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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER QUARTER 1977

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SUMMARY OF RESULTS

All Groups index	Change between –		Group indexes – Weighted average of six State capital cities	Change between –	
	Sept. quarter 1977	Dec. quarter 1976		Sept. quarter 1977	Dec. quarter 1976
	and Dec. quarter 1977	and Dec. quarter 1977		and Dec. quarter 1977	and Dec. quarter 1977
	%	%		%	%
Weighted average of Six State capital cities	+2.3	+ 9.3	Food	+2.2	+11.3
Sydney	+2.5	+ 8.5	Clothing	+3.3	+10.5
Melbourne	+2.2	+ 9.9	Housing	+2.4	+ 9.5
Brisbane	+2.2	+ 8.5	Household equipment and operation	+2.6	+ 9.7
Adelaide	+2.3	+ 9.5	Transportation	+3.0	+ 9.4
Perth	+3.2	+10.7	Tobacco and alcohol	+1.4	+ 4.4
Hobart	+2.6	+ 9.6	Health and personal care	+1.3	+ 5.3
Canberra	+3.2	+ 8.9	Recreation	+2.3	+10.8
Weighted average of Seven capital cities	+2.4	+ 9.3	All Groups	+2.3	+ 9.3

MAIN PRICE CHANGES BETWEEN SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1977 AND DECEMBER QUARTER 1977

Food:

- Main increases were for fresh fruit; milk; meals out, take-away food; soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery.
- During the quarter milk prices increased in Sydney and Perth and bread prices increased in Brisbane, Perth, Hobart and Canberra.

Clothing:

- Main increases were for summer seasonal clothing items.

Housing:

- Local government rates and charges increased in all cities.
- Government dwelling rents increased in several cities.
- Private dwelling rents increased in all cities.
- House prices increased in all cities except Canberra.

Household Equipment and Operation:

- Electricity charges increased in Adelaide, Perth and Hobart.
- Fuel oil prices increased in all cities.
- Furniture prices increased in all cities.

Transportation:

- Increased petrol prices, in all cities, were responsible for more than half the increase in this group.
- Motor vehicle servicing costs and motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.
- Motor vehicle registration and driver's licence charges increased in Perth and Canberra.

Tobacco and Alcohol:

- Beer prices increased in all cities.

Recreation:

- Higher prices for books, newspapers and magazines and higher charges for holiday accommodation were responsible for most of the increase in this group.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Brief description of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditures by metropolitan wage and salary earner households. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following groups: Food; Clothing; Housing; Household equipment and operation; Transportation; Tobacco and alcohol; Health and personal care; and Recreation. Each group is in turn divided into sub-groups. Index numbers at the *group* and *All Groups* levels are published for each State capital city and Canberra, for the weighted average of six State capital cities and for the weighted average of seven capital cities. This bulletin also contains *sub-group index numbers* for the weighted average of six State capital cities.

2. It is important to note that the capital city indexes measure price movements over time *in each city individually*. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.

3. Further information about the current series of the CPI is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 issue of this bulletin. In addition, a document entitled *List of Expenditure Classes and their Percentage Contributions to the Index Aggregate (Ninth Series)* is available from the ABS on request. An up-to-date detailed description of the CPI will be published shortly. *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Ref. No. 6.7) contains information about earlier series of the CPI.

Prices

4. Prices of *non-food items* are collected quarterly, usually as at the middle of the mid-month of the quarter. However, to facilitate field collection arrangements, some items (furniture, appliances, television sets, radios, sound equipment, motor vehicle operation, clothing and footwear services and hairdressing) are priced during the first month of each quarter. Items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing are priced annually.

5. The quarterly prices for *food items* used in the index are the averages of prices collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. In the case of some fresh food items (fruit, vegetables and fish) prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices.

Weighting pattern

6. There are 105 expenditure classes (that is groupings of like items) within the current CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights.

7. Changes in the weighting pattern have been made at approximately five-yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI in fact comprises nine series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The ninth series (that is, the current series) was introduced as from September quarter 1976 and its weighting pattern is based on estimated expenditures in 1974-75, obtained from the first household expenditure survey conducted by the ABS.

