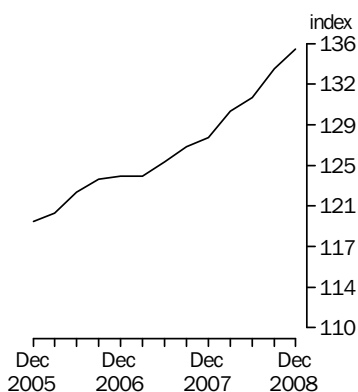


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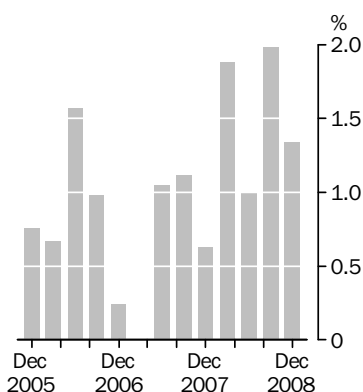
**Final Stage**

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**Final Stage**

Quarterly % change



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**KEY FIGURES**

**STAGE OF PRODUCTION**

	Sep Qtr 08 to Dec Qtr 08 % change	Dec Qtr 07 to Dec Qtr 08 % change
<b>Final (Stage 3) commodities (excl. exports)</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Domestic	-0.5	4.9
Imports	14.8	16.4
<b>Intermediate (Stage 2) commodities</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Domestic	0.0	7.4
Imports	6.8	24.0
<b>Preliminary (Stage 1) commodities</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Domestic	0.0	9.8
Imports	1.7	25.7

**KEY POINTS**

**FINAL (STAGE 3) COMMODITIES**

- increased by 1.3% in the December quarter 2008.
- mainly due to price increases in industrial machinery and equipment manufacturing (+12.8%), electronic equipment manufacturing (+21.4%), other manufacturing (+8.1%) and other transport equipment manufacturing (+17.4%).
- partially offset by price decreases in petroleum refining (-29.1%).
- increased by 6.4% through the year to December quarter 2008.
- imported commodities were impacted by exchange rate driven price increases.

**INTERMEDIATE (STAGE 2) COMMODITIES**

- increased by 0.9% in the December quarter 2008.
- mainly due to price increases in coal mining (+30.3%), iron and steel manufacturing (+12.5%) and basic chemical manufacturing (+14.6%).
- partially offset by price decreases in oil and gas extraction (-23.7%), petroleum refining (-22.1%) and basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-18.5%).
- increased by 9.5% through the year to December quarter 2008.
- some commodities were impacted by exchange rate driven price increases.

**PRELIMINARY (STAGE 1) COMMODITIES**

- increased by 0.3% in the December quarter 2008.
- mainly due to price increases in coal mining (+30.3%), basic chemical manufacturing (+14.3%), iron and steel manufacturing (+12.3%) and other mining (+15.0%).
- partially offset by price decreases in oil and gas extraction (-23.7%), petroleum refining (-22.7%) and basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-18.5%).
- increased by 11.9% through the year to December quarter 2008.
- some commodities were impacted by exchange rate driven price increases.

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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March 2009	20 April 2009
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## CHANGES IN FUTURE ISSUES

As notified in the September quarter 2008 issue, the content and format of this publication and related series on the ABS website will change from September quarter 2009, to reflect an updated weighting pattern and the contemporary industrial classification (ANZSIC06). The March quarter 2009 issue of this publication will contain information on the impacts of the new classification, including any changes to existing series, such as indexes that will no longer be available. The updated weighting pattern will not extend to the Stage of Production (SOP) indexes, as the data required to update the SOP weights on an ANZSIC06 basis are not available. It will therefore not be possible to produce the SOP indexes on an ANZSIC06 basis in the September quarter 2009 issue. The ABS is currently undertaking a broader review of the SOP indexes. As part of this review, consideration is being given to the options available in respect of publication of the SOP indexes from September quarter 2009 onwards.

The ABS welcomes input to the SOP review, including any feedback on future publication of the SOP series. If you would like any further information on, or like to provide input to, the SOP review, please contact Christine McLaughlin, Director, Producer Price Indexes Section, by e-mail to [christine.mclaughlin@abs.gov.au](mailto:christine.mclaughlin@abs.gov.au), facsimile on (02) 6252 7060, mail to Locked Bag 10, Belconnen, ACT 2616, or (02) 6252 6252. Comments should be provided, preferably in writing, by 1 March 2009.

## ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding.

## DATA REFERENCES

Data referenced in the Key points and Commentary are available from the tables shown in this publication, or in the corresponding tables of this publication on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

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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
mfg	manufacturing
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified
SOP	stage of production

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## COMMENTARY

### STAGE OF PRODUCTION (SOP) OVERVIEW

In December quarter 2008, the final (Stage 3) index recorded an increase of 1.3%, the intermediate (Stage 2) index recorded an increase of 0.9%, whilst the preliminary (Stage 1) index recorded an increase of 0.3%. Through the year to December quarter 2008, the final (Stage 3) index increased by 6.4%, the intermediate (Stage 2) increased by 9.5% and the preliminary (Stage 1) index increased by 11.9%.

The decline in the value of the Australian dollar against all major trading currencies was a significant contributor to increases in both imported and exported commodities in the December quarter 2008.

The increase of 1.3% in the final (Stage 3) index reflects a fall of 0.5% in the price of domestically produced items, and a rise of 14.8% in the price of imported items. The domestic component decreased due to price falls in petroleum refining (-28.4%) and building construction (-0.5%). These decreases were partially offset by price rises in beverage and malt manufacturing (+3.9%), other agriculture (+4.8%) and meat and meat product manufacturing (+3.0%). The imports component increased due to price rises for industrial machinery and equipment manufacturing (+19.4%), electronic equipment manufacturing (+23.7%), other manufacturing (+27.7%), other transport equipment manufacturing (+26.5%) and clothing manufacturing (+31.0%). These increases were partially offset by price falls in petroleum refining (-34.0%). Imported commodities were impacted by exchange rate driven price increases.

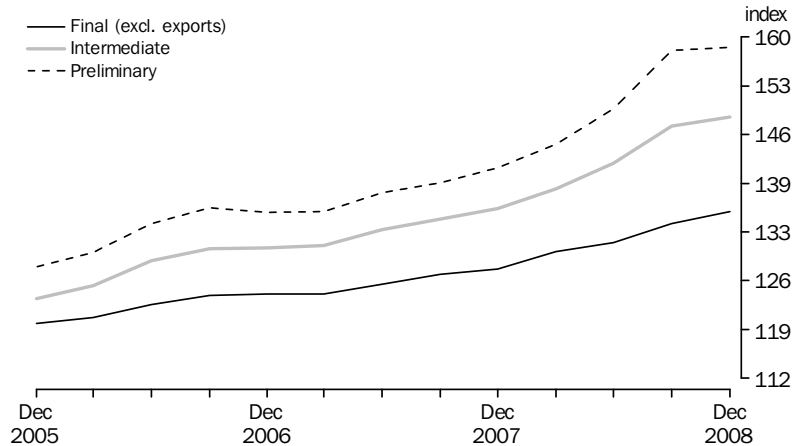
The increase of 0.9% in the intermediate (Stage 2) index reflects no movement in the price of domestically produced items and a rise of 6.8% in the price of imported items. The domestic component recorded price rises for coal mining (+30.3%), iron and steel manufacturing (+9.4%), structural metal product manufacturing (+7.3%) and other agriculture (+6.4%). These increases were offset by price falls in petroleum refining (-22.7%), oil and gas extraction (-26.5%), grain, sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming (-5.8%) and basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-18.0%). The imports component increased due to price rises in basic chemical manufacturing (+22.3%), industrial machinery and equipment manufacturing (+17.0%), textile, clothing, footwear and leather manufacturing (+23.8%) and iron and steel manufacturing (+28.7%). These increases were partially offset by price falls in oil and gas extraction (-21.8%), petroleum refining (-20.1%), and basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-25.8%).

The increase of 0.3% in the preliminary (Stage 1) index reflects no movement in the price of domestically produced items and a rise of 1.7% in the price of imported items. The domestic component recorded price increases for coal mining (+30.3%), iron and steel manufacturing (+9.4%), basic chemical manufacturing (+6.0%) and structural metal product manufacturing (+7.3%). These increases were partially offset by price falls in oil and gas extraction (-26.5%), petroleum refining (-22.7%), basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-18.0%) and grain, sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming (-6.5%). The imports component increased due to price rises in basic chemical manufacturing (+22.3%), iron and steel manufacturing (+28.8%), industrial machinery and equipment manufacturing (+16.6%) and other mining (+102.8%). These increases were partially offset by price falls in oil and gas extraction (-21.8%), petroleum refining (-22.9%) and basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-25.9%).

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STAGE OF PRODUCTION  
(SOP) OVERVIEW *continued*

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



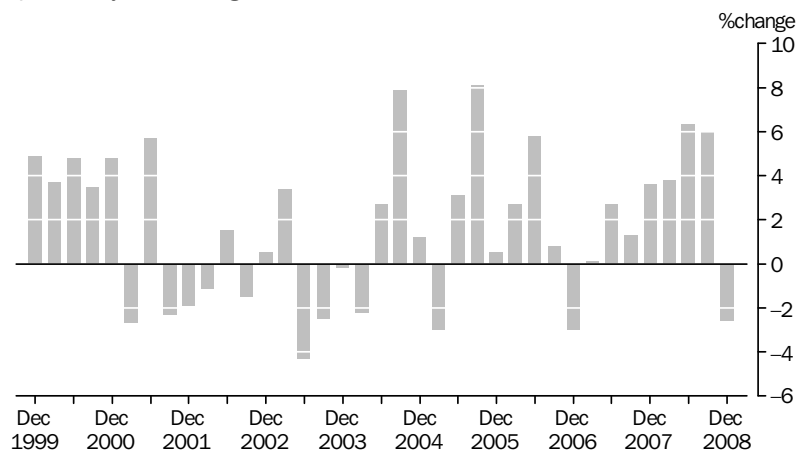
MANUFACTURING  
INDUSTRIES PRODUCER  
PRICE INDEXES

During the December quarter 2008, the prices paid by manufacturers for material inputs decreased by 2.6%, while the prices they received for their outputs decreased by 2.3%. Through the year to December quarter 2008, prices of material inputs increased by 13.9%, while prices for their outputs increased by 6.7%.

