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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – DECEMBER QUARTER 1975

Variations in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra are shown herein.

2. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for December quarter 1975 increased by 5.6% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities, the largest quarterly increase since December quarter 1951. Changes in individual cities were : Sydney +4.6%, Melbourne +6.0%, Brisbane +6.3%, Adelaide +5.8%, Perth +6.3%, Hobart +7.5%, Canberra +8.0%. An analysis of these changes is given in the table on page 3 and in paragraph 15.

3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1973-74 –								
December	+3.6	+3.7	+3.7	+3.3	+4.0	+3.1	+4.4	+3.8
March	+2.4	+2.3	+2.3	+2.6	+2.5	+2.5	+2.1	+3.0
June	+4.1	+3.9	+4.6	+3.6	+4.3	+3.5	+4.1	+3.2
1974-75 –								
September	+5.1	+5.2	+4.9	+5.4	+5.1	+4.9	+5.0	+5.2
December	+3.8	+3.6	+3.3	+3.2	+4.4	+6.0	+5.1	+3.4
March	+3.6	+3.4	+3.8	+2.7	+4.4	+3.8	+2.3	+2.3
June	+3.5	+3.7	+3.5	+2.6	+3.2	+4.1	+3.1	+4.1
1975-76 –								
September (b)	+0.8	+1.5	+0.6	+1.6	-0.6	-0.1	+0.7	-0.1
December (c)	+5.6	+4.6	+6.0	+6.3	+5.8	+6.3	+7.5	+8.0

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (b) Includes effects of price decreases in health services with the introduction of Medibank (see corresponding bulletin for September quarter 1975). (c) Includes effects of decreases in prices of hospital services in Sydney and Brisbane with the full application of Medibank in those cities (see paragraph 14.).

4. Recent annual changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Same Quarter of Preceding Year

Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1973-74 –								
December	+13.2	+13.2	+13.5	+13.7	+14.2	+10.6	+12.8	+13.1
March	+13.6	+13.5	+13.6	+14.2	+14.5	+11.2	+12.9	+14.1
June	+14.4	+14.3	+14.8	+14.3	+15.3	+11.9	+14.6	+14.3
1974-75 –								
September	+16.0	+15.9	+16.5	+15.8	+16.8	+14.8	+16.4	+16.1
December	+16.3	+15.8	+16.0	+15.7	+17.3	+18.0	+17.3	+15.6
March	+17.6	+17.0	+17.6	+15.8	+19.5	+19.5	+17.6	+14.8
June	+16.9	+16.9	+16.3	+14.7	+18.2	+20.1	+16.5	+15.8
1975-76 –								
September	+12.1	+12.7	+11.5	+10.5	+11.8	+14.4	+11.8	+9.9
December	+14.0	+13.8	+14.5	+13.8	+13.3	+14.7	+14.3	+14.9

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

5. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of the index have been as follows:

Quarter	Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter					
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscel- laneous	All Groups
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1973-74 -						
December	+4.0	+4.1	+3.8	+1.7	+3.8	+3.6
March	+3.4	+2.0	+2.2	+2.4	+1.7	+2.4
June	+3.7	+7.3	+5.1	+3.5	+3.1	+4.1
1974-75 -						
September	+2.7	+4.9	+4.7	+6.6	+7.0	+5.1
December	-0.2	+7.3	+5.4	+3.5	+5.0	+3.8
March	+1.1	+1.4	+3.2	+3.8	+6.3	+3.6
June	+3.4	+4.4	+5.3	+3.5	+2.6	+3.5
1975-76 -						
September	+1.6	+2.3	+3.6	+2.4	(a)-2.0	(a)+0.8
December	+3.1	+6.9	+5.3	+3.0	(b)+8.0	(b)+5.6

(a) Includes effects of price decreases in health services with the introduction of Medibank (see corresponding bulletin for September quarter 1975). (b) Includes effects of decreases in prices of hospital services in Sydney and Brisbane with the full application of Medibank in those cities (see paragraph 14.).

6. The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of goods and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). Eight series for short periods have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.

7. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7) which describes the sixth and seventh series of the index. The eighth series differs only because of the deletion of the item "radio and television licences" as from September quarter 1974.

8. The quarterly prices for food items used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. However, for potatoes and for onions from December quarter 1968, weekly prices are averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices of all non-food items are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor car) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.

9. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.

10. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1963-64 to 1974-75 and for each quarter from December quarter 1968. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows Group Index numbers quarterly from December quarter 1972 to December quarter 1975.

11. Table 3 on page 8 shows monthly Food Group index numbers for each month from April 1972. In Table 4 information of contributions by the Food Group to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points is shown for both September quarter 1975 and December quarter 1975 and each of the three months of this quarter, i.e. October, November and December 1975. A more detailed presentation of information on monthly food price movements can be found in the monthly bulletin *Consumer Price Index, Food Group Index Numbers* (Reference No. 9.11). Since the food group is the only group of the index for which prices are collected monthly, it is not possible to provide monthly indexes for other groups.

12. Table 5 on page 9 shows index numbers for September quarter 1975 and December quarter 1975 for groups and sub-groups of the index and for some special groupings. It also contains information of contributions by index sub-groups to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points for these two quarters. Users of these figures should bear in mind that the Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the proportionate change in retail prices as combined in the five major groups and more particularly the total of the groups. For sub-groups or particular items, the index does not necessarily provide comprehensive and valid measures of price changes in those particular fields. Nor does it necessarily measure the relative influences of those classes of items in aggregate variations in prices. The Consumer Price Index is essentially a combination of selected items under various headings and not a dissection of total household expenditure into its component parts.

13. Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the 'index points' because 'index point' changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 2-5. However, the analysis in paragraph 14 shows movements in terms of All Groups 'index points'. This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the five groups to movements in the total indexes. Table 5 on page 9 shows movements expressed as both percentage changes and changes in 'index points'. The following example illustrates the computation of 'index point' and percentage changes :

All Groups : Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities

<i>Index Point Change</i>	<i>Percentage Change</i>
Dec. quarter 1975 CPI (1966-67 = 100.0)	191.7
less September quarter 1975 CPI	181.6
Index points difference	10.1
	Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period $\frac{191.7 - 181.6}{181.6} \times 100 = 5.6\%$

14. The following analysis and Table 5 on page 9 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from September quarter 1975 to December quarter 1975.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
Movements from September Quarter 1975 to December Quarter 1975.
Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Six Capitals (c)</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
INDEX POINTS (a)								
Food -								
Meat	+0.4	+0.7	+0.2	+0.5	+0.3	..	+0.6	+1.1
Potatoes and Onions	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.4
Cereal Products	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Other	+0.5	+0.4	+0.5	+0.8	+0.6	+0.6	+0.7	+0.4
Clothing and Drapery-	+1.6	+1.6	+1.6	+1.7	+1.6	+1.6	+1.7	+1.7
Housing -								
Rent, Private	+0.4	+0.5	+0.5	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.1
Rent, Government	+0.1	..	..	..	+0.3	+0.3	..	+1.9
House Price, Repairs and Maintenance	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.6	+0.5	+0.5	+0.2
Rates	+0.6	+0.7	+0.4	+0.4	+0.9	+1.0	+0.8	+0.9
Household Supplies and Equipment -								
Personal Requisites and Proprietary Medicines	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Furniture and Floor Coverings	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
Fuel and Light	+0.1	..	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	+0.9	+0.2
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
Miscellaneous -								
Beer	+1.8	+2.1	+1.7	+1.6	+1.5	+1.9	+1.8	+1.4
Motoring	+1.6	+1.6	+1.6	+1.9	+0.9	+1.6	+1.8	+2.3
Cigarettes and Tobacco	+1.2	+1.7	+0.9	+1.0	+1.0	+0.8	+0.9	+0.9
Postal and Telephone Services	+0.9	+0.9	+0.9	+1.0	+1.0	+0.9	+0.9	+0.9
Hospital Bed Day (d)	-1.1	-3.0	..	-0.5	..	..	..	..
Other Health Services (d)	+0.1	-0.2	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.5	+0.1
Other	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.9	+0.2	+0.4	+0.4	+0.7
Total Change (Index Points) (e)	+10.1	+8.7	+10.7	+11.2	+10.4	+11.2	+13.2	+13.9