Index points and percentage changes

8. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as percentage changes, or as changes in 'index points'. The difference between these two methods of describing movements in indexes is shown by the following example:

All Groups CPI : Weighted average of six State capital cities

December quarter 1977:	239.6
less September quarter 1977:	234.1
Change in index points:	5.5

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{5.5}{234.1} \times 100 = 2.3\%$$

The index number of 239.6 for December quarter 1977 indicates an increase of 139.6% since the reference base year (1966-67).

9. Most of the tables in this bulletin show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. Table 3, on the other hand, shows the main changes between September quarter 1977 and December quarter 1977, in terms of '*All Groups*' index points, for each capital city.

Special tables

10. Table 7 provides a *detailed analysis*, for the weighted average of six State capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for sub-groups and for some special groupings. It also shows the *contribution* which each group and sub-group makes to the total index. For instance, the dairy produce sub-group contributed 5.07 index points to the total All Groups index number of 239.6 for December quarter 1977. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and sub-group.

11. The All Groups index includes the effects of unusual changes in prices for hospital and medical services, for September and December quarters of 1975 (following the introduction of Medibank) and for December quarter 1976 (following changes to Medibank). To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices

without the effects of these unusual changes Table 5 shows percentage changes for a special grouping "All Groups excluding hospital and medical services", and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.

Monthly Food Group Index

12. The ABS publication *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index* (6402.0) contains monthly index numbers, percentage changes and other data relating to the Food Group of the CPI.

Other related publications

13. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

- . *Average Retail Prices of Selected Food and Grocery Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6403.0)
- . *Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry* (6411.0)
- . *Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry* (6412.0)
- . *Average Weekly Earnings* (6302.0)

14. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year -</i>									
1974-75	+16.7	+16.4	+16.6	+15.5	+17.9	+18.1	+16.9	+15.5	+16.6
1975-76	+13.0	+13.0	+12.9	+13.2	+12.3	+14.1	+14.0	+13.6	+13.0
1976-77	+13.8	+12.3	+14.3	+14.2	+15.5	+15.7	+14.6	+13.7	+13.8
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year -</i>									
1975-76									
December	+14.0	+13.8	+14.5	+13.8	+13.3	+14.7	+14.3	+14.9	+14.1
March	+13.4	+13.6	+13.2	+14.3	+12.0	+14.2	+14.7	+15.1	+13.4
June	+12.3	+11.9	+12.2	+14.0	+11.8	+13.4	+14.9	+14.1	+12.4
1976-77									
September	+13.9	+12.2	+14.4	+15.0	+15.3	+16.4	+16.8	+16.7	+13.9
December	+14.4	+13.2	+14.3	+14.9	+16.6	+16.7	+14.9	+14.0	+14.3
March	+13.6	+12.0	+14.3	+13.8	+15.5	+15.5	+14.0	+13.0	+13.6
June	+13.4	+11.9	+14.5	+13.2	+14.8	+14.4	+13.0	+11.4	+13.3
1977-78									
September	+13.1	+11.8	+14.0	+12.8	+14.6	+14.4	+12.9	+11.3	+13.1
December	+ 9.3	+ 8.5	+ 9.9	+ 8.5	+ 9.5	+10.7	+ 9.6	+ 8.9	+ 9.3
<i>Change from previous quarter -</i>									
1975-76									
December	+5.6	+4.6	+6.0	+6.3	+5.8	+6.3	+7.5	+8.0	+5.6
March	+3.0	+3.1	+2.7	+3.2	+3.2	+3.3	+2.7	+2.5	+3.0
June	+2.5	+2.2	+2.5	+2.3	+3.0	+3.4	+3.3	+3.2	+2.5
1976-77									
September	+2.2	+1.7	+2.5	+2.5	+2.5	+2.5	+2.4	+2.1	+2.2
December	+6.0	+5.5	+6.0	+6.2	+7.1	+6.6	+5.7	+5.5	+6.0
March	+2.3	+2.1	+2.6	+2.2	+2.1	+2.3	+1.9	+1.6	+2.3
June	+2.4	+2.2	+2.7	+1.8	+2.4	+2.4	+2.4	+1.8	+2.3
1977-78									
September	+2.0	+1.6	+2.0	+2.1	+2.4	+2.4	+2.3	+2.0	+2.0
December	+2.3	+2.5	+2.2	+2.2	+2.3	+3.2	+2.6	+3.2	+2.4

