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### MAIN FEATURES

	Change between		Group indexes— Weighted average of six State capital cities	Change between	
	Dec. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981 %	Mar. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981 %		Dec. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981 %	Mar. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981 %
<b>All groups index</b>					
<b>Weighted average of six State capital cities</b>	+2.4	+9.4	<b>Food</b>	+2.0	+9.7
<b>Sydney</b>	+2.6	+9.7	<b>Clothing</b>	+1.1	+7.6
<b>Melbourne</b>	+2.3	+9.7	<b>Housing</b>	+2.1	+10.1
<b>Brisbane</b>	+2.1	+8.7	<b>Household equipment and operation</b>	+2.8	+11.5
<b>Adelaide</b>	+2.8	+9.3	<b>Transportation</b>	+3.7	+10.9
<b>Perth</b>	+2.0	+8.5	<b>Tobacco and alcohol</b>	+2.1	+7.0
<b>Hobart</b>	+2.3	+9.1	<b>Health and personal care</b>	+1.6	+7.1
<b>Canberra</b>	+2.0	+9.4	<b>Recreation</b>	+2.8	+8.0
<b>Weighted average of seven capital cities</b>	+2.4	+9.5	<b>All Groups</b>	+2.4	+9.4

Main price changes between December quarter 1980 and March quarter 1981 were as follows:

<p><b>Food</b> Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities. Bread prices increased in all cities. Prices for soft drinks and confectionery increased in all cities. Milk prices increased in all cities except Sydney and Canberra. Lamb prices increased in all cities except Hobart and Canberra. Beef prices increased in Brisbane and fell in Hobart. Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables increased in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra.</p>	<p><b>Transportation</b> Petrol prices increased significantly in all cities, largely as a result of a decrease in the incidence of discounting. Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities. Motor vehicle registration fees increased in Sydney, Perth and Hobart and motor vehicle third party insurance charges increased in Sydney and Hobart. Taxi fares increased in Sydney, Adelaide and Perth and bus fares increased in Canberra.</p>
<p><b>Clothing</b> Prices of men's and boys' clothing increased.</p>	<p><b>Tobacco and alcohol</b> Beer prices increased in all cities except Hobart. Cigarette prices increased significantly in Hobart, largely as a result of the introduction of a licence fee for tobacco retailers.</p>
<p><b>Housing</b> House prices increased in all cities. Private dwelling rents increased in all cities. House repair and maintenance costs increased in all cities. Government dwelling rents increased in Melbourne, Brisbane and Hobart.</p>	<p><b>Health and personal care</b> Prices of personal care products increased in all cities.</p>
<p><b>Household equipment and operation</b> Prices of household supplies and services increased in all cities. Electricity charges increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart and Canberra. Gas charges increased in all cities except Sydney, Brisbane and Perth. Prices of heating oil increased in all cities.</p>	<p><b>Recreation</b> Main price increases were for entertainment charges and books in all cities.</p>

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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 1981:	317.7
Less: December quarter 1980:	310.3
Change in index points:	+7.4

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+7.4}{310.3} \times 100 = +2.4\%$$

The index number of 317.7 for March quarter 1981 indicates an increase of 217.7% 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 1980 and March quarter 1981, 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 6.72 index points to the total All Groups index number of 317.7 for March quarter 1981. 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>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
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
1979-80	+10.2	+10.6	+10.0	+9.7	+10.1	+9.4	+10.2	+10.7	+10.1
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	+10.7	+11.0	+10.6	+10.8	+11.0	+9.7	+10.1	+11.0	+10.7
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	+10.2	+10.6	+9.9	+10.2	+10.2	+10.2	+9.9	+10.3	+10.2
December	+9.2	+9.8	+9.2	+9.3	+8.4	+8.3	+8.9	+10.0	+9.3
March	+9.4	+9.7	+9.7	+8.7	+9.3	+8.5	+9.1	+9.4	+9.5
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	+2.8	+2.8	+3.1	+2.4	+2.9	+2.5	+2.5	+2.8	+2.8
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	+1.9	+1.8	+2.0	+1.7	+1.3	+2.3	+2.3	+1.9	+1.9
December	+2.1	+2.2	+2.1	+2.2	+2.0	+1.5	+1.8	+2.4	+2.1
March	+2.4	+2.6	+2.3	+2.1	+2.8	+2.0	+2.3	+2.0	+2.4

