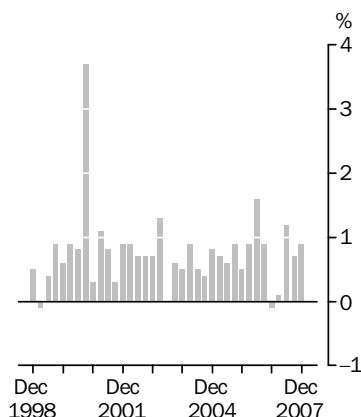


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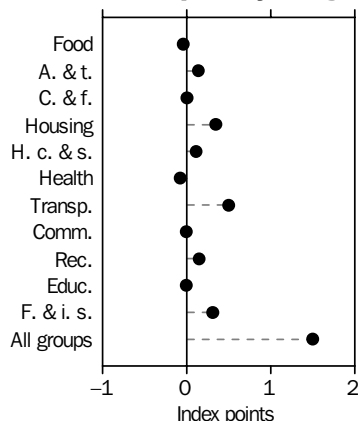
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KEY FIGURES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007 % change	Dec Qtr 2006 to Dec Qtr 2007 % change
Food	-0.1	1.2
Alcohol and tobacco	1.3	3.6
Clothing and footwear	0.2	1.6
Housing	1.1	4.8
Household contents and services	0.8	-1.0
Health	-1.0	4.1
Transportation	2.4	5.6
Communication	0.0	0.4
Recreation	0.8	1.0
Education	0.0	4.1
Financial and insurance services	2.1	4.9

All groups

0.9 **3.0**

All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services

0.7 2.2

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.9% in the December quarter 2007, compared with a rise of 0.7% in the September quarter.
- rose 3.0% through the year to December quarter 2007.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant contributors to the increase this quarter were automotive fuel (+7.3%), deposit and loan facilities (+2.7%), house purchase (+1.3%), rents (+1.6%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+3.7%) and other financial services (+1.9%).
- The most significant offsetting price falls this quarter were for fruit (-13.5%), vegetables (-6.9%), pharmaceuticals (-5.4%) and audio, visual and computing equipment (-4.3%).

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ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics

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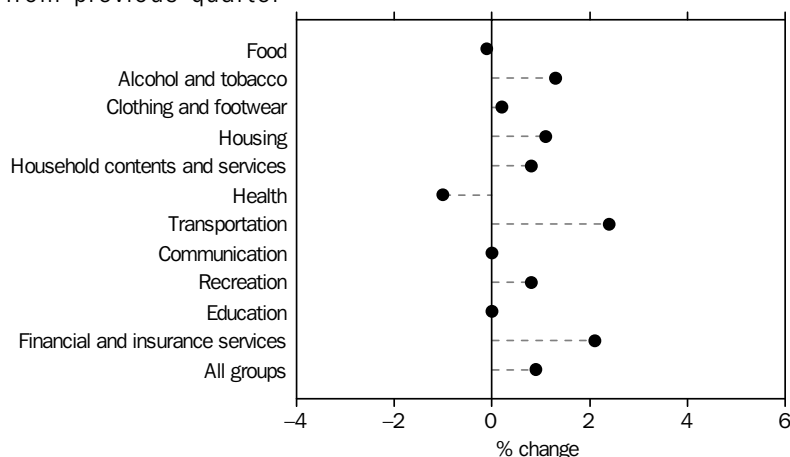
ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

CPI GROUPS

The discussion of the CPI groups below is ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the quarter (see tables 6 and 7).

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES, Percentage change from previous quarter



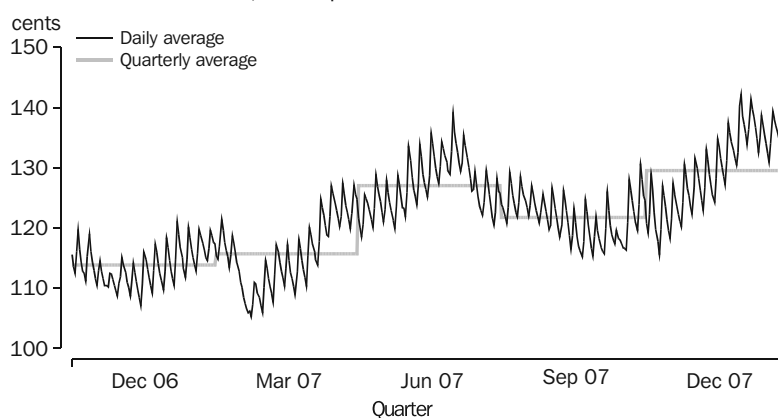
TRANSPORTATION (+2.4%)

The most significant increase in transportation costs this quarter was due to the rise in the price of automotive fuel (+7.3%). Most other categories in transportation rose, with motor vehicle repair (+0.9%) and urban transport fares (+1.5%) being the most significant. The only offsetting fall was in motor vehicles (-0.7%).