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS
INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1973-74	146.6	151.3	144.0	146.1	143.9	140.6	142.6	142.8	146.6
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9	171.0
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
<i>Quarter</i>									
1973-74									
December	144.6	149.4	141.9	144.0	141.9	138.6	141.1	140.8	144.6
March	148.1	152.8	145.2	147.8	145.4	142.1	144.0	145.0	148.0
June	154.1	158.7	151.9	153.1	151.7	147.1	149.9	149.6	154.1
1974-75									
September	162.0	167.0	159.4	161.4	159.4	154.3	157.4	157.4	162.0
December	168.1	173.0	164.6	166.6	166.4	163.6	165.5	162.7	168.0
March	174.1	178.8	170.8	171.1	173.8	169.8	169.3	166.4	174.0
June	180.2	185.5	176.7	175.6	179.3	176.7	174.6	173.2	180.1
1975-76									
September	181.6	188.2	177.7	178.4	178.2	176.5	175.9	173.0	181.5
December	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9	191.7
March	197.4	203.1	193.4	195.6	194.6	193.9	194.2	191.6	197.4
June	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7	202.4
1976-77									
September	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9	206.8
December	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0	219.2
March	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5	224.2
June	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3	229.4
1977-78									
September	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9
December	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1977 AND DECEMBER QUARTER 1977 (a)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
Food -									
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	..	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3
Dairy produce	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	..	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Meals out, take-away food	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Cereal products	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Meat and seafoods	+0.1	+0.2	..	+0.2	..	-0.3	+0.2	-0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	..	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Clothing -									
Women's and girls'	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5
Men's and boys'	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1
Other	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	..	+0.2
Housing -									
Local government rates and charges	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.5	+0.2	+0.5	+0.2
Rent, privately owned dwellings	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	..	+0.2
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	..	+0.2
Rent, government owned dwellings	+0.1	+0.1	..	+0.1	+0.3	+0.5	+0.1	+1.0	+0.1
Household equipment and operation -									
Fuel and light	+0.2	..	+0.3	..	+0.5	+0.7	+1.1	+0.4	+0.2
Household supplies and services	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2
Furniture and floor coverings	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
Other	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3
Transportation -									
Petrol	+0.8	+0.9	+0.7	+0.4	+0.7	+0.9	+0.9	+0.7	+0.8
Other motor vehicle operating charges	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+1.2	+0.1	+0.8	+0.3
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Public transport fares	+0.1	+0.1	..	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Tobacco and alcohol -									
Alcoholic beverages	+0.3	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.7	+0.3
Health and personal care -	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Recreation -									
Books, newspapers and magazines	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2
Holiday accommodation	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.1	..	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Total change (b)	+5.5	+5.8	+5.0	+5.0	+5.4	+7.6	+6.1	+7.1	+5.6