(a) See explanation in paragraph 13. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base. (c) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (d) For special grouping excluding medical and hospital services see table 5, page 9. (e) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

15. A summary of the various group indexes, together with the *main quarterly* price changes which affected the index between September quarter 1975 and December quarter 1975 is shown below:

Food Group. Prices of meat (except lamb) and potatoes and onions increased in all cities. Bread prices increased in all cities (except Adelaide and Perth) and milk prices increased in Brisbane and Perth. There were increases in all other sections of the group. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 3.1% for the quarter.

Clothing and Drapery Group. More than two-thirds of the increase for the group was contributed by summer seasonal clothing. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 6.9% for the quarter.

Housing Group. There were increases in all sections of the group. Local government rates and charges increased in all cities. The index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 5.3% for the quarter.

Household Supplies and Equipment Group. There were increases in all sections of this group. Electricity charges increased in Adelaide and Hobart. The furniture and floorcoverings and personal requisites and proprietary medicines sub-groups increased in all cities. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 3.0% for the quarter.

Miscellaneous Group. There were increases in all sections of this group except health services which was affected by the introduction of Medibank for hospital services in Sydney and Brisbane. The resulting decreases in prices of hospital bed-days in Sydney and to a lesser extent in Brisbane (where there was previously no charge for public ward bed-day) more than offset increases in other health services. There were increases in prices of cigarettes and tobacco, beer and petrol which included the effects of increases in taxes attached to these commodities. Motor car prices increased in all cities, registration charges increased in Brisbane, and third party insurance increased in Canberra. Charges for postal and telephone services increased in all cities. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capitals increased by 8.0% for the quarter.

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TABLE 1.
 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
 ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
 (Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
Year -								
1963-64	90.6	91.4	90.4	89.6	90.2	89.8	91.7	92.5
1964-65	94.0	94.5	94.0	93.0	93.9	92.6	94.6	95.3
1965-66	97.4	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.0	96.1	98.0	98.1
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	103.3	103.2	103.7	103.3	102.9	102.9	104.6	102.6
1968-69	106.0	106.2	106.2	105.5	105.3	105.5	106.1	104.4
1969-70	109.4	110.6	108.7	108.4	108.2	109.4	108.5	107.4
1970-71	114.6	116.8	113.1	114.2	112.5	114.1	112.6	113.0
1971-72	122.4	126.3	119.7	121.6	119.2	120.7	119.9	119.4
1972-73	129.8	133.9	127.2	128.6	126.5	127.3	126.7	126.3
1973-74	146.6	151.3	144.0	146.1	143.9	140.6	142.6	142.8
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9
Quarter -								
1968-69 -								
December	105.7	105.9	106.0	105.3	105.2	104.9	105.8	103.9
March	106.4	106.7	106.6	105.8	105.5	105.6	106.5	104.8
June	107.2	107.6	107.2	106.3	106.4	107.0	107.0	105.2
1969-70 -								
September	107.8	108.4	107.6	107.2	106.9	107.7	107.4	106.0
December	108.7	109.6	108.3	107.9	107.3	108.7	108.1	106.7
March	109.8	111.3	108.9	108.9	108.4	109.9	108.9	108.0
June	111.2	112.9	110.1	109.7	110.0	111.4	109.6	109.0
1970-71 -								
September	111.9	113.9	110.7	111.1	109.9	111.6	110.2	109.7
December	114.0	116.2	112.6	113.3	111.8	113.5	112.4	113.2
March	115.2	117.4	113.7	115.1	112.9	114.8	113.2	113.6
June	117.2	119.8	115.2	117.2	115.4	116.4	114.6	115.6
1971-72 -								
September	119.4	123.3	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	116.5	117.2
December	122.2	126.0	119.7	121.3	119.1	120.5	120.3	119.4
March	123.4	127.3	120.7	122.6	120.2	121.8	120.9	119.9
June	124.5	128.5	121.9	123.6	121.1	123.1	122.0	120.9
1972-73 -								
September	126.2	130.3	123.6	124.6	123.0	124.8	123.4	122.6
December	127.7	132.0	125.0	126.6	124.3	125.3	125.1	124.5
March	130.4	134.6	127.8	129.4	127.0	127.8	127.5	127.1
June	134.7	138.8	132.3	133.9	131.6	131.4	130.8	130.9
1973-74 -								
September	139.6	144.1	136.8	139.4	136.5	134.4	135.2	135.6
December	144.6	149.4	141.9	144.0	141.9	138.6	141.1	140.8
March	148.1	152.8	145.2	147.8	145.4	142.1	144.0	145.0
June	154.1	158.7	151.9	153.1	151.7	147.1	149.9	149.6
1974-75 -								
September	162.0	167.0	159.4	161.4	159.4	154.3	157.4	157.4
December	168.1	173.0	164.6	166.6	166.4	163.6	165.5	162.7
March	174.1	178.8	170.8	171.1	173.8	169.8	169.3	166.4
June	180.2	185.5	176.7	175.6	179.3	176.7	174.6	173.2
1975-76 -								
September	181.6	188.2	177.7	178.4	178.2	176.5	175.9	173.0
December	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9

