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## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - DECEMBER QUARTER 1985

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### MAIN FEATURES

	Change between	
	Sept. qtr 1985 and Dec. qtr 1985 %	Dec. qtr 1984 and Dec. qtr 1985 %
All groups index		
Sydney	+2.2	+8.3
Melbourne	+1.7	+8.2
Brisbane	+1.9	+8.1
Adelaide	+2.1	+8.4
Perth	+2.2	+8.5
Hobart	+2.0	+8.7
Canberra	+2.1	+8.7
Darwin	+1.1	+8.1
Weighted average of eight capital cities	+2.0	+8.2

Main price changes between September quarter 1985 and December quarter 1985 were as follows:

#### FOOD: +2.4%

Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables increased in all cities except Adelaide.  
 Prices of soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery increased in all cities.  
 Prices of meals out and take away food increased in all cities.  
 Prices of cakes and biscuits rose in all cities.  
 Bread prices increased in all cities except Adelaide.  
 Milk prices increased in all cities.  
 Lamb and mutton prices fell in all cities.

#### CLOTHING: +3.4%

Main price increases were for summer seasonal items.  
 Footwear prices increased in all cities.

#### HOUSING: +2.4%

House prices increased in all cities.  
 Privately-owned dwelling rents increased in all cities.  
 Local government rates and charges increased in all cities.  
 House repairs and maintenance costs rose in all cities.

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION: +3.0%

Prices of household supplies and services increased in all cities except Darwin.  
 Prices of furniture and floor coverings increased in all cities except Darwin.  
 Prices of household utensils and tools increased in all cities.  
 Appliance prices increased in all cities.  
 Drapery prices increased in all cities.  
 Telephone charges increased in all cities.  
 Electricity charges increased in Melbourne, Canberra and Darwin and fell in Adelaide.

#### TRANSPORTATION: +0.6%

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.  
 Vehicle service and repair costs increased in all cities.  
 Vehicle insurance costs increased in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Darwin, but fell in Sydney, Perth and Canberra.  
 Urban transport fares increased in all cities except Adelaide.  
 Petrol prices fell in all cities except Sydney.

#### TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL: +2.4%

Prices of beer, spirits and cigarettes increased in all cities.

#### HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE: +1.3%

Medical insurance contributions increased in all cities except Hobart. These increases were partly offset by reductions in net medical charges in all cities except Perth and Darwin where net medical charges increased.  
 Prices for personal care products increased in all cities.

#### RECREATION AND EDUCATION: +1.4%

Prices for holiday travel and accommodation increased for all cities except Adelaide.  
 Prices for books, newspapers and magazines increased in all cities.  
 Entertainment charges increased in all cities.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## Brief description of the CPI

1. The 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 eight groups: food; clothing; housing; household equipment and operation; transportation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. 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, Canberra, Darwin, and for the weighted average of eight capital cities. Index numbers for All Groups are also published for the weighted average of six State capital cities (see paragraphs 12 and 13 below). Subgroup index numbers are published for the weighted average of eight 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 CPI is contained in a booklet entitled A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0) which is available from the ABS on request. A more detailed account is contained in The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0).

## Prices

4. Prices of goods and services included in the CPI are generally collected quarterly. However, some important items are priced monthly or more frequently (e.g. bread, fresh meat and fish, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco) and a small number annually (e.g. seasonal clothing, local government rates and charges).

5. The bulk of items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced at the middle of the mid-month of the quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May), but, to facilitate a more even spread of the field collection workload, some goods and services are priced in the first and third months of each quarter. Items priced in the third month are generally those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges, milk); in these cases information is obtained of any changes in price during the quarter so that a weighted average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

## Weighting pattern

6. There are 105 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the tenth series 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 now comprises ten series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The tenth series (that is, the current series), which was introduced in the June quarter 1982, has a weighting pattern based, in general, on estimated household expenditure in 1979-80.

## 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 eight capital cities

Index numbers:	
Sept. quarter 1985:	144.2
Less: June quarter 1985:	141.1
Change in index points:	+3.1
	+3.1
Percentage change =	$\frac{\text{---}}{\text{---}} \times 100 = +2.2\%$
	141.1

The index number of 144.2 for September quarter 1985 indicates an increase of 44.2% since the reference base year (1980-81).

## Special tables and groupings

9. Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for subgroups and for some special series. It also shows the contribution which each group and subgroup makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy produce subgroup contributed 2.72 index points to the total All Groups index number of 144.2 for September quarter 1985. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group and subgroup.

10. The All Groups index includes the effects of changes in prices for hospital and medical services. To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices without the effects of these changes, Table 5 shows index numbers and percentage changes for a special series All Groups excluding hospital and medical services, and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.

