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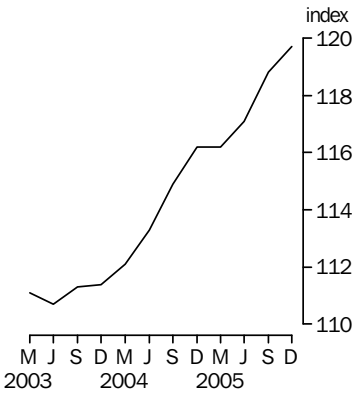

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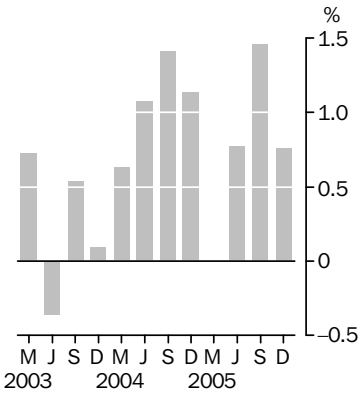

KEY FIGURES

STAGE OF PRODUCTION	*Sep Qtr 05 to Dec Qtr 05 % change*	*Dec Qtr 04 to Dec Qtr 05 % change*
Final (Stage 3) commodities (excl. exports)	**0.8**	**3.0**
Domestic	0.9	3.8
Imports	0.1	–1.1
Intermediate (Stage 2) commodities	**1.0**	**4.8**
Domestic	1.0	4.5
Imports	1.1	6.0
Preliminary (Stage 1) commodities	**1.1**	**6.2**
Domestic	1.1	5.5
Imports	1.4	10.3

KEY POINTS

FINAL (STAGE 3) COMMODITIES

- The final (Stage 3) index rose 0.8% in the December quarter 2005.
- The domestic component rose 0.9%, mainly due to increases in building construction, other agriculture, and meat and meat product manufacturing. These increases were partially offset by decreases in petroleum refining and services to transport.
- The imports component rose 0.1%, due to price increases for capital goods, including industrial machinery and other transport equipment. Prices for imported consumption goods did not change, mainly due to decreases for petroleum refining and other chemical product manufacturing offsetting exchange rate driven price increases for a range of manufactured products.

INTERMEDIATE (STAGE 2) COMMODITIES

- The intermediate (Stage 2) index rose 1.0% in the December quarter 2005.
- The domestic component rose 1.0%, mainly due to increases in basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing, property operators and developers, meat and meat product manufacturing, and legal and accounting services. These increases were partially offset by decreases in grain, sheep, beef and dairy farming.
- The imports component rose 1.1%, due to oil and gas extraction and basic chemical manufacturing. These increases were partially offset by decreases in petroleum refining.

PRELIMINARY (STAGE 1) COMMODITIES

- The preliminary (Stage 1) index rose 1.1% in the December quarter 2005.
- The domestic component rose 1.1% mainly due to property operators and developers, basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing and basic chemical manufacturing.
- The imports component rose 1.4%, due to oil and gas extraction and basic chemical manufacturing. These increases were partially offset by decreases in petroleum refining.

INQUIRIES

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

The price index of materials used in house building has been reweighted in December quarter 2005 and linked to the September 2005 series. From this time, the items and weights for the house building input index will be derived from reported values of each material used in selected representative houses in the three years ending 2002-03. The weighting pattern for each capital city index will reflect variations in prices for the cities as applied to an Australian average basket of house building materials, with some allowance for city specific building practices e.g. differential use of steel and timber materials in Perth and Adelaide compared with the other capital cities.

In addition to the tables included with this release, price index data for the price index of materials used in house building will also be available in a format aligning closely with the Australian Standard Method of Measurement of Building Works (Fifth Edition), backcast to 2002-03. Users of this index who are interested in discussing alternative data formats can contact Steve Whennan on Canberra (02) 6252 6251, or email <steve.whennan@abs.gov.au>.

RELATED STATISTICS

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
c.i.f.	cost, insurance and freight
f.o.b.	free on board
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
n.e.s.	not elsewhere specified
SOP	stage of production

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STAGE OF PRODUCTION OVERVIEW

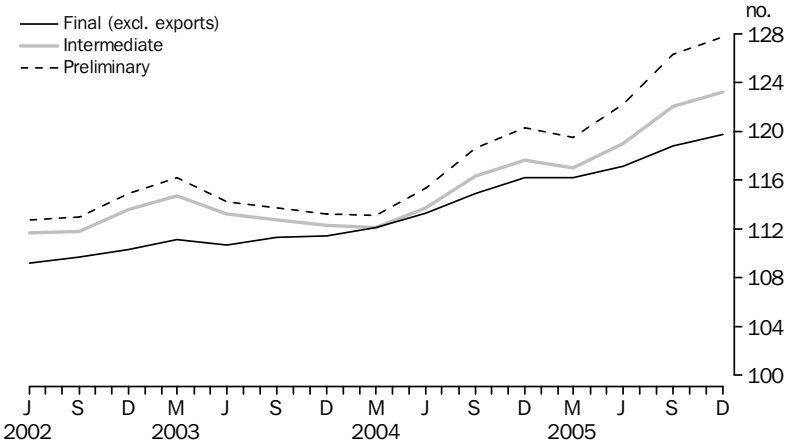
Each of the three stage of production indexes increased in the December quarter 2005, with the preliminary (Stage 1) index showing the largest rise of 1.1%, followed by an increase of 1.0% for the intermediate (Stage 2) index, and an increase of 0.8% for the final (Stage 3) index. Through the year to December quarter 2005, the preliminary (Stage 1) index increased by 6.2%, followed by an increase of 4.8% for the intermediate (Stage 2) index and an increase of 3.0% for the final (Stage 3) index.

The increase of 0.8% in the final (Stage 3) index reflects an increase of 0.9% in the price of domestically produced items and an increase of 0.1% in the price of imported items. The domestic component increased due to price rises for building construction, other agriculture, and meat and meat product manufacturing, which were partially offset by decreases in petroleum refining and services to transport. The imports component increased due to price rises for industrial machinery, which was partially offset by decreases in petroleum refining, other chemical product manufacturing and electronic equipment.

The increase of 1.0% in the intermediate (Stage 2) index reflects an increase of 1.0% in the price of domestically produced items and an increase of 1.1% in the price of imported items. The domestic component increased due to price rises for basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing, property operators and developers, and meat and meat product manufacturing, which were partially offset by price decreases for grain, sheep, beef and dairy farming. The imports component increased due to price rises for oil and gas extraction and basic chemical manufacturing, which were partially offset by price falls for petroleum refining.

The increase of 1.1% in the preliminary (Stage 1) index reflects an increase of 1.1% in the price of domestically produced items and an increase of 1.4% in the price of imported items. The domestic component increased due to price rises for property operators and developers, basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing and basic chemical manufacturing, which were partially offset by price decreases for grain, sheep, beef and dairy farming. The imports component increased due to price rises for oil and gas extraction and basic chemical manufacturing, which were partially offset by price falls for petroleum refining.

COMPARISON OF SOP INDEXES: **Base: 1998–99 = 100.0**



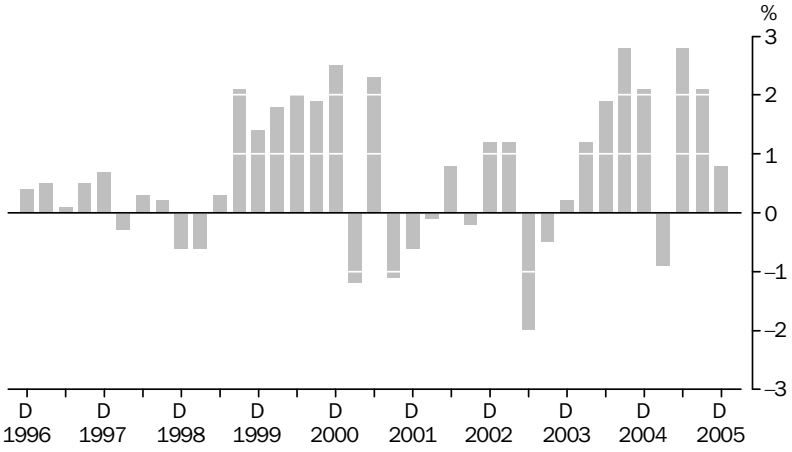
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

During the December quarter 2005, the prices paid by manufacturers for their material inputs increased by 0.5%, while the prices they received for their outputs increased by 0.8%. The input price index increased by 8.5% through the year to December quarter 2005 and the output price index increased by 4.8% during the same period.

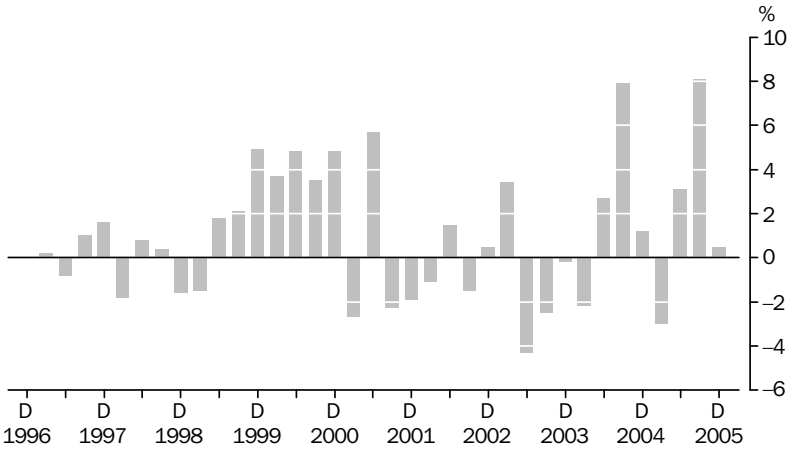
Increases in the price of imported crude oil, domestically sourced copper oxides and gold, and imported plastic materials were the main contributors to the quarterly result for the materials used in manufacturing industries index. Price decreases for sheep and lambs, whole milk, domestically sourced crude oil and cattle and calves provided some offset to these increases.

Higher prices for beef for both the export market and domestic consumption, alumina, aluminium smelting for export and diesel contributed to the bulk of the increase in the articles produced by manufacturing industries index for the December quarter 2005. These increases were partially offset by decreases in the prices of leaded and unleaded petrol, and prepared animal and bird feeds.

ARTICLES PRODUCED BY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES: **All Groups, Quarterly % change**



MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES: **All Groups, Quarterly % change**

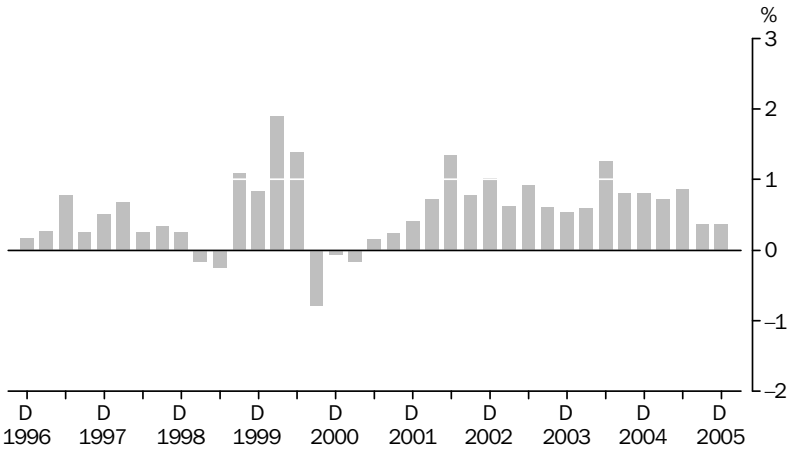


CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

The price indexes for materials used in house building increased by 0.4% in the December quarter 2005, reflecting price increases for a range of materials. The most significant contributors to the increase were joinery, in-situ concrete and paint and other coatings. Offsetting price decreases were recorded for boarding and lining, and clay bricks and concrete roof tiles. Increases were recorded in four of the state capitals, ranging from 0.1% in Adelaide to 0.6% in Brisbane. Sydney recorded no movement, while Hobart decreased by -1.3%.

Through the year to December quarter 2005, the materials used in house building index rose 2.3%.

MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING: **All Groups, Quarterly % change**



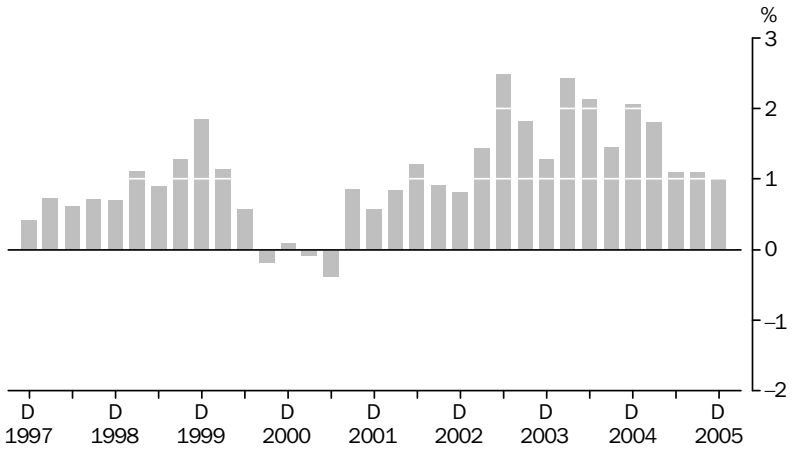
The price index for the output of the general construction industry increased by 1.0% in the December quarter 2005, and by 5.0% through the year to December quarter 2005. Increases were registered in the quarter for all component industries, with the index for house construction being the largest contributor, followed by non-residential building construction, non-house residential building construction, and road and bridge construction.

Contributing to the movement in the general construction industry price indexes this quarter were increases in the cost of material and labour inputs. Of the material inputs, materials using copper, silver and steel had the largest impact.

Perth provided the greatest contribution to the increase in the price index for the output of the general construction industry this quarter, closely followed by Sydney and Brisbane.