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TABLE 2.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
FOOD GROUP								
1972-73 -								
December	121.6	122.5	121.1	123.8	118.7	120.6	117.9	119.9
March	126.9	127.6	127.3	129.2	123.9	124.8	121.4	125.7
June	134.0	133.6	135.3	136.2	132.1	131.5	124.9	132.0
1973-74 -								
September	141.4	142.6	141.1	144.7	140.7	135.1	131.9	140.1
December	147.0	150.0	145.9	150.0	145.1	137.0	139.7	146.0
March	152.0	154.3	150.8	155.7	149.7	144.8	144.2	151.6
June	157.6	159.0	157.2	159.7	157.8	149.7	149.7	156.7
1974-75 -								
September	161.9	164.3	161.1	165.1	160.3	152.2	155.1	160.6
December	161.6	164.5	159.6	161.4	161.2	156.1	158.0	158.1
March	163.4	166.2	159.8	163.9	163.4	164.2	158.1	160.5
June	168.9	170.3	166.2	168.7	170.0	171.2	163.1	167.7
1975-76 -								
September	171.6	173.1	170.1	170.4	171.5	171.9	168.8	171.1
December	176.9	179.0	175.1	176.6	176.0	175.4	174.8	178.8
CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP								
1972-73 -								
December	124.3	124.4	123.7	124.0	125.6	124.6	124.6	124.1
March	125.7	125.7	125.3	125.4	126.9	126.2	125.5	125.4
June	131.1	131.1	130.8	130.2	132.8	131.1	130.4	130.7
1973-74 -								
September	134.9	135.3	134.6	133.9	135.9	134.8	134.2	134.1
December	140.4	140.8	139.6	139.5	141.6	140.9	139.8	139.6
March	143.2	144.1	142.2	142.1	144.2	143.8	142.7	143.0
June	153.6	154.1	152.9	152.5	155.0	153.7	152.9	152.7
1974-75 -								
September	161.1	162.4	160.0	159.3	161.8	162.2	160.3	160.1
December	172.8	174.0	171.5	171.7	173.4	174.0	171.6	172.4
March	175.2	176.2	174.1	173.7	176.2	176.5	174.0	174.3
June	182.9	183.6	182.2	181.2	183.9	184.1	181.3	182.2
1975-76 -								
September	187.1	187.4	186.2	185.6	189.6	188.5	186.1	185.7
December	200.0	200.3	199.0	198.7	202.2	201.1	199.7	200.1
HOUSING GROUP								
1972-73 -								
December	141.3	153.4	132.0	135.6	132.5	139.4	131.6	128.5
March	143.1	155.5	133.8	137.2	134.2	140.4	132.7	129.7
June	146.7	160.5	137.0	140.2	136.6	141.7	134.4	130.8
1973-74 -								
September	149.8	164.0	139.5	143.3	140.6	143.9	137.1	133.0
December	155.5	168.8	146.2	148.1	148.1	147.8	146.8	140.5
March	158.9	172.0	149.7	151.9	152.7	149.8	149.8	142.2
June	167.0	181.3	157.8	157.7	161.0	155.0	153.9	145.1
1974-75 -								
September	174.8	187.9	166.7	167.5	169.9	160.5	163.6	157.1
December	184.3	195.5	176.9	175.5	181.6	173.4	179.8	162.8
March	190.2	200.1	184.2	179.2	191.3	178.4	186.0	165.0
June	200.3	213.2	194.7	183.4	198.2	184.6	194.2	168.2
1975-76 -								
September	207.5	220.5	201.4	193.7	204.0	191.2	199.7	172.3
December	218.4	230.9	210.5	200.9	221.3	207.5	214.5	194.3

