This Report on the Metal Furniture Industry relates to establishments engaged wholly or mainly in manufacturing metal bedsteads, chairs, tables, filing cabinets, lockers, shelves, fenders, fire irons and spring and wire mattresses.

This industry corresponds to minimum list heading 399(1) in the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) which has been used for the first time as a basis of classification in the 1968 census.

The industry formed part of the Miscellaneous Metal Manufactures Industry (Part 74) in the Reports on the last detailed Census of Production for 1963.

Throughout this Report, the figures given for 1963 have been reclassified, as far as possible, according to the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968) so that data for 1963 and 1968 are on the same industrial basis. However the reclassification of small firms, which provided limited information only, has been arbitrary.

In interpreting the data in the tables it is essential to bear in mind the notes and definitions which appear on pages (i) to (iv).

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- (c) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).
- (d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
- (e) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.
- (f) Acquisitions less disposals.

Industry summary, 1963 and 1968 United Kingdom (a) (b)

							** **	All est	ablishments
				100000			Unit	1963	1968
Number of enterprises	best too	1000	i ward	2001		250 A	No.	235	235
Number of establishment	s					100	11	263	268
Gross output						- 105%	£'000	55,146	75,974
Net output							п	28,927	36,247
let output per head						711	£	1,354	1,696
Sales and work done		goods prod	luced and wor	k done (c)		(54)	£'000	52,761	73,190
ales and work done	688, 1	merchanted	goods and o	anteen tal	ings	43.22	H 58	1,677	2,014
urchases	82T H	materials packaging	for use in pand fuel	product ion	and		п	23,050	36,410
urenases	1,688	goods for purchases	merchanting	and cantee	en		п	1,358	1,642
		for work d	lone on mater	ials giver	out		"	1,094	1,301
ayments to other rganisations	1,770	for transp	oort	392.		8	"	1	1,142
		by rail postal s	and other me	ans exclud	ling		II	628	181
tocks and work in prog	ress	d ahanga dun				1000			
Total stocks and work in progress		change dur at end of					"	+ 621	+ 1,720
							11,199	13,767	
Goods on hand for sale	e +	change during year			п	- 21	+ 518		
		at end of year				aloo" a	1,733	2,848	
Work in progress	-	change dur				1.0	n.	+ 729	+ 252
	or or the same of	at end of				(Malaus)		4,432	4,998
Materials, stores and	fuel -	change dur					i e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	- 87	+ 950
	and se	at end of					"	5,035	5,921
umber employed on avera	age		luding worki	ng proprie	tors		Th.	21.4	21.4
uring the year	1	operatives					" " Carte	15.7	15.9
		other empl	oyees (d)				"	5.5	5.2
ages and salaries		of operati					£'000	10,830	14.572
apital expenditure (e)		of other e	mployees (d)				п	4,995	6,260
Total							п	1 0=0	
New building work								1,673	2,250
Land and existing buil							II of the second	320	698
		18					П	97	- 372
Plant and machinery (f	1)						II .	1,041	1,569
Vehicles (f)							II	215	355

(a) For 1968, estimates for establishments not making satisfactory returns and for small establishments, from which only employment data were collected, accounted for 9 per cent. of the total figures in which they were incorporated: of this, unsatisfactory returns accounted for 3 per cent. For 1963 the comparable figures were 7 per cent. and 3 per cent. respectively.

(b) The following information relates to small establishments (employing fewer than 25 persons) in this industry. It includes an estimate for small establishments not making satisfactory returns.