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES *continued*

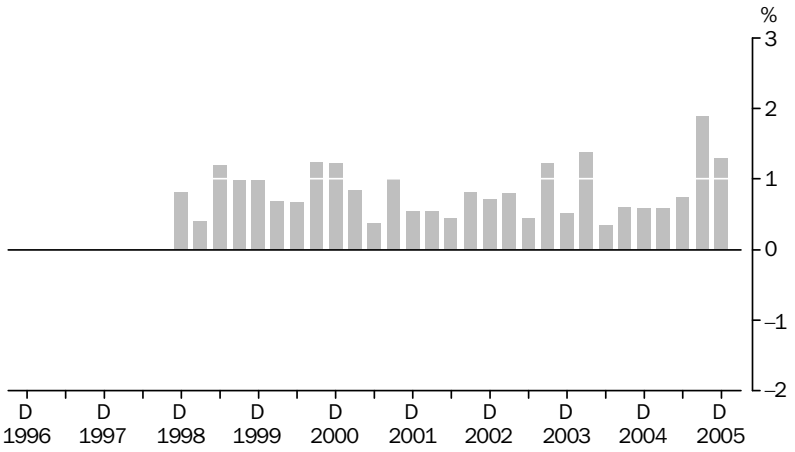
OUTPUT OF THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY: **All Groups, Quarterly % change**



SERVICE INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

The property and business services industries price index increased by 1.3% in the December quarter 2005 and by 4.6% through the year to December quarter 2005. The property services price index increased by 1.8% this quarter with increases for office property operators, industrial property operators and retail property operators. Through the year to December quarter 2005 the property services index rose 5.4%.

PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES INDUSTRIES: **All Groups, Quarterly % change**

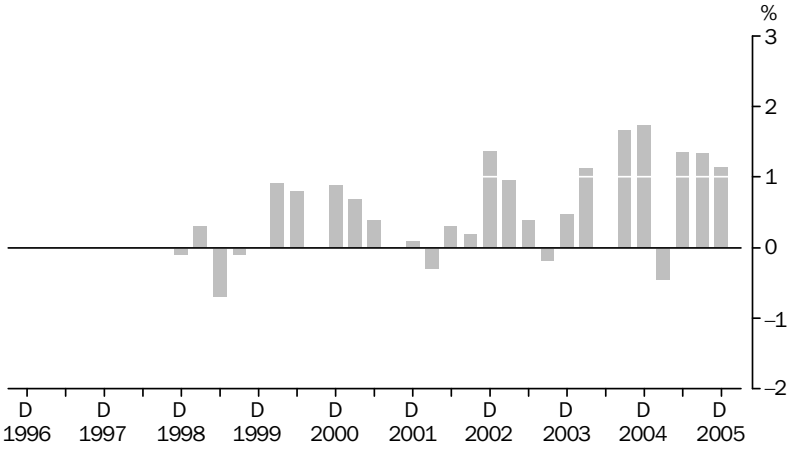


The business services index rose 1.1% in the December quarter 2005 and by 4.1% through the year to December quarter 2005. The main contributors to the increase were computer consultancy and accounting services.

The transport (freight) and storage industries index increased by 1.1% in the December quarter 2005. The most significant contributors with price increases were road freight, international sea freight and grain storage. The most significant contributors with price decreases were services to water transport and stevedoring. Through the year to December quarter 2005 the transport (freight) and storage industries index rose by 3.4%.

SERVICE INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES *continued*

TRANSPORT (FREIGHT) AND STORAGE INDUSTRIES: **All Groups, Quarterly % change**



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1 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Index numbers**

	PRELIMINARY			INTERMEDIATE			FINAL(b)		
Period	*Domestic*	*Imports*	*Total*	*Domestic*	*Imports*	*Total*	*Domestic*	*Imports*	*Total*
2001–02	111.8	120.3	112.9	111.3	115.9	111.9	110.0	103.7	108.8
2002–03	114.3	117.4	114.6	113.6	112.1	113.3	113.7	97.5	110.5
2003–04	115.3	105.6	113.8	114.9	99.9	112.7	118.5	86.7	112.0
2004–05	121.1	115.4	120.2	119.8	104.4	117.5	124.1	84.6	116.1
2001									
March	109.6	122.8	111.3	108.2	117.5	109.4	107.6	103.7	106.9
June	111.7	129.0	113.9	110.4	122.9	112.0	108.7	107.6	108.5
September	112.2	124.7	113.8	111.2	118.9	112.2	109.0	104.7	108.2
December	111.9	122.6	113.3	111.5	118.1	112.3	109.4	106.1	108.8
2002									
March	111.1	116.9	111.9	111.0	113.9	111.4	110.3	103.6	109.0
June	112.1	117.1	112.7	111.5	112.8	111.7	111.3	100.3	109.2
September	112.3	118.2	113.0	111.5	113.8	111.8	111.9	100.5	109.7
December	114.2	120.0	114.9	113.4	114.5	113.6	112.9	99.6	110.3
2003									
March	115.8	119.3	116.2	115.0	113.0	114.7	114.6	97.1	111.1
June	114.7	112.1	114.2	114.3	106.9	113.2	115.2	92.9	110.7
September	114.7	108.1	113.7	114.4	103.1	112.7	116.7	89.9	111.3
December	114.6	105.0	113.2	114.4	100.1	112.3	117.6	87.1	111.4
2004									
March	115.2	100.4	113.1	115.0	95.3	112.1	119.3	83.9	112.1
June	116.6	108.7	115.3	115.9	101.1	113.7	120.3	85.8	113.3
September	119.4	114.7	118.6	118.2	105.4	116.3	122.0	86.8	114.9
December	121.3	115.1	120.3	119.9	104.3	117.6	124.1	85.2	116.2
2005									
March	120.8	112.1	119.5	119.6	102.0	117.0	124.6	83.3	116.2
June	122.7	119.6	122.2	121.3	106.0	119.0	125.8	83.2	117.1
September	126.6	125.2	126.3	124.1	109.4	122.0	127.6	84.2	118.8
December	128.0	127.0	127.7	125.3	110.6	123.2	128.8	84.3	119.7

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

(b) Excluding exports.

2 STAGE OF PRODUCTION: **Percentage change**

	PRELIMINARY			INTERMEDIATE			FINAL(a)		
Period	*Domestic*	*Imports*	*Total*	*Domestic*	*Imports*	*Total*	*Domestic*	*Imports*	*Total*
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
2001–02	1.4	–4.6	0.4	2.2	–3.2	1.5	2.1	–0.3	1.7
2002–03	2.2	–2.4	1.5	2.1	–3.3	1.3	3.4	–6.0	1.6
2003–04	0.9	–10.1	–0.7	1.1	–10.9	–0.5	4.2	–11.1	1.4
2004–05	5.0	9.3	5.6	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.7	–2.4	3.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
2001									
June	1.9	5.0	2.3	2.0	4.6	2.4	1.0	3.8	1.5
September	0.4	–3.3	–0.1	0.7	–3.3	0.2	0.3	–2.7	–0.3
December	–0.3	–1.7	–0.4	0.3	–0.7	0.1	0.4	1.3	0.6
2002									
March	–0.7	–4.6	–1.2	–0.4	–3.6	–0.8	0.8	–2.4	0.2
June	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.5	–1.0	0.3	0.9	–3.2	0.2
September	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.5
December	1.7	1.5	1.7	1.7	0.6	1.6	0.9	–0.9	0.5
2003									
March	1.4	–0.6	1.1	1.4	–1.3	1.0	1.5	–2.5	0.7
June	–0.9	–6.0	–1.7	–0.6	–5.4	–1.3	0.5	–4.3	–0.4
September	0.0	–3.6	–0.4	0.1	–3.6	–0.4	1.3	–3.2	0.5
December	–0.1	–2.9	–0.4	0.0	–2.9	–0.4	0.8	–3.1	0.1
2004									
March	0.5	–4.4	–0.1	0.5	–4.8	–0.2	1.4	–3.7	0.6
June	1.2	8.3	1.9	0.8	6.1	1.4	0.8	2.3	1.1
September	2.4	5.5	2.9	2.0	4.3	2.3	1.4	1.2	1.4
December	1.6	0.3	1.4	1.4	–1.0	1.1	1.7	–1.8	1.1
2005									
March	–0.4	–2.6	–0.7	–0.3	–2.2	–0.5	0.4	–2.2	0.0
June	1.6	6.7	2.3	1.4	3.9	1.7	1.0	–0.1	0.8
September	3.2	4.7	3.4	2.3	3.2	2.5	1.4	1.2	1.5
December	1.1	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	0.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
2001									
June	4.7	11.0	5.5	4.4	10.1	5.2	2.2	8.8	3.4
September	2.9	3.1	2.9	3.4	3.9	3.5	2.1	5.2	2.7
December	0.8	–6.9	–0.4	2.0	–4.8	1.0	1.8	1.0	1.7
2002									
March	1.4	–4.8	0.5	2.6	–3.1	1.8	2.5	–0.1	2.0
June	0.4	–9.2	–1.1	1.0	–8.2	–0.3	2.4	–6.8	0.6
September	0.1	–5.2	–0.7	0.3	–4.3	–0.4	2.7	–4.0	1.4
December	2.1	–2.1	1.4	1.7	–3.0	1.2	3.2	–6.1	1.4
2003									
March	4.2	2.1	3.8	3.6	–0.8	3.0	3.9	–6.3	1.9
June	2.3	–4.3	1.3	2.5	–5.2	1.3	3.5	–7.4	1.4
September	2.1	–8.5	0.6	2.6	–9.4	0.8	4.3	–10.5	1.5
December	0.4	–12.5	–1.5	0.9	–12.6	–1.1	4.2	–12.6	1.0
2004									
March	–0.5	–15.8	–2.7	0.0	–15.7	–2.3	4.1	–13.6	0.9
June	1.7	–3.0	1.0	1.4	–5.4	0.4	4.4	–7.6	2.3
September	4.1	6.1	4.3	3.3	2.2	3.2	4.5	–3.4	3.2
December	5.8	9.6	6.3	4.8	4.2	4.7	5.5	–2.2	4.3
2005									
March	4.9	11.7	5.7	4.0	7.0	4.4	4.4	–0.7	3.7
June	5.2	10.0	6.0	4.7	4.8	4.7	4.6	–3.0	3.4
September	6.0	9.2	6.5	5.0	3.8	4.9	4.6	–3.0	3.4
December	5.5	10.3	6.2	4.5	6.0	4.8	3.8	–1.1	3.0

(a) Excluding exports.

3 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Final Commodities**

	DOMESTIC(b)			IMPORTS			TOTAL(b)		
Period	*Consumer*	*Capital*	*Total*	*Consumer*	*Capital*	*Total*	*Consumer*	*Capital*	*Total*
2001–02	109.4	110.7	110.0	106.4	100.7	103.7	108.8	108.8	108.8
2002–03	112.3	115.0	113.7	101.0	93.6	97.5	109.9	111.0	110.5
2003–04	114.4	122.0	118.5	91.3	81.7	86.7	109.3	114.4	112.0
2004–05	118.1	129.1	124.1	90.4	78.5	84.6	112.0	119.6	116.1
2001									
March	106.8	108.5	107.6	105.1	102.1	103.7	106.5	107.3	106.9
June	108.9	108.5	108.7	109.6	105.3	107.6	109.0	107.9	108.5
September	108.6	109.5	109.0	107.0	102.1	104.7	108.2	108.1	108.2
December	108.8	110.1	109.4	108.4	103.6	106.1	108.7	108.9	108.8
2002									
March	109.6	111.0	110.3	106.6	100.2	103.6	109.0	109.0	109.0
June	110.6	112.1	111.3	103.4	96.8	100.3	109.2	109.2	109.2
September	110.7	113.1	111.9	103.1	97.5	100.5	109.2	110.2	109.7
December	111.9	114.0	112.9	102.8	96.0	99.6	110.1	110.6	110.3
2003									
March	113.9	115.4	114.6	101.3	92.4	97.1	111.2	111.1	111.1
June	112.6	117.5	115.2	96.8	88.5	92.9	109.2	112.0	110.7
September	113.6	119.3	116.7	94.2	85.3	89.9	109.4	112.9	111.3
December	114.3	120.5	117.6	91.5	82.4	87.1	109.3	113.3	111.4
2004									
March	114.9	123.0	119.3	88.7	78.7	83.9	109.1	114.6	112.1
June	114.6	125.0	120.3	90.9	80.4	85.8	109.3	116.6	113.3
September	116.8	126.4	122.0	92.1	81.2	86.8	111.4	117.9	114.9
December	118.8	128.5	124.1	90.8	79.2	85.2	112.6	119.2	116.2
2005									
March	117.8	130.2	124.6	88.8	77.4	83.3	111.3	120.3	116.2
June	119.0	131.3	125.8	89.9	76.1	83.2	112.5	120.9	117.1
September	121.3	132.8	127.6	91.7	76.2	84.2	114.7	122.2	118.8
December	122.4	134.1	128.8	91.7	76.5	84.3	115.5	123.2	119.7

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0. (b) Excluding exports.

4 STAGE OF PRODUCTION: **Final commodities percentage change**

	DOMESTIC(a)			IMPORTS			TOTAL(a)		
Period	*Consumer*	*Capital*	*Total*	*Consumer*	*Capital*	*Total*	*Consumer*	*Capital*	*Total*
				PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR					
2001–02	2.1	2.3	2.1	0.7	–1.3	–0.3	1.8	1.7	1.7
2002–03	2.7	3.9	3.4	–5.1	–7.1	–6.0	1.0	2.0	1.6
2003–04	1.9	6.1	4.2	–9.6	–12.7	–11.1	–0.5	3.1	1.4
2004–05	3.2	5.8	4.7	–1.0	–3.9	–2.4	2.5	4.5	3.7
				PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER					
2001									
June	2.0	—	1.0	4.3	3.1	3.8	2.3	0.6	1.5
September	–0.3	0.9	0.3	–2.4	–3.0	–2.7	–0.7	0.2	–0.3
December	0.2	0.5	0.4	1.3	1.5	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.6
2002									
March	0.7	0.8	0.8	–1.7	–3.3	–2.4	0.3	0.1	0.2
June	0.9	1.0	0.9	–3.0	–3.4	–3.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
September	0.1	0.9	0.5	–0.3	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.9	0.5
December	1.1	0.8	0.9	–0.3	–1.5	–0.9	0.8	0.4	0.5
2003									
March	1.8	1.2	1.5	–1.5	–3.8	–2.5	1.0	0.5	0.7
June	–1.1	1.8	0.5	–4.4	–4.2	–4.3	–1.8	0.8	–0.4
September	0.9	1.5	1.3	–2.7	–3.6	–3.2	0.2	0.8	0.5
December	0.6	1.0	0.8	–2.9	–3.4	–3.1	–0.1	0.4	0.1
2004									
March	0.5	2.1	1.4	–3.1	–4.5	–3.7	–0.2	1.1	0.6
June	–0.3	1.6	0.8	2.5	2.2	2.3	0.2	1.7	1.1
September	1.9	1.1	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.9	1.1	1.4
December	1.7	1.7	1.7	–1.4	–2.5	–1.8	1.1	1.1	1.1
2005									
March	–0.8	1.3	0.4	–2.2	–2.3	–2.2	–1.2	0.9	0.0
June	1.0	0.8	1.0	1.2	–1.7	–0.1	1.1	0.5	0.8
September	1.9	1.1	1.4	2.0	0.1	1.2	2.0	1.1	1.5
December	0.9	1.0	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.8
				PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR					
2001									
June	3.0	1.3	2.2	9.9	7.6	8.8	4.3	2.5	3.4
September	2.3	2.0	2.1	5.5	4.9	5.2	2.8	2.5	2.7
December	2.0	1.7	1.8	1.7	0.3	1.0	1.9	1.4	1.7
2002									
March	2.6	2.3	2.5	1.4	–1.9	–0.1	2.3	1.6	2.0
June	1.6	3.3	2.4	–5.7	–8.1	–6.8	0.2	1.2	0.6
September	1.9	3.3	2.7	–3.6	–4.5	–4.0	0.9	1.9	1.4
December	2.8	3.5	3.2	–5.2	–7.3	–6.1	1.3	1.6	1.4
2003									
March	3.9	4.0	3.9	–5.0	–7.8	–6.3	2.0	1.9	1.9
June	1.8	4.8	3.5	–6.4	–8.6	–7.4	0.0	2.6	1.4
September	2.6	5.5	4.3	–8.6	–12.5	–10.5	0.2	2.5	1.5
December	2.1	5.7	4.2	–11.0	–14.2	–12.6	–0.7	2.4	1.0
2004									
March	0.9	6.6	4.1	–12.4	–14.8	–13.6	–1.9	3.2	0.9
June	1.8	6.4	4.4	–6.1	–9.2	–7.6	0.1	4.1	2.3
September	2.8	6.0	4.5	–2.2	–4.8	–3.4	1.8	4.4	3.2
December	3.9	6.6	5.5	–0.8	–3.9	–2.2	3.0	5.2	4.3
2005									
March	2.5	5.9	4.4	0.1	–1.7	–0.7	2.0	5.0	3.7
June	3.8	5.0	4.6	–1.1	–5.3	–3.0	2.9	3.7	3.4
September	3.9	5.1	4.6	–0.4	–6.2	–3.0	3.0	3.6	3.4
December	3.0	4.4	3.8	1.0	–3.4	–1.1	2.6	3.4	3.0