Price decreases for products from oil and gas extraction (-25.0%) and grain, sheep and beef cattle farming (-5.4%) drove the falls in the cost of materials used in the manufacturing industries. Major contributors to these price decreases were domestic and imported crude oil and sheep and lambs. Price increases for products from iron and steel manufacturing (+35.8%) and metal ore mining (+8.8%) provided offsets to the price decreases.

The decrease in prices received for articles produced by manufacturing industries was mainly due to falls in the prices of outputs from petroleum refining (-22.0%), non-ferrous metal rolling, drawing, extruding n.e.c. (-36.7%) and basic non-ferrous metal manufacturing (-17.6%). Major contributors to these price decreases were unleaded petrol, diesel, copper and alloy products and nickel. These decreases were partly offset by increases in the prices received for outputs from fertiliser manufacturing (+25.1%) and meat processing (+4.9%).

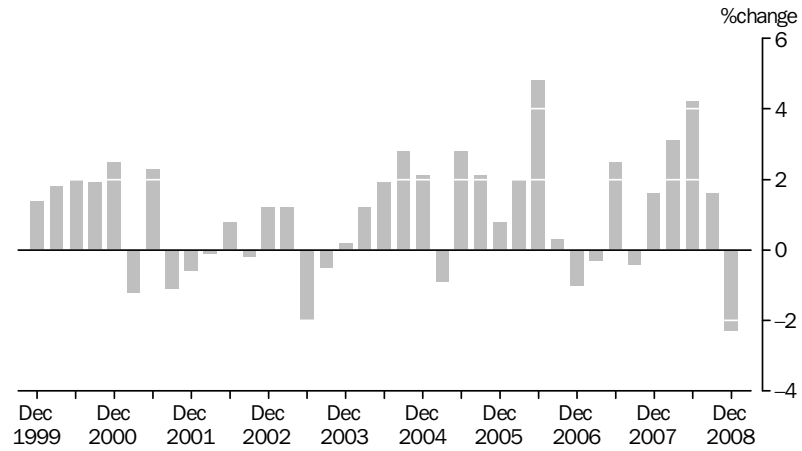
MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, All groups:  
Quarterly % change



**COMMENTARY** *continued*

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



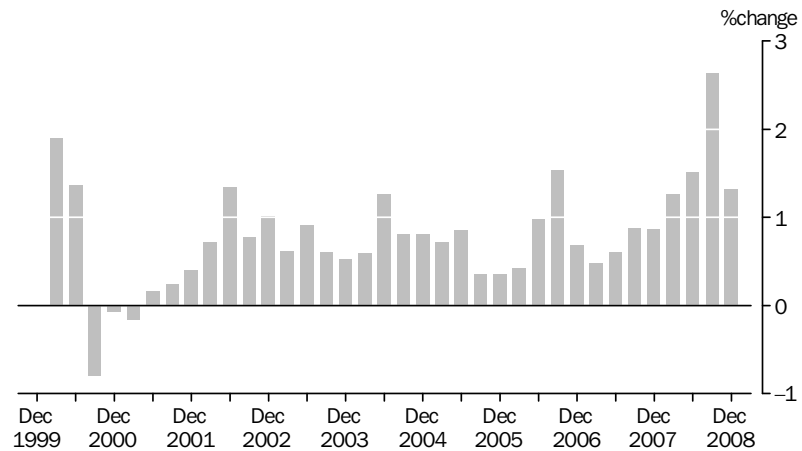
CONSTRUCTION  
INDUSTRIES PRODUCER  
PRICE INDEXES

The price index for materials used in house building increased by 1.3% in the December quarter 2008. This follows consecutive price increases of 2.6% in the September quarter 2008, 1.5% in the June quarter 2008 and 1.3% in the March quarter 2008. The most significant increases were price rises for steel products (+10.1%), other metal products (+1.6%) and other materials (+1.5%).

Sydney (+1.9%) contributed the most to the overall weighted average of six capital cities quarterly movement, followed by Melbourne (+0.9%) and Brisbane (+1.5%). The largest percentage increase was for Adelaide (+2.3%). Increases were recorded for all the state capitals.

Through the year to December quarter 2008, the materials used in house building price index rose by 6.9%. This rise was mainly attributed to increases in prices paid for steel products (+50.3%), other metal products (+6.9%) and timber, board and joinery (+4.7%).

MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING, All groups: Quarterly % change



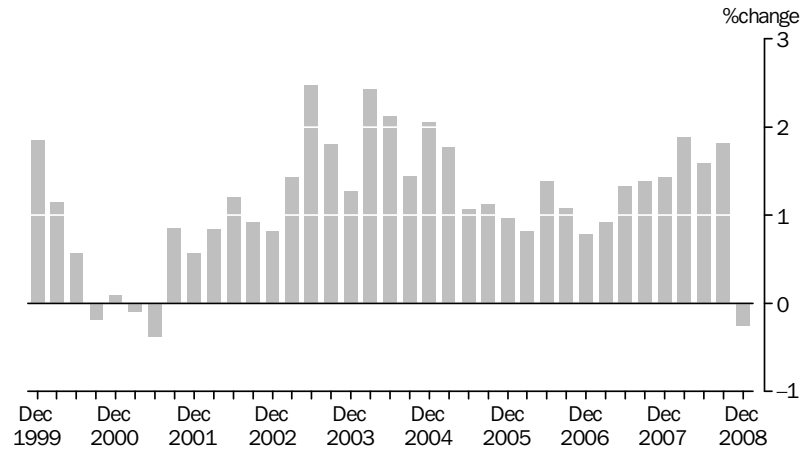
The price index for the output of the general construction industry decreased by 0.3% in the December quarter 2008 and increased by 5.1% through the year. The quarterly decrease was mainly influenced by a price fall in Victoria (-2.7%), which was partially offset by small increases in all the other states.

## COMMENTARY *continued*

### CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES *continued*

Non-residential building construction (-1.2%) contributed the most to the overall decrease in the December quarter 2008 general construction movement, followed by residential building construction n.e.c. (-0.4%). These decreases were partially offset by increases in house construction (+0.3%) and road and bridge construction (+1.2%).

#### OUTPUT OF THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, All groups: Quarterly % change

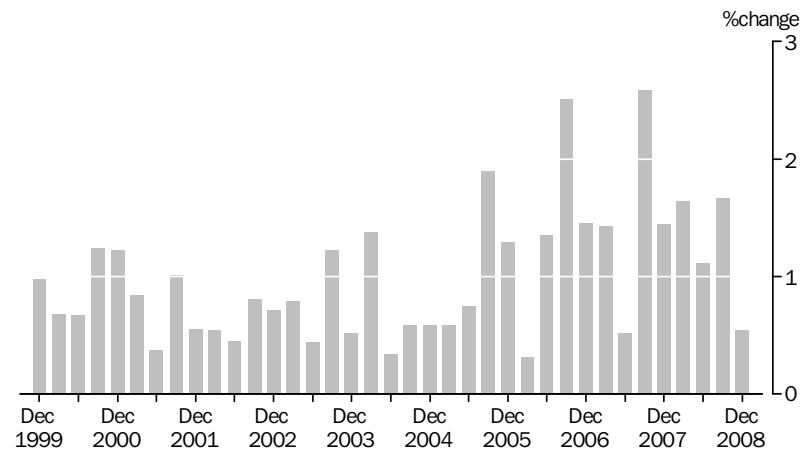


### SERVICE INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

The property and business services industries price index increased by 0.5% in the December quarter 2008, and by 5.0% through the year to December quarter 2008.

The property services index increased by 0.4% in the December quarter 2008, and by 6.5% through the year to December quarter 2008. The main contributor to the increase was commercial property operators and developers (+0.7%). The business services index increased by 0.6% in the December quarter 2008 quarter and by 4.0% through the year to December quarter 2008. The main contributor to the increase was accounting services (+3.1%).

#### PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES INDUSTRIES, All groups: Quarterly % change

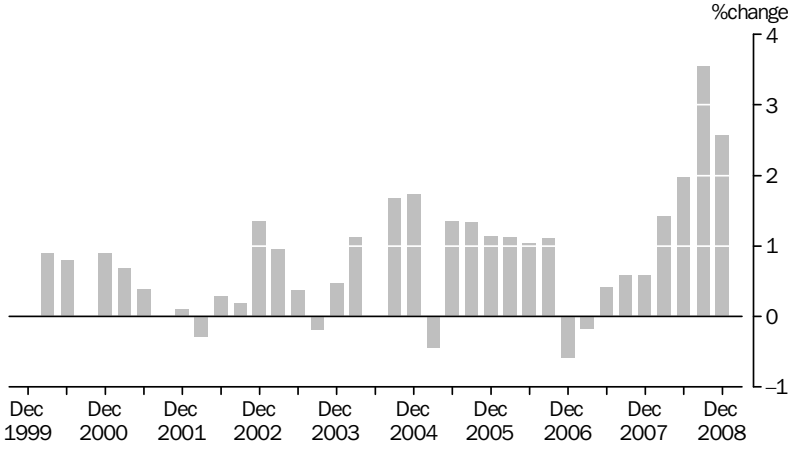


The transport (freight) and storage industries index increased by 2.6% in the December quarter 2008, and by 9.8% through the year to December quarter 2008. The main contributors to the increase were international sea transport (+20.5%), road freight transport (+1.3%), rail transport (+4.3%) and grain storage (+10.6%).

**COMMENTARY** *continued*

SERVICE INDUSTRIES  
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## STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): Index numbers

<i>Period</i>	PRELIMINARY			INTERMEDIATE			FINAL(b)		
	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Domestic</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	121.1	115.4	120.2	119.8	104.4	117.5	124.1	84.6	116.1
<b>2005-06</b>	129.5	129.5	129.4	126.7	112.6	124.7	129.5	84.5	120.4
<b>2006-07</b>	137.0	132.4	136.2	133.9	114.5	131.0	134.8	82.5	124.2
<b>2007-08</b>	144.5	141.9	144.0	141.3	117.4	137.8	141.6	78.8	128.7
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	129.9	129.8	129.7	127.1	113.1	125.0	129.7	84.5	120.5
June	133.4	136.1	133.7	130.4	117.4	128.5	132.0	85.1	122.4
September	135.7	139.0	136.0	132.2	118.7	130.2	133.7	84.2	123.6
December	136.2	130.5	135.3	133.2	113.7	130.3	134.4	83.0	123.9
<b>2007</b>									
March	136.9	127.5	135.5	134.1	111.6	130.7	134.6	82.1	123.9
June	139.1	132.7	138.1	136.2	113.8	132.9	136.6	80.8	125.2
September	140.6	133.6	139.5	138.1	113.5	134.4	138.7	79.6	126.6
December	142.6	136.6	141.6	139.6	114.2	135.9	140.0	78.5	127.4
<b>2008</b>									
March	145.4	143.3	144.9	142.1	118.4	138.6	142.8	79.0	129.8
June	149.4	154.2	149.9	145.5	123.5	142.3	144.8	78.2	131.1
September	156.6	168.9	158.1	150.0	132.6	147.5	147.6	79.6	133.7
December	156.6	171.7	158.5	150.0	141.6	148.8	146.8	91.4	135.5

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

(b) Excluding exports.

