



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MARCH QUARTER 1982

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Note. This is the last quarter for which the CPI will be compiled on the present basis. A revised CPI will be introduced in the next issue of this publication—see Explanatory Notes, paragraphs 8 and 9.

MAIN FEATURES

	Change between		Group indexes— Weighted average of six State capital cities	Change between	
	Dec. qtr 1981 and Mar. qtr 1982 %	Mar. qtr 1981 and Mar. qtr 1982 %		Dec. qtr 1981 and Mar. qtr 1982 %	Mar. qtr 1981 and Mar. qtr 1982 %
All groups index					
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+1.7	+10.5		+0.9	+7.7
Sydney	+2.0	+10.1	Food		
Melbourne	+1.4	+10.5	Clothing	+0.5	+7.0
Brisbane	+2.2	+11.6	Housing	+2.4	+11.1
Adelaide	+1.6	+10.4	Household equipment and operation	+2.6	+10.4
Perth	+1.1	+11.6	Transportation	+1.1	+9.8
Hobart	+1.5	+10.2	Tobacco and alcohol	+2.5	+9.4
Canberra	+1.7	+10.9	Health and personal care	+2.4	+30.1
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+1.7	+10.5	Recreation	+2.6	+11.1
			All Groups	+1.7	+10.5

Main price changes between December quarter 1981 and March quarter 1982 were as follows:

Food

Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities.
 Milk prices increased in Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart and bread prices increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.
 Prices for soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery increased in all cities.
 Beef prices fell in all cities except Brisbane.
 Fresh fruit and vegetable prices fell in all cities.

Housing

House prices and house repairs and maintenance charges increased in all cities.
 Private dwelling rents increased in all cities.
 Government dwelling rents increased in Melbourne and Brisbane.

Household equipment and operation

Electricity charges increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra.
 Prices of household supplies and services increased in all cities.
 Furniture and floorcovering prices increased in all cities except Sydney.
 Telephone charges increased in all cities.

Transportation

Motor car prices increased in all cities.
 Compulsory third party insurance premiums increased in Sydney, Brisbane and Hobart.
 Motor vehicle registration charges increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra and fell in Hobart.
 Motor vehicle servicing costs increased in all cities.
 Airfares increased for all cities.
 Bus fares increased in Canberra.
 Petrol prices fell in Sydney, Melbourne, Perth and Canberra as a result of increased discounting.

Tobacco and alcohol

Prices of alcoholic beverages increased in all cities except Hobart.
 Cigarette and tobacco prices increased in all cities.

Health and personal care

Hospital charges increased in Sydney.
 Dental charges increased in all cities.
 Prices of personal care products increased in all cities.

Recreation

Entertainment charges increased in all cities.
 Newspaper prices increased in Perth.

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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 hair dressing) 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 up to March 1982 (see paragraph 11) have been 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 195 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.

Review of the Consumer Price Index

8. A major review of the CPI is currently nearing completion and its results will be incorporated in the tenth CPI series to be introduced with the June quarter 1982 issue of this publication. The main changes arising from this review are:

- (a) the weighting pattern of the CPI is being updated to reflect household expenditure in 1979-80;
- (b) geographical coverage is being expanded to include a full CPI for Darwin;
- (c) the reference base of the CPI series is to be changed to 1980-81; and
- (d) a monthly Food Group index will no longer be compiled (see paragraphs 11 and 12).

9. Full details of the revised CPI will be published at the time of the release of the June quarter 1982 publication.

Monthly food group index

10. 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.

11. As part of the overall review of the CPI, however, it has been decided to reduce the frequency with which most food items are priced from monthly to quarterly; at the same time, some significant improvements will be introduced in the timing and frequency of price collections for some key non-food items. As a result of this decision, monthly index numbers for the CPI Food Group will no longer be compiled and the March 1982 issue of publication 6402.0 will be the last.

12. Similarly, the March 1982 issue of publication 6413.0, *CPI Monthly Food Group Index, Darwin* (6413.0), will also be the final issue. As noted above, a full CPI for Darwin, along with index numbers for the other seven capital cities, will be published in this publication (6401.0) from the June quarter 1982. In addition, average retail prices for Darwin will be incorporated in the quarterly publication *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items* (6403.0) beginning with the June quarter 1982 issue.

