



COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS, CANBERRA, AUSTRALIA

#### **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1972**

Reference No. 9.1

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

- Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for September quarter 1972 increased by 1.4% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in individual cities were: Sydney +1.4%, Melbourne +1.4% Brisbane +0.8%, Adelaide +1.6%, Perth +1.4%, Hobart +1.2%, Canberra +1.4%.
- 3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

#### Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

***		State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately								
Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney.	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra		
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent		
1970-71 - '							,			
September	+0.6	+0.9	+0.5	+1.3	-0.1	+0.2	+0.5	+0.6		
December	+1.9	+2.0	+1.7	+2.0	+1.7	+1.7	+2.0	+3.2		
March	+1.1	+1.0	+1.0	+1.6	+1.0	+1.1	+0.7	+0.4		
June	+1.7	+2.0	+1.3	+1.8	+2.2	+1.4	+1.2	+1.8		
1971-72 -		` ,						·		
September	+1.7	+2.6	+1.1	+1.5	+1.0	+0.7	+1.1	+1.0		
December	+2.3	+2.2	+2.7	+1.9	+2.2	+2.8	+3.3	+1.9		
March	+1.1	+1.0	+0.8	+1.1	+0.9	+1.1	+0.5	+0.4		
June	+0.9	+0.9	+1.0	+0.8	+0.7	+1.1	+0.9	+0.8		
1972-73 -				[	•					
September	+1.4	+1.4	+1.4	+0.8	+1.6	+1.4	+1.2	+1.4		

<sup>(</sup>a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

4. The All Groups index number for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 5.8% between September quarter 1971 and September quarter 1972. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of this index have been as follows:

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	:	Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter								
Quarter	Food	Clothing and Housing Drapery		Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscel- laneous	All Groups				
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent				
1970-71 - September December March June 1971-72 -	+0.7 +1.0 +0.3 +1.8	+0.3 +1.6 +1.2 +2.6	+1.6 +2.1 +1.4 +1.9	+0.7 +1.1 +1.1 +1.9	+0.2 +3.3 +1.6 +1.1	+0.6 +1.9 +1.1 +1.7				
September December March June 1972-73 -	+1.1 +1.0 +0.7	+0.5 +2.0 +0.7 +2.1	+1.6 +2.8 +1.3 +1.9	+0.2 +1.2 +1.1 +0.4	+3.6 +4.4 +1.2 +1.0	+1.7 +2.3 +1.1 +0.9				
September	+2.2	+0.7	+1.4	+0.6	+1.1	+1.4				

- 5. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report No. 55, 1970.
- The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of commodities and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). Six series for short periods, viz., September quarter 1948 to June quarter 1952; June quarter 1952 to June quarter 1956; June quarter 1956 to March quarter 1960; March quarter 1960 to December quarter 1963; December quarter 1963 to December quarter 1968; and from December quarter 1968 have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. At times of linking the weighting pattern was altered and, in addition, new items (mainly ones that had become significant in household expenditure) were introduced. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.
- The quarterly prices for food items used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. However, for potatoes and for onions from December quarter 1968, weekly prices are averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices of all non-food items are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor car) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.
- 8. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.
- 9. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1962-63 to 1971-72 and for each quarter from June quarter 1968. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows Group Index numbers quarterly from June quarter 1970 to September quarter 1972.
- 10. Table 3 on page 8 shows index numbers for June quarter 1972 and September quarter 1972 for groups and sub-groups of the index and for some special groupings. It also contains information of contributions by index sub-groups to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points for these two quarters.
- 11. Users of figures in Table 3 should bear in mind that the Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the proportionate change in retail prices as combined in the five major groups and more particularly the total of the groups. For sub-groups or particular items, the index does not necessarily provide comprehensive and valid measures of price changes in those particular fields. Nor does it necessarily measure the relative influences of those classes of items in aggregate variations in prices. The Consumer Price Index is essentially a combination of selected items under various headings and not a dissection of total household expenditure into its component parts.