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells) (a) Excluding exports

5 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Final commodities index points change**

ANZSIC		DOMESTIC Sep Qtr 2005	DOMESTIC Dec Qtr 2005	DOMESTIC Change	IMPORTS Sep Qtr 2005	IMPORTS Dec Qtr 2005	IMPORTS Change	TOTAL Sep Qtr 2005	TOTAL Dec Qtr 2005	TOTAL Change
012–013	Grain, sheep, beef & dairy cattle farming	0.19	0.18	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.15	0.14	–0.01
011,014–016	Other agriculture	2.13	2.29	0.16	. .	. .	. .	1.69	1.81	0.12
04	Commercial fishing	0.94	0.99	0.05	. .	. .	. .	0.74	0.78	0.04
211	Meat & meat product mfg	2.98	3.14	0.16	. .	. .	. .	2.37	2.49	0.12
212	Dairy product mfg	2.92	3.00	0.08	1.04	1.06	0.02	2.53	2.60	0.07
213	Fruit & vegetable processing	1.80	1.80	—	1.62	1.55	–0.07	1.77	1.75	–0.02
214	Oil & fat mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.47	0.54	0.07	0.10	0.11	0.01
215	Flour mill & cereal food mfg	0.92	0.93	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.73	0.74	0.01
216	Bakery product mfg	2.17	2.20	0.03	. .	. .	. .	1.72	1.74	0.02
217	Other food mfg	3.62	3.62	—	3.67	3.69	0.02	3.64	3.64	—
218	Beverage & malt mfg	3.89	3.92	0.03	2.34	2.35	0.01	3.57	3.60	0.03
219	Tobacco product mfg	0.93	0.93	—	1.86	1.92	0.06	1.12	1.13	0.01
221	Textile fibre, yarn & woven fabric mfg	0.32	0.33	0.01	0.55	0.56	0.01	0.37	0.37	—
222	Textile product mfg	0.53	0.55	0.02	0.59	0.60	0.01	0.54	0.56	0.02
223	Knitting mills	0.29	0.30	0.01	0.48	0.48	—	0.33	0.34	0.01
224	Clothing mfg	1.93	1.92	–0.01	3.45	3.44	–0.01	2.25	2.24	–0.01
225	Footwear mfg	0.26	0.26	—	1.10	1.12	0.02	0.44	0.44	—
226	Leather & leather product mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.93	0.94	0.01	0.19	0.20	0.01
232–233	Other wood, paper & paper product mfg	0.76	0.76	—	. .	. .	. .	0.60	0.60	—
241	Printing & services to printing	0.39	0.39	—	0.08	0.08	—	0.33	0.33	—
242	Publishing	1.37	1.37	—	0.86	0.86	—	1.27	1.27	—
243	Recorded media mfg & publishing	0.17	0.17	—	0.94	0.96	0.02	0.33	0.34	0.01
251	Petroleum refining	3.64	3.55	–0.09	1.99	1.86	–0.13	3.30	3.20	–0.10
253	Basic chemical mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.39	0.42	0.03	0.08	0.09	0.01
254	Other chemical product mfg	2.21	2.21	—	4.69	4.57	–0.12	2.73	2.70	–0.03
255	Rubber product mfg	0.12	0.12	—	0.58	0.59	0.01	0.21	0.22	0.01
256	Plastic product mfg	0.92	0.92	—	0.77	0.76	–0.01	0.89	0.89	—
271	Iron & steel mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.11	0.11	—	0.02	0.02	—
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.18	0.19	0.01	0.04	0.04	—
275	Sheet metal product mfg	0.30	0.31	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.24	0.25	0.01
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	0.20	0.20	—	1.00	1.02	0.02	0.37	0.37	—
281	Motor vehicle & part mfg	5.69	5.67	–0.02	17.71	17.60	–0.11	8.20	8.16	–0.04
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.54	0.54	—	4.18	4.22	0.04	1.30	1.31	0.01
283	Photographic & scientific equipment mfg	0.20	0.20	—	3.70	3.73	0.03	0.93	0.94	0.01
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.57	0.56	–0.01	9.05	8.93	–0.12	2.34	2.31	–0.03
285	Electrical equipment & household appliance mfg	1.55	1.56	0.01	3.48	3.50	0.02	1.96	1.96	—
286	Industrial machinery & equipment mfg	1.79	1.79	—	11.51	11.68	0.17	3.82	3.85	0.03
29	Other mfg	3.21	3.21	—	4.87	4.94	0.07	3.56	3.58	0.02
36–37	Electricity, gas & water supply	7.24	7.29	0.05	. .	. .	. .	5.74	5.78	0.04
411	Building construction	52.07	52.55	0.48	. .	. .	. .	41.30	41.68	0.38
412	Non-building construction	5.00	5.08	0.08	. .	. .	. .	3.97	4.03	0.06
571	Accommodation	1.46	1.47	0.01	. .	. .	. .	1.16	1.17	0.01
611	Road freight transport	1.64	1.67	0.03	. .	. .	. .	1.30	1.32	0.02
620	Rail transport	0.42	0.43	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.34	0.34	—
630–640	Water, air & space transport	0.35	0.36	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.28	0.28	—
66	Services to transport	1.75	1.68	–0.07	. .	. .	. .	1.39	1.33	–0.06
772	Real estate agents	2.79	2.83	0.04	. .	. .	. .	2.21	2.24	0.03
782	Technical services	1.07	1.08	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.85	0.85	—
783	Computer services	3.73	3.81	0.08	. .	. .	. .	2.96	3.02	0.06
784	Legal & accounting services	0.66	0.66	—	. .	. .	. .	0.53	0.53	—
	Total	**127.6**	**128.8**	**1.2**	**84.2**	**84.3**	**0.1**	**118.8**	**119.7**	**0.9**

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

6 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Domestic final commodities index points change**

ANZSIC		CONSUMER Sep Qtr 2005	CONSUMER Dec Qtr 2005	CONSUMER Change	CAPITAL Sep Qtr 2005	CAPITAL Dec Qtr 2005	CAPITAL Change	TOTAL Sep Qtr 2005	TOTAL Dec Qtr 2005	TOTAL Change
012–013	Grain, sheep, beef & dairy cattle farming	0.43	0.41	–0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.19	0.18	–0.01
011,014–016	Other agriculture	4.88	5.23	0.35	. .	. .	. .	2.13	2.29	0.16
04	Commercial fishing	2.15	2.26	0.11	. .	. .	. .	0.94	0.99	0.05
211	Meat & meat product mfg	6.82	7.18	0.36	. .	. .	. .	2.98	3.14	0.16
212	Dairy product mfg	6.68	6.85	0.17	. .	. .	. .	2.92	3.00	0.08
213	Fruit & vegetable processing	4.13	4.12	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	1.80	1.80	—
215	Flour mill & cereal food mfg	2.09	2.12	0.03	. .	. .	. .	0.92	0.93	0.01
216	Bakery product mfg	4.95	5.03	0.08	. .	. .	. .	2.17	2.20	0.03
217	Other food mfg	8.28	8.27	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	3.62	3.62	—
218	Beverage & malt mfg	8.89	8.96	0.07	. .	. .	. .	3.89	3.92	0.03
219	Tobacco product mfg	2.12	2.12	—	. .	. .	. .	0.93	0.93	—
221	Textile fibre, yarn & woven fabric mfg	0.74	0.74	—	. .	. .	. .	0.32	0.33	0.01
222	Textile product mfg	1.21	1.26	0.05	. .	. .	. .	0.53	0.55	0.02
223	Knitting mills	0.67	0.68	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.29	0.30	0.01
224	Clothing mfg	4.42	4.39	–0.03	. .	. .	. .	1.93	1.92	–0.01
225	Footwear mfg	0.59	0.59	—	. .	. .	. .	0.26	0.26	—
232–233	Other wood, paper & paper product mfg	1.74	1.74	—	. .	. .	. .	0.76	0.76	—
241	Printing & services to printing	0.89	0.89	—	. .	. .	. .	0.39	0.39	—
242	Publishing	3.14	3.14	—	. .	. .	. .	1.37	1.37	—
243	Recorded media mfg & publishing	0.39	0.39	—	. .	. .	. .	0.17	0.17	—
251	Petroleum refining	8.33	8.11	–0.22	. .	. .	. .	3.64	3.55	–0.09
254	Other chemical product mfg	5.05	5.05	—	. .	. .	. .	2.21	2.21	—
255	Rubber product mfg	0.26	0.27	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.12	0.12	—
256	Plastic product mfg	2.09	2.11	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.92	0.92	—
275	Sheet metal product mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.53	0.56	0.03	0.30	0.31	0.01
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.36	0.36	—	0.20	0.20	—
281	Motor vehicle & part mfg	5.70	5.68	–0.02	5.69	5.67	–0.02	5.69	5.67	–0.02
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.38	0.39	0.01	0.66	0.66	—	0.54	0.54	—
283	Photographic & scientific equipment mfg	. .	. .	. .	0.36	0.36	—	0.20	0.20	—
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.21	0.21	—	0.85	0.84	–0.01	0.57	0.56	–0.01
285	Electrical equipment & household appliance mfg	2.34	2.35	0.01	0.94	0.94	—	1.55	1.56	0.01
286	Industrial machinery & equipment mfg	. .	. .	. .	3.18	3.18	—	1.79	1.79	—
29	Other mfg	2.34	2.34	—	3.90	3.90	—	3.21	3.21	—
36–37	Electricity, gas & water supply	16.56	16.67	0.11	. .	. .	. .	7.24	7.29	0.05
411	Building construction	. .	. .	. .	92.76	93.62	0.86	52.07	52.55	0.48
412	Non-building construction	. .	. .	. .	8.91	9.05	0.14	5.00	5.08	0.08
571	Accommodation	3.34	3.37	0.03	. .	. .	. .	1.46	1.47	0.01
611	Road freight transport	3.76	3.81	0.05	. .	. .	. .	1.64	1.67	0.03
620	Rail transport	0.97	0.98	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.42	0.43	0.01
630–640	Water, air & space transport	0.80	0.82	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.35	0.36	0.01
66	Services to transport	4.00	3.83	–0.17	. .	. .	. .	1.75	1.68	–0.07
772	Real estate agents	. .	. .	. .	4.97	5.04	0.07	2.79	2.83	0.04
782	Technical services	. .	. .	. .	1.90	1.92	0.02	1.07	1.08	0.01
783	Computer services	. .	. .	. .	6.64	6.78	0.14	3.73	3.81	0.08
784	Legal & accounting services	. .	. .	. .	1.18	1.18	—	0.66	0.66	—
	Total	**121.3**	**122.4**	**1.1**	**132.8**	**134.1**	**1.3**	**127.6**	**128.8**	**1.2**

. . not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

7 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Imported final commodities index points change**

ANZSIC		CONSUMER			CAPITAL			TOTAL		
		Sep Qtr 2005	*Dec Qtr 2005*	*Change*	*Sep Qtr 2005*	*Dec Qtr 2005*	*Change*	*Sep Qtr 2005*	*Dec Qtr 2005*	*Change*
212	Dairy product mfg	2.06	2.11	0.05	. .	. .	. .	1.04	1.06	0.02
213	Fruit & vegetable processing	3.21	3.07	–0.14	. .	. .	. .	1.62	1.55	–0.07
214	Oil & fat mfg	0.94	1.07	0.13	. .	. .	. .	0.47	0.54	0.07
217	Other food mfg	7.28	7.33	0.05	. .	. .	. .	3.67	3.69	0.02
218	Beverage & malt mfg	4.65	4.65	—	. .	. .	. .	2.34	2.35	0.01
219	Tobacco product mfg	3.69	3.81	0.12	. .	. .	. .	1.86	1.92	0.06
221	Textile fibre, yarn & woven fabric mfg	1.08	1.11	0.03	. .	. .	. .	0.55	0.56	0.01
222	Textile product mfg	1.16	1.19	0.03	. .	. .	. .	0.59	0.60	0.01
223	Knitting mills	0.94	0.96	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.48	0.48	—
224	Clothing mfg	6.84	6.83	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	3.45	3.44	–0.01
225	Footwear mfg	2.19	2.23	0.04	. .	. .	. .	1.10	1.12	0.02
226	Leather & leather product mfg	1.84	1.86	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.93	0.94	0.01
241	Printing & services to printing	0.16	0.16	—	. .	. .	. .	0.08	0.08	—
242	Publishing	1.71	1.71	—	. .	. .	. .	0.86	0.86	—
243	Recorded media mfg & publishing	1.87	1.91	0.04	. .	. .	. .	0.94	0.96	0.02
251	Petroleum refining	3.94	3.70	–0.24	. .	. .	. .	1.99	1.86	–0.13
253	Basic chemical mfg	0.77	0.84	0.07	. .	. .	. .	0.39	0.42	0.03
254	Other chemical product mfg	9.30	9.07	–0.23	. .	. .	. .	4.69	4.57	–0.12
255	Rubber product mfg	1.16	1.17	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.58	0.59	0.01
256	Plastic product mfg	1.53	1.51	–0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.77	0.76	–0.01
271	Iron & steel mfg	0.21	0.21	—	. .	. .	. .	0.11	0.11	—
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	0.37	0.37	—	. .	. .	. .	0.18	0.19	0.01
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	1.98	2.02	0.04	. .	. .	. .	1.00	1.02	0.02
281	Motor vehicle & part mfg	12.78	12.65	–0.13	22.64	22.55	–0.09	17.71	17.60	–0.11
282	Other transport equipment mfg	2.39	2.37	–0.02	5.97	6.08	0.11	4.18	4.22	0.04
283	Photographic & scientific equipment mfg	2.45	2.45	—	4.95	5.00	0.05	3.70	3.73	0.03
284	Electronic equipment mfg	3.81	3.75	–0.06	14.33	14.14	–0.19	9.05	8.93	–0.12
285	Electrical equipment & household appliance mfg	3.73	3.76	0.03	3.21	3.23	0.02	3.48	3.50	0.02
286	Industrial machinery & equipment mfg	. .	. .	. .	23.12	23.44	0.32	11.51	11.68	0.17
29	Other mfg	7.66	7.79	0.13	2.03	2.04	0.01	4.87	4.94	0.07
	Total	**91.7**	**91.7**	—	**76.2**	**76.5**	**0.3**	**84.2**	**84.3**	**0.1**

