

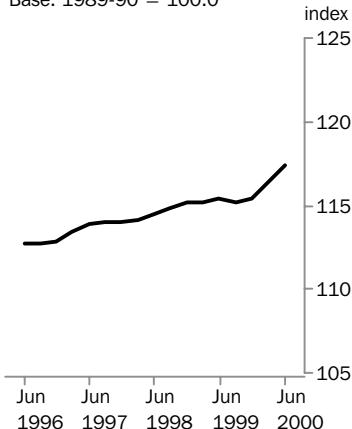
PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

SIX
STATE
CAPITAL
CITIES

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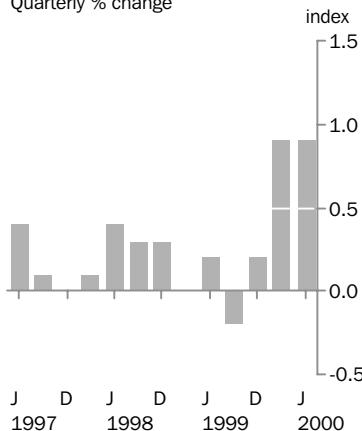
All groups

Base: 1989-90 = 100.0



All groups

Quarterly % change



JUNE QTR KEY FIGURES

| | % change Mar Qtr 2000 to Jun Qtr 2000 | % change Jun Qtr 1999 to Jun Qtr 2000 |
|--|---|---|
| Weighted average of six State capital cities | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| Sydney | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Melbourne | 1.3 | 2.0 |
| Brisbane | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| Adelaide | 1.1 | 1.7 |
| Perth | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| Hobart | 0.4 | 1.2 |

JUNE QTR KEY POINTS

WEIGHTED AVERAGE INDEX

- The increase in the index was due to price increases for a wide range of materials. The main materials contributing to the increase were glass products, aluminium windows, steel decking and cladding and elevators, escalators and travelators.
- The only significant price decrease was for reinforcing steel bar.

CAPITAL CITIES INDEXES

- Glass product prices increased in all cities.
- Prices for aluminium windows increased in all cities.
- Steel decking and cladding prices rose in all cities except Hobart.
- Prices for elevators, escalators and travelators increased in all cities.
- Reinforcing steel bar prices decreased in all cities except Brisbane and Perth which showed increases and Hobart which had no change.

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There are no changes in this issue.

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IMPACT OF THE NEW TAX SYSTEM

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be excluded from all prices used in compiling the *Price Indexes of Materials Used in Building Other Than House Building* from September quarter 2000. The introduction of the new tax system is expected to have a first round impact on the indexes with the removal of wholesale taxes having a downward influence on some prices. In addition, some downward influence is expected from second round effects.

For more details see information paper *Price Indexes and The New Tax System*, (Cat. no. 6425.0), released on 3 May 2000.

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RELATED STATISTICS

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ALL GROUPS INDEXES, Index Numbers(a)

| Period | Weighted average of six State capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |
|------------------|---|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|
| 1996-1997 | 113.2 | 113.1 | 110.9 | 115.9 | 114.1 | 114.6 | 116.3 |
| 1997-1998 | 114.2 | 114.4 | 111.4 | 117.2 | 115.1 | 114.6 | 117.4 |
| 1998-1999 | 115.2 | 115.2 | 113.2 | 118.4 | 115.5 | 114.1 | 118.5 |
| 1999-2000 | 116.1 | 116.0 | 114.4 | 119.3 | 116.1 | 115.4 | 119.0 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 112.7 | 112.5 | 111.3 | 114.9 | 112.9 | 113.5 | 115.2 |
| September | 112.7 | 112.5 | 110.8 | 115.2 | 113.1 | 114.0 | 115.8 |
| December | 112.8 | 112.6 | 110.4 | 115.5 | 114.1 | 114.3 | 116.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.4 | 113.2 | 111.1 | 116.1 | 114.5 | 114.9 | 116.5 |
| June | 113.9 | 113.9 | 111.3 | 116.9 | 114.7 | 115.2 | 116.7 |
| September | 114.0 | 114.2 | 111.2 | 117.5 | 114.8 | 115.3 | 116.5 |
| December | 114.0 | 114.2 | 111.3 | 117.0 | 115.1 | 114.8 | 117.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.1 | 114.4 | 111.4 | 117.0 | 115.0 | 114.2 | 117.7 |
| June | 114.5 | 114.8 | 111.8 | 117.3 | 115.6 | 114.2 | 118.1 |
| September | 114.8 | 115.0 | 112.4 | 117.8 | 115.3 | 114.2 | 118.4 |
| December | 115.2 | 115.1 | 113.2 | 118.7 | 115.6 | 114.2 | 118.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.2 | 115.2 | 113.3 | 118.6 | 115.6 | 113.9 | 118.5 |
| June | 115.4 | 115.4 | 113.7 | 118.6 | 115.6 | 114.1 | 118.3 |
| September | 115.2 | 115.1 | 113.4 | 118.9 | 115.2 | 114.4 | 118.5 |
| December | 115.4 | 115.3 | 113.8 | 118.9 | 115.4 | 115.0 | 118.4 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.4 | 116.4 | 114.5 | 119.5 | 116.3 | 115.8 | 119.2 |
| June | 117.4 | 117.3 | 116.0 | 120.0 | 117.6 | 116.5 | 119.7 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

ALL GROUPS INDEXES, Percentage Changes

| Period | Weighted average of six State capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart |
|---|---|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous year) | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 0.4 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 |
| 1997-1998 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| 1998-1999 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| 1999-2000 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 0.4 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.2 |
| September | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| December | 0.1 | -0.1 | -0.7 | 0.4 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.5 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 1.0 | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| June | 1.1 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.3 |
| September | 1.2 | 1.5 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| December | 1.1 | 1.4 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 0.9 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.4 | -0.6 | 1.0 |
| June | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.8 | -0.9 | 1.2 |
| September | 0.7 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.4 | -1.0 | 1.6 |
| December | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.4 | -0.5 | 1.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.8 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 1.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| September | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | -0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| December | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.7 | -0.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.0 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| June | 1.7 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.2 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | | |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| September | 0.0 | 0.0 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| December | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| June | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| September | 0.1 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.2 |
| December | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 | -0.5 | 0.4 |
| June | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| September | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| December | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.0 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| June | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 | -0.2 |
| September | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| December | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.2 | 0.5 | -0.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.4 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.4 |

ALL GROUPS INDEX(a), Contribution of Major Building Materials

| Category | March Qtr 2000 | June Qtr 2000 | Change |
|---|----------------|---------------|------------|
| Weighted average of six State capital cities | 116.4 | 117.4 | 1.0 |

GROUPS: Contribution to Weighted Average of six State capital cities index (index points)

| | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Structural timber | 0.93 | 0.96 | 0.03 |
| Joinery products | 4.82 | 4.90 | 0.08 |
| Clay bricks | 1.76 | 1.78 | 0.02 |
| Ready mixed concrete | 9.75 | 9.71 | -0.04 |
| Precast concrete products | 4.34 | 4.39 | 0.05 |
| Plaster and plaster products | 1.70 | 1.70 | 0.00 |
| Steel decking and cladding | 3.36 | 3.46 | 0.10 |
| Structural steel | 9.55 | 9.55 | 0.00 |
| Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | 7.20 | 7.15 | -0.05 |
| Aluminium windows | 6.59 | 6.80 | 0.21 |
| Aluminium screens, doors and louvres | 2.00 | 2.06 | 0.06 |
| Suspended ceilings and access floors | 1.15 | 1.16 | 0.01 |
| Fabricated steel products | 3.89 | 3.88 | -0.01 |
| Builders' hardware | 1.52 | 1.56 | 0.04 |
| Elevators, escalators and travelators | 6.33 | 6.42 | 0.09 |
| Sand and aggregate | 0.14 | 0.14 | 0.00 |
| Carpet | 2.67 | 2.69 | 0.02 |
| Paint and other coatings | 1.30 | 1.30 | 0.00 |
| Non-ferrous pipes and fittings | 2.08 | 2.06 | -0.02 |
| Conductors | 2.30 | 2.35 | 0.05 |
| Switchboards and switchgear | 2.35 | 2.36 | 0.01 |
| Lamps and light fittings | 2.31 | 2.30 | -0.01 |
| Fire protection | 3.57 | 3.54 | -0.03 |
| Air conditioning equipment excluding piping and electrical materials | 10.22 | 10.29 | 0.07 |

(a) For an explanation of this table see paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes

SELECTED ANZSIC GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES.....

| Period | Wood and wood products (231-232) | Ceramics (262) | Cement, plaster and concrete products (263) | Iron and steel products (271) | Structural metal products (274) | Sheet metal products (275) | Fabricated metal products (276) | Electrical equipment and appliances (285) | Industrial machinery and equipment (286) | Other materials | All groups |
|------------------|--|-------------------|---|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------|---------------|
| 1996-1997 | 115.5 | 112.2 | 110.5 | 117.7 | 111.1 | 119.0 | 124.3 | 114.4 | 110.8 | 114.8 | 113.2 |
| 1997-1998 | 117.6 | 115.8 | 112.3 | 119.5 | 112.0 | 120.4 | 125.7 | 114.1 | 110.7 | 115.1 | 114.2 |
| 1998-1999 | 119.1 | 117.5 | 113.0 | 120.3 | 112.2 | 120.4 | 125.9 | 115.3 | 115.3 | 114.8 | 115.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 122.1 | 119.7 | 112.7 | 121.1 | 111.4 | 121.9 | 128.3 | 118.1 | 116.6 | 117.7 | 116.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 114.7 | 110.6 | 109.4 | 117.2 | 110.0 | 117.8 | 123.0 | 116.7 | 111.7 | 114.5 | 112.7 |
| September | 115.2 | 111.1 | 109.6 | 116.0 | 110.4 | 117.4 | 122.8 | 114.1 | 112.0 | 114.5 | 112.7 |
| December | 114.9 | 111.6 | 110.0 | 116.1 | 111.0 | 118.4 | 124.0 | 113.7 | 110.8 | 114.2 | 112.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.5 | 112.8 | 110.7 | 118.7 | 111.3 | 119.6 | 124.9 | 114.8 | 110.3 | 114.9 | 113.4 |
| June | 116.2 | 113.2 | 111.6 | 120.0 | 111.8 | 120.4 | 125.6 | 115.1 | 110.0 | 115.5 | 113.9 |
| September | 116.7 | 114.1 | 111.7 | 119.8 | 111.7 | 120.5 | 125.8 | 115.5 | 109.9 | 115.7 | 114.0 |
| December | 117.4 | 115.4 | 111.8 | 119.7 | 112.1 | 120.3 | 125.9 | 114.1 | 110.2 | 115.1 | 114.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.4 | 116.7 | 112.4 | 119.4 | 112.0 | 120.4 | 125.6 | 113.2 | 110.6 | 114.7 | 114.1 |
| June | 118.0 | 117.1 | 113.2 | 119.2 | 112.1 | 120.4 | 125.3 | 113.6 | 112.0 | 115.0 | 114.5 |
| September | 118.7 | 117.2 | 113.2 | 120.0 | 112.1 | 121.2 | 125.5 | 113.9 | 112.9 | 115.4 | 114.8 |
| December | 119.3 | 116.9 | 113.0 | 120.5 | 112.4 | 120.9 | 125.8 | 115.0 | 115.9 | 114.3 | 115.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.4 | 117.4 | 112.9 | 120.5 | 112.2 | 119.6 | 125.8 | 115.9 | 116.1 | 114.3 | 115.2 |
| June | 119.0 | 118.3 | 113.0 | 120.3 | 112.2 | 119.7 | 126.3 | 116.3 | 116.2 | 115.3 | 115.4 |
| September | 119.8 | 118.1 | 112.9 | 119.4 | 110.4 | 120.4 | 128.1 | 116.5 | 116.6 | 116.0 | 115.2 |
| December | 120.2 | 119.0 | 112.7 | 120.0 | 110.7 | 121.4 | 128.2 | 117.8 | 116.0 | 116.7 | 115.4 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 123.1 | 120.3 | 112.6 | 121.4 | 111.8 | 122.4 | 128.1 | 118.6 | 116.3 | 118.0 | 116.4 |
| June | 125.1 | 121.5 | 112.7 | 123.7 | 112.6 | 123.5 | 128.6 | 119.3 | 117.4 | 120.0 | 117.4 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers(a)