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TABLE 2. - continued
 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
 GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
 (Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP								
1972-73 -								
December	114.5	117.5	111.2	116.4	111.6	116.2	119.6	110.6
March	115.9	118.9	112.4	117.6	113.4	117.9	120.3	111.5
June	117.6	120.5	114.0	118.9	116.0	120.0	122.5	115.9
1973-74 -								
September	120.9	123.8	117.9	123.3	117.6	121.8	125.5	117.7
December	122.9	125.9	119.6	125.0	119.6	124.8	126.7	118.8
March	125.9	129.3	122.5	127.2	123.6	126.9	128.4	120.3
June	130.3	133.7	128.1	130.9	126.6	129.4	132.5	123.3
1974-75 -								
September	138.9	143.9	134.5	142.4	135.2	137.1	139.1	130.0
December	143.7	147.8	138.9	149.5	140.2	143.8	148.3	138.9
March	149.2	153.6	144.8	152.0	146.0	149.6	153.2	141.6
June	154.4	160.8	148.8	155.1	148.7	156.8	156.0	145.1
1975-76 -								
September	158.1	162.9	152.1	162.5	152.3	164.5	160.1	147.9
December	162.9	167.2	157.0	166.2	159.1	168.9	171.8	152.9
MISCELLANEOUS GROUP								
1972-73 -								
December	136.5	142.8	133.6	131.9	132.8	129.4	134.0	135.4
March	137.8	144.0	134.8	133.7	134.0	131.1	137.7	136.5
June	140.0	146.2	136.9	137.2	135.6	132.1	141.0	137.5
1973-74 -								
September	144.0	149.8	141.8	141.9	139.3	134.9	144.2	141.9
December	149.5	154.2	148.1	146.2	146.1	141.5	148.6	146.9
March	152.1	157.0	150.5	149.7	148.6	142.9	150.7	152.6
June	156.8	161.6	155.8	154.4	152.1	146.9	156.6	156.2
1974-75 -								
September	167.7	172.7	166.6	164.2	163.9	158.1	165.8	166.3
December	176.1	181.6	173.2	172.3	173.5	170.7	174.2	173.8
March	187.2	192.9	185.5	180.8	187.0	177.6	180.4	180.5
June	192.1	198.8	189.2	184.2	191.3	184.1	185.2	189.6
1975-76 -								
September	188.2	199.3	183.2	182.6	181.0	175.7	178.3	181.8
December	203.2	209.8	201.0	202.0	194.9	193.7	198.1	200.9
ALL GROUPS								
1972-73 -								
December	127.7	132.0	125.0	126.6	124.3	125.3	125.1	124.5
March	130.4	134.6	127.8	129.4	127.0	127.8	127.5	127.1
June	134.7	138.8	132.3	133.9	131.6	131.4	130.8	130.9
1973-74 -								
September	139.6	144.1	136.8	139.4	136.5	134.4	135.2	135.6
December	144.6	149.4	141.9	144.0	141.9	138.6	141.1	140.8
March	148.1	152.8	145.2	147.8	145.4	142.1	144.0	145.0
June	154.1	158.7	151.9	153.1	151.7	147.1	149.9	149.6
1974-75 -								
September	162.0	167.0	159.4	161.4	159.4	154.3	157.4	157.4
December	168.1	173.0	164.6	166.6	166.4	163.6	165.5	162.7
March	174.1	178.8	170.8	171.1	173.8	169.8	169.3	166.4
June	180.2	185.5	176.7	175.6	179.3	176.7	174.6	173.2
1975-76 -								
September	181.6	188.2	177.7	178.4	178.2	176.5	175.9	173.0
December	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9