Index points and percentage changes

13. 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 1982:	351.2
Less: December quarter 1981:	345.4
Change in index points:	+5.8

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+5.8}{345.4} \times 100 = +1.7\%$$

The index number of 351.2 for March quarter 1982 indicates an increase of 251.2% since the reference base year (1966-67).

14. 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 1981 and March quarter 1982, in terms of 'All Groups' index points, for each capital city.

Special tables

15. 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 7.71 index points to the total All Groups index number of 351.2 for March quarter 1982. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and subgroup.

16. 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 percentage changes for a special series 'All Groups excluding hospital and medical services', and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.

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>									
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
1980-81	+9.4	+9.7	+9.4	+9.3	+9.2	+8.8	+9.2	+9.7	+9.4
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	+8.8	+8.9	+8.9	+9.1	+8.8	+8.2	+8.8	+9.2	+8.8
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	+9.1	+8.8	+9.0	+9.7	+9.6	+9.3	+8.9	+9.5	+9.1
December	+11.3	+10.8	+11.4	+11.4	+11.6	+12.6	+11.1	+11.2	+11.3
March	+10.5	+10.1	+10.5	+11.6	+10.4	+11.6	+10.2	+10.9	+10.5
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	+2.2	+2.0	+2.2	+2.7	+2.4	+2.2	+2.2	+2.6	+2.2
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	+2.1	+1.8	+2.1	+2.3	+2.1	+3.4	+2.4	+2.1	+2.1
December	+4.2	+4.1	+4.3	+3.8	+3.9	+4.5	+3.8	+4.0	+4.1
March	+1.7	+2.0	+1.4	+2.2	+1.6	+1.1	+1.5	+1.7	+1.7

**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>
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
1980-81	314.2	320.8	309.1	309.3	312.0	312.7	310.1	305.1	314.1
<i>Quarter—</i>									
<i>1977-78—</i>									
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
June	324.7	331.4	319.3	320.5	323.5	322.0	320.1	315.9	324.6
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	331.6	337.2	326.1	327.9	330.2	332.9	327.7	322.6	331.5
December	345.4	350.9	340.2	340.5	343.2	347.8	340.1	335.5	345.2
March	351.2	357.8	345.0	348.1	348.6	351.6	345.1	341.2	351.1

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1981 AND MARCH QUARTER 1982(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>
Food									
Meals out and take-away food	+0.5	+0.6	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5
Dairy produce	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.1	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.1	+0.4
Cereal products	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Fresh fruit and vegetables	-0.9	-0.8	-1.1	-0.2	-0.8	-1.1	-1.0	-0.5	-0.9
Beef and veal	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	—	-0.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2
Other	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1	+0.5	+0.4	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3
Clothing	+0.2	—	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Housing									
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.6	+0.7	+0.5	+1.0	+0.6	+0.3	+0.4	+0.6	+0.6
Rent-privately owned dwellings	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3
Rent-government owned dwellings	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.3	—	—	—	—	+0.1
Household equipment and operation									
Electricity	+0.5	+0.5	+0.9	—	—	—	—	+0.6	+0.5
Household supplies and services	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2
Household utensils and tools	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	+0.1
Furniture and floorcoverings	+0.1	-0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Telephone charges	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.4	+0.2	+0.8	+0.2	+0.2
Transportation									
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.6	+0.7	+0.4	+0.4
Motor vehicle insurance	+0.3	+0.5	+0.1	+0.4	—	—	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3
Motoring charges	+0.2	+0.2	+0.4	—	—	+0.1	-0.5	+0.1	+0.2
Motor vehicle service, repairs and parts	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Public transport fares	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.5	+0.1
Petrol	-0.4	-0.2	-1.3	+1.4	+0.2	-0.3	+0.9	-0.3	-0.4
Other	—	-0.1	—	—	-0.1	—	-0.1	-0.1	—
Tobacco and alcohol									
Beer	+0.5	+0.7	+0.3	+0.3	+0.6	+0.3	-0.1	+0.8	+0.5
Wine and spirits	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	-0.1	+0.3	+0.3
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	—	+0.1
Health and personal care									
Health services	+0.3	+0.6	+0.2	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3
Personal care products	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Personal care services	—	—	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	—	—	—
Recreation									
Entertainment	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.3	+0.4
Holiday accommodation	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.3	—	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Books, newspapers, magazines	+0.1	—	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.5	—	—	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Total change	+5.8	+6.9	+4.8	+7.6	+5.4	+3.8	+5.0	+5.7	+5.9

(a) See notes about changes in index points in paragraphs 13 and 14.