**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>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
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
1979-80	287.2	292.4	282.5	283.0	285.8	287.4	284.0	278.0	287.0
<i>Quarter—</i>									
<i>1976-77—</i>									
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
<i>1977-78—</i>									
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
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	298.4	304.4	293.3	293.9	297.3	297.7	294.1	289.2	298.3
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	304.0	310.0	299.2	298.9	301.3	304.5	300.8	294.7	303.9
December	310.3	316.8	305.4	305.6	307.4	309.0	306.2	301.8	310.2
March	317.7	324.9	312.3	312.0	315.9	315.1	313.1	307.8	317.6

**TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
**CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1980 AND MARCH QUARTER 1981(a)**

	<i>Weighted average of Six State capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
<b>Food</b>									
Meals out and take-away food	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3
Cereal products	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Dairy produce	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.1	+0.2
Lamb and mutton	+0.1	+0.1	—	—	+0.3	+0.2	-0.2	-0.1	+0.1
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+0.1	+0.2	—	+0.3	+0.5	-0.3	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.3	+0.4	—	+0.6	+0.5	+0.5	—	+0.3	+0.3
<b>Clothing</b>									
Men's and boys' clothing	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
<b>Housing</b>									
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.5	+0.7	+0.6	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.5
Rent—privately owned dwellings	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3
Rent—Government dwellings	—	—	—	+0.2	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Household equipment and operation</b>									
Electricity	+0.4	+0.5	+0.6	—	—	—	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4
Household supplies and services	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3	+0.5	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4
Heating oil	+0.1	—	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.4	+0.1
Other	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.3
<b>Transportation</b>									
Petrol	+1.2	+0.4	+2.0	+0.4	+2.6	+1.3	+0.7	+0.3	+1.2
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4
Motoring charges	+0.2	+0.4	—	—	—	+0.1	+1.0	—	+0.2
Motor vehicle service, repairs and parts	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Other	+0.1	+0.4	-0.1	—	+0.3	—	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2
<b>Tobacco and alcohol</b>									
Beer	+0.5	+1.0	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	—	+0.4	+0.5
Other	+0.1	+0.2	—	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.6	+0.1	+0.1
<b>Health and personal care</b>									
Personal care products	+0.2	+0.3	—	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Other	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	-0.2	+0.1	—	+0.1
<b>Recreation</b>									
Entertainment	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3
Books, newspapers and magazines	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
<b>Total change</b>	<b>+7.4</b>	<b>+8.1</b>	<b>+6.9</b>	<b>+6.4</b>	<b>+8.5</b>	<b>+6.1</b>	<b>+6.9</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>+7.4</b>

(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	Trans- portation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care(a)	Recreation	All Groups (a)
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
	<i>Change from previous year.</i>								
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
1979-80	+14.0	+6.8	+7.5	+8.1	+12.9	+8.3	+9.2	+8.7	+10.2
	<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>								
1978-79—									
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
June	+12.5	+6.6	+8.2	+9.9	+13.2	+6.0	+20.6	+9.8	+10.7
1980-81—									
September	+11.3	+6.4	+9.4	+11.2	+9.5	+6.9	+20.7	+10.6	+10.2
December	+12.0	+7.2	+9.8	+11.3	+7.6	+6.6	+7.0	+8.7	+9.2
March	+9.7	+7.6	+10.1	+11.5	+10.9	+7.0	+7.1	+8.0	+9.4
	<i>Change from previous quarter</i>								
1978-79—									
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
June	+2.5	+2.9	+2.4	+2.6	+4.7	+1.7	+2.4	+1.8	+2.8
1980-81—									
September	+2.1	+1.2	+2.7	+3.5	+0.3	+2.1	+1.7	+1.7	+1.9
December	+2.7	+2.2	+2.6	+2.1	+1.9	+0.9	+1.2	+1.5	+2.1
March	+2.0	+1.1	+2.1	+2.8	+3.7	+2.1	+1.6	+2.8	+2.4

(a) Series includes effect of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 11.