. . not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

8 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Intermediate commodities index points change**

ANZSIC		DOMESTIC Sep Qtr 2005	DOMESTIC Dec Qtr 2005	DOMESTIC Change	IMPORTS Sep Qtr 2005	IMPORTS Dec Qtr 2005	IMPORTS Change	TOTAL Sep Qtr 2005	TOTAL Dec Qtr 2005	TOTAL Change
012–013	Grain, sheep, beef & dairy cattle farming	7.09	6.78	–0.31	. .	. .	. .	6.06	5.79	–0.27
011,014–016	Other agriculture	2.95	2.96	0.01	. .	. .	. .	2.52	2.53	0.01
02	Services to agriculture; hunting & trapping	0.15	0.14	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.12	0.12	—
04	Commercial fishing	0.32	0.33	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.27	0.29	0.02
110	Coal mining	1.15	1.17	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.98	1.00	0.02
120	Oil & gas extraction	2.37	2.39	0.02	16.46	17.00	0.54	4.42	4.51	0.09
131	Metal ore mining	1.89	2.00	0.11	1.22	1.38	0.16	1.80	1.91	0.11
14	Other mining	1.14	1.14	—	0.30	0.30	—	1.02	1.02	—
211	Meat & meat product mfg	1.77	1.93	0.16	. .	. .	. .	1.52	1.65	0.13
212	Dairy product mfg	0.98	1.00	0.02	0.80	0.82	0.02	0.95	0.97	0.02
213–214	Fruit & vegetable processing; oil & fat mfg	0.24	0.24	—	0.70	0.77	0.07	0.30	0.31	0.01
215	Flour mill & cereal food mfg	0.85	0.85	—	. .	. .	. .	0.72	0.73	0.01
216	Bakery product mfg	0.18	0.19	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.16	0.16	—
217	Other food mfg	0.95	0.92	–0.03	0.68	0.68	—	0.91	0.89	–0.02
218	Beverage & malt mfg	0.78	0.79	0.01	0.73	0.73	—	0.77	0.78	0.01
22	Textile, clothing, footwear & leather mfg	1.50	1.52	0.02	6.87	7.01	0.14	2.28	2.31	0.03
231	Log sawmilling & timber dressing	0.92	0.92	—	1.66	1.68	0.02	1.02	1.03	0.01
232	Other wood product mfg	2.10	2.14	0.04	0.72	0.73	0.01	1.90	1.93	0.03
233	Paper & paper product mfg	1.36	1.36	—	2.83	2.84	0.01	1.58	1.58	—
241	Printing & services to printing	2.36	2.37	0.01	. .	. .	. .	2.02	2.02	—
242	Publishing	2.98	2.98	—	. .	. .	. .	2.55	2.55	—
251	Petroleum refining	4.06	4.09	0.03	6.26	5.75	–0.51	4.38	4.33	–0.05
253	Basic chemical mfg	1.23	1.32	0.09	7.54	7.80	0.26	2.15	2.26	0.11
254	Other chemical product mfg	2.00	2.01	0.01	4.10	4.06	–0.04	2.31	2.30	–0.01
255	Rubber product mfg	0.55	0.55	—	2.53	2.55	0.02	0.83	0.84	0.01
256	Plastic product mfg	2.05	2.08	0.03	3.29	3.29	—	2.23	2.25	0.02
26	Non-metallic mineral product mfg	4.41	4.44	0.03	2.77	2.78	0.01	4.17	4.20	0.03
271	Iron & steel mfg	3.56	3.51	–0.05	4.32	4.27	–0.05	3.67	3.62	–0.05
272	Basic non-ferrous metal mfg	1.91	2.15	0.24	0.81	0.92	0.11	1.75	1.97	0.22
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	0.32	0.33	0.01	1.27	1.38	0.11	0.45	0.48	0.03
274	Structural metal product mfg	2.95	2.98	0.03	0.05	0.05	—	2.53	2.55	0.02
275	Sheet metal product mfg	1.29	1.33	0.04	0.15	0.15	—	1.12	1.16	0.04
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	1.22	1.24	0.02	3.75	3.86	0.11	1.59	1.62	0.03
281	Motor vehicle & part mfg	2.10	2.12	0.02	9.37	9.42	0.05	3.16	3.18	0.02
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.66	0.66	—	1.55	1.60	0.05	0.79	0.80	0.01
283	Photographic & scientific equipment mfg	0.24	0.24	—	3.98	3.99	0.01	0.78	0.78	—
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.79	0.79	—	5.42	5.35	–0.07	1.46	1.46	—
285	Electrical equipment & household appliance mfg	1.83	1.84	0.01	6.47	6.48	0.01	2.51	2.52	0.01
286	Industrial machinery & equipment mfg	1.49	1.49	—	10.53	10.65	0.12	2.80	2.82	0.02
29	Other mfg	. .	. .	. .	2.26	2.28	0.02	0.33	0.33	—
36–37	Electricity, gas & water supply	4.88	4.90	0.02	. .	. .	. .	4.17	4.19	0.02
571	Accommodation	0.55	0.55	—	. .	. .	. .	0.47	0.47	—
611	Road freight transport	7.09	7.19	0.10	. .	. .	. .	6.06	6.14	0.08
620	Rail transport	0.65	0.65	—	. .	. .	. .	0.55	0.56	0.01
630	Water transport	0.62	0.64	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.53	0.54	0.01
640	Air & space transport	1.59	1.61	0.02	. .	. .	. .	1.35	1.37	0.02
650	Other transport	0.26	0.26	—	. .	. .	. .	0.22	0.22	—
66	Services to transport	1.72	1.66	–0.06	. .	. .	. .	1.47	1.42	–0.05
670	Storage	1.04	1.07	0.03	. .	. .	. .	0.89	0.92	0.03
771	Property operators & developers	10.78	11.02	0.24	. .	. .	. .	9.21	9.41	0.20
772	Real estate agents	1.47	1.48	0.01	. .	. .	. .	1.25	1.27	0.02
774	Machinery & equipment hiring & leasing	1.50	1.49	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	1.28	1.28	—
782	Technical services	2.27	2.29	0.02	. .	. .	. .	1.94	1.95	0.01
783	Computer services	3.68	3.75	0.07	. .	. .	. .	3.15	3.21	0.06
784	Legal & accounting services	5.89	6.02	0.13	. .	. .	. .	5.03	5.14	0.11
785	Marketing & business management services	6.10	6.13	0.03	. .	. .	. .	5.21	5.24	0.03
786	Other business services	7.34	7.34	—	. .	. .	. .	6.27	6.27	—
	Total	**124.1**	**125.3**	**1.2**	**109.4**	**110.6**	**1.2**	**122.0**	**123.2**	**1.2**

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(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

9 STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): **Preliminary commodities index points change**

ANZSIC		DOMESTIC Sep Qtr 2005	DOMESTIC Dec Qtr 2005	DOMESTIC Change	IMPORTS Sep Qtr 2005	IMPORTS Dec Qtr 2005	IMPORTS Change	TOTAL Sep Qtr 2005	TOTAL Dec Qtr 2005	TOTAL Change
012–013	Grain, sheep, beef & dairy cattle farming	5.15	4.90	–0.25	. .	. .	. .	4.43	4.22	–0.21
011,014–016	Other agriculture	2.01	2.02	0.01	. .	. .	. .	1.73	1.74	0.01
02	Services to agriculture; hunting & trapping	0.26	0.25	–0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.22	0.21	–0.01
030	Forestry & logging	0.36	0.37	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.31	0.32	0.01
110	Coal mining	2.21	2.25	0.04	. .	. .	. .	1.90	1.94	0.04
120	Oil & gas extraction	4.55	4.59	0.04	33.61	34.70	1.09	8.55	8.74	0.19
131	Metal ore mining	1.83	1.92	0.09	0.95	1.08	0.13	1.71	1.81	0.10
14	Other mining	1.60	1.60	—	0.43	0.43	—	1.44	1.44	—
211	Meat & meat product mfg	0.68	0.74	0.06	. .	. .	. .	0.59	0.64	0.05
212	Dairy product mfg	0.38	0.39	0.01	0.35	0.36	0.01	0.38	0.39	0.01
213–214	Fruit & vegetable processing; oil & fat mfg	0.09	0.09	—	0.36	0.41	0.05	0.13	0.14	0.01
215	Flour mill & cereal food mfg	0.44	0.44	—	. .	. .	. .	0.38	0.38	—
216	Bakery product mfg	0.06	0.07	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.06	0.06	—
217	Other food mfg	0.97	0.94	–0.03	0.48	0.48	—	0.90	0.88	–0.02
218	Beverage & malt mfg	0.42	0.42	—	0.47	0.47	—	0.42	0.43	0.01
22	Textile, clothing, footwear & leather mfg	0.87	0.88	0.01	4.69	4.79	0.10	1.40	1.41	0.01
231	Log sawmilling & timber dressing	0.95	0.96	0.01	1.45	1.46	0.01	1.02	1.03	0.01
232	Other wood product mfg	0.83	0.85	0.02	0.21	0.21	—	0.74	0.76	0.02
233	Paper & paper product mfg	1.88	1.87	–0.01	7.23	7.26	0.03	2.61	2.61	—
241	Printing & services to printing	1.90	1.91	0.01	. .	. .	. .	1.64	1.64	—
242	Publishing	2.50	2.50	—	. .	. .	. .	2.16	2.16	—
251	Petroleum refining	4.44	4.48	0.04	6.99	6.38	–0.61	4.79	4.74	–0.05
253	Basic chemical mfg	2.59	2.76	0.17	15.80	16.34	0.54	4.41	4.63	0.22
254	Other chemical product mfg	2.16	2.16	—	4.96	4.93	–0.03	2.54	2.54	—
255	Rubber product mfg	0.45	0.46	0.01	2.20	2.22	0.02	0.69	0.70	0.01
256	Plastic product mfg	1.83	1.85	0.02	3.12	3.12	—	2.01	2.02	0.01
26	Non-metallic mineral product mfg	1.99	2.01	0.02	. .	. .	. .	1.72	1.73	0.01
271	Iron & steel mfg	5.55	5.47	–0.08	6.71	6.66	–0.05	5.71	5.63	–0.08
272	Basic non-ferrous metal mfg	2.35	2.64	0.29	1.04	1.17	0.13	2.17	2.44	0.27
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	0.39	0.40	0.01	1.58	1.72	0.14	0.55	0.58	0.03
274	Structural metal product mfg	2.03	2.05	0.02	. .	. .	. .	1.75	1.77	0.02
275	Sheet metal product mfg	0.65	0.66	0.01	0.07	0.07	—	0.57	0.58	0.01
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	0.91	0.93	0.02	2.89	2.98	0.09	1.19	1.21	0.02
281	Motor vehicle & part mfg	1.44	1.45	0.01	6.35	6.38	0.03	2.12	2.13	0.01
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.67	0.65	–0.02	1.53	1.58	0.05	0.79	0.77	–0.02
283	Photographic & scientific equipment mfg	0.10	0.10	—	2.27	2.27	—	0.40	0.40	—
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.63	0.63	—	4.66	4.60	–0.06	1.19	1.18	–0.01
285	Electrical equipment & household appliance mfg	1.08	1.09	0.01	4.54	4.55	0.01	1.56	1.56	—
286	Industrial machinery & equipment mfg	1.30	1.30	—	10.28	10.41	0.13	2.54	2.56	0.02
36–37	Electricity, gas & water supply	6.01	6.03	0.02	. .	. .	. .	5.17	5.19	0.02
571	Accommodation	0.64	0.64	—	. .	. .	. .	0.55	0.55	—
611	Road freight transport	8.67	8.79	0.12	. .	. .	. .	7.46	7.57	0.11
620	Rail transport	0.89	0.90	0.01	. .	. .	. .	0.77	0.77	—
630	Water transport	0.69	0.71	0.02	. .	. .	. .	0.60	0.61	0.01
640	Air & space transport	1.76	1.79	0.03	. .	. .	. .	1.52	1.54	0.02
650	Other transport	0.35	0.35	—	. .	. .	. .	0.30	0.30	—
66	Services to transport	2.04	1.98	–0.06	. .	. .	. .	1.76	1.70	–0.06
670	Storage	1.26	1.30	0.04	. .	. .	. .	1.09	1.12	0.03
771	Property operators & developers	15.10	15.42	0.32	. .	. .	. .	13.00	13.28	0.28
772	Real estate agents	2.05	2.08	0.03	. .	. .	. .	1.77	1.79	0.02
774	Machinery & equipment hiring & leasing	2.09	2.09	—	. .	. .	. .	1.80	1.80	—
782	Technical services	2.42	2.44	0.02	. .	. .	. .	2.08	2.10	0.02
783	Computer services	3.92	4.00	0.08	. .	. .	. .	3.38	3.44	0.06
784	Legal & accounting services	5.46	5.58	0.12	. .	. .	. .	4.70	4.80	0.10
785	Marketing & business management services	5.69	5.71	0.02	. .	. .	. .	4.90	4.92	0.02
786	Other business services	7.07	7.07	—	. .	. .	. .	6.09	6.09	—
	Total	**126.6**	**128.0**	**1.4**	**125.2**	**127.0**	**1.8**	**126.3**	**127.7**	**1.4**