(a) See notes about changes in index points in paragraphs 8 and 9. (b) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : GROUP INDEXES
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transporta- tion	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation	All Groups (a)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year -</i>									
1974-75	+9.7	+21.0	+18.8	+18.7	+19.4	+17.4	+25.2	(b)	+16.7
1975-76	+9.9	+16.2	+18.0	+15.9	+17.8	+23.9	-18.7	(b)	+13.0
1976-77	+11.7	+15.7	+13.9	+10.1	+8.9	+8.9	+75.3	(b)	+13.8
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year -</i>									
1975-76									
December	+9.5	+15.7	+18.5	+17.5	+19.5	+30.1	-18.3	(b)	+14.0
March	+13.6	+15.6	+18.1	+15.6	+17.8	+26.4	-25.0	(b)	+13.4
June	+10.5	+17.2	+16.8	+14.8	+15.5	+26.9	-22.5	(b)	+12.3
1976-77									
September	+12.1	+16.6	+16.2	+14.1	+11.9	+24.4	+3.8	(b)	+13.9
December	+12.8	+16.1	+14.2	+8.2	+7.7	+6.1	+104.7	(b)	+14.4
March	+9.5	+16.3	+13.5	+9.3	+7.8	+4.4	+101.4	(b)	+13.6
June	+12.2	+13.9	+11.8	+9.1	+8.3	+3.4	+94.3	(b)	+13.4
1977-78									
September	+13.1	+13.8	+10.6	+8.7	+7.9	+4.4	+90.2	+10.1	+13.1
December	+11.3	+10.5	+9.5	+9.7	+9.4	+4.4	+5.3	+10.8	+9.3
<i>Change from previous quarter -</i>									
1975-76									
December	+3.1	+6.9	+5.3	+7.2	+5.6	+18.9	-7.3	(b)	+5.6
March	+5.0	+1.3	+2.8	+2.0	+2.8	+2.1	+3.7	(b)	+3.0
June	+0.5	+5.8	+4.1	+2.5	+1.2	+2.4	+4.9	(b)	+2.5
1976-77									
September	+3.1	+1.7	+3.1	+1.8	+1.9	+0.1	+2.9	(b)	+2.2
December	+3.8	+6.4	+3.4	+1.6	+1.6	+1.4	+82.9	+1.6	+6.0
March	+1.9	+1.5	+2.2	+3.1	+2.9	+0.5	+2.0	+4.1	+2.3
June	+2.9	+3.6	+2.6	+2.3	+1.6	+1.3	+1.2	+2.8	+2.4
1977-78									
September	+3.8	+1.7	+1.9	+1.4	+1.6	+1.1	+0.7	+1.2	+2.0
December	+2.2	+3.3	+2.4	+2.6	+3.0	+1.4	+1.3	+2.3	+2.3

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 11. (b) New grouping not compiled for quarters prior to September quarter 1976.

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
COMPARISON OF 'ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES' AND ALL GROUPS INDEX
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES : PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	<i>Change from previous quarter</i>		<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>	
	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>
	%	%	%	%
1975-76				
December	+6.3	+5.6	+16.7	+14.0
March	+2.9	+3.0	+16.8	+13.4
June	+2.5	+2.5	+15.4	+12.3
1976-77				
September	+2.2	+2.2	+14.6	+13.9
December	+2.8	+6.0	+10.8	+14.4
March	+2.4	+2.3	+10.2	+13.6
June	+2.4	+2.4	+10.2	+13.4
1977-78				
September	+2.1	+2.0	+10.1	+13.1
December	+2.5	+2.3	+ 9.6	+ 9.3

TABLE 6.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
FOOD (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	176.9	179.0	175.1	176.6	176.0	175.4	174.8	178.8	177.0
March	185.7	187.7	182.8	187.9	185.9	183.8	181.6	187.5	185.7
June	186.6	187.2	183.3	188.1	189.0	189.6	184.7	187.9	186.6
1976-77									
September	192.3	191.9	189.9	192.1	197.4	194.6	192.0	193.0	192.3
December	199.6	199.5	197.0	199.8	203.8	201.8	200.4	201.8	199.6
March	203.4	202.1	200.8	205.9	207.6	208.2	204.0	203.8	203.4
June	209.4	207.1	207.7	209.1	214.4	217.3	209.7	207.4	209.4
1977-78									
September	217.4	213.2	216.6	215.7	224.3	229.4	218.9	215.3	217.4
December	222.1	218.9	220.8	219.9	228.0	233.2	223.3	219.0	222.0
CLOTHING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	200.0	200.3	199.0	198.7	202.2	201.1	199.7	200.1	200.0
March	202.6	202.6	201.9	201.8	205.0	203.8	202.4	202.7	202.6
June	214.4	213.5	214.3	213.9	217.4	215.9	215.2	215.1	214.5
1976-77									
September	218.1	217.6	217.7	217.1	220.7	219.8	218.5	218.3	218.1
December	232.1	231.3	232.3	230.0	235.8	232.7	231.8	232.2	232.1
March	235.6	234.7	235.6	233.6	240.7	235.5	235.4	235.1	235.6
June	244.1	244.1	243.8	240.7	248.6	243.5	244.1	243.9	244.1
1977-78									
September	248.2	247.7	247.9	245.8	252.0	249.2	248.5	246.4	248.2
December	256.5	255.8	256.1	254.5	260.2	258.7	255.9	254.1	256.4
HOUSING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	218.4	230.9	210.5	200.9	221.3	207.5	214.5	194.3	218.0
March	224.6	236.2	217.5	205.5	228.0	215.8	221.4	198.5	224.2
June	233.9	247.3	226.6	211.3	235.0	224.4	230.1	211.2	233.6
1976-77									
September	241.1	254.5	232.4	225.2	241.3	230.9	235.5	214.7	240.8
December	249.4	262.3	239.1	235.1	252.5	242.9	244.0	226.4	249.2
March	255.0	267.4	245.4	239.4	258.1	249.3	247.7	226.6	254.6
June	261.6	273.8	253.3	244.2	263.3	254.8	252.5	228.4	261.1
1977-78									
September	266.7	279.9	257.1	251.1	268.0	259.1	257.3	229.6	266.1
December	273.2	286.5	261.6	258.1	275.7	270.8	264.0	243.2	272.8
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	178.4	185.9	169.6	181.7	173.9	185.3	186.8	165.9	178.2
March	181.9	189.8	173.1	185.5	177.2	187.1	188.7	168.7	181.7
June	186.5	196.0	176.9	189.3	181.4	190.5	192.8	175.3	186.4
1976-77									
September	189.9	198.7	181.0	192.4	184.2	194.2	196.2	178.4	189.7
December	193.0	202.7	184.0	194.8	187.0	195.3	198.5	181.5	192.8
March	198.9	207.7	191.2	199.9	192.7	200.7	203.3	185.6	198.7
June	203.5	212.8	195.9	203.7	196.2	205.3	209.3	190.1	203.3
1977-78									
September	206.4	215.3	197.8	207.8	201.0	209.2	212.8	193.9	206.2
December	211.7	219.7	203.3	211.4	206.8	218.5	223.2	199.0	211.5

