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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MARCH QUARTER 1980

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MAIN FEATURES

All Groups index	Change between				Change between			
	Dec. quarter 1979 and Mar. quarter 1980		Mar. quarter 1979 and Mar. quarter 1980		Group indexes — Weighted average of six State capital cities		Dec. quarter 1979 and Mar. quarter 1980	
	%	%	%	%	1979	1980	1979	1980
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+2.2		+10.5		Food		+4.1	+15.0
Sydney	+2.7		+11.1		Clothing		+0.8	+6.7
Melbourne	+1.8		+10.1		Housing		+1.8	+7.6
Brisbane	+2.6		+10.7		Household equipment and operation		+2.6	+8.4
Adelaide	+1.9		+10.6		Transportation		+0.6	+11.6
Perth	+1.8		+9.9		Tobacco and alcohol		+1.8	+5.7
Hobart	+2.1		+10.4		Health and personal care		+1.6	+19.3
Canberra	+2.6		+11.3		Recreation		+3.4	+9.9
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+2.2		+10.6		All Groups		+2.2	+10.5

Main price changes between December quarter 1979 and March quarter 1980 were as follows:

Food

Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables increased in all cities except Melbourne and Adelaide.

Prices of beef increased in all cities.

Prices of lamb increased in all cities except Hobart.

Prices of meals out and take-away food and cereal products increased in all cities.

the incidence of discounting in all cities except Canberra.

Motor car prices increased in all cities.

Air fares increased for all cities.

Taxi fares increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Motor vehicle third party insurance charges increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and decreased in Hobart.

Motor vehicle registration fees decreased in Melbourne.

Tobacco and alcohol

Beer prices increased in all cities.

Health and personal care

Prices of personal care products increased in all cities.

Recreation

Main price increases were for books and entertainment in all cities.

Newspaper prices increased in Sydney and Brisbane.

Household equipment and operation

Prices of heating oil and kerosene increased in all cities.

Electricity charges increased in Sydney and Canberra.

Prices of furniture and household appliances increased in all cities.

Transportation

Petrol prices decreased as a result of some increase in

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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 subgroups. 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 publication also contains *subgroup 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 CPI is contained in the booklet entitled *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index* which is available from the ABS on request.

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

Index numbers :

March quarter 1980 :	290.3
Less : December quarter 1979 :	284.1
Change in index points :	+6.2

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+6.2}{284.1} \times 100 = +2.2\%$$

The index number of 290.3 for March quarter 1980 indicates an increase of 190.3% since the reference base year (1966-67).

9. Most of the tables in this publication show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. Table 3, on the other hand, shows the main changes between December quarter 1979 and March quarter 1980, 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 subgroups and for some special series. It also shows the *contribution* which each group and subgroup makes to the total index. For instance, the dairy produce subgroup contributed 5.85 index points to the total All Groups index number of 290.3 for March quarter 1980. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and subgroup.

11. The All Groups index includes the effects of changes in prices for hospital and medical services, for September and December quarters of 1975 (following the introduction of Medibank), for December quarter 1976 (following changes to Medibank) and for December quarters of 1978 and 1979 (following further changes in health insurance arrangements). To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices without the effects of these changes, Table 5 shows percentage changes for a special series "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, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6402.0) contains monthly index numbers, percentage changes and other data relating to the Food Group of the CPI.

Symbols and other usages

- Nil or rounded to zero.