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES.....

| Period | <i>Structural timber</i> | <i>Hardwood</i> | <i>Softwood</i> | <i>Plywood and board</i> | <i>Joinery products</i> | <i>Ceramic sanitary-ware</i> | <i>Ceramic tiles</i> | <i>Clay bricks</i> | <i>Cement</i> | <i>Ready mixed concrete</i> |
|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| 1996-1997 | 116.4 | 118.6 | 123.2 | 108.2 | 116.1 | 135.9 | 99.8 | 108.7 | 116.3 | 106.6 |
| 1997-1998 | 121.7 | 121.6 | 129.2 | 109.0 | 118.0 | 143.8 | 97.6 | 114.6 | 117.2 | 107.2 |
| 1998-1999 | 125.4 | 126.8 | 133.0 | 108.7 | 119.6 | 142.6 | 98.0 | 119.1 | 118.4 | 106.3 |
| 1999-2000 | 131.1 | 138.1 | 137.9 | 110.9 | 122.2 | 144.0 | 98.3 | 123.7 | 118.9 | 103.6 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 117.0 | 119.2 | 123.8 | 109.8 | 114.6 | 128.7 | 101.9 | 107.6 | 116.0 | 105.9 |
| September | 116.1 | 117.6 | 123.0 | 108.8 | 115.6 | 131.5 | 101.2 | 107.6 | 116.0 | 105.8 |
| December | 115.0 | 116.8 | 121.8 | 107.2 | 115.8 | 134.0 | 100.2 | 108.1 | 116.0 | 106.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.5 | 119.9 | 123.2 | 107.8 | 116.2 | 138.6 | 99.7 | 108.6 | 116.3 | 107.1 |
| June | 118.0 | 120.1 | 124.9 | 108.9 | 116.7 | 139.5 | 97.9 | 110.4 | 116.8 | 107.5 |
| September | 119.6 | 120.4 | 126.8 | 108.6 | 117.1 | 139.6 | 98.0 | 112.7 | 116.3 | 107.5 |
| December | 119.9 | 120.8 | 127.2 | 108.9 | 118.1 | 144.2 | 97.9 | 112.7 | 117.2 | 107.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 123.0 | 121.5 | 130.9 | 109.8 | 118.7 | 146.1 | 97.3 | 115.5 | 117.4 | 106.9 |
| June | 124.1 | 123.7 | 131.8 | 108.8 | 118.2 | 145.1 | 97.2 | 117.3 | 117.9 | 107.0 |
| September | 125.8 | 125.2 | 133.7 | 108.7 | 118.9 | 143.3 | 98.0 | 117.9 | 117.9 | 107.0 |
| December | 126.2 | 127.5 | 133.8 | 108.5 | 119.8 | 142.0 | 97.7 | 118.4 | 118.9 | 106.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 125.9 | 127.5 | 133.4 | 108.8 | 119.9 | 142.0 | 98.2 | 119.3 | 118.0 | 105.9 |
| June | 123.8 | 126.8 | 130.9 | 108.6 | 119.7 | 143.1 | 98.2 | 120.6 | 118.6 | 105.7 |
| September | 124.6 | 129.9 | 131.3 | 110.0 | 120.3 | 143.9 | 97.9 | 120.0 | 118.6 | 104.9 |
| December | 128.8 | 134.3 | 135.7 | 110.2 | 120.1 | 144.0 | 98.0 | 122.1 | 118.8 | 104.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 133.2 | 140.4 | 140.0 | 111.5 | 123.2 | 144.0 | 97.6 | 125.7 | 119.0 | 102.9 |
| June | 137.8 | 147.8 | 144.4 | 111.9 | 125.1 | 144.1 | 99.5 | 127.0 | 119.3 | 102.4 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers(a) *continued*

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES.....

| Period | Precast concrete products | Concrete masonry blocks | Plaster and plaster products | Fibrous cement products | Steel decking and cladding | Cast iron pipes and products | Structural steel | Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh | Aluminium windows | Aluminium screens, doors, louvres |
|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1996-1997 | 117.5 | 114.1 | 116.3 | 122.7 | 112.9 | 132.8 | 112.5 | 111.6 | 108.5 | 115.7 |
| 1997-1998 | 120.7 | 120.3 | 119.9 | 124.2 | 114.9 | 132.7 | 113.1 | 112.7 | 109.0 | 116.1 |
| 1998-1999 | 123.8 | 127.0 | 122.5 | 122.3 | 114.4 | 135.4 | 113.4 | 109.9 | 110.5 | 119.1 |
| 1999-2000 | 127.4 | 130.5 | 125.4 | 123.6 | 114.9 | 136.3 | 112.0 | 104.5 | 114.3 | 121.4 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 115.3 | 114.0 | 115.6 | 120.3 | 112.3 | 132.9 | 110.5 | 110.5 | 108.1 | 114.9 |
| September | 116.2 | 113.9 | 115.7 | 122.4 | 111.2 | 132.3 | 111.2 | 110.9 | 108.0 | 114.9 |
| December | 117.2 | 113.5 | 115.7 | 122.7 | 110.9 | 132.5 | 112.7 | 111.1 | 108.6 | 115.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 117.9 | 113.6 | 115.7 | 122.7 | 114.1 | 132.9 | 113.1 | 111.4 | 108.5 | 115.6 |
| June | 118.8 | 115.2 | 118.1 | 123.1 | 115.5 | 133.5 | 112.9 | 112.9 | 108.7 | 117.1 |
| September | 119.3 | 116.0 | 118.5 | 123.5 | 115.4 | 133.5 | 112.9 | 113.2 | 108.5 | 115.4 |
| December | 119.2 | 116.1 | 120.7 | 124.2 | 115.2 | 133.6 | 113.6 | 112.7 | 109.0 | 115.1 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.7 | 123.6 | 120.1 | 124.9 | 114.5 | 131.9 | 112.9 | 112.7 | 108.8 | 116.1 |
| June | 123.4 | 125.4 | 120.4 | 124.3 | 114.3 | 131.9 | 112.8 | 112.1 | 109.8 | 117.6 |
| September | 123.4 | 125.9 | 120.4 | 123.4 | 114.7 | 135.4 | 113.3 | 110.7 | 109.8 | 117.6 |
| December | 123.3 | 126.1 | 122.2 | 122.7 | 114.5 | 135.6 | 113.2 | 110.6 | 110.5 | 120.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 124.6 | 126.9 | 122.7 | 120.6 | 114.3 | 135.3 | 113.5 | 109.6 | 110.5 | 119.3 |
| June | 124.0 | 128.9 | 124.5 | 122.3 | 114.1 | 135.3 | 113.6 | 108.8 | 111.1 | 119.4 |
| September | 125.2 | 129.1 | 125.5 | 122.5 | 113.2 | 137.2 | 111.3 | 104.8 | 111.5 | 118.9 |
| December | 125.9 | 129.4 | 125.5 | 123.5 | 113.6 | 136.2 | 112.2 | 103.4 | 112.6 | 119.8 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 128.5 | 131.2 | 125.3 | 123.7 | 114.6 | 135.5 | 112.3 | 105.2 | 114.6 | 121.8 |
| June | 130.1 | 132.4 | 125.2 | 124.5 | 118.2 | 136.1 | 112.3 | 104.5 | 118.3 | 125.1 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers(a) *continued*

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES.....

| Period | Suspended ceilings and access floors | Fabricated steel products | Sheet steel sanitary-ware | Builders' hardware | Sand and aggregate | Carpet | Paint and other coatings | Glass products | Non-ferrous pipes and fittings | Plastic floor coverings |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1996-1997 | 105.7 | 114.6 | 122.1 | 118.3 | 119.5 | 103.3 | 135.7 | 112.9 | 128.8 | 114.3 |
| 1997-1998 | 106.1 | 116.2 | 121.0 | 120.0 | 121.0 | 103.0 | 136.0 | 110.2 | 135.6 | 113.3 |
| 1998-1999 | 109.5 | 117.7 | 118.3 | 123.4 | 121.9 | 102.3 | 142.7 | 111.1 | 128.6 | 116.4 |
| 1999-2000 | 109.4 | 117.8 | 117.8 | 130.0 | 122.8 | 101.8 | 148.8 | 115.1 | 131.5 | 117.6 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 106.2 | 113.2 | 121.9 | 120.5 | 118.4 | 103.6 | 131.3 | 111.7 | 130.5 | 118.9 |
| September | 106.1 | 114.1 | 122.2 | 119.2 | 118.4 | 103.0 | 135.8 | 112.3 | 128.7 | 115.6 |
| December | 106.1 | 114.0 | 122.2 | 117.7 | 118.7 | 103.1 | 136.3 | 113.1 | 125.6 | 114.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 105.8 | 115.0 | 121.8 | 118.0 | 120.1 | 103.3 | 135.5 | 113.1 | 129.4 | 113.5 |
| June | 104.9 | 115.1 | 122.2 | 118.3 | 120.9 | 103.7 | 135.0 | 113.1 | 131.4 | 113.5 |
| September | 104.9 | 115.8 | 122.3 | 118.7 | 121.0 | 103.2 | 135.3 | 113.1 | 134.5 | 113.7 |
| December | 105.3 | 116.3 | 121.2 | 119.0 | 121.1 | 102.2 | 135.7 | 109.0 | 138.0 | 113.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 106.4 | 116.5 | 120.5 | 120.8 | 121.2 | 103.5 | 135.4 | 108.4 | 135.4 | 112.4 |
| June | 107.6 | 116.1 | 120.1 | 121.5 | 120.7 | 103.0 | 137.7 | 110.4 | 134.6 | 113.3 |
| September | 108.8 | 117.4 | 118.7 | 122.2 | 121.7 | 103.3 | 138.5 | 110.7 | 134.0 | 116.5 |
| December | 110.2 | 117.6 | 120.5 | 122.9 | 121.7 | 102.5 | 143.2 | 110.8 | 126.7 | 116.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.6 | 117.7 | 116.9 | 123.5 | 122.2 | 101.8 | 144.2 | 110.7 | 126.8 | 116.4 |
| June | 109.3 | 118.1 | 117.0 | 124.9 | 122.0 | 101.5 | 144.8 | 112.0 | 126.8 | 116.4 |
| September | 109.2 | 117.6 | 117.3 | 128.8 | 122.1 | 101.5 | 145.5 | 112.7 | 127.8 | 116.0 |
| December | 109.1 | 117.4 | 117.1 | 129.0 | 122.0 | 101.8 | 148.2 | 112.7 | 132.9 | 115.5 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.4 | 118.2 | 117.3 | 129.2 | 123.8 | 101.5 | 150.7 | 114.3 | 133.2 | 118.4 |
| June | 110.0 | 118.0 | 119.4 | 133.1 | 123.3 | 102.4 | 150.7 | 120.7 | 132.1 | 120.3 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers(a)—Sydney and Melbourne