TABLE 6. - continued
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	203.0	218.1	194.6	199.6	194.6	183.5	193.6	197.5	203.0
March	208.7	228.2	196.7	204.1	198.7	188.1	202.8	201.8	208.7
June	211.2	226.4	200.8	210.1	203.1	195.3	209.1	207.0	211.3
1976-77									
September	215.2	225.9	207.9	214.9	207.6	203.4	215.2	211.3	215.3
December	218.6	228.0	212.5	217.6	213.5	204.9	217.7	214.0	218.7
March	225.0	235.3	220.7	221.3	217.7	207.2	223.3	219.1	225.0
June	228.7	237.5	226.0	224.5	223.0	209.4	226.6	222.1	228.7
1977-78									
September	232.3	240.0	229.7	228.0	228.4	213.5	233.2	228.1	232.3
December	239.2	247.8	235.3	232.9	234.2	225.1	240.6	237.1	239.3
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	216.1	222.3	217.4	205.8	208.5	208.2	212.0	199.6	215.8
March	220.6	224.1	224.5	207.8	214.2	217.3	212.2	200.8	220.3
June	225.8	232.0	228.1	211.4	219.2	219.8	218.2	203.3	225.4
1976-77									
September	226.1	232.9	225.7	213.4	220.7	223.1	218.9	210.3	225.8
December	229.2	236.4	228.4	216.6	224.7	225.1	220.9	212.0	228.9
March	230.3	236.6	230.5	217.9	225.5	227.5	220.5	214.8	230.1
June	233.4	240.4	232.7	221.8	227.6	229.5	227.6	215.2	233.0
1977-78									
September	236.0	240.6	238.2	223.5	231.4	232.6	229.2	218.1	235.7
December	239.2	245.6	240.1	226.0	233.1	235.6	230.6	225.8	239.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0)									
1975-76									
December	144.3	136.7	147.5	160.7	141.2	154.1	136.9	155.1	144.5
March	149.6	144.2	149.9	167.5	145.2	161.2	141.0	159.2	149.8
June	156.9	150.9	157.9	173.3	153.4	167.5	150.4	166.3	157.0
1976-77									
September	161.5	154.9	163.7	178.5	156.7	172.3	153.4	169.6	161.6
December	295.4	272.1	295.0	329.8	310.2	348.0	277.0	289.4	295.1
March	301.3	278.6	300.5	335.4	313.9	356.3	283.4	294.6	301.0
June	304.9	281.4	305.3	340.7	318.0	355.8	287.3	299.4	304.6
1977-78									
September	307.1	282.8	308.0	343.6	320.8	358.0	292.1	302.2	306.9
December	311.0	285.6	312.3	348.4	324.1	364.4	295.1	306.7	310.7
RECREATION (Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
September	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
December	101.6	102.0	101.2	102.0	101.0	101.4	102.1	102.8	101.6
March	105.8	106.5	105.1	106.2	105.0	105.9	105.4	105.8	105.8
June	108.8	109.2	108.3	108.2	109.0	109.9	106.9	108.5	108.8
1977-78									
September	110.1	110.8	109.3	110.5	109.7	111.0	107.3	110.1	110.1
December	112.6	113.1	111.7	113.8	112.6	112.9	109.6	112.8	112.6