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

	<i>Change from previous quarter</i>		<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>	
	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>
	%	%	%	%
1975-76—				
December	+6.3	+5.6	+16.7	+14.0
March	+2.9	+3.0	+16.8	+13.4
June	+2.5	+2.5	+15.4	+12.3
1976-77—				
September	+2.2	+2.2	+14.6	+13.9
December	+2.8	+6.0	+10.8	+14.4
March	+2.4	+2.3	+10.2	+13.6
June	+2.4	+2.4	+10.2	+13.4
1977-78—				
September	+2.1	+2.0	+10.1	+13.1
December	+2.5	+2.3	+9.6	+9.3
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
June	+2.9	+2.8	+10.2	+10.7
1980-81—				
September	+1.9	+1.9	+9.7	+10.2
December	+2.2	+2.1	+9.5	+9.2
March	+2.4	+2.4	+9.7	+9.4

**TABLE 6.**  
**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—GROUP INDEXES**

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
<b>FOOD</b> (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	296.2	297.5	291.0	298.8	298.4	300.4	296.9	294.4	296.2
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	302.4	302.6	298.8	302.4	303.8	308.5	304.6	302.8	302.4
December	310.7	312.0	306.6	313.9	309.8	313.6	311.0	310.7	310.7
March	316.9	318.1	311.1	322.7	319.5	320.4	315.0	316.4	316.9
<b>CLOTHING</b> (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	303.7	302.0	303.6	300.1	311.2	304.0	307.0	299.5	303.6
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	307.2	306.4	306.7	302.5	314.4	308.6	310.8	302.7	307.1
December	314.1	313.3	313.6	307.8	321.8	316.6	317.2	309.7	314.0
March	317.5	317.0	316.8	312.1	324.8	319.1	320.1	311.2	317.4
<b>HOUSING</b> (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	324.5	357.6	300.0	305.2	319.7	298.0	301.5	268.2	323.4
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	333.1	369.0	306.8	315.2	325.0	304.3	305.2	271.9	331.9
December	341.7	378.4	314.6	320.2	333.6	316.4	315.0	279.8	340.5
March	348.9	387.2	321.2	328.0	338.2	320.9	318.8	284.3	347.6
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b> (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	253.4	258.0	247.8	252.1	248.4	262.7	267.6	247.2	253.5
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	262.2	265.3	257.1	261.4	257.1	274.7	278.3	254.2	262.2
December	267.8	270.7	262.4	267.7	264.0	279.6	282.6	261.1	267.8
March	275.3	280.1	270.5	272.0	268.2	284.5	291.1	269.6	275.4

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

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b> (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	310.3	323.4	305.2	301.7	300.3	291.6	303.2	309.5	310.6
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	311.3	322.0	309.1	302.1	296.9	295.2	309.6	312.5	311.6
December	317.1	330.5	312.5	307.5	303.0	300.7	312.0	318.2	317.4
March	328.7	340.4	326.2	312.6	320.0	310.7	325.2	324.1	328.8
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b> (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
March	286.5	291.7	288.5	275.7	273.4	288.0	278.1	264.0	286.1
June	290.4	298.4	291.0	276.4	275.2	290.2	280.7	268.2	290.0
<i>1979-80—</i>									
September	293.9	300.7	295.4	282.7	276.7	295.1	283.1	272.6	293.6
December	297.5	303.0	300.3	285.5	283.3	298.1	287.5	276.5	297.2
March	302.8	312.4	303.9	288.2	283.7	300.0	290.2	283.0	302.5
June	307.9	316.3	309.0	295.0	291.3	305.7	295.4	284.7	307.5
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	314.3	324.1	314.1	300.5	299.4	310.3	304.1	291.0	313.9
December	317.2	327.5	316.8	303.7	299.3	313.8	306.0	298.6	316.9
March	324.0	339.6	319.4	306.8	304.9	317.7	312.9	304.1	323.7
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b> (Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	348.8	334.8	345.9	349.2	362.3	411.1	337.6	363.6	349.0
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	354.7	341.4	350.4	358.5	367.8	417.2	339.2	369.7	354.9
December	358.9	344.8	360.2	370.0	372.4	391.6	351.9	378.7	359.2
March	364.7	352.7	363.7	377.8	380.5	392.6	356.9	384.5	365.0
<b>RECREATION</b> (Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)									
<i>1978-79—</i>									
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
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	136.2	134.4	136.9	138.2	138.6	135.8	133.4	135.8	136.2
<i>1980-81—</i>									
September	138.5	138.0	138.0	140.1	139.7	139.6	136.0	138.0	138.5
December	140.6	138.5	141.7	141.3	143.1	141.6	137.8	141.0	140.6
March	144.5	142.2	145.5	146.2	146.9	145.7	142.3	145.0	144.5