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TABLE 3.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
INDEX NUMBERS - MONTHLY - FOOD GROUP - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
(Base of Index for each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
1972 - April	117.2	117.1	117.7	119.7	114.0	117.6	113.4	114.3
May	117.5	118.0	117.6	119.7	113.8	118.3	114.1	115.7
June	117.7	117.9	117.8	119.6	114.3	119.6	114.4	115.7
July	118.9	119.5	118.6	119.8	116.4	120.2	115.1	116.2
August	120.2	120.9	120.1	120.5	117.3	121.8	115.9	118.5
September	121.1	122.1	120.7	121.4	118.7	121.4	116.6	119.5
October	121.6	122.8	120.8	122.9	119.0	121.1	117.6	120.0
November	121.7	122.6	121.3	124.3	119.0	120.3	117.9	119.7
December	121.4	122.1	121.2	124.1	118.0	120.3	118.3	119.9
1973 - January	122.2	122.6	121.5	125.7	119.8	122.4	118.4	120.5
February	127.9	129.3	127.8	130.1	125.0	124.6	122.3	127.8
March	130.6	130.8	132.5	131.7	126.9	127.5	123.6	128.7
April	132.8	132.6	134.6	135.1	129.7	128.8	124.4	131.2
May	133.8	133.6	134.9	136.4	132.2	131.7	124.6	132.1
June	135.3	134.5	136.5	137.3	134.4	134.1	125.6	132.5
July	137.6	138.3	137.6	140.4	136.5	134.4	128.0	136.5
August	141.5	142.5	141.4	145.4	140.5	134.8	132.0	139.9
September	145.1	146.9	144.4	148.3	145.0	136.2	135.8	144.0
October	145.9	148.7	144.7	149.3	144.8	137.1	136.3	144.5
November	147.1	150.1	146.2	149.8	145.0	136.3	141.6	145.9
December	147.9	151.1	146.7	150.9	145.5	137.7	141.2	147.6
1974 - January	150.4	153.4	149.0	154.3	147.2	142.0	143.0	150.1
February	152.0	154.1	150.8	155.3	150.4	145.2	144.7	152.1
March	153.5	155.4	152.5	157.4	151.4	147.3	145.0	152.7
April	155.2	156.7	154.9	157.5	154.5	147.9	147.4	154.2
May	158.1	159.3	157.8	160.5	159.3	149.8	149.6	157.1
June	159.4	161.0	158.9	161.1	159.7	151.5	152.1	158.8
July	158.6	160.4	158.2	160.8	158.6	149.9	152.6	158.4
August	163.0	165.7	162.4	166.3	160.6	152.4	155.1	161.3
September	164.0	166.8	162.6	168.1	161.6	154.4	157.7	162.3
October	163.5	166.2	162.2	165.0	162.8	154.9	159.3	161.1
November	160.9	163.8	158.8	160.3	161.1	155.7	157.7	157.9
December	160.3	163.5	157.7	158.9	159.8	157.8	156.9	155.4
1975 - January	162.1	165.0	158.7	162.2	161.9	161.3	157.7	158.3
February	163.0	165.6	159.7	163.1	163.2	163.7	157.8	159.9
March	165.2	168.1	161.0	166.4	165.1	167.5	158.9	163.2
April	167.9	169.5	164.8	168.9	169.1	169.9	161.4	167.1
May	169.0	170.7	166.0	168.5	170.0	171.2	163.4	168.1
June	169.7	170.7	167.7	168.8	170.8	172.5	164.5	167.8
July	170.2	171.8	168.2	169.7	170.7	170.8	166.0	169.4
August	171.4	172.7	169.7	170.3	171.4	172.1	169.4	171.2
September	173.3	174.7	172.4	171.3	172.5	172.8	171.0	172.6
October	175.5	178.0	173.7	174.0	174.3	173.7	173.5	177.0
November	176.7	178.5	174.9	176.7	175.8	175.6	174.2	178.7
December	178.6	180.5	176.7	179.1	177.9	176.9	176.7	180.7