## State and local government charges

11. Information on the impact of changes in selected State and local government charges on the CPI is included in Tables 3 and 7. Table 3 shows the contribution made by changes in these charges to the CPI for each capital city, while Table 7 shows index numbers for two special groupings 'Selected State and local government charges' and 'All Groups excluding selected State and local government charges'. For information on the derivation and limitations of these figures, see the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

## Index for weighted average of six State capital cities

12. It was foreshadowed at the completion of the last review and reweighting of the CPI in July 1982 that publication of index numbers for the weighted average of six State capital cities would be discontinued after a transitional period. It is intended that publication of this series will cease when the eleventh series CPI is released; this is currently scheduled to occur with the publication of the CPI for the September quarter 1986.

13. Index numbers for the weighted average of six State capital cities will continue to be made available by the ABS on request after September quarter 1986. However users of this particular series might consider it more convenient to make arrangements to switch to using index numbers for the weighted average of eight capital cities.

## Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero  
n.a. not available

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by subgroup or group index numbers in Table 7 do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index Year 1980-81 = 100.0)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities(a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
1981-82	110.4	110.2	110.4	110.7	110.5	111.2	110.0	110.7	111.1	110.4
1982-83	123.1	123.4	122.8	122.9	123.5	122.5	121.8	124.0	123.1	123.1
1983-84	131.6	130.9	132.1	131.7	132.3	131.0	129.9	132.3	130.2	131.6
1984-85	137.2	136.0	138.1	137.9	138.7	136.1	136.1	138.8	135.1	137.2
Quarter -										
1981-82										
December	109.9	109.4	110.1	110.1	110.0	111.2	109.7	110.0	111.3	109.9
March	111.8	111.5	111.6	112.5	111.7	112.4	111.3	111.8	113.0	111.8
June	114.5	114.6	114.3	114.1	114.4	114.6	113.4	115.2	115.0	114.5
1982-83										
September	118.5	118.7	118.3	118.0	118.6	118.6	116.9	118.7	118.8	118.5
December	121.9	122.4	121.3	121.9	121.8	121.8	121.0	123.3	122.1	122.0
March	124.6	125.1	124.0	125.0	125.2	123.7	123.5	125.9	124.6	124.7
June	127.3	127.4	127.4	126.6	128.5	125.9	125.9	128.0	126.9	127.3
1983-84										
September	129.5	129.2	129.5	129.3	130.3	129.4	127.5	129.8	128.6	129.4
December	132.5	131.8	133.3	132.0	132.9	132.3	130.4	133.0	130.3	132.5
March	132.0	131.2	132.6	132.3	132.9	131.1	130.7	133.1	131.0	132.0
June	132.2	131.2	133.0	133.3	133.1	131.1	130.9	133.3	130.9	132.3
1984-85										
September	134.0	132.8	134.9	135.2	134.7	133.2	132.3	135.3	132.7	134.0
December	135.8	134.7	136.6	136.5	137.5	134.7	134.9	137.4	134.0	135.9
March	137.8	136.8	138.3	138.7	139.4	136.7	137.1	139.6	135.2	137.8
June	141.1	139.7	142.4	141.1	143.0	139.9	140.2	142.8	138.4	141.1
1985-86										
September	144.2	142.7	145.3	144.7	146.0	142.9	143.8	146.2	143.2	144.2
December	147.1	145.9	147.8	147.5	149.1	146.1	146.7	149.3	144.8	147.1

(a) See paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities(a) %	Sydney %	Melbourne %	Brisbane %	Adelaide %	Perth %	Hobart %	Canberra %	Darwin %	Weighted average of eight capital cities %
Change from previous year										
1982-83	+11.5	+12.0	+11.2	+11.0	+11.8	+10.2	+10.7	+12.0	+10.8	+11.5
1983-84	+6.9	+6.1	+7.6	+7.2	+7.1	+6.9	+6.7	+6.7	+5.8	+6.9
1984-85	+4.3	+3.9	+4.5	+4.7	+4.8	+3.9	+4.8	+4.9	+3.8	+4.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year										
1983-84										
December	+8.7	+7.7	+9.9	+8.3	+9.1	+8.6	+7.8	+7.9	+6.7	+8.6
March	+5.9	+4.9	+6.9	+5.8	+6.2	+6.0	+5.8	+5.7	+5.1	+5.9
June	+3.8	+3.0	+4.4	+5.3	+3.6	+4.1	+4.0	+4.1	+3.2	+3.9
1984-85										
September	+3.5	+2.8	+4.2	+4.6	+3.4	+2.9	+3.8	+4.2	+3.2	+3.6
December	+2.5	+2.2	+2.5	+3.4	+3.5	+1.8	+3.5	+3.3	+2.8	+2.6
March	+4.4	+4.3	+4.3	+4.8	+4.9	+4.3	+4.9	+4.9	+3.2	+4.4
June	+6.7	+6.5	+7.1	+5.9	+7.4	+6.7	+7.1	+7.1	+5.7	+6.7
1985-86										
September	+7.6	+7.5	+7.7	+7.0	+8.4	+7.3	+8.7	+8.1	+7.9	+7.6
December	+8.3	+8.3	+8.2	+8.1	+8.4	+8.5	+8.7	+8.7	+8.1	+8.2
Change from previous quarter										
1983-84										
December	+2.3	+2.0	+2.9	+2.1	+2.0	+2.2	+2.3	+2.5	+1.3	+2.4
March	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	+0.2	-	-0.9	+0.2	+0.1	+0.5	-0.4
June	+0.2	-	+0.3	+0.8	+0.2	-	+0.2	+0.2	-0.1	+0.2
1984-85										
September	+1.4	+1.2	+1.4	+1.4	+1.2	+1.6	+1.1	+1.5	+1.4	+1.3
December	+1.3	+1.4	+1.3	+1.0	+2.1	+1.1	+2.0	+1.6	+1.0	+1.4
March	+1.5	+1.6	+1.2	+1.6	+1.4	+1.5	+1.6	+1.6	+0.9	+1.4
June	+2.4	+2.1	+3.0	+1.7	+2.6	+2.3	+2.3	+2.3	+2.4	+2.4
1985-86										
September	+2.2	+2.1	+2.0	+2.6	+2.1	+2.1	+2.6	+2.4	+3.5	+2.2
December	+2.0	+2.2	+1.7	+1.9	+2.1	+2.2	+2.0	+2.1	+1.1	+2.0