## STAGE OF PRODUCTION: Percentage change

Period	PRELIMINARY			INTERMEDIATE			FINAL(a)		
	Domestic	Imports	Total	Domestic	Imports	Total	Domestic	Imports	Total
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
<b>2004-05</b>	5.0	9.3	5.6	4.3	4.5	4.3	4.7	-2.4	3.7
<b>2005-06</b>	6.9	12.2	7.7	5.8	7.9	6.1	4.4	-0.1	3.7
<b>2006-07</b>	5.8	2.2	5.3	5.7	1.7	5.1	4.1	-2.4	3.2
<b>2007-08</b>	5.5	7.2	5.7	5.5	2.5	5.2	5.0	-4.5	3.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	1.5	2.2	1.6	1.4	2.3	1.5	0.7	0.2	0.7
June	2.7	4.9	3.1	2.6	3.8	2.8	1.8	0.7	1.6
September	1.7	2.1	1.7	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.3	-1.1	1.0
December	0.4	-6.1	-0.5	0.8	-4.2	0.1	0.5	-1.4	0.2
<b>2007</b>									
March	0.5	-2.3	0.1	0.7	-1.8	0.3	0.1	-1.1	0.0
June	1.6	4.1	1.9	1.6	2.0	1.7	1.5	-1.6	1.0
September	1.1	0.7	1.0	1.4	-0.3	1.1	1.5	-1.5	1.1
December	1.4	2.2	1.5	1.1	0.6	1.1	0.9	-1.4	0.6
<b>2008</b>									
March	2.0	4.9	2.3	1.8	3.7	2.0	2.0	0.6	1.9
June	2.8	7.6	3.5	2.4	4.3	2.7	1.4	-1.0	1.0
September	4.8	9.5	5.5	3.1	7.4	3.7	1.9	1.8	2.0
December	0.0	1.7	0.3	0.0	6.8	0.9	-0.5	14.8	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	7.5	15.8	8.5	6.3	10.9	6.8	4.1	1.4	3.7
June	8.7	13.8	9.4	7.5	10.8	8.0	4.9	2.3	4.5
September	7.2	11.0	7.7	6.5	8.5	6.7	4.8	0.0	4.0
December	6.4	2.8	6.0	6.3	2.8	5.8	4.3	-1.5	3.5
<b>2007</b>									
March	5.4	-1.8	4.5	5.5	-1.3	4.6	3.8	-2.8	2.8
June	4.3	-2.5	3.3	4.4	-3.1	3.4	3.5	-5.1	2.3
September	3.6	-3.9	2.6	4.5	-4.4	3.2	3.7	-5.5	2.4
December	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.8	0.4	4.3	4.2	-5.4	2.8
<b>2008</b>									
March	6.2	12.4	6.9	6.0	6.1	6.0	6.1	-3.8	4.8
June	7.4	16.2	8.5	6.8	8.5	7.1	6.0	-3.2	4.7
September	11.4	26.4	13.3	8.6	16.8	9.7	6.4	0.0	5.6
December	9.8	25.7	11.9	7.4	24.0	9.5	4.9	16.4	6.4

(a) Excluding exports.

## STAGE OF PRODUCTION(a): Final commodities index numbers

Period	DOMESTIC(b)			IMPORTS			TOTAL(b)		
	Consumer	Capital	Total	Consumer	Capital	Total	Consumer	Capital	Total
<b>2004-05</b>	118.1	129.1	124.1	90.4	78.5	84.6	112.0	119.6	116.1
<b>2005-06</b>	123.3	134.7	129.5	92.5	76.1	84.5	116.4	123.7	120.4
<b>2006-07</b>	128.1	140.4	134.8	91.2	73.5	82.5	119.8	127.8	124.2
<b>2007-08</b>	134.5	147.5	141.6	88.0	69.3	78.8	124.0	132.8	128.7
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	123.3	135.0	129.7	92.8	75.9	84.5	116.5	123.9	120.5
June	126.2	136.7	132.0	93.9	75.9	85.1	119.0	125.3	122.4
September	128.2	138.3	133.7	93.2	74.8	84.2	120.3	126.4	123.6
December	127.8	139.8	134.4	91.5	74.1	83.0	119.7	127.4	123.9
<b>2007</b>									
March	126.8	140.9	134.6	90.7	73.1	82.1	118.7	128.2	123.9
June	129.5	142.4	136.6	89.2	72.1	80.8	120.5	129.2	125.2
September	131.7	144.4	138.7	88.0	70.9	79.6	121.9	130.6	126.6
December	132.8	146.0	140.0	87.2	69.4	78.5	122.5	131.6	127.4
<b>2008</b>									
March	135.9	148.6	142.8	88.5	69.0	79.0	125.2	133.6	129.8
June	137.4	150.9	144.8	88.1	67.8	78.2	126.3	135.3	131.1
September	140.5	153.6	147.6	90.1	68.7	79.6	129.1	137.6	133.7
December	138.7	153.5	146.8	102.0	80.3	91.4	130.5	139.7	135.5

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

(b) Excluding exports.

## STAGE OF PRODUCTION: Final commodities percentage change

Period	DOMESTIC(a)			IMPORTS			TOTAL(a)		
	Consumer	Capital	Total	Consumer	Capital	Total	Consumer	Capital	Total
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR									
<b>2004-05</b>	3.2	5.8	4.7	-1.0	-3.9	-2.4	2.5	4.5	3.7
<b>2005-06</b>	4.4	4.3	4.4	2.3	-3.1	-0.1	3.9	3.4	3.7
<b>2006-07</b>	3.9	4.2	4.1	-1.4	-3.4	-2.4	2.9	3.3	3.2
<b>2007-08</b>	5.0	5.1	5.0	-3.5	-5.7	-4.5	3.5	3.9	3.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER									
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.2	-0.8	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.7
June	2.4	1.3	1.8	1.2	0.0	0.7	2.1	1.1	1.6
September	1.6	1.2	1.3	-0.7	-1.4	-1.1	1.1	0.9	1.0
December	-0.3	1.1	0.5	-1.8	-0.9	-1.4	-0.5	0.8	0.2
<b>2007</b>									
March	-0.8	0.8	0.1	-0.9	-1.3	-1.1	-0.8	0.6	0.0
June	2.1	1.1	1.5	-1.7	-1.4	-1.6	1.5	0.8	1.0
September	1.7	1.4	1.5	-1.3	-1.7	-1.5	1.2	1.1	1.1
December	0.8	1.1	0.9	-0.9	-2.1	-1.4	0.5	0.8	0.6
<b>2008</b>									
March	2.3	1.8	2.0	1.5	-0.6	0.6	2.2	1.5	1.9
June	1.1	1.5	1.4	-0.5	-1.7	-1.0	0.9	1.3	1.0
September	2.3	1.8	1.9	2.3	1.3	1.8	2.2	1.7	2.0
December	-1.3	-0.1	-0.5	13.2	16.9	14.8	1.1	1.5	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR									
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	4.7	3.7	4.1	4.5	-1.9	1.4	4.7	3.0	3.7
June	6.1	4.1	4.9	4.4	-0.3	2.3	5.8	3.6	4.5
September	5.7	4.1	4.8	1.6	-1.8	0.0	4.9	3.4	4.0
December	4.4	4.3	4.3	-0.2	-3.1	-1.5	3.6	3.4	3.5
<b>2007</b>									
March	2.8	4.4	3.8	-2.3	-3.7	-2.8	1.9	3.5	2.8
June	2.6	4.2	3.5	-5.0	-5.0	-5.1	1.3	3.1	2.3
September	2.7	4.4	3.7	-5.6	-5.2	-5.5	1.3	3.3	2.4
December	3.9	4.4	4.2	-4.7	-6.3	-5.4	2.3	3.3	2.8
<b>2008</b>									
March	7.2	5.5	6.1	-2.4	-5.6	-3.8	5.5	4.2	4.8
June	6.1	6.0	6.0	-1.2	-6.0	-3.2	4.8	4.7	4.7
September	6.7	6.4	6.4	2.4	-3.1	0.0	5.9	5.4	5.6
December	4.4	5.1	4.9	17.0	15.7	16.4	6.5	6.2	6.4

(a) Excluding exports.