- Major changes in the composition of the sub-group indexes published in Table 3 resulting from the latest link in the Consumer Price Index (December quarter 1968), have been indicated in the footnotes on page 9. The old and new combinations have been linked to provide continuous series of index numbers across this point of time (December quarter 1968), but it should be remembered that all sub-groupings were affected by changes at the link and some significantly so. Each series of index numbers links the average price movement shown by one combination of items up to December quarter 1968 to that shown by a different combination from December quarter 1968.
- Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the "index points" because "index point" changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. However, the analysis in paragraph 14 shows movements in terms of all Groups "index points". This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the five groups to movements in the total indexes. Table 3 on page 8 shows movements expressed as both percentage changes and changes in "index points". The following example illustrates the computation of "index point" and percentage changes:

All Groups: Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities

Index Point Change		Percentage Change
September quarter 1972 CPI (1966-67 = 100.0) less June quarter 1972 CPI Index points difference	126.1 <u>124.4</u> 1.7	Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period  126.1 - 124.4  124.4 x 100 = 1.4%

14. The following analysis and Table 3 on page 8 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from June quarter 1972 to September quarter 1972.

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX Movements from June Quarter 1972 to September Quarter 1972 Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)

	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately									
Group	Six Capitals (c)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra		
Index Points (a)										
Food - Meat	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.2	+0.9	+0.6	+0.4	+0.8		
<ul><li>Potatoes</li></ul>			<b></b>	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	• •	•• .		
- Other	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2		+0.1	+0.4	+0.2	+0.1		
Clothing and					ļ					
Drapery	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1		
Housing	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1		
Household Supplies	(			1		ł				
and Equipment	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2		
Miscellaneous -			Į	1						
Motoring	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2		
$\mathtt{Beer}$	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2			+0.3	+0.1	+0 • 1		
Other Other	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1		
Total Change (Index Points)	+1.7	+1.8	+1.7	+1.0	+1.9	+1.7	+1•4	+1•7		

<sup>(</sup>a) See explanation in paragraph 13. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base. (c) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

15. A summary of the movements of the various group indexes, together with the main quarterly price changes which affected the index between June Quarter 1972 and September Quarter 1972 is shown below:

Food Group. Changes in meat and potato prices are frequently the major cause of movements in the total index and of disparate movements between cities. The effects of changes in the prices of these items in each city for this quarter are shown in the table on page 3. The price of milk increased in Sydney and Perth.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed an overall quarterly increase of 2.2%.

Clothing and Drapery Group. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 0.7%.

Housing Group. There were increases in all capital cities in most sections of the group.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.4%.

Household Supplies and Equipment Group. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 0.6%.

<u>Miscellaneous Group</u>. The prices of motor cars and motor repairs increased in all capital cities, and the price of beer increased in five capital cities.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.1%

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## TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

#### ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined:
Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

								· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							
Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
ear -	, ,							
1962–63	89.8	90.4	89.7	88.7	89.1	88.7	90.7	91.8
1963–64	90.6	91.4	90.4	89.6	90.2	89.8	91.7	92.5
1964–65	94.0	94.5	94.0	93.0	93.9	92.6	94.6	95.3
1965-66	97.4	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.0	96.1	98.0	98.1
1966–67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967–68	103.3	103.2	103.7	103.3	102.9	102.9	104.6	102.6
1968-69	106.0	106.2	106.2	105.5	105.3	105.5	106.1	104.4
1969-70	109.4	110.6	108.7	108.4	108.2	109.4	108.5	107.4
1970-71	114.6	116.8	113.1	114.2	112.5	114.1	112.6	113.0
1971–72	122.2	125.9	119.7	121.6	119.2	120.7	119.3	119.0
uarter – 1967–68 – June	104.2	104.0	104.8	103.7	104.2	104.0	104.6	103.2
1968-69 - September December March June 1969-70 - September December March June	104.6 105.7 106.4 107.2 107.8 108.7 109.8 111.2	104.4 105.9 106.7 107.6 108.4 109.6 111.3 112.9	105.1 106.0 106.6 107.2 107.6 108.3 108.9 110.1	104.7 105.3 105.8 106.3 107.2 107.9 108.9 109.7	104.2 105.2 105.5 106.4 106.9 107.3 108.4 110.0	104.3 104.9 105.6 107.0 107.7 108.7 109.9 111.4	105.0 105.8 106.5 107.0 107.4 108.1 108.9 109.6	103.5 103.9 104.8 105.2 106.0 106.7 108.0 109.0
1970-71 - September December Narch June	111.9 114.0 115.2 117.2	113.9 116.2 117.4 119.8	110.7 112.6 113.7 115.2	111.1 113.3 115.1 117.2	109.9 111.8 112.9 115.4	111.6 113.5 114.8 116.4	110.2 112.4 113.2 114.6	109.7 113.2 113.6 115.6
1971-72 - September December March June 1972-73 -	119.2 122.0 123.3 124.4	122.9 125.6 126.9 128.1	116.5 119.7 120.7 121.9	119.0 121.3 122.6 123.6	116.5 119.1 120.2 121.1	117.2 120.5 121.8 123.1	115.9 119.7 120.3 121.4	116.8 119.0 119.5 120.5
September	126.1	129.9	123.6	. 124.6	123.0	124.8	122.8	122.2

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#### TABLE 2.