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
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
1976-77	+13.8	+12.3	+14.3	+14.2	+15.5	+15.7	+14.6	+13.7	+13.8
1977-78	+ 9.5	+ 8.9	+10.0	+ 9.4	+ 9.9	+10.8	+ 9.8	+ 9.1	+ 9.5
1978-79	+ 8.2	+ 8.7	+ 7.8	+ 8.2	+ 7.4	+ 8.1	+ 7.8	+ 8.1	+ 8.2
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
1977-78									
March	+ 8.2	+ 7.8	+ 8.2	+ 8.1	+ 8.2	+ 9.5	+ 8.8	+ 8.2	+ 8.2
June	+ 7.9	+ 7.5	+ 8.0	+ 8.2	+ 7.6	+ 8.9	+ 8.3	+ 8.1	+ 7.9
1978-79									
September	+ 7.9	+ 8.1	+ 7.8	+ 8.0	+ 7.2	+ 8.4	+ 7.5	+ 8.0	+ 7.9
December	+ 7.8	+ 8.2	+ 7.3	+ 9.0	+ 6.6	+ 7.5	+ 6.9	+ 7.0	+ 7.7
March	+ 8.2	+ 8.8	+ 8.0	+ 7.8	+ 7.5	+ 7.7	+ 8.0	+ 7.9	+ 8.2
June	+ 8.8	+ 9.8	+ 8.2	+ 8.2	+ 8.2	+ 8.6	+ 8.8	+ 9.4	+ 8.8
1979-80									
September	+ 9.2	+10.0	+ 9.1	+ 8.6	+ 8.2	+ 8.4	+ 9.7	+10.1	+ 9.2
December	+10.0	+10.3	+10.2	+ 8.6	+10.4	+ 9.4	+10.5	+10.5	+10.0
March	+10.5	+11.1	+10.1	+10.7	+10.6	+9.9	+10.4	+11.3	+10.6
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
1977-78									
March	+1.3	+1.4	+1.1	+1.8	+0.9	+1.2	+1.1	+1.0	+1.3
June	+2.1	+1.9	+2.5	+1.9	+1.9	+1.8	+2.0	+1.7	+2.1
1978-79									
September	+1.9	+2.1	+1.8	+1.9	+2.0	+2.0	+1.5	+1.9	+1.9
December	+2.3	+2.6	+1.7	+3.1	+1.7	+2.4	+2.1	+2.3	+2.2
March	+1.7	+1.9	+1.8	+0.7	+1.7	+1.3	+2.2	+1.9	+1.7
June	+2.7	+2.8	+2.7	+2.3	+2.5	+2.7	+2.7	+3.0	+2.7
1979-80									
September	+2.3	+2.2	+2.6	+2.3	+2.0	+1.8	+2.5	+2.5	+2.3
December	+3.0	+2.9	+2.8	+3.1	+3.8	+3.3	+2.8	+2.7	+3.0
March	+2.2	+2.7	+1.8	+2.6	+1.9	+1.8	+2.1	+2.6	+2.2

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

	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
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
1977-78	241.0	243.2	238.2	238.4	241.8	243.1	239.1	232.3	240.9
1978-79	260.7	264.4	256.8	258.0	259.7	262.8	257.7	251.1	260.6
Quarter									
1975-76									
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
March	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5
June	247.7	249.8	245.2	245.2	247.6	249.8	245.5	238.1	247.6
1978-79									
September	252.5	255.0	249.6	249.8	252.6	254.7	249.3	242.7	252.4
December	258.2	261.6	253.9	257.6	256.9	260.8	254.5	248.2	258.0
March	262.6	266.7	258.4	259.3	261.3	264.3	260.0	252.8	262.4
June	269.6	274.3	265.3	265.2	267.9	271.4	267.0	260.5	269.4
1979-80									
September	275.8	280.4	272.2	271.2	273.3	276.2	273.6	267.1	275.7
December	284.1	288.5	279.7	279.7	283.6	285.4	281.2	274.3	283.9
March	290.3	296.2	284.6	287.1	288.9	290.4	287.0	281.3	290.1

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1979 AND MARCH QUARTER 1980 (a)