Automotive fuel prices fell in July (-3.4%) and August (-2.2%) then rose in September (+0.7%), October (+2.0%), November (+5.8%) and December (+4.7%). The automotive fuel expenditure class contributed +0.47 index points to the overall 1.50 index points change in the All Groups CPI in December quarter 2007 and +0.87 index points to the through the year change.

The following graph shows the pattern of the average daily prices for unleaded petrol for the eight capital cities over the last fifteen months.

AVERAGE PRICE OF ULP, cents per litre



ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

TRANSPORTATION

(+2.4%) *continued*

Through the year to December quarter 2007, the transportation group rose 5.6%, the rise in automotive fuel (+14.3%) was the most significant contributor to the increase. There were also rises in the price of motor vehicle repair (+2.9%), other motoring charges (+5.2%), motor vehicle parts and accessories (+5.4%) and urban transport fares(+4.4%). Motor vehicles prices fell 0.5%.

HOUSING (+1.1%)

Most categories of housing recorded price rises this quarter. Main contributors to the increases were increases in house purchase (+1.3%) and rents (+1.6%). This is the largest quarterly rise for house purchases since March quarter 2005.

Average rents rose in every capital city, ranging from 0.4% in Hobart to 3.2% in Perth.

Increases in house purchase prices were recorded in all capital cities, with Brisbane (+3.0%) and Melbourne (+2.0%) being the highest and Sydney (+0.6%), Adelaide (+0.5%) and Perth (+0.3%) being the lowest.

Over the four quarters to December quarter 2007, the housing group rose 4.8%, mainly due to rents (+6.4%) and new house prices (+4.3%).

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (+2.1%)

All categories of financial and insurance services recorded price rises this quarter. Deposit and loan facilities rose 2.7%, other financial services increased 1.9% and insurance services increased 1.2%.

Through the year to December quarter 2007, financial and insurance services rose 4.9% due mainly to increases in the prices of deposit and loan facilities and other financial services.

RECREATION (+0.8%)

The rise in recreation was due mainly to increased prices for domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+3.7%), with less significant increases in prices for audio, visual and computing media and services (+2.2) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+1.0%). Audio, visual and computing equipment (−4.3%) provided the only significant offsetting price fall.

Domestic holiday travel and accommodation rose in line with the normal seasonal pattern, with rises in fares and accommodation for most destinations. Increases were observed in all cities except Darwin (−13.0%) and Hobart (−0.2%). The falls in Darwin and Hobart were due to falls in fares.

Over the year to December quarter 2007, Recreation rose 1.0% due largely to rises in overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+5.5%), with less significant increases in other recreational activities (+4.0%) and sports participation (+5.5%). The most significant price fall was in audio, visual and computing equipment (−11.1%).

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.3%)

Beer (+2.1%) and tobacco (+1.1%) provided the most significant contributions to the rise in prices for the alcohol and tobacco group this quarter. There were no falls in any category in any city.

The rise in beer is due to widespread general price rises and the cessation of specials in some cities. Increases ranged from 0.6% in Perth to 3.5% in Melbourne.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.3%) *continued*

Tobacco prices rose in all cities, ranging from 0.7% in Perth and Hobart to 2.0% in Darwin.

In the twelve months to December quarter 2007, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 3.6%, with rises in all categories.

HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES (+0.8%)

The major contributor to the rise in household contents and services this quarter was furniture (+2.1%), with less significant increases in other household services (+2.0%) hairdressing and personal care services (+1.2%) and other household supplies (+0.7%). There was a small fall in the prices of household cleaning agents (–1.2%).

The rise in furniture prices was largely driven by prices returning from widespread specials during September quarter sales, as well as some general price rises this quarter. Increases were recorded in all cities except Darwin (–0.4%), with the highest being in Sydney (+3.0%).

Other household services rose in all cities, ranging from 0.6% in Sydney to 5.1% in Perth, mainly due to increases in prices for gardening services and house cleaning.

Through the year to December quarter 2007, the household contents and services group fell 1.0% due mostly to the fall in “out-of-pocket” expenses for child care in the September quarter 2007. This resulted from the inclusion of the Child Care Tax Rebate (CCTR) as a rebate for the first time and the additional 10% indexation of the Child Care Benefit (CCB) rates on top of the usual annual CPI indexation. See the appendix *Child Care Services in the CPI* in the September Quarter 2007 release of this publication.