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

	Reference base period	Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
		Index numbers		Dec. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981 %		Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981	Change between Dec. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981	
		Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981	Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981			Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981
<b>FOOD</b>	1966-67 = 100.0	310.7	316.9	+2.0	+9.7	70.29	71.70	+1.41	
Dairy produce	"	258.6	265.8	+2.8	+14.9	6.54	6.72	+0.18	
Cereal products	"	325.2	334.4	+2.8	+12.7	7.13	7.33	+0.20	
Meat and seafoods	"	344.8	349.8	+1.5	+2.7	19.75	20.03	+0.28	
Beef and veal	"	345.2	345.2	-0.2		9.57	9.55	-0.02	
Lamb and mutton	"	355.0	365.9	+3.1	-1.1	3.27	3.37	+0.10	
Pork	"	309.8	317.3	+2.4	-0.5	0.79	0.81	+0.02	
Poultry	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	210.9	223.0	+5.7	+16.4	1.48	1.56	+0.08	
Other meat	1966-67 = 100.0	324.0	332.9	+2.7	+9.1	3.10	3.19	+0.09	
Fish	"	177.8	179.7	+1.1	+5.8	1.54	1.56	+0.02	
Fruit and vegetables	"	157.2	160.0	+1.8	+17.9	9.45	9.62	+0.17	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	168.4	171.0	+1.5	+20.6	7.03	7.13	+0.10	
Processed fruit and vegetables	1966-67 = 100.0	225.0	230.5	+2.4	+10.9	2.42	2.48	+0.06	
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	361.9	372.0	+2.8	+12.1	6.70	6.89	+0.19	
Meats out and take-away food	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	153.8	157.4	+2.3	+9.8	14.01	14.33	+0.32	
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	250.7	252.5	+0.7	+10.3	6.72	6.77	+0.05	
<b>CLOTHING</b>									
Men's and boys'	"	314.1	317.5	+1.1	+7.6	30.21	30.54	+0.33	
Women's and girls'	"	292.9	296.7	+1.3	+9.4	8.54	8.65	+0.11	
Piecegoods and other clothing	"	308.9	309.5	+0.2	+5.2	13.33	13.36	+0.03	
Footwear	"	286.1	295.2	+3.2	+7.8	1.76	1.82	+0.06	
Clothing and footwear services(a)	"	367.2	372.2	+1.4	+9.3	4.94	5.01	+0.07	
	"	430.3	448.2	+4.2	+12.2	1.64	1.71	+0.07	
<b>HOUSING</b>									
Rent	"	341.7	348.9	+2.1	+10.1	39.71	40.54	+0.83	
Privately-owned dwellings	"	319.8	325.8	+1.9	+7.6	15.21	15.49	+0.28	
Government-owned dwellings	"	308.3	314.0	+1.8	+7.2	13.44	13.69	+0.25	
Home ownership(b)	"	478.2	487.9	+2.0	+10.8	1.76	1.80	+0.04	
Local government rates and charges(c)	"	361.4	369.5	+2.2	+11.7	24.50	25.05	+0.55	
House price, repairs and maintenance	"	453.5	453.5		+11.0	5.80	5.80		
	"	330.7	340.3	+2.9	+11.9	18.70	19.24	+0.54	
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>									
Fuel and light	"	267.8	275.3	+2.8	+11.5	43.07	44.28	+1.21	
Furniture and floor coverings	"	267.4	286.1	+7.0	+14.3	7.29	7.80	+0.51	
Appliances	"	314.7	317.6	+0.9	+10.3	9.25	9.34	+0.09	
Drapery	"	149.0	150.6	+1.1	+6.4	4.84	4.89	+0.05	
Household utensils and tools	"	356.8	359.7	+0.8	+10.1	3.45	3.48	+0.03	
Household supplies and services(d)	"	287.1	294.7	+2.6	+13.2	4.57	4.69	+0.12	
Postal and telephone services	"	269.8	280.6	+4.0	+16.3	10.32	10.73	+0.41	
	"	262.6	262.6		+1.5	3.34	3.34		
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>									
Private transport	"	317.1	328.7	+3.7	+10.9	56.25	58.30	+2.05	
Motor vehicle purchase	"	308.3	320.8	+4.1	+10.4	49.45	51.45	+2.00	
Motor vehicle operation(e)	"	250.2	256.1	+2.4	+5.0	14.95	15.30	+0.35	
Public transport fares(f)	"	343.9	360.4	+4.8	+12.8	34.50	36.15	+1.65	
	"	323.1	325.5	+0.7	+14.7	6.80	6.85	+0.05	