	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
Food									
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+0.5	+0.9	-0.1	+1.9	-0.1	+0.5	+0.1	+0.4	+0.5
Beef and veal	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5	+0.8	+0.3	+0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.5
Lamb and mutton	+0.4	+0.6	+0.4	+0.1	+0.5	+0.3	-	+0.4	+0.4
Meals out and take-away food	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4
Cereal products	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Other	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.8	+0.6	+0.7	+0.6	+0.5	+0.5
Clothing	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
Housing									
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.5	+0.6	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5
Rent - privately owned dwellings	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-	+0.1	+0.2
Rent - government owned dwellings	-	-	-	+0.1	-	-	-	-	-
Household equipment and operation									
Heating oil and kerosene	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	-	+0.2	+0.1	+0.8	+1.1	+0.2
Electricity	+0.1	+0.4	-	-	-	-	-	+0.3	+0.2
Gas	-	-	-	-	+0.2	-	+0.1	+0.4	-
Furniture	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
Appliances	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.1	+0.1	-	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.6	+0.6	+0.6	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4
Transportation									
Petrol	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	+0.1	-0.3
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3
Motoring charges	-0.1	-	-0.4	-	-	+0.1	-	-	-0.1
Public transport fares	+0.2	+0.4	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3
Motor vehicle service, repairs and parts	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+0.1	-	+0.1
Tobacco and alcohol									
Beer	+0.4	+0.7	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.7	+0.4
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Wine and spirits	-	+0.1	-	-0.1	-0.1	-	-0.2	-0.2	-
Health and personal care									
Personal care products	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Hospital and medical services	+0.1	-	+0.2	-	-	-	-	-	+0.1
Other	+0.1	-	-	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	-
Recreation									
Books, newspapers and magazines	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2	+0.5	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3
Entertainment	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.2
Total change	+6.2	+7.7	+4.9	+7.4	+5.3	+5.0	+5.8	+7.0	+6.2

(a) See notes about changes in index points in paragraphs 8 and 9.

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

	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (a)	Recreation	All Groups (a)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
1976-77	+11.7	+15.7	+13.9	+10.1	+8.9	+8.9	+75.3	(b)	+13.8
1977-78	+10.9	+10.7	+9.1	+8.3	+8.2	+4.4	+19.8	+8.9	+9.5
1978-79	+11.5	+7.3	+6.5	+6.3	+9.4	+15.6	-5.2	+6.4	+8.2
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
1977-78									
March	+9.9	+10.1	+8.6	+7.5	+8.0	+5.0	+5.5	+8.6	+8.2
June	+9.7	+8.8	+7.7	+7.3	+7.5	+4.0	+10.6	+6.6	+7.9
1978-79									
September	+8.8	+8.4	+6.9	+7.1	+8.1	+3.9	+14.0	+6.8	+7.9
December	+9.9	+7.1	+6.3	+5.9	+8.6	+20.2	-9.4	+6.1	+7.8
March	+12.4	+6.7	+6.3	+6.5	+9.4	+18.4	-10.2	+5.9	+8.2
June	+14.6	+7.2	+6.5	+5.6	+11.5	+19.6	-14.2	+6.9	+8.8
1979-80									
September	+14.8	+7.3	+6.8	+6.6	+13.2	+19.8	-16.1	+6.5	+9.2
December	+13.7	+6.6	+7.2	+7.4	+13.5	+3.5	+18.9	+8.3	+10.0
March	+15.0	+6.7	+7.6	+8.4	+11.6	+5.7	+19.3	+9.9	+10.5
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
1977-78									
March	+0.6	+1.1	+1.4	+1.0	+1.6	+1.1	+2.2	+2.0	+1.3
June	+2.8	+2.4	+1.7	+2.1	+1.2	+0.4	+6.1	+1.0	+2.1
1978-79									
September	+3.0	+1.3	+1.2	+1.3	+2.2	+1.0	+3.8	+1.4	+1.9
December	+3.1	+2.2	+1.9	+1.4	+3.4	+17.2	-19.5	+1.6	+2.3
March	+3.0	+0.7	+1.3	+1.6	+2.3	-0.3	+1.2	+1.8	+1.7
June	+4.8	+3.0	+1.9	+1.2	+3.1	+1.4	+1.4	+1.9	+2.7
1979-80									
September	+3.2	+1.3	+1.5	+2.3	+3.8	+1.2	+1.6	+1.0	+2.3
December	+2.1	+1.5	+2.2	+2.1	+3.6	+1.2	+14.1	+3.4	+3.0
March	+4.1	+0.8	+1.8	+2.6	+0.6	+1.8	+1.6	+3.4	+2.2