| Period | 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 | Builders hardware | Sand and aggregate | Carpet | Paint and other coatings | Non-ferrous pipes and fittings |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SYDNEY | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 118.0 | 98.3 | 97.9 | 115.0 | 114.9 | 112.6 | 120.2 | 109.8 | 112.6 | 118.1 | 113.5 | 104.2 | 132.0 | 137.7 |
| 1997-1998 | 124.8 | 107.4 | 98.7 | 117.8 | 117.6 | 112.6 | 124.2 | 110.7 | 113.3 | 120.2 | 116.1 | 101.6 | 133.6 | 148.5 |
| 1998-1999 | 129.7 | 115.5 | 97.6 | 119.2 | 117.4 | 112.4 | 122.6 | 113.6 | 113.3 | 124.2 | 117.1 | 101.8 | 141.8 | 135.4 |
| 1999-2000 | 137.3 | 123.3 | 93.9 | 122.0 | 117.0 | 110.4 | 115.9 | 117.7 | 112.6 | 133.9 | 117.7 | 101.3 | 147.4 | 136.6 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 117.3 | 98.1 | 97.4 | 112.3 | 113.3 | 110.6 | 119.9 | 108.9 | 111.7 | 126.3 | 112.2 | 105.0 | 127.8 | 138.2 |
| September | 118.0 | 97.4 | 97.6 | 113.3 | 113.4 | 111.8 | 119.4 | 108.9 | 113.4 | 120.9 | 112.1 | 104.1 | 132.4 | 137.0 |
| December | 117.1 | 97.2 | 97.7 | 115.1 | 113.0 | 113.2 | 118.5 | 110.3 | 113.0 | 117.4 | 112.8 | 104.2 | 132.6 | 133.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 117.6 | 97.8 | 98.1 | 115.2 | 115.6 | 113.2 | 119.6 | 110.1 | 112.4 | 116.9 | 113.8 | 104.2 | 130.7 | 138.8 |
| June | 119.4 | 100.8 | 98.3 | 116.3 | 117.6 | 112.3 | 123.1 | 109.9 | 111.4 | 117.3 | 115.2 | 104.1 | 132.1 | 141.3 |
| September | 121.3 | 104.3 | 98.7 | 117.2 | 117.7 | 111.9 | 123.8 | 109.2 | 113.0 | 117.6 | 115.4 | 103.1 | 131.8 | 144.7 |
| December | 122.4 | 104.4 | 98.8 | 116.5 | 117.7 | 113.9 | 124.2 | 110.3 | 114.0 | 118.1 | 115.8 | 99.1 | 133.4 | 149.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 126.8 | 108.4 | 98.4 | 118.7 | 117.7 | 112.5 | 124.6 | 111.0 | 113.5 | 122.4 | 116.2 | 102.1 | 134.0 | 149.8 |
| June | 128.7 | 112.3 | 98.9 | 118.9 | 117.2 | 112.1 | 124.2 | 112.4 | 112.8 | 122.5 | 117.1 | 101.9 | 135.2 | 149.5 |
| September | 130.8 | 112.9 | 98.6 | 118.6 | 117.7 | 112.5 | 123.0 | 111.9 | 112.8 | 122.5 | 117.1 | 102.0 | 137.4 | 149.5 |
| December | 130.9 | 113.7 | 97.7 | 118.6 | 117.3 | 112.2 | 123.1 | 114.0 | 113.3 | 123.9 | 117.1 | 102.6 | 142.1 | 130.0 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 128.7 | 116.0 | 97.2 | 119.2 | 117.3 | 112.4 | 122.7 | 114.0 | 113.4 | 124.6 | 117.1 | 101.2 | 143.8 | 131.0 |
| June | 128.5 | 119.2 | 96.7 | 120.2 | 117.3 | 112.4 | 121.7 | 114.3 | 113.8 | 125.9 | 117.0 | 101.2 | 143.8 | 131.0 |
| September | 130.4 | 118.2 | 96.0 | 120.5 | 115.0 | 109.4 | 116.7 | 114.3 | 112.5 | 133.3 | 117.0 | 100.8 | 144.4 | 131.7 |
| December | 135.3 | 123.2 | 94.8 | 120.7 | 114.9 | 110.7 | 114.6 | 115.6 | 111.6 | 133.1 | 117.1 | 101.1 | 145.7 | 138.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 139.3 | 126.3 | 92.8 | 122.4 | 117.5 | 111.4 | 116.4 | 118.6 | 113.6 | 133.4 | 118.3 | 101.1 | 148.9 | 139.6 |
| June | 144.3 | 125.3 | 91.8 | 124.4 | 120.7 | 110.0 | 115.8 | 122.3 | 112.8 | 135.9 | 118.3 | 102.1 | 150.4 | 136.5 |
| MELBOURNE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 110.1 | 113.1 | 111.5 | 110.3 | 109.2 | 104.3 | 100.7 | 100.6 | 116.7 | 116.5 | 115.9 | 101.6 | 145.8 | 111.5 |
| 1997-1998 | 115.6 | 117.9 | 111.4 | 115.7 | 109.4 | 104.9 | 100.8 | 100.0 | 120.0 | 119.6 | 116.3 | 102.6 | 144.7 | 113.0 |
| 1998-1999 | 116.2 | 119.6 | 112.9 | 123.9 | 108.0 | 104.9 | 99.5 | 100.4 | 124.7 | 122.7 | 120.5 | 100.1 | 153.8 | 111.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 118.5 | 123.8 | 110.8 | 130.9 | 109.3 | 101.3 | 93.8 | 105.1 | 125.6 | 127.6 | 120.6 | 98.9 | 162.4 | 116.6 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 112.1 | 111.3 | 114.3 | 108.4 | 111.7 | 102.8 | 100.2 | 100.8 | 114.3 | 114.1 | 114.6 | 102.4 | 142.5 | 113.9 |
| September | 109.4 | 111.3 | 112.3 | 109.0 | 107.4 | 103.2 | 100.5 | 100.6 | 114.8 | 115.6 | 114.5 | 101.0 | 147.3 | 112.3 |
| December | 107.2 | 112.9 | 110.0 | 109.5 | 106.9 | 104.2 | 100.8 | 100.6 | 114.8 | 115.6 | 114.7 | 101.0 | 146.8 | 109.7 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 111.1 | 113.7 | 111.6 | 110.8 | 111.3 | 104.5 | 100.8 | 100.6 | 117.9 | 117.0 | 117.6 | 101.6 | 146.9 | 111.5 |
| June | 112.8 | 114.6 | 112.0 | 111.8 | 111.3 | 105.1 | 100.6 | 100.5 | 119.3 | 117.8 | 116.8 | 102.9 | 142.3 | 112.6 |
| September | 114.4 | 116.1 | 111.2 | 111.8 | 110.4 | 105.1 | 100.6 | 100.4 | 119.3 | 118.6 | 116.4 | 102.9 | 143.5 | 113.8 |
| December | 115.3 | 116.1 | 111.4 | 112.4 | 110.5 | 105.1 | 100.8 | 100.7 | 119.5 | 119.5 | 116.4 | 102.9 | 143.5 | 118.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.8 | 119.6 | 111.5 | 115.0 | 108.3 | 104.7 | 100.8 | 99.2 | 120.6 | 119.8 | 116.0 | 102.9 | 143.5 | 110.2 |
| June | 116.8 | 119.7 | 111.3 | 123.5 | 108.3 | 104.8 | 100.8 | 99.7 | 120.6 | 120.3 | 116.4 | 101.5 | 148.3 | 109.4 |
| September | 118.3 | 119.7 | 112.4 | 123.6 | 108.3 | 104.8 | 100.3 | 99.7 | 124.6 | 121.4 | 119.6 | 101.9 | 148.6 | 109.4 |
| December | 117.7 | 119.6 | 113.5 | 122.6 | 108.3 | 104.8 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 124.6 | 122.2 | 119.6 | 99.9 | 155.0 | 111.8 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.6 | 119.6 | 112.5 | 126.6 | 108.1 | 104.9 | 99.1 | 100.1 | 124.6 | 122.9 | 121.3 | 99.6 | 154.9 | 111.8 |
| June | 112.0 | 119.3 | 113.2 | 122.7 | 107.2 | 105.0 | 98.5 | 101.6 | 125.1 | 124.4 | 121.3 | 98.8 | 156.6 | 111.8 |
| September | 113.1 | 119.3 | 111.6 | 126.6 | 107.8 | 101.2 | 93.7 | 102.0 | 125.1 | 125.0 | 121.3 | 99.4 | 158.0 | 112.9 |
| December | 117.6 | 119.3 | 111.3 | 127.5 | 108.5 | 102.0 | 92.6 | 103.6 | 125.5 | 125.7 | 120.2 | 99.3 | 163.0 | 117.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.9 | 126.3 | 110.3 | 133.6 | 108.0 | 100.8 | 94.7 | 104.9 | 125.6 | 126.0 | 120.2 | 98.0 | 164.3 | 117.6 |
| June | 123.2 | 130.3 | 110.1 | 135.8 | 113.0 | 101.0 | 94.0 | 110.0 | 126.1 | 133.6 | 120.6 | 98.7 | 164.1 | 118.2 |