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

	Reference base period	Index numbers				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)				
		Dec. qtr 1980		Mar. qtr 1981		Dec. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981		March qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981		Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981	Change between Dec. qtr 1980 and Mar. qtr 1981		
		Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981	Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981	%	%	%	%			Dec. qtr 1980	Mar. qtr 1981	Dec. qtr 1980
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>														
Alcoholic beverages	1966-67 = 100.0	317.2	324.0	+2.1	+7.0	29.74	30.38	+0.64						
Beer	"	309.0	317.2	+2.7	+8.0	20.68	21.23	+0.55						
Wine and spirits	Dec. qtr 1973 = 100.0	313.5	324.6	+3.5	+9.3	14.18	14.68	+0.50						
Cigarettes and tobacco	1966-67 = 100.0	213.3	214.7	+0.7	+5.3	6.50	6.55	+0.05						
		318.0	321.1	+1.0	+4.6	9.06	9.15	+0.09						
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>														
Health services(g)	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	358.9	364.7	+1.6	+7.1	18.16	18.45	+0.29						
Personal care products(h)	"	380.3	383.2	+0.8	+2.1	10.38	10.46	+0.08						
Personal care services(i)	1966-67 = 100.0	290.2	298.5	+2.9	+16.1	5.56	5.72	+0.16						
	"	603.3	618.3	+2.5	+10.3	2.21	2.27	+0.06						
<b>RECREATION</b>														
Books, newspapers, magazines	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	140.6	144.5	+2.8	+8.0	22.91	23.55	+0.64						
Other recreational goods(j)	"	172.1	177.5	+3.1	+13.7	5.09	5.24	+0.15						
Holiday accommodation	"	118.2	119.5	+1.1	+1.7	7.87	7.95	+0.08						
Other recreational services(k)	"	154.8	157.6	+1.8	+12.5	2.95	3.00	+0.05						
	"	146.5	153.6	+4.8	+9.6	7.01	7.35	+0.34						
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	1966-67 = 100.0	310.3	317.7	+2.4	+9.4	310.3	317.7	+7.4						
<b>SPECIAL SERIES</b>														
All groups, excluding food group	"	311.9	319.7	+2.5	+9.4	240.04	246.03	+5.99						
All groups, excluding housing group	"	305.0	312.4	+2.4	+9.4	270.63	277.19	+6.56						
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	"	310.5	318.0	+2.4	+9.7	301.92	309.30	+7.38						
All groups, goods component(l)	"	297.6	304.9	+2.5	+9.9	232.97	238.69	+5.72						
All groups, services component(l)	"	361.6	369.4	+2.2	+8.2	77.37	79.03	+1.66						

(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) Bus, tram, rail, taxi and air fares. (g) Medical practitioners' fees (net), hospital charges (net), dental charges, and hospital and medical insurance contributions. (h) Pharmaceuticals, toiletries, cosmetics. (i) Hairdressing services. (j) Television sets, radios, sound equipment, photographic goods, sunglasses, records, cassettes, tapes, sports equipment, bicycles, toys, games, caravans. (k) Cinema and live theatre admission, other entertainment and recreation, spectator admission to sports, other sports services, television hire, photographic services and repairs to television sets. (l) 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 insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house price; house repair materials; motor vehicle purchase; petrol, tyres, tubes, vehicle replacement parts; personal care products; books, newspapers, magazines; other recreational goods; replacement parts for television sets. The remaining items are classified as 'Services'.