Number of establishments	1963 115	1968 124
Average number employed Working proprietors	123	132
Other persons employed	848	1,277

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TABLE 2 Analysis by size of establishment within the industry, 1968

(i) Output and employment

All establishments: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during the year by the establishment (a)	Estab- lish- ments	Enter- prises (b)	Total number employed on average during the year (a)	Gross output	Net output	Net output per head
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Number	Number	Number	£,000	£'000	£
1-5	29	29	86			••
6-10	37	37	290		••	••
11-24	55	55	971		about ita	••
25-49	32	29	1,204	4,060	2,029	1,685
50-99	38	35	2,703	9,077	4,314	1,596
100-199	38	32	5,167	17,594	8,917	1,726
200-299	7	7	1,738	5,438	2,751	1,583
300-399	4	4	1,355	3,911	1,995	1,473
400-499	5	5	2,224	8,914	4,024	1,809
500 and over	8	5	4,968	19,863	8,791	1,770
Unsatisfactory returns	15	15	668	••	tioners and Long Roy Species	••
Total	268	235	21,374	75,974(c)	36,247(c)	1,696(0)

(ii) Employees, wages and salaries

All establishments: United Kingdom

Number employed on average during	Emplo	Employees		salaries	Wages and salaries per head		
the year by the establishment (a)	Oper- at ives	Others (d)	Oper- at ives	Others (d)	Oper- atives	Others (d)	
e e e e e e e e e e e e	Number	Number	£,000	£,000	£	£	
1-5				12.	100 10720		
6-10				•••	mine to		
11-24				1 499-1-1-9	e knotte to		
25-49	939	233	837	261	892	1,119	
50-99	2,163	518	1,854	662	857	1,278	
100-199	3,976	1,168	3,449	1,497	867	1,282	
200-299	1,271	467	1,187	552	934	1,181	
300-399	1,049	306	893	310	851	1,012	
400-499	1,591	633	1,536	782	965	1,236	
500 and over	3,512	1,456	3,520	1,640	1,002	1,127	
Unsatisfactory return	3				according to the	160 101 F	
Total	15,917(c)	5,247(c)	14,572(c)	6,260(c)	916(c)	1,193(0	

⁽a) Including working proprietors.

TABLE 3 Percentage analysis of employees, by age and sex, 1969 (a)

All establishments: United Kingdom

Ages	Males	Females	All employees
	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent.
Under 18	4	2	6
18 and over	65	29	94
All ages	69	31	100

Source: Department of Employment

(a) The percentages relate to the numbers employed (excluding working proprietors) in the metal industries not elsewhere specified - minimum list heading 399 - at June 1969, the earliest date for which the information is available on the basis of the Standard Industrial Classification (Revised 1968).

Footnotes to Table 4.

- (a) Some establishments employing fewer than 25 persons were included in returns for larger establishments. These amounted to 6 establishments in 1968 and 9 in 1963.
- (b) Including services rendered to other organisations (amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered).
- (c) Direct sales of goods (excluding canteen takings) made to and work done for, the general public by larger establishments are included. These amounted to £21,000 in 1968. Similar information is not available for 1963.
- (d) This is the ratio of total sales of principal products by the industry to total sales of goods produced and work done.
- (e) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.
- (f) Excluding expenditure for establishments not yet in production.

⁽b) The sum of the figures for the size groups exceeds the total for the industry to the extent that enterprises made returns for establishments in more than one size group.

⁽c) Including estimates for establishments employing fewer than 25 persons and for establishments not making satisfactory returns.

⁽d) Administrative, technical and clerical employees.

TABLE 4 Analysis of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom (a)