HEALTH (–1.0%)

The fall in health costs in December quarter 2007 is due to a fall in the net cost of pharmaceuticals (–5.4%) more than offsetting a rise in dental services (+0.9%).

The fall in the net cost of pharmaceuticals is due to the cyclical effect of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net. The number of people accessing the PBS Safety Net benefits reaches a peak in the December quarter. All capital cities saw significant falls due to the fall in the “out-of-pocket” cost of PBS prescription pharmaceuticals.

Dental services rose in all cities, with increases ranging from 0.1% in Canberra to 2.9% in Adelaide.

Over the year to December quarter 2007, the health group rose 4.1%, with the largest increase being in net hospital and medical services (+4.8%).

FOOD (–0.1%)

The small fall in food prices this quarter was due to falls in fruit (–13.5%) and vegetables (–6.9%) offsetting rises in most other food categories. The most significant rises were for milk (+5.6%), take away and fast foods (+1.4%), bread (+2.7%), cheese (+4.9%), poultry (+4.1%), food n.e.c. (+3.8%), snacks and confectionary (+2.0%) and restaurant meals (+1.0%).

Fruit was in plentiful supply due to good conditions reported in most growing areas. Price falls were observed across a range of fruit, most significantly bananas, but also rockmelons, watermelons and strawberries. Some offsetting rises were observed for oranges, apples, mandarines and pears.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

FOOD (−0.1%) *continued*

The fall in vegetables prices was due to the plentiful supply of some vegetables resulting from generally good conditions in growing areas, combined with widespread specials. The largest fall was observed for lettuce, with lesser falls for tomatoes and cauliflower. Partially offsetting these falls were rises for potatoes, pumpkin and onions.

The rises in milk and cheese prices were reported to be due to strong world demand for dairy products, as well as the reduced availability of feed in Australia. The increase in bread prices is reported to be due to increases in the price of flour and production costs. Increases in prices of take away and fast foods were observed across all items.

Food prices rose 1.2% over the twelve months to December quarter 2007 mainly due to increases in prices of take away and fast foods (+4.9%), vegetables (+8.6%), restaurant meals (+3.8%), bread (+8.8%) and milk (+10.1%). Fruit (−32.0%) provided the only significant offsetting annual fall, driven by lower through-the-year banana prices.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+0.2%)

The rise in prices of clothing and footwear this quarter was due to small increases in a number of categories, due to some general price rises as well as the end of the specials in a number of cities. The most notable increases were for accessories (+1.7%) and women's footwear (+2.4%). Small falls were recorded in men's footwear (−2.4%) and women's outerwear (−0.4%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2007, the cost of clothing and footwear rose 1.6% with accessories (+5.3%) being the most significant contributor.

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The non-tradables component of the CPI (see table 8) rose 1.3% in the December quarter. This component includes goods and services whose prices are largely determined by domestic market conditions and represents approximately 58% of the CPI. Within non-tradables, the services component rose 1.2%, mainly due to increases in deposit and loan facilities, rents, domestic holiday travel and accommodation and other financial services. There were no offsetting falls in non-tradable services. The non-tradable goods component rose 1.5% mainly due to a rise in prices for house purchase. There were no significant offsets.

The tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 0.3% in the December quarter 2007. This component includes goods and services whose prices are largely determined on the world market and represents approximately 42% of the weight of the CPI. The rise in automotive fuel prices provided the main contribution to the increase, with less significant contributions from furniture, tobacco and audio, visual and computing media and services. The most significant offsets were fruit, vegetables, pharmaceuticals and audio, visual and computing equipment.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2007, non-tradables rose 4.2%, while tradables rose 1.4%. This compares with a rise of 3.5% for non-tradables and a fall of 0.3% for tradables over the twelve months to September quarter 2007. The main drivers in through-the-year non-tradables were rents and house purchase.