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>									
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
1980-81	+10.3	+7.2	+10.0	+11.1	+9.5	+6.9	+9.7	+8.6	+9.4
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
1979-80—									
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
June	+8.5	+7.5	+10.5	+10.3	+10.2	+6.9	+5.6	+7.6	+8.8
1981-82—									
September	+10.1	+7.2	+10.4	+9.2	+9.7	+8.0	+5.0	+8.8	+9.1
December	+8.8	+7.6	+10.8	+10.7	+12.6	+9.0	+29.2	+11.3	+11.3
March	+7.7	+7.0	+11.1	+10.4	+9.8	+9.4	+30.1	+11.1	+10.5
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
1979-80—									
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
June	+1.4	+2.9	+2.8	+1.5	+4.0	+1.5	+1.0	+1.4	+2.2
1981-82—									
September	+3.6	+0.8	+2.6	+2.4	-0.1	+3.2	+1.1	+2.9	+2.1
December	+1.5	+2.7	+3.0	+3.6	+4.5	+1.8	+24.5	+3.8	+4.2
March	+0.9	+0.5	+2.4	+2.6	+1.1	+2.5	+2.4	+2.6	+1.7

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 16.

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> %
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
June	+2.3	+2.2	+9.1	+8.8
1981-82—				
September	+2.2	+2.1	+9.3	+9.1
December	+2.9	+4.2	+10.1	+11.3
March	+1.7	+1.7	+9.3	+10.5

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>
FOOD (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	321.4	323.4	314.2	328.5	323.2	325.8	321.4	321.0	321.4
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	333.0	330.0	329.6	337.5	334.9	345.6	332.1	330.1	332.9
December	338.1	337.7	332.0	344.4	339.1	348.5	340.9	336.2	338.0
March	341.2	341.5	334.5	349.4	343.1	348.3	340.8	338.7	341.1
CLOTHING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	326.6	324.8	326.4	320.0	336.4	329.5	330.8	324.9	326.6
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	329.2	327.7	329.0	322.7	338.9	331.1	332.7	328.1	329.2
December	338.0	336.5	336.8	335.2	348.7	339.4	338.9	335.0	337.9
March	339.6	336.9	338.6	339.4	349.7	342.7	340.6	337.7	339.5
HOUSING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	358.5	399.2	331.2	334.9	345.9	324.7	322.7	295.7	357.3
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	367.7	408.6	339.9	348.9	351.9	332.8	327.8	302.5	366.5
December	378.7	419.9	349.7	359.8	367.0	343.7	336.6	313.7	377.5
March	387.6	429.7	357.3	373.7	375.2	348.2	340.9	320.1	386.4
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<i>1979-80—</i>									
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
June	279.5	285.7	274.1	275.6	272.4	286.7	293.3	272.2	279.6
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	286.2	290.4	280.5	284.1	283.1	296.0	299.1	276.5	286.2
December	296.4	300.4	291.2	294.9	291.1	306.1	311.2	285.7	296.4
March	304.0	307.8	301.2	298.5	296.8	310.4	321.8	293.1	304.0