(a) See paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
CHANGE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1985 AND DECEMBER QUARTER 1985 IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS

	Weighted average of six State capital cities(a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>FOOD</b>	+0.73	+0.94	+0.54	+0.77	+0.48	+0.81	+0.55	+0.73	-0.02	+0.73
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+0.19	+0.36	+0.06	+0.18	-0.06	+0.30	+0.05	+0.33	-	+0.20
Cereal products	+0.17	+0.16	+0.19	+0.20	+0.14	+0.15	+0.14	+0.09	+0.02	+0.16
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.16	+0.17	+0.16	+0.09	+0.15	+0.25	+0.17	+0.15	+0.17	+0.16
Meals out, take away food	+0.16	+0.18	+0.13	+0.19	+0.21	+0.08	+0.17	+0.12	+0.08	+0.15
Milk and cream	+0.03	+0.01	+0.06	+0.03	+0.03	+0.02	-	+0.01	+0.02	+0.03
Lamb and mutton	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.02	-0.09	-0.08	-0.05	-0.09	-0.03	-0.07
<b>CLOTHING</b>	+0.37	+0.32	+0.41	+0.37	+0.39	+0.42	+0.39	+0.31	+0.04	+0.37
Women's and girls' clothing	+0.24	+0.22	+0.25	+0.24	+0.26	+0.26	+0.20	+0.17	-	+0.23
Men's and boys' clothing	+0.08	+0.06	+0.10	+0.06	+0.09	+0.09	+0.12	+0.07	+0.02	+0.08
Footwear	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.07	+0.06	+0.05	+0.04	+0.02	+0.01	+0.04
<b>HOUSING</b>	+0.47	+0.41	+0.51	+0.27	+0.66	+0.53	+0.70	+0.50	+0.31	+0.47
House purchase	+0.17	+0.15	+0.23	-	+0.19	+0.13	+0.27	+0.04	+0.13	+0.16
Privately-owned dwelling rents	+0.13	+0.16	+0.12	+0.04	+0.11	+0.17	+0.13	+0.15	+0.05	+0.13
Local government rates and charges	+0.08	+0.06	+0.02	+0.12	+0.19	+0.14	+0.17	+0.22	+0.11	+0.09
House repairs and maintenance	+0.08	+0.05	+0.11	+0.09	+0.14	+0.08	+0.12	+0.08	+0.02	+0.08
Government-owned dwelling rents	+0.01	+0.01	-	+0.02	-	+0.02	+0.06	-	-	+0.01
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	+0.59	+0.57	+0.61	+0.60	+0.66	+0.49	+0.40	+0.53	+0.10	+0.58
Household supplies and services	+0.18	+0.17	+0.13	+0.26	+0.27	+0.20	+0.14	+0.11	-0.10	+0.18
Furniture and floor coverings	+0.12	+0.16	+0.10	+0.12	+0.14	+0.10	+0.08	+0.20	-	+0.13
Household utensils and tools	+0.08	+0.09	+0.08	+0.08	+0.07	+0.05	+0.05	+0.09	+0.02	+0.08
Appliances	+0.06	+0.05	+0.07	+0.05	+0.09	+0.05	+0.02	+0.03	+0.05	+0.06
Drapery	+0.05	+0.05	+0.01	+0.05	+0.09	+0.04	+0.09	+0.06	+0.04	+0.04
Telephone charges	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.04	+0.03	+0.02	+0.01	+0.03
Electricity	+0.03	-	+0.10	-	-0.04	-	-	+0.02	+0.08	+0.03
Gas	+0.02	-	+0.07	-	-	+0.01	+0.01	+0.01	-	+0.02
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	+0.15	+0.32	-0.13	+0.23	+0.55	-0.07	+0.18	+0.13	+0.27	+0.15
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.19	+0.20	+0.20	+0.18	+0.20	+0.17	+0.28	+0.13	+0.32	+0.19
Vehicle service and repairs	+0.11	+0.10	+0.13	+0.13	+0.15	+0.04	+0.05	+0.15	+0.10	+0.11
Vehicle insurance	+0.07	-0.01	+0.07	+0.29	+0.13	-0.02	+0.03	-0.05	+0.04	+0.05
Urban transport fares	+0.05	+0.04	+0.09	+0.03	-	+0.03	-	+0.06	+0.06	+0.05
Automotive fuel	-0.28	+0.01	-0.63	-0.42	-0.03	-0.33	-0.20	-0.23	-0.27	-0.28
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	+0.31	+0.42	+0.18	+0.21	+0.17	+0.52	+0.24	+0.67	+0.41	+0.32
Beer	+0.14	+0.17	+0.11	+0.13	+0.12	+0.28	+0.12	+0.19	+0.25	+0.15
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.13	+0.25	+0.06	+0.05	+0.06	+0.08	+0.08	+0.45	+0.08	+0.13
Spirits	+0.04	+0.03	+0.03	+0.02	+0.01	+0.15	+0.01	+0.04	+0.04	+0.04
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	+0.10	+0.09	+0.12	+0.09	+0.13	+0.16	+0.02	+0.07	+0.11	+0.11
Hospital and medical services	+0.04	-	+0.07	+0.03	+0.08	+0.11	-0.02	+0.01	+0.08	+0.04
Personal care products	+0.02	+0.04	+0.02	+0.04	+0.03	+0.03	+0.01	+0.01	+0.02	+0.03
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>	+0.22	+0.18	+0.27	+0.27	+0.06	+0.28	+0.48	+0.23	+0.33	+0.22
Holiday travel and accommodation	+0.11	+0.11	+0.11	+0.19	-0.01	+0.10	+0.29	+0.07	+0.10	+0.11
Books, newspapers and magazines	+0.08	+0.08	+0.07	+0.13	+0.05	+0.05	+0.05	+0.12	+0.13	+0.08
Entertainment	+0.03	+0.03	+0.05	-	+0.02	+0.05	+0.10	+0.01	+0.04	+0.03
<b>Total change</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>+2.5</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+1.6</b>	<b>+2.9</b>
Contribution of selected State and local government charges(b) to total change	+0.19	+0.08	+0.28	+0.37	+0.15	+0.17	+0.24	+0.33	+0.26	+0.19