(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>Change from previous quarter</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
March	+1.2	+1.3	+8.4	+8.2
June	+1.8	+2.1	+7.8	+7.9
1978-79				
September	+1.8	+1.9	+7.5	+7.9
December	+3.8	+2.3	+9.0	+7.8
March	+1.7	+1.7	+9.5	+8.2
June	+2.7	+2.7	+10.4	+8.8
1979-80				
September	+2.4	+2.3	+11.0	+9.2
December	+2.3	+3.0	+9.5	+10.0
March	+2.2	+2.2	+10.0	+10.5

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)									
1977-78									
March	223.5	221.5	219.6	225.1	229.7	235.1	225.5	223.1	223.5
June	229.8	226.7	226.6	229.6	236.9	244.7	229.5	229.1	229.8
1978-79									
September	236.6	234.6	233.3	233.7	242.7	250.4	238.4	235.7	236.6
December	244.0	243.0	241.1	240.4	248.7	254.4	245.0	241.7	243.9
March	251.3	250.2	248.5	249.6	254.8	260.5	254.7	251.0	251.3
June	263.4	263.1	260.2	259.2	265.6	275.5	266.9	267.7	263.5
1979-80									
September	271.7	271.3	269.0	267.2	274.1	281.7	275.1	274.0	271.8
December	277.5	277.3	273.8	276.5	280.3	285.1	283.8	279.3	277.5
March	288.9	290.9	281.4	295.7	289.2	295.7	291.2	287.8	288.8
CLOTHING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1977-78									
March	259.3	257.7	260.4	256.3	262.6	260.7	258.4	251.9	259.2
June	265.6	264.4	266.4	261.8	269.9	265.7	265.5	262.3	265.5
1978-79									
September	269.0	268.0	269.9	263.9	273.2	269.3	269.7	265.5	268.9
December	274.8	274.1	274.4	271.7	280.2	275.8	275.2	270.9	274.7
March	276.6	274.8	276.7	273.9	283.3	277.5	277.3	272.3	276.5
June	284.8	283.4	284.9	281.2	291.5	285.2	286.7	280.8	284.7
1979-80									
September	288.6	287.7	288.8	284.9	294.6	288.2	290.5	284.0	288.5
December	292.9	291.7	292.5	289.4	299.9	294.6	295.8	288.9	292.8
March	295.2	293.8	295.0	291.4	301.7	296.9	297.2	289.5	295.0
HOUSING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1977-78									
March	276.9	290.5	264.8	265.4	277.4	273.0	267.0	244.1	276.4
June	281.7	297.8	268.8	268.9	279.1	274.9	270.2	244.5	281.1
1978-79									
September	285.2	302.9	271.6	272.4	279.6	276.5	272.0	246.4	284.6
December	290.5	309.3	274.9	276.8	288.3	282.7	277.3	249.1	289.8
March	294.3	315.6	276.4	281.3	291.3	284.4	280.4	251.2	293.5
June	299.9	324.3	281.6	283.3	295.1	285.5	282.6	253.7	299.1
1979-80									
September	304.5	331.8	284.0	288.2	297.6	286.7	285.4	255.0	303.6
December	311.3	339.8	289.3	295.4	306.5	291.9	291.7	260.7	310.4
March	316.8	347.0	293.6	300.1	312.8	294.8	296.3	265.9	315.9
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1977-78									
March	213.8	222.0	205.3	214.4	208.1	220.1	224.6	201.0	213.6
June	218.3	225.7	210.4	221.6	211.9	223.6	227.3	202.9	218.0
1978-79									
September	221.1	227.8	213.1	225.9	214.4	228.3	228.8	206.3	220.8
December	224.2	230.9	216.2	228.0	217.2	232.4	233.4	213.1	224.0
March	227.8	233.5	221.2	229.6	222.2	235.3	238.5	215.3	227.7
June	230.5	236.6	223.5	231.6	224.6	237.7	242.7	218.8	230.3
1979-80									
September	235.7	240.7	230.1	236.5	229.9	241.7	248.1	224.8	235.5
December	240.7	245.2	235.0	240.7	237.4	247.7	251.9	229.0	240.6
March	247.0	251.6	241.5	244.8	243.5	254.1	261.1	241.5	247.0

