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MAIN FEATURES

	Change between		Group indexes— Weighted average of six State capital cities	Change between	
	June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981 %	Sept. qtr 1980 and Sept. qtr 1981 %		June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981 %	Sept. qtr 1980 and Sept. qtr 1981 %
All groups index					
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+2.1	+9.1	Food	+3.6	+10.1
Sydney	+1.8	+8.8	Clothing	+0.8	+7.2
Melbourne	+2.1	+9.0	Housing	+2.6	+10.4
Brisbane	+2.3	+9.7	Household equipment and operation	+2.4	+9.2
Adelaide	+2.1	+9.6	Transportation	-0.1	+9.7
Perth	+3.4	+9.3	Tobacco and alcohol	+3.2	+8.0
Hobart	+2.4	+8.9	Health and personal care	+1.1	+5.0
Canberra	+2.1	+9.5	Recreation	+2.9	+8.8
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+2.1	+9.1	All Groups	+2.1	+9.1

Main price changes between June quarter 1981 and September quarter 1981 were as follows:

Food

Prices for fresh fruit and vegetables increased significantly in all cities.

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

Prices for soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery increased in all cities.

Milk prices increased in Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra.

Lamb prices increased in all cities.

Beef prices increased in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth and fell in Sydney, Hobart and Canberra.

Clothing

Prices for men's and boys' clothing increased in all cities.

Housing

House prices increased in all cities.

Private dwelling rents increased in all cities.

Government dwelling rents increased in Sydney, Perth and Hobart.

Local government rates and charges increased in Brisbane.

Household equipment and operation

Electricity charges increased in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Canberra, and gas charges increased in Melbourne and Perth.

Prices of household supplies and services increased in all cities.

Prices of household utensils and tools increased in all cities.

Postal charges increased in all cities.

Transportation

Petrol prices fell significantly in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide as a result of increased discounting.

Prices of motor vehicles increased in all cities.

Air fares increased for all cities and urban transport fares increased in Melbourne, Perth and Hobart.

Motor vehicle compulsory third party insurance premiums increased in Adelaide, Perth and Canberra.

Tobacco and alcohol

Beer and cigarette prices increased in all cities.

Health and personal care

Prices of personal care products increased in all cities.

Recreation

Magazine prices increased in all cities and newspaper prices increased in Sydney, Brisbane, Hobart and Canberra.

Entertainment charges increased in all cities.

Holiday accommodation charges increased for all cities.

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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:

September quarter 1981:	331.6
Less: June quarter 1981:	324.7
Change in index points:	+6.9

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+6.9}{324.7} \times 100 = +2.1\%$$

The index number of 331.6 for September quarter 1981 indicates an increase of 231.6% 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 June quarter 1981 and September 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 *subgroup* 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 7.11 index points to the total All Groups index number of 331.6 for September 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. 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

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted • average of seven capital cities
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<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>									
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
June	+10.7	+11.0	+10.6	+10.8	+11.0	+9.7	+10.1	+11.0	+10.7
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	+9.1	+8.8	+9.0	+9.7	+9.6	+9.3	+8.9	+9.5	+9.1
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
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
June	+2.8	+2.8	+3.1	+2.4	+2.9	+2.5	+2.5	+2.8	+2.8
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	+2.1	+1.8	+2.1	+2.3	+2.1	+3.4	+2.4	+2.1	+2.1

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

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
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
Quarter—									
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
June	298.4	304.4	293.3	293.9	297.3	297.7	294.1	289.2	298.3
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	331.6	337.2	326.1	327.9	330.2	332.9	327.7	322.6	331.5

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN JUNE QUARTER 1981 AND SEPTEMBER 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>
Food									
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+1.2	+0.7	+1.6	+0.6	+1.1	+2.1	+0.9	+0.5	+1.1
Meals out, take-away food	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3
Dairy produce	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2
Cereal products	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
Lamb and mutton	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
Beef and veal	—	-0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.5	—	-0.1	—
Other	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3
Clothing									
Men's and boys' clothing	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Housing									
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.6	+0.5	+0.8	+0.6	+0.5	+0.5	+0.3	+0.6	+0.6
Rent—privately owned dwellings	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3
Rent—government owned dwellings	+0.1	+0.2	—	—	—	+0.2	+0.2	—	+0.1
Local government rates and charges	+0.1	—	—	+0.6	—	—	—	—	+0.1
Household equipment and operation									
Fuel and light	+0.3	+0.1	+0.3	+0.5	+0.9	+0.5	+0.1	+0.3	+0.3
Household supplies and services	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3	+0.3
Household utensils and tools	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1
Furniture and floor coverings	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	—	—	+0.1
Appliances	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Drapery	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	—	—	+0.1
Postal charges	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Transportation									
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.6	+0.5	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4
Public transport fares	+0.3	+0.1	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.7	+1.4	+0.6	+0.3
Vehicle service, repairs, parts	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Petrol	-1.2	-0.9	-1.6	-1.0	-1.8	-0.1	—	—	-1.1
Vehicle insurance	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	—	+0.6	+0.7	—	+0.3	+0.2
Other	—	—	—	+0.1	—	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	—
Tobacco and alcohol									
Beer	+0.5	+0.7	+0.4	+0.7	+0.4	+0.4	+0.1	+0.3	+0.5
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4
Wine and spirits	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Health and personal care									
Health and personal care group	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
Recreation									
Books, newspapers, magazines	+0.3	+0.4	+0.1	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.6	+0.3	+0.3
Entertainment	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	—	+0.2
Holiday accommodation	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	—	+0.1	+0.4	+0.2
Other	+0.1	+0.2	—	+0.1	—	+0.2	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Total change	+6.9	+5.8	+6.8	+7.4	+6.7	+10.9	+7.6	+6.7	+6.9

