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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAMONTH OF JUNE, 1966 (PROVISIONAL)

A provisional estimate of the total value of retail sales in Australia (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) for the month of June 1966, is shown in the table below. This table also contains figures for earlier months.

2. These provisional estimates have been obtained from a sub-sample of establishments used to provide quarterly estimates of the value of retail sales. The sub-sample is designed to provide an estimate lying within a relatively small range above or below the true figure so as to give an early indication of trend. Undue significance should not be attached to very small movements or to the exact magnitude of any movements shown by these provisional estimates. These estimates are subsequently adjusted in accordance with quarterly estimates when the latter become available.
3. Month to month changes in retail sales figures are affected by seasonal factors and also by differences in the number of days in each month and by variation in type of trading days (the number of Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, etc. in the month). Adjustments for these factors have not been made in the sales estimates in this bulletin.
4. Further information relating to the basis on which the statistics of retail sales of goods are compiled, is contained in Statistical Bulletin "Retail Sales of Goods" March quarter, 1966 of 1st July, 1966.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES OF GOODS (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTS, PETROL, ETC.)MONTHLY ESTIMATES : AUSTRALIA (a) (b)

(All figures are on a basis comparable with the 1961-62 Retail Census)

(\$ million)

Month	Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)				
	1961-62	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66
July	415.4	426.9	463.6	499.3	525.3
August	420.5	445.9	471.5	487.5	513.8
September	430.8	431.9	449.1	495.1	523.8
October	430.0	459.9	492.0	524.4	538.4
November	446.9	485.4	503.2	527.6	559.7
December	564.1	577.4	616.1	692.0	730.8
January	420.6	446.4	474.9	492.0	503.0
February	394.8	415.2	447.1	461.6	490.6
March	424.4	437.7	455.6	503.3	529.9
April	417.2	450.1	481.7	522.6	(c)532.9
May	463.6	487.1	507.1	525.2	(c)556.0
June	428.8	442.3	474.5	503.2	(c)529.7
<u>Total for Year</u>	5,257.1	5,506.2	5,836.4	6,233.8	6,533.9

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Figures from April, 1965 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (c) Provisional estimate.

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