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### Introduction

Several changes have been made to the presentation and style of this publication.

2. The new design and layout follow an extensive review of the format and content of a number of ABS main economic indicator publications. As part of the review, the opinions of a variety of publication recipients were sought. Their views have, wherever possible, been incorporated into the new design.

3. The most notable changes are:

- an improved layout for commentary;
- inclusion of scheduled release dates of forthcoming issues;
- simplified table titles; and
- simplified and improved presentation of the Explanatory Notes.

4. A table showing links between the 'old' and 'new' table titles appears on page 2 of this publication.

### Details of changes

5. Front page: this page provides main movements in the index. The key points are presented in a more structured manner under the headings of *All groups index* and *Major movements*.

6. Page 2: this page displays the scheduled release dates of forthcoming issues and highlights any changes made to the data in the current issue.

7. Page 3: table 1 shows index numbers for the *All groups index* for each State capital city and Canberra.

8. Page 4: table 2 shows percentage changes for the *All groups index* for each State capital city and Canberra.

9. Page 5: table 3 shows the points contribution of major building materials to the *All groups index* (weighted average of six State capital cities).

10. Page 6: table 4 shows index numbers for selected ANZSIC groups.

11. Pages 7 to 13: tables 5 to 9 show index numbers for selected building materials.

12. Page 14 to 23: tables 10 to 14 show index numbers for special series (ie special combinations of building materials).

13. Pages 24 to 27: Explanatory Notes.

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● for information about other ABS statistics and services, please refer to the back page of this publication.

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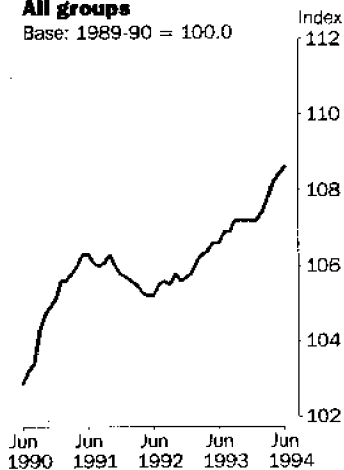
# PRICE INDEX OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING<sup>1</sup>

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## JUNE KEY FIGURES

**All groups**

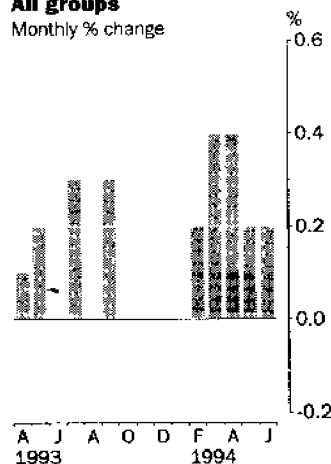
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	% change May 94 to Jun 94	% change Jun 93 to Jun 94
<b>Weighted average of six State capital cities</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
Sydney	0.2	1.7
Melbourne	0.4	1.9
Brisbane	0.2	1.2
Adelaide	-0.3	2.2
Perth	0.7	2.1
Hobart	0.5	1.1
Canberra	0.4	1.3

**All groups**

Monthly % change



## JUNE KEY POINTS

### ALL GROUPS INDEX

- The All groups index (weighted average of six State capital cities) increased 0.2 per cent between May and June 1994, resulting in an annual increase (June 1993 to June 1994) of 1.9 per cent.

### MAJOR MOVEMENTS

- Higher prices for copper-based products (copper pipe and mains cable) contributed most to the overall increase. The increases in these products reflect higher world prices for copper.

▪ For further information about these and related statistics, contact Robert Adams on 06 252 6198, or any ABS Office.

# PRICE INDEX NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
July 1994	12 September 1994
August 1994	12 October 1994
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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

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ALL GROUPS INDEXES, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>

Period	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>							
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	
<b>1991-92</b>	105.7	107.2	103.4	107.4	105.4	105.2	107.1	108.8
<b>1992-93</b>	106.0	106.5	104.4	108.9	105.1	105.7	108.2	109.0
<b>1993-94</b>	107.5	107.0	106.7	110.1	107.9	107.1	110.1	110.2
<b>1993</b>								
April	106.4	106.3	105.3	109.4	106.0	106.0	108.6	109.2
May	106.6	106.4	105.4	109.6	106.3	106.2	109.0	109.4
June	106.6	106.6	105.6	109.4	106.4	106.1	109.3	109.5
July	106.9	106.7	105.8	109.7	106.9	106.5	110.0	109.8
August	106.9	106.3	106.1	110.0	107.1	106.5	110.1	109.8
September	107.2	106.5	106.5	110.2	107.4	107.0	110.3	110.0
October	107.2	106.6	106.6	109.8	107.4	106.8	110.3	109.8
November	107.2	106.5	106.7	109.7	107.5	106.7	110.1	110.1
December	107.2	106.4	106.7	109.9	107.7	106.8	110.2	110.3
<b>1994</b>								
January	107.2	106.4	106.8	109.9	107.7	107.0	110.3	110.3
February	107.4	106.7	106.7	110.2	108.4	107.0	110.1	110.2
March	107.8	107.2	107.0	110.2	108.7	107.4	108.9	110.3
April	108.2	107.8	107.2	110.8	108.6	107.6	109.8	110.5
May	108.4	108.2	107.2	110.5	109.0	107.6	110.0	110.5
June	108.6	108.4	107.6	110.7	108.7	108.3	110.5	110.9

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

## ALL GROUPS INDEXES, Percentage Changes

Period	Weighted average of six State capital cities							
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous year)								
<b>1991-92</b>	0.6	1.5	-1.1	2.5	0.1	-0.3	3.1	2.4
<b>1992-93</b>	0.3	-0.7	1.0	1.4	-0.3	0.5	1.0	0.2
<b>1993-94</b>	1.4	0.5	2.2	1.1	2.7	1.3	1.8	1.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding month of previous year)								
<b>1993</b>								
April	1.0	-0.7	2.8	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.6
May	1.3	-0.2	3.0	1.8	1.6	1.0	1.0	0.6
June	1.3	-0.3	3.1	1.7	2.2	1.0	1.4	0.7
July	1.3	-0.3	2.7	1.6	2.6	1.1	1.8	1.5
August	1.2	-0.6	2.4	1.9	2.7	1.1	2.1	0.9
September	1.6	0.0	2.8	1.9	3.0	1.5	2.4	1.0
October	1.3	-0.3	2.6	1.2	2.9	1.3	2.2	0.7
November	1.5	0.2	2.8	0.8	3.0	1.3	2.2	1.1
December	1.4	0.2	2.4	1.0	3.2	1.1	2.2	1.5
<b>1994</b>								
January	1.3	0.4	2.4	0.7	2.8	1.2	1.8	1.1
February	1.2	0.5	1.9	0.8	2.7	1.1	1.7	0.9
March	1.4	0.8	1.9	0.7	2.6	1.1	0.5	1.0
April	1.7	1.4	1.8	1.3	2.5	1.5	1.1	1.2
May	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.8	2.5	1.3	0.9	1.0
June	1.9	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.2	2.1	1.1	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous month)								
<b>1993</b>								
April	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.1	-0.2	0.2	0.0
May	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
June	0.0	0.2	0.2	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1
July	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3
August	0.0	-0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
September	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.2
October	0.0	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.2	0.0	-0.2
November	0.0	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.3
December	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2
<b>1994</b>								
January	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0
February	0.2	0.3	-0.1	0.3	0.6	0.0	-0.2	-0.1
March	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.4	-1.1	0.1
April	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2
May	0.2	0.4	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
June	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.7	0.5	0.4

ALL GROUPS INDEX, Contribution of Major Building Materials<sup>1</sup>

Category	May 1994	June 1994	Change
Weighted average of six State capital cities	108.4	108.6	0.2
GROUPS: Contribution to Weighted Average of six State capital cities index (index points)			
Structural timber	0.91	0.91	0.00
Joinery products	4.30	4.30	0.00
Clay bricks	1.51	1.52	0.01
Ready mixed concrete	10.51	10.54	0.03
Precast concrete products	3.67	3.68	0.01
Plaster and plaster products	1.51	1.53	0.02
Steel decking and cladding	3.19	3.19	0.00
Structural steel	8.94	8.89	-0.05
Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	7.69	7.69	0.00
Aluminium windows	5.74	5.79	0.05
Aluminium screens, doors, louvres	1.68	1.69	0.01
Suspended ceilings and access floors	1.06	1.06	0.00
Fabricated steel products	3.55	3.53	-0.02
Builders' hardware	1.37	1.37	0.00
Elevators, escalators and travelators	5.44	5.44	0.00
Sand and aggregate	0.12	0.12	0.00
Carpet	2.63	2.62	-0.01
Paint and other coatings	1.03	1.03	0.00
Non-ferrous pipes and fittings	1.61	1.67	0.06
Conductors	2.01	2.05	0.04
Switchboards and switchgear	2.02	2.03	0.01
Lamps and light fittings	2.19	2.19	0.00
Fire protection	3.24	3.24	0.00
Air conditioning equipment excluding piping and electrical materials	9.57	9.61	0.04
Other	22.91	22.91	0.00

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of this table see paragraph 19 of the Explanatory Notes