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

ANZSIC		DOMESTIC			IMPORTS			TOTAL		
		Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change
		2008	2008		2008	2008		2008		
012-013	Grain, sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming	0.21	0.21	0.00	..	..	..	0.17	0.17	0.00
011, 014-016	Other agriculture	2.33	2.44	0.11	..	..	..	1.85	1.94	0.09
04	Commercial fishing	1.01	1.07	0.06	..	..	..	0.80	0.85	0.05
211	Meat and meat product mfg	3.41	3.51	0.10	..	..	..	2.70	2.78	0.08
212	Dairy product mfg	3.88	3.92	0.04	1.45	1.82	0.37	3.38	3.49	0.11
213	Fruit and vegetable processing	2.07	2.08	0.01	1.66	1.99	0.33	1.99	2.07	0.08
214	Oil and fat mfg	..	..	..	0.61	0.76	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.03
215	Flour mill and cereal food mfg	1.14	1.13	-0.01	..	..	..	0.91	0.90	-0.01
216	Bakery product mfg	2.65	2.64	-0.01	..	..	..	2.10	2.10	0.00
217	Other food mfg	4.05	4.05	0.00	3.32	3.90	0.58	3.90	4.02	0.12
218	Beverage and malt mfg	4.59	4.77	0.18	2.04	1.94	-0.10	4.06	4.19	0.13
219	Tobacco product mfg	1.14	1.14	0.00	2.03	2.02	-0.01	1.32	1.32	0.00
221	Textile fibre, yarn and woven fabric mfg	0.32	0.32	0.00	0.55	0.70	0.15	0.37	0.40	0.03
222	Textile product mfg	0.56	0.61	0.05	0.64	0.77	0.13	0.58	0.65	0.07
223	Knitting mills	0.33	0.32	-0.01	0.51	0.67	0.16	0.36	0.40	0.04
224	Clothing mfg	1.98	1.98	0.00	3.21	4.21	1.00	2.24	2.45	0.21
225	Footwear mfg	0.31	0.31	0.00	1.04	1.38	0.34	0.46	0.53	0.07
226	Leather and leather product mfg	..	..	..	0.80	0.95	0.15	0.17	0.20	0.03
232-233	Other wood, paper and paper product mfg	0.80	0.81	0.01	..	..	..	0.63	0.64	0.01
241	Printing and services to printing	0.39	0.39	0.00	0.08	0.09	0.01	0.33	0.33	0.00
242	Publishing	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.80	0.97	0.17	1.36	1.39	0.03
243	Recorded media mfg and publishing	0.16	0.16	0.00	0.76	1.00	0.24	0.29	0.34	0.05
251	Petroleum refining	5.22	3.74	-1.48	2.79	1.84	-0.95	4.72	3.35	-1.37
253	Basic chemical mfg	..	..	..	0.96	1.23	0.27	0.20	0.26	0.06
254	Other chemical product mfg	2.23	2.20	-0.03	4.39	4.69	0.30	2.68	2.72	0.04
255	Rubber product mfg	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.65	0.67	0.02	0.23	0.24	0.01
256	Plastic product mfg	1.01	1.01	0.00	0.80	0.94	0.14	0.97	1.00	0.03
271	Iron and steel mfg	..	..	..	0.13	0.16	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	..	..	..	0.21	0.21	0.00	0.04	0.04	0.00
275	Sheet metal product mfg	0.32	0.34	0.02	..	..	..	0.25	0.27	0.02
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	0.22	0.23	0.01	1.02	1.18	0.16	0.39	0.43	0.04
281	Motor vehicle and part mfg	5.63	5.55	-0.08	16.98	17.82	0.84	8.00	8.12	0.12
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.57	0.58	0.01	3.91	4.95	1.04	1.27	1.49	0.22
283	Photographic and scientific equipment mfg	0.20	0.22	0.02	2.94	3.78	0.84	0.77	0.96	0.19
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.42	0.47	0.05	5.52	6.83	1.31	1.48	1.80	0.32
285	Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1.64	1.66	0.02	3.43	4.01	0.58	2.02	2.15	0.13
286	Industrial machinery and equipment mfg	1.93	1.98	0.05	11.77	14.05	2.28	3.99	4.50	0.51
29	Other mfg	3.43	3.47	0.04	4.58	5.86	1.28	3.68	3.97	0.29
36-37	Electricity, gas and water supply	8.88	8.89	0.01	..	..	..	7.04	7.05	0.01
411	Building construction	60.55	60.28	-0.27	..	..	..	48.03	47.82	-0.21
412	Non-building construction	6.01	6.08	0.07	..	..	..	4.77	4.82	0.05
571	Accommodation	1.66	1.69	0.03	..	..	..	1.32	1.34	0.02
611	Road freight transport	1.94	1.97	0.03	..	..	..	1.54	1.56	0.02
620	Rail transport	0.48	0.50	0.02	..	..	..	0.38	0.40	0.02
630-640	Water, air and space transport	0.36	0.39	0.03	..	..	..	0.29	0.31	0.02
66	Services to transport	1.93	1.98	0.05	..	..	..	1.53	1.57	0.04
772	Real estate agents	3.96	3.97	0.01	..	..	..	3.14	3.15	0.01
782	Technical services	1.35	1.35	0.00	..	..	..	1.07	1.07	0.00
783	Computer services	4.00	4.00	0.00	..	..	..	3.17	3.18	0.01
784	Legal and accounting services	0.77	0.77	0.00	..	..	..	0.61	0.61	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>146.8</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>

.. not applicable

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

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

ANZSIC		CONSUMER			CAPITAL			TOTAL		
		Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change
		2008	2008		2008	2008		2008		
012-013	Grain, sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming	0.49	0.48	-0.01	..	..	..	0.21	0.21	0.00
011, 014-016	Other agriculture	5.33	5.59	0.26	..	..	..	2.33	2.44	0.11
04	Commercial fishing	2.31	2.46	0.15	..	..	..	1.01	1.07	0.06
211	Meat and meat product mfg	7.79	8.02	0.23	..	..	..	3.41	3.51	0.10
212	Dairy product mfg	8.86	8.97	0.11	..	..	..	3.88	3.92	0.04
213	Fruit and vegetable processing	4.73	4.76	0.03	..	..	..	2.07	2.08	0.01
215	Flour mill and cereal food mfg	2.62	2.58	-0.04	..	..	..	1.14	1.13	-0.01
216	Bakery product mfg	6.05	6.05	0.00	..	..	..	2.65	2.64	-0.01
217	Other food mfg	9.25	9.25	0.00	..	..	..	4.05	4.05	0.00
218	Beverage and malt mfg	10.49	10.91	0.42	..	..	..	4.59	4.77	0.18
219	Tobacco product mfg	2.60	2.60	0.00	..	..	..	1.14	1.14	0.00
221	Textile fibre, yarn and woven fabric mfg	0.72	0.74	0.02	..	..	..	0.32	0.32	0.00
222	Textile product mfg	1.29	1.41	0.12	..	..	..	0.56	0.61	0.05
223	Knitting mills	0.75	0.74	-0.01	..	..	..	0.33	0.32	-0.01
224	Clothing mfg	4.53	4.54	0.01	..	..	..	1.98	1.98	0.00
225	Footwear mfg	0.70	0.71	0.01	..	..	..	0.31	0.31	0.00
232-233	Other wood, paper and paper product mfg	1.82	1.85	0.03	..	..	..	0.80	0.81	0.01
241	Printing and services to printing	0.89	0.89	0.00	..	..	..	0.39	0.39	0.00
242	Publishing	3.43	3.43	0.00	..	..	..	1.50	1.50	0.00
243	Recorded media mfg and publishing	0.37	0.37	0.00	..	..	..	0.16	0.16	0.00
251	Petroleum refining	11.94	8.55	-3.39	..	..	..	5.22	3.74	-1.48
254	Other chemical product mfg	5.10	5.03	-0.07	..	..	..	2.23	2.20	-0.03
255	Rubber product mfg	0.28	0.28	0.00	..	..	..	0.12	0.12	0.00
256	Plastic product mfg	2.30	2.31	0.01	..	..	..	1.01	1.01	0.00
275	Sheet metal product mfg	..	..	..	0.56	0.60	0.04	0.32	0.34	0.02
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	..	..	..	0.39	0.41	0.02	0.22	0.23	0.01
281	Motor vehicle and part mfg	5.58	5.48	-0.10	5.68	5.62	-0.06	5.63	5.55	-0.08
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.42	0.42	0.00	0.70	0.71	0.01	0.57	0.58	0.01
283	Photographic and scientific equipment mfg	..	..	..	0.35	0.39	0.04	0.20	0.22	0.02
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.17	0.19	0.02	0.61	0.70	0.09	0.42	0.47	0.05
285	Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2.43	2.44	0.01	1.04	1.06	0.02	1.64	1.66	0.02
286	Industrial machinery and equipment mfg	..	..	..	3.45	3.52	0.07	1.93	1.98	0.05
29	Other mfg	2.40	2.41	0.01	4.24	4.30	0.06	3.43	3.47	0.04
36-37	Electricity, gas and water supply	20.30	20.33	0.03	..	..	..	8.88	8.89	0.01
411	Building construction	..	..	..	107.87	107.40	-0.47	60.55	60.28	-0.27
412	Non-building construction	..	..	..	10.71	10.83	0.12	6.01	6.08	0.07
571	Accommodation	3.79	3.86	0.07	..	..	..	1.66	1.69	0.03
611	Road freight transport	4.45	4.50	0.05	..	..	..	1.94	1.97	0.03
620	Rail transport	1.09	1.14	0.05	..	..	..	0.48	0.50	0.02
630-640	Water, air and space transport	0.83	0.89	0.06	..	..	..	0.36	0.39	0.03
66	Services to transport	4.40	4.52	0.12	..	..	..	1.93	1.98	0.05
772	Real estate agents	..	..	..	7.06	7.07	0.01	3.96	3.97	0.01
782	Technical services	..	..	..	2.40	2.41	0.01	1.35	1.35	0.00
783	Computer services	..	..	..	7.12	7.13	0.01	4.00	4.00	0.00
784	Legal and accounting services	..	..	..	1.37	1.37	0.00	0.77	0.77	0.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>140.5</b>	<b>138.7</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>153.6</b>	<b>153.5</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>147.6</b>	<b>146.8</b>	<b>-0.8</b>

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

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

ANZSIC	CONSUMER			CAPITAL			TOTAL		
	Sep Qtr 2008	Dec Qtr 2008	Change	Sep Qtr 2008	Dec Qtr 2008	Change	Sep Qtr 2008	Dec Qtr 2008	Change
212 Dairy product mfg	2.89	3.61	0.72	..	..	..	1.45	1.82	0.37
213 Fruit and vegetable processing	3.30	3.95	0.65	..	..	..	1.66	1.99	0.33
214 Oil and fat mfg	1.21	1.52	0.31	..	..	..	0.61	0.76	0.15
217 Other food mfg	6.58	7.74	1.16	..	..	..	3.32	3.90	0.58
218 Beverage and malt mfg	4.04	3.84	-0.20	..	..	..	2.04	1.94	-0.10
219 Tobacco product mfg	4.04	4.01	-0.03	..	..	..	2.03	2.02	-0.01
221 Textile fibre, yarn and woven fabric mfg	1.10	1.39	0.29	..	..	..	0.55	0.70	0.15
222 Textile product mfg	1.27	1.52	0.25	..	..	..	0.64	0.77	0.13
223 Knitting mills	1.01	1.33	0.32	..	..	..	0.51	0.67	0.16
224 Clothing mfg	6.37	8.35	1.98	..	..	..	3.21	4.21	1.00
225 Footwear mfg	2.07	2.74	0.67	..	..	..	1.04	1.38	0.34
226 Leather and leather product mfg	1.59	1.88	0.29	..	..	..	0.80	0.95	0.15
241 Printing and services to printing	0.15	0.18	0.03	..	..	..	0.08	0.09	0.01
242 Publishing	1.60	1.92	0.32	..	..	..	0.80	0.97	0.17
243 Recorded media mfg and publishing	1.51	1.98	0.47	..	..	..	0.76	1.00	0.24
251 Petroleum refining	5.55	3.66	-1.89	..	..	..	2.79	1.84	-0.95
253 Basic chemical mfg	1.91	2.44	0.53	..	..	..	0.96	1.23	0.27
254 Other chemical product mfg	8.71	9.30	0.59	..	..	..	4.39	4.69	0.30
255 Rubber product mfg	1.30	1.33	0.03	..	..	..	0.65	0.67	0.02
256 Plastic product mfg	1.59	1.86	0.27	..	..	..	0.80	0.94	0.14
271 Iron and steel mfg	0.26	0.32	0.06	..	..	..	0.13	0.16	0.03
273 Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	0.42	0.42	0.00	..	..	..	0.21	0.21	0.00
276 Fabricated metal product mfg	2.03	2.34	0.31	..	..	..	1.02	1.18	0.16
281 Motor vehicle and part mfg	12.37	12.79	0.42	21.58	22.85	1.27	16.98	17.82	0.84
282 Other transport equipment mfg	2.23	2.69	0.46	5.60	7.21	1.61	3.91	4.95	1.04
283 Photographic and scientific equipment mfg	1.88	2.50	0.62	4.00	5.06	1.06	2.94	3.78	0.84
284 Electronic equipment mfg	2.29	2.68	0.39	8.76	11.01	2.25	5.52	6.83	1.31
285 Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	3.73	4.37	0.64	3.12	3.62	0.50	3.43	4.01	0.58
286 Industrial machinery and equipment mfg	..	..	..	23.62	28.21	4.59	11.77	14.05	2.28
29 Other mfg	7.15	9.35	2.20	1.98	2.31	0.33	4.58	5.86	1.28
<b>Total</b>	<b>90.1</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>68.7</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>79.6</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>11.8</b>