		Tm:4	1000	1000
-		Unit	1963	1968
Number of enterprises		No.	118	107
Number of establishments		Delta de	146	138
Gross output		£'000	51,271	69,078
Net output			26,895	32,957
Net output per head	The state of the s	£	1,354	1,696
Sales and work done	goods produced and work done (b) (c)	£'000	49,054	66,547
	merchanted goods and canteen takings	Per	1,559	1,831
Index of specialisation (d)	materials for use in production and	cent.	79	7 9
n de plant la contra de la contra del contra de la contra del la con	packaging, and fuel	£,000	21,431	33,105
Purchases	goods for merchanting and canteen purchases	11	1,263	1,493
	for work done on materials given out	"	1,018	1,183
	for transport			
Payments to other organisations	by road	п) (1,039
	by rail and other means excluding postal services	и п	584	165
Stocks and work in progress				
Goods on hand for sale	change during year	"	- 20	+ 471
doods on hand for safe	at end of year	п	1,611	2,589
	change during year	11	+ 678	+ 229
Work in progress	at end of year	11	4,120	4,544
	f change during year	11	- 81	+ 864
Materials, stores and fuel	at end of year	п	4,681	5,384
Number employed on average	total, including working proprietors	No.	19,864	19,434
during the year	operatives	"	14,632	14,559
	other employees (e)	"	5,115	4,799
Wages and salaries	of operatives	£'000	10,129	13,329
grad out at the control of the contr	of other employees (e)	п	4,672	5,725
Wages and salaries	operatives	£	692	916
per head	other employees (e)	п	913	1,193
Capital expenditure (f)				
New building work		£,000	297	635
	acquisitions	п		
Land and existing buildings	disposals	,	206	206
	Electrical additional mean little and the first		116	545
Plant and machinery	acquisitions	"	1,059	1,509
	disposals	n Signatura	92	82
Vehicles	scquisitions	п	291	667
· Julicies	disposals	п	91	344

For notes to this table - see page 94/5.

TABLE 5 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments, including sales by establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	1963	1968			
Value in thirtee the state of t	Value	Value	Enter- prises	Entries	
Metal furniture and parts thereof	£'000	£,000	Number	Number	
Bedsteads and parts thereof	2,170	1,648	20	22	
Cabinets (including filing and card index cabinets and plan files) and parts thereof	5,491	9,160	76	77	
Hearth furniture other than fireguards and spark-guards and cinder sifters	997	501	18	18	
Kitchen and bathroom furniture (including sinks, sink units and wash basins, etc)	-01	null radio	470 7 Lave		
not elsewhere specified	9,171	11,633	26	26	
Seating (except pedestal chairs with reclining movement)	3,037	5,398	23	25	
Storage cupboards, shelving and racking and clothing lockers	14,080	17,280	78	80	
Tables and desks	2,776	4,272	48	50	
Spring and wire base mattresses	1,412	1,086	20	21	
Other metal furniture (including industrial sundries and pedestal chairs with reclining movement) and parts, not elsewhere specified	7,527	13,660	123	125	
Unclassified metal furniture and parts thereof (except aseptic hospital furniture (excluding bedsteads and parts thereof) and spring and wire base mattresses)	2,673	1 202	10	14	
Other products	bell tree	1,392	12	14	
Waste products	960	208	12	12	
Scrap metals					
Iron and steel	140	0.70	10		
Aluminium	140	276	49	51	
Brass	6	27	9	9	
MATERIAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPE	11	20	9	9	
Other scrap metals	5	16	6	6	
Other waste products Work done	1	23	6	6	
Jobbing ironmongery and repair work			1		
	-	31	6	6	
Other work done	479	79	6	6	
Total	50,934	66,710			
Sales in other industries (see Table 6)	12,189	14,071			
Principal products of this industry sold by establishments					
in the industry	38,745	52,639	107	113(8	

⁽a) This figure represents the total number of returns made for larger establishments in this industry which is less than the total number of establishments shown in Table 4 on account of combined returns covering more than one establishment.

TABLE 6 Sales of principal products of the industry by larger establishments classified to other industries, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

The state of the s	1963		1968	
	Value	Value	Entries	Principal industries in which produced (a)
	£,000	£,000	Number	and tental (a)
Metal furniture and parts thereof			Copie nastoni	La apparades
Bedsteads and parts thereof	297	342	14	69,95,97
Cabinets (including filing and card index cabinets and plan files) and parts thereof	960	1,389	41	57,83,96,97
Hearth furniture other than fire- guards and spark-guards and cinder sifters	369	212	13	88,93,97
Kitchen and bathroom furniture (including sinks, sink units and wash basins, etc) not elsewhere specified	1,965	3,237	16	78,82,96,97
Seating (except pedestal chairs with reclining movement)	991	429	8	74,82,97,147
Storage cupboards, shelving and racking and clothing lockers	1,967	1,698	44	54,64,71,97
Tables and desks	143	216	17	64,87,97,147
Spring and wire base mattresses	847	867	16	132,133
Other metal furniture (including industrial sundries and pedestal chairs with reclining movement) and parts, not elsewhere specified	2,344	4,290	64	74,82,97,140
Unclassified metal furniture and parts thereof (except aseptic hospital furniture (excluding bedsteads and parts thereof) and spring and wire base mattresses)	2,304	1,392	14	132,133,134
Total	12,189	14,071		and all

⁽a) The references given are to the list of industries at the front of this report.

