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RETAIL SALES OF GOODS : AUSTRALIAMONTH OF JUNE 1967 (PROVISIONAL)

A provisional estimate of the total value of retail sales in Australia (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) for the month of June 1967, is shown in the table overleaf. This table also contains figures for earlier months and, for the first time, seasonally adjusted statistics.

2. Provisional monthly estimates are 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 the preliminary and final quarterly estimates as they become available.

3. Both the original series and the seasonally adjusted series are shown in the table overleaf. In the seasonal adjustment, account has been taken of both normal seasonal factors and "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays etc. in the month). Details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series are given in "Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1967" issued on 18 July 1967.

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 1967 of 7 July 1967.

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.				
	1962-63	1963-64	1964-65	1965-66	1966-67
Original					
July	427.0	464.4	501.6	528.5	541.7
August	446.1	472.4	489.8	517.0	555.4
September	432.0	449.9	497.4	527.0	563.3
October	460.3	493.1	527.5	542.9	563.9
November	485.8	504.3	530.7	564.2	597.9
December	577.9	617.5	696.0	736.8	782.6
January	447.0	476.1	495.3	507.6	541.6
February	415.7	448.2	464.8	495.0	527.9
March	438.2	456.8	506.7	534.7	571.6
April	450.9	483.5	525.9	539.1	(c)561.9
May	487.9	508.9	528.5	562.8	(c)611.2
June	443.1	476.3	506.5	535.2	(c)576.3
Total for Year	5,511.9	5,851.4	6,270.7	6,590.8	(c)6,995.3
Seasonally Adjusted (d)					
July	448.0	477.5	506.4	535.9	563.9
August	448.4	475.9	514.2	539.5	567.0
September	457.3	477.2	512.9	541.8	572.6
October	455.6	483.8	514.5	543.7	574.4
November	459.3	481.1	524.9	545.5	575.4
December	453.3	481.0	524.7	549.0	584.4
January	462.7	489.1	524.8	547.8	582.3
February	465.1	484.9	519.8	553.3	589.9
March	465.9	490.7	532.5	556.1	588.6
April	467.0	496.2	533.1	550.6	(c)593.2
May	467.1	501.7	529.5	561.2	(c)596.7
June	478.7	503.9	533.6	562.2	(c)599.1

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Figures from April 1966 are subject to revision when more precise information is available relating to trading by new businesses. (c) Provisional estimate (see paragraph 2). (d) See paragraph 3, page 1. Subject to revision.

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