 110.1 | 111.9 | 82.6 | 105.6 | 104.9 | 102.7 | 107.7 | 105.5 |
| May | 109.4 | 139.3 | 114.1 | 98.1 | 116.6 | 126.1 | 110.2 | 112.3 | 75.7 | 104.5 | 102.7 | 102.7 | 107.4 | 105.8 |
| June | 109.6 | 139.3 | 114.1 | 98.1 | 116.6 | 126.1 | 109.9 | 112.3 | 75.7 | 104.3 | 103.2 | 103.2 | 107.4 | 104.3 |
| 1993-94— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| July | 109.9 | 137.4 | 113.7 | 98.1 | 116.0 | 125.2 | 109.9 | 112.2 | 82.4 | 105.5 | 104.7 | 104.2 | 107.4 | 105.3 |
| August | 110.1 | 135.9 | 113.7 | 98.1 | 115.6 | 124.6 | 109.9 | 112.5 | 77.1 | 104.6 | 104.9 | 104.1 | 107.3 | 105.5 |
| September p | 110.0 | 135.4 | 113.7 | 98.8 | 115.7 | 124.4 | 110.0 | 112.5 | 83.8 | 105.8 | 102.3 | 107.3 | 105.4 | 103.7 |
| October p | 110.0 | 135.4 | 113.7 | 98.8 | 115.7 | 124.3 | 110.0 | 112.4 | 83.8 | 105.8 | 102.3 | 107.3 | 105.4 | 103.1 |
| November p | 110.3 | 134.6 | 113.7 | 98.8 | 115.5 | 123.9 | 110.6 | 113.0 | 83.8 | 106.2 | 103.0 | 104.5 | 104.5 | 104.1 |
| December p | 110.5 | 133.2 | 114.2 | 98.8 | 115.2 | 125.6 | 110.7 | 114.1 | 83.8 | 106.4 | 102.2 | 99.9 | 104.5 | 104.8 |

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This publication contains the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building on the reference base 1989-90 = 100.0 for the six State capital cities. A detailed description of the previous index is contained in *Producer and Foreign Trade Price Indexes Concepts Sources and Methods, 1991* (6419.0).

Scope and composition

2. The index measures changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses. It includes 63 items which are combined into 10 industry of origin groups and an 'All groups'. Table 1 presents 'All groups' index numbers for the weighted average of the six State capital cities, for each of the cities separately, and for Canberra. Although many of the selected materials are also used in house 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 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.

Items and weights

3. The index is a fixed weights index. The items were selected and allocated weights in accordance with the estimated average values of materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses completed in each of the seven capital cities in the five years ended June 1992. This same weighting pattern is used for each of the seven capital cities. The weighting pattern for the 'All groups' index is set out in Appendix A of the October 1993 issue of this publication.

Classifications used

4. For the weighted average of the six State capital cities the selected materials have been combined into broad groups on an industry of origin basis. Table 3 presents index numbers for groups defined in terms of the Groups (3 digit level) of the *1993 Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification* (ANZSIC); the percentage contributions for individual materials and groups are shown in Table A1 of the Appendix of the October 1993 issue of this publication. The 'industry of origin' is not necessarily identical with the industry which supplies the materials to builders. The 'industry of origin' is the industry in which the material is *primarily produced*, determined in accordance with the classification rules of the ANZSIC. For instance, many of the materials are sold to builders by wholesalers, but the materials are classified to the appropriate producing industries, rather than the wholesale trading industries. Some materials used in constructing buildings in Australia are imported. Imported materials are allocated to the same industry of origin as Australian produced materials.

Prices

5. Prices are collected at the mid-point of the month to which the index refers, or the nearest trading day. They relate to specific standards of each material 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. 'delivered to electrical contractor's store'. Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city.