(a) See paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes.

(b) Selected charges comprise: government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin). The derivation and limitation of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

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

	Food %	Clothing %	Housing %	Household equipment and operation %	Trans- portation %	Tobacco and alcohol %	Health and personal care (a) %	Recreation and education %	All Groups (a) %
Change from previous year									
1982-83	+9.1	+6.6	+10.5	+11.9	+12.6	+13.6	+23.3	..	+11.5
1983-84	+7.8	+5.9	+7.1	+7.1	+8.5	+12.5	-4.4	+6.3	+6.9
1984-85	+5.2	+6.2	+7.5	+4.8	+6.4	+8.4	-16.9	+3.8	+4.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year									
1983-84									
December	+8.9	+5.9	+6.7	+7.4	+9.6	+12.5	+11.0	+7.4	+8.6
March	+8.7	+6.1	+6.8	+6.5	+7.2	+12.9	-13.9	+5.6	+5.9
June	+3.7	+5.6	+7.5	+6.1	+9.3	+13.2	-26.6	+3.0	+3.9
1984-85									
September	+4.8	+6.0	+8.2	+5.5	+6.7	+12.4	-28.1	+3.1	+3.6
December	+5.0	+6.4	+7.4	+3.6	+4.8	+7.9	-28.1	+3.0	+2.6
March	+4.4	+6.2	+7.2	+4.5	+5.8	+7.3	-9.2	+3.1	+4.4
June	+6.7	+6.1	+7.3	+5.4	+8.4	+6.3	+5.8	+6.2	+6.7
1985-86									
September	+6.3	+7.0	+7.8	+6.5	+9.4	+7.8	+8.7	+7.9	+7.6
December	+7.3	+7.8	+8.6	+8.5	+9.2	+8.2	+7.8	+9.2	+8.2
Change from previous quarter									
1983-84									
December	+1.3	+2.2	+2.4	+2.9	+2.8	+6.3	+2.1	+0.3	+2.4
March	+1.6	+0.4	+1.6	+0.7	+0.7	+1.8	-19.3	+2.1	-0.4
June	-0.3	+2.9	+2.2	+0.8	+1.9	+2.5	-12.8	-0.4	+0.2
1984-85									
September	+2.2	+0.4	+1.8	+1.0	+1.2	+1.4	-	+1.1	+1.3
December	+1.4	+2.6	+1.7	+1.0	+0.9	+2.0	+2.2	+0.2	+1.4
March	+1.0	+0.2	+1.4	+1.5	+1.8	+1.3	+1.9	+2.2	+1.4
June	+1.9	+2.8	+2.3	+1.7	+4.4	+1.4	+1.5	+2.5	+2.4
1985-86									
September	+1.8	+1.2	+2.3	+2.0	+2.1	+2.8	+2.8	+2.8	+2.2
December	+2.4	+3.4	+2.4	+3.0	+0.6	+2.4	+1.3	+1.4	+2.0

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 10.