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| Period | 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 | Builders hardware | Sand and aggregate | Carpet | Paint and other coatings | Non-ferrous pipes and fittings |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| BRISBANE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 109.8 | 104.3 | 104.2 | 112.5 | 111.3 | 136.7 | 114.8 | 103.7 | 120.1 | 104.1 | 156.6 | 94.8 | 128.3 | 154.4 |
| 1997-1998 | 113.0 | 106.1 | 106.6 | 112.2 | 113.7 | 136.6 | 116.0 | 103.8 | 122.9 | 103.6 | 154.4 | 94.8 | 130.3 | 161.6 |
| 1998-1999 | 120.5 | 105.9 | 104.2 | 114.7 | 114.0 | 140.3 | 112.4 | 106.3 | 124.3 | 108.1 | 145.7 | 95.7 | 134.3 | 158.7 |
| 1999-2000 | 127.5 | 104.8 | 100.2 | 116.6 | 113.2 | 141.7 | 109.8 | 109.4 | 126.2 | 112.7 | 148.9 | 96.4 | 139.0 | 160.4 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 111.1 | 99.4 | 102.8 | 111.2 | 109.2 | 138.0 | 111.5 | 103.7 | 117.6 | 107.1 | 156.6 | 93.6 | 123.9 | 152.2 |
| September | 109.2 | 101.3 | 102.3 | 111.3 | 109.5 | 137.2 | 113.9 | 103.2 | 117.5 | 103.7 | 156.6 | 94.3 | 127.5 | 153.5 |
| December | 109.2 | 104.2 | 103.1 | 113.0 | 109.6 | 137.2 | 114.6 | 103.8 | 117.6 | 104.0 | 156.6 | 95.0 | 128.2 | 150.9 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.8 | 105.5 | 104.2 | 112.8 | 112.3 | 136.1 | 114.6 | 103.8 | 122.1 | 104.3 | 156.6 | 95.0 | 128.0 | 154.9 |
| June | 110.8 | 106.1 | 107.3 | 113.0 | 113.7 | 136.1 | 116.0 | 103.8 | 123.1 | 104.4 | 156.6 | 94.7 | 129.3 | 158.2 |
| September | 111.9 | 107.1 | 108.8 | 113.2 | 113.7 | 137.8 | 116.8 | 103.8 | 122.8 | 104.4 | 157.4 | 94.2 | 129.9 | 161.7 |
| December | 110.5 | 105.8 | 105.4 | 113.2 | 113.7 | 136.5 | 115.9 | 103.8 | 122.8 | 101.7 | 157.3 | 94.8 | 129.8 | 161.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.8 | 105.8 | 105.8 | 110.7 | 113.7 | 136.0 | 115.5 | 103.8 | 123.5 | 101.7 | 157.3 | 94.8 | 129.8 | 161.6 |
| June | 114.9 | 105.8 | 106.4 | 111.5 | 113.8 | 136.0 | 115.6 | 103.8 | 122.5 | 106.5 | 145.5 | 95.2 | 131.6 | 161.6 |
| September | 114.9 | 106.2 | 106.3 | 112.8 | 114.0 | 139.1 | 113.6 | 105.6 | 123.5 | 106.8 | 145.6 | 95.7 | 130.5 | 156.1 |
| December | 122.7 | 106.8 | 104.5 | 115.2 | 114.0 | 139.3 | 113.6 | 106.5 | 123.4 | 106.8 | 145.6 | 95.7 | 134.3 | 161.4 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 124.9 | 105.6 | 104.3 | 115.2 | 114.0 | 141.2 | 110.9 | 106.5 | 124.6 | 108.4 | 145.7 | 95.7 | 136.6 | 158.6 |
| June | 119.3 | 105.0 | 101.7 | 115.6 | 114.0 | 141.6 | 111.3 | 106.5 | 125.6 | 110.5 | 145.7 | 95.7 | 135.9 | 158.6 |
| September | 119.3 | 100.3 | 102.1 | 115.6 | 112.4 | 142.4 | 110.5 | 108.5 | 125.7 | 113.7 | 145.7 | 95.7 | 135.9 | 158.6 |
| December | 124.7 | 102.0 | 100.9 | 116.4 | 112.6 | 141.5 | 108.7 | 108.5 | 127.0 | 111.7 | 145.7 | 95.3 | 137.2 | 161.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 132.5 | 105.5 | 98.8 | 117.2 | 112.6 | 141.5 | 109.9 | 109.4 | 127.0 | 111.7 | 156.8 | 96.6 | 141.5 | 161.3 |
| June | 133.5 | 111.2 | 98.8 | 117.2 | 115.1 | 141.2 | 109.9 | 111.2 | 125.0 | 113.5 | 147.3 | 98.0 | 141.5 | 160.2 |
| ADELAIDE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 148.6 | 117.5 | 110.5 | 120.1 | 118.2 | 113.0 | 113.0 | 116.8 | 112.3 | 122.5 | 116.7 | 111.2 | 126.3 | 122.6 |
| 1997-1998 | 154.4 | 117.8 | 113.9 | 122.1 | 120.2 | 114.5 | 114.1 | 119.6 | 113.0 | 122.2 | 120.1 | 113.5 | 121.3 | 125.4 |
| 1998-1999 | 166.6 | 119.5 | 110.5 | 123.1 | 121.1 | 114.6 | 108.9 | 122.1 | 113.3 | 125.3 | 119.5 | 113.3 | 125.1 | 120.1 |
| 1999-2000 | 181.5 | 120.2 | 109.4 | 124.1 | 124.1 | 116.8 | 100.0 | 123.7 | 113.7 | 128.7 | 117.7 | 113.2 | 127.8 | 121.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 147.5 | 119.9 | 103.5 | 120.5 | 116.7 | 109.7 | 109.1 | 115.9 | 112.3 | 120.5 | 115.4 | 106.6 | 118.8 | 124.6 |
| September | 147.5 | 119.6 | 103.0 | 120.4 | 116.7 | 109.7 | 111.0 | 116.5 | 112.3 | 122.3 | 115.4 | 108.3 | 123.0 | 122.6 |
| December | 148.4 | 118.1 | 111.7 | 119.3 | 116.7 | 113.0 | 113.7 | 116.5 | 112.3 | 122.5 | 115.2 | 110.6 | 128.2 | 120.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 148.9 | 115.6 | 113.1 | 119.5 | 118.7 | 114.6 | 113.7 | 116.5 | 112.3 | 122.5 | 116.4 | 112.4 | 127.7 | 123.1 |
| June | 149.6 | 116.5 | 114.1 | 121.1 | 120.5 | 114.6 | 113.7 | 117.6 | 112.2 | 122.5 | 119.7 | 113.5 | 126.3 | 124.4 |
| September | 152.5 | 116.5 | 115.0 | 121.2 | 120.5 | 114.6 | 113.7 | 117.6 | 112.1 | 122.5 | 120.6 | 113.5 | 125.6 | 126.8 |
| December | 149.5 | 118.4 | 115.1 | 121.8 | 120.1 | 114.5 | 113.7 | 118.8 | 113.2 | 122.5 | 120.6 | 113.5 | 122.9 | 128.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 157.8 | 118.4 | 112.9 | 122.7 | 120.1 | 114.5 | 113.7 | 119.4 | 113.2 | 121.8 | 119.2 | 113.5 | 114.9 | 124.6 |
| June | 157.7 | 117.9 | 112.6 | 122.7 | 120.1 | 114.5 | 115.2 | 122.4 | 113.3 | 121.8 | 120.0 | 113.5 | 121.9 | 122.2 |
| September | 162.7 | 118.1 | 111.1 | 123.1 | 121.3 | 114.5 | 110.8 | 122.4 | 113.3 | 124.9 | 120.2 | 113.5 | 123.9 | 120.9 |
| December | 162.7 | 120.1 | 110.8 | 123.1 | 121.2 | 114.5 | 109.1 | 122.4 | 113.3 | 124.9 | 120.2 | 113.5 | 124.0 | 120.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 170.6 | 119.5 | 110.1 | 123.1 | 120.7 | 114.6 | 109.1 | 122.4 | 113.3 | 124.9 | 120.2 | 113.2 | 125.9 | 119.6 |
| June | 170.3 | 120.3 | 109.8 | 123.1 | 121.0 | 114.6 | 106.7 | 121.0 | 113.1 | 126.6 | 117.4 | 113.1 | 126.5 | 119.6 |
| September | 170.3 | 120.0 | 109.1 | 122.2 | 121.0 | 114.6 | 102.3 | 121.9 | 113.3 | 128.4 | 117.4 | 113.1 | 126.7 | 120.7 |
| December | 172.9 | 120.0 | 108.9 | 123.9 | 123.1 | 115.6 | 101.4 | 121.9 | 113.3 | 128.4 | 117.4 | 112.8 | 126.6 | 121.9 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 183.9 | 120.3 | 109.5 | 125.0 | 123.1 | 115.6 | 100.2 | 124.2 | 113.3 | 128.4 | 117.1 | 113.2 | 128.6 | 121.9 |
| June | 198.7 | 120.6 | 110.1 | 125.1 | 129.0 | 121.3 | 96.2 | 126.8 | 114.7 | 129.6 | 118.7 | 113.5 | 129.2 | 122.5 |