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(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

Period	Index numbers	% change from previous quarter	% change from corresponding quarter of previous year
2001–02	128.8	0.2	. .
2002–03	130.3	1.2	. .
2003–04	130.4	0.1	. .
2004–05	139.3	6.8	. .
2001			
March	127.7	–1.2	5.2
June	130.7	2.3	5.6
September	129.2	–1.1	2.4
December	128.4	–0.6	–0.7
2002			
March	128.3	–0.1	0.5
June	129.3	0.8	–1.1
September	129.0	–0.2	–0.2
December	130.5	1.2	1.6
2003			
March	132.1	1.2	3.0
June	129.5	–2.0	0.2
September	128.9	–0.5	–0.1
December	129.1	0.2	–1.1
2004			
March	130.6	1.2	–1.1
June	133.1	1.9	2.8
September	136.8	2.8	6.1
December	139.7	2.1	8.2
2005			
March	138.4	–0.9	6.0
June	142.3	2.8	6.9
September	145.3	2.1	6.2
December	146.4	0.8	4.8

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(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

Period	*Food, beverages and tobacco (21)*	*Textiles and textile products (221-222)*	*Knitting mills, clothing, footwear and leather (223-226)*	*Log sawmilling and other wood products (231-232)*	*Paper and paper products (233)*	*Printing, publishing and recorded media (24)*	*Petroleum and coal products (251-252)*	*Chemicals (253-254)*	*Rubber and plastics (255-256)*
2001–02	139.9	111.8	122.3	132.4	115.9	155.5	158.5	113.9	123.9
2002–03	139.9	120.3	124.8	135.1	117.9	155.2	172.6	115.1	124.5
2003–04	139.9	116.7	124.2	139.1	117.8	155.7	173.3	114.5	124.7
2004–05	146.2	116.3	123.9	140.5	117.4	157.3	226.8	120.8	130.8
2001									
March	132.0	109.4	121.2	130.1	115.5	152.4	174.5	116.1	120.0
June	136.9	110.5	121.9	129.5	115.6	153.6	188.8	116.8	121.6
September	137.6	110.3	121.7	130.5	115.9	155.7	170.4	115.4	122.9
December	140.6	109.3	122.0	132.0	115.2	155.1	155.4	113.7	123.9
2002									
March	141.8	112.8	122.6	133.7	115.3	155.3	144.8	113.2	124.5
June	139.4	114.9	122.8	133.4	117.0	155.7	163.5	113.3	124.3
September	138.2	115.0	124.2	133.9	117.6	156.1	161.9	114.7	125.3
December	139.5	123.4	124.8	134.0	119.5	154.6	173.2	115.1	125.4
2003									
March	141.3	124.1	124.5	134.9	117.0	155.7	189.4	115.0	122.7
June	140.6	118.5	125.5	137.4	117.6	154.2	165.8	115.7	124.7
September	138.8	117.7	124.8	138.2	118.1	156.1	163.7	114.3	124.8
December	140.1	117.0	124.7	138.7	118.0	155.9	164.5	114.0	124.3
2004									
March	140.5	116.7	123.4	140.3	117.6	156.0	173.5	114.1	124.6
June	140.2	115.4	123.8	139.3	117.5	154.6	191.3	115.7	125.0
September	145.4	115.6	123.6	139.2	117.0	157.4	209.6	117.5	125.9
December	146.4	116.0	124.0	140.5	116.9	157.6	234.1	121.6	130.5
2005									
March	146.3	116.9	124.1	140.0	117.8	157.6	211.3	121.6	133.0
June	146.8	116.5	123.8	142.4	117.7	156.6	252.2	122.3	133.9
September	148.0	115.5	125.1	142.3	118.2	158.6	282.1	122.1	134.2
December	149.4	116.1	124.9	144.9	118.2	158.7	279.4	123.5	136.1

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

Period	*Non-metallic mineral products (26)*	*Basic metal products (271-273)*	*Fabricated metal products (274-276)*	*Transport equipment and parts (281-282)*	*Electronic equipment and other machinery (283-286)*	*Other manufacturing (29)*
2001–02	118.7	107.9	118.6	128.5	114.2	131.0
2002–03	125.8	104.8	122.2	129.4	113.8	127.9
2003–04	129.2	106.7	125.3	127.0	113.1	127.8
2004–05	131.2	129.4	133.6	126.1	115.9	131.6
2001						
March	117.7	115.6	116.7	124.7	112.4	129.2
June	117.7	116.4	117.2	126.3	114.2	130.4
September	117.6	110.9	118.0	127.5	114.2	131.0
December	117.8	107.4	118.3	128.2	114.5	130.6
2002						
March	117.9	107.4	118.4	129.4	114.2	130.1
June	121.6	105.7	119.7	128.9	113.9	132.3
September	123.1	106.3	120.5	129.0	114.0	128.6
December	125.6	106.1	121.8	130.0	114.0	127.9
2003						
March	126.7	105.4	122.6	129.9	113.9	128.2
June	127.8	101.3	123.9	128.7	113.3	126.9
September	128.5	101.2	124.4	128.5	112.8	126.4
December	128.9	101.8	124.6	126.9	112.2	127.4
2004						
March	129.2	106.9	124.9	126.4	113.2	128.7
June	130.3	116.8	127.4	126.3	114.0	128.5
September	129.7	126.0	130.9	125.7	115.1	129.7
December	131.3	126.7	132.5	126.6	115.6	131.6
2005						
March	130.5	129.5	134.3	126.4	116.0	132.2
June	133.2	135.3	136.8	125.5	117.0	132.9
September	133.3	137.0	139.2	126.0	117.7	135.1
December	133.8	141.1	141.1	125.9	117.9	136.3

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

12 MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES(a): **Division index**

Period	Manufacturing division	Imported materials	Domestic materials
2001–02	132.4	130.3	134.1
2002–03	131.9	125.4	136.7
2003–04	125.9	115.2	134.1
2004–05	137.1	120.8	149.7
2001			
March	130.3	132.9	129.0
June	137.7	140.0	136.8
September	134.5	132.0	136.4
December	132.0	133.0	131.8
2002			
March	130.6	128.8	132.1
June	132.6	127.5	136.1
September	130.6	127.1	133.0
December	131.3	126.6	134.5
2003			
March	135.8	125.8	144.7
June	129.9	122.0	134.7
September	126.7	118.3	132.8
December	126.4	116.2	135.0
2004			
March	123.6	111.6	133.6
June	126.9	114.7	135.1
September	136.9	120.7	150.4
December	138.6	120.1	153.3
2005			
March	134.4	119.9	144.5
June	138.5	122.3	150.5
September	149.7	123.7	167.0
December	150.4	126.0	165.4

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

13 MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES: **Division percentage changes**

Period	*Manufacturing division*	*Imported materials*	*Domestic materials*
	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR		
2001–02	—	–2.8	1.7
2002–03	–0.4	–3.8	1.9
2003–04	–4.5	–8.1	–1.9
2004–05	8.9	4.9	11.6
	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER		
2001			
March	–2.7	–0.5	–4.2
June	5.7	5.3	6.0
September	–2.3	–5.7	–0.3
December	–1.9	0.8	–3.4
2002			
March	–1.1	–3.2	0.2
June	1.5	–1.0	3.0
September	–1.5	–0.3	–2.3
December	0.5	–0.4	1.1
2003			
March	3.4	–0.6	7.6
June	–4.3	–3.0	–6.9
September	–2.5	–3.0	–1.4
December	–0.2	–1.8	1.7
2004			
March	–2.2	–4.0	–1.0
June	2.7	2.8	1.1
September	7.9	5.2	11.3
December	1.2	–0.5	1.9
2005			
March	–3.0	–0.2	–5.7
June	3.1	2.0	4.2
September	8.1	1.1	11.0
December	0.5	1.9	–1.0
	PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR		
2001			
March	10.6	10.5	10.5
June	11.5	10.3	12.1
September	5.2	1.9	7.1
December	–1.4	–0.4	–2.1
2002			
March	0.2	–3.1	2.4
June	–3.7	–8.9	–0.5
September	–2.9	–3.7	–2.5
December	–0.5	–4.8	2.0
2003			
March	4.0	–2.3	9.5
June	–2.0	–4.3	–1.0
September	–3.0	–6.9	–0.2
December	–3.7	–8.2	0.4
2004			
March	–9.0	–11.3	–7.7
June	–2.3	–6.0	0.3
September	8.1	2.0	13.3
December	9.7	3.4	13.6
2005			
March	8.7	7.4	8.2
June	9.1	6.6	11.4
September	9.3	2.5	11.0
December	8.5	4.9	7.9

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

Period	*Food, beverages and tobacco (21)*	*Textiles and textile products (221-222)*	*Knitting mills and clothing (223-224)*	*Footwear (225)*	*Leather and leather products (226)*	*Log sawmilling and other wood products (231-232)*	*Paper and paper products (233)*	*Printing, publishing and recorded media (24)*	*Petroleum and coal products (251-252)*
2001–02	137.8	106.9	109.2	130.3	102.7	136.1	109.7	119.3	175.9
2002–03	136.0	110.3	107.6	130.6	100.3	130.0	104.8	116.9	188.3
2003–04	136.5	100.5	103.2	124.1	86.0	125.2	103.1	110.3	164.0
2004–05	141.8	101.0	104.4	122.2	87.6	126.6	103.1	108.0	216.9
2001									
March	120.8	102.9	106.3	122.6	108.4	133.1	111.0	117.9	204.3
June	128.0	106.7	109.7	126.3	109.9	137.4	111.6	119.2	220.1
September	135.7	105.2	109.5	127.8	102.1	136.5	110.1	118.6	197.7
December	138.8	104.2	110.5	132.0	107.1	137.1	111.5	118.8	168.8
2002									
March	139.9	108.8	109.1	129.3	98.7	135.7	109.4	120.1	156.8
June	136.7	109.3	107.6	131.9	103.0	135.2	107.8	119.8	180.4
September	128.6	109.1	108.2	130.3	99.7	131.5	106.4	118.8	189.0
December	135.8	112.1	108.3	130.1	103.9	130.1	104.5	116.9	184.5
2003									
March	140.2	111.8	107.7	130.8	99.2	129.9	102.9	116.9	207.9
June	139.5	108.2	106.2	131.1	98.2	128.3	105.5	115.1	171.9
September	137.0	105.4	105.6	125.4	88.4	127.2	105.5	111.6	160.2
December	137.6	100.8	103.2	124.4	89.9	125.5	103.5	111.9	163.6
2004									
March	135.9	97.4	101.6	122.9	82.4	123.8	101.1	109.2	156.8
June	135.5	98.5	102.5	123.7	83.1	124.4	102.4	108.4	175.4
September	141.8	101.1	104.5	122.6	87.4	124.0	104.9	107.9	208.8
December	143.7	100.2	104.9	121.6	89.8	125.9	101.3	107.8	229.1
2005									
March	141.2	101.7	104.9	122.2	87.0	127.2	102.4	107.8	202.4
June	140.4	101.1	103.2	122.2	86.1	129.2	103.9	108.4	227.2
September	145.1	98.4	103.6	121.8	85.0	130.1	104.2	108.9	288.3
December	142.0	99.2	102.8	120.6	84.8	132.6	104.7	108.6	279.9

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

Period	*Chemicals (253-254)*	*Rubber and plastics (255-256)*	*Non-metallic mineral products (26)*	*Basic metal products (271-273)*	*Fabricated metal products (274-276)*	*Transport equipment and parts (281-282)*	*Electronic equipment and other machinery (283-286)*	*Other manufacturing (29)*
2001–02	121.0	121.6	115.4	106.0	110.6	124.6	107.2	124.4
2002–03	118.3	123.5	123.1	104.6	111.0	124.8	107.5	124.0
2003–04	116.9	117.5	128.8	102.0	114.0	120.4	107.1	120.9
2004–05	121.3	134.4	135.9	116.0	127.4	126.2	117.1	132.5
2001								
March	126.9	125.4	111.5	101.7	112.0	125.2	108.1	125.7
June	130.8	128.2	112.5	105.2	113.1	127.2	109.8	126.9
September	122.3	124.8	112.1	106.0	111.3	124.6	107.3	125.2
December	123.4	122.9	112.7	105.3	110.3	125.0	107.3	125.5
2002								
March	120.0	120.5	117.5	106.4	110.7	124.5	107.1	123.5
June	118.4	118.3	119.4	106.4	109.9	124.2	106.9	123.3
September	119.3	122.3	119.8	105.8	110.4	124.9	107.5	124.3
December	118.6	123.4	122.7	104.8	110.5	125.4	107.4	124.2
2003								
March	117.9	122.8	123.2	106.0	112.0	125.3	107.9	124.3
June	117.3	125.6	126.7	101.8	111.1	123.5	107.1	123.1
September	116.8	118.7	127.6	101.3	111.9	121.6	106.5	121.2
December	116.4	116.6	127.3	101.3	111.7	120.8	106.5	120.2
2004								
March	116.4	114.5	127.8	101.3	112.5	118.3	105.6	119.6
June	118.1	120.1	132.3	104.1	119.8	120.8	109.7	122.5
September	121.3	126.7	135.0	115.2	125.3	124.3	114.0	127.4
December	121.5	140.0	135.9	114.5	125.8	125.7	116.6	131.6
2005								
March	121.3	135.0	135.3	115.7	127.5	126.4	116.1	133.7
June	120.9	135.9	137.3	118.5	130.9	128.2	121.7	137.3
September	120.5	129.0	137.8	132.4	136.0	130.2	121.0	137.8
December	122.4	135.7	137.7	139.1	136.9	131.0	122.5	138.7

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

15 OUTPUT OF THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY(a), Subdivision index

Period	Index numbers	% change from previous period	% change from corresponding quarter of previous year
2001–02	107.9	1.7	. .
2002–03	112.7	4.4	. .
2003–04	121.1	7.5	. .
2004–05	130.2	7.5	. .
2001			
March	106.2	–0.1	0.4
June	105.8	–0.4	–0.6
September	106.7	0.9	0.5
December	107.3	0.6	0.9
2002			
March	108.2	0.8	1.9
June	109.5	1.2	3.5
September	110.5	0.9	3.6
December	111.4	0.8	3.8
2003			
March	113.0	1.4	4.4
June	115.8	2.5	5.8
September	117.9	1.8	6.7
December	119.4	1.3	7.2
2004			
March	122.3	2.4	8.2
June	124.9	2.1	7.9
September	126.7	1.4	7.5
December	129.3	2.1	8.3
2005			
March	131.6	1.8	7.6
June	133.0	1.1	6.5
September	134.5	1.1	6.2
December	135.8	1.0	5.0