#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

#### GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined:
Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately									
		tate cap	ital Cities	· - Combine	d and Sepa	rately.	T	4		
Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra		
· .			FOOI	D GROUP			4			
1969-70 -	1		.,'	<u></u>						
June	110.1	110.0	110.9	109.1	108.6	111.0	106.9	108.5		
1970-71 -	1			1	1					
September	110.9	110.8	112.2	110.5	108.2	111.2	108.4	109.5		
December	112.0	112.2	112.8	112.8	108.8	111.3	110.1	110.7		
March	112.3	113.0	112.1		109.4	112.7	109.5	110.1		
June 1971-72 -	114.3	115.1	113.7	116.8	111.5	114.9	110.2	112.4		
September	115.6	116.5	115.2	118.1	112.7	114.6	111.3	114.4		
December	116.7	117.7	116.6 117.5	118.3	113.2	115.5	113.0	114.8		
March	117.5	118.0			114.5	117.0	113.5	115.0		
June	117.5	117.7	117.7	119.7	114.1	118.5	113.9	115.2		
1972-73 -		11	1	1				<b>∦</b>		
September	120.1	120.8	119.8	120.6	117.5	121.2	115.9	118.1		
		C	CLOTHING AND	D DRAPERY G	ROUP					
1969-70 -										
June	108.9	108.8	108.8	108.8	109.8	109.1	109.4	109.0		
1970-71 -				1						
September	109.2	109.2	109.0	109.2	110.0	109.4	109.5	109.2		
December	110.9	110.9	110.7	110.9	111.6	111.2	111.0	110.7		
March	112.2	112.4	111.8	112.1	112.8	112.7	112.0	111.8		
June	115.1	115.3	114.6	114.7	115.8	115.7	115.0	114.9		
1971-72 -	,						1			
September	115.7	116.0	115.1	115.1	116.4	116.4	115.9	115.2		
December	118.0	118.2	117.4.8	117.7	119.2	118.3	118.2	117.7		
March	118.8	119.1	118.3	118.5	119.8	119.2	118.7	118.7		
June	121.3	121.5	120.9	120.6	122.5	121.6	121.1	121.2		
1972-73 -								1		
September	122.2	122.4	121.9	121.6	123.3	122.4	121.8	122.0		
			HOUSIN	NG GROUP						
1969-70 -		1			T		'			
June	118.3	124.8	113.7	114.1	111.0	122.1	114.1	106.4		
1970-71 -	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
September	120.2	128.1	114.4	115.9	111.7	122.7	115.0	106.9		
December	122.7	130.1	117.6	116.8	116.0	125.5	117.0	118.8		
March	124.4	132.4	118.7	118.9	117.2	126.9	118.2	119.4		
June	126.8	135.6	120.6	121.4	118.5	127.6	119.2	120.0		
1971-72 -						1	1	1		
September	128.8	138.0	121.8	125.8	120.0	128.4	120.4	118.8		
December	132.4	142.3	124.4	128.0	123.9	134.4	124.1	122.1		
March	134.1	144.6	125.6	129.6	125.8	135.4		122.7		
June	136.6	147.8	127.9	131.7	127.8	136.7	126.8	124.0		
1972-73 -	1,000	17100	161.0	''''	12,00	1,700.	120.0	127.0		
September	138.5	150.0	129.5	133.6	129.7	137.4	128.3	124.7		