SELECTED ANZSIC GROUPS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>

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

Period	Wood and wood products (231-232)	Ceramics (262)	Cement, plaster and concrete products (263)	Iron and steel products (271)	Structural metal products (274)	Sheet metal products (275)	Fabricated metal products (276)	Electrical equipment and appliances (285)	Industrial machinery and equipment (286)	Other materials	All groups
<b>1991-92</b>	104.9	105.2	106.9	108.3	102.6	109.8	108.8	108.5	106.1	106.1	105.7
<b>1992-93</b>	106.5	106.2	105.0	110.4	103.3	108.7	111.7	107.9	105.3	107.0	106.0
<b>1993-94</b>	112.8	107.6	107.1	112.1	105.1	110.2	116.2	105.5	106.1	108.1	107.5
<b>1993</b>											
April	108.4	106.3	105.7	111.4	103.4	108.9	113.9	106.8	105.7	107.7	106.4
May	109.4	106.4	105.9	111.8	103.9	109.2	114.4	106.5	105.2	107.5	106.6
June	109.8	106.4	106.3	111.8	104.4	108.9	114.4	105.9	105.4	106.8	106.6
July	110.7	106.7	106.6	112.0	104.5	108.9	115.4	105.9	105.5	107.3	106.9
August	110.9	107.1	106.1	112.2	104.5	109.2	115.5	105.2	105.6	107.6	106.9
September	111.1	108.0	106.1	112.0	104.7	109.8	115.8	105.7	106.9	107.7	107.2
October	111.6	108.1	106.3	111.2	104.7	109.8	116.0	105.5	106.4	108.1	107.2
November	112.2	108.3	105.9	111.4	104.9	109.8	116.0	104.7	106.4	108.2	107.2
December	112.3	108.1	105.6	111.4	105.0	109.9	116.1	104.9	106.3	108.2	107.2
<b>1994</b>											
January	113.1	107.6	105.6	111.4	105.2	109.9	116.3	104.9	106.2	108.3	107.2
February	113.3	107.3	106.6	111.2	105.2	110.0	116.7	104.9	105.9	108.3	107.4
March	114.1	107.5	107.9	111.4	105.4	110.7	116.6	105.1	106.0	108.3	107.8
April	114.4	107.5	108.9	113.4	105.7	111.0	116.6	105.9	105.9	108.2	108.2
May	114.5	107.6	109.7	113.5	105.6	111.2	116.7	106.0	105.8	108.5	108.4
June	114.8	107.7	110.2	113.5	105.6	111.6	116.7	106.8	106.0	109.0	108.6

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>

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

Period	Structural timber	Hardwood	Softwood	Plywood and board	Joinery products	Ceramic sanitary- ware	Ceramic tiles	Clay bricks	Cement	Ready mixed concrete
<b>1991-92</b>	100.3	100.1	100.9	107.0	105.8	109.9	102.3	105.0	109.9	106.0
<b>1992-93</b>	107.1	105.0	109.2	106.9	106.4	110.5	102.9	106.2	111.0	103.5
<b>1993-94</b>	127.1	114.0	137.4	113.9	108.9	115.7	102.9	107.8	108.5	106.7
<b>1993</b>										
April	114.2	108.3	118.8	107.1	107.1	111.3	102.9	106.3	111.8	104.7
May	119.1	108.8	127.0	107.1	107.2	111.3	103.0	106.3	112.0	105.0
June	120.9	111.1	128.5	107.4	107.4	110.9	103.0	106.6	112.0	105.6
July	123.9	111.3	133.5	108.8	107.7	111.7	103.3	106.8	111.8	106.2
August	123.4	111.3	132.6	109.7	108.0	115.2	103.3	106.7	108.2	105.6
September	124.8	111.1	135.2	109.7	108.0	116.4	103.3	108.0	108.2	105.5
October	125.0	111.5	135.4	112.1	108.1	116.8	103.4	108.0	108.4	105.4
November	125.7	113.3	135.9	112.9	108.6	117.3	103.6	107.9	108.3	104.4
December	126.2	113.3	136.5	113.1	108.7	116.8	103.4	107.9	108.3	104.0
<b>1994</b>										
January	127.4	112.7	138.2	114.9	109.1	116.4	102.2	108.0	108.2	103.9
February	128.0	113.3	138.8	114.7	109.3	115.2	102.3	108.0	108.2	105.5
March	130.1	117.0	140.7	117.0	109.4	115.7	102.3	108.0	108.2	107.7
April	130.2	117.7	140.7	117.4	109.7	115.7	102.4	107.9	108.2	109.4
May	130.3	117.8	140.8	117.5	109.9	115.8	102.4	108.1	108.2	111.0
June	130.3	118.0	140.8	119.2	109.9	115.9	102.4	108.4	108.2	111.3

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup> *continued*

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

Period	Precast concrete products	Concrete masonry blocks	Plaster and plaster products	Fibrous cement products	Steel decking and cladding	Cast iron pipes and products	Structural steel	Reinforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Aluminium screens, doors, louvres
<b>1991-92</b>	107.2	112.0	108.4	110.7	106.6	110.9	100.7	105.7	99.5	101.6
<b>1992-93</b>	106.9	108.7	109.9	111.6	108.4	116.3	101.2	109.2	99.1	101.6
<b>1993-94</b>	108.1	106.5	112.3	112.8	107.5	128.3	104.3	112.7	99.7	101.5
<b>1993</b>										
April	107.0	107.2	111.8	111.5	110.1	116.3	101.2	110.1	99.3	101.6
May	107.1	107.2	111.7	111.5	110.1	116.3	102.4	110.9	99.6	101.1
June	107.2	107.2	110.4	111.2	109.9	117.7	102.6	112.8	99.6	101.3
July	106.3	107.2	111.7	110.8	108.2	127.0	103.2	112.9	99.0	100.9
August	106.8	107.2	111.6	111.3	108.2	127.8	103.4	112.7	99.1	100.9
September	107.1	107.8	111.6	112.1	107.6	127.9	103.7	112.6	99.2	101.1
October	107.3	107.0	112.3	112.7	106.5	127.8	103.7	112.5	99.6	101.1
November	108.0	107.3	112.6	112.7	106.5	128.1	104.1	112.3	99.6	101.2
December	108.0	107.2	112.7	112.7	106.4	128.1	104.3	112.4	99.6	101.2
<b>1994</b>										
January	108.2	106.0	112.6	113.0	106.3	128.1	104.2	113.0	99.6	101.2
February	108.8	105.7	112.7	112.9	106.3	128.4	104.4	113.0	99.7	101.3
March	108.9	105.8	112.8	113.0	106.4	128.4	104.8	112.9	99.8	101.7
April	109.1	105.8	112.5	112.2	109.2	128.4	105.4	112.9	99.7	102.1
May	109.1	105.3	111.3	113.6	109.3	128.4	105.3	112.4	100.0	102.5
June	109.2	105.3	113.1	116.5	109.3	131.7	104.6	112.3	100.9	103.2

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup> *continued*

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

Period	Suspended ceilings and access floors	Fabricated steel products	Sheet steel sanitary- ware	Builders' hardware	Sand and aggregate	Carpet	Paint and other coatings	Glass products	Non- ferrous pipes and fittings	Plastic floor coverings
<b>1991-92</b>	101.0	107.2	108.4	109.8	115.6	101.5	116.7	97.6	100.8	106.5
<b>1992-93</b>	100.2	107.4	109.9	112.6	115.3	99.3	118.2	99.0	104.6	107.0
<b>1993-94</b>	100.0	107.3	114.3	115.3	118.7	99.2	119.9	102.5	102.4	110.0
<b>1993</b>										
April	99.7	107.3	110.0	114.4	115.1	99.2	118.4	102.0	105.6	108.7
May	99.6	106.5	110.1	114.7	115.9	99.2	118.5	103.1	102.6	108.7
June	99.8	106.6	109.6	114.8	116.0	99.1	118.7	102.5	99.9	108.8
July	99.6	106.5	110.2	114.8	116.4	99.2	119.8	102.8	101.0	109.0
August	99.8	106.7	111.6	114.5	116.4	97.7	119.6	102.0	103.3	109.0
September	100.0	106.7	115.2	114.6	117.1	97.7	119.7	102.0	103.1	109.6
October	99.9	106.8	115.1	114.6	117.5	99.9	120.2	102.0	102.3	110.1
November	99.9	107.1	114.7	114.6	118.0	99.9	120.0	102.0	101.7	110.1
December	100.0	107.4	114.7	114.6	119.5	99.0	119.7	102.1	101.6	110.2
<b>1994</b>										
January	99.9	107.5	114.7	114.9	119.4	99.1	119.7	102.3	101.4	110.2
February	99.9	107.5	114.9	116.3	119.5	99.3	120.0	102.3	101.4	110.2
March	99.8	107.5	114.9	115.9	119.9	99.7	120.2	102.1	101.5	110.3
April	99.9	108.4	114.9	116.0	119.9	99.2	120.3	103.2	101.8	110.3
May	100.9	108.1	115.3	116.4	120.1	99.8	119.9	103.7	102.6	110.5
June	100.9	107.6	115.1	116.4	121.0	99.6	119.7	103.7	106.7	110.8