. . not applicable

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

Period	*Building construction (411)*	*House construction (4111)*	*Residential building construction n.e.c. (4112)*	*Non-residential building construction (4113)*	*Non-building construction (412)*	*Road and bridge construction (4121)*
2001–02	107.8	112.0	105.1	105.1	109.7	109.7
2002–03	112.4	116.5	110.4	109.6	116.0	116.0
2003–04	121.2	123.7	121.0	119.5	120.8	120.8
2004–05	130.6	130.6	132.1	131.3	125.8	125.8
2001						
March	106.0	109.3	103.9	104.0	108.3	108.3
June	105.6	109.6	103.0	103.2	108.2	108.2
September	106.5	110.6	103.8	104.0	109.1	109.1
December	107.2	111.8	104.3	104.4	107.9	107.9
2002						
March	108.1	112.3	105.6	105.5	109.5	109.5
June	109.2	113.4	106.8	106.5	112.1	112.1
September	110.2	114.3	108.2	107.6	113.6	113.6
December	111.0	115.2	108.8	108.1	115.3	115.3
2003						
March	112.7	117.0	110.4	109.8	116.8	116.8
June	115.5	119.3	114.1	112.8	118.4	118.4
September	117.8	121.4	116.5	115.2	119.3	119.3
December	119.3	122.9	118.4	116.7	120.3	120.3
2004						
March	122.4	124.3	123.0	121.2	121.1	121.1
June	125.1	126.2	126.0	124.7	122.3	122.3
September	127.0	127.8	127.6	127.1	123.7	123.7
December	129.7	129.8	131.3	130.3	125.2	125.2
2005						
March	132.1	131.7	134.0	133.1	126.4	126.4
June	133.5	132.9	135.3	134.8	127.8	127.8
September	134.9	r134.5	136.5	135.9	130.2	130.2
December	136.1	135.7	137.9	137.1	132.1	132.1

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(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

17 MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING(a): **Index numbers**

Period	*Weighted average of six State capital cities*	*Sydney*	*Melbourne*	*Brisbane*	*Adelaide*	*Perth*	*Hobart*
2001–02	126.0	132.0	125.0	122.0	130.6	119.4	128.4
2002–03	130.5	137.2	128.4	127.6	135.7	123.0	133.7
2003–04	134.3	142.3	131.1	132.1	138.4	125.8	139.4
2004–05	138.8	146.6	134.6	137.3	143.4	131.1	148.0
2001							
March	124.2	129.8	122.8	120.4	129.4	118.9	126.3
June	124.4	130.2	123.1	120.2	129.5	119.1	127.0
September	124.7	130.5	124.3	120.2	128.4	118.9	127.3
December	125.2	131.4	124.4	120.7	130.1	118.9	127.6
2002							
March	126.1	132.2	124.7	122.9	130.9	119.0	128.6
June	127.8	134.0	126.4	124.3	133.1	120.9	129.9
September	128.8	134.7	127.0	126.1	134.5	121.8	131.6
December	130.1	136.7	128.1	127.2	135.2	122.8	132.6
2003							
March	130.9	138.0	128.7	127.5	136.2	123.4	134.6
June	132.1	139.5	129.6	129.6	136.8	123.9	135.8
September	132.9	140.7	130.1	130.6	137.4	124.6	136.8
December	133.6	141.9	130.5	131.1	137.3	125.2	137.7
2004							
March	134.4	142.6	131.2	132.2	138.3	126.1	140.4
June	136.1	144.1	132.5	134.6	140.6	127.4	142.5
September	137.2	144.8	133.5	135.9	142.0	128.7	145.5
December	138.3	145.9	134.2	137.1	142.9	130.1	147.4
2005							
March	139.3	147.1	135.2	137.4	143.9	131.7	148.6
June	140.5	148.5	135.6	138.9	144.7	134.0	150.4
September	141.0	148.8	136.1	139.4	145.2	134.7	151.9
December	141.5	148.8	136.7	140.3	145.4	135.0	150.0

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

18 MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING: **Percentage change**

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart
			PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR				
2001–02	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.2	0.8	0.5	1.9
2002–03	3.6	3.9	2.7	4.6	3.9	3.0	4.1
2003–04	2.9	3.7	2.1	3.5	2.0	2.3	4.3
2004–05	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.9	3.6	4.2	6.2
			PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER				
2001							
March	–0.2	—	–0.5	–0.2	–0.2	–0.1	0.6
June	0.2	0.3	0.2	–0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6
September	0.2	0.2	1.0	—	–0.8	–0.2	0.2
December	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.4	1.3	—	0.2
2002							
March	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.8	0.6	0.1	0.8
June	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.1	1.7	1.6	1.0
September	0.8	0.5	0.5	1.4	1.1	0.7	1.3
December	1.0	1.5	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.8
2003							
March	0.6	1.0	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.5	1.5
June	0.9	1.1	0.7	1.6	0.4	0.4	0.9
September	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.7
December	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.4	–0.1	0.5	0.7
2004							
March	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.7	0.7	2.0
June	1.3	1.1	1.0	1.8	1.7	1.0	1.5
September	0.8	0.5	0.8	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.1
December	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.9	0.6	1.1	1.3
2005							
March	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.2	0.7	1.2	0.8
June	0.9	1.0	0.3	1.1	0.6	1.7	1.2
September	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	1.0
December	0.4	—	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	–1.3
			PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR				
2001							
March	0.3	1.4	–0.1	–1.4	1.5	0.7	1.4
June	–0.9	–0.8	–0.9	–2.2	–0.2	0.3	0.8
September	0.2	0.4	0.9	–0.8	–1.1	0.5	1.7
December	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.1	0.3	–0.1	1.6
2002							
March	1.5	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.2	0.1	1.8
June	2.7	2.9	2.7	3.4	2.8	1.5	2.3
September	3.3	3.2	2.2	4.9	4.8	2.4	3.4
December	3.9	4.0	3.0	5.4	3.9	3.3	3.9
2003							
March	3.8	4.4	3.2	3.7	4.0	3.7	4.7
June	3.4	4.1	2.5	4.3	2.8	2.5	4.5
September	3.2	4.5	2.4	3.6	2.2	2.3	4.0
December	2.7	3.8	1.9	3.1	1.6	2.0	3.8
2004							
March	2.7	3.3	1.9	3.7	1.5	2.2	4.3
June	3.0	3.3	2.2	3.9	2.8	2.8	4.9
September	3.2	2.9	2.6	4.1	3.3	3.3	6.4
December	3.5	2.8	2.8	4.6	4.1	3.9	7.0
2005							
March	3.6	3.2	3.0	3.9	4.0	4.4	5.8
June	3.2	3.1	2.3	3.2	2.9	5.2	5.5
September	2.8	2.8	1.9	2.6	2.3	4.7	4.4
December	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.3	1.7	3.8	1.8

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

19 MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING(a)(b), Index numbers

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart
2001–02	118.6	118.2	117.8	120.8	118.8	117.7	121.3
2002–03	123.6	123.0	122.7	126.9	123.5	122.8	124.2
2003–04	127.7	127.1	126.7	131.2	126.8	127.7	127.0
2004–05	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
2001							
March	116.7	116.4	115.7	119.2	116.8	116.0	120.2
June	117.2	116.7	116.4	119.3	117.4	116.8	120.1
September	117.5	117.1	116.8	120.0	117.2	116.6	120.3
December	118.1	117.7	117.3	120.1	118.3	117.3	120.5
2002							
March	118.4	117.9	117.6	120.7	119.0	117.3	121.6
June	120.3	120.0	119.3	122.5	120.7	119.7	122.8
September	121.6	121.0	120.8	125.1	121.8	120.3	123.5
December	122.8	122.1	121.8	126.1	123.3	122.4	123.7
2003							
March	124.1	123.5	123.4	127.4	123.8	123.6	124.2
June	125.7	125.3	124.8	128.8	125.1	125.0	125.4
September	126.3	126.0	125.2	129.3	125.6	125.6	126.0
December	126.7	126.4	125.4	130.2	125.7	126.9	126.1
2004							
March	126.9	126.3	126.1	130.4	126.1	126.9	126.5
June	130.7	129.8	129.9	134.8	129.7	131.2	129.5
September	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
December	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
2005							
March	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
June	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
September	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
December	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .

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(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

(b) Series discontinued from June quarter 2004.

20 MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING(a), Percentage change

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
2001–02	1.9	1.8	2.1	1.4	1.7	1.8	1.7
2002–03	4.2	4.1	4.2	5.0	4.0	4.3	2.4
2003–04	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.4	2.7	4.0	2.3
2004–05	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER							
2001							
March	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.1	—	0.3	0.9
June	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.7	–0.1
September	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.6	–0.2	–0.2	0.2
December	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.1	0.9	0.6	0.2
2002							
March	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.6	—	0.9
June	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.4	2.0	1.0
September	1.1	0.8	1.3	2.1	0.9	0.5	0.6
December	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.7	0.2
2003							
March	1.1	1.1	1.3	1.0	0.4	1.0	0.4
June	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0
September	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
December	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.7	0.1	1.0	0.1
2004							
March	0.2	–0.1	0.6	0.2	0.3	—	0.3
June	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.9	3.4	2.4
September	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
December	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
2005							
March	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
June	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
September	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
December	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR							
2001							
March	0.3	—	1.0	–0.3	0.4	0.2	0.8
June	–0.2	–0.5	0.3	–0.6	–0.2	0.3	0.3
September	1.7	1.5	2.5	1.1	1.0	2.3	2.0
December	1.5	1.7	1.7	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.2
2002							
March	1.5	1.3	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.1	1.2
June	2.6	2.8	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.5	2.2
September	3.5	3.3	3.4	4.3	3.9	3.2	2.7
December	4.0	3.7	3.8	5.0	4.2	4.3	2.7
2003							
March	4.8	4.7	4.9	5.6	4.0	5.4	2.1
June	4.5	4.4	4.6	5.1	3.6	4.4	2.1
September	3.9	4.1	3.6	3.4	3.1	4.4	2.0
December	3.2	3.5	3.0	3.3	1.9	3.7	1.9
2004							
March	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.4	1.9	2.7	1.9
June	4.0	3.6	4.1	4.7	3.7	5.0	3.3
September	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
December	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
2005							
March	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
June	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
September	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .
December	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .	. .

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— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Series discontinued from June quarter 2004.

21 MATERIALS USED IN COAL MINING(a)

Period	OPEN CUT MINING			UNDERGROUND MINING		
	Index numbers	*% change from previous period*	*% change from corresponding quarter of previous year*	*Index numbers*	*% change from previous period*	*% change from corresponding quarter of previous year*
2001–02	129.6	0.5	. .	127.5	3.7	. .
2002–03	134.3	3.6	. .	129.9	1.9	. .
2003–04	132.6	–1.3	. .	129.9	—	. .
2004–05	144.8	9.2	. .	139.1	7.1	. .
2001						
March	126.8	–4.3	1.5	123.5	2.0	4.4
June	130.4	2.8	1.6	127.2	3.0	6.1
September	131.4	0.8	4.5	127.4	0.2	6.3
December	130.3	–0.8	–1.7	128.5	0.9	6.1
2002						
March	127.4	–2.2	0.5	127.8	–0.5	3.5
June	129.1	1.3	–1.0	126.3	–1.2	–0.7
September	133.4	3.3	1.5	130.4	3.2	2.4
December	134.9	1.1	3.5	129.6	–0.6	0.9
2003						
March	134.4	–0.4	5.5	129.3	–0.2	1.2
June	134.3	–0.1	4.0	130.1	0.6	3.0
September	129.5	–3.6	–2.9	130.3	0.2	–0.1
December	131.5	1.5	–2.5	129.7	–0.5	0.1
2004						
March	132.1	0.5	–1.7	129.5	–0.2	0.2
June	137.3	3.9	2.2	130.1	0.5	—
September	140.9	2.6	8.8	132.4	1.8	1.6
December	144.8	2.8	10.1	136.1	2.8	4.9
2005						
March	143.0	–1.2	8.3	142.6	4.8	10.1
June	150.5	5.2	9.6	145.3	1.9	11.7
September	157.3	4.5	11.6	148.2	2.0	11.9
December	158.3	0.6	9.3	149.2	0.7	9.6

. . not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Reference base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

22 TRANSPORT (FREIGHT) & STORAGE INDUSTRIES(a): **Division index**

Period	Index numbers	% change from previous period	% change from corresponding quarter of previous year
2001–02	103.2	0.9	. .
2002–03	105.2	1.9	. .
2003–04	107.1	1.8	. .
2004–05	111.2	3.8	. .
2001			
March	102.8	0.7	2.4
June	103.2	0.4	2.0
September	103.2	—	2.0
December	103.3	0.1	1.2
2002			
March	103.0	–0.3	0.2
June	103.3	0.3	0.1
September	103.5	0.2	0.3
December	104.9	1.4	1.5
2003			
March	105.9	1.0	2.8
June	106.3	0.4	2.9
September	106.1	–0.2	2.5
December	106.6	0.5	1.6
2004			
March	107.8	1.1	1.8
June	107.8	—	1.4
September	109.6	1.7	3.3
December	111.5	1.7	4.6
2005			
March	111.0	–0.4	3.0
June	112.5	1.4	4.4
September	114.0	1.3	4.0
December	115.3	1.1	3.4

. . not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

23 OUTPUT OF THE TRANSPORT (FREIGHT) & STORAGE INDUSTRIES(a): **Subdivision indexes**

Period	Road transport (61)	Rail transport (62)	Water transport (63)	Air and space transport (64)	Other transport (65)	Services to transport (66)	Storage (67)
2001–02	105.0	94.9	109.4	103.5	102.9	97.0	102.2
2002–03	107.3	94.8	106.3	111.4	103.4	100.2	103.3
2003–04	110.2	95.7	105.2	114.4	101.7	101.4	104.9
2004–05	115.8	96.7	114.3	111.1	107.8	104.2	107.6
2001							
March	103.8	95.7	110.3	102.9	102.4	97.1	102.4
June	104.2	96.2	111.4	102.8	102.5	96.9	102.5
September	104.5	95.2	111.1	103.2	102.6	96.8	102.7
December	104.8	96.1	109.5	103.1	102.6	97.0	102.6
2002							
March	105.2	94.1	108.2	103.3	103.2	97.0	101.5
June	105.3	94.0	108.6	104.4	103.3	97.3	102.1
September	105.4	94.7	106.7	104.5	101.3	100.2	102.2
December	106.6	93.6	107.2	113.8	101.3	100.6	102.3
2003							
March	108.1	95.6	106.7	113.2	105.2	99.8	104.4
June	109.2	95.4	104.6	114.2	105.9	100.0	104.4
September	109.2	94.8	101.0	114.7	105.9	100.8	104.6
December	109.8	95.0	102.0	114.6	105.8	101.1	104.9
2004							
March	110.7	97.3	108.5	115.2	97.5	101.2	105.2
June	111.0	95.7	109.1	113.1	97.6	102.5	104.8
September	112.7	97.3	114.1	112.8	107.7	103.0	106.2
December	115.6	98.0	116.1	113.0	107.4	104.0	107.1
2005							
March	116.4	95.9	112.0	109.4	108.2	104.0	107.7
June	118.5	95.7	115.0	109.3	107.9	105.6	109.2
September	120.1	97.4	109.8	118.8	108.2	105.9	110.3
December	121.8	98.1	112.5	120.5	108.1	104.1	114.1