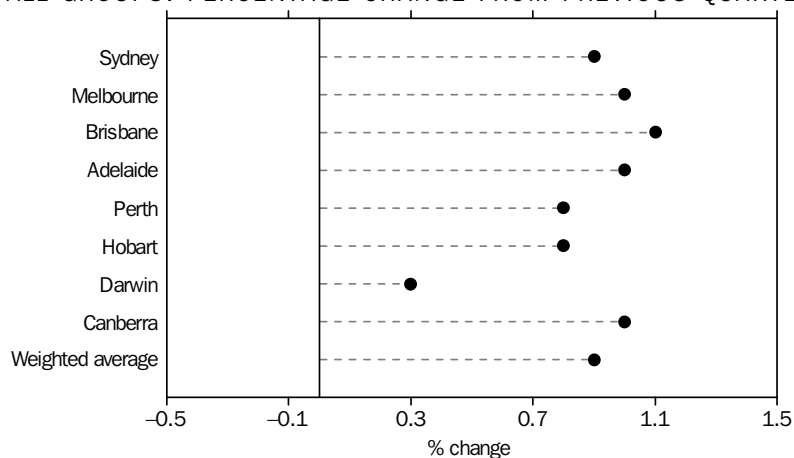
Automotive fuel was the main contributor to the through-the-year rise in tradables, with less significant contributions from vegetables, overseas holiday travel and accommodation and tobacco.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



All capital cities showed rises in the All groups level CPI this quarter. Darwin rose 0.3%, while all other cities were in the range of 0.8% to 1.1%. In all cities automotive fuel was the main contributor, followed by deposit and loan facilities. House purchase, rents, domestic holiday travel and accommodation and other financial services were also significant in most cities. Fruit and vegetables showed significant offsetting falls in most cities. Pharmaceuticals and audio, visual and computing equipment also fell in all cities.

The lower result for Darwin was mainly due to a combination of a fall in domestic holiday travel and accommodation and a smaller increase in automotive fuel prices compared to other cities.

Over the year to December quarter 2007, the All groups CPI rose in all capital cities with the increases ranging from 2.4% in Sydney to 3.9% in Brisbane. The higher result in Brisbane is largely due to a 8.2% rise in Housing, substantially higher than the 4.8% increase for the weighted average of eight capital cities.

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	NUMBER(a)		
	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2006 to Dec Qtr 2007
Sydney	159.5	0.9	2.4
Melbourne	158.5	1.0	3.3
Brisbane	163.4	1.1	3.9
Adelaide	163.1	1.0	2.7
Perth	160.2	0.8	3.0
Hobart	159.2	0.8	2.9
Darwin	157.1	0.3	2.9
Canberra	160.8	1.0	3.3
Weighted average of eight capital cities	160.1	0.9	3.0

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS, Index numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
2003–04	144.1	142.8	144.8	147.0	139.6	142.6	138.7	143.4	143.5
2004–05	147.7	145.7	148.5	150.4	144.0	147.1	141.8	146.7	147.0
2005–06	152.1	150.2	153.2	155.2	150.1	151.8	146.5	151.9	151.7
2006–07	156.2	154.2	158.3	159.2	156.1	155.7	152.9	156.4	156.1
2003									
December	143.6	142.1	144.2	146.2	139.2	142.0	138.5	142.9	142.8
2004									
March	145.0	143.5	145.4	147.7	139.6	143.0	139.0	143.9	144.1
June	145.5	143.9	146.3	148.6	141.0	144.3	139.6	144.8	144.8
September	146.2	144.2	146.8	149.0	142.0	145.0	140.8	145.5	145.4
December	147.3	145.3	148.0	150.0	143.3	146.7	141.1	146.3	146.5
2005									
March	148.2	146.4	149.2	150.9	144.4	148.0	141.9	147.0	147.5
June	149.0	146.9	150.0	151.8	146.3	148.8	143.2	147.8	148.4
September	150.5	148.6	150.9	153.4	147.8	150.1	144.7	149.7	149.8
December	151.0	149.2	152.1	154.1	149.0	151.0	145.4	150.9	150.6
2006									
March	152.2	150.5	153.5	155.6	150.5	152.2	146.7	152.2	151.9
June	154.7	152.6	156.2	157.6	153.2	154.0	149.2	154.9	154.3
September	156.1	153.7	157.5	159.3	154.9	155.1	151.8	156.0	155.7
December	155.8	153.5	157.3	158.8	155.5	154.7	152.6	155.6	155.5
2007									
March	155.6	153.8	158.0	158.4	155.8	155.4	152.6	155.9	155.6
June	157.4	155.6	160.2	160.3	158.0	157.4	154.7	158.0	157.5
September	158.1	156.9	161.7	161.5	158.9	157.9	156.6	159.2	158.6
December	159.5	158.5	163.4	163.1	160.2	159.2	157.1	160.8	160.1