(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

	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Trans- portation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care(a)</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>All Groups (a)</i>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<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—									
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
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
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
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
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

(a) Series includes effects 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>
	%	%	%	%
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

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)									
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
June	296.2	297.5	291.0	298.8	298.4	300.4	296.9	294.4	296.2
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	333.0	330.0	329.6	337.5	334.9	345.6	332.1	330.1	332.9
CLOTHING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
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
June	303.7	302.0	303.6	300.1	311.2	304.0	307.0	299.5	303.6
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	329.2	327.7	329.0	322.7	338.9	331.1	332.7	328.1	329.2
HOUSING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
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
June	324.5	357.6	300.0	305.2	319.7	298.0	301.5	268.2	323.4
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	367.7	408.6	339.9	348.9	351.9	332.8	327.8	302.5	366.5
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
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
June	253.4	258.0	247.8	252.1	248.4	262.7	267.6	247.2	253.5
1980-81—									
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
1981-82—									
September	286.2	290.4	280.5	284.1	283.1	296.0	299.1	276.5	286.2

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>
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<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
June	341.8	350.2	339.1	332.8	336.2	323.7	339.4	339.7	342.0
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	341.6	350.2	335.6	332.2	334.7	334.2	351.4	347.0	342.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
<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
June	329.0	342.6	325.5	312.8	308.4	328.1	319.9	307.2	328.7
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	339.6	354.2	335.3	324.4	319.5	336.4	326.3	314.4	339.2
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0)									
<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
June	368.4	357.2	366.9	381.5	385.1	393.3	362.0	388.3	368.7
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	372.3	359.4	371.3	386.3	390.2	399.9	365.0	390.6	372.5
RECREATION (Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)									
<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
June	146.5	142.5	148.8	149.6	149.4	147.5	143.2	148.2	146.6
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	150.7	147.5	152.2	154.6	152.4	152.5	147.7	153.0	150.8