TABLE 6.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES - *continued*

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)									
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1977-78									
March	243.0	251.9	239.6	235.4	236.4	229.0	244.5	238.8	243.1
June	245.9	254.6	242.2	238.7	240.3	231.8	247.9	241.0	245.9
1978-79									
September	251.2	260.4	245.8	245.9	246.5	239.3	247.0	246.4	251.2
December	259.7	268.7	254.5	255.1	253.9	248.0	252.4	252.1	259.7
March	265.8	278.2	259.3	258.9	259.2	250.9	258.7	258.3	265.8
June	274.1	284.6	268.1	268.2	269.3	259.6	268.0	268.1	274.1
1979-80									
September	284.4	294.0	281.3	276.0	277.2	267.0	282.5	282.5	284.6
December	294.7	304.3	291.8	286.7	286.9	277.9	287.7	289.1	294.8
March	296.5	306.9	292.9	288.0	289.2	278.2	292.6	293.5	296.6
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0)									
1977-78									
March	317.8	297.0	316.6	353.1	328.2	367.8	298.9	319.7	317.7
June	337.3	313.2	349.2	369.2	332.3	372.5	324.1	338.6	337.2
1978-79									
September	350.2	323.0	364.3	379.2	354.7	382.9	331.3	350.3	350.1
December	281.9	270.7	284.6	289.0	282.1	316.5	274.2	294.6	282.0
March	285.4	273.0	288.3	294.9	285.3	322.1	280.5	297.1	285.5
June	289.3	277.4	292.2	299.2	287.1	326.3	282.6	301.9	289.4
1979-80									
September	293.8	282.1	297.7	302.4	291.2	327.4	287.6	304.7	293.9
December	335.3	322.9	328.9	338.5	350.8	398.5	324.7	348.2	335.5
March	340.6	326.3	335.4	345.2	356.5	404.9	329.4	356.0	340.8
RECREATION (Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)									
1977-78									
March	114.9	114.7	114.7	117.2	114.9	114.5	111.4	114.1	114.9
June	116.0	115.4	116.3	117.6	116.6	115.6	112.6	114.5	116.0
1978-79									
September	117.6	117.0	117.4	120.3	118.6	117.1	115.4	117.2	117.6
December	119.5	118.2	119.5	122.4	121.6	119.4	117.7	119.4	119.5
March	121.7	120.9	121.4	124.1	123.6	122.1	119.6	121.9	121.7
June	124.0	122.7	123.7	126.8	126.4	124.4	122.1	122.8	123.9
1979-80									
September	125.2	124.0	124.6	128.5	127.1	126.8	123.0	124.7	125.2
December	129.4	128.2	129.7	131.8	129.8	129.6	126.6	129.3	129.4
March	133.8	133.7	133.1	137.1	134.4	132.8	131.1	132.2	133.7