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| Period | 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 | Builders hardware | Sand and aggregate | Carpet | Paint and other coatings | Non-ferrous pipes and fittings |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| PERTH | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 106.6 | 124.1 | 120.1 | 139.7 | 112.7 | 113.9 | 108.3 | 117.0 | 111.4 | 135.2 | 116.2 | 103.5 | 144.3 | 121.2 |
| 1997-1998 | 106.8 | 127.8 | 117.4 | 142.1 | 116.2 | 116.5 | 99.5 | 117.9 | 111.6 | 136.3 | 118.9 | 107.2 | 146.7 | 130.8 |
| 1998-1999 | 105.0 | 131.4 | 114.5 | 141.7 | 116.4 | 117.5 | 89.2 | 115.0 | 112.1 | 136.6 | 120.4 | 105.8 | 144.8 | 129.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 103.3 | 132.9 | 114.1 | 143.2 | 117.2 | 119.2 | 90.1 | 116.6 | 111.7 | 140.6 | 122.8 | 106.3 | 151.5 | 134.3 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 108.6 | 122.3 | 114.7 | 135.5 | 109.8 | 108.6 | 106.5 | 117.6 | 110.7 | 128.1 | 115.3 | 105.9 | 139.2 | 129.4 |
| September | 106.8 | 123.5 | 119.6 | 137.7 | 109.8 | 109.9 | 107.5 | 116.4 | 111.0 | 135.0 | 115.5 | 105.9 | 143.6 | 121.3 |
| December | 105.6 | 123.6 | 119.5 | 138.7 | 109.8 | 113.4 | 110.2 | 116.4 | 111.2 | 135.0 | 115.7 | 103.5 | 143.6 | 117.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 106.9 | 123.6 | 121.0 | 140.6 | 114.4 | 116.1 | 108.1 | 116.4 | 111.3 | 135.6 | 115.7 | 102.3 | 143.8 | 122.3 |
| June | 107.2 | 125.5 | 120.1 | 141.6 | 116.9 | 116.1 | 107.3 | 118.8 | 111.9 | 135.1 | 118.0 | 102.3 | 146.3 | 123.7 |
| September | 107.2 | 127.4 | 118.8 | 141.6 | 116.9 | 116.1 | 107.0 | 118.8 | 111.6 | 135.0 | 118.3 | 102.3 | 147.5 | 131.5 |
| December | 107.4 | 127.4 | 117.2 | 142.4 | 116.6 | 116.1 | 99.9 | 118.8 | 111.5 | 137.1 | 118.2 | 108.8 | 147.5 | 130.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 106.4 | 127.6 | 116.8 | 141.6 | 115.6 | 116.7 | 98.3 | 117.0 | 111.8 | 136.4 | 119.5 | 108.8 | 147.4 | 131.4 |
| June | 106.1 | 128.8 | 116.8 | 142.7 | 115.6 | 116.9 | 92.6 | 117.0 | 111.5 | 136.6 | 119.4 | 108.8 | 144.4 | 129.6 |
| September | 106.5 | 131.4 | 115.9 | 142.4 | 117.1 | 117.6 | 90.2 | 117.0 | 111.7 | 137.3 | 120.3 | 108.8 | 140.6 | 129.6 |
| December | 104.6 | 131.4 | 115.0 | 141.8 | 116.7 | 117.4 | 91.3 | 113.8 | 112.2 | 136.1 | 120.4 | 104.8 | 146.2 | 129.0 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 105.0 | 131.4 | 113.3 | 141.2 | 116.0 | 117.4 | 87.9 | 113.8 | 112.0 | 135.9 | 120.4 | 104.8 | 145.4 | 129.0 |
| June | 103.9 | 131.2 | 113.9 | 141.2 | 115.8 | 117.4 | 87.4 | 115.2 | 112.3 | 136.9 | 120.4 | 104.8 | 147.1 | 129.0 |
| September | 100.8 | 134.8 | 113.8 | 142.0 | 115.8 | 117.1 | 87.1 | 115.2 | 112.3 | 138.1 | 120.7 | 104.8 | 147.1 | 131.7 |
| December | 101.6 | 133.3 | 114.5 | 143.5 | 117.3 | 118.5 | 87.5 | 116.4 | 111.6 | 140.4 | 122.4 | 106.2 | 154.0 | 136.8 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 104.6 | 131.7 | 114.0 | 143.6 | 117.5 | 120.5 | 92.5 | 116.4 | 111.7 | 140.4 | 123.5 | 106.5 | 155.3 | 134.4 |
| June | 106.3 | 131.7 | 114.0 | 143.8 | 118.0 | 120.5 | 93.4 | 118.5 | 111.3 | 143.5 | 124.7 | 107.5 | 149.5 | 134.4 |
| HOBART | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 110.3 | 125.3 | 116.2 | 132.2 | 115.0 | 126.2 | 110.7 | 105.9 | 113.3 | 117.2 | 132.7 | 105.9 | 126.6 | 165.2 |
| 1997-1998 | 108.9 | 129.0 | 118.0 | 131.5 | 117.8 | 127.2 | 112.7 | 107.2 | 114.7 | 113.7 | 124.5 | 106.5 | 127.3 | 164.3 |
| 1998-1999 | 109.1 | 130.8 | 119.5 | 131.6 | 110.8 | 128.0 | 113.4 | 107.3 | 116.0 | 113.4 | 127.9 | 104.4 | 133.3 | 161.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 114.4 | 129.1 | 118.1 | 131.6 | 109.6 | 128.8 | 110.5 | 108.5 | 114.0 | 116.0 | 144.0 | 103.3 | 133.7 | 168.2 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| June | 115.0 | 124.0 | 112.7 | 128.4 | 112.3 | 123.0 | 109.2 | 104.4 | 111.6 | 116.5 | 133.1 | 105.9 | 121.1 | 173.9 |
| September | 113.3 | 124.5 | 114.8 | 132.6 | 112.3 | 125.3 | 110.2 | 104.4 | 112.6 | 117.8 | 133.1 | 105.9 | 126.3 | 168.2 |
| December | 109.9 | 125.2 | 116.0 | 132.6 | 112.2 | 126.0 | 110.9 | 105.5 | 113.5 | 118.8 | 133.1 | 105.9 | 127.3 | 161.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.2 | 125.7 | 116.7 | 132.2 | 116.5 | 126.7 | 110.9 | 106.8 | 113.4 | 117.1 | 134.5 | 105.9 | 127.4 | 164.1 |
| June | 108.9 | 125.7 | 117.4 | 131.2 | 118.8 | 126.8 | 110.9 | 106.8 | 113.5 | 115.2 | 129.9 | 105.9 | 125.5 | 167.2 |
| September | 107.5 | 127.9 | 114.9 | 131.2 | 118.9 | 126.9 | 110.9 | 106.8 | 114.0 | 115.3 | 121.4 | 105.9 | 124.6 | 168.5 |
| December | 106.6 | 129.4 | 116.8 | 131.2 | 118.9 | 127.1 | 113.0 | 106.8 | 114.0 | 112.5 | 121.4 | 105.9 | 123.5 | 163.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.2 | 129.4 | 120.4 | 131.7 | 118.9 | 127.4 | 113.5 | 106.8 | 114.8 | 112.8 | 127.5 | 106.4 | 130.5 | 162.9 |
| June | 112.4 | 129.4 | 119.9 | 131.7 | 114.3 | 127.4 | 113.4 | 108.4 | 116.1 | 114.0 | 127.5 | 107.6 | 130.7 | 162.6 |
| September | 109.4 | 130.2 | 119.2 | 131.7 | 111.3 | 127.7 | 113.4 | 108.4 | 116.1 | 113.7 | 127.9 | 107.6 | 132.7 | 162.8 |
| December | 108.9 | 131.1 | 120.6 | 131.7 | 111.3 | 128.1 | 113.3 | 106.7 | 116.1 | 113.9 | 127.9 | 103.3 | 133.9 | 160.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 108.9 | 131.1 | 120.4 | 131.5 | 110.3 | 128.1 | 113.4 | 106.9 | 116.1 | 114.8 | 127.9 | 103.3 | 134.2 | 161.4 |
| June | 109.2 | 130.8 | 117.9 | 131.5 | 110.3 | 128.1 | 113.4 | 107.0 | 115.6 | 111.3 | 127.9 | 103.3 | 132.5 | 160.2 |
| September | 108.2 | 126.9 | 119.4 | 131.6 | 113.7 | 128.8 | 113.4 | 107.0 | 116.1 | 110.8 | 135.4 | 103.8 | 131.7 | 162.4 |
| December | 111.7 | 126.9 | 118.0 | 131.6 | 104.6 | 128.8 | 110.2 | 107.0 | 113.6 | 114.8 | 139.4 | 103.8 | 133.5 | 166.0 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.9 | 130.9 | 117.5 | 131.6 | 110.1 | 128.8 | 109.1 | 109.9 | 113.1 | 120.2 | 150.4 | 103.8 | 135.2 | 167.2 |
| June | 120.7 | 131.6 | 117.5 | 131.6 | 109.8 | 128.8 | 109.1 | 110.1 | 113.1 | 118.1 | 150.9 | 101.9 | 134.2 | 177.0 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SPECIAL SERIES, Index Numbers(a)—Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities

ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

| <i>Period</i> | <i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i> | <i>Conductors</i> | <i>Conduit and accessories</i> | <i>Switchboards and switchgear</i> | <i>Lamps and light fittings</i> | <i>All electrical materials</i> | <i>All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings</i> |
|------------------|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| 1996-1997 | 112.9 | 113.9 | 135.3 | 123.6 | 106.4 | 115.6 | 119.9 |
| 1997-1998 | 114.1 | 112.3 | 132.6 | 124.2 | 105.1 | 115.7 | 120.0 |
| 1998-1999 | 114.5 | 108.8 | 128.6 | 128.5 | 107.5 | 117.7 | 121.5 |
| 1999-2000 | 115.1 | 112.4 | 138.3 | 133.3 | 109.4 | 121.7 | 126.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 112.0 | 123.7 | 133.0 | 122.1 | 107.1 | 118.3 | 123.7 |
| September | 112.2 | 114.5 | 135.5 | 122.7 | 106.3 | 115.5 | 119.9 |
| December | 112.4 | 112.0 | 136.5 | 122.8 | 106.4 | 114.8 | 118.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.1 | 114.2 | 136.0 | 124.1 | 106.5 | 115.9 | 120.3 |
| June | 113.7 | 114.9 | 133.1 | 124.6 | 106.4 | 116.0 | 120.5 |
| September | 113.9 | 117.1 | 134.6 | 124.6 | 104.8 | 116.3 | 121.8 |
| December | 114.0 | 112.8 | 131.3 | 124.5 | 104.9 | 115.6 | 119.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.1 | 109.3 | 132.0 | 124.4 | 104.7 | 115.3 | 119.5 |
| June | 114.4 | 109.9 | 132.5 | 123.3 | 105.8 | 115.5 | 118.9 |
| September | 114.5 | 109.4 | 132.0 | 124.3 | 105.4 | 115.6 | 119.4 |
| December | 114.5 | 109.3 | 126.6 | 126.7 | 107.4 | 116.8 | 119.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.4 | 108.5 | 127.1 | 130.9 | 108.2 | 118.7 | 122.7 |
| June | 114.6 | 108.1 | 128.8 | 132.1 | 109.1 | 119.7 | 123.8 |
| September | 114.2 | 108.2 | 131.5 | 132.6 | 109.2 | 120.3 | 124.6 |
| December | 114.4 | 111.8 | 135.6 | 132.9 | 109.4 | 121.2 | 126.0 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.4 | 113.7 | 142.3 | 133.7 | 109.8 | 122.5 | 128.0 |
| June | 116.5 | 115.9 | 143.8 | 134.1 | 109.2 | 122.7 | 128.8 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS..... PLUMBING MATERIALS.....

| Period | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and travelators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 1996-1997 | 117.3 | 120.7 | 97.6 | 114.7 | 126.4 | 123.9 | 111.4 | 124.9 |
| 1997-1998 | 118.4 | 122.5 | 96.8 | 115.3 | 130.5 | 130.9 | 114.0 | 129.1 |
| 1998-1999 | 119.2 | 122.0 | 103.4 | 117.7 | 127.9 | 126.5 | 115.5 | 126.4 |
| 1999-2000 | 120.3 | 122.1 | 106.0 | 119.1 | 131.3 | 140.3 | 115.4 | 130.9 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 117.6 | 117.3 | 99.1 | 114.8 | 125.4 | 124.0 | 109.9 | 124.0 |
| September | 117.1 | 117.7 | 99.6 | 114.7 | 125.3 | 124.9 | 109.5 | 123.9 |
| December | 116.8 | 120.5 | 97.8 | 114.5 | 124.7 | 121.4 | 109.4 | 123.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 117.4 | 121.8 | 96.9 | 114.7 | 127.1 | 121.3 | 112.3 | 125.3 |
| June | 117.7 | 122.7 | 96.1 | 114.8 | 128.6 | 128.1 | 114.4 | 127.2 |
| September | 118.2 | 122.8 | 95.7 | 114.9 | 129.8 | 130.9 | 114.4 | 128.5 |
| December | 118.4 | 122.4 | 96.4 | 115.2 | 131.7 | 131.7 | 114.0 | 130.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.3 | 122.6 | 96.7 | 115.2 | 130.8 | 132.0 | 114.0 | 129.5 |
| June | 118.8 | 122.3 | 98.4 | 116.0 | 129.7 | 128.9 | 113.5 | 128.2 |
| September | 119.5 | 122.1 | 99.5 | 116.7 | 129.7 | 130.8 | 114.5 | 128.4 |
| December | 119.1 | 122.1 | 104.4 | 117.9 | 127.1 | 123.8 | 115.6 | 125.4 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.0 | 122.0 | 104.8 | 118.0 | 127.2 | 125.8 | 116.2 | 125.8 |
| June | 119.1 | 121.9 | 105.0 | 118.1 | 127.4 | 125.6 | 115.6 | 125.9 |
| September | 119.2 | 122.2 | 106.1 | 118.5 | 129.3 | 135.3 | 115.1 | 128.6 |
| December | 120.0 | 122.3 | 105.5 | 118.8 | 130.9 | 135.7 | 115.3 | 130.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.9 | 122.4 | 105.5 | 119.3 | 132.5 | 143.9 | 113.8 | 132.3 |
| June | 121.2 | 121.6 | 106.9 | 119.8 | 132.3 | 146.1 | 117.5 | 132.5 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