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
COMPARISON OF 'ALL GROUPS' AND 'ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES' INDEXES;  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	Index Numbers		Percentage Changes			
	(Base of each index: 1980-81=100.0)		From previous quarter		From corresponding quarter of previous year	
	All Groups	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services	All groups %	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services %	All groups %	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services %
1981-82						
June	114.5	113.3	+2.4	+2.4	+10.7	+9.6
1982-83						
September	118.5	117.0	+3.5	+3.3	+12.3	+10.7
December	122.0	120.2	+3.0	+2.7	+11.0	+10.5
March	124.7	122.7	+2.2	+2.1	+11.5	+10.9
June	127.3	125.3	+2.1	+2.1	+11.2	+10.6
1983-84						
September	129.4	127.4	+1.6	+1.7	+9.2	+8.9
December	132.5	130.4	+2.4	+2.4	+8.6	+8.5
March	132.0	132.0	-0.4	+1.2	+5.9	+7.6
June	132.3	133.5	+0.2	+1.1	+3.9	+6.5
1984-85						
September	134.0	135.4	+1.3	+1.4	+3.6	+6.3
December	135.9	137.3	+1.4	+1.4	+2.6	+5.3
March	137.8	139.2	+1.4	+1.4	+4.4	+5.5
June	141.1	142.6	+2.4	+2.4	+6.7	+6.8
1985-86						
September	144.2	145.8	+2.2	+2.2	+7.6	+7.7
December	147.1	148.7	+2.0	+2.0	+8.2	+8.3

TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>FOOD</b> (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
<b>1983-84</b>									
December	125.7	128.6	128.3	126.0	128.5	127.8	126.4	126.2	127.2
March	128.0	130.2	129.9	128.4	130.2	129.0	129.5	129.5	129.2
June	127.2	129.8	129.6	128.6	130.7	130.5	128.2	129.2	128.8
<b>1984-85</b>									
September	129.6	133.0	132.1	131.6	134.0	133.7	130.5	130.5	131.6
December	132.3	134.4	133.6	134.0	134.6	135.4	132.9	131.1	133.5
March	133.8	135.3	136.3	134.6	137.0	136.0	135.7	132.1	134.9
June	135.5	138.8	137.5	137.9	139.3	139.1	135.7	135.4	137.4
<b>1985-86</b>									
September	137.5	141.8	139.9	141.7	142.0	142.2	137.6	137.8	139.9
December	141.8	144.2	143.4	144.0	145.7	144.8	141.1	137.7	143.2
<b>CLOTHING</b> (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
<b>1983-84</b>									
December	120.9	119.4	122.2	119.9	120.6	118.7	120.9	121.6	120.4
March	121.4	119.6	123.0	121.3	121.2	119.6	120.9	122.1	120.9
June	124.7	123.3	125.6	124.9	125.0	123.1	124.8	124.2	124.4
<b>1984-85</b>									
September	125.3	124.0	125.6	125.8	124.6	124.0	126.2	125.3	124.9
December	128.2	127.2	128.7	129.0	128.3	126.9	129.4	127.7	128.1
March	128.4	127.4	129.1	129.3	129.5	127.8	129.5	127.5	128.4
June	132.0	131.1	132.0	133.5	132.8	131.7	133.4	130.0	132.0
<b>1985-86</b>									
September	133.6	132.9	133.8	134.8	134.0	133.3	134.6	132.5	133.6
December	137.4	137.9	139.2	139.1	139.3	137.1	138.8	133.3	138.1
<b>HOUSING</b> (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
<b>1983-84</b>									
December	126.9	134.3	135.8	134.3	123.7	122.9	134.7	129.2	130.5
March	127.8	137.5	137.2	138.8	124.6	125.3	137.7	129.5	132.6
June	130.1	141.8	138.1	142.5	126.7	127.3	141.8	130.4	135.5
<b>1984-85</b>									
September	131.8	144.9	141.5	145.0	128.9	130.3	145.3	134.0	137.9
December	132.8	148.0	143.1	150.0	130.8	134.5	149.3	134.7	140.2
March	134.6	150.7	144.3	152.3	132.4	136.7	152.1	135.1	142.2
June	138.0	154.8	145.6	154.6	134.1	139.1	156.5	135.4	145.4
<b>1985-86</b>									
September	142.1	158.0	147.5	156.8	136.5	143.2	161.0	142.7	148.7
December	145.0	161.8	149.5	162.2	140.8	148.8	165.0	145.4	152.2
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b> (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
<b>1983-84</b>									
December	135.1	132.4	130.4	131.6	128.7	132.1	132.8	129.8	132.8
March	134.9	133.4	132.2	134.8	129.7	134.6	133.2	132.4	133.7
June	135.3	134.8	133.9	136.4	131.1	136.1	134.7	133.6	134.8
<b>1984-85</b>									
September	136.7	136.1	137.0	136.8	132.9	136.7	135.2	134.9	136.2
December	138.1	137.9	137.1	139.5	133.6	138.5	135.9	134.2	137.6
March	141.0	139.4	139.2	142.0	134.7	140.3	136.8	136.0	139.7
June	142.6	142.1	141.9	144.8	137.6	142.6	140.6	139.3	142.1
<b>1985-86</b>									
September	145.2	144.9	146.3	147.1	141.2	145.1	142.8	146.8	145.0
December	149.5	149.2	151.0	151.6	144.7	148.1	146.5	147.7	149.3

TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUP INDEXES-continued

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
December	136.3	130.7	137.6	137.2	133.8	136.3	137.2	128.1	134.5
March	137.3	131.7	137.7	138.0	135.0	139.0	138.7	130.1	135.5
June	140.4	134.5	141.8	138.8	136.4	138.0	139.9	131.7	138.1
1984-85									
September	142.8	135.2	143.2	140.3	138.9	138.9	142.2	132.8	139.7
December	144.3	135.7	143.2	142.9	140.6	141.0	143.1	133.6	140.9
March	147.4	137.5	145.9	145.9	142.8	144.9	145.9	136.1	143.4
June	153.2	144.8	150.7	152.1	148.8	150.7	153.2	143.6	149.7
1985-86									
September	155.9	147.4	156.2	155.3	152.5	155.7	157.2	146.8	152.9
December	158.0	146.5	157.4	158.5	152.1	157.0	157.9	148.5	153.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
December	140.5	140.8	134.4	138.6	140.3	136.4	135.6	139.6	139.5
March	143.2	142.7	136.5	142.2	142.7	141.3	138.6	143.4	142.0
June	146.5	146.0	140.5	146.3	146.2	143.7	142.2	146.2	145.5
1984-85									
September	148.8	147.8	142.0	148.3	148.3	143.9	144.6	150.3	147.5
December	151.6	150.7	143.9	151.9	151.9	150.5	148.2	158.0	150.5
March	153.9	151.6	145.0	154.1	155.3	154.6	150.8	159.7	152.4
June	156.2	154.1	147.1	155.6	157.4	156.0	153.0	162.5	154.6
1985-86									
September	160.5	158.4	151.6	160.0	161.7	160.7	157.8	170.8	159.0
December	165.3	160.7	154.1	162.4	167.4	163.4	165.2	174.4	162.8
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
December	160.0	181.1	144.4	170.0	183.7	148.0	162.0	170.9	167.9
March	130.1	142.7	127.9	134.8	144.1	122.0	132.1	139.6	135.5
June	114.1	122.7	118.4	115.4	122.7	108.4	115.8	123.9	118.2
1984-85									
September	113.2	123.5	117.8	115.8	123.6	108.5	116.3	124.4	118.2
December	115.7	126.8	121.1	118.2	124.6	110.0	119.1	124.9	120.8
March	117.7	129.8	123.4	119.9	126.4	111.1	120.4	125.1	123.1
June	118.9	132.9	125.1	122.1	128.1	113.0	122.5	126.2	125.0
1985-86									
September	122.2	136.7	128.8	124.7	132.1	114.8	126.7	129.7	128.5
December	123.5	138.6	130.3	126.5	134.8	115.0	127.8	131.9	130.2
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Base of each index: March quarter 1982=100.0)									
1983-84									
December	113.3	114.6	112.8	112.2	111.8	116.3	115.9	111.8	113.5
March	116.1	117.3	114.3	114.8	112.3	118.8	118.1	112.7	115.9
June	115.3	116.9	114.4	114.6	111.8	119.0	117.9	111.9	115.4
1984-85									
September	116.1	118.5	116.1	115.4	113.1	119.1	119.5	112.8	116.7
December	116.3	118.3	117.4	116.0	113.7	120.6	120.2	112.9	116.9
March	119.1	120.8	120.0	118.8	115.0	123.6	122.8	113.5	119.5
June	121.9	124.3	121.9	121.9	118.7	125.9	125.1	115.7	122.5
1985-86									
September	125.5	127.1	126.1	126.0	120.9	130.7	129.3	120.2	125.9
December	126.9	129.2	128.2	126.5	123.1	134.5	130.8	122.2	127.6