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

	Reference base period	Index numbers				Change between			Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)		
		Dec. quarter 1979		Mar. quarter 1980		Dec. quarter 1979		Mar. quarter 1980		Dec. qtr 1979 and Mar. qtr 1980	
		Dec. quarter 1979	Mar. quarter 1980	%	Dec. quarter 1979	Mar. quarter 1980	%	Dec. quarter 1979	Mar. quarter 1980	Change between Dec. qtr 1979 and Mar. qtr 1980	
FOOD	1966-67 = 100.0	277.5	288.9	+4.1	+15.0	62.77	65.34	+2.57			
Dairy produce	"	227.4	231.3	+1.7	+7.0	5.75	5.85	+0.10			
Cereal products	"	286.7	296.6	+3.5	+9.2	6.28	6.50	+0.22			
Meat and seafoods	"	321.0	340.6	+6.1	+30.9	18.38	19.51	+1.13			
Beef and veal	"	326.6	345.2	+5.7	+44.4	9.04	9.55	+0.51			
Lamb and mutton	"	324.0	370.1	+14.2	+20.8	2.98	3.41	+0.43			
Pork	"	314.7	318.9	+1.3	+17.7	0.80	0.81	+0.01			
Poultry	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	189.6	191.6	+1.1	+5.9	1.33	1.34	+0.01			
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	294.1	305.2	+3.8	+28.7	2.81	2.92	+0.11			
Fish	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	163.9	169.9	+3.7	+18.9	1.42	1.47	+0.05			
Fruit and vegetables	"	126.5	135.7	+7.3	+3.7	7.60	8.16	+0.56			
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	129.3	141.8	+9.7	+3.7	5.40	5.92	+0.52			
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	204.7	207.8	+1.5	+3.6	2.20	2.24	+0.04			
Solt drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	325.4	331.8	+2.0	+12.3	6.03	6.15	+0.12			
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	138.7	143.3	+3.3	+13.2	12.64	13.05	+0.41			
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	227.2	228.9	+0.7	+8.3	6.09	6.13	+0.04			
CLOTHING	"	292.9	295.2	+0.8	+6.7	28.18	28.39	+0.21			
Men's and boys'	"	270.5	271.3	+0.3	+4.3	7.89	7.91	+0.02			
Women's and girls'	"	293.1	294.1	+0.3	+6.0	12.65	12.69	+0.04			
Pieccesgoods and other clothing	"	266.0	273.8	+2.9	+11.7	1.64	1.68	+0.04			
Footwear	"	334.7	340.5	+1.7	+10.3	4.50	4.58	+0.08			
Clothing and footwear services (a)	"	393.4	399.4	+1.5	+9.9	1.50	1.53	+0.03			
HOUSING	"	311.3	316.8	+1.8	+7.6	36.17	36.82	+0.65			
Rent	"	299.2	302.9	+1.2	+6.7	14.23	14.40	+0.17			
Privately-owned dwellings	"	289.3	293.0	+1.3	+6.5	12.61	12.77	+0.16			
Government-owned dwellings	"	433.1	440.5	+0.8	+7.9	1.61	1.63	+0.02			
Home ownership (b)	"	323.8	330.7	+2.1	+8.3	21.95	22.42	+0.47			
Local government rates and charges (c)	"	408.6	408.6	—	+10.4	5.23	5.23				
House price, repairs and maintenance	"	295.7	304.0	+2.8	+7.7	16.72	17.19	+0.47			
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION	"	240.7	247.0	+2.6	+8.4	38.71	39.72	+1.01			
Fuel and light	"	237.1	250.3	+5.6	+15.2	6.47	6.83	+0.36			
Furniture and floor coverings	"	282.1	287.9	+2.1	+6.4	8.29	8.46	+0.17			
Appliances	"	138.2	141.6	+2.5	+5.0	4.48	4.59	+0.11			
Drapery	"	321.6	326.8	+1.6	+6.9	3.11	3.16	+0.05			
Household utensils and tools	"	254.7	260.4	+2.2	+7.3	4.06	4.15	+0.09			
Household supplies and services (d)	"	235.6	241.3	+2.4	+10.7	9.01	9.23	+0.22			
Postal and telephone services	"	258.1	258.6	+0.2	+1.9	3.29	3.29				
TRANSPORTATION	"	294.7	296.5	+0.6	+11.6	52.28	52.58	+0.30			
Private transport	"	290.2	290.6	+0.1	+11.0	46.55	46.61	+0.06			
Motor vehicle purchase	"	239.6	243.9	+1.8	+6.1	14.31	14.57	+0.26			
Motor vehicle operation (e)	"	321.3	319.4	-0.6	+13.3	32.23	32.04	-0.19			
Public transport fares (f)	"	272.3	283.8	+4.2	+15.9	5.73	5.97	+0.24			