| Period | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Conductors | Conduit and accessories | Switchboards and switchgear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings |
|------------------|--|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| SYDNEY | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 112.0 | 128.3 | 147.1 | 127.9 | 108.0 | 122.6 | 129.4 |
| 1997-1998 | 113.5 | 127.8 | 145.4 | 129.3 | 108.2 | 124.1 | 131.3 |
| 1998-1999 | 113.8 | 124.7 | 135.5 | 136.2 | 110.0 | 126.3 | 133.7 |
| 1999-2000 | 114.3 | 130.5 | 146.1 | 141.8 | 112.8 | 131.3 | 140.3 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 111.4 | 134.1 | 140.2 | 125.9 | 108.4 | 123.5 | 130.5 |
| September | 111.5 | 126.8 | 145.4 | 126.7 | 107.9 | 121.6 | 128.0 |
| December | 111.5 | 125.7 | 147.9 | 127.0 | 107.9 | 121.5 | 127.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 112.0 | 129.1 | 147.7 | 128.5 | 108.0 | 123.0 | 130.1 |
| June | 112.8 | 131.7 | 147.5 | 129.2 | 108.1 | 124.1 | 131.5 |
| September | 113.1 | 134.0 | 149.6 | 129.3 | 108.0 | 124.9 | 132.9 |
| December | 113.3 | 129.5 | 144.3 | 129.2 | 108.2 | 124.1 | 131.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.6 | 123.1 | 144.2 | 128.7 | 108.3 | 123.5 | 130.1 |
| June | 114.0 | 124.6 | 143.6 | 129.9 | 108.4 | 124.0 | 130.9 |
| September | 114.0 | 125.3 | 143.2 | 131.0 | 107.8 | 124.2 | 131.7 |
| December | 113.7 | 124.6 | 131.2 | 134.3 | 109.5 | 124.9 | 131.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.6 | 124.5 | 132.0 | 138.8 | 110.8 | 127.3 | 134.9 |
| June | 113.9 | 124.4 | 135.4 | 140.5 | 111.9 | 128.8 | 136.6 |
| September | 113.2 | 125.4 | 137.8 | 140.9 | 112.6 | 129.6 | 137.5 |
| December | 113.5 | 129.5 | 143.0 | 141.2 | 112.7 | 130.6 | 139.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.7 | 131.4 | 151.5 | 142.0 | 113.8 | 132.4 | 141.5 |
| June | 115.6 | 135.8 | 152.2 | 143.0 | 112.1 | 132.5 | 142.9 |
| MELBOURNE | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 110.0 | 116.3 | 120.9 | 118.0 | 101.1 | 112.0 | 117.6 |
| 1997-1998 | 111.0 | 111.7 | 114.7 | 117.7 | 97.3 | 109.8 | 115.7 |
| 1998-1999 | 112.3 | 108.4 | 115.7 | 119.4 | 101.9 | 112.4 | 116.6 |
| 1999-2000 | 113.0 | 110.6 | 123.2 | 125.5 | 104.3 | 116.8 | 122.4 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 109.6 | 135.5 | 124.3 | 117.1 | 101.3 | 118.2 | 126.7 |
| September | 109.5 | 119.4 | 123.4 | 117.2 | 101.2 | 113.0 | 119.0 |
| December | 109.4 | 115.7 | 123.4 | 117.1 | 101.2 | 111.8 | 117.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 110.2 | 116.4 | 122.3 | 118.6 | 101.5 | 112.5 | 118.1 |
| June | 110.7 | 113.7 | 114.5 | 118.9 | 100.5 | 110.8 | 116.0 |
| September | 110.6 | 115.9 | 115.4 | 119.0 | 96.8 | 110.4 | 117.2 |
| December | 110.9 | 111.3 | 114.0 | 118.6 | 96.8 | 109.8 | 116.1 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 110.9 | 109.6 | 114.0 | 120.0 | 97.1 | 110.3 | 116.8 |
| June | 111.5 | 110.1 | 115.5 | 113.1 | 98.6 | 108.6 | 112.5 |
| September | 112.0 | 108.6 | 115.5 | 113.4 | 98.6 | 108.6 | 112.5 |
| December | 112.3 | 108.7 | 115.6 | 116.7 | 102.8 | 111.8 | 114.8 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 112.2 | 108.4 | 115.6 | 123.4 | 102.7 | 114.3 | 119.3 |
| June | 112.5 | 107.8 | 116.2 | 124.1 | 103.3 | 114.8 | 119.8 |
| September | 112.0 | 106.8 | 118.2 | 124.7 | 104.5 | 115.8 | 120.5 |
| December | 112.3 | 110.4 | 121.7 | 125.3 | 104.5 | 116.6 | 122.0 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 112.9 | 112.2 | 126.0 | 125.9 | 103.9 | 117.2 | 123.4 |
| June | 114.7 | 112.9 | 126.7 | 125.9 | 104.1 | 117.4 | 123.6 |

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MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS..... PLUMBING MATERIALS.....

| Period | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and travelators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| SYDNEY | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 117.7 | 123.3 | 95.7 | 115.0 | 139.2 | 125.3 | 102.0 | 132.6 |
| 1997-1998 | 120.1 | 126.5 | 95.3 | 116.6 | 145.7 | 132.2 | 104.5 | 138.6 |
| 1998-1999 | 120.0 | 125.7 | 101.4 | 118.3 | 139.1 | 125.5 | 107.8 | 132.5 |
| 1999-2000 | 120.2 | 125.5 | 103.9 | 119.1 | 142.4 | 139.9 | 109.7 | 137.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 118.0 | 116.3 | 97.2 | 114.5 | 136.6 | 126.3 | 101.9 | 130.5 |
| September | 117.0 | 117.4 | 97.4 | 114.2 | 137.1 | 128.0 | 100.6 | 131.0 |
| December | 116.9 | 123.9 | 95.7 | 114.7 | 136.1 | 120.7 | 100.5 | 129.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.0 | 125.6 | 95.1 | 115.4 | 140.7 | 121.6 | 102.7 | 133.6 |
| June | 118.7 | 126.1 | 94.5 | 115.6 | 142.9 | 130.8 | 104.2 | 136.3 |
| September | 119.0 | 126.4 | 94.2 | 115.7 | 144.3 | 134.2 | 104.5 | 137.7 |
| December | 119.9 | 126.5 | 94.8 | 116.3 | 147.1 | 134.5 | 104.5 | 140.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.1 | 126.6 | 95.2 | 116.6 | 146.6 | 133.2 | 104.5 | 139.5 |
| June | 121.2 | 126.3 | 96.9 | 117.7 | 144.7 | 126.8 | 104.6 | 137.1 |
| September | 121.7 | 125.9 | 97.9 | 118.3 | 144.4 | 131.4 | 106.2 | 137.5 |
| December | 119.7 | 125.9 | 102.2 | 118.3 | 136.5 | 121.3 | 108.3 | 129.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.4 | 125.5 | 102.6 | 118.3 | 137.5 | 124.6 | 108.3 | 131.1 |
| June | 119.3 | 125.5 | 102.8 | 118.3 | 138.0 | 124.7 | 108.3 | 131.5 |
| September | 119.4 | 125.2 | 104.0 | 118.6 | 140.0 | 133.7 | 107.5 | 134.3 |
| December | 119.9 | 125.4 | 103.5 | 118.8 | 142.2 | 135.4 | 107.9 | 136.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.7 | 125.5 | 103.5 | 119.3 | 144.6 | 145.4 | 110.6 | 139.6 |
| June | 120.7 | 125.7 | 104.7 | 119.7 | 142.8 | 144.9 | 112.7 | 138.2 |
| MELBOURNE | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 118.1 | 112.4 | 100.4 | 115.0 | 117.6 | 127.4 | 122.0 | 120.1 |
| 1997-1998 | 118.4 | 113.2 | 99.0 | 114.9 | 119.6 | 135.4 | 125.3 | 122.8 |
| 1998-1999 | 120.5 | 113.1 | 105.9 | 118.2 | 119.9 | 133.2 | 126.7 | 122.8 |
| 1999-2000 | 123.1 | 113.2 | 108.7 | 120.6 | 123.4 | 149.7 | 123.8 | 127.7 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 118.9 | 111.5 | 101.6 | 115.6 | 117.8 | 127.9 | 118.6 | 120.2 |
| September | 118.1 | 111.5 | 102.9 | 115.6 | 117.4 | 127.7 | 118.7 | 119.9 |
| December | 117.9 | 111.7 | 100.7 | 114.9 | 117.4 | 126.9 | 118.7 | 119.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.0 | 112.0 | 99.6 | 114.6 | 117.3 | 125.0 | 124.0 | 119.7 |
| June | 118.2 | 114.4 | 98.2 | 114.7 | 118.1 | 130.0 | 126.7 | 120.9 |
| September | 118.8 | 114.4 | 97.7 | 114.8 | 118.7 | 132.3 | 125.7 | 121.6 |
| December | 118.5 | 112.8 | 98.8 | 114.8 | 121.5 | 135.1 | 125.1 | 124.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.1 | 112.8 | 98.8 | 114.6 | 119.4 | 136.7 | 125.1 | 122.8 |
| June | 118.1 | 112.8 | 100.7 | 115.2 | 118.7 | 137.6 | 125.1 | 122.3 |
| September | 119.4 | 112.8 | 101.5 | 116.2 | 119.6 | 137.7 | 125.1 | 123.0 |
| December | 120.4 | 112.8 | 107.0 | 118.4 | 120.4 | 131.2 | 125.5 | 123.0 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.9 | 113.3 | 107.5 | 118.9 | 119.8 | 132.3 | 129.4 | 122.7 |
| June | 121.2 | 113.3 | 107.7 | 119.2 | 119.7 | 131.7 | 126.6 | 122.5 |
| September | 121.4 | 113.4 | 108.8 | 119.6 | 121.7 | 144.2 | 127.0 | 125.7 |
| December | 122.5 | 113.4 | 108.2 | 120.1 | 122.4 | 143.1 | 127.0 | 126.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 124.0 | 112.9 | 108.2 | 120.9 | 124.0 | 151.9 | 117.6 | 128.2 |
| June | 124.4 | 112.9 | 109.7 | 121.6 | 125.6 | 159.5 | 123.4 | 130.6 |