(a) Base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS, Percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
2003-04	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.4	2.6	2.4
2004-05	2.5	2.0	2.6	2.3	3.2	3.2	2.2	2.3	2.4
2005-06	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.2
2006-07	2.7	2.7	3.3	2.6	4.0	2.6	4.4	3.0	2.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2003									
December	2.3	2.2	3.1	3.3	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.7	2.4
2004									
March	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.1	1.6	2.1	1.1	2.3	2.0
June	2.3	2.1	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.5	1.2	2.9	2.5
September	2.7	1.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.3
December	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.3	1.9	2.4	2.6
2005									
March	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.2	3.4	3.5	2.1	2.2	2.4
June	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.2	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.1	2.5
September	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.0	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.0
December	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.7	4.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.8
2006									
March	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.5	3.0
June	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.7	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.0
September	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.8	3.3	4.9	4.2	3.9
December	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.0	4.4	2.5	5.0	3.1	3.3
2007									
March	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.8	3.5	2.1	4.0	2.4	2.4
June	1.7	2.0	2.6	1.7	3.1	2.2	3.7	2.0	2.1
September	1.3	2.1	2.7	1.4	2.6	1.8	3.2	2.1	1.9
December	2.4	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2003									
December	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5
2004									
March	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9
June	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5
September	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.4
December	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.8
2005									
March	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.7
June	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.6
September	1.0	1.2	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.9
December	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5
2006									
March	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
June	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.6
September	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.7	0.7	0.9
December	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.1
2007									
March	-0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1
June	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2
September	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.7
December	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.9

CPI GROUPS, Weighted average of eight capital cities—Index numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household contents and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2003–04	152.3	217.8	112.7	120.2	121.1	193.9
2004–05	154.8	225.4	110.8	124.8	120.7	204.3
2005–06	162.3	233.1	109.2	129.3	122.2	213.5
2006–07	172.4	240.6	108.4	133.7	124.6	223.5
2003						
December	152.0	216.5	113.1	119.6	121.4	189.4
2004						
March	154.7	218.8	111.5	120.7	120.7	195.5
June	153.3	220.5	112.7	121.5	120.7	201.6
September	152.4	222.5	112.5	123.2	120.6	200.1
December	154.6	224.0	110.9	124.3	121.3	198.8
2005						
March	156.0	226.9	109.4	125.5	119.7	206.7
June	156.2	228.1	110.3	126.2	121.2	211.6
September	157.4	230.3	110.5	128.0	121.6	209.3
December	160.2	231.4	110.3	128.8	122.4	207.1
2006						
March	162.5	234.3	107.5	129.6	121.9	216.2
June	169.1	236.4	108.4	130.6	122.9	221.4
September	173.0	237.7	108.5	132.2	124.5	219.8
December	173.9	239.5	108.1	132.9	124.7	218.0
2007						
March	169.9	241.6	107.7	134.2	123.6	225.7
June	172.8	243.6	109.2	135.3	125.5	230.5
September	176.1	245.0	109.6	137.8	122.5	229.3
December	175.9	248.2	109.8	139.3	123.5	226.9

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Financial and insurance services(b)</i>	<i>All groups</i>
2003–04	142.0	110.0	130.0	223.3	. .	143.5
2004–05	146.8	111.1	130.7	238.7	. .	147.0
2005–06	155.5	109.5	132.0	253.2	101.2	151.7
2006–07	158.0	110.8	133.8	264.6	103.0	156.1
2003						
December	140.7	109.9	131.1	215.1	. .	142.8
2004						
March	141.7	110.0	129.7	231.4	. .	144.1
June	144.1	110.4	129.3	231.5	. .	144.8
September	145.2	110.9	129.9	231.5	. .	145.4
December	147.2	111.2	130.9	231.7	. .	146.5
2005						
March	145.8	111.6	131.8	245.7	. .	147.5
June	148.8	110.6	130.1	245.9	100.0	148.4
September	153.7	109.8	131.7	246.0	100.1	149.8
December	153.0	109.0	131.7	246.3	101.6	150.6
2006						
March	155.0	109.5	132.5	260.1	101.0	151.9
June	160.2	109.6	132.0	260.2	102.2	154.3
September	160.8	110.3	133.0	258.0	102.5	155.7
December	154.7	110.8	134.8	258.0	103.0	155.5
2007						
March	155.8	111.0	133.9	270.9	102.8	155.6
June	160.5	111.2	133.3	271.3	103.7	157.5
September	159.4	111.2	135.1	268.6	105.8	158.6
December	163.3	111.2	136.2	268.6	108.0	160.1

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(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