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## STAGE OF PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES(a), Intermediate commodities index points change

ANZSIC		DOMESTIC			IMPORTS			TOTAL		
		Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change
		2008	2008		2008	2008		2008		
012-013	Grain, sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming	9.16	8.63	-0.53	..	..	..	7.83	7.37	-0.46
011, 014-016	Other agriculture	3.70	3.94	0.24	..	..	..	3.16	3.37	0.21
02	Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	0.17	0.18	0.01	..	..	..	0.14	0.15	0.01
04	Commercial fishing	0.29	0.34	0.05	..	..	..	0.24	0.29	0.05
110	Coal mining	2.60	3.39	0.79	..	..	..	2.22	2.90	0.68
120	Oil and gas extraction	3.47	2.55	-0.92	29.28	22.91	-6.37	7.22	5.51	-1.71
131	Metal ore mining	3.26	3.04	-0.22	2.08	2.52	0.44	3.09	2.96	-0.13
14	Other mining	1.24	1.28	0.04	1.04	2.11	1.07	1.21	1.40	0.19
211	Meat and meat product mfg	2.03	2.14	0.11	..	..	..	1.73	1.83	0.10
212	Dairy product mfg	1.35	1.41	0.06	1.12	1.40	0.28	1.32	1.41	0.09
213-214	Fruit and vegetable processing; oil and fat mfg	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.86	1.05	0.19	0.38	0.41	0.03
215	Flour mill and cereal food mfg	1.06	1.05	-0.01	..	..	..	0.90	0.90	0.00
216	Bakery product mfg	0.22	0.23	0.01	..	..	..	0.19	0.19	0.00
217	Other food mfg	1.23	1.29	0.06	0.68	0.77	0.09	1.15	1.21	0.06
218	Beverage and malt mfg	0.90	0.93	0.03	0.65	0.63	-0.02	0.86	0.89	0.03
22	Textile, clothing, footwear and leather mfg	1.57	1.64	0.07	6.92	8.57	1.65	2.35	2.65	0.30
231	Log sawmilling and timber dressing	1.02	1.03	0.01	1.91	2.24	0.33	1.15	1.21	0.06
232	Other wood product mfg	2.39	2.49	0.10	0.87	0.95	0.08	2.17	2.26	0.09
233	Paper and paper product mfg	1.41	1.42	0.01	2.90	3.19	0.29	1.63	1.68	0.05
241	Printing and services to printing	2.39	2.39	0.00	..	..	..	2.04	2.05	0.01
242	Publishing	3.24	3.25	0.01	..	..	..	2.76	2.77	0.01
251	Petroleum refining	5.94	4.59	-1.35	10.29	8.23	-2.06	6.57	5.12	-1.45
253	Basic chemical mfg	1.87	1.99	0.12	12.26	14.99	2.73	3.38	3.88	0.50
254	Other chemical product mfg	2.22	2.24	0.02	4.06	4.56	0.50	2.48	2.58	0.10
255	Rubber product mfg	0.58	0.58	0.00	2.82	2.84	0.02	0.91	0.91	0.00
256	Plastic product mfg	2.28	2.33	0.05	3.26	4.02	0.76	2.42	2.57	0.15
26	Non-metallic mineral product mfg	4.87	4.96	0.09	2.72	3.37	0.65	4.55	4.73	0.18
271	Iron and steel mfg	4.85	5.30	0.45	5.34	6.87	1.53	4.92	5.53	0.61
272	Basic non-ferrous metal mfg	2.76	2.27	-0.49	1.30	0.97	-0.33	2.55	2.08	-0.47
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	0.41	0.41	0.00	1.83	1.53	-0.30	0.62	0.57	-0.05
274	Structural metal product mfg	3.59	3.85	0.26	0.08	0.08	0.00	3.07	3.30	0.23
275	Sheet metal product mfg	1.38	1.42	0.04	0.15	0.20	0.05	1.20	1.25	0.05
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	1.43	1.57	0.14	4.20	4.89	0.69	1.83	2.05	0.22
281	Motor vehicle and part mfg	2.17	2.13	-0.04	8.78	10.05	1.27	3.13	3.28	0.15
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.70	0.70	0.00	1.46	1.95	0.49	0.81	0.88	0.07
283	Photographic and scientific equipment mfg	0.23	0.25	0.02	3.35	4.19	0.84	0.69	0.83	0.14
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.81	0.84	0.03	3.66	4.49	0.83	1.23	1.37	0.14
285	Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	2.22	2.13	-0.09	6.46	7.54	1.08	2.84	2.92	0.08
286	Industrial machinery and equipment mfg	1.61	1.64	0.03	10.18	11.92	1.74	2.86	3.13	0.27
29	Other mfg	..	..	..	2.05	2.59	0.54	0.30	0.38	0.08
36-37	Electricity, gas and water supply	5.96	6.13	0.17	..	..	..	5.09	5.23	0.14
571	Accommodation	0.63	0.64	0.01	..	..	..	0.54	0.54	0.00
611	Road freight transport	8.39	8.50	0.11	..	..	..	7.17	7.26	0.09
620	Rail transport	0.73	0.76	0.03	..	..	..	0.62	0.65	0.03
630	Water transport	0.66	0.71	0.05	..	..	..	0.56	0.61	0.05
640	Air and space transport	1.50	1.54	0.04	..	..	..	1.28	1.31	0.03
650	Other transport	0.29	0.29	0.00	..	..	..	0.25	0.25	0.00
66	Services to transport	1.87	1.92	0.05	..	..	..	1.59	1.64	0.05
670	Storage	1.18	1.23	0.05	..	..	..	1.01	1.05	0.04
771	Property operators and developers	13.91	14.00	0.09	..	..	..	11.89	11.96	0.07
772	Real estate agents	2.08	2.08	0.00	..	..	..	1.78	1.78	0.00
774	Machinery and equipment hiring and leasing	1.58	1.59	0.01	..	..	..	1.35	1.36	0.01
782	Technical services	2.96	2.96	0.00	..	..	..	2.53	2.53	0.00
783	Computer services	3.93	3.93	0.00	..	..	..	3.35	3.36	0.01
784	Legal and accounting services	6.66	6.76	0.10	..	..	..	5.69	5.77	0.08
785	Marketing and business management services	6.80	6.74	-0.06	..	..	..	5.81	5.76	-0.05
786	Other business services	8.02	8.14	0.12	..	..	..	6.85	6.95	0.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>150.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>132.6</b>	<b>141.6</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>148.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>