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#### GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined: Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately										
Quarter	Six Capitals Sydney Melbourne		Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra			
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP										
1969-70 -	4.5.									
June 1970–71 –	104.7	105.5	103.8	105.9	102.9	104.8	106.9	102.5		
September	105.4	106.5	104.4	106.5	103.5	105.8	107.6	104.0		
December	106.6	108.6	105.1	107.5	104.3	106.7	108.4	104.2		
March	107.8	109.6	106.1	109.2	105.6	108.4	109.1	104.5		
June _	109.8	112.4	107.4	110.6	108.1	109.7	111.6	106.0		
1971-72 -					į	i				
September	110.0	112.9	107.2	111.0	108.1	109.9	112.4	106.4		
December	111.3	113.8	108.9	112.4	109.2	111.4	117.4	107.6		
March	112.5	115.5	109.3	113.2	109.6	114.9	117.7	107.7		
June	113.0	116.1	110.0	114.1	110.0	114.7	118.1	108.3		
1972-73 -	445 5									
September	113.7	116.6	110.6	114.8	110.9	115.5	118.9	109.5		
			MISCELLAN	EOUS GROUP	)		•			
1969-70 -										
June	113.5	116.1	111.5	110.7	114.8	111.5	112.5	114.3		
1970-71 -							İ			
September	113.7	116.4	111.6	112.9	114.2	110.9	112.2	114.7		
December	117.5	120.4	115.0	116.6	117.3	115.2	116.3	119.3		
March	119.4	121.4	118.0	119.5	118.9	116.1	118.3	120.7		
June	120.7	123.1	118.7	120.3	121.9	116.9	119.4	122.5		
1971-72 -										
${ t September}$	125.1	131.1	121.1	122.9	123.6	119.0	121.6	125.2		
December	130.6	135.6	127.7 129.2	127.8	128.6	125.4	128.2	129.0		
March	132.2	137.8	129.2	129.4	129.7	126.3	128.7	130.1		
June	133.5	139.2	130.3	130.6	131.2	127.1	130.0	131.2		
1972-73 - September	135.0	140.3	132.5	131.3	132.4	129.0	131.3	132.5		
Бертемоет				GROUPS		12.0	1	11		
1969-70 -	<del></del>	1	יותא	GUOOLO	<del> </del>	<del> </del>	<del></del>	11		
June	111.2	112.9	110.1	109.7	110.0	111.4	109.6	109.0		
1970–71 –	'''•	112.9	''''	107.1	110.0	111.4	103.0	109.0		
September	111.9	113.9	110.7	111.1	109.9	111.6	110.2	109.7		
December	114.0	116.2	112.6	113.3	111.8	113.5	112.4	113.2		
March	115.2	117.4	113.7	115.1	112.9	114.8	113.2	113.6		
June	117.2	119.8	115.2	117.2	115.4	116.4	114.6	115.6		
1971-72 -	'''	,	''''		''''	.,,,,,		. , , , • ŭ		
September	119.2	122.9	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	115.9	116.8		
December	122.0	125.6	119.7	121.3	119.1	120.5	119.7	119.0		
Narch	123.3	126.9	120.7	122.6	120.2	121.8	120.3	119.5		
June	124.4	128.1	121.9	123.6	121.1	123.1	121.4	120.5		
1972-73 -				. – ,	• .					
September	126.1	129.9	123.6	124.6	123.0	124.8	122.8	122.2		