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CPI GROUPS, Weighted average of eight capital cities—Percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household contents and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2003-04	3.0	4.3	-0.5	4.4	0.1	6.8
2004-05	1.6	3.5	-1.7	3.8	-0.3	5.4
2005-06	4.8	3.4	-1.4	3.6	1.2	4.5
2006-07	6.2	3.2	-0.7	3.4	2.0	4.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2003						
December	3.4	4.4	-0.8	4.7	-0.2	6.9
2004						
March	3.3	4.2	-0.8	4.3	0.2	6.5
June	2.3	4.4	-0.9	4.0	-0.6	6.6
September	2.1	3.4	-0.7	3.6	-0.7	5.8
December	1.7	3.5	-1.9	3.9	-0.1	5.0
2005						
March	0.8	3.7	-1.9	4.0	-0.8	5.7
June	1.9	3.4	-2.1	3.9	0.4	5.0
September	3.3	3.5	-1.8	3.9	0.8	4.6
December	3.6	3.3	-0.5	3.6	0.9	4.2
2006						
March	4.2	3.3	-1.7	3.3	1.8	4.6
June	8.3	3.6	-1.7	3.5	1.4	4.6
September	9.9	3.2	-1.8	3.3	2.4	5.0
December	8.6	3.5	-2.0	3.2	1.9	5.3
2007						
March	4.6	3.1	0.2	3.5	1.4	4.4
June	2.2	3.0	0.7	3.6	2.1	4.1
September	1.8	3.1	1.0	4.2	-1.6	4.3
December	1.2	3.6	1.6	4.8	-1.0	4.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2003						
December	1.8	0.6	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.2
2004						
March	1.8	1.1	-1.4	0.9	-0.6	3.2
June	-0.9	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.0	3.1
September	-0.6	0.9	-0.2	1.4	-0.1	-0.7
December	1.4	0.7	-1.4	0.9	0.6	-0.6
2005						
March	0.9	1.3	-1.4	1.0	-1.3	4.0
June	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	2.4
September	0.8	1.0	0.2	1.4	0.3	-1.1
December	1.8	0.5	-0.2	0.6	0.7	-1.1
2006						
March	1.4	1.3	-2.5	0.6	-0.4	4.4
June	4.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.4
September	2.3	0.5	0.1	1.2	1.3	-0.7
December	0.5	0.8	-0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.8
2007						
March	-2.3	0.9	-0.4	1.0	-0.9	3.5
June	1.7	0.8	1.4	0.8	1.5	2.1
September	1.9	0.6	0.4	1.8	-2.4	-0.5
December	-0.1	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.8	-1.0

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Financial and insurance services</i>	<i>All groups</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2003–04	1.0	1.4	–1.4	6.3	..	2.4
2004–05	3.4	1.0	0.5	6.9	..	2.4
2005–06	5.9	–1.4	1.0	6.1	..	3.2
2006–07	1.6	1.2	1.4	4.5	1.8	2.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2003						
December	0.3	1.4	–0.6	4.8	..	2.4
2004						
March	–1.4	1.1	–2.0	7.8	..	2.0
June	3.4	1.4	–1.7	7.8	..	2.5
September	2.8	1.1	–0.1	7.6	..	2.3
December	4.6	1.2	–0.2	7.7	..	2.6
2005						
March	2.9	1.5	1.6	6.2	..	2.4
June	3.3	0.2	0.6	6.2	..	2.5
September	5.9	–1.0	1.4	6.3	..	3.0
December	3.9	–2.0	0.6	6.3	..	2.8
2006						
March	6.3	–1.9	0.5	5.9	..	3.0
June	7.7	–0.9	1.5	5.8	2.2	4.0
September	4.6	0.5	1.0	4.9	2.4	3.9
December	1.1	1.7	2.4	4.8	1.4	3.3
2007						
March	0.5	1.4	1.1	4.2	1.8	2.4
June	0.2	1.5	1.0	4.3	1.5	2.1
September	–0.9	0.8	1.6	4.1	3.2	1.9
December	5.6	0.4	1.0	4.1	4.9	3.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2003						
December	–0.4	0.2	0.8	0.0	..	0.5
2004						
March	0.7	0.1	–1.1	7.6	..	0.9
June	1.7	0.4	–0.3	0.0	..	0.5
September	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	..	0.4
December	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	..	0.8
2005						
March	–1.0	0.4	0.7	6.0	..	0.7
June	2.1	–0.9	–1.3	0.1	..	0.6
September	3.3	–0.7	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.9
December	–0.5	–0.7	0.0	0.1	1.5	0.5
2006						
March	1.3	0.5	0.6	5.6	–0.6	0.9
June	3.4	0.1	–0.4	0.0	1.2	1.6
September	0.4	0.6	0.8	–0.8	0.3	0.9
December	–3.8	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.5	–0.1
2007						
March	0.7	0.2	–0.7	5.0	–0.2	0.1
June	3.0	0.2	–0.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
September	–0.7	—	1.4	–1.0	2.0	0.7
December	2.4	—	0.8	0.0	2.1	0.9