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>—Sydney & Melbourne

Period	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Pre-cast concrete products	Steel decking and cladding	Structural steel	Re-inforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Fabricated steel products	Builders' hardware	Sand and aggregate	Carpet	Paint and other coatings	Non-ferrous pipes and fittings
<b>SYDNEY</b>														
<b>1991-92</b>	102.4	97.4	108.1	105.1	108.0	106.1	109.9	99.2	107.0	108.4	113.1	102.8	120.1	109.2
<b>1992-93</b>	109.7	96.7	94.6	105.2	110.8	107.4	117.2	98.4	108.0	110.1	113.3	99.4	123.3	110.4
<b>1993-94</b>	132.2	99.7	90.4	105.6	110.8	110.0	121.3	98.3	104.6	115.0	113.3	98.8	122.5	109.0
<b>1993</b>														
April	120.5	96.9	90.7	105.0	112.7	107.4	118.3	98.3	107.5	112.3	113.1	98.7	123.4	108.3
May	127.5	96.9	91.0	105.0	112.7	109.9	118.3	99.0	105.0	112.3	113.1	98.7	123.4	107.5
June	128.2	96.9	91.1	105.0	112.7	109.9	121.5	99.0	105.1	112.2	113.1	98.7	123.4	107.4
July	131.9	96.9	91.1	105.0	112.7	110.1	121.5	96.9	104.3	112.2	113.1	98.7	122.5	107.7
August	128.5	96.9	88.8	105.0	112.7	110.1	121.5	97.3	104.3	113.0	113.1	96.3	122.5	109.5
September	128.7	100.2	88.4	105.3	111.1	110.0	121.5	97.3	104.3	113.1	113.1	97.0	122.5	109.5
October	129.7	100.2	88.5	105.5	109.5	110.0	121.1	98.2	104.4	113.0	113.1	99.9	122.5	107.7
November	130.0	100.2	86.7	105.5	109.5	110.1	121.1	98.2	104.4	113.0	113.1	99.9	122.5	107.4
December	131.1	100.2	85.5	105.3	109.4	110.1	121.4	98.2	104.4	113.1	113.1	98.7	122.5	107.4
<b>1994</b>														
January	132.8	100.2	85.2	105.8	109.1	110.1	121.6	98.2	104.3	113.1	113.1	99.0	122.5	107.4
February	133.9	100.2	87.5	105.8	109.1	110.1	121.6	98.2	104.3	117.6	113.1	99.0	122.5	107.4
March	134.5	100.2	91.7	106.0	109.3	110.1	121.6	98.7	104.3	117.6	113.1	99.4	122.5	107.7
April	134.9	100.2	95.3	106.0	112.3	110.1	121.6	98.7	105.9	117.9	113.1	98.9	122.5	109.6
May	135.3	100.2	98.0	106.0	112.5	110.3	120.6	99.5	105.5	117.9	113.4	99.6	122.5	111.4
June	135.6	101.1	98.0	106.0	112.4	108.6	120.6	100.2	104.4	117.9	115.4	99.2	122.5	115.4
<b>MELBOURNE</b>														
<b>1991-92</b>	97.3	106.9	94.0	102.8	107.5	93.3	97.5	96.4	109.5	112.6	119.0	100.4	119.2	89.4
<b>1992-93</b>	103.2	108.5	108.2	99.5	109.0	91.3	99.2	96.0	108.4	117.2	113.8	98.8	118.8	90.9
<b>1993-94</b>	119.5	109.3	123.4	99.2	104.7	93.3	102.0	96.5	109.4	116.2	119.5	98.3	125.0	86.5
<b>1993</b>														
April	108.5	108.5	116.9	99.3	111.1	90.4	100.9	96.4	108.2	118.6	114.0	98.6	119.8	93.1
May	111.6	108.4	117.3	99.3	111.1	90.4	101.5	96.4	108.2	119.4	116.8	98.6	120.2	87.5
June	115.0	108.5	118.9	99.7	110.3	90.6	103.0	96.4	108.2	119.4	116.8	98.6	120.7	84.4
July	115.5	108.5	121.2	95.7	104.0	91.0	102.2	96.4	108.7	119.8	116.8	98.6	123.5	85.9
August	115.8	108.5	123.1	97.6	104.0	91.0	101.8	96.7	108.7	117.7	116.8	95.8	124.2	86.6
September	117.6	109.4	123.3	97.6	104.0	92.4	101.5	96.7	108.7	117.8	117.4	96.4	124.2	86.6
October	116.3	109.4	123.3	98.1	104.0	92.6	101.7	96.7	108.7	117.6	118.9	99.7	124.4	86.7
November	117.7	109.4	123.0	99.2	104.0	94.1	100.9	96.6	109.7	117.6	120.5	99.5	125.4	86.8
December	117.7	109.4	123.0	99.3	104.0	94.1	101.0	96.6	109.7	117.6	120.5	98.2	125.4	86.8
<b>1994</b>														
January	118.7	109.4	123.0	99.3	104.0	93.9	102.6	96.6	109.8	117.9	120.5	98.5	125.4	86.8
February	119.0	109.4	123.0	100.7	104.0	93.9	102.3	96.6	109.8	114.9	120.5	98.5	125.4	86.8
March	124.4	109.4	124.2	100.7	104.0	93.7	102.3	96.6	109.8	112.7	120.5	98.9	125.4	86.2
April	123.9	109.4	124.6	100.7	106.3	94.9	102.3	96.3	109.8	112.7	120.5	98.1	125.4	84.9
May	123.9	109.4	124.7	100.7	106.8	93.8	102.5	95.9	109.8	114.1	120.5	99.0	125.9	85.2
June	123.7	109.4	124.7	101.3	106.8	94.1	102.3	96.3	109.8	113.7	120.5	98.8	125.9	89.0

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0



SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>—Brisbane & Adelaide

Period	Struct- ural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Pre- cast concrete products	Steel decking and cladding	Struct- ural steel	Re- inforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Alu- minium windows	Fabri- cated steel products	Builders' hardware	Sand and aggregate	Carpet	Paint and other coatings	Non- ferrous pipes and fittings
<b>BRISBANE</b>														
<b>1991-92</b>	102.7	109.9	120.0	108.0	107.4	107.1	114.2	99.6	108.7	104.8	121.0	96.9	111.8	106.7
<b>1992-93</b>	111.1	114.7	118.9	109.6	108.6	111.6	115.6	100.0	111.4	107.4	126.8	93.6	113.3	121.4
<b>1993-94</b>	123.8	113.2	114.8	112.8	105.6	118.7	119.3	100.4	114.7	110.0	141.0	95.5	112.6	126.4
<b>1993</b>														
April	117.1	114.4	118.1	110.2	109.7	113.4	116.1	100.4	112.2	108.8	126.8	95.6	113.3	126.7
May	117.6	115.0	117.2	110.2	109.7	114.8	116.1	100.4	112.2	108.8	126.8	95.6	113.3	125.1
June	118.1	115.0	117.4	110.2	109.7	115.4	117.9	100.6	112.2	109.3	126.8	94.9	112.8	116.0
July	122.7	115.0	117.1	111.4	108.4	115.6	119.0	100.6	112.0	108.6	127.5	95.8	114.8	117.3
August	122.7	114.5	115.0	111.6	108.4	116.2	119.0	99.8	113.1	108.6	127.5	96.8	114.0	129.7
September	122.5	114.0	115.0	112.6	108.4	116.2	119.0	99.8	113.1	109.1	131.9	94.7	114.0	130.3
October	122.1	114.4	114.1	112.6	103.6	115.6	119.0	99.8	113.0	109.4	131.9	94.7	115.3	129.5
November	123.2	112.8	113.4	112.9	103.6	116.4	119.0	99.8	113.0	109.4	131.9	94.4	110.8	128.2
December	123.2	112.8	113.7	112.9	103.6	117.8	119.0	100.2	115.6	109.4	148.0	94.4	110.8	128.2
<b>1994</b>														
January	124.1	112.8	114.2	113.0	103.6	117.8	119.3	100.2	115.7	109.4	148.0	94.0	110.8	126.9
February	125.0	112.8	114.7	113.3	103.6	119.2	119.6	100.7	116.0	111.1	149.1	95.4	110.8	126.9
March	124.8	112.8	114.8	113.3	103.6	119.5	119.6	100.7	116.1	111.5	149.1	96.5	112.5	127.3
April	125.3	111.8	114.8	113.4	110.0	123.2	119.6	100.8	117.1	111.5	149.1	96.3	113.0	123.0
May	125.2	112.2	115.0	113.4	105.2	123.2	119.6	100.8	116.1	111.5	149.1	96.3	111.3	121.9
June	124.2	112.2	115.2	113.4	105.2	123.2	119.6	101.0	116.0	110.9	149.1	96.3	113.0	127.7
<b>ADELAIDE</b>														
<b>1991-92</b>	99.3	112.4	98.6	113.3	103.8	99.9	103.8	103.1	102.2	110.1	112.6	102.5	108.2	103.5
<b>1992-93</b>	109.8	113.7	90.8	114.4	103.9	99.7	103.8	102.8	102.3	112.8	113.2	101.1	105.9	111.0
<b>1993-94</b>	152.7	115.6	101.5	115.6	105.5	102.4	106.9	104.0	103.7	115.5	113.3	99.8	104.0	103.7
<b>1993</b>														
April	116.2	113.3	93.4	115.0	104.7	99.8	104.1	102.8	102.5	113.5	111.3	101.1	106.1	111.2
May	128.6	113.5	95.5	115.6	104.7	99.8	104.1	102.8	102.5	113.5	112.5	101.1	105.2	107.5
June	132.5	115.2	96.9	115.8	104.7	99.8	106.1	102.8	102.5	114.4	113.4	101.1	105.8	108.8
July	139.8	115.0	96.9	115.7	104.7	102.2	107.0	103.4	102.5	114.5	113.6	101.1	106.6	108.3
August	143.8	115.1	97.2	115.7	104.7	102.8	107.0	103.9	102.9	114.5	113.6	101.1	101.6	109.3
September	151.4	115.1	97.2	115.9	104.7	102.8	107.0	103.9	102.9	114.5	113.6	98.8	102.9	106.3
October	153.8	115.2	97.7	115.3	104.8	102.1	107.0	103.9	103.9	114.5	113.1	99.5	106.6	106.4
November	153.8	115.1	97.8	115.3	104.8	101.3	107.0	103.9	103.9	114.5	113.1	99.5	105.3	102.5
December	153.8	115.9	98.6	115.4	104.8	101.3	107.2	103.9	103.9	114.5	113.4	99.5	101.5	101.1
<b>1994</b>														
January	156.2	116.0	98.6	115.5	104.8	101.3	107.2	103.9	103.9	114.9	113.1	99.5	101.5	101.1
February	156.0	115.8	104.9	115.5	104.8	102.3	107.3	103.9	104.0	116.5	113.1	99.5	105.3	101.1
March	156.0	115.8	104.9	115.8	104.8	103.1	106.3	103.9	104.0	116.5	113.1	99.5	106.1	101.5
April	156.0	115.9	105.3	115.8	106.6	103.1	106.5	103.9	104.0	116.5	113.1	99.5	106.1	101.9
May	156.0	115.9	109.3	115.9	108.3	103.1	106.5	104.5	104.0	116.5	113.5	100.3	102.3	102.5
June	156.0	115.9	109.8	115.9	108.3	103.1	106.5	105.4	104.0	117.9	113.5	100.3	102.3	102.8