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ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

| Period | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Conductors | Conduit and accessories | Switchboards and switchgear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings |
|------------------|--|------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| BRISBANE | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 117.6 | 98.5 | 126.5 | 126.8 | 106.7 | 109.7 | 112.2 |
| 1997-1998 | 119.2 | 99.2 | 127.6 | 129.5 | 106.4 | 111.7 | 115.3 |
| 1998-1999 | 119.9 | 93.9 | 123.6 | 134.8 | 112.0 | 115.3 | 117.3 |
| 1999-2000 | 120.4 | 95.6 | 139.3 | 137.3 | 112.5 | 118.0 | 121.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 116.3 | 104.9 | 120.9 | 124.9 | 106.1 | 110.6 | 113.8 |
| September | 116.6 | 98.7 | 125.4 | 125.7 | 106.2 | 109.2 | 111.7 |
| December | 117.1 | 96.8 | 127.6 | 125.6 | 106.4 | 108.9 | 111.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 117.8 | 98.5 | 127.2 | 127.6 | 107.0 | 110.0 | 112.6 |
| June | 118.8 | 99.9 | 125.8 | 128.4 | 107.1 | 110.6 | 113.4 |
| September | 119.6 | 103.0 | 127.3 | 128.5 | 105.5 | 111.2 | 115.1 |
| December | 118.9 | 100.9 | 127.3 | 128.5 | 105.4 | 111.0 | 114.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.9 | 96.9 | 127.3 | 129.8 | 106.2 | 111.6 | 115.2 |
| June | 119.2 | 96.1 | 128.6 | 131.1 | 108.3 | 113.0 | 116.1 |
| September | 119.6 | 95.5 | 125.4 | 134.2 | 109.0 | 114.0 | 117.4 |
| December | 120.1 | 97.7 | 121.2 | 132.8 | 111.9 | 114.5 | 116.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.0 | 91.3 | 123.8 | 136.0 | 113.4 | 116.1 | 117.8 |
| June | 119.9 | 91.1 | 124.0 | 136.3 | 113.7 | 116.4 | 118.0 |
| September | 120.2 | 91.1 | 131.3 | 136.8 | 112.2 | 116.6 | 119.5 |
| December | 120.0 | 95.1 | 134.1 | 137.1 | 112.0 | 117.2 | 120.7 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.5 | 97.5 | 144.3 | 137.6 | 112.8 | 118.9 | 123.1 |
| June | 120.9 | 98.5 | 147.5 | 137.7 | 112.8 | 119.3 | 123.8 |
| ADELAIDE | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 115.1 | 84.0 | 127.3 | 125.7 | 110.3 | 107.5 | 106.0 |
| 1997-1998 | 116.6 | 81.7 | 127.0 | 126.3 | 109.1 | 107.9 | 107.2 |
| 1998-1999 | 116.3 | 80.3 | 131.1 | 130.0 | 110.8 | 110.3 | 110.0 |
| 1999-2000 | 116.6 | 82.3 | 137.8 | 134.1 | 112.7 | 113.3 | 113.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 112.9 | 93.1 | 130.1 | 123.7 | 109.7 | 109.8 | 109.7 |
| September | 113.3 | 87.6 | 130.1 | 125.5 | 109.7 | 108.6 | 107.9 |
| December | 115.2 | 80.7 | 127.8 | 125.7 | 110.2 | 106.5 | 104.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.7 | 82.9 | 126.9 | 125.7 | 110.6 | 107.2 | 105.4 |
| June | 116.1 | 84.8 | 124.2 | 125.8 | 110.6 | 107.7 | 106.0 |
| September | 116.2 | 87.1 | 124.7 | 125.7 | 108.9 | 107.8 | 107.1 |
| December | 116.6 | 79.2 | 124.6 | 125.7 | 108.9 | 107.3 | 106.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.4 | 79.9 | 127.5 | 126.3 | 108.5 | 107.6 | 107.1 |
| June | 117.0 | 80.4 | 131.1 | 127.3 | 110.0 | 109.0 | 108.4 |
| September | 116.4 | 80.5 | 131.1 | 128.8 | 110.0 | 109.5 | 109.3 |
| December | 116.3 | 80.4 | 130.9 | 129.0 | 110.0 | 109.6 | 109.4 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.3 | 80.3 | 130.9 | 129.8 | 110.1 | 109.9 | 109.8 |
| June | 116.2 | 80.0 | 131.4 | 132.3 | 113.2 | 112.1 | 111.4 |
| September | 115.7 | 78.6 | 132.9 | 132.7 | 111.3 | 111.5 | 111.7 |
| December | 115.8 | 82.2 | 135.6 | 133.2 | 113.0 | 112.9 | 112.9 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.6 | 84.1 | 141.4 | 135.2 | 113.2 | 114.4 | 115.3 |
| June | 118.2 | 84.1 | 141.4 | 135.2 | 113.2 | 114.4 | 115.3 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....

PLUMBING MATERIALS.....

| Period | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and travelators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| BRISBANE | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 116.1 | 120.7 | 99.4 | 113.9 | 126.7 | 127.1 | 105.6 | 123.1 |
| 1997-1998 | 117.1 | 121.0 | 98.3 | 114.1 | 129.5 | 130.4 | 106.1 | 125.7 |
| 1998-1999 | 118.4 | 121.0 | 103.7 | 116.4 | 130.9 | 126.6 | 103.0 | 126.3 |
| 1999-2000 | 120.4 | 121.5 | 106.1 | 118.4 | 134.2 | 137.3 | 105.6 | 130.3 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 114.5 | 119.6 | 100.4 | 113.2 | 124.9 | 124.2 | 103.7 | 121.3 |
| September | 115.5 | 120.1 | 100.8 | 113.9 | 125.4 | 125.3 | 103.9 | 121.8 |
| December | 115.9 | 120.5 | 99.5 | 113.8 | 125.6 | 126.6 | 104.0 | 122.1 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.3 | 121.0 | 98.9 | 113.9 | 127.1 | 126.9 | 106.6 | 123.5 |
| June | 116.8 | 121.0 | 98.2 | 113.9 | 128.5 | 129.5 | 107.9 | 125.0 |
| September | 117.6 | 121.0 | 97.7 | 114.2 | 130.2 | 131.9 | 107.5 | 126.6 |
| December | 116.9 | 121.0 | 98.3 | 114.0 | 129.4 | 130.1 | 107.5 | 125.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.7 | 121.0 | 98.1 | 113.8 | 129.2 | 131.2 | 107.3 | 125.6 |
| June | 117.0 | 121.0 | 99.2 | 114.3 | 129.2 | 128.4 | 102.2 | 125.1 |
| September | 117.0 | 121.0 | 99.9 | 114.5 | 127.8 | 128.5 | 103.0 | 124.0 |
| December | 119.0 | 121.0 | 104.5 | 117.0 | 132.4 | 126.3 | 103.0 | 127.5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.6 | 121.0 | 105.1 | 116.9 | 131.6 | 125.5 | 103.0 | 126.8 |
| June | 118.8 | 121.0 | 105.3 | 117.1 | 131.7 | 125.9 | 102.9 | 126.9 |
| September | 118.9 | 121.0 | 106.4 | 117.5 | 133.4 | 135.9 | 103.9 | 129.5 |
| December | 119.7 | 121.3 | 105.6 | 117.8 | 134.2 | 136.3 | 105.1 | 130.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 121.0 | 122.5 | 105.6 | 118.7 | 134.6 | 137.2 | 105.1 | 130.7 |
| June | 121.8 | 121.3 | 106.9 | 119.4 | 134.5 | 139.7 | 108.4 | 130.9 |
| ADELAIDE | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 118.2 | 127.3 | 90.2 | 114.6 | 116.2 | 109.5 | 114.8 | 115.9 |
| 1997-1998 | 118.6 | 127.3 | 89.6 | 114.7 | 117.9 | 120.6 | 114.8 | 118.4 |
| 1998-1999 | 120.1 | 123.3 | 95.8 | 116.8 | 115.7 | 121.7 | 113.4 | 116.6 |
| 1999-2000 | 120.7 | 123.0 | 98.2 | 117.8 | 117.7 | 132.0 | 114.2 | 119.5 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 119.2 | 127.0 | 92.4 | 115.9 | 116.4 | 109.7 | 114.1 | 116.0 |
| September | 119.1 | 127.2 | 92.3 | 115.8 | 116.0 | 107.6 | 114.1 | 115.5 |
| December | 118.0 | 127.2 | 90.3 | 114.5 | 115.5 | 106.8 | 114.1 | 115.0 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.2 | 127.2 | 89.4 | 114.4 | 116.3 | 108.6 | 114.9 | 115.9 |
| June | 117.6 | 127.4 | 88.7 | 113.8 | 117.0 | 114.9 | 116.1 | 117.1 |
| September | 118.1 | 127.5 | 88.4 | 114.1 | 118.1 | 116.9 | 116.1 | 118.1 |
| December | 118.6 | 127.5 | 88.9 | 114.5 | 118.5 | 118.3 | 114.3 | 118.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.4 | 128.8 | 89.4 | 114.7 | 117.6 | 123.9 | 114.3 | 118.5 |
| June | 119.4 | 125.2 | 91.5 | 115.4 | 117.2 | 123.3 | 114.3 | 118.1 |
| September | 119.8 | 123.5 | 91.8 | 115.4 | 116.3 | 122.3 | 114.9 | 117.2 |
| December | 120.4 | 123.5 | 96.7 | 117.3 | 116.5 | 121.3 | 115.8 | 117.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.2 | 123.5 | 97.2 | 117.3 | 115.0 | 121.3 | 110.9 | 115.9 |
| June | 120.0 | 122.8 | 97.6 | 117.2 | 115.0 | 122.0 | 111.9 | 116.0 |
| September | 119.5 | 122.8 | 98.3 | 117.1 | 116.4 | 129.1 | 111.9 | 118.0 |
| December | 120.4 | 122.8 | 97.6 | 117.4 | 117.8 | 130.3 | 113.0 | 119.4 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 121.3 | 123.0 | 97.6 | 118.0 | 118.1 | 133.6 | 113.0 | 120.0 |
| June | 121.5 | 123.3 | 99.3 | 118.6 | 118.6 | 135.0 | 118.7 | 120.7 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