TABLE 4.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
POINTS CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS INDEX
FOOD GROUP : (IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
September Quarter 1975	47.99	48.41	46.45	48.90	49.33	48.63	49.65	47.34
October 1975	49.08	49.80	47.44	49.91	50.13	49.14	51.04	48.98
November 1975	49.41	49.92	47.77	50.71	50.56	49.69	51.25	49.46
December 1975	49.94	50.48	48.25	51.38	51.16	50.03	51.96	50.02
December Quarter 1975	49.48	50.07	47.82	50.67	50.62	49.62	51.42	49.49

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TABLE 5. - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PARTICULARS FOR GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SPECIAL GROUPINGS SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1975 AND DECEMBER QUARTER 1975
Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0

Group and sub-group	Index Numbers (Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted) (a)			All Groups Index Points (contributed by Sub-Groups, etc. to Total (c))		
	Sept. qtr 1975	Dec. qtr 1975	Percentage change since Sept. qtr (d)	Sept. qtr 1975	Dec. qtr 1975	Change in All Groups Index Points since Sept. qtr (d)
FOOD GROUP						
Cereal products	202.2	207.8	+2.8	5.98	6.15	+0.17
Dairy produce	162.4	165.0	+1.6	8.59	8.73	+0.14
Preserved fruit and vegetables	152.1	159.0	+4.5	2.24	2.34	+0.10
Potatoes and onions	159.2	202.2	+27.0	1.28	1.62	+0.34
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	209.2	214.1	+2.3	7.85	8.03	+0.18
Meat	161.7	166.1	+2.7	15.75	16.18	+0.43
Beef	132.6	139.8	+5.4	5.12	5.40	+0.28
Mutton	160.1	162.4	+1.4	0.58	0.59	+0.01
Lamb	177.9	176.9	-0.6	3.20	3.18	-0.02
Pork	186.0	194.5	+4.6	1.59	1.66	+0.07
Processed meat (e)	161.8	164.7	+1.8	5.25	5.34	+0.09
Snacks, take away food (f)(g)	(130.3)	(133.7)	+2.6	1.72	1.77	+0.05
Other food	150.5	152.9	+1.6	4.59	4.66	+0.07
Food Group	171.6	176.9	+3.1	47.99	49.48	+1.49
CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP						
Predominantly summer seasonal (h)	187.9	233.9	+24.5	4.46	5.56	+1.10
Predominantly winter seasonal (i)	194.5	194.5	..	4.65	4.65	..
Predominantly non-seasonal	172.5	179.1	+3.8	9.65	10.02	+0.37
Footwear	223.1	229.9	+3.0	4.62	4.76	+0.14
Clothing and Drapery Group	187.1	200.0	+6.9	23.39	25.00	+1.61
HOUSING GROUP						
Rent, privately owned dwellings (j)	200.8	207.8	+3.5	11.51	11.91	+0.40
Rent, government owned houses	198.8	210.7	+6.0	1.12	1.19	+0.07
Home ownership (k)	215.5	229.4	+6.5	15.19	16.17	+0.98
House price and repairs and maintenance	209.6	216.4	+3.2	10.84	11.19	+0.35
Local government rates and charges	226.1	258.6	+14.4	4.35	4.98	+0.63
Housing Group	207.5	218.4	+5.3	27.82	29.27	+1.45
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP						
Fuel and light	157.3	160.8	+2.2	5.69	5.82	+0.13
Electricity	153.8	155.8	+1.3	3.69	3.74	+0.05
Gas	158.6	160.9	+1.5	1.40	1.42	+0.02
Other (l)	176.1	193.1	+9.7	0.60	0.66	+0.06
Household appliances	116.8	119.7	+2.5	3.59	3.68	+0.09
Furniture and floor coverings	194.7	203.0	+4.3	3.81	3.98	+0.17
Other household utensils, sundries and stationery	170.4	174.6	+2.5	3.77	3.86	+0.09
Personal requisites and proprietary medicines	173.8	181.0	+4.1	4.24	4.41	+0.17
Household Supplies and Equipment Group	158.1	162.9	+3.0	21.10	21.75	+0.65
MISCELLANEOUS GROUP						
Fares (m)	203.4	205.8	+1.2	3.22	3.26	+0.04
Motoring	186.2	197.6	+6.1	25.37	26.92	+1.55
Goods (n)	160.0	171.7	+7.3	18.28	19.62	+1.34
Services and charges (o)	271.8	279.8	+2.9	7.09	7.30	+0.21
Cigarettes and tobacco	188.3	223.2	+18.5	6.43	7.62	+1.19
Beer	170.8	210.5	+23.2	7.97	9.82	+1.85
Wines and spirits (f)	(135.3)	(143.4)	+5.6	2.44	2.57	+0.13
Postal and telephone services	171.8	242.0	+40.9	2.29	3.22	+0.93
Newspapers and magazines	235.3	236.5	+0.5	2.26	2.27	+0.01
Recreational goods and services (f)(p)	(124.4)	(126.5)	+1.7	3.07	3.12	+0.05
Health services (q)	(124.4)	(97.5)	-21.6	4.82	3.78	-1.04
Other services (s)	286.2	300.5	+5.0	3.47	3.65	+0.18
Miscellaneous Group	188.2	203.2	+8.0	61.34	66.24	+4.90
All Groups	181.6	191.7	+5.6	(c)181.6	(c)191.7	(c)+10.1
SPECIAL GROUPINGS						
All Groups excluding food group	185.3	197.3	+6.5	133.65	142.25	+8.60
All Groups excluding housing group	177.6	187.6	+5.6	153.82	162.45	+8.63
All Groups excluding hospital and medical services (t)	184.0	195.6	+6.3	178.76	189.95	+11.19
Goods component (u)	175.4	186.2	+6.2	140.05	148.62	+8.57
Services component (v)	207.2	214.7	+3.6	41.60	43.11	+1.51