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

PROPERTY & BUSINESS SERVICES INDUSTRIES(a): **Division index**

Period	Index numbers	% change from previous period	% change from corresponding quarter of previous year
2001–02	110.6	2.9	. .
2002–03	113.5	2.6	. .
2003–04	117.3	3.3	. .
2004–05	120.3	2.6	. .
2001			
March	108.2	0.8	4.0
June	108.6	0.4	3.7
September	109.7	1.0	3.5
December	110.3	0.5	2.8
2002			
March	110.9	0.5	2.5
June	111.4	0.5	2.6
September	112.3	0.8	2.4
December	113.1	0.7	2.5
2003			
March	114.0	0.8	2.8
June	114.5	0.4	2.8
September	115.9	1.2	3.2
December	116.5	0.5	3.0
2004			
March	118.1	1.4	3.6
June	118.5	0.3	3.5
September	119.2	0.6	2.8
December	119.9	0.6	2.9
2005			
March	120.6	0.6	2.1
June	121.5	0.7	2.5
September	123.8	1.9	3.9
December	125.4	1.3	4.6

. . not applicable

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

25 PROPERTY & BUSINESS SERVICES INDUSTRIES(a): **Subdivision & group indexes**

Period	*Property services (77)*	*Property operators and developers (771)*	*Real estate agents (772)*	*Machinery equipment hiring and leasing (774)*	*Business services (78)*	*Scientific research (781)*	*Technical services (782)*	*Computer services (783)*
2001–02	111.5	111.8	133.9	98.8	110.1	107.0	106.7	112.6
2002–03	113.3	111.2	149.7	100.0	113.6	113.5	113.4	114.7
2003–04	116.9	111.6	169.0	104.0	117.5	114.3	119.7	115.4
2004–05	121.0	115.6	175.7	106.9	119.9	117.4	124.2	115.1
2001								
March	109.6	110.3	122.5	100.4	107.4	105.1	103.9	112.2
June	110.1	110.8	124.5	100.0	107.7	105.2	104.2	112.7
September	110.9	111.7	128.1	99.3	109.0	106.7	105.6	112.3
December	111.2	111.8	132.7	98.3	109.8	106.9	106.2	112.6
2002								
March	111.6	111.8	135.7	98.6	110.5	107.0	107.1	112.9
June	112.1	111.8	139.1	98.8	110.9	107.2	107.8	112.6
September	112.3	111.1	143.8	98.7	112.3	112.4	112.1	113.2
December	112.9	111.1	147.4	100.1	113.2	112.8	112.9	115.1
2003								
March	113.9	111.6	151.9	100.3	114.0	113.8	113.5	115.2
June	114.1	111.0	155.5	100.7	114.8	115.0	114.9	115.4
September	115.3	111.2	161.5	102.4	116.3	115.1	118.9	115.4
December	116.1	111.3	165.4	103.6	116.8	114.2	119.3	114.7
2004								
March	117.5	111.7	172.9	104.2	118.4	114.0	119.5	115.7
June	118.6	112.3	176.1	105.6	118.5	113.8	121.1	115.9
September	119.3	113.4	175.8	105.4	119.2	115.1	123.1	114.8
December	120.3	114.9	175.2	105.7	119.7	115.6	124.0	115.5
2005								
March	121.7	116.4	175.4	107.9	120.0	117.2	124.3	114.8
June	122.7	117.5	176.4	108.5	120.8	121.6	125.5	115.1
September	124.6	119.1	181.7	108.9	123.3	123.7	132.4	115.6
December	126.8	121.7	184.0	108.8	124.6	124.0	133.3	117.9

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

Period	*Legal and accounting services (784)*	*Marketing and business management services (785)*	*Other business services (786)*
2001–02	113.2	114.4	105.7
2002–03	117.7	117.0	108.9
2003–04	124.4	120.1	113.3
2004–05	129.0	120.6	116.8
2001			
March	108.2	110.3	103.8
June	108.7	110.9	104.0
September	111.9	112.1	105.1
December	112.6	114.2	105.4
2002			
March	113.4	115.4	105.9
June	114.9	115.8	106.2
September	116.8	115.2	107.8
December	117.4	116.0	108.4
2003			
March	117.9	117.8	109.3
June	118.5	119.0	110.2
September	121.5	119.3	111.9
December	122.0	120.4	113.0
2004			
March	127.1	121.1	113.8
June	126.9	119.6	114.6
September	128.0	120.8	115.5
December	128.4	120.8	116.1
2005			
March	129.1	120.6	117.2
June	130.6	120.2	118.4
September	135.3	122.2	119.8
December	137.8	122.8	119.8

(a) Reference base of each index: 1998–99 = 100.0.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 This publication contains a range of producer price indexes. Economy-wide indexes are presented within a stage of production framework, followed by a set of indexes relating to specific industries (selected manufacturing, construction, mining and service industries).

2 Index numbers for the recently established producer price indexes, i.e. stage of production and the service industry and construction industry output indexes, are calculated on the reference base 1998–99=100.0. The index numbers for the other, longer established producer price indexes are calculated on the reference base 1989–90=100.0.

GENERAL

Output and input indexes

3 Producer price indexes can be constructed as either output measures or input measures. Output indexes measure changes in the prices of sales by a defined sector of the economy while input indexes measure changes in the prices of purchases by a particular economic sector.

Valuation basis

4 The valuation basis for the transactions covered by an output index is basic prices, defined as the amount received by the producer exclusive of any taxes on products and transport and trade margins (i.e. the pricing point is ex-factory, ex-farm, ex-service provider, etc.).

5 On the other hand, an input index has a valuation basis of purchasers' prices, defined as the amount paid by the purchaser inclusive of any non-deductible taxes on products and transport and trade margins (i.e. the prices recorded in the index should be those relating to delivered into store, delivered on site, etc.).

6 In reality, industry practice may mean that it is sometimes necessary to diverge from the conceptual ideal in order to obtain actual transaction prices. For example, although the pricing point for the output index Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industries is ex-factory, in cases where costs such as handling and distribution are built into the manufacturer's selling price, they will be included in the index.

7 Similarly, for input indexes such as the Price Index of Materials Used In House Building, which has a pricing point of delivered on site, it has sometimes been necessary to use the nearest actual transaction price available, e.g. prices of materials supplied and fixed.

8 The GST is excluded from all the prices recorded in the current producer price indexes because, in the main, it is deductible on business-to-business transactions. In the case of future service industry output indexes relating to business-to-household transactions, the GST will also be excluded because the pricing basis will be basic prices (i.e. exclusive of product taxes).

Items and weights

9 The indexes are fixed weighted indexes of the Laspeyres form. The list of items and the weights are updated periodically to ensure they remain representative. New index series compiled using updated weights are linked to the previous series to maintain a continuous series. Broad level weights are derived from an analysis of the latest available input-output tables as well as other ABS and industry sources.

10 Where prices of items are expected to move in a similar way, many of the directly priced items carry not only their own weight but also the weight of similar commodities.

Price measurement

11 The main sources of ongoing price data are samples of businesses. The samples can relate to either buyers or sellers, or a combination of both. The choice is influenced by the pricing point of the index (output or input) and practical considerations such as the relative degree of concentration of buyers, and of sellers, and the implications for sample sizes and costs.

Price measurement continued

12 The main pricing methodology used is specification pricing, under which a manageable sample of precisely specified products is selected, in consultation with each reporting business, for repeat pricing. In specifying the products, care is taken to ensure that they are fully defined in terms of all the characteristics which influence their transaction prices. As such, all the relevant technical characteristics need to be described (e.g. make, model, features) along with the unit of sale, type of packaging, conditions of sale (e.g. delivered, payment within 30 days), etc.

13 When the quality or the specifications of an item being priced change over time, adjustments are made to the reported prices so that the index captures only pure price change. That is, any element of price change attributable to a change in quality is removed. If there is an increase (decrease) in the quality of an item, then the price is adjusted downwards (upwards) to reflect the 'worth' of the quality change. This technique is known as pricing to constant quality.

14 Another very important consideration in establishing and maintaining price collections is to ensure that the prices reported are actual market transaction prices. That is, they must reflect the net prices received (or paid) after taking into account all discounts applied to the transactions whether they be volume discounts, settlement discounts or competitive price cutting discounts which are likely to fluctuate with market conditions.

15 Any rebates also need to be considered. The collection of nominal list prices, or book prices, is unlikely to yield reliable price indexes and could result in quite misleading results if fluctuations in transaction prices are not captured. The ABS therefore asks respondent businesses to report details of the discounts they offer so that actual transaction prices can be calculated. In addition, as many different types of discounts apply to business-to-business transactions (see paragraph 14), considerable effort is put into monitoring discount practices in order to identify changes to existing discounts and the introduction of new ones.

16 Specification pricing is not feasible in cases where the products are unique and not reproduced over time, e.g. construction industry output and many of the customised business services. As a result alternative pricing techniques need to be used, often involving compromise. Some of the approaches adopted include the use of model pricing, collecting unit values for reasonably homogeneous components of a good or service, input pricing and collecting charge-out rates (e.g. for a legal service).

Classifications

17 As far as possible the industry sector indexes have been constructed in accordance with the *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification* (ANZSIC). The Stage of Production 'contribution to change' tables (tables 5–9) are also presented in terms of the ANZSIC.

STAGE OF PRODUCTION (SOP) PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

Introduction

18 Tables 1–9 present producer price indexes for the supply of commodities to the Australian economy in a stage of production (SOP) framework. As such, the indexes cover both domestically produced and imported commodities, individually and in aggregate. The SOP indexes are compiled from data used in the industry sector indexes, the international trade indexes and some additional data collections. The indexes are calculated on the reference base 1998–99=100.0.

19 These indexes are compiled within the statistical framework outlined in the 1997 ABS *Information Paper: An Analytical Framework for Price Indexes in Australia* (cat. no. 6421.0) and are designed to support the study of inflation.

20 A more detailed explanation of the SOP concept is contained in the ABS *Information Paper: Producer Price Index Developments* (cat. no. 6422.0), released on 25 March 1999. The index numbers in this current publication cannot be directly compared with the experimental index numbers in the information paper because:

Introduction continued

- the coverage of the series has been expanded to include selected service and construction industries; and
- the weighting patterns of the indexes have been updated to 1996–97 and the reference base of the indexes has been updated to 1998–99=100.0.

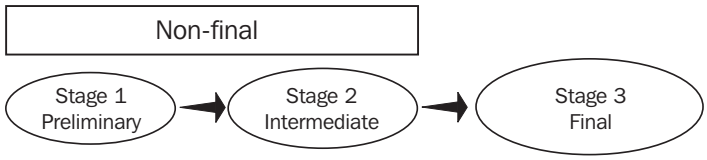
Pricing basis

21 In concept the valuation basis of the SOP indexes is basic prices (see paragraphs 4–8). However, the use of component series from existing ABS price collections in some cases results in the pricing basis diverging from this ideal. For example, imports are priced on a 'free-on-board' (f.o.b) basis, not 'cost, insurance, freight' (c.i.f), which approximates basic prices.

The SOP concept

22 The indexes are compiled using the SOP concept. Under this concept flows of commodities are categorised according to their economic destination on a sequential basis along the production chain. The basis for the categorisation is the Australian input–output tables (1996–97). The primary categorisation is between final commodities (i.e. commodities destined for final consumption, capital formation or export) and non-final commodities (i.e. commodities that flow into intermediate consumption for further processing).

23 This initial breakdown of the commodity flows into final and non-final represents a useful economic dissection of producers' transactions. However, the non-final commodities can flow into the production of both final and other non-final commodities. Therefore, to aid analysis, the non-final commodity flows have been divided on a sequential basis between Stage 1 (or preliminary) commodities and Stage 2 (or intermediate) commodities as illustrated below. This approach results in three separate stages of production.



24 The three stages are not aggregated in order to avoid the potential distorting effects that may result from multiple counting of changes in transaction prices as commodities flow through different production processes.

25 Under this framework, preliminary (Stage 1) commodities are used in the production of intermediate (Stage 2) commodities; in turn intermediate (Stage 2) commodities flow into the production of final (Stage 3) commodities.

26 The framework allows for analyses of price change as commodities flow through production processes. Price changes for earlier stages of production may be indicators of possible future price changes for later stages.

Transaction flow approach

27 The ABS has adopted a transaction flow approach in disaggregating commodity supply into the various production stages. This approach means that the assignment of a commodity to a stage is based on the proximity of its use in final demand.

28 Alternative degree of fabrication or principal destination approaches are employed by statistical agencies in some other countries. These approaches result in the allocation of particular commodities to one, and only one, stage. This would present particular problems for Australia due to the openness of the economy, with exports (and imports) equivalent to about 20% of gross domestic product. Commodities such as wheat, wool, and iron ore are exported in large volumes as well as being further processed locally. The allocation of such commodities to a single stage would be very arbitrary by necessity.

Transaction flow approach continued

29 Adopting the transaction flow approach means, for example, that exported wheat and domestically used wheat are treated as different commodities for index construction purposes. Under this approach commodities transactions can be allocated to more than one stage. Exported wheat is treated as a final (Stage 3) commodity while wheat used domestically to make the flour used in bread production is considered to be a preliminary (Stage 1) commodity. Similarly, commodities such as energy and containers appear under all three categories.

Scope and coverage

30 Producer price indexes conventionally relate to the output of domestic industries, at basic prices, either inclusive or exclusive of exports. As the main focus is on domestic inflation, exports are excluded from the headline SOP series 'Final (Stage 3) commodities', as presented in the key figures on the front page and in tables 1–6. Index series for Final (Stage 3) commodities including exports are available in tables 26 & 27 on the ABS web site <www.abs.gov.au>.

31 Imports have also been incorporated within the framework, recognising that they represent an important potential source of inflationary pressure.