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

## SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>—Perth & Hobart

Period	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Pre-cast concrete products	Steel decking and cladding	Structural steel	Re-inforcing steel bar, fabric and mesh	Aluminium windows	Fabricated steel products	Builders' hardware	Sand and aggregate	Carpet	Paint and other coatings	Non-ferrous pipes and fittings
<b>PERTH</b>														
<b>1991-92</b>	99.4	110.2	116.0	115.5	102.4	96.0	105.7	103.0	105.7	111.5	112.2	104.0	111.8	98.2
<b>1992-93</b>	102.7	111.3	115.5	117.2	104.2	96.3	108.1	103.8	105.1	114.8	112.6	104.3	116.6	97.5
<b>1993-94</b>	110.6	113.9	116.6	122.5	106.3	100.4	112.3	104.4	107.1	119.6	116.4	105.0	120.6	95.1
<b>1993</b>														
April	106.0	111.5	117.0	117.8	105.8	96.7	107.2	104.2	105.2	117.5	112.9	104.3	116.0	100.2
May	108.5	111.5	116.9	117.8	105.8	98.1	112.3	104.2	105.2	118.1	112.9	104.3	116.8	96.9
June	108.5	111.5	116.9	117.8	105.8	98.2	112.3	104.2	105.3	118.1	112.9	104.3	116.8	90.3
July	110.0	113.9	116.9	117.8	105.8	98.8	112.3	104.2	105.3	118.1	115.0	104.3	119.2	94.4
August	110.0	113.9	116.9	117.8	105.8	99.0	112.3	103.2	105.3	118.1	115.0	104.3	120.9	94.4
September	109.9	113.9	116.9	118.9	105.8	99.1	112.3	104.2	106.3	118.1	115.0	105.1	120.9	94.4
October	109.9	113.6	117.1	118.9	105.8	99.1	112.3	104.2	106.3	118.1	115.0	105.1	121.1	94.2
November	109.9	113.6	116.5	123.2	105.8	99.2	112.3	104.2	106.4	118.1	115.3	105.1	121.1	94.2
December	109.9	113.6	116.3	123.2	105.8	99.6	112.3	104.2	106.4	118.5	115.3	105.1	121.1	94.2
<b>1994</b>														
January	109.9	113.6	116.3	123.2	105.8	99.6	112.9	104.2	107.7	119.2	115.3	105.1	121.1	94.2
February	110.1	113.6	116.1	125.3	105.8	99.6	113.0	104.2	107.7	119.6	115.3	105.1	121.1	94.2
March	112.1	113.6	116.1	125.3	105.8	102.3	113.0	104.2	107.7	121.8	118.8	105.1	121.1	94.2
April	112.1	113.6	115.8	125.3	106.7	102.3	113.0	104.2	108.6	121.8	118.8	105.1	121.1	96.3
May	111.6	115.0	115.8	125.3	107.9	103.1	111.0	104.2	108.6	121.9	118.8	105.1	121.1	96.3
June	111.7	114.9	118.7	125.3	108.3	103.2	111.0	108.1	108.6	122.0	119.0	105.1	117.4	100.5
<b>HOBART</b>														
<b>1991-92</b>	105.5	108.0	109.8	109.6	102.9	109.5	108.0	98.7	105.2	111.9	123.6	103.1	112.3	111.9
<b>1992-93</b>	108.2	111.9	113.4	109.9	104.2	111.7	109.0	97.9	102.1	113.0	125.0	102.1	114.7	132.6
<b>1993-94</b>	115.9	114.2	117.5	112.9	106.4	116.0	109.1	100.5	106.6	115.7	129.6	102.1	114.1	133.1
<b>1993</b>														
April	110.5	112.8	115.5	109.9	105.4	111.9	108.8	97.3	101.6	112.8	125.0	101.3	113.3	133.6
May	109.6	112.8	115.6	110.4	105.7	114.3	110.5	98.3	103.1	113.2	125.0	101.3	113.4	132.1
June	110.7	112.8	116.4	110.4	106.0	114.3	110.5	101.8	103.1	113.9	128.8	101.6	113.4	130.2
July	112.3	112.8	116.7	110.4	106.0	115.9	110.5	101.8	107.7	115.1	128.9	101.6	113.9	130.4
August	112.3	112.8	116.5	110.4	106.0	116.0	110.4	101.9	107.7	115.2	129.3	101.6	114.0	127.5
September	110.7	112.8	117.6	110.4	106.0	116.0	109.4	101.9	106.8	114.5	129.3	102.2	112.6	127.5
October	114.5	112.8	117.6	110.4	106.0	116.0	109.4	101.9	106.8	114.3	129.3	102.2	114.6	131.0
November	114.2	112.8	115.9	110.3	106.0	116.0	109.4	101.9	106.8	114.8	129.3	102.2	114.6	131.0
December	114.4	112.8	117.6	110.3	106.0	116.0	109.7	101.9	106.8	114.6	129.3	102.2	114.0	131.0
<b>1994</b>														
January	114.9	115.5	116.5	110.3	106.0	116.0	109.2	101.9	105.9	116.1	129.3	102.2	114.0	131.0
February	114.9	115.5	116.7	110.3	106.0	116.0	109.2	103.2	106.1	115.6	129.3	102.2	114.0	129.8
March	119.2	115.5	119.0	110.3	106.0	116.0	108.0	98.6	106.1	117.0	129.3	102.2	114.0	129.8
April	120.3	115.5	118.7	120.6	107.6	116.0	107.9	96.9	106.1	117.5	129.7	102.2	114.1	132.9
May	120.3	115.5	119.4	120.6	107.7	116.0	107.9	96.9	106.1	116.6	129.7	102.2	114.8	132.9
June	122.6	115.6	117.9	120.6	107.7	116.0	107.9	97.6	106.1	116.9	132.7	102.2	114.8	162.9

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index; 1989-90 = 100.0

SELECTED MAJOR BUILDING MATERIALS, Index Numbers<sup>1</sup>-Canberra

Period	Structural timber	Clay bricks	Ready mixed concrete	Precast concrete products	Steel decking and cladding	Structural steel	Aluminium windows	Fabricated steel products	Builders' hardware	Carpet	Paint and other coatings	Non-ferrous pipes and fittings
<b>1991-92</b>	99.8	108.2	118.6	103.4	110.0	111.4	96.8	110.3	113.9	99.2	110.5	104.3
<b>1992-93</b>	104.5	111.3	119.5	104.1	111.2	113.4	92.4	115.8	114.9	89.1	111.5	110.2
<b>1993-94</b>	127.8	114.2	119.4	107.0	109.3	114.5	94.8	115.4	119.6	94.2	108.4	109.0
<b>1993</b>												
April	106.7	111.6	119.4	104.2	112.5	112.6	92.3	116.5	116.5	87.3	112.6	114.8
May	108.8	112.7	119.4	105.5	112.5	112.6	93.2	116.5	116.6	91.1	106.9	116.6
June	112.9	111.4	119.4	105.5	112.5	114.4	93.2	116.5	116.8	93.0	106.9	108.5
July	119.6	114.0	119.4	105.5	112.5	114.4	93.5	116.5	116.8	93.0	106.9	109.2
August	124.2	114.0	119.4	105.5	112.4	114.5	93.5	116.5	116.8	93.0	108.5	110.1
September	125.0	114.6	119.4	106.5	109.9	114.5	93.5	116.2	118.8	93.1	108.5	104.2
October	125.7	114.7	119.4	106.4	107.5	114.4	93.5	115.7	118.8	93.1	108.5	102.9
November	126.7	114.7	119.4	106.4	107.5	114.4	95.3	115.7	119.8	94.6	108.5	109.8
December	126.7	114.7	119.4	106.4	107.5	114.4	95.3	115.7	119.6	94.6	108.5	109.8
<b>1994</b>												
January	128.9	113.9	119.4	106.4	107.5	114.4	95.3	115.7	119.7	95.0	108.5	109.5
February	131.1	113.9	119.4	106.4	107.5	114.4	95.3	113.9	119.7	95.4	108.5	109.5
March	129.6	113.9	119.4	108.2	107.5	114.4	95.3	113.8	120.9	95.4	108.5	109.5
April	131.5	113.9	119.4	108.7	110.4	114.4	95.3	114.6	120.9	94.5	108.5	110.3
May	132.1	113.9	119.4	108.8	110.4	114.4	95.3	114.6	120.9	94.5	108.5	110.5
June	132.1	113.8	119.4	108.8	110.4	114.8	96.0	116.3	122.3	94.1	108.5	112.3