.. not applicable

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

CPI GROUPS, Index numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
2005									
December	161.0	158.1	160.8	165.5	159.7	156.1	154.4	164.3	160.2
2006									
March	163.1	160.6	164.7	167.7	160.9	157.8	158.4	165.8	162.5
June	170.3	167.0	171.1	174.7	166.4	161.9	162.3	173.0	169.1
September	174.8	170.7	175.1	179.3	169.3	165.1	165.5	174.0	173.0
December	175.5	171.7	176.1	179.3	170.4	167.6	167.3	175.3	173.9
2007									
March	170.5	168.2	171.5	175.6	168.0	165.2	164.1	172.1	169.9
June	172.8	171.8	174.8	177.6	171.3	167.4	167.2	175.7	172.8
September	175.9	175.8	178.3	182.3	173.5	169.4	169.8	176.7	176.1
December	175.2	175.5	177.2	182.7	174.2	171.0	171.0	178.0	175.9
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2005									
December	238.0	231.5	227.8	238.7	215.9	220.5	224.3	217.3	231.4
2006									
March	240.2	235.3	230.1	241.9	219.1	221.8	226.1	219.9	234.3
June	243.5	237.3	231.1	243.4	220.3	222.6	227.3	221.7	236.4
September	244.2	238.2	232.1	245.7	223.5	224.4	230.7	223.7	237.7
December	245.9	241.2	233.4	245.9	224.3	225.4	231.6	224.8	239.5
2007									
March	247.2	243.4	236.2	250.2	225.7	226.5	233.5	227.7	241.6
June	249.3	244.6	239.6	252.4	228.3	229.7	235.0	228.6	243.6
September	249.1	247.3	240.1	253.6	231.4	231.3	235.4	230.5	245.0
December	252.3	251.5	241.4	257.9	232.8	234.3	240.3	234.6	248.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2005									
December	112.5	111.8	104.6	110.5	104.5	105.0	104.9	113.3	110.3
2006									
March	110.8	108.8	98.9	109.1	100.5	103.5	102.8	113.0	107.5
June	111.5	109.5	101.0	109.3	101.7	104.3	104.1	113.4	108.4
September	111.5	109.0	103.1	109.3	101.6	104.2	105.1	113.1	108.5
December	111.1	109.0	102.0	108.1	102.8	102.3	104.0	110.2	108.1
2007									
March	110.8	108.4	103.8	105.6	101.7	102.2	103.6	110.4	107.7
June	111.1	112.0	103.6	107.5	102.3	102.6	105.1	113.4	109.2
September	111.5	111.1	106.7	108.0	101.8	102.8	104.4	114.7	109.6
December	111.5	111.3	107.2	108.9	102.2	102.6	104.9	114.5	109.8
HOUSING									
2005									
December	134.4	115.6	139.7	127.9	129.7	131.4	143.7	134.4	128.8
2006									
March	134.7	115.9	140.6	129.4	132.2	133.6	146.5	135.2	129.6
June	135.4	116.1	142.2	129.4	135.2	134.8	149.6	136.7	130.6
September	137.2	116.4	143.9	131.2	138.7	135.8	153.8	140.2	132.2
December	137.5	117.4	144.8	131.4	139.7	135.7	157.4	140.9	132.9
2007									
March	138.3	118.6	147.4	132.5	141.3	137.4	158.9	141.8	134.2
June	139.5	119.2	149.4	132.9	142.9	139.6	160.5	142.5	135.3
September	142.3	120.5	153.8	134.4	145.1	141.9	164.6	147.4	137.8
December	143.4	122.2	156.7	135.7	146.3	142.8	166.3	148.9	139.3

