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1. The figures detailed in this bulletin supersede any previous information supplied on these matters.

2. The last three month’s figures or the last quarter’s figures for any table should be regarded as preliminary and subject to revision.

3. Tables in the section comparing various countries should be regarded as rough comparisons only due to different techniques in constructing the indexes in different countries. Figures for various states or areas within a country should also be regarded as rough comparisons only as different state awards may include different components.

4. Certain indexes have been constructed on classifications which have been revised during the period covered by the indexes. These indexes have been linked on a reasonably comparable basis wherever possible. Any exceptions have been noted in footnotes to the relevant tables.

5. In some cases indexes of specific components of an industry group are shown as well as that of the industry as a whole. This latter index may contain additional components not shown and the components shown contribute varying weights. Therefore it is not possible to make a strict comparison between an industry index and components of that industry index.

6. In cases where wage rates are expressed in currencies other than that of the country to which the rate is applicable these have been converted using the exchange rate current at the time the data was obtained. For this reason variations in the figures may be expected as the result of recent major currency re-alignments.

7. Although later data appear in some of the tables, escalation rates have been calculated to alleviate the possibility of seasonal fluctuations.

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**JUNE 1976 = 100**

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics - (Cat. No. 6312.0)

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1980-81 = 100

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(a) Composition and weighting pattern as at reference base year.
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**PRICE INDEXES OF METALLIC MATERIALS USED IN**

**FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY**

Australia 1984-85 = 100

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**NOTE:**

New series presented on reference base: Year 1984-85 = 100.0. Although the names of previous series may be similar to the names of new series, the material composition of the series may be significantly different. Therefore, for any given period, price movements shown in the new series will not necessarily be the same as price movements shown in the equivalent old series.
# TABLE 6

## INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES - COPPER MATERIALS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

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## OTHER THAN HOUSE BUILDING

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**INDEX OF CONSUMER PRICES - ALL ITEMS**

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1979-
| March | 235.0 | 288.1 | 180.0 | 192.0 | 258.9 |
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1980-
| March | 259.8 | 345.0 | 206.3 | 209.9 | 297.2 |
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| June  | 296.8 | 411.8 | 240.0 | 249.9 | 381.5 |
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1984-
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1981-
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1982-
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1985-
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(a) 1980 Kronor market prices. Prior to 1980 at 1975 kronor market prices
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(a) New series. Long term escalation rates are not available.
ECONOMIC INDICATORS - SELECTED COUNTRIES

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ADDAR
AFPD
ASPP (DIMP) (3)
ASRP-N
ASSP-N (2)
CEOBP-AF
ASPA
CEOPP
DLRPROG
CNM
CSE
DAS-N (2)
DFRT
DCL
DCOST
DEMPS
DEP-A
DGFM
DGNP
DGSP-A
DNEES
DNMES
DNSP
DNSRF
DPPAC-AF
DSC-A
DSFP-AF
DSMR
FASDF
FFGPD
CEORPM-A
HELOND-N
JIO Library
LRPROJ
MMPC-AF
NCS/MP
PEOASS
PEODCS

ADDAR CP3-5-4 PEONTS CP2-6-5
AFPD CP2-1-29 SECONP CP1-2-22A
ASPP (DIMP) (3) F-1-56 SEOPF CP2-2-18
ASRP-N A-4-24 Document Exchange Centre CP3-5-23 (19)
ASSP-N (2) D-3-26 SUPPLY MANAGER (AIR) (2)
CEOBP-AF A-6-05 PO Box 706 DARLINGTON NSW 2010
ASPA F-3-19 Director
CEOPP F-1-47 Financial Services Section
DLRPROG CP4-2-33 Defence Purchasing Regional Office
CNM F-2-39 PO Box K500 NEWARKST NSW 2000
CSE CP3-3-05 HEAD NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE STAFF
DAS-N (2) CP2-7-07 CANBERRA ACT 2600 (2)
DFRT ANZ BANK BLDG MANUKA
DCL CP2-5-17 Library
DCOST CP3-5-21 RAAF BASE FAIRBAIRN
DEMPS J-3-21 PPO Log Sup
DEP-A J-2-15 HQSC RAAF Victoria Barracks
DGFM CP1-2-12 St Kilda Road
DGNP CP1-1-25 350 St Kilda Rd MELBOURNE VIC 3004
DGSP-A CP4-3-02 Supply Agency
DNEES CP2-7-24 Defence Centre
DNMES CP2-6-06 350 St Kilda Rd MELBOURNE VIC 3004
DNSP CP1-1-13 Supply Agency
DNSRF CP3-1-09 Department of Local Government and Administrative Services
DPPAC-AF C-4-24 Private Bag No 4 WILLIAMSTOWN VIC 3016
DSC-A I-1-30 General Manager
DSFP-AF CP3-2-BAY 5 Material Manager
DSMR CP2-6-04 Williamstown Naval Dockyard
FASDF K-3-12 Private Bag No 4 WILLIAMSTOWN VIC 3016
FFGPD CP2-2-03 Estimating Section
CEORPM-A K-2-23 Nelson Pier Workshop
HELOND-N NBH-3-03 Williamstown Naval Dockyard
JIO Library Private Bag No 4
LRPROJ CP4-2-07 Assistant Secretary (Finance)
MMPC-AF C-3-36 Ministry of Defence
NCS/MP 21 Albany St Private Bag
PEOASS A-5-13 Wellington NEW ZEALAND
PEODCS 2/412 Anzac Park West

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