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

## STAGE OF PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES(a), Preliminary commodities index points change

ANZSIC		DOMESTIC			IMPORTS			TOTAL		
		Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change
		2008	2008		2008	2008		2008		
012-013	Grain, sheep, beef and dairy cattle farming	6.55	6.12	-0.43	..	..	..	5.64	5.27	-0.37
011, 014-016	Other agriculture	2.54	2.70	0.16	..	..	..	2.18	2.33	0.15
02	Services to agriculture; hunting and trapping	0.30	0.32	0.02	..	..	..	0.26	0.28	0.02
030	Forestry and logging	0.40	0.40	0.00	..	..	..	0.35	0.34	-0.01
110	Coal mining	5.00	6.52	1.52	..	..	..	4.31	5.61	1.30
120	Oil and gas extraction	6.66	4.89	-1.77	59.77	46.77	-13.00	13.98	10.66	-3.32
131	Metal ore mining	3.11	3.17	0.06	1.62	1.96	0.34	2.90	3.00	0.10
14	Other mining	1.75	1.80	0.05	1.50	3.04	1.54	1.71	1.97	0.26
211	Meat and meat product mfg	0.78	0.82	0.04	..	..	..	0.67	0.70	0.03
212	Dairy product mfg	0.52	0.54	0.02	0.49	0.62	0.13	0.52	0.55	0.03
213-214	Fruit and vegetable processing; oil and fat mfg	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.47	0.57	0.10	0.17	0.19	0.02
215	Flour mill and cereal food mfg	0.53	0.53	0.00	..	..	..	0.46	0.46	0.00
216	Bakery product mfg	0.08	0.08	0.00	..	..	..	0.07	0.07	0.00
217	Other food mfg	1.27	1.33	0.06	0.48	0.52	0.04	1.16	1.22	0.06
218	Beverage and malt mfg	0.48	0.50	0.02	0.41	0.40	-0.01	0.47	0.48	0.01
22	Textile, clothing, footwear and leather mfg	0.91	0.95	0.04	4.72	5.86	1.14	1.43	1.63	0.20
231	Log sawmilling and timber dressing	1.06	1.07	0.01	1.67	1.96	0.29	1.14	1.19	0.05
232	Other wood product mfg	0.94	0.98	0.04	0.26	0.28	0.02	0.85	0.88	0.03
233	Paper and paper product mfg	1.93	1.95	0.02	7.43	8.19	0.76	2.69	2.81	0.12
241	Printing and services to printing	1.93	1.93	0.00	..	..	..	1.66	1.66	0.00
242	Publishing	2.72	2.73	0.01	..	..	..	2.34	2.35	0.01
251	Petroleum refining	6.51	5.04	-1.47	11.37	8.77	-2.60	7.18	5.54	-1.64
253	Basic chemical mfg	3.92	4.16	0.24	25.69	31.43	5.74	6.92	7.92	1.00
254	Other chemical product mfg	2.39	2.42	0.03	4.99	5.67	0.68	2.75	2.87	0.12
255	Rubber product mfg	0.48	0.48	0.00	2.45	2.48	0.03	0.75	0.75	0.00
256	Plastic product mfg	2.03	2.07	0.04	3.09	3.81	0.72	2.18	2.31	0.13
26	Non-metallic mineral product mfg	2.21	2.26	0.05	..	..	..	1.91	1.94	0.03
271	Iron and steel mfg	7.56	8.27	0.71	8.24	10.61	2.37	7.64	8.58	0.94
272	Basic non-ferrous metal mfg	3.40	2.79	-0.61	1.67	1.23	-0.44	3.16	2.57	-0.59
273	Non-ferrous basic metal product mfg	0.50	0.50	0.00	2.28	1.91	-0.37	0.75	0.70	-0.05
274	Structural metal product mfg	2.47	2.65	0.18	..	..	..	2.13	2.28	0.15
275	Sheet metal product mfg	0.69	0.71	0.02	0.08	0.10	0.02	0.60	0.63	0.03
276	Fabricated metal product mfg	1.07	1.18	0.11	3.24	3.77	0.53	1.37	1.53	0.16
281	Motor vehicle and part mfg	1.49	1.46	-0.03	5.95	6.80	0.85	2.10	2.20	0.10
282	Other transport equipment mfg	0.65	0.65	0.00	1.44	1.92	0.48	0.76	0.83	0.07
283	Photographic and scientific equipment mfg	0.10	0.11	0.01	1.91	2.39	0.48	0.35	0.42	0.07
284	Electronic equipment mfg	0.65	0.67	0.02	3.15	3.85	0.70	1.00	1.11	0.11
285	Electrical equipment and appliance mfg	1.38	1.29	-0.09	4.54	5.23	0.69	1.81	1.83	0.02
286	Industrial machinery and equipment mfg	1.41	1.44	0.03	9.95	11.61	1.66	2.59	2.84	0.25
36-37	Electricity, gas and water supply	7.46	7.63	0.17	..	..	..	6.42	6.57	0.15
571	Accommodation	0.74	0.75	0.01	..	..	..	0.64	0.64	0.00
611	Road freight transport	10.26	10.39	0.13	..	..	..	8.83	8.94	0.11
620	Rail transport	1.00	1.04	0.04	..	..	..	0.86	0.90	0.04
630	Water transport	0.73	0.80	0.07	..	..	..	0.63	0.69	0.06
640	Air and space transport	1.67	1.71	0.04	..	..	..	1.43	1.47	0.04
650	Other transport	0.40	0.40	0.00	..	..	..	0.34	0.34	0.00
66	Services to transport	2.22	2.28	0.06	..	..	..	1.91	1.97	0.06
670	Storage	1.44	1.50	0.06	..	..	..	1.24	1.29	0.05
771	Property operators and developers	19.48	19.60	0.12	..	..	..	16.77	16.88	0.11
772	Real estate agents	2.91	2.92	0.01	..	..	..	2.51	2.51	0.00
774	Machinery and equipment hiring and leasing	2.21	2.22	0.01	..	..	..	1.91	1.91	0.00
782	Technical services	3.15	3.16	0.01	..	..	..	2.71	2.72	0.01
783	Computer services	4.18	4.18	0.00	..	..	..	3.60	3.60	0.00
784	Legal and accounting services	6.17	6.26	0.09	..	..	..	5.31	5.39	0.08
785	Marketing and business management services	6.34	6.28	-0.06	..	..	..	5.46	5.41	-0.05
786	Other business services	7.72	7.84	0.12	..	..	..	6.65	6.75	0.10
	<b>Total</b>	<b>156.6</b>	<b>156.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>168.9</b>	<b>171.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>158.1</b>	<b>158.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Index numbers</i>	<i>% change from previous quarter</i>	<i>% change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	139.3	6.8	..
<b>2005-06</b>	149.4	7.3	..
<b>2006-07</b>	156.4	4.7	..
<b>2007-08</b>	164.2	5.0	..
<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	149.3	2.0	7.9
June	156.4	4.8	9.9
September	156.8	0.3	7.9
December	155.3	-1.0	6.1
<b>2007</b>			
March	154.9	-0.3	3.8
June	158.7	2.5	1.5
September	158.1	-0.4	0.8
December	160.6	1.6	3.4
<b>2008</b>			
March	165.6	3.1	6.9
June	172.5	4.2	8.7
September	175.3	1.6	10.9
December	171.3	-2.3	6.7

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverage and tobacco (21)</i>	<i>Textiles and textile products (221-222)</i>	<i>Knitting mills, clothing, footwear and leather (223-226)</i>	<i>Log sawmilling and other wood products (231-232)</i>	<i>Paper and paper products (233)</i>	<i>Printing, publishing and recorded media (24)</i>	<i>Petroleum and coal products (251-252)</i>	<i>Chemicals (253-254)</i>	<i>Rubber and plastics (255-256)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	146.2	116.3	123.9	140.5	117.4	157.3	226.8	120.8	130.8
<b>2005-06</b>	150.3	116.2	124.9	143.8	118.5	159.1	297.4	123.4	136.4
<b>2006-07</b>	156.4	120.1	125.5	148.2	120.2	161.1	295.6	127.6	140.6
<b>2007-08</b>	165.8	124.2	128.0	157.4	121.2	162.3	370.3	131.6	146.6
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	150.9	116.4	125.1	143.6	118.6	159.2	290.3	123.3	137.6
June	153.0	116.8	124.5	144.3	119.1	159.7	337.8	124.6	137.8
September	153.2	117.3	125.4	144.8	119.0	160.6	326.4	127.4	137.5
December	156.2	118.4	125.2	146.1	118.4	160.6	283.0	128.0	140.0
<b>2007</b>									
March	157.6	120.4	125.9	148.4	121.5	162.3	273.1	127.2	141.9
June	158.5	124.2	125.5	153.4	122.0	160.7	299.7	127.7	143.1
September	158.7	123.8	126.9	153.0	120.9	161.7	307.9	128.0	144.6
December	162.3	124.9	127.3	155.7	121.3	161.5	348.4	128.9	147.1
<b>2008</b>									
March	168.6	125.6	128.1	159.6	121.2	162.6	384.4	132.5	148.0
June	173.7	122.6	129.5	161.2	121.4	163.2	440.4	136.8	146.5
September	179.2	122.8	131.9	163.4	122.2	165.2	435.1	143.9	147.4
December	184.3	126.2	132.3	168.8	123.4	165.4	338.8	153.5	151.7

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Non-metallic mineral products (26)</i>	<i>Basic metal products (271-273)</i>	<i>Fabricated metal products (274-276)</i>	<i>Transport equipment and parts (281-282)</i>	<i>Electronic equipment and other machinery (283-286)</i>	<i>Other manufacturing (29)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	131.2	129.4	133.6	126.1	115.9	131.6
<b>2005-06</b>	134.1	152.9	140.6	126.3	118.6	138.5
<b>2006-07</b>	136.7	189.8	145.3	129.2	122.7	143.4
<b>2007-08</b>	140.6	176.8	149.8	128.0	125.9	143.9
<b>2004</b>						
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
<b>2005</b>						
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
<b>2006</b>						
March	134.5	155.5	140.4	125.7	119.1	139.4
June	134.6	178.0	141.6	127.6	119.7	143.1
September	135.2	186.5	143.0	129.6	121.6	140.9
December	136.4	190.8	145.4	130.9	123.0	142.6
<b>2007</b>						
March	136.4	185.2	145.5	128.6	122.4	146.0
June	138.9	196.6	147.2	127.7	123.8	143.9
September	139.0	185.3	147.7	127.9	124.5	142.5
December	139.7	170.9	148.6	127.0	125.0	141.6
<b>2008</b>						
March	140.9	169.5	149.1	128.2	126.5	145.1
June	142.6	181.5	153.7	128.7	127.4	146.2
September	145.7	192.1	161.8	126.7	128.7	150.5
December	148.2	186.1	172.5	129.8	130.2	157.0

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

## MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES(a): Division index numbers

<i>Period</i>	<i>Manufacturing division</i>	<i>Imported materials</i>	<i>Domestic materials</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	137.1	120.8	149.7
<b>2005-06</b>	154.5	127.2	172.3
<b>2006-07</b>	162.2	132.0	183.2
<b>2007-08</b>	177.1	133.3	205.4
<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	154.5	128.0	170.3
June	163.5	131.2	186.5
September	164.8	132.5	185.8
December	159.8	131.8	177.2
<b>2007</b>			
March	160.0	131.5	181.5
June	164.3	132.0	188.2
September	166.5	130.1	188.8
December	172.5	130.2	201.8
<b>2008</b>			
March	179.0	133.9	207.7
June	190.2	138.9	223.4
September	201.7	150.4	231.6
December	196.4	164.9	209.9

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

## MATERIALS USED IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES: Division percentage change

Period                      Manufacturing division      Imported materials      Domestic materials

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>2004-05</b>	8.9	4.9	11.6
<b>2005-06</b>	12.7	5.3	15.1
<b>2006-07</b>	5.0	3.8	6.3
<b>2007-08</b>	9.2	1.0	12.1

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER

<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	2.7	1.6	3.0
June	5.8	2.5	9.5
September	0.8	1.0	-0.4
December	-3.0	-0.5	-4.6
<b>2007</b>			
March	0.1	-0.2	2.4
June	2.7	0.4	3.7
September	1.3	-1.4	0.3
December	3.6	0.1	6.9
<b>2008</b>			
March	3.8	2.8	2.9
June	6.3	3.7	7.6
September	6.0	8.3	3.7
December	-2.6	9.6	-9.4

PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER  
OF PREVIOUS YEAR

<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	15.0	6.8	17.9
June	18.1	7.3	23.9
September	10.1	7.1	11.3
December	6.3	4.6	7.1
<b>2007</b>			
March	3.6	2.7	6.6
June	0.5	0.6	0.9
September	1.0	-1.8	1.6
December	7.9	-1.2	13.9
<b>2008</b>			
March	11.9	1.8	14.4
June	15.8	5.2	18.7
September	21.1	15.6	22.7
December	13.9	26.7	4.0