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-INDEX NUMBERS AND POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS,WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
	Dec 1984	Sept 1985	Dec 1985	Dec 1985	Sept 1985 %	Dec 1985 %	Sept 1985 %	Dec 1985 %	Sept 1985	Dec 1985	Sept 1985	Dec 1985
	qtr	qtr	qtr	qtr					qtr	qtr	qtr	qtr
<b>FOOD</b>	133.5	139.9	143.2	143.2	+2.4	+7.3	+7.3	+7.3	30.53	31.26	+0.73	+0.73
Dairy produce	133.6	140.1	142.0	142.0	+1.4	+6.3	+6.3	+6.3	2.72	2.75	+0.03	+0.03
Cereal products	144.4	154.4	162.0	162.0	+4.9	+12.2	+12.2	+12.2	3.40	3.56	+0.16	+0.16
Meat and seafoods	118.8	123.8	123.0	123.0	-0.6	+3.5	+3.5	+3.5	6.70	6.65	-0.05	-0.05
Beef and veal	122.9	126.6	126.8	126.8	+0.2	+3.2	+3.2	+3.2	2.86	2.86	-	-
Lamb and mutton	108.9	111.5	103.3	103.3	-7.4	-5.1	-5.1	-5.1	0.94	0.87	-0.07	-0.07
Pork	126.8	128.4	129.2	129.2	+0.6	+1.9	+1.9	+1.9	0.30	0.30	-	-
Poultry	120.3	122.6	123.4	123.4	+0.7	+2.6	+2.6	+2.6	0.75	0.75	-	-
Other meat	119.4	125.9	126.2	126.2	+0.2	+5.7	+5.7	+5.7	1.20	1.20	-	-
Fish	121.8	139.5	142.5	142.5	+2.2	+17.0	+17.0	+17.0	0.65	0.66	+0.01	+0.01
Fresh fruit and vegetables	135.7	124.6	135.5	135.5	+8.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	2.25	2.45	+0.20	+0.20
Processed fruit and vegetables	137.7	147.7	148.6	148.6	+0.6	+7.9	+7.9	+7.9	1.31	1.32	+0.01	+0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	146.6	154.4	160.5	160.5	+4.0	+9.5	+9.5	+9.5	4.07	4.23	+0.16	+0.16
Meals out, take away food	139.5	149.1	152.6	152.6	+2.3	+9.4	+9.4	+9.4	6.92	7.07	+0.15	+0.15
Other food	132.6	143.8	145.4	145.4	+1.1	+9.7	+9.7	+9.7	3.17	3.21	+0.04	+0.04
<b>CLOTHING</b>	128.1	133.6	138.1	138.1	+3.4	+7.8	+7.8	+7.8	10.88	11.25	+0.37	+0.37
Men's and boys' clothing	127.1	132.5	135.7	135.7	+2.4	+6.8	+6.8	+6.8	3.25	3.33	+0.08	+0.08
Women's and girls' clothing	125.5	131.5	138.3	138.3	+5.2	+10.2	+10.2	+10.2	4.50	4.73	+0.23	+0.23
Piecegoods and other clothing	128.8	136.8	141.1	141.1	+3.1	+9.5	+9.5	+9.5	0.65	0.67	+0.02	+0.02
Footwear	131.0	136.0	138.4	138.4	+1.8	+5.6	+5.6	+5.6	1.90	1.94	+0.04	+0.04
Clothing and footwear services	143.3	145.0	145.0	145.0	-	+1.2	+1.2	+1.2	0.59	0.59	-	-
<b>HOUSING</b>	140.2	148.7	152.2	152.2	+2.4	+8.6	+8.6	+8.6	20.01	20.48	+0.47	+0.47
Rent	140.0	150.0	153.3	153.3	+2.2	+9.5	+9.5	+9.5	6.33	6.47	+0.14	+0.14
Privately-owned dwelling rents	138.0	147.3	150.8	150.8	+2.4	+9.3	+9.3	+9.3	5.51	5.64	+0.13	+0.13
Government-owned dwelling rents	155.4	170.0	171.6	171.6	+0.9	+10.4	+10.4	+10.4	0.82	0.83	+0.01	+0.01
Home ownership(a)	140.5	148.5	152.0	152.0	+2.4	+8.2	+8.2	+8.2	13.68	14.01	+0.33	+0.33
Local government rates and charges	156.9	161.6	166.1	166.1	+2.8	+5.9	+5.9	+5.9	2.97	3.06	+0.09	+0.09
Other home ownership	136.5	145.2	148.5	148.5	+2.3	+8.8	+8.8	+8.8	10.71	10.95	+0.24	+0.24
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	137.6	145.0	149.3	149.3	+3.0	+8.5	+8.5	+8.5	19.72	20.30	+0.58	+0.58
Fuel and light	160.7	168.9	171.0	171.0	+1.2	+6.4	+6.4	+6.4	4.09	4.14	+0.05	+0.05
Furniture and floor coverings	135.8	143.8	149.0	149.0	+3.6	+9.7	+9.7	+9.7	3.53	3.66	+0.13	+0.13
Appliances	113.7	114.7	118.3	118.3	+3.1	+4.0	+4.0	+4.0	1.96	2.02	+0.06	+0.06
Drapery	131.0	136.6	141.5	141.5	+3.6	+8.0	+8.0	+8.0	1.27	1.31	+0.04	+0.04
Household utensils and tools	136.2	144.9	150.6	150.6	+3.9	+10.6	+10.6	+10.6	2.06	2.14	+0.08	+0.08
Household supplies and services	140.0	149.8	155.2	155.2	+3.6	+10.9	+10.9	+10.9	4.98	5.16	+0.18	+0.18
Postal and telephone services	130.6	137.6	140.1	140.1	+1.8	+7.3	+7.3	+7.3	1.83	1.86	+0.03	+0.03
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	140.9	152.9	153.8	153.8	+0.6	+9.2	+9.2	+9.2	25.15	25.30	+0.15	+0.15
Private motoring	139.3	151.8	152.5	152.5	+0.5	+9.5	+9.5	+9.5	23.02	23.13	+0.11	+0.11
Motor vehicle purchase	133.6	145.0	149.4	149.4	+3.0	+11.8	+11.8	+11.8	6.21	6.40	+0.19	+0.19
Automotive fuel	142.7	163.6	157.8	157.8	-3.5	+10.6	+10.6	+10.6	7.81	7.53	-0.28	-0.28
Other motoring costs	140.7	147.5	150.6	150.6	+2.1	+7.0	+7.0	+7.0	9.00	9.19	+0.19	+0.19
Urban transport fares	154.5	159.9	163.5	163.5	+2.3	+5.8	+5.8	+5.8	2.13	2.18	+0.05	+0.05