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)									
1979-80—									
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
1980-81—									
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
June	341.8	350.2	339.1	332.8	336.2	323.7	339.4	339.7	342.0
1981-82—									
September	341.6	350.2	335.6	332.2	334.7	334.2	351.4	347.0	342.1
December	357.1	368.2	350.4	351.6	346.4	343.5	358.2	359.3	357.4
March	361.0	374.9	348.8	364.1	350.9	346.1	367.1	363.5	361.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1979-80—									
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
1980-81—									
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
June	329.0	342.6	325.5	312.8	308.4	328.1	319.9	307.2	328.7
1981-82—									
September	339.6	354.2	335.3	324.4	319.5	336.4	326.3	314.4	339.2
December	345.6	359.5	341.6	332.2	322.0	343.5	341.7	319.2	345.2
March	354.4	370.7	349.5	337.0	333.5	349.8	341.4	331.4	354.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0)									
1979-80—									
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
1980-81—									
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
June	368.4	357.2	366.9	381.5	385.1	393.3	362.0	388.3	368.7
1981-82—									
September	372.3	359.4	371.3	386.3	390.2	399.9	365.0	390.6	372.5
December	463.6	430.1	486.7	428.6	475.1	555.1	439.0	487.0	463.9
March	474.6	445.6	496.0	437.0	481.7	563.3	445.1	493.9	474.8
RECREATION (Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)									
1979-80—									
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
1980-81—									
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
June	146.5	142.5	148.8	149.6	149.4	147.5	143.2	148.2	146.6
1981-82—									
September	150.7	147.5	152.2	154.6	152.4	152.5	147.7	153.0	150.8
December	156.5	154.2	158.2	158.2	159.1	156.0	150.5	158.7	156.6
March	160.5	158.0	162.0	162.6	161.8	161.7	155.6	162.3	160.5

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. qtr 1981		Mar. qtr 1982		Dec. qtr 1981		Mar. qtr 1982		Dec. qtr 1981		Mar. qtr 1982	
		Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982	Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982	%	%	%	%	Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982	Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982
FOOD													
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	338.1	341.2	+0.9	+7.7	76.48	77.18	+0.70					
Cereal products	"	290.8	304.8	+4.8	+14.7	7.36	7.71	+0.35					
Meat and seafoods	"	361.1	377.4	+4.5	+12.9	7.92	8.27	+0.35					
Beef and veal	"	354.8	353.5	-0.4	+1.1	20.32	20.25	-0.07					
Lamb and mutton	"	344.2	338.5	-1.7	-1.9								
Pork	"	365.9	363.9	-0.5	-0.5	9.52	9.37	-0.15					
Poultry	"	343.0	349.9	+2.0	+10.3	3.37	3.89	+0.52					
Other meat	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	236.7	241.3	+1.9	+8.2	0.87	0.89	+0.02					
Fish	1966-67 = 100.0	349.9	356.2	+1.8	+7.0	1.66	1.69	+0.03					
Fruit and vegetables	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	178.5	177.7	-0.4	-1.1	3.35	3.41	+0.06					
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	179.9	167.0	-7.2	+4.4	10.81	10.04	-0.77					
Processed fruit and vegetables	"	194.9	174.1	-10.7	+1.8								
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	1966-67 = 100.0	248.9	257.4	+3.4	+11.7	7.69	7.94	+0.25					
Meals out and take-away food	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	415.4	428.5	+3.2	+15.2	15.35	15.81	+0.46					
Other food	1966-67 = 100.0	262.3	267.3	+1.9	+5.9	7.03	7.16	+0.13					
CLOTHING													
Men's and boys'	"	338.0	339.6	+0.5	+7.0	32.51	32.66	+0.15					
Women's and girls'	"	317.0	316.1	-0.3	+6.5	9.24	9.22	-0.02					
Piecegoods and other clothing	"	330.7	331.2	+0.2	+7.0	14.27	14.29	+0.02					
Footwear	"	302.9	313.3	+3.4	+6.1	1.86	1.93	+0.07					
Clothing and footwear services (a)	"	392.1	394.5	+0.6	+6.0	5.27	5.30	+0.03					
	"	486.6	503.1	+3.4	+12.2	1.86	1.92	+0.06					
HOUSING													
Rent	"	378.7	387.6	+2.4	+11.1	44.01	45.04	+1.03					
Privately-owned dwellings	"	349.8	358.4	+2.5	+10.0	16.63	17.04	+0.41					
Government-owned dwellings	"	336.6	344.2	+2.3	+9.6								
Home ownership (b)	"	529.5	550.6	+4.0	+12.9	14.68	15.01	+0.33					
Local government rates and charges (c)	"	403.9	413.0	+2.3	+11.8	27.38	28.00	+0.62					
House price, repairs and maintenance	"	511.8	511.8	—	+12.9								
	"	368.4	379.4	+3.0	+11.5	6.55	6.55	—					
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION													
Fuel and light	"	296.4	304.0	+2.6	+10.4	47.67	48.89	+1.22					
Furniture and floor coverings	"	309.6	331.0	+6.9	+15.7	8.44	9.03	+0.59					
Appliances	"	337.8	341.6	+1.1	+7.6	9.93	10.04	+0.11					
Drapery	"	159.0	161.3	+1.4	+7.1	5.16	5.24	+0.08					
Household utensils and tools	"	382.0	385.3	+0.9	+7.1	3.70	3.73	+0.03					
Household supplies and services (d)	"	319.7	326.7	+2.2	+10.9	5.09	5.20	+0.11					
Postal and telephone services	"	308.4	313.8	+1.8	+11.8	11.80	12.00	+0.20					
	"	278.9	287.0	+2.9	+9.3	3.55	3.65	+0.10					
TRANSPORTATION													
Private transport	"	357.1	361.0	+1.1	+9.8	63.33	64.03	+0.70					
Motor vehicle purchase	"	346.2	349.9	+1.1	+9.1	55.52	56.12	+0.60					
Motor vehicle operation(e)	"	278.3	284.2	+2.1	+11.0	16.63	16.98	+0.35					
Public transport fares(f)	"	387.8	390.1	+0.6	+8.2	38.90	39.14	+0.24					
	"	371.0	376.1	+1.4	+15.5	7.81	7.91	+0.10					