32 In concept, the SOP indexes incorporate all flows of goods and services. However, currently there is limited coverage of service industries and the construction industry by the producer price indexes (see sections on construction industry and service industries producer price indexes below).

33 Price indexes for most transport and storage services (division I of ANZSIC) and property and business services (division L of ANZSIC) industries have been included in the SOP framework. However, price series for most Final (Stage 3) consumer services are not currently available on a sufficiently timely basis to allow their inclusion in the indexes. This has the effect of decreasing the relative weight of consumer items versus capital items in the final stage. It is intended to introduce additional services price series as they become available, along with the consequential weight changes.

34 Index coverage for the construction industry (division E of ANZSIC) is currently limited to the output of the following ANZSIC classes:

- 4111 House construction;
- 4112 Residential building construction n.e.c.;
- 4113 Non-residential building construction; and
- 4121 Road and bridge construction.

35 As with services, it is intended to introduce further construction price series as they become available.

Items and weights

36 The items included in the indexes reflect the values of commodity flows, for both domestic supply and imports, allocated to stages based on an analysis of detailed 1996–97 input–output tables. The index structures and weighting patterns for the SOP indexes are shown in the Appendix of the December 2002 issue of Producer Price Indexes, Australia (cat. no. 6427.0).

Comparisons with the Consumer Price Index

37 Final (Stage 3) indexes are presented for consumer commodities. It should be noted that this index is not directly comparable with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The two indexes differ significantly in concept and coverage. The major differences are:

- the pricing basis for the Final (Stage 3) SOP consumer index is basic prices (see paragraph 21). The CPI, however, measures changes in purchasers' prices, i.e. the actual retail prices paid by households for products, inclusive of non-deductible taxes on products, such as the GST, and any transport and trade margins;
- the coverage of the two indexes differs. Currently the Final (Stage 3) SOP consumer index mainly measures changes in the prices of goods, i.e. most household services are currently excluded from the index (see paragraph 33). The CPI covers both goods and services;

Comparisons with the Consumer Price Index continued

- the indexes have different weighting bases. The weighting pattern for the Final (Stage 3) SOP consumer index is based on the 1996–97 input-output tables, while the CPI weighting pattern is based on the 1998–99 Household Expenditure Survey.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

Introduction

38 The manufacturing industry producer price indexes relate to the outputs (i.e. articles produced) and inputs (i.e. materials used) of establishments classified to designated sectors of the Australian manufacturing industry. They are important sources of data for the SOP indexes.

39 Tables 10 and 11 present the Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industries and tables 12–14 present the Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries. Basic prices are used for the output index and purchasers' prices for the input index (see paragraphs 4–8). Therefore, as far as possible, ex-factory prices are included in the output index and delivered into factory prices in the input index.

40 Table 47, which is available on the ABS web site, presents Price Indexes of Copper Materials used in the manufacture of electrical equipment.

41 All of the manufacturing indexes are calculated on the reference base 1989–90=100.0.

Scope

42 The manufacturing indexes are constructed on a net sector basis with intra-sector transactions netted out. The scope of the output index is therefore restricted to transactions in articles produced by the defined sector of Australian manufacturing industry that are sold or transferred to domestic establishments outside that sector, or used as capital equipment, or exported. The scope of the input index relates to transactions in materials used in the defined sector of Australian manufacturing industry that are produced by domestic establishments outside that sector or imported.

Classification

43 The manufacturing division output index (table 10) measures changes in prices of articles produced by establishments classified to ANZSIC division C, Manufacturing, that are sold or transferred to domestic establishments outside the manufacturing division for intermediate use, or used as capital equipment, or exported. It excludes intermediate transactions in articles produced by establishments within the manufacturing division and sold or transferred to other establishments within the manufacturing division for further processing.

44 Similarly, the manufacturing division input index (tables 12 and 13) measures changes in prices of materials used by establishments classified to ANZSIC division C, Manufacturing, that have been purchased or transferred in from domestic establishments outside the manufacturing division or imported. It excludes intermediate transactions in materials produced by establishments within the manufacturing division and sold or transferred to other establishments within the manufacturing division for further processing.

45 An advantage of the net sector approach over the alternative gross sector approach (under which the intra-sector transactions would be in-scope) is that it avoids the potential distorting effects that may result from multiple counting of changes in transaction prices as commodities flow through different production processes.

46 On the other hand, although conceptually valid, the exclusion of the internal intermediate transactions from the net sector manufacturing division indexes results in incomplete coverage of the targeted sector of the economy. In order to increase coverage, while still avoiding the multiple counting issue, independent net sector measures have been constructed for ANZSIC manufacturing subdivisions and groups. While having intermediate transactions between different manufacturers within a given subdivision or group netted out, intermediate transactions with manufacturers in other subdivisions/groups are in-scope.

Classification continued

47 The output indexes for ANZSIC subdivisions and groups (table 11) measure changes in prices of articles produced by establishments classified to each defined ANZSIC manufacturing sector which are sold or transferred to establishments outside that sector. These exclude intermediate transactions in articles produced by establishments within the specific sector and sold or transferred to other establishments in the same sector for further processing.

48 Similarly, the input indexes for ANZSIC subdivisions and groups (table 14) measure changes in prices of materials used by establishments classified to each defined ANZSIC manufacturing sector which are purchased or transferred in from establishments outside that sector. These exclude intermediate transactions in materials produced by establishments within the specific sector and sold or transferred to other establishments in the same sector for further processing.

49 It is important to note that the manufacturing division output and input indexes, and the corresponding subdivision/group indexes, are independent constructs. As such, a division index cannot be derived by simply weighting together the separate subdivision and group indexes as the latter net sector indexes are not a straightforward decomposition of the broader net sector index.

Items and weights

50 The items included in the manufacturing indexes reflect the values of articles produced and materials used based on an analysis of detailed input–output tables; 1993–94 for the output indexes and 1989–90 for the input indexes.

51 The index structures and weighting patterns are shown in Appendix A of the September quarter 2000 issue of the former publication *Price Indexes of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry, Australia* (cat. no. 6412.0), and Appendix A of the July 1996 issue of the former publication Price Indexes of *Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia* (cat. no. 6411.0).

CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

Introduction

52 The construction industry producer price indexes relate to the outputs (e.g. buildings) and the inputs (i.e. materials used) of establishments classified to designated sectors of the Australian construction industry. They are important sources of data for the SOP index.

53 Table 15 presents the Price Index of the Output of the General Construction Industry, and Table 16 presents price indexes of the outputs of the constituent industries of this ANZSIC subdivision. Tables 17 and 18 present the Price Index of Materials Used in House Building and tables 19 and 20 present the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building (discontinued after June quarter 2004). The pricing basis is basic prices for the output indexes and purchasers' prices for the input indexes (see paragraphs 4-8 above). Therefore, as far as possible, builders' selling prices are reflected in the output index and delivered on site prices in the input indexes.

54 The output indexes are calculated on the reference base 1998-99=100.0 and the input indexes on the reference base 1989-90=100.0.

Scope

55 The Price Index of the Output of the General Construction Industry (table 15) measures changes in prices of the output of ANZSIC subdivision 41 - general construction. The price indexes in table 16 measure changes in the price of the output of constituent groups and classes of this subdivision. These groups and classes are: the building construction group (411), which consists of the classes house construction (4111), residential building construction n.e.c. (4112) and non-residential building construction (4113); and the non-building construction group (412), with the class of road and bridge construction (4121). Road and bridge construction is the sole contributor to the index for non-building construction until coverage can be extended to include the class of non-building construction n.e.c. (4122), which consists of railways, telecommunications, electricity infrastructure, etc.

Scope continued

56 The first input index measures changes in prices of materials used in house building, where a house is defined as a detached building predominantly used for long-term residential purposes and consisting of only one dwelling unit. ANZSIC class 4111 (house construction) approximates the industry scope of the index.

57 The second input index measures changes in prices of materials used in other forms of building with a scope approximating ANZSIC class 4112 (residential building construction n.e.c.) and class 4113 (non-residential building construction), together.

58 Neither of the input indexes explicitly cover alterations, additions, renovations and repairs. They each relate to the statistical division for each State capital city.

Items and weights

59 The items included in the output indexes are chosen on the basis of work done, categorised by building function or type of construction and State of activity, as recorded in the ABS Construction Activity statistics for the five years ending 1998-99.

60 The items and weights for the price index of materials used in house building were derived from reported quantities of each material used in selected representative houses in the three years ending 2002-03. The weighting pattern for each capital city index will reflect variations in prices for the cities as applied to an Australian average basket of house building materials, with some allowance for city specific building practices e.g. the differential use of steel and timber materials in Perth and Adelaide compared with the other capital cities. The weighting patterns for the price index of material used in house building are set out in Appendix 2 of the September quarter 2005 issue of *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6427.0). Note that the weights shown are values based on the quantities of various materials used in house building over the 3 years ended 2002-03, valued at September quarter 2005 prices.

MINING INDUSTRY PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

61 Table 21 presents Price Indexes of Materials Used in Coal Mining. The pricing basis of the index is purchasers' prices (see paragraphs 4–8) and, as far as possible, the prices included in the index for items are delivered to the mine site or to the primary storage area for a group of mines.

62 The items included in the indexes reflect the value of materials used in the operation of open cut and underground coal mines in Australia during 1999–2000. The index structures and weighting patterns are available on request.

63 The indexes are calculated on the reference base 1989–90=100.0.

SERVICE INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

Introduction

64 Tables 22–25 present producer price indexes for the output of the transport (freight) & storage division, and the property & business services division of the ANZSIC. Included are index numbers for each of the divisions and subdivisions. Transport indexes presented cover freight and services to transport activities only, i.e. passenger transport is excluded. The pricing basis of the indexes is basic prices (see paragraphs 4–8), and so the prices used in the index relate to the amount received by the service provider. The indexes are important sources of data for the SOP indexes. The index numbers are calculated on the reference base 1998–99=100.0.

65 These indexes represent the results to date of a program to progressively extend the scope of the producer price indexes into the service sectors of the economy. First results from the program were published in March 1999, by way of experimental indexes, in the ABS *Information Paper: Producer Price Index Developments* (cat. no. 6422.0).

Scope

66 The transport (freight) & storage division and property & business services division indexes measure changes in prices of services provided by establishments classified respectively to ANZSIC division I, transport (freight) & storage and ANZSIC division L, property & business services. Index numbers for these divisions are provided in tables 22 and 24 respectively.

Scope continued

67 Tables 23 and 25 contain index numbers for the subdivisions of ANZSIC division I, transport (freight) & storage, and the subdivisions and groups of ANZSIC division L, property & business services, respectively . Indexes at the ANZSIC group and class level for division I, and the ANZSIC class level for division L, are also available on the ABS web site <http://www.abs.gov.au> under catalogue 6427.0, in tables 45 and 46 respectively. Note that some ANZSIC classes within these divisions do not yet have established indexes, and thus are not represented within these tables.

Items and weights

68 ANZSIC class indexes are aggregated to the relevant group, subdivision and division using weights derived from 1996–97 input-output domestic production values, in combination with data from other ABS surveys and industry sources. Where ANZSIC class indexes have not yet been developed, their weight is spread proportionately across the relevant group, subdivision or group of subdivisions dependent on an assessment of what is most appropriate given the activities of the particular class.

Price measurement

69 The development of these new price collections has involved a wide range of diverse industries with different measurement problems. Accordingly, extensive consultation with industry associations and individual businesses has been undertaken to determine the most viable approach, on a case-by-case basis.

70 Characteristics found within the services sector of the economy have complicated the task of price measurement.

71 The tendency within many industries to provide unique, one-off services tailored to the needs of individual customers has posed difficulties in establishing continuity of pricing to constant quality.

72 The 'bundling' of a range of different component services within the one transaction or contract has required investigation of the feasibility of 'unbundling', that is, obtaining separate prices for each of the components of the total service. Where this has not proven to be feasible, the whole service bundle has been priced in total.

73 Respondent businesses are asked to report details of any discounts they offer so that actual transactions prices can be calculated. However, as discounts are sometimes negotiated between individual buyers and sellers in relation to particular transactions, identifying discounts has not always been straightforward.

74 The deregulation of some service industries leads to structural changes and more complex pricing practices. To deal with this, samples are continually updated to incorporate new businesses and pricing methodologies are reviewed over time.

Future developments

75 It is planned to make available indexes for the majority of remaining ANZSIC classes within the transport (freight) & storage division and property & business services division after they have been developed from experimental to production status. At such time these new indexes would contribute to the broader group, subdivision and division indexes presented in this publication. Those ANZSIC classes for which development of a price index is not considered feasible will continue to have their weight distributed for aggregation purposes as described in paragraph 68. Work has also commenced on developing indexes for other divisions of the ANZSIC.

INDEX NUMBERS

76 Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the relevant quarterly index numbers.

77 Indexes for the Price Index of Materials Used in House Building and the Price Index of Materials Used in Building Other than House Building are presented separately for each of the six State capital cities. These city indexes measure price movements over time for each city. They do not measure differences in price levels between cities.

ANALYSIS OF INDEX CHANGES

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

79 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:

80 Stage of Production: Final commodities index numbes —

December quarter 2005	119.7 (see table 1)
less December quarter 2004	116.2 (see table 1)
Change in index points	3.5
Percentage change	3.5/116.2 X 100 = 3.0

81 Tables 5, 6 and 7 provide analyses of the index points contribution which ANZSIC groups make to the stage of production final commodities indexes, in total, and then separately for domestic and imported commodities. For example, in table 5 petroleum refining contributed 3.20 index points to the Total Final commodities index number of 119.7 for December quarter 2005 and –0.10 index points to the net change of 0.9 index points between September and December 2005 quarters.

82 Tables 8 and 9 analyse the contributions to the intermediate and preliminary commodities index numbers, respectively.

83 Similar contribution tables are available on request for most of the industry sector indexes (see paragraph 87 below).

FURTHER INFORMATION

84 Further information on recent price index developments in the ABS is presented in the following publications:

An Analytical Framework for Price Indexes in Australia, cat. no. 6421.0
Producer Price Index Developments, cat. no. 6422.0
Review of the Import Price Index and Export Price Index, Australia, cat. no. 6424.0
Price Indexes and The New Tax System, cat. no. 6425.0

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

85 Users may also wish to refer to the following related publications, which are available from ABS bookshops:

International Trade Price Indexes, Australia, cat. no. 6457.0
Consumer Price Index, Australia, cat. no. 6401.0
Labour Price Index, Australia, cat. no. 6345.0
Australian National Accounts, Input-Output Tables, cat. no. 5209.0
Balance of Payments and International Investment Position, Australia, cat.no.5302.0

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87 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS has available other price index series (many at a detailed commodity level). Inquiries should be made to Steve Whennan 02 6252 6251.

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