6. As far as possible, *actual transactions prices* are used in this index — that is the prices actually paid by building contractors or subcontractors to suppliers for materials delivered on building sites. The actual price paid for anything can, of course, be described in various ways. Instead of being described as a single price (as usually happens in retail shops) a price for a building material may be described in terms of the components which make up the price — for instance 'list price plus sales tax', 'suppliers price plus freight', 'basic price less (particular types of) discount' and so on. It is these *net* prices that buyers pay to sellers for materials that the ABS aims to use in compiling this index.

7. The ABS asks respondent businesses to report details of the discounts they offer so that actual transactions prices can be calculated. However, as building materials suppliers offer many different types of discounts to buyers (e.g. trade discounts, settlement discounts, quantity discounts, competitive discounts), the identification of the discounts and the way in which they are applied by sellers pose considerable problems for the ABS. To the extent that discounts are identified and measured, their effects are taken into account in calculating the index. Sometimes new discounts, or changes in the way discounts are applied by sellers, are identified only after index numbers for a particular period have been published. In such cases, or in any other case where it is discovered that incorrect prices have been used in compiling the indexes, revisions to index numbers will occur in subsequent issues of this publication.

8. To minimise the incidence of revisions, the ABS has stringent procedures to verify that prices reported in its mail collections are transactions prices net of discounts.

9. Sales tax levied on building materials is included in the prices used to compile the index. Materials used in the construction of Commonwealth, State and Local Government owned buildings are exempt from sales tax; materials used in most non-government 'health' and 'education' buildings and buildings for non-profit organisations such as religious and charitable institutions are also exempt. At any particular time when there is a change in the rate of sales tax on building materials, the movement in the index takes into account the proportion of materials sold subject to sales tax and the proportion of materials exempt from sales tax.

10. Further information on the treatment of sales tax in the index including details of factors to either include the full effects of sales tax changes or exclude entirely the effects of sales tax changes is available from the ABS on request.

Index numbers for selected materials

11. Table 4 contains index numbers for selected materials used in constructing buildings other than houses for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. In general these indexes relate to either single items or combinations of items as shown in the weighting pattern published in Table A1 of the Appendix to the October 1993 issue of this publication. Table 5 contains index numbers for selected major materials for each State capital city separately.

Index numbers for special combinations of materials

12. Table 6 contains index numbers for the following special combinations of materials, for each State capital city and the weighted average of the six State capital cities.

- (a) 'All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services components.'
- (b) 'Electrical materials.'
- (c) 'Mechanical services components.'
- (d) 'Plumbing materials.'

Interpretation and analysis

13. Care should be exercised when interpreting month-to-month movements in the indexes as short term movements do not necessarily indicate a change in trend.

14. The separate city indexes measure price movements over time in each capital city individually. They do not measure differences in price levels between cities.

15. Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of monthly index numbers. All index numbers for the current month and the three previous months are preliminary and subject to revision. However, it may be necessary from time to time to revise index numbers for earlier periods if incorrect prices for those periods are detected or if the sample of prices used to compile the indexes is found to be unsatisfactory.

16. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed as changes in 'index points' or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating index points changes and percentage changes between any two periods.

Weighted average of six capital cities

| | |
|---|---|
| All groups index number — December 1993: | 107.2 |
| less All groups index number — December 1992: | 105.7 |
| Change in index points: | +1.5 |
| | +1.5 |
| Percentage change | $= \frac{\quad}{105.7} \times 100 = +1.4$ |

17. Table 1 includes percentage changes to indicate the following movements in index numbers:

- movements between consecutive financial years
- movements between corresponding months of consecutive years
- movements between consecutive months.

18. Table 2 provides an analysis of the contributions made by selected major building materials to the monthly change in the All groups index for each city separately and for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. These contributions are expressed in terms of All groups index points. The table shows, for example, that in December 1993 the All groups index for the weighted average of the six capital cities was unchanged overall and that -0.04 index points were contributed by ready mixed concrete. Similarly, the table shows that the All groups index for Sydney decreased by 0.1 index points, of which -0.11 index points were contributed by ready mixed concrete.

Related publications

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

Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (6408.0) - issued monthly

Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia (6411.0) - issued monthly

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| | |
|------|---|
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| r | figures revised since previous issue |

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