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

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## ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

Period	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switchboards and switchgear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES							
<b>1991-92</b>	105.0	113.6	112.2	109.6	100.8	108.5	111.9
<b>1992-93</b>	105.5	109.2	111.7	112.3	101.0	107.7	110.6
<b>1993-94</b>	107.8	99.2	114.2	114.1	102.7	105.5	106.7
<b>1993</b>							
April	106.1	104.8	111.3	112.7	102.4	106.6	108.5
May	106.5	103.5	112.5	112.6	102.9	106.5	108.0
June	106.7	102.9	112.5	112.4	101.9	105.9	107.6
July	107.0	102.7	112.5	112.5	102.0	105.8	107.6
August	107.0	100.7	112.5	112.7	102.0	105.2	106.6
September	107.2	100.9	112.5	113.4	102.5	105.6	107.0
October	107.4	100.4	111.8	113.4	102.1	105.3	106.7
November	107.4	97.8	111.8	113.4	102.2	104.5	105.5
December	107.4	97.5	113.2	113.5	103.2	104.9	105.6
<b>1994</b>							
January	107.5	97.5	113.9	114.3	102.3	104.8	105.9
February	107.8	97.3	115.0	114.5	102.2	104.9	106.0
March	108.2	97.3	115.8	115.4	102.1	105.1	106.5
April	108.6	98.3	117.4	115.4	103.9	106.2	107.1
May	108.9	99.1	117.6	115.4	103.9	106.4	107.6
June	109.1	101.1	116.6	115.7	104.0	107.1	108.5

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

Period	MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....				PLUMBING MATERIALS.....			
	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators, escalators and travelators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
<b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES</b>								
<b>1991-92</b>	108.0	107.8	103.6	107.2	104.0	111.5	107.7	106.3
<b>1992-93</b>	109.9	109.4	93.4	107.0	106.5	112.2	108.2	107.9
<b>1993-94</b>	111.0	110.6	90.9	107.5	110.9	115.7	107.4	110.5
<b>1993</b>								
April	110.4	109.6	92.1	107.2	108.0	112.2	109.7	109.2
May	110.5	110.0	89.8	106.9	107.2	112.3	109.5	108.7
June	110.4	110.0	89.9	106.8	106.1	112.1	109.4	108.1
July	110.4	110.2	90.5	107.0	108.3	113.9	108.2	109.1
August	110.8	110.5	89.9	107.2	110.3	114.0	108.2	110.1
September	111.5	110.6	91.6	108.0	111.0	114.4	107.5	110.4
October	110.9	110.6	91.5	107.7	111.0	115.1	106.7	110.4
November	110.9	110.6	91.3	107.6	111.0	115.0	106.7	110.5
December	111.0	110.6	91.2	107.6	111.0	115.1	106.6	110.4
<b>1994</b>								
January	111.0	110.6	91.0	107.5	111.1	116.6	106.6	110.6
February	110.7	110.6	90.8	107.3	110.8	116.6	106.6	110.3
March	111.0	110.7	90.9	107.5	110.9	116.6	106.4	110.4
April	111.0	110.7	90.9	107.5	111.0	116.5	107.8	110.6
May	111.1	110.5	90.6	107.5	111.3	116.4	108.2	110.8
June	111.8	110.5	90.7	107.8	112.6	118.5	108.9	112.1

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

## ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

Period	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switchboards and switchgear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings
<b>SYDNEY</b>							
<b>1991-92</b>	105.9	126.9	111.0	107.9	98.3	112.2	118.3
<b>1992-93</b>	105.4	121.8	110.8	112.6	96.5	110.9	117.2
<b>1993-94</b>	106.7	105.5	112.3	116.1	100.6	107.2	110.0
<b>1993</b>							
April	105.6	113.0	110.1	114.1	98.6	108.6	112.9
May	105.9	111.7	110.1	114.1	98.6	108.1	112.3
June	106.2	111.7	110.1	113.2	98.6	107.9	112.0
July	106.3	111.5	110.1	113.2	98.7	107.8	111.8
August	106.0	106.0	110.1	113.4	98.7	105.9	109.0
September	106.0	106.0	110.1	115.5	99.3	106.6	109.7
October	106.2	106.1	110.1	115.5	99.3	106.5	109.7
November	106.2	102.8	110.0	115.5	99.6	105.6	108.1
December	106.0	102.8	111.8	116.0	99.8	105.9	108.6
<b>1994</b>							
January	106.0	103.4	112.0	116.6	99.8	106.3	109.1
February	106.3	103.4	113.1	116.6	99.8	106.4	109.2
March	107.1	103.4	113.1	117.5	99.8	106.6	109.6
April	107.8	104.3	115.3	117.5	103.7	108.3	110.3
May	108.2	106.1	115.9	117.5	104.5	109.2	111.2
June	108.2	109.9	116.4	118.4	104.5	110.7	113.4
<b>MELBOURNE</b>							
<b>1991-92</b>	101.8	121.5	114.8	109.5	100.5	110.7	115.9
<b>1992-93</b>	103.4	115.8	112.8	110.1	100.7	108.9	113.1
<b>1993-94</b>	106.6	109.1	120.8	109.8	100.3	107.3	110.8
<b>1993</b>							
April	104.8	114.3	112.0	108.6	99.9	107.7	111.7
May	105.0	112.1	117.6	108.6	99.9	107.5	111.4
June	105.3	111.4	117.6	108.6	99.9	107.2	111.0
July	105.4	111.1	117.6	108.9	99.9	107.3	111.0
August	105.9	110.1	117.6	108.9	99.9	107.0	110.5
September	106.3	111.0	117.9	108.9	100.6	107.5	111.0
October	106.4	109.8	117.9	108.9	100.6	107.1	110.4
November	106.6	109.0	117.9	108.9	100.6	106.9	110.1
December	106.6	108.2	119.6	108.8	100.6	106.7	109.8
<b>1994</b>							
January	106.7	107.4	121.1	109.6	100.6	106.8	110.0
February	106.7	106.8	122.1	109.6	100.6	106.7	109.8
March	106.9	106.8	122.1	111.2	100.6	107.1	110.4
April	107.1	107.9	125.2	111.2	100.6	107.7	111.3
May	107.2	107.9	125.2	111.2	99.5	107.3	111.3
June	107.5	113.3	124.8	111.2	99.5	109.0	113.8

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

Period	MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....				PLUMBING MATERIALS.....			
	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators, escalators and travelators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
SYDNEY								
<b>1991-92</b>	110.5	109.8	103.0	109.1	109.2	110.5	108.8	109.2
<b>1992-93</b>	111.8	110.9	91.6	108.2	113.4	111.8	110.3	112.1
<b>1993-94</b>	112.0	112.0	90.0	108.3	120.9	116.2	109.4	116.6
<b>1993</b>								
April	112.1	110.7	89.6	108.0	115.8	111.5	112.6	114.1
May	112.1	111.3	87.1	107.7	115.5	111.5	112.0	113.7
June	112.0	111.3	87.1	107.6	115.7	112.2	112.0	113.9
July	112.0	111.3	89.0	107.9	118.8	114.0	112.0	115.7
August	112.1	112.1	87.3	107.8	120.7	113.9	112.1	116.8
September	112.8	112.1	90.3	108.8	120.8	114.1	110.2	116.2
October	111.8	112.1	90.3	108.2	120.4	115.7	108.0	115.9
November	111.9	112.0	90.1	108.3	120.6	115.7	108.0	116.1
December	111.9	112.0	90.1	108.3	120.8	115.7	107.8	116.3
<b>1994</b>								
January	111.9	112.0	89.9	108.2	121.0	117.0	107.8	116.5
February	111.6	112.0	90.4	108.1	120.7	117.1	107.8	116.3
March	111.7	112.0	90.5	108.2	120.9	117.3	107.9	116.5
April	111.6	112.0	90.5	108.2	121.6	117.8	110.0	117.2
May	111.8	112.0	90.7	108.4	122.2	118.1	110.4	117.7
June	112.7	112.0	90.7	108.9	122.8	118.2	110.5	118.3
MELBOURNE								
<b>1991-92</b>	105.8	108.0	103.2	105.6	98.9	112.0	109.2	104.1
<b>1992-93</b>	108.0	107.8	92.7	105.5	99.3	112.0	108.2	104.0
<b>1993-94</b>	110.9	108.0	89.8	106.8	102.8	114.6	105.1	105.3
<b>1993</b>								
April	108.6	108.0	90.8	105.6	100.0	112.6	109.1	104.8
May	109.1	108.0	89.6	105.8	98.5	112.6	109.1	104.0
June	109.1	108.0	89.7	105.8	97.4	111.4	109.0	103.2
July	109.2	108.2	89.5	105.9	99.0	113.6	104.7	103.0
August	109.6	108.2	89.7	106.2	100.9	113.8	104.7	104.0
September	110.2	108.2	90.7	106.8	102.8	113.9	104.7	105.1
October	110.7	108.2	90.5	107.0	103.2	113.5	105.0	105.4
November	110.8	108.2	90.2	107.0	103.2	113.1	105.0	105.4
December	110.9	108.2	90.1	107.0	103.2	113.1	105.0	105.4
<b>1994</b>								
January	110.9	108.2	89.9	106.9	103.6	115.2	105.0	105.9
February	110.7	108.2	89.4	106.6	103.2	114.9	105.0	105.5
March	111.4	108.2	89.5	107.1	103.1	115.1	104.2	105.5
April	111.5	108.2	89.5	107.1	102.9	115.2	105.0	105.3
May	111.8	107.1	89.1	107.0	103.2	114.4	105.2	105.5
June	112.5	107.1	89.2	107.4	104.9	119.1	107.6	107.5

