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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES OF BUILDING MATERIALS SECOND QUARTER 2019

The Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials had a change from 240.0 in the first Quarter 2019 to 240.1 in the second quarter of 2019.

This change was observed in:

- Windows, Doors & Balustrading: 0.3%
- Electrical installation & fixtures: 0.1%
- Plumbing and Plumbing Fixtures : -0.5%

When a year on year analysis is undertaken, the index for the second quarter 2019 increased by 0.6% over the second quarter 2018. The main contributors to this increase were:

- Plumbing and Plumbing Fixtures: 2.9%
- Windows, Doors & Balustrading: 1.5%
- Electrical installation & fixtures: 0.8%
- Walls and Roof : 0.5%
- Site Preparation, Structure and Concrete Frame: 0.4%

Special points of interest:

- * The Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials is a measure of the price movements in the inputs into construction.
- * The All Items Index for first quarter 2019 was 240.1.

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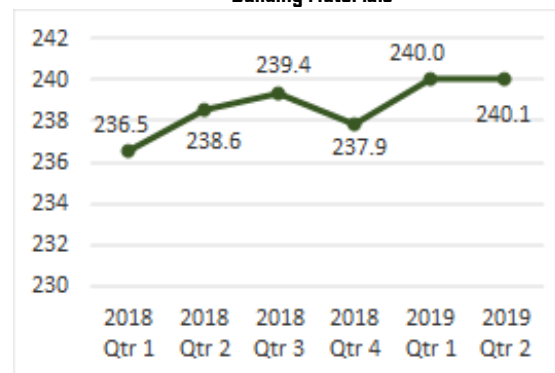
What is the Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials?

The Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials is a quarterly measure of the relative change in the retail prices of building materials used in the construction of an average home based on a sample of retail stores of different types and sizes.

It is an important indicator of movements in the prices of building materials and useful in the analysis of cost, price fluctuations, trends and the Construction Sector.

The Index is also a component of the Retail Price Index.

The Movement in the Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials



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(Base Period: Average of 4 quarters 1996 = 100)

2nd Quarter 2019

Industry	Weight	Qtr 1 2018 ^r	Qtr 2 2018 ^r	Qtr 3 2018 ^r	Qtr 4 2018 ^r	Qtr 1 2019 ^r	Qtr 2 2019
Site Preparation, Structure and Concrete Frame	1637	290.0	293.7	291.9	289.4	294.7	294.8
Walls and Roof	3795	278.4	281.7	283.8	281.4	283.1	283.1
Electrical Installation and Fixtures	979	301.2	302.3	303.2	304.0	304.3	304.6
Plumbing and Plumbing Fixtures	541	221.0	221.4	222.7	221.2	229.1	227.9
Windows, Doors and Balustrading	1242	155.7	156.0	156.9	156.8	157.9	158.3
Finishing, Joinery Units, Painting and External Works	1806	125.3	125.3	125.5	124.5	124.9	124.9
ALL ITEMS INDEX	10000	236.5	238.6	239.4	237.9	240.0	240.1

*r-revised***SOURCE: CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE**

Differences in totals may be due to rounding