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TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-INDEX NUMBERS AND POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS, WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES-continued

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
	Dec		Sept		Dec		Sept		Dec		Sept	
	1984	qtr	1985	qtr	1985	qtr	1985	qtr	1985	qtr	1985	qtr
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	150.5	159.0	162.8		+2.4	+8.2		13.62	13.94		+0.32	
Alcoholic beverages	143.7	151.0	154.0		+2.0	+7.2		9.23	9.41		+0.18	
Beer	148.2	156.8	160.4		+2.3	+8.2		6.54	6.69		+0.15	
Wine and spirits	133.9	138.5	140.3		+1.3	+4.8		2.69	2.72		+0.03	
Cigarettes and tobacco	167.6	179.1	184.7		+3.1	+10.2		4.39	4.52		+0.13	
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	120.8	128.5	130.2		+1.3	+7.8		8.21	8.32		+0.11	
Health services	102.4	108.0	109.7		+1.6	+7.1		3.92	3.98		+0.06	
Personal care products	145.5	157.1	158.4		+0.8	+8.9		3.29	3.32		+0.03	
Personal care services	142.2	149.2	151.6		+1.6	+6.6		1.01	1.02		+0.01	
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION(b)</b>	116.9	125.9	127.6		+1.4	+9.2		16.06	16.28		+0.22	
Books, newspapers, magazines	148.1	157.8	163.2		+3.4	+10.2		2.29	2.37		+0.08	
Other recreational goods	103.9	109.0	108.3		-0.6	+4.2		3.08	3.06		-0.02	
Holiday travel and accommodation(b)	119.0	132.1	134.7		+2.0	+13.2		5.34	5.45		+0.11	
Other recreational services	142.8	151.6	153.2		+1.1	+7.3		3.44	3.47		+0.03	
Education and child care(b)	127.2	135.9	137.3		+1.0	+7.9		1.92	1.94		+0.02	
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	135.9	144.2	147.1		+2.0	+8.2		144.2	147.1		+2.9	
<b>SPECIAL SERIES</b>												
All groups, excluding food group	136.6	145.4	148.3		+2.0	+8.6		113.67	115.88		+2.21	
All groups, excluding housing group	135.2	143.5	146.4		+2.0	+8.3		124.19	126.65		+2.46	
All groups, excl hosp. and med. services	137.3	145.8	148.7		+2.0	+8.3		140.98	143.87		+2.89	
All groups, goods component(c)	135.7	144.0	147.0		+2.1	+8.3		103.72	105.88		+2.16	
All groups, services component(d)	137.3	145.7	148.5		+1.9	+8.2		40.48	41.25		+0.77	
Selected State and local gov. charges(e)	167.4	174.5	177.7		+1.8	+6.2		10.81	11.00		+0.19	
All groups, excluding selected State and government charges(e)	133.7	142.1	145.0		+2.0	+8.5		133.39	136.13		+2.74	

(a) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchase. (b) Base: March quarter 1982=100.0. (c) The special series 'All groups, goods component' comprises the Food group (except meals out); Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except contents insurance, repairs to appliances and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house purchase; house repairs and maintenance; goods; motor vehicle purchase; automotive fuel; tyres; and tubes; vehicle service and repairs; goods; personal care products; books, newspapers and magazines; and other recreational goods. (d) The 'All groups, services component' comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'. (e) Selected State and local government charges comprise government-owned dwelling rental; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin). The derivation and limitations of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December 1982 issue of this publication.