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
INDEX NUMBERS AND INDEX POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

	Index numbers (Base of each index: year 1966-67 = 100.0)		Change between Sept. qtr 1977 and Dec. qtr 1977 %	Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points) (a)		
	Sept. quarter 1977	Dec. quarter 1977		Sept. quarter 1977	Dec. quarter 1977	Change between Sept. qtr 1977 and Dec. qtr 1977
FOOD GROUP	217.4	222.1	+2.2	49.19	50.24	+1.05
Dairy produce	191.1	200.5	+4.9	4.83	5.07	+0.24
Cereal products	244.0	249.4	+2.2	5.35	5.47	+0.12
Meat and seafoods	201.0	202.0	+0.5	11.51	11.57	+0.06
Beef and veal	165.8	165.7	-0.1	4.59	4.59	..
Lamb and mutton	237.1	228.8	-3.5	2.18	2.11	-0.07
Pork	219.5	222.3	+1.3	0.56	0.56	..
Poultry (b)	(172.2)	(175.2)	+1.7	1.21	1.23	+0.02
Other meat	197.1	202.6	+2.8	1.89	1.94	+0.05
Fish (c)	(125.8)	(131.7)	+4.7	1.09	1.14	+0.05
Fruit and vegetables (c)	(112.8)	(117.6)	+4.3	6.78	7.07	+0.29
Fresh fruit and vegetables (c)	(115.4)	(121.7)	+5.5	4.82	5.08	+0.26
Processed fruit and vegetables	182.1	184.8	+1.5	1.96	1.99	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	259.8	267.4	+2.9	4.81	4.95	+0.14
Meals out, take-away food (c)	(112.7)	(114.4)	+1.5	10.26	10.43	+0.17
Other food	210.5	212.4	+0.9	5.64	5.69	+0.05
CLOTHING GROUP	248.2	256.5	+3.3	23.87	24.67	+0.80
Men's and boys'	242.1	245.8	+1.5	7.06	7.17	+0.11
Women's and girls'	244.4	256.3	+4.9	10.55	11.06	+0.51
Piecegoods and other clothing	200.9	211.0	+5.0	1.24	1.30	+0.06
Footwear	282.9	287.9	+1.8	3.80	3.87	+0.07
Clothing and footwear services (d)	321.1	333.0	+3.7	1.23	1.27	+0.04
HOUSING GROUP	r266.7	273.2	+2.4	r30.99	31.74	+0.75
Rent	r251.1	257.6	+2.6	r11.94	12.25	+0.31
Privately-owned dwellings	248.0	252.9	+2.0	10.81	11.03	+0.22
Government-owned dwellings	r304.6	331.4	+8.8	r1.12	1.22	+0.10
Home ownership (e)	281.0	287.5	+2.3	19.05	19.49	+0.44
Local government rates and charges (f)	320.1	338.6	+5.8	4.09	4.33	+0.24
House price, repairs and maintenance	264.5	268.1	+1.4	14.96	15.16	+0.20
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION GROUP	206.4	211.7	+2.6	33.19	34.05	+0.86
Fuel and light	183.1	191.3	+4.5	4.99	5.22	+0.23
Furniture and floor coverings	251.9	256.9	+2.0	7.40	7.55	+0.15
Appliances	126.9	129.1	+1.7	4.12	4.19	+0.07
Drapery	270.3	279.8	+3.5	2.62	2.71	+0.09
Household utensils and tools	213.3	220.0	+3.1	3.40	3.50	+0.10
Household supplies and services (g)	197.2	201.8	+2.3	7.54	7.72	+0.18
Postal and telephone services	244.7	248.2	+1.4	3.12	3.16	+0.04
TRANSPORTATION GROUP	232.3	239.2	+3.0	41.20	42.43	+1.23
Private transport	228.5	235.7	+3.2	36.64	37.80	+1.16
Motor vehicle purchase	211.1	213.5	+1.1	12.61	12.76	+0.15
Motor vehicle operation (h)	239.6	249.6	+4.2	24.03	25.04	+1.01
Public transport fares (i)	216.5	219.9	+1.6	4.56	4.63	+0.07
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL GROUP	236.0	239.2	+1.4	22.13	22.43	+0.30
Alcoholic beverages	226.4	230.7	+1.9	15.15	15.44	+0.29
Beer	229.3	233.7	+1.9	10.37	10.57	+0.20
Wine and spirits (j)	(156.8)	(159.7)	+1.8	4.78	4.87	+0.09
Cigarettes and tobacco	245.0	245.5	+0.2	6.98	6.99	+0.01
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE GROUP (b)	(307.1)	(311.0)	+1.3	15.54	15.73	+0.19
Health services (b)(k)	(362.3)	(364.0)	+0.5	9.89	9.94	+0.05
Personal care products (l)	210.8	216.5	+2.7	4.04	4.15	+0.11
Personal care services (m)	437.8	449.8	+2.7	1.60	1.65	+0.05
RECREATION GROUP (c)	(110.1)	(112.6)	+2.3	17.95	18.35	+0.40
Books, newspapers, magazines (c)	(113.3)	(120.7)	+6.5	3.35	3.56	+0.21
Other recreation goods (c)(n)	(106.6)	(106.7)	+0.1	7.09	7.10	+0.01
Holiday accommodation (c)	(113.8)	(119.9)	+5.4	2.17	2.28	+0.11
Other recreation services (c)(o)	(111.6)	(112.9)	+1.2	5.34	5.40	+0.06
ALL GROUPS	234.1	239.6	+2.3	234.1	239.6	+5.5
SPECIAL GROUPINGS						
All groups, excluding food group	r240.2	246.1	+2.5	r184.86	189.40	+4.54
All groups, excluding housing group	228.8	234.3	+2.4	203.07	207.90	+4.83
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	232.0	237.7	+2.5	r225.58	231.17	+5.59
All groups, goods component (p)	220.1	225.6	+2.5	172.31	176.66	+4.35
All groups, services component (p)	r288.6	294.4	+2.0	r61.75	62.99	+1.24