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## ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

Period	All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switchboards and switchgear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings
<b>BRISBANE</b>							
<b>1991-92</b>	109.5	79.0	101.8	109.3	102.7	96.2	93.4
<b>1992-93</b>	110.7	80.8	102.3	114.4	106.1	99.2	96.3
<b>1993-94</b>	112.5	75.9	102.0	115.3	108.7	98.4	94.2
<b>1993</b>							
April	111.3	78.6	103.2	116.3	105.2	98.8	96.0
May	111.4	78.6	101.3	115.5	111.1	100.1	95.5
June	111.4	76.7	101.3	115.5	111.1	99.4	94.6
July	111.8	76.6	101.3	115.3	111.1	99.4	94.4
August	112.0	77.3	101.3	114.4	111.1	99.4	94.4
September	112.2	77.5	101.3	114.4	111.0	99.4	94.6
October	111.9	77.5	101.3	114.4	111.1	99.4	94.5
November	111.8	75.1	101.3	114.4	111.1	98.7	93.4
December	112.1	75.1	101.6	114.4	111.1	98.7	93.5
<b>1994</b>							
January	112.2	74.6	102.7	114.5	111.4	98.8	93.4
February	112.7	74.6	103.0	116.4	111.5	99.3	94.2
March	112.8	74.6	102.3	116.4	102.6	96.3	94.1
April	113.6	75.6	104.5	116.4	103.8	97.2	94.8
May	113.2	75.9	103.4	116.9	103.8	97.4	95.0
June	113.5	76.3	99.5	116.2	104.8	97.3	94.5
<b>ADELAIDE</b>							
<b>1991-92</b>	104.2	109.0	116.9	112.8	100.7	108.0	111.4
<b>1992-93</b>	103.9	100.4	113.2	114.0	103.2	106.0	107.3
<b>1993-94</b>	107.8	95.7	113.7	117.8	104.5	106.0	106.6
<b>1993</b>							
April	104.8	98.8	111.6	114.4	111.3	108.0	106.5
May	105.3	98.8	111.6	114.3	111.3	108.0	106.4
June	105.8	98.3	111.6	114.3	100.5	104.4	106.2
July	106.5	98.3	111.6	114.3	100.5	104.4	106.2
August	106.6	98.0	111.6	117.1	100.5	105.1	107.1
September	106.7	98.0	111.6	116.9	101.1	105.2	107.1
October	107.0	97.3	113.0	116.9	101.2	105.1	106.9
November	107.2	96.9	113.0	116.9	101.2	105.0	106.7
December	107.3	96.7	114.0	117.0	111.6	108.5	106.7
<b>1994</b>							
January	107.5	96.5	114.0	119.1	100.6	105.4	107.5
February	108.5	96.6	115.1	119.1	100.5	105.5	107.7
March	108.6	96.5	116.5	119.2	109.3	108.4	107.9
April	108.5	97.6	117.2	119.2	109.3	108.9	108.5
May	109.2	97.2	117.2	119.2	109.0	108.6	108.3
June	109.4	79.2	109.0	118.8	109.0	102.3	98.8

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0



Period	MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....				PLUMBING MATERIALS.....			
	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators, escalators and travelators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
BRISBANE								
1991-92	105.3	106.3	105.3	105.5	103.6	115.6	107.2	106.6
1992-93	108.7	111.0	96.8	106.9	109.8	116.0	107.6	110.0
1993-94	108.6	112.3	94.1	106.8	115.3	120.3	106.9	112.9
<b>1993</b>								
April	109.8	111.5	96.4	107.6	112.5	116.0	108.4	111.6
May	109.8	111.5	93.8	107.2	113.1	116.2	108.4	111.9
June	109.0	111.5	93.8	106.7	108.2	115.5	108.4	109.4
July	109.0	112.0	94.1	106.7	110.7	118.5	107.5	110.8
August	110.3	112.1	93.5	107.5	116.9	119.3	107.5	114.1
September	110.8	112.1	94.6	108.1	117.4	121.9	107.5	114.7
October	108.8	112.1	94.6	107.0	117.4	122.2	107.1	114.7
November	108.7	112.1	94.4	106.9	117.6	120.9	107.1	114.8
December	108.8	112.2	94.4	106.9	117.1	121.9	107.1	114.4
<b>1994</b>								
January	108.4	112.2	94.2	106.7	115.9	122.4	107.1	113.4
February	107.9	112.2	94.1	106.3	115.1	122.4	107.1	112.8
March	107.9	112.3	94.2	106.4	115.2	119.4	107.1	112.6
April	107.9	112.3	94.1	106.4	113.3	117.5	108.5	110.8
May	107.1	112.7	93.7	105.9	112.9	117.4	104.4	110.3
June	107.7	112.7	93.7	106.2	114.5	119.3	104.4	111.9
ADELAIDE								
1991-92	112.7	104.2	101.5	109.8	103.8	107.5	105.2	104.8
1992-93	114.6	110.5	93.0	110.3	105.1	106.7	105.0	105.3
1993-94	115.2	115.0	88.5	110.5	104.6	106.9	106.4	105.0
<b>1993</b>								
April	114.8	112.4	93.4	110.7	105.6	105.6	105.7	105.7
May	114.9	114.8	88.9	110.2	104.1	105.4	105.7	104.8
June	115.1	114.8	89.0	110.4	104.5	105.4	105.7	105.1
July	114.8	114.8	88.9	110.2	105.3	105.9	105.7	105.5
August	115.3	114.8	89.2	110.6	104.9	105.4	105.7	105.3
September	116.6	114.8	89.9	111.6	105.3	106.0	105.7	105.6
October	115.0	114.7	89.9	110.8	105.5	105.8	105.7	105.7
November	115.1	114.7	89.7	110.8	104.8	105.5	105.7	105.0
December	115.0	114.7	89.7	110.7	104.0	105.8	105.7	104.3
<b>1994</b>								
January	115.2	115.1	89.5	110.8	104.1	107.2	105.7	104.5
February	115.2	115.1	87.7	110.2	103.9	107.9	105.7	104.4
March	115.2	115.1	87.8	110.2	104.5	108.0	105.7	104.9
April	115.2	115.1	87.8	110.3	104.4	107.2	106.8	104.8
May	115.3	115.7	85.9	109.8	103.9	107.1	109.1	104.4
June	114.8	115.7	85.9	109.5	104.5	111.5	109.1	105.3