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#### TABLE 3.

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#### PARTICULARS FOR GROUPS, SUF\_GROUPS AND SPECIAL GROUPINGS

#### JUNE QUARTER 1972 AND SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1972

#### Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0

			(Ease		ch Index : - 100.0) (a)	Sub-G	Index Points Co	otal (c)	
Group and	sub-Group		June qtr 1972	Gept qtr 1972	Percentage change since June ctr (d)	June	Sept qtr 1972	Change in Index Points since June	
FOOD GROUP					×		- Index Points	- str (a)	
Cereal products		••	131.2	133.0	+1,4	5.14	5.21		
Dairy produce	••	••	111.5	114.2	+2.4	6.97	,	1 70.0	
Preserved fruit and vegetables	•	• •		108.2	+0,1	1.60		·	
Potatoes and onions		• •		116.3	+2.1	0.96		+0.0	
Soft drinks, ice cream and com Other food (except meat)	necrionery	••	112.4		+0.1	5.47 3.79		1	
Moat	••	••	113.2		+4.1	12.89		1 ******	
Basi	• •	• •	124.2	126.8	+2,1	5.79	5.91	+0.12	
Mutton	••	• •	100.6		+8.6	1.42	1.54	+0.12	
Lamb Pork	••	••	97.2	113.4	+16.7	1.95 0.86	2.28 0.84	+0.33	
Processed meat (e)	••	••		111.7	-0.8	2.87	2.84	-0.02 -0.03	
Food Group	••	••		120.1	+2,2	36.81		+0.8	
<del></del> -			1			·	7	+5.5	
CLOTHING AND DRAPERT GROUP	(4)		130.0	120.0			2.22		
Predominantly summer seasonal Predominantly winter seasonal		••	120.9 121.8	120.9	••	2.29 4.41	·		
Predominantly winter measural Predominantly non-seasonal	(g)	••	116.8	•	+0.6	7.41		+0.0	
Pootwear	••	••		135.4	+2.3	3.30		+0.0	
Clothing and Draps			121.3	122.2	+0.7	17.40	17.53	+0.1	
HOUSING GROUP									
Bent, privately sumed dwelling	ы (д)	••	143.2	145.4	+1.5	7.18	7.30	+0.13	
Rent, government owned houses	,= ,=,	••	124.1	126.5	+1.9	1.11	1.13	+0.0	
Home ownership (i)	• •	••	134.2		+1.2	10.59	10.71	+0.13	
Bouse price and repairs and Local government rates and c		••	125.2		+1.8	6.81 3.78	6.94 3.78	+0.13	
Housing Group	markas	••	136.6		+1.4	18.88	19.14	+0.26	
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND POULPMENT	GROUP					<del></del>			
			111.1	111.1		4.47	4.47		
Electricity	• •	••	113.2	113.2	••	2.71	2.71		
Gas	••	••	103.8	103.7	-0,1	1.07	1.07		
Other (j)	• •	••	114.7	114.9	+0,2	0.70	0.70	-0.0	
Household appliances Purniture and floor coverings	••	••	99.4 124.1	98,9	-0.5 +1.2	2.89	2.87	+0.0	
Other household utensils, sund	ries and stati		116.3	125.6	+1,2	2.43 2.16	2.19	+0.0	
Personal requisites and propri			122.5	124.4	1.6	2.60		+0.04	
Household Supplies	and Equipment	Group	113.0	113.7	+0.6	14.54	14.62	+0,06	
ILSCRILLANGOUS GROUP				İ					
Pares (k)	••	••		157.2	+0.8	3.69	3.72	+0.03 +0.17	
Motoring Goods (1)	• •	• •	125.7	127.6	+1,5 +1,5	11.25	7.67	+0.11	
Services and charges (m)	••	• •	150.0		+1.6	3.70	3.76	+0.06	
Cigarettes and tobacco	••	••	131.2		+0.2	4.87	4.88	+0.01	
Beer		• •	125.0		+2,2	4.62	4.73	+0.11	
Postal and telephone services	••	• •		141,1	+0.4	1.51 1.51	1.51	••	
Radio and television operations Bewspapers and magazines	• • •	••	143.3		+1.9	1.66	1.69	-0.0:	
Other services (n)	••	•••	1) }	- 1	( )	7.63	7.70	·010_	
Eealth	••	••	)141.3	142.5	+0.8(	4.37	4.37	w.c4	
Other	• •	••	1	455 5		3.26	3.32	+0.42	
Riscellansous Grou			173.5	<del></del> +	+1,1	36.74 (c)124.4	37.16 (c)126.1	(c)+1.7	
LL GROUPS	••	••	124.4	1 26.1	+1,4	(0)/24.4	(0)120.1		
PECIAL GROUPINGS						00.55	90 45	+0.5€	
All Groups, excluding Food Grou		••		128.8	+1,0	87.57	88.45 106.92	41.44	
All Groups, excluding Housing G	roup	• •	122.5	124.1	+1,3	105.50	100.94		

#### FOOTNOTES TO TABLES

- (a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities.
- (c) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.
- (d) See paragraph 13 on page 3.
- (e) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968.
- (f) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' summerweight outerwear and women's and girls' summerweight underwear.
- (g) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' winterweight outerwear and underwear, and blankets.
- (h) Includes flats as from December quarter 1968.
- (i) Does not include cost of land or interest charges on house purchase.
- (j) Firewood and kerosene. Includes heating oil and briquettes as from December quarter 1968.
- (k) City and suburban rail, bus and tram.
- (1) Motor car, petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, tyre retreading and battery.
- (m) Lubrication service, repairs, registrations, third party insurance and driver's licence.
- (n) Hairdressing, drycleaning, shoe repairs and cinema admission. Includes health services from December quarter 1968.