TABLE 7 Sales of other than principal products by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	1963	1968
	Value	Value
19 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18 18	£,000	£'000
Stampings, pressings and castings of iron and steel and non-ferrous metals	418	560
Mechanical engineering products		
Space heating, ventilating and air conditioning equipment	342	347
Industrial plant and steelwork	2,504	2,529
Other mechanical engineering products	707	547
Scientific and surgical instruments and equipment	157	320
Electrical and electronic engineering products	225	171
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	181	1,226
Domestic and industrial hollow-ware	1,088	694
Metal finishing	380	348
Other metal products	3,600	4,655
Plastic goods	a la tolica <u>I</u> i la	393
Other products and building and civil engineering work	657	2,112
Services rendered to other organisations (a)	52	7
Total value of goods sold without having been subjected to any manufacturing process (merchanted or factored)	1,461	1,737
Canteen takings	98	94
Total	11,868	15,739

⁽a) Amounts charged for hiring out plant, machinery or other goods, for providing transport, or for technical or other services rendered to other organisations.

TABLE 8 Production of certain principal products of the industry by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

TABLE 9 Purchases by larger establishments of selected principal products by the industry, 1968

This table is not applicable to this industry.

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TABLE 10 Purchases by larger establishments in the industry, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons:
Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

and the state of t	19	63	19	68
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost
Materials for use in production	Th.tons	£,000	Th.tons	£'000
Iron			Taylor 1	
Pig iron, including refined pig iron and other irons for re-melting	0.3	8	0.6	76 12
Castings	1.1	121		
Steel		to lateral	ange a	
Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs (including sheet/plate mill slabs and sheet bars)	4.5	241	12.9	1,210 315
Bars and rods (including wire rods), angles, shapes and sections, girders, beams, joists and pillars rolled (not fabricated), including tube rounds and squares	24.0	1,449 {	18.7	1,343 606
Plates, 3mm. thick and over	12.5	617	11.4	675
Sheets under 3mm. thick (including electrical sheets)	118	7,253	146	9,208
Hoop and strip (including tape of all thicknesses)	22.5	1,053		1,238
Tinplate and blackplate (a)	0.6	40		18
Forgings (except drop forgings) and castings		30		57
Iron and steel not elsewhere specified except finished parts, wire and scrap	redic of 1	o robusty a p	l may in	
Wrought tubes and fittings for wrought tubes (including welded, seamless, conduits, etc)	2.3	121 128	4.9	413 485
Other	1.3	128 348	1.3	116 323
Light metals and non-ferrous metals in all forms except finished parts, wire and scrap		Talkati III s	MIT 4/33/0	
Aluminium and aluminium alloys	of tot begin	for a respend	191	
Circles and strip	0.2	78	0.4	147
Other Brass and other copper alloys (including nickel silver and cupro-nickel, but excluding all other nickel alloys and cadmium copper) (b)	1.5	543	1.4	556
Castings in the rough		4	0.2	101
Other	0.5	134	0.4	195 22
Copper (including cadmium copper) (c)		14	0.2	136
Lead and alloys of lead (excluding solder)		1	1	
Zinc and alloys of zinc	0.4	41	}	339
Nickel and nickel alloys (excluding nickel silver				
and cupro-nickel) and tin Wire (excluding insulated wire) Steel	0.2	110		58
Single wire	4.0	276	4.6	368
Wire manufactures (including stranded wire of two or more ply)	0.2	46	}	36
Aluminium and aluminium alloys		2	0.2	57
Brass and other copper alloys (including nickel silver and cupro-nickel, but excluding all other nickel alloys and cadmium copper) (b)	er er er er	5		
Copper (including cadmium copper)		3		34