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FOOTNOTES TO TABLE 7

- (a) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.
- (b) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0.
- (c) Base : September quarter 1976 = 100.0.
- (d) Dry cleaning and shoe repairs.
- (e) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchase.
- (f) Local government (council) and water and sewerage authority rates and charges.
- (g) Household cleaning agents and paper products, gardening supplies, stationery, pet food, travel goods, umbrellas, insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods.
- (h) Petrol, tyres, tubes, parts, repairs, motor vehicle insurance, registration, driver's licence, motoring organisation fees.
- (i) Bus, tram, rail, taxi and air fares.
- (j) Base : December quarter 1973 = 100.0.
- (k) Medical practitioners' fees (net), hospital charges (net), dental charges, and hospital and medical insurance contributions.
- (l) Pharmaceuticals, toiletries, cosmetics.
- (m) Hairdressing services.
- (n) Television sets, radios, sound equipment, photographic goods, sunglasses, records, cassettes, tapes, sports equipment, bicycles, toys, games, caravans.
- (o) Cinema and live theatre admission, other entertainment and recreation, spectator admission to sports, other sports services, television hire, photographic services and repairs to television sets.
- (p) The special grouping "All groups, goods component" comprises: the Food group except meals out; Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house price; house repair materials; motor vehicle purchase; petrol, tyres, tubes, vehicle replacement parts; personal care products; books, newspapers, magazines; other recreation goods; replacement parts for television sets. The remaining items are classified as "Services".