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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAMONTH OF JUNE, 1962 (PROVISIONAL)

1. A sample survey of retail establishments in Australia is conducted by the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics each quarter. Sample estimates derived from that Survey, showing for each State retail sales classified by commodity groups, are published about three months after the end of each quarter. Preliminary figures, which are published in less detail about seven to eight weeks after the end of each quarter, are compiled on the basis of a large response from the full quarterly sample.
2. Provisional monthly estimates relate only to the total value of retail sales in Australia (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) and are based on monthly returns collected from a sub-sample of the establishments included in the quarterly sample. These provisional estimates are published about three weeks after the end of each month and are subsequently adjusted in accordance with quarterly estimates when the latter become available.
3. In this bulletin, the provisional figures previously published for the months of April and May, 1962 and the provisional estimate now compiled for the month of June, 1962, have been adjusted in accordance with a special preliminary estimate for June quarter, 1962. Since this special preliminary estimate for June quarter, 1962, is based on limited response, the figures shown below for months of April, May and June, 1962 must be regarded as being still, to some extent, subject to further revision (either upwards or downwards) when the usual estimates for June quarter, 1962, become available. For this reason, figures for these three months are still annotated "Provisional estimate".
4. Information relating to the basis of the figures shown is contained in Statistical Bulletin No. 91 of 13th July, 1962.

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 1956-57 Retail Census)
(£ million)

Month	Total (excluding Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.)
1961 : April	220.2
May	239.0
June	226.4
July	224.6
August	227.3
September	232.9
October	233.7
November	242.9
December	306.7
1962 : January	229.6
February	215.5
March	231.7
April	(c) 226.1
May	(c) 251.5
June	(c) 232.4

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) The figures in this table are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (c) Provisional estimate (see paragraphs 2 and 3).

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