TABLE 10 (continued)

	19	63	1968		
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	
aterials for use in production (continued)		£'000	3787193	£'000	
Lining compounds		23)		
Plating compounds	*****	10	}	44	
Frit		118		127	
Prit	Th.gal.	110	Th.gal.		
Distribution leasures and stains)	614	768	530	725	
Paint and varnish (including lacquers and stains)		. 1		155	
General chemicals (d)	a one work				
Inorganic (including inorganic gases)				40	
Organic (including organic gases)		98		26	
Other (eg mixtures of inorganic and organic chemicals)	mil book	in the state of the	affet. sk	10	
Synthetic resins and plastics materials (excluding leathercloth and reinforced plastics)		ACCIONAL TO	tent ber ett		
Polyethylene and polypropylene and copolymers	anutuston.		To to assure		
Granules, moulding and extrusion compounds		1		209	
	Th.cwt.		Th.cwt.		
Sheet, rod, film, profile shapes and monofilament (e)	0.3	31	1 1030.01	35	
Polyvinyl chloride (including copolymers) plasticised		,	0.0		
and unplasticised sheet, film, rod, tube, profile shapes and foam (e)	2.7	61 {	2.6	65 177	
			on silves		
Plastic goods moulded and fabricated (including components and fittings)	and home sales	156	Sig minimum	758	
Timber			Th.stds.		
Softwood, sawn or planed, but not further prepared or manufactured)		{ 2.7	97 36	
Softwood and hardwood, manufactured or semi-manufactured (ie further prepared than sawn or planed)		(f) {	Free surface	783	
Glass in all forms including finished products				79	
Cork and cork manufactures	Name 20 1 154		10.100 • 0110	9	
Semi-manufactured products (eg needles in the plain)	J				
not elsewhere specified	are a more	78	gradu.	73	
Bolts, rivets, nuts and washers, screws, nails, tacks, etc		539		787	
Purchased components not elsewhere specified		2,186		3,653	
Narrow fabrics of all materials (eg tape for zip					
fasteners)		2		22	
	Th.gal.		Th.gal.		
Lubricating oils and greases (including cuttings oils	22.7	9	46	16	
and emulsions)	Th.cwt.	4	Th.cwt.		
Action, proceeding series of the	0.9	13	0.2	1	
Replacement parts for firms' own machinery, plant and vehicles, and accessories and consumable tools bought as replacement		seastann i	D annu		
Tyres and other spare parts for firms' own road goods vehicles	la salara	-11231 - 1		54	
Other	1	303		382	
All other materials for use in production	1	2,591		4,200	