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		June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981		June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981		Change between June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981	
		June qtr 1981	Sept. qtr 1981	%	%	June qtr 1981	Sept. qtr 1981	June qtr 1981	Sept. qtr 1981
FOOD	1966-67 = 100.0	321.4	333.0	+3.6	+10.1	72.72	75.32	+2.60	
Dairy produce	"	273.6	280.9	+2.7	+14.0	6.92	7.11	+0.19	
Cereal products	"	341.9	350.1	+2.4	+11.7	7.49	7.67	+0.18	
Meat and seafoods	"	349.3	355.2	+1.7	+2.7	20.01	20.34	+0.33	
Beef and veal	"	343.2	344.7	+0.4	-1.0				+0.04
Lamb and mutton	"	370.5	388.6	+4.9	+0.8				+0.17
Pork	"	311.7	325.5	+4.4	+8.9				+0.04
Poultry	"	225.8	231.0	+2.3	+17.7				+0.04
Other meat	"	336.3	341.8	+1.6	+9.7				+0.05
Fish	"	173.5	174.2	+0.4	+0.2				
Fruit and vegetables	"	163.0	183.3	+12.5	+25.9	9.80	11.02	+1.22	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	173.6	201.4	+16.0	+31.5				+1.15
Processed fruit and vegetables	"	236.6	242.5	+2.5	+10.7				+0.06
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	"	382.0	396.6	+3.8	+12.0	7.08	7.35	+0.27	
Meals out and take-away food	"	160.4	164.0	+2.2	+9.3	14.61	14.94	+0.33	
Other food	"	254.4	257.5	+1.2	+5.8	6.82	6.90	+0.08	
CLOTHING	1966-67 = 100.0	326.6	329.2	+0.8	+7.2	31.41	31.67	+0.26	
Men's and boys'	"	307.8	311.9	+1.3	+9.8	8.97	9.09	+0.12	
Women's and girls'	"	317.4	317.9	+0.2	+4.4	13.70	13.72	+0.02	
Piecegoods and other clothing	"	293.5	299.6	+2.1	+7.6	1.81	1.84	+0.03	
Footwear	"	383.9	384.5	+0.2	+7.6	5.16	5.17	+0.01	
Clothing and footwear services (a)	"	464.0	482.1	+3.9	+14.3	1.77	1.84	+0.07	
HOUSING	1966-67 = 100.0	358.5	367.7	+2.6	+10.4	41.65	42.73	+1.08	
Rent	"	332.3	341.1	+2.6	+8.1	15.80	16.22	+0.42	
Privately-owned dwellings	"	320.4	328.0	+2.4	+8.0				+0.33
Government-owned dwellings	"	496.0	520.3	+4.9	+9.4				+0.09
Home ownership (b)	"	381.4	391.0	+2.5	+11.8	25.86	26.51	+0.65	
Local government rates and charges (c)	"	477.7	482.7	+1.0	+13.0				+0.06
House price, repairs and maintenance	"	349.2	359.5	+2.9	+11.4				+0.58
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION	1966-67 = 100.0	279.5	286.2	+2.4	+9.2	44.95	46.03	+1.08	
Fuel and light	"	288.9	300.4	+4.0	+13.3	7.88	8.19	+0.31	
Furniture and floor coverings	"	323.1	325.9	+0.9	+7.1	9.50	9.58	+0.08	
Appliances	"	153.2	155.7	+1.6	+4.3	4.97	5.05	+0.08	
Drapery	"	367.5	376.1	+2.3	+9.7	3.56	3.64	+0.08	
Household utensils and tools	"	306.0	313.8	+2.5	+12.6	4.87	5.00	+0.13	
Household supplies and services (d)	"	283.9	292.4	+3.0	+11.3	10.86	11.18	+0.32	
Postal and telephone services	"	260.1	265.7	+2.2	+1.1	3.31	3.38	+0.07	
TRANSPORTATION	1966-67 = 100.0	341.8	341.6	-0.1	+9.7	60.63	60.60	-0.03	
Private transport	"	334.5	332.5	-0.6	+9.3	53.65	53.32	-0.33	
Motor vehicle purchase	"	260.6	267.6	+2.7	+8.7				+0.42
Motor vehicle operation(e)	"	379.6	372.2	-1.9	+9.5	15.57	15.99		-0.74
Public transport fares(f)	"	331.8	345.7	+4.2	+13.4	6.98	7.27	+0.29	

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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		June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981		June qtr 1981	Sept. qtr 1981	Change between June qtr 1981 and Sept. qtr 1981
		June qtr 1981	Sept. 1981	June qtr 1981	Sept. 1981			
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	1966-67 = 100.0	329.0	339.6	+3.2	+8.0	30.86	31.85	+0.99
Alcoholic beverages	"	322.4	331.8	+2.9	+8.8	21.58	22.21	+0.63
Beer	"	330.3	341.5	+3.4	+10.3			
Wine and spirits	Dec. qtr 1973 = 100.0	217.7	221.7	+1.8	+5.6	14.94	15.45	+0.51
Cigarettes and tobacco	1966-67 = 100.0	325.6	338.4	+3.9	+6.3	6.64	6.76	+0.12
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	368.4	372.3	+1.1	+5.0	9.28	9.64	+0.36
Health services (g)	"	385.4	387.3	+0.5	+1.7	18.64	18.83	+0.19
Personal care products (h)	1966-67 = 100.0	302.5	307.6	+1.7	+9.1	10.52	10.57	+0.05
Personal care services (i)	"	632.7	644.7	+1.9	+10.0	5.80	5.90	+0.10
RECREATION	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	146.5	150.7	+2.9	+8.8	2.32	2.36	+0.04
Books, newspapers, magazines	"	183.6	192.7	+5.0	+14.7	23.88	24.57	+0.69
Other recreational goods (j)	"	120.1	120.8	+0.6	+0.8	5.42	5.69	+0.27
Holiday accommodation	"	155.1	162.7	+4.9	+14.0	7.99	8.04	+0.05
Other recreational services (k)	"	157.0	161.7	+3.0	+12.0	2.95	3.10	+0.15
ALL GROUPS	1966-67 = 100.0	324.7	331.6	+2.1	+9.1	7.74	7.74	+0.23
SPECIAL SERIES						331.6	331.6	+6.9
All groups, excluding food group	"	327.5	333.0	+1.7	+8.8	252.02	256.27	+4.25
All groups, excluding housing group	"	319.0	325.5	+2.0	+8.9	283.08	288.87	+5.79
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	"	325.2	332.3	+2.2	+9.3	316.29	323.14	+6.85
All groups, goods component (l)	"	312.1	318.2	+2.0	+9.2	244.31	249.12	+4.81
All groups, services component (l)	"	375.9	385.5	+2.6	+8.8	80.43	82.47	+2.04

(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'.