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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	Index numbers				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
		Dec. qtr 1981		Mar. qtr 1982		Dec. qtr 1981		Mar. qtr 1982		Dec. qtr 1981		Mar. qtr 1982	
		Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982	Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982	%	%	Dec. qtr 1981	Mar. qtr 1982	%	%		
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1966-67 = 100.0	345.6	354.4	+2.5	+9.4	32.41	33.24	+0.83					
Alcoholic beverages	"	337.1	348.1	+3.3	+9.7	22.56	23.30	+0.74					
Beer	"	347.3	357.8	+3.0	+10.2		15.71						
Wine and spirits	Dec. qtr 1973 = 100.0	224.7	233.3	+3.8	+8.7		6.85			16.18		+0.47	
Cigarettes and tobacco	1966-67 = 100.0	345.7	348.9	+0.9	+8.7	9.85	9.94	+0.09		7.11		+0.26	
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	463.6	474.6	+2.4	+30.1	23.45	24.01	+0.56					
Health services (g)	"	548.9	559.8	+2.0	+46.1	14.98	15.28	+0.30					
Personal care products (h)	1966-67 = 100.0	314.6	326.1	+3.7	+9.2	6.03	6.25	+0.22					
Personal care services (i)	"	664.9	675.8	+1.6	+9.3	2.44	2.48	+0.04					
RECREATION	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	156.5	160.5	+2.6	+11.1	25.51	26.15	+0.64					
Books, newspapers, magazines	"	204.8	207.1	+1.1	+16.7	6.05	6.12	+0.07					
Other recreational goods (j)	"	124.8	125.7	+0.7	+5.2	8.30	8.36	+0.06					
Holiday accommodation	"	172.1	175.8	+2.1	+11.5	3.28	3.35	+0.07					
Other recreational services (k)	"	164.7	174.0	+5.6	+13.3	7.88	8.33	+0.45					
ALL GROUPS	1966-67 = 100.0	345.4	351.2	+1.7	+10.5	345.4	351.2	+5.8					
SPECIAL SERIES													
All groups, excluding food group	"	349.4	356.1	+1.9	+11.4	268.89	274.02	+5.13					
All groups, excluding housing group	"	339.6	345.0	+1.6	+10.4	301.36	306.16	+4.80					
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	"	341.9	347.7	+1.7	+9.3	332.54	338.13	+5.59					
All groups, goods component (l)	"	326.7	331.1	+1.3	+8.6	255.76	259.18	+3.42					
All groups, services component (l)	"	418.8	430.1	+2.7	+16.4	89.61	92.02	+2.41					

(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 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'.