<sup>1</sup> Base of each Index: 1989-90 = 100.0

## ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

Period	<i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i>	Conductors	Conduit and accessories	Switchboards and switchgear	Lamps and light fittings	All electrical materials	<i>All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings</i>
PERTH							
<b>1991-92</b>	105.3	95.0	119.8	110.8	108.1	105.0	103.6
<b>1992-93</b>	106.1	93.1	122.8	112.4	110.7	105.7	103.6
<b>1993-94</b>	108.3	84.7	120.6	113.7	107.5	101.9	99.7
<b>1993</b>							
April	106.4	91.3	123.6	112.4	112.5	105.6	102.7
May	107.0	89.7	123.6	112.4	110.9	104.5	101.9
June	106.8	88.5	123.6	113.5	111.2	104.5	101.6
July	107.4	88.5	123.6	113.5	110.4	104.2	101.6
August	107.3	90.4	123.6	113.5	110.4	105.0	102.6
September	107.7	90.3	123.6	113.7	111.0	105.1	102.6
October	107.8	89.1	116.0	113.1	106.9	102.6	101.0
November	108.0	81.5	116.0	113.1	106.9	100.2	97.5
December	108.1	81.5	117.1	113.2	106.9	100.3	97.6
<b>1994</b>							
January	108.3	81.5	117.2	113.4	106.9	100.4	97.7
February	108.4	81.4	118.9	114.1	106.1	100.4	98.2
March	108.8	81.1	125.6	114.1	106.1	100.9	98.9
April	109.1	82.5	121.9	114.2	106.0	101.0	99.0
May	109.0	82.5	121.9	114.2	106.0	101.0	99.0
June	109.9	86.4	121.9	114.2	106.0	102.2	100.9
HOBART							
<b>1991-92</b>	107.2	101.3	111.3	113.2	100.1	105.6	107.9
<b>1992-93</b>	109.1	91.2	112.9	118.7	95.9	103.3	106.4
<b>1993-94</b>	111.0	87.7	114.7	122.8	99.7	104.7	107.0
<b>1993</b>							
April	109.5	90.4	114.3	120.0	95.0	103.3	106.9
May	110.1	90.4	114.3	120.0	95.0	103.3	106.9
June	110.6	90.4	114.3	120.0	95.0	103.3	106.9
July	111.2	89.2	114.8	120.0	102.6	105.3	106.4
August	111.2	88.9	114.8	120.0	102.9	105.3	106.3
September	111.3	88.0	111.3	122.9	101.3	105.1	106.8
October	111.1	88.0	111.3	122.9	101.3	105.1	106.8
November	111.0	87.1	111.3	122.8	101.3	104.8	106.3
December	111.2	85.4	110.7	122.9	99.3	103.6	105.5
<b>1994</b>							
January	111.3	85.1	114.4	123.8	100.9	104.6	106.2
February	111.3	82.7	116.4	123.8	99.3	103.4	105.3
March	109.7	86.9	115.7	123.8	94.7	103.2	107.2
April	110.7	89.0	117.8	123.8	97.7	105.0	108.4
May	110.9	89.0	119.1	123.8	97.7	105.1	108.6
June	111.3	92.9	118.4	123.4	96.8	105.9	110.2

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0



MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....

PLUMBING MATERIALS.....

Period	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators, escalators and travelators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
<b>PERTH</b>								
<b>1991-92</b>	104.4	105.6	105.6	104.7	99.4	114.0	103.4	103.0
<b>1992-93</b>	105.2	105.7	96.5	103.7	98.5	116.7	105.3	103.7
<b>1993-94</b>	106.6	105.4	94.4	104.2	98.6	121.7	107.4	105.1
<b>1993</b>								
April	106.0	105.4	96.3	104.2	99.1	117.4	106.9	104.6
May	105.8	105.4	94.2	103.7	98.0	117.4	106.9	104.0
June	105.4	105.2	94.3	103.4	95.5	117.2	106.9	102.8
July	105.7	105.2	94.1	103.6	97.6	118.2	106.9	103.9
August	106.0	105.4	94.3	103.9	97.6	118.7	106.9	104.0
September	106.9	105.2	95.6	104.7	97.9	118.7	106.9	104.2
October	106.9	105.4	95.6	104.7	98.3	119.4	106.9	104.6
November	106.2	105.2	95.3	104.2	98.4	121.4	106.9	104.9
December	106.4	105.2	95.1	104.2	98.3	121.4	106.9	104.8
<b>1994</b>								
January	106.6	105.2	94.8	104.3	98.5	123.5	106.9	105.1
February	106.7	105.2	93.8	104.0	98.6	123.7	106.9	105.3
March	106.9	105.7	94.0	104.3	98.7	123.7	106.9	105.3
April	107.0	105.8	93.9	104.3	99.1	123.1	107.5	105.7
May	107.0	105.8	93.3	104.1	99.1	123.1	109.8	105.8
June	107.4	105.9	93.4	104.4	101.0	125.6	109.8	107.7

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<b>1991-92</b>	107.0	107.6	109.2	107.5	111.4	110.5	104.9	108.8
<b>1992-93</b>	110.7	107.7	98.4	108.1	115.9	109.4	106.4	111.4
<b>1993-94</b>	112.1	115.4	97.4	109.6	113.3	105.2	109.8	110.1
<b>1993</b>								
April	111.1	107.9	98.5	108.4	113.9	108.5	107.6	110.8
May	110.8	107.9	96.9	107.9	113.3	108.6	107.8	110.6
June	110.7	107.9	97.0	107.8	112.7	108.6	108.1	110.4
July	110.7	107.9	96.9	107.9	112.6	108.4	108.1	110.3
August	110.8	108.3	97.0	108.0	113.2	108.8	106.3	110.0
September	111.3	116.9	98.3	109.6	113.1	108.8	106.4	110.0
October	112.0	116.8	98.3	110.0	111.0	103.8	109.9	107.9
November	112.3	116.8	98.1	110.1	112.4	102.4	109.9	109.0
December	112.2	116.8	98.1	110.0	112.1	102.4	109.9	108.7
<b>1994</b>								
January	112.2	116.8	97.9	110.0	112.5	104.6	109.9	109.3
February	111.7	116.9	97.0	109.4	110.9	104.2	109.2	107.8
March	111.9	116.9	97.1	109.6	110.9	104.2	109.2	107.8
April	112.4	116.9	97.1	109.8	112.7	104.5	111.9	109.5
May	112.4	117.1	96.6	109.7	113.6	104.5	113.1	110.3
June	114.7	117.1	96.7	111.0	124.8	105.4	113.6	120.2

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

## ELECTRICAL MATERIALS.....

Period	<i>All groups excluding electrical materials and mechanical services</i>	<i>Conductors</i>	<i>Conduit and accessories</i>	<i>Switchboards and switchgear</i>	<i>Lamps and light fittings</i>	<i>All electrical materials</i>	<i>All electrical materials excluding lamps and light fittings</i>
<b>1991-92</b>	107.7	153.3	109.8	106.6	96.5	118.4	129.6
<b>1992-93</b>	108.5	142.3	112.3	112.8	97.5	117.0	126.9
<b>1993-94</b>	110.5	134.4	119.3	114.4	97.8	115.6	124.7
<b>1993</b>							
April	108.8	141.4	114.1	113.7	98.1	117.3	127.1
May	109.4	139.3	114.1	113.7	98.1	116.6	126.1
June	109.6	139.3	114.1	113.7	98.1	116.6	126.1
July	109.9	137.4	114.1	113.7	98.1	116.0	125.2
August	110.1	135.9	114.9	113.7	98.1	115.6	124.6
September	110.0	135.4	114.9	113.7	98.8	115.7	124.4
October	110.0	135.4	114.8	113.7	98.8	115.7	124.3
November	110.3	134.6	114.8	113.7	98.8	115.5	123.9
December	110.5	133.2	115.6	114.2	98.8	115.2	123.6
<b>1994</b>							
January	110.5	133.6	119.3	115.1	98.0	115.6	124.6
February	110.6	133.6	119.4	115.1	98.0	115.6	124.6
March	110.7	132.7	123.2	115.1	96.5	115.2	124.6
April	110.9	132.1	127.0	115.1	96.5	115.3	124.8
May	111.0	133.2	127.0	115.1	96.5	115.6	125.4
June	111.1	136.1	126.2	115.1	96.5	116.5	126.6

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

## MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....

## PLUMBING MATERIALS.....

Period	MECHANICAL SERVICES COMPONENTS.....				PLUMBING MATERIALS.....			
	Air conditioning	Fire protection	Elevators, escalators and travelators	All mechanical services	Hydraulic plumbing	Drainage	Roof plumbing	All plumbing materials
<b>1991-92</b>	108.3	112.3	102.2	107.8	102.8	105.6	106.2	104.0
<b>1992-93</b>	109.5	112.0	87.1	106.0	103.4	101.9	107.1	104.2
<b>1993-94</b>	110.4	113.5	82.5	105.9	103.8	101.9	107.2	104.6
<b>1993</b>								
April	110.1	111.9	82.6	105.6	104.9	102.7	107.7	105.3
May	110.2	112.3	75.7	104.5	105.7	102.7	107.4	105.8
June	109.9	112.3	75.7	104.3	103.2	103.2	107.4	104.3
July	109.9	112.2	82.4	105.5	104.7	104.2	107.4	105.3
August	109.9	112.5	77.1	104.6	104.9	104.1	107.3	105.5
September	110.0	112.5	83.8	105.8	102.3	107.3	105.4	103.7
October	110.0	112.4	83.8	105.8	102.0	104.5	104.4	103.1
November	110.6	113.0	83.8	106.2	103.3	99.9	104.5	104.1
December	110.7	114.1	83.8	106.4	104.2	99.9	104.4	104.8
<b>1994</b>								
January	110.4	114.2	83.8	106.3	104.1	100.5	108.2	104.9
February	110.1	114.2	82.5	105.7	104.2	100.8	108.2	105.0
March	110.1	114.2	82.5	105.7	104.0	102.7	108.2	105.0
April	110.3	114.3	82.5	105.8	104.0	98.9	109.4	104.8
May	110.4	114.3	81.8	105.6	104.1	98.9	109.4	104.8
June	112.5	114.3	81.8	106.8	103.7	100.6	110.0	104.6

<sup>1</sup> Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

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## INTRODUCTION

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

**2** Index numbers for the current month and the previous three months are preliminary and subject to revision.

## SCOPE

**3** The index includes 63 items which are combined into 10 industry of origin groups and an 'All groups' total. Table 1 presents 'All groups' index numbers for the weighted average of the six State capital cities, for each of the cities separately, and for Canberra. Although many of the selected materials are also used in house building, in building repair, maintenance and alteration work and in engineering construction work (e.g. projects such as roads, dams, bridges and the like), the weighting pattern of the index is not applicable to these other activities of the construction industry. In addition, since the weights are based on an average materials usage over a range of types of building within the defined area (building other than house building), the index is not necessarily applicable to any specific building or type of building.