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

	Reference base period	Change between						Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)	
		Index numbers		Dec. qtr 1979 and Mar. qtr 1980		Mar. qtr 1979 and Mar. qtr 1980 %			
		Dec. quarter 1979	Mar. quarter 1980	%	Dec. quarter 1979	Mar. quarter 1980	%		
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1966-67 = 100.0	297.5	302.8	+1.8	+5.7	27.90	28.40	+0.50	
Alcoholic beverages	"	287.6	293.6	+2.1	+5.6	19.24	19.65	+0.41	
Beer	"	288.8	296.9	+2.8	+6.7			+0.37	
Wine and spirits	Dec. qtr 1973 = 100.0	202.8	203.9	+0.5	+3.2	13.06	13.43	+0.04	
Cigarettes and tobacco	1966-67 = 100.0	303.9	307.1	+1.1	+6.0	6.18	6.22	+0.09	
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE									
Health services (g)	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	335.3	340.6	+1.6	+19.3	16.96	17.23	+0.27	
Personal care products (h)	"	371.9	375.4	+0.9	+27.8	10.15	10.25	+0.10	
Personal care services (i)	1966-67 = 100.0	249.6	257.0	+3.0	+9.3	4.78	4.93	+0.15	
	"	553.8	560.7	+1.2	+7.6	2.03	2.06	+0.03	
RECREATION	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	129.4	133.8	+3.4	+9.9	21.08	21.80	+0.72	
Books, newspapers, magazines	"	145.8	156.1	+7.1	+20.0	4.31	4.61	+0.30	
Other recreational goods (j)	"	115.4	117.5	+1.8	+3.8	7.68	7.81	+0.13	
Holiday accommodation	"	139.7	140.1	+0.3	+10.3	2.66	2.67	+0.01	
Other recreational services (k)	"	134.4	140.1	+4.2	+10.8	6.43	6.71	+0.28	
ALL GROUPS	1966-67 = 100.0	284.1	290.3	+2.2	+10.5	284.1	290.3	+6.2	
SPECIAL SERIES									
All groups, excluding food group	"	287.6	292.3	+1.6	+9.3	221.29	224.93	+3.64	
All groups, excluding housing group	"	279.4	285.6	+2.2	+11.0	247.88	253.46	+5.58	
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	"	283.5	289.8	+2.2	+10.0	275.71	281.86	+6.15	
All groups, goods component (l)	"	271.2	277.5	+2.3	+10.6	212.29	217.27	+4.98	
All groups, services component (l)	"	335.4	341.3	+1.8	+10.6	71.76	73.01	+1.25	

(a) Dry cleaning and shoe repairs. (b) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchases. (c) Local government (council) and water and sewerage authority rates and charges. (d) Household cleaning agents and paper products, gardening supplies, stationery, pet food, travel goods, umbrellas, insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods. (e) Petrol, tyres, tubes, parts, repairs, motor vehicle insurance, registration, driver's licence, motoring organisation fees. (f) Pharmaceuticals, toiletries, cosmetics. (g) Medical practitioners' fees (net), hospital charges (net), dental charges, and hospital and medical insurance contributions. (h) Sports equipment, bicycles, toys, games, caravans. (i) Hairdressing services. (j) Television sets, radios, sound equipment, photographic goods, sunglasses, records, cassettes, tapes, sports services, television hire, photographic services and repairs to television sets. (k) Cinema and live theatre admission, other entertainment and recreation, spectator admission to sports, other (except meals out); Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except insurance of dwellings and contents, tubes, vehicle replacement parts; personal care products; books, newspapers, magazines; other recreational goods; replacement parts for television sets). The remaining items are classified as "Services".