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food, beverage and tobacco (21)</i>	<i>Textiles and textile products (221-222)</i>	<i>Knitting mills and clothing (223-224)</i>	<i>Footwear (225)</i>	<i>Leather and leather products (226)</i>	<i>Log sawmilling and other wood products (231-232)</i>	<i>Paper and paper products (233)</i>	<i>Printing, publishing and recorded media (24)</i>	<i>Petroleum and coal products (251-252)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	141.8	101.0	104.4	122.2	87.6	126.6	103.1	108.0	216.9
<b>2005-06</b>	143.8	100.1	104.3	121.4	86.2	133.5	105.8	108.6	296.1
<b>2006-07</b>	149.6	104.5	108.0	124.2	92.0	135.3	110.8	109.3	294.7
<b>2007-08</b>	165.5	104.8	104.8	122.0	89.6	146.1	113.3	108.4	352.7
<b>2004</b>									
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
<b>2005</b>									
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
<b>2006</b>									
March	142.0	100.5	105.2	121.8	87.1	135.7	106.5	107.7	291.4
June	145.9	102.1	105.4	121.4	87.7	135.7	107.6	109.3	324.8
September	145.2	103.2	106.6	123.8	91.9	133.5	111.4	109.6	328.6
December	148.5	103.7	107.6	124.0	92.1	134.3	111.2	109.7	278.4
<b>2007</b>									
March	152.1	104.4	109.0	125.0	92.7	134.2	110.4	109.8	274.9
June	152.4	106.5	108.9	123.8	91.1	139.1	110.1	108.1	297.0
September	160.5	104.6	105.6	121.7	91.4	144.1	111.8	108.1	295.4
December	161.5	104.7	105.3	121.8	88.5	145.6	112.3	108.4	330.1
<b>2008</b>									
March	167.1	105.8	103.2	121.8	89.4	145.7	113.7	107.9	362.2
June	173.0	104.2	105.2	122.7	88.9	148.8	115.5	109.2	422.9
September	173.6	105.3	104.1	124.8	88.3	153.8	122.0	107.5	459.6
December	171.4	112.1	116.5	128.2	91.3	167.0	131.6	109.0	370.0

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



<i>Period</i>	<i>Chemicals (253-254)</i>	<i>Rubber and plastics (255-256)</i>	<i>Non-metallic mineral products (26)</i>	<i>Basic metal products (271-273)</i>	<i>Fabricated metal products (274-276)</i>	<i>Transport equipment and parts (281-282)</i>	<i>Electronic equipment and other machinery (283-286)</i>	<i>Other manufacturing (29)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	121.3	134.4	135.9	116.0	127.4	126.2	117.1	132.5
<b>2005-06</b>	124.7	135.9	139.1	147.0	140.1	132.6	125.1	141.2
<b>2006-07</b>	136.7	147.7	142.8	175.3	156.8	138.5	138.2	149.1
<b>2007-08</b>	148.2	148.9	147.7	185.4	151.9	136.0	137.7	150.5
<b>2004</b>								
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
<b>2005</b>								
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
<b>2006</b>								
March	126.3	137.1	138.6	150.6	139.6	133.1	125.7	141.9
June	129.6	141.7	142.2	165.7	147.9	136.1	131.2	146.4
September	132.1	146.2	142.2	170.8	149.0	137.6	135.4	148.6
December	135.0	152.0	142.4	177.9	157.5	138.5	137.6	149.5
<b>2007</b>								
March	135.6	146.2	142.5	173.8	158.7	138.3	137.6	148.5
June	144.0	146.2	144.1	178.7	161.9	139.6	142.1	149.6
September	142.2	146.3	145.1	182.3	155.6	136.7	136.7	149.0
December	148.6	147.0	145.8	187.0	150.2	135.4	135.9	149.3
<b>2008</b>								
March	148.8	149.2	146.7	187.4	149.7	135.8	135.3	150.1
June	153.1	153.1	153.1	184.9	151.9	135.9	142.8	153.6
September	157.0	163.3	157.7	208.6	159.8	139.5	148.8	159.8
December	203.4	185.2	165.5	231.5	169.0	155.1	157.4	176.0

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Index number</i>	<i>% change from previous period</i>	<i>% change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	130.2	7.5	. .
<b>2005-06</b>	136.5	4.9	. .
<b>2006-07</b>	142.3	4.2	. .
<b>2007-08</b>	150.2	5.6	. .
<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	136.9	0.8	4.0
June	138.8	1.4	4.4
September	140.3	1.1	4.3
December	141.4	0.8	4.1
<b>2007</b>			
March	142.7	0.9	4.2
June	144.6	1.3	4.2
September	146.6	1.4	4.5
December	148.7	1.4	5.2
<b>2008</b>			
March	151.5	1.9	6.2
June	153.9	1.6	6.4
September	156.7	1.8	6.9
December	156.3	-0.3	5.1

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Building construction (411)</i>	<i>House construction (4111)</i>	<i>Residential building construction n.e.c. (4112)</i>	<i>Non-residential building construction (4113)</i>	<i>Non-building construction (412)</i>	<i>Road and bridge construction (4121)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	130.6	130.6	132.1	131.3	125.8	125.8
<b>2005-06</b>	136.8	136.1	138.7	138.2	133.2	133.2
<b>2006-07</b>	142.5	139.7	144.8	146.2	139.9	139.9
<b>2007-08</b>	150.4	146.8	152.3	155.4	147.5	147.5
<b>2004</b>						
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
<b>2005</b>						
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	134.5	136.5	135.9	130.2	130.2
December	136.1	135.7	137.9	137.1	132.3	132.3
<b>2006</b>						
March	137.2	136.2	139.2	138.8	133.9	133.9
June	139.1	137.8	141.0	141.0	136.5	136.5
September	140.4	138.0	143.3	143.4	138.6	138.6
December	141.6	138.8	144.0	145.2	139.5	139.5
<b>2007</b>						
March	142.9	140.2	144.9	146.7	140.2	140.2
June	144.9	141.7	147.1	149.3	141.3	141.3
September	146.9	143.4	149.0	151.6	143.7	143.7
December	149.0	145.6	150.6	153.5	146.2	146.2
<b>2008</b>						
March	151.7	148.2	153.4	156.6	148.6	148.6
June	154.1	149.8	156.3	159.8	151.6	151.6
September	156.7	151.9	158.9	163.3	156.4	156.4
December	156.1	152.3	158.2	161.3	158.2	158.2

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Weighted average of six capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	138.8	146.6	134.6	137.3	143.4	131.1	148.0
<b>2005-06</b>	142.0	149.5	137.0	140.8	145.8	136.0	151.0
<b>2006-07</b>	147.0	153.3	141.7	145.3	149.9	144.0	156.2
<b>2007-08</b>	152.1	157.1	146.1	151.4	153.9	150.7	163.7
<b>2004</b>							
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
<b>2005</b>							
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
<b>2006</b>							
March	142.1	149.1	137.3	141.2	145.7	136.1	150.4
June	143.5	151.4	138.0	142.4	146.8	138.0	151.5
September	145.7	152.9	140.9	142.9	148.7	141.2	154.3
December	146.7	152.4	141.4	145.4	150.3	143.7	154.7
<b>2007</b>							
March	147.4	153.3	141.8	145.8	150.0	145.3	156.5
June	148.3	154.4	142.8	146.9	150.4	145.9	159.2
September	149.6	154.7	144.0	148.1	152.0	147.9	161.6
December	150.9	156.5	144.8	150.3	153.0	149.0	162.3
<b>2008</b>							
March	152.8	157.2	146.8	152.5	153.8	152.0	163.9
June	155.1	160.1	148.8	154.6	156.7	154.0	167.1
September	159.2	162.1	152.5	158.3	164.5	160.5	171.2
December	161.3	165.2	153.8	160.7	168.3	162.3	173.6

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

## MATERIALS USED IN HOUSE BUILDING: Percentage change

<i>Period</i>	<i>Weighted average of six capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR							
<b>2004-05</b>	3.4	3.0	2.7	3.9	3.6	4.2	6.2
<b>2005-06</b>	2.3	2.0	1.8	2.5	1.7	3.7	2.0
<b>2006-07</b>	3.5	2.5	3.4	3.1	2.8	5.9	3.5
<b>2007-08</b>	3.5	2.5	3.1	4.2	2.7	4.7	4.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER							
<b>2004</b>							
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
<b>2005</b>							
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	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.1	0.2	-1.3
<b>2006</b>							
March	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.8	0.3
June	1.0	1.5	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.7
September	1.5	1.0	2.1	0.4	1.3	2.3	1.8
December	0.7	-0.3	0.4	1.7	1.1	1.8	0.3
<b>2007</b>							
March	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	-0.2	1.1	1.2
June	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.4	1.7
September	0.9	0.2	0.8	0.8	1.1	1.4	1.5
December	0.9	1.2	0.6	1.5	0.7	0.7	0.4
<b>2008</b>							
March	1.3	0.4	1.4	1.5	0.5	2.0	1.0
June	1.5	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.9	1.3	2.0
September	2.6	1.2	2.5	2.4	5.0	4.2	2.5
December	1.3	1.9	0.9	1.5	2.3	1.1	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM CORRESPONDING QUARTER OF PREVIOUS YEAR							
<b>2004</b>							
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
<b>2005</b>							
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
<b>2006</b>							
March	2.0	1.4	1.6	2.8	1.3	3.3	1.2
June	2.1	2.0	1.8	2.5	1.5	3.0	0.7
September	3.3	2.8	3.5	2.5	2.4	4.8	1.6
December	3.7	2.4	3.4	3.6	3.4	6.4	3.1
<b>2007</b>							
March	3.7	2.8	3.3	3.3	3.0	6.8	4.1
June	3.3	2.0	3.5	3.2	2.5	5.7	5.1
September	2.7	1.2	2.2	3.6	2.2	4.7	4.7
December	2.9	2.7	2.4	3.4	1.8	3.7	4.9
<b>2008</b>							
March	3.7	2.5	3.5	4.6	2.5	4.6	4.7
June	4.6	3.7	4.2	5.2	4.2	5.6	5.0
September	6.4	4.8	5.9	6.9	8.2	8.5	5.9
December	6.9	5.6	6.2	6.9	10.0	8.9	7.0