## CLASSIFICATION

**4** For the weighted average of the six State capital cities the selected materials have been combined into broad groups on an industry of origin basis. Table 4 presents index numbers for groups defined in terms of the Groups (3 digit level) of the 1993 *Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC)*; the percentage contributions for individual materials and groups are shown in Table A1 of the Appendix of the October 1993 issue of this publication. The 'industry of origin' is not necessarily identical to the industry which supplies the materials to builders. The 'industry of origin' is the industry in which the material is *primarily produced*, determined in accordance with the classification rules of the ANZSIC. For instance, many of the materials are classified to the appropriate producing industries, rather than the wholesale trading industries. Some materials used in constructing buildings in Australia are imported. Imported materials are allocated to the similar industry of origin as Australian produced materials.

## ITEMS AND WEIGHTS

**5** The index is a fixed weights index. The items were selected and allocated weights in accordance with the estimated average values of materials used in the construction of buildings other than houses completed in each of the seven capital cities in the five years ended June 1992. This same weighting pattern is used for each of the seven capital cities. The weighting pattern for the 'All groups' index is set out in Appendix A of the October 1993 issue of this publication.

## PRICE MEASUREMENT

**6** Prices are collected at the mid point of the month to which the index refers, or the nearest trading day. They relate to specific standards of each material and are obtained from representative suppliers of materials used in building. In general, the point of pricing is 'delivered on site' but in some cases it has been necessary to use the nearest realistic price available e.g. 'delivered to electrical contractor's store'. Local prices are used in the indexes for each capital city.



PRICE MEASUREMENT (continued)

**7** As far as possible, actual transactions prices are used in this index — that is, prices actually paid by building contractors or subcontractors to suppliers for materials delivered on building sites. The actual price paid for anything can be described in various ways. Instead of being described as a single price (as usually happens in retail shops) a price for a building material may be described in terms of the components which make up the price — for instance 'list price plus sales tax', 'suppliers price plus freight', 'basic price less (particular types of) discount' and so on. It is these *net* prices that buyers pay to sellers for materials that the ABS aims to use in compiling this index.

**8** The ABS asks respondent businesses to report details of the discounts they offer so that actual transactions prices can be calculated. However, as building material suppliers offer many different types of discounts to buyers (e.g. trade discounts, settlement discounts, quantity discounts, competitive discounts), the identification of the discounts and the way in which they are applied by sellers pose considerable problems for the ABS. To the extent that discounts are identified and measured, their effects are taken into account in calculating the index. Sometimes new discounts, or changes in the way discounts are applied by sellers, are identified only after index numbers for a particular period have been published. In such cases, or in any other case where it is discovered that incorrect prices have been used in compiling the indexes, revisions to index numbers may occur in subsequent issues of this publication.

**9** To minimise the incidence of revisions, the ABS has stringent procedures to verify that prices reported in its mail collections are transactions prices net of discounts.

**10** Sales taxes levied on building materials are included in the prices used to compile the index. Materials used in the construction of Commonwealth, State and Local Government owned buildings are exempt from sales tax; materials used in most non-government 'health' and 'education' buildings and buildings for non-profit organisations such as religious and charitable institutions are also exempt. At any particular time, when there is a change in the rate of sales tax on building materials, the movement in the index takes into account the proportion of materials sold subject to sales tax and the proportion of materials exempt from sales tax.

**11** On request, the ABS can provide further information on the treatment of sales tax in the index including details of factors to either include the full effects of sales tax changes or exclude entirely the effects of sales tax changes.

INDEX NUMBERS

**12** Index numbers for financial years are simple averages of monthly index numbers.

Selected Materials

**13** Table 5 contains index numbers for selected materials used in constructing buildings other than houses for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. In general these indexes relate to either single items or combinations of items as shown in the weighting pattern published in Table A1 of the Appendix to the October 1993 issue of this publication. Tables 6 to 9 contain index numbers for selected major materials for each State capital city and Canberra.



INDEX NUMBERS (continued)

**Special Combinations of Materials**

**14** Tables 10 to 14 contain index numbers for the following special combinations of materials, for the weighted average of the six State capital cities, each State capital city and Canberra:

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

REVISIONS

**15** Index numbers for the current month and the previous three months are preliminary and subject to revision. From time to time index numbers for earlier months may also be revised. This will occur whenever the ABS obtains more complete information or discovers that incorrect prices have been used.

ANALYSIS OF INDEX CHANGES

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

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

**18** Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in 'index points' or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating index points changes and percentage changes between any two periods:

Weighted average of six State capital cities index numbers —

June 1994	108.6	(see Table 1)
less June 1993	106.6	(see Table 1)
Change in index points	2.0	
Percentage change	$\frac{2.0}{106.6} \times 100 = 1.9$	

**19** Table 3 provides an analysis of the contribution which selected major building materials make to the All groups index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. For example, Ready mixed concrete contributed 10.54 index points to the All groups index number of 108.6 for June 1994 and 0.03 index points to the net change of 0.2 index points.

FURTHER INFORMATION

**20** Further information on the index is presented in the publication *Producer and Foreign Trade Price Indexes: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (6419.0).

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

- *Price Index of Materials Used in House Building, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6408.0)
- *Price Indexes of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industries, Australia* (6411.0)
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**23** Other ABS publications that may be of interest include:

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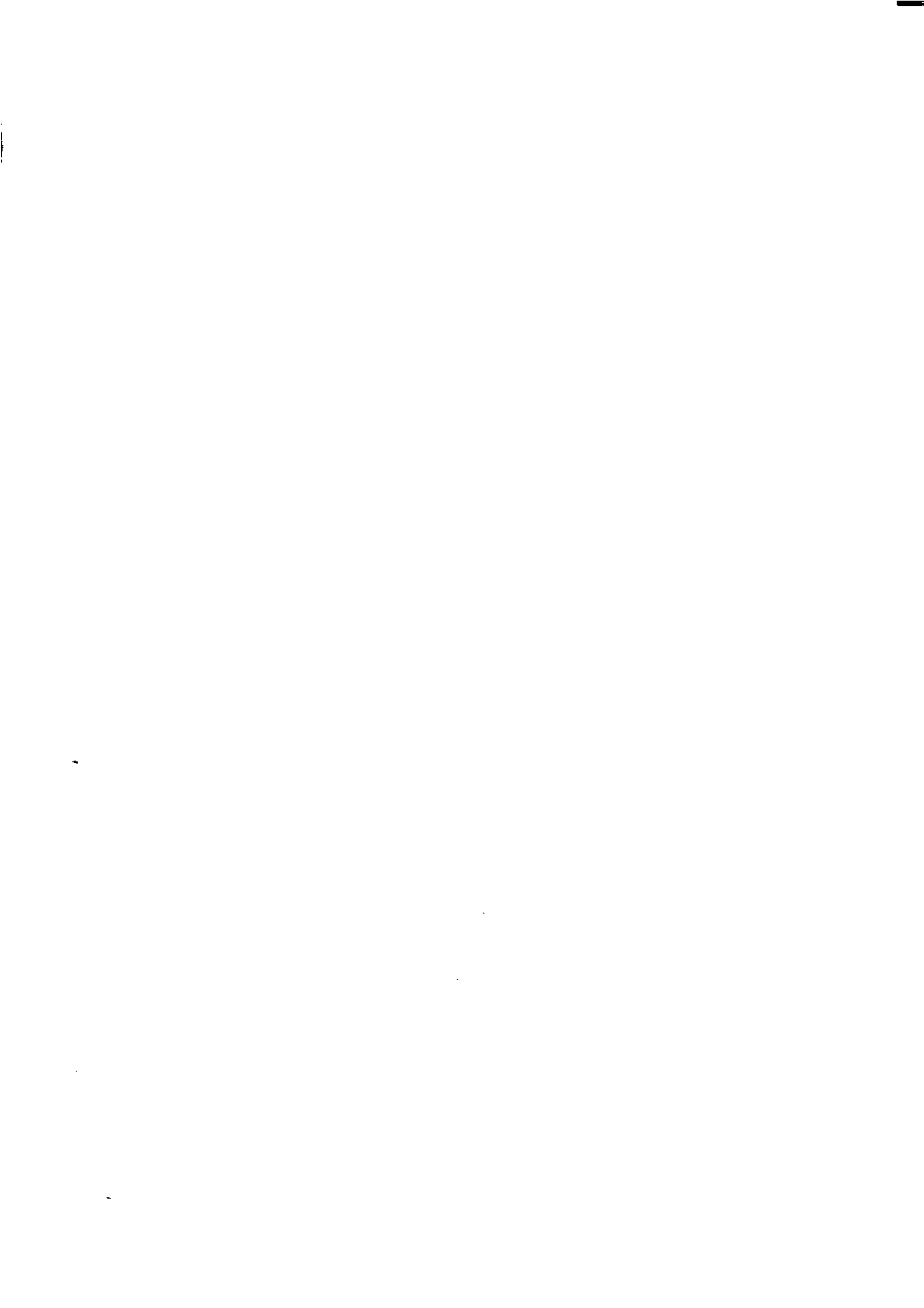
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