| Period | All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services | Conductors | Conduit and accessories | Switchboards and switchgear | Lamps and light fittings | All electrical materials | All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings |
|------------------|---|------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| PERTH | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 115.3 | 102.2 | 147.3 | 117.2 | 108.1 | 110.6 | 112.5 |
| 1997-1998 | 115.3 | 102.4 | 144.2 | 115.5 | 105.3 | 109.3 | 111.9 |
| 1998-1999 | 114.1 | 95.9 | 144.1 | 115.4 | 102.8 | 107.8 | 111.0 |
| 1999-2000 | 115.4 | 97.3 | 153.6 | 116.8 | 100.6 | 108.4 | 113.8 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 113.2 | 107.8 | 146.3 | 116.8 | 113.1 | 113.8 | 114.8 |
| September | 114.3 | 102.7 | 147.7 | 116.9 | 108.9 | 111.0 | 112.7 |
| December | 114.9 | 99.9 | 147.9 | 117.1 | 107.4 | 109.7 | 111.5 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.7 | 102.3 | 148.0 | 117.2 | 108.0 | 110.7 | 112.7 |
| June | 116.1 | 103.8 | 145.4 | 117.5 | 108.0 | 111.0 | 113.2 |
| September | 116.1 | 105.2 | 146.8 | 117.5 | 106.4 | 111.0 | 113.9 |
| December | 115.6 | 101.9 | 140.7 | 117.0 | 106.4 | 109.9 | 112.1 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.0 | 101.9 | 144.8 | 113.1 | 102.3 | 107.2 | 110.4 |
| June | 114.6 | 100.6 | 144.6 | 114.4 | 106.1 | 109.2 | 111.0 |
| September | 114.5 | 97.1 | 144.5 | 114.5 | 103.7 | 107.9 | 110.6 |
| December | 114.1 | 96.3 | 143.9 | 114.9 | 102.5 | 107.4 | 110.7 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.7 | 95.8 | 143.8 | 116.0 | 102.8 | 107.9 | 111.3 |
| June | 114.0 | 94.2 | 144.2 | 116.3 | 102.3 | 107.8 | 111.4 |
| September | 114.2 | 94.6 | 146.4 | 116.6 | 100.8 | 107.5 | 112.0 |
| December | 114.9 | 96.7 | 150.8 | 116.9 | 100.3 | 108.0 | 113.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.8 | 98.8 | 155.0 | 116.8 | 100.6 | 108.6 | 114.2 |
| June | 116.7 | 99.0 | 162.0 | 116.8 | 100.6 | 109.4 | 115.6 |
| HOBART | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 116.8 | 121.9 | 135.8 | 128.5 | 95.7 | 117.4 | 128.1 |
| 1997-1998 | 118.0 | 122.5 | 138.4 | 128.1 | 96.7 | 117.2 | 127.6 |
| 1998-1999 | 118.8 | 124.2 | 132.9 | 130.0 | 93.3 | 115.8 | 128.0 |
| 1999-2000 | 119.1 | 129.7 | 143.3 | 129.7 | 94.1 | 117.6 | 130.5 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | |
| June | 115.3 | 126.5 | 131.5 | 128.1 | 97.7 | 119.1 | 129.6 |
| September | 116.3 | 123.8 | 134.0 | 128.7 | 89.0 | 115.7 | 128.9 |
| December | 116.5 | 122.4 | 134.8 | 128.7 | 97.9 | 118.3 | 128.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | |
| March | 117.0 | 121.8 | 135.2 | 128.7 | 97.9 | 118.1 | 128.0 |
| June | 117.3 | 119.7 | 139.3 | 127.8 | 97.9 | 117.5 | 127.2 |
| September | 117.1 | 119.7 | 139.7 | 127.9 | 97.8 | 117.6 | 127.3 |
| December | 117.7 | 123.1 | 139.4 | 127.9 | 97.9 | 117.8 | 127.7 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.2 | 123.1 | 139.4 | 128.4 | 95.4 | 116.9 | 128.0 |
| June | 118.9 | 124.1 | 135.0 | 128.2 | 95.6 | 116.5 | 127.2 |
| September | 119.1 | 122.6 | 132.1 | 128.6 | 95.5 | 116.1 | 126.7 |
| December | 119.0 | 124.5 | 132.9 | 134.1 | 91.9 | 116.8 | 130.8 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | |
| March | 118.8 | 124.5 | 132.9 | 128.4 | 93.2 | 115.2 | 127.0 |
| June | 118.4 | 125.1 | 133.8 | 128.8 | 92.5 | 115.2 | 127.5 |
| September | 118.8 | 125.1 | 137.4 | 129.2 | 92.7 | 115.9 | 128.5 |
| December | 118.4 | 129.6 | 141.9 | 129.3 | 94.5 | 117.5 | 130.0 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.3 | 131.6 | 146.7 | 129.6 | 94.5 | 118.3 | 131.4 |
| June | 119.7 | 132.3 | 147.0 | 130.5 | 94.5 | 118.7 | 132.1 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....

PLUMBING MATERIALS.....

| Period | Air conditioning | Fire protection | Elevators, escalators and travelators | All mechanical services | Hydraulic plumbing | Drainage | Roof plumbing | All plumbing materials |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------|---------------|------------------------|
| PERTH | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 114.0 | 126.6 | 99.9 | 113.3 | 113.4 | 119.8 | 121.4 | 119.2 |
| 1997-1998 | 114.1 | 128.5 | 99.0 | 113.4 | 118.5 | 125.2 | 126.6 | 124.6 |
| 1998-1999 | 113.6 | 130.5 | 108.5 | 116.1 | 118.8 | 120.0 | 128.8 | 124.3 |
| 1999-2000 | 114.6 | 132.2 | 110.8 | 117.6 | 124.1 | 129.5 | 125.7 | 130.1 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 115.0 | 126.4 | 102.2 | 114.5 | 114.3 | 116.8 | 119.7 | 119.9 |
| September | 114.4 | 125.1 | 102.1 | 114.0 | 111.6 | 119.3 | 119.7 | 117.5 |
| December | 114.0 | 124.4 | 100.1 | 113.0 | 112.0 | 119.1 | 119.7 | 117.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.8 | 128.4 | 99.2 | 113.2 | 114.2 | 118.0 | 120.8 | 119.9 |
| June | 113.8 | 128.4 | 98.1 | 112.9 | 115.6 | 122.7 | 125.3 | 121.6 |
| September | 114.4 | 128.4 | 97.8 | 113.1 | 118.5 | 126.0 | 126.8 | 124.7 |
| December | 114.5 | 127.7 | 98.3 | 113.3 | 118.8 | 126.1 | 126.8 | 124.9 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.1 | 128.1 | 98.7 | 113.2 | 118.5 | 125.3 | 126.4 | 124.6 |
| June | 113.4 | 129.8 | 101.1 | 113.8 | 118.2 | 123.5 | 126.4 | 124.1 |
| September | 113.8 | 130.8 | 103.9 | 115.0 | 118.3 | 121.2 | 128.6 | 124.0 |
| December | 113.7 | 130.8 | 109.7 | 116.6 | 118.7 | 118.4 | 128.6 | 124.0 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 113.2 | 130.1 | 110.2 | 116.3 | 119.2 | 121.3 | 128.6 | 124.8 |
| June | 113.5 | 130.1 | 110.3 | 116.5 | 119.1 | 119.1 | 129.3 | 124.5 |
| September | 113.5 | 134.4 | 111.1 | 117.4 | 121.8 | 126.1 | 125.8 | 127.6 |
| December | 114.7 | 134.4 | 110.0 | 117.8 | 124.6 | 124.3 | 124.0 | 129.8 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 114.6 | 134.5 | 110.0 | 117.7 | 125.1 | 133.4 | 124.7 | 131.4 |
| June | 115.5 | 125.5 | 112.1 | 117.6 | 124.9 | 134.1 | 128.3 | 131.4 |
| HOBART | | | | | | | | |
| 1996-1997 | 119.6 | 123.0 | 104.3 | 117.0 | 127.3 | 104.9 | 126.7 | 122.8 |
| 1997-1998 | 120.8 | 124.8 | 101.6 | 117.0 | 126.7 | 101.0 | 127.9 | 121.9 |
| 1998-1999 | 121.6 | 125.9 | 106.2 | 119.0 | 130.0 | 101.4 | 122.8 | 124.5 |
| 1999-2000 | 122.7 | 126.1 | 108.6 | 120.3 | 132.2 | 106.8 | 122.5 | 127.0 |
| 1996 | | | | | | | | |
| June | 118.3 | 122.5 | 104.4 | 116.2 | 132.4 | 104.1 | 121.6 | 127.0 |
| September | 119.0 | 122.7 | 106.1 | 117.1 | 131.1 | 107.9 | 127.0 | 126.3 |
| December | 119.0 | 122.7 | 104.9 | 116.8 | 125.2 | 103.6 | 124.7 | 120.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.6 | 123.3 | 103.5 | 116.8 | 125.8 | 103.8 | 125.7 | 121.4 |
| June | 120.8 | 123.3 | 102.6 | 117.1 | 127.0 | 104.1 | 129.2 | 122.5 |
| September | 121.0 | 123.3 | 100.8 | 116.6 | 127.2 | 104.1 | 130.5 | 122.8 |
| December | 120.5 | 124.4 | 101.8 | 116.8 | 126.6 | 102.3 | 129.6 | 122.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 121.1 | 125.7 | 101.9 | 117.4 | 126.6 | 99.1 | 129.6 | 121.6 |
| June | 120.5 | 125.9 | 101.9 | 117.1 | 126.3 | 98.5 | 121.9 | 121.0 |
| September | 121.4 | 125.9 | 102.5 | 117.8 | 130.3 | 101.8 | 125.8 | 124.9 |
| December | 121.6 | 125.9 | 106.7 | 119.1 | 129.5 | 101.3 | 122.4 | 124.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 121.6 | 125.9 | 107.6 | 119.4 | 130.0 | 101.2 | 121.1 | 124.4 |
| June | 121.7 | 125.9 | 107.8 | 119.5 | 130.1 | 101.2 | 121.7 | 124.5 |
| September | 120.7 | 125.9 | 109.1 | 119.3 | 126.9 | 105.4 | 120.9 | 122.3 |
| December | 122.3 | 125.9 | 107.6 | 119.8 | 131.9 | 104.6 | 122.1 | 126.5 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 123.2 | 126.0 | 107.6 | 120.3 | 133.4 | 106.9 | 122.7 | 128.0 |
| June | 124.5 | 126.4 | 110.2 | 121.9 | 136.6 | 110.1 | 124.3 | 131.0 |

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication presents index numbers measuring changes in prices of selected materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses—the *Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building*. It is calculated on the reference base 1989–90 = 100.0 for the six State capital cities.

SCOPE

2 The index includes 63 items which are combined into 10 industry of origin groups and an 'All groups' total. Table 1 presents 'All groups' index numbers for the weighted average of the six State capital cities, for each of the cities separately. 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.

CLASSIFICATION

3 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 4 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 to 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 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 similar industry of origin as Australian produced materials.

ITEMS AND WEIGHTS

4 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 six capital cities. The weighting pattern for the 'All groups' index is set out in Appendix A of the October 1993 issue of this publication.

PRICE MEASUREMENT

5 Prices 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, prices actually paid by building contractors or subcontractors to suppliers for materials delivered on building sites. The actual price paid for anything can 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

PRICE MEASUREMENT *continued*

7 The ABS asks respondent businesses to report details of the discounts they offer so that actual transaction prices can be calculated. However, as building material 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 may 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 taxes levied on building materials are 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 On request, the ABS can provide 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.

INDEX NUMBERS

11 Index numbers for financial years are averages of quarterly index numbers.

SELECTED MATERIALS

12 Table 5 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. Tables 6 to 9 contain index numbers for selected major materials for each State capital city.

SPECIAL COMBINATIONS OF MATERIALS

13 Tables 10 to 12 contain index numbers for the following special combinations of materials, for the weighted average of the six State capital cities and each State capital city:

- All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical service components
- Electrical materials
- Mechanical services components
- Plumbing materials

REVISIONS

14 In cases where more complete information is obtained after index numbers for a period have been published, or it is discovered that incorrect prices have been used in compiling the indexes, revisions to index numbers may occur in subsequent issues of this publication.

ANALYSIS OF INDEX CHANGES

15 Care should be exercised when interpreting quarter-to-quarter movements in the indexes as short-term movements do not necessarily indicate changes in trend.

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ANALYSIS OF INDEX CHANGES *continued*

17 Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either 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 State capital cities index numbers —

| | | |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|
| June Quarter 2000 | 117.4 | (see Table 1) |
| less June Quarter 1999 | 115.4 | (see Table 1) |
| Change in index points | 2.0 | |
| Percentage change | 2.0 | |
| | $\frac{2.0}{115.4} \times 100 =$ | 1.7 |

18 Table 3 provides an analysis of the contribution which selected major building materials make to the All groups index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. For example, Ready mixed concrete contributed 9.71 index points to the All groups index number of 117.4 for June Quarter 2000 and -0.04 index points to the net change of 1.0 index points.

FURTHER INFORMATION

19 Further information on the index is presented in the publications:

- *Producer and Foreign Trade Price Indexes: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (Cat. no. 6419.0)
- *Price Indexes and The New Tax System 2000* (Cat. no. 6425.0).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 Users may also wish to refer to the following price index publications which are available from ABS Bookshops:

- *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6408.0)
- *Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia* (Cat. no. 6411.0)
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- *Price Indexes of Copper Materials, Australia* (Cat. no. 6410.0)
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SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

ANZSIC Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
r figure or series revised since previous issue

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