## MATERIALS USED IN COAL MINING(a): Index numbers and percentage change

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
<b>2004-05</b>	144.8	9.2	..	139.1	7.1	..
<b>2005-06</b>	161.2	11.3	..	150.1	7.9	..
<b>2006-07</b>	167.1	3.7	..	158.8	5.8	..
<b>2007-08</b>	180.1	7.8	..	162.2	2.1	..
<b>2004</b>						
March	132.1	0.5	-1.7	129.5	-0.2	0.2
June	137.3	3.9	2.2	130.1	0.5	0.0
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
<b>2005</b>						
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
<b>2006</b>						
March	162.3	2.5	13.5	151.0	1.2	5.9
June	167.0	2.9	11.0	152.0	0.7	4.6
September	170.3	2.0	8.3	154.2	1.4	4.0
December	164.2	-3.6	3.7	159.0	3.1	6.6
<b>2007</b>						
March	165.4	0.7	1.9	160.3	0.8	6.2
June	168.3	1.8	0.8	161.5	0.7	6.3
September	169.1	0.5	-0.7	160.8	-0.4	4.3
December	175.6	3.8	6.9	160.9	0.1	1.2
<b>2008</b>						
March	179.9	2.4	8.8	162.9	1.2	1.6
June	195.6	8.7	16.2	164.3	0.9	1.7
September	197.8	1.1	17.0	167.9	2.2	4.4
December	182.8	-7.6	4.1	169.5	1.0	5.3

.. not applicable

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Index numbers</i>	<i>% change from previous period</i>	<i>% change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	111.2	3.8	..
<b>2005-06</b>	115.9	4.2	..
<b>2006-07</b>	118.6	2.3	..
<b>2007-08</b>	121.4	2.4	..
<b>2004</b>			
March	107.8	1.1	1.8
June	107.8	0.0	1.4
September	109.6	1.7	3.3
December	111.5	1.7	4.6
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	116.6	1.1	5.0
June	117.8	1.0	4.7
September	119.1	1.1	4.5
December	118.4	-0.6	2.7
<b>2007</b>			
March	118.2	-0.2	1.4
June	118.7	0.4	0.8
September	119.4	0.6	0.3
December	120.1	0.6	1.4
<b>2008</b>			
March	121.8	1.4	3.0
June	124.2	2.0	4.6
September	128.6	3.5	7.7
December	131.9	2.6	9.8

.. not applicable

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Road transport (61)</i>	<i>Rail transport (62)</i>	<i>Water transport (63)</i>	<i>Air and space transport (64)</i>	<i>Other transport (65)</i>	<i>Services to transport (66)</i>	<i>Storage (67)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	115.8	96.7	114.3	111.1	107.8	104.2	107.6
<b>2005-06</b>	123.0	98.0	111.2	119.5	107.5	106.6	113.6
<b>2006-07</b>	126.9	100.1	110.6	116.6	107.7	110.9	118.2
<b>2007-08</b>	131.8	102.0	108.5	112.2	112.0	114.3	122.8
<b>2004</b>							
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
<b>2005</b>							
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
<b>2006</b>							
March	124.2	96.9	111.5	120.5	106.7	107.3	114.8
June	125.9	99.6	111.1	118.1	106.8	109.2	115.3
September	127.9	101.7	110.9	119.0	106.8	108.8	117.0
December	126.0	98.8	112.4	116.3	106.9	112.8	118.2
<b>2007</b>							
March	126.3	99.0	111.0	115.9	108.5	110.9	118.7
June	127.5	100.7	108.0	115.2	108.6	111.1	119.0
September	128.9	98.1	107.6	114.2	111.0	113.7	119.9
December	129.9	100.2	108.6	110.9	111.6	113.8	123.4
<b>2008</b>							
March	132.8	101.1	108.2	111.8	112.5	114.4	123.6
June	135.6	108.7	109.4	111.8	112.7	115.3	124.2
September	142.2	109.6	115.8	112.4	124.0	115.8	125.6
December	144.0	114.3	126.1	115.3	124.2	118.1	131.1

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



<i>Period</i>	<i>Index numbers</i>	<i>% change from previous period</i>	<i>% change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	120.3	2.6	..
<b>2005-06</b>	125.6	4.4	..
<b>2006-07</b>	133.3	6.1	..
<b>2007-08</b>	141.8	6.4	..
<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	125.8	0.3	4.3
June	127.5	1.4	4.9
September	130.7	2.5	5.6
December	132.6	1.5	5.7
<b>2007</b>			
March	134.5	1.4	6.9
June	135.2	0.5	6.0
September	138.7	2.6	6.1
December	140.7	1.4	6.1
<b>2008</b>			
March	143.0	1.6	6.3
June	144.6	1.1	7.0
September	147.0	1.7	6.0
December	147.8	0.5	5.0

.. not applicable

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Property services (77)</i>	<i>Property operators and developers (771)</i>	<i>Real estate agents (772)</i>	<i>Machinery equipment hiring and leasing (774)</i>	<i>Business services (78)</i>	<i>Scientific research (781)</i>	<i>Technical services (782)</i>	<i>Computer services (783)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	121.0	115.6	175.7	106.9	119.9	117.4	124.2	115.1
<b>2005-06</b>	127.6	122.3	186.8	109.2	124.4	124.1	134.0	117.2
<b>2006-07</b>	138.7	131.8	213.0	112.7	130.0	129.5	144.8	119.9
<b>2007-08</b>	153.9	146.2	245.0	115.6	134.2	131.6	159.4	120.0
<b>2004</b>								
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
<b>2005</b>								
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
<b>2006</b>								
March	128.1	122.8	187.3	109.4	124.4	124.0	135.0	117.5
June	131.0	125.5	194.0	109.5	125.3	124.5	135.3	117.6
September	134.4	127.8	205.0	110.4	128.4	129.7	141.7	118.8
December	137.4	130.7	211.0	111.5	129.7	129.6	143.0	121.0
<b>2007</b>								
March	140.3	133.3	215.4	114.5	131.0	130.0	146.5	120.6
June	142.5	135.4	220.5	114.2	130.7	128.8	147.9	119.3
September	147.5	140.0	231.1	115.8	133.1	130.8	158.0	119.3
December	151.9	144.3	240.3	115.7	133.8	130.1	158.9	120.3
<b>2008</b>								
March	156.6	148.8	251.1	115.4	134.6	132.4	159.9	120.0
June	159.5	151.5	257.3	115.6	135.3	133.2	160.9	120.5
September	161.1	153.7	257.8	115.1	138.3	136.4	171.1	123.5
December	161.8	154.7	258.2	115.4	139.1	137.4	171.4	123.6

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Legal and accounting services (784)</i>	<i>Marketing and business management services (785)</i>	<i>Other business services (786)</i>
<b>2004-05</b>	129.0	120.6	116.8
<b>2005-06</b>	136.9	123.7	119.7
<b>2006-07</b>	143.2	129.5	124.9
<b>2007-08</b>	148.5	133.1	128.8
<b>2004</b>			
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
<b>2005</b>			
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
<b>2006</b>			
March	136.7	123.6	119.4
June	137.7	126.2	119.8
September	142.4	128.2	122.6
December	143.1	128.5	124.4
<b>2007</b>			
March	143.7	130.6	126.4
June	143.6	130.6	126.1
September	149.3	130.3	127.3
December	148.9	131.1	128.6
<b>2008</b>			
March	148.4	134.8	128.9
June	147.5	136.3	130.4
September	153.4	136.2	131.1
December	155.4	135.0	133.0

(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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *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:

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *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.

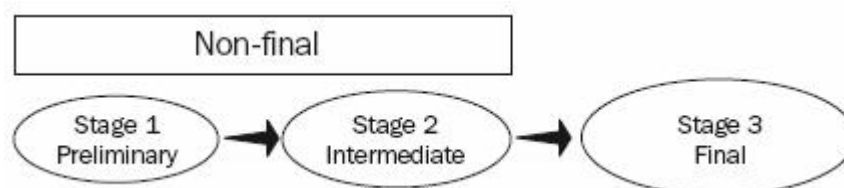
### *Pricing basis*

**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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *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 24 and 25 on the ABS website <[www.abs.gov.au](http://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;

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

*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 2003–04 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 35, which is available on the ABS website, 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.



## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *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 principal 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. 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 principal output of ANZSIC subdivision 41 - general construction. The price indexes in table 16 measure changes in the price of the principal 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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *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** ANZSIC class output indexes at the national level are aggregated to the relevant group and subdivision using weights derived primarily from values of the supply of new general construction products in Australia as measured in Input-Output statistics. ANZSIC class indexes at the State and Territory level are aggregated to the national level using proportions based on the value of work done by State and Territory and type of construction as measured by ABS building and construction activity statistics. From December quarter 2007 index numbers have been calculated using an updated weighting pattern in which Input-Output values for 2001-02 have replaced 1996-97 values and new State and Territory activity proportions have been derived from the two calendar years 2005 and 2006 to replace previous proportions derived from a 5 year average of the years 1994-95 to 1998-99. The indexes generally use prices for work undertaken in each capital city, as construction activity in the city is taken to represent the whole State or Territory. For Queensland, however, residential building construction n.e.c. (4112) and non-residential building construction (4113) also use prices obtained for North Queensland.

**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 19 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 are for items 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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### SERVICE INDUSTRIES PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES

#### *Introduction*

**64** Tables 20–23 present producer price indexes for the output of the transport (freight) and storage division, and the property and 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) and storage division, and property and business services division indexes measure changes in prices of services provided by establishments classified respectively to ANZSIC division I, transport (freight) and storage and ANZSIC division L, property and business services. Index numbers for these divisions are provided in tables 20 and 22 respectively.

**67** Tables 21 and 23 contain index numbers for the subdivisions of ANZSIC division I, transport (freight) and storage, and the subdivisions and groups of ANZSIC division L, property and 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 website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>> under catalogue 6427.0, in tables 33 and 34 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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### *Price measurement continued*

**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) and storage division, and property and 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 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:

<b>80</b> Stage of Production: Total Final commodities index numbers	
December quarter 2008	135.5 (see table 1)
less December quarter 2007	127.4 (see table 1)
Change in index points	8.1
Percentage change	$8.1/127.4 \times 100 = 6.4\%$ (see table 2)

**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 3.35 index points to the Total Final commodities index number of 135.5 for December quarter 2008 and -1.37 index points to the net change of 1.8 index points between September quarter 2008 and December quarter 2008.

**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.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

### FURTHER INFORMATION

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

*Information Paper: Producer and International Trade Price Indexes; Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2006*, cat. no. 6429.0

*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

*Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers, 2005*, cat. no. 6458.0

*Information Paper: Changes to the Weights of the Price Indexes for the Output of the General Construction Industry, Australia, 2008*, cat. no. 6406.0

### RELATED PUBLICATIONS

**85** Users may also wish to refer to the following related publications:

*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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