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FOOTNOTES TO TABLES

- (a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities.
- (c) 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.
- (d) See paragraph 13 on page 3.
- (e) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968 and sausages as from December quarter 1973 (previously included in Beef sub-group).
- (f) Base : December quarter 1973 = 100.0.
- (g) Includes cooked chicken, meat pies, hamburgers and sandwiches.
- (h) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' summerweight outerwear and women's and girls' summerweight underwear.
- (i) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' winterweight outerwear and underwear, and blankets.
- (j) Includes flats as from December quarter 1968.
- (k) Does not include cost of land or interest charges on house purchase.
- (l) Firewood and kerosene. Includes heating oil and briquettes as from December quarter 1968.
- (m) City and suburban rail, bus and tram.
- (n) Motor car, petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, tyre retreading, battery and motor vehicle replacement parts.
- (o) Repairs, registration, third party insurance, driver's licence and motor vehicle repairs (labour component only).
- (p) Includes cameras, film, film processing, phonograph records, television maintenance and cinema admission. Radio and television licences excluded as from September quarter 1974.
- (q) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0.
- (s) Hairdressing, drycleaning and shoe repairs.
- (t) Special Grouping - All Groups excluding medical and hospital services (Base 1966-67 = 100.0)

December quarter	1974	167.6
March quarter	1975	172.4
June quarter	1975	178.8

- (u) The special grouping "All Groups - Goods Component" comprises the Food Group; Clothing and Drapery Group; Household Supplies and Equipment Group; and the items : house price; house repair materials used by home-owners; motoring goods; motor vehicle replacement parts; cigarettes and tobacco; beer; wines and spirits; newspapers and magazines; photographic goods; phonograph records; and television replacement parts.
- (v) The special grouping "All Groups - Services Component" comprises the items : dwelling rents; house repairs carried out by tradesmen; local government rates and charges; fares; motor vehicle repairs (labour component only); motor vehicle registration; motor vehicle third party insurance; driver's licence; postal and telephone services; film processing; television maintenance (labour and contract charges only); cinema admission; health services; hairdressing; dry cleaning; and shoe repairs.