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	19	1963		1968	
	Quantity	Cost	Quantity	Cost	
Packaging materials	(Table Entre	£,000	d'ut out at	£'000	
Paper and board		- 1000	Name of the last	NO BELLE	
Boxes, cartons, drums and canisters (with or without metal ends) of paper and cardboard]	205 {	alsa gas	461	
Fibreboard packing cases	J			13	
Wrapping and packing paper (including paper coated with plastics and any laminates incorporating paper but not metal)	In the beautiful	ol melule	ty dairear	151	
Other packaging materials of paper and paperboard (including moulded pulp units and labels, but excluding bags and multiwall sacks and paper and board for converting into packaging materials)		139 〈	to cincipals	12	
Timber	1000		gat be lant y	Drymaic	
Containers wholly or mainly of wood (including plywood boxes and drums), baskets and wickerwork crates	reingin base at	75	boo estima	54	
	Th.cu.ft.		Th.cu.ft.	Loredise	
Timber (sawn or planed) for manufacture into packing cases, etc	57.4	20 96	30.7	18 24	
Plastics (other than transparent regenerated cellulose film)	25.0			1,236	
Film (up to 0.01 inches thick)	Thirty City Sho		Lell'i ber.	tootil 15	
Of polyethylene	a Jerosay Logod	mails look	1	arvios	
Of other plastics materials	}	(f) {		6	
Bags and sacks up to 500 gauge				4	
Jute and hessian piece-goods, sacks and bags		4	abilities about	9	
All other packaging materials		28		22	
uel and electricity (g)	Th. tons		Th.tons		
Coal	4.6	27	2.3	14	
Coke (including screenings) and manufactured fuel	3.1	27 5	} 1.2	15	
	Th.gal.		Th.gal.		
Derv fuel and motor spirit for use in road vehicles	∫ 576	111	512	139	
services and moves opinion for use in rotal venicing	1	24		63	
Other liquid fuels (including creosote/pitch mixtures, etc and liquefied petroleum gases)	{ 3,780	168 43	4,582	217 43	
	Th.therms		Th.therms		
Gas	4,042	204 67	3,947	320 86	
	Th.kWh		Th.kWh		
Electricity	{ 47,703	299	74,888	528	
All other fuels		102 (f)	500 a 11. 70	131	
Total cost of materials and fuel				simm ha	
oods purchased for merchanting		21,431		33, 105	
anteen purchases	2-3-145-0	1,168 95	62 alveg 2	1,370 123	
Total goet of number			Park Parks EAR		
Total cost of purchases		22,694		34,598	

(a) Terneplate was specifically included for 1963.

(b) Cadmium copper was not specifically excluded in 1963.

(c) Described as 'Copper (excluding blister)' for 1963.

(d) Described as 'Heavy chemicals' for 1963.

(e) Foil was specifically included for 1963.

(f) Not recorded separately for 1963.

(g) The total quantity of electricity generated in establishments employing 25 or more persons in this industry was 47 Th.kWh in 1963. None was recorded in 1968.

TABLE 11 Transport costs and employment of larger establishments, 1963 and 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	Unit	1963	1968
Average number mainly employed on transport	No.	453	392
Transport costs			
Wages and salaries	£,000	381	444
Derv fuel and motor spirit	п	134	201
Tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles	п		54
by road	п) (1,039
Payments to other organisations for transport by rail and other means excluding postal services	п	584 {	165
Costs of operating road goods vehicles			
Insurance	п	44	31
Vehicle licences	п	190	45
Depreciation	п	139	152
Payments to other organisations for repairs and maintenance	n a la l	114	88
Total	п	1,586(a)	2,218

(a) Excluding tyres and other spare parts for road goods vehicles, not collected separately for 1963.

TABLE 12 Payments for certain services, etc by larger establishments, 1963 and 1968 (a)

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

	Amounts	Amounts payable		
	1963	1968		
Repairs and maintenance to	£'000	£'000		
Buildings	84	135		
Road goods vehicles	114	88		
Plant, machinery and other capital equipment	166	346		
Insurance, licensing and depreciation of road goods vehicles (b)	373	227		
Rates, excluding water rates	471	747		
Hire of plant and machinery	23	122		
Postage, telephone, telegrams, cables and telex (c)	221	289		
Total	1,452	1,953		

- (a) No deduction is made for these payments to arrive at the figures of net output given in this report.
- (b) For details see Table 11.
- (c) Excluding Telex for 1963.

TABLE 13 Percentage analysis of twelve-month periods covered by returns from larger establishments, 1968

Establishments employing 25 or more persons: Analysis of returns received, United Kingdom

Year ended	Percentage of total returns received	Percentage of total number employed
1968	Per cent.	Per cent.
April (a)	4.4	1.8
May	1.8	1.1
June	6.2	2.8
July	4.4	4.0
August	0.9	0.3
September	8.0	7.7
October	5.3	6.3
November	5.3	3.1
December	33.6	46.4
1969		
January	3.5	1.6
February	1.8	1.1
March	23.0	23.4
April (b)	1.8	0.4
	100	100

⁽a) From 6 April.

⁽b) To 5 April.