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES									
2005									
December	120.9	123.3	124.8	121.9	119.3	131.5	114.3	129.3	122.4
2006									
March	120.4	122.7	124.5	122.1	118.5	130.9	114.3	129.7	121.9
June	121.2	123.5	126.0	122.7	119.4	131.4	115.0	131.5	122.9
September	122.6	125.6	127.4	124.9	120.9	131.8	115.6	131.7	124.5
December	122.5	125.6	128.0	124.1	122.4	132.0	117.3	132.3	124.7
2007									
March	121.5	124.8	127.3	122.6	120.6	132.2	117.2	130.4	123.6
June	122.9	126.3	129.3	125.2	123.2	133.8	118.6	133.7	125.5
September	119.7	123.9	125.3	123.0	121.0	129.5	116.2	129.0	122.5
December	121.0	124.2	127.1	123.8	121.2	132.3	116.7	130.1	123.5
HEALTH									
2005									
December	193.0	219.8	207.5	214.4	198.7	228.2	193.6	205.7	207.1
2006									
March	201.9	229.2	219.7	221.7	204.8	238.2	199.2	216.2	216.2
June	206.8	233.7	225.9	228.6	210.4	245.0	205.0	219.7	221.4
September	206.1	231.4	223.1	226.4	209.6	241.3	202.9	217.3	219.8
December	203.2	230.9	220.6	225.8	208.7	239.2	204.8	214.5	218.0
2007									
March	209.9	239.0	230.9	231.9	216.0	247.0	213.2	224.3	225.7
June	215.3	242.7	235.3	236.9	221.6	253.9	216.2	227.0	230.5
September	213.8	242.2	233.2	234.4	221.0	251.7	213.6	227.0	229.3
December	211.3	239.8	230.1	232.7	219.9	248.4	211.1	224.2	226.9
TRANSPORTATION									
2005									
December	153.6	153.1	151.4	156.5	152.1	150.1	146.7	152.1	153.0
2006									
March	155.6	155.5	153.3	158.1	154.0	150.2	148.2	153.2	155.0
June	160.9	160.8	158.6	163.2	158.9	155.0	152.2	159.5	160.2
September	161.3	161.3	159.5	163.9	159.8	154.7	153.6	159.3	160.8
December	155.2	154.9	154.0	157.6	154.7	146.9	148.4	152.1	154.7
2007									
March	156.3	155.8	154.9	158.4	156.0	149.4	148.4	152.7	155.8
June	160.7	160.5	159.6	163.8	161.5	154.6	153.5	159.1	160.5
September	159.3	159.7	158.7	162.6	160.4	153.3	153.2	157.3	159.4
December	163.4	163.9	162.3	166.9	162.9	155.1	156.3	161.2	163.3
COMMUNICATION									
2005									
December	108.5	108.8	112.4	110.4	107.3	110.0	100.8	107.7	109.0
2006									
March	109.0	109.3	112.9	110.9	107.8	110.4	101.3	108.2	109.5
June	109.1	109.4	113.0	111.0	107.9	110.5	101.4	108.3	109.6
September	109.8	110.0	113.8	111.7	108.6	111.3	102.0	108.9	110.3
December	110.4	110.3	114.4	112.2	109.2	111.8	102.5	109.5	110.8
2007									
March	110.6	110.5	114.7	112.4	109.4	112.0	102.7	109.7	111.0
June	110.7	110.7	114.8	112.6	109.5	112.2	102.8	109.9	111.2
September	110.7	110.7	114.9	112.6	109.5	112.2	102.8	109.9	111.2
December	110.8	110.8	114.9	112.7	109.5	112.2	102.9	109.9	111.2

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
2005									
December	134.7	132.0	127.6	132.1	129.2	129.1	108.3	128.9	131.7
2006									
March	135.2	133.3	128.7	132.5	130.3	130.2	106.7	129.8	132.5
June	134.8	132.2	128.4	131.7	130.3	129.1	108.6	130.1	132.0
September	135.7	133.3	129.1	133.2	130.6	132.4	112.9	131.4	133.0
December	137.5	134.3	130.1	135.7	134.3	134.0	113.1	133.1	134.8
2007									
March	136.5	134.6	129.2	133.1	132.2	133.6	110.7	132.2	133.9
June	136.8	132.8	128.7	132.9	131.3	131.7	111.7	131.4	133.3
September	137.7	135.5	130.4	135.3	133.3	133.0	116.7	133.7	135.1
December	138.8	136.6	132.0	136.7	135.2	132.5	111.2	134.6	136.2
EDUCATION									
2005									
December	254.7	235.3	266.7	283.4	227.9	250.4	174.3	227.6	246.3
2006									
March	271.8	246.4	279.5	299.9	241.6	259.7	180.8	241.7	260.1
June	272.0	246.4	279.8	300.1	241.6	259.7	180.8	241.8	260.2
September	270.9	245.7	270.9	295.9	241.2	254.0	174.8	234.1	258.0
December	271.0	245.8	271.0	296.0	241.2	254.0	174.8	234.2	258.0
2007									
March	284.2	255.2	288.5	308.8	260.5	263.6	184.8	249.1	270.9
June	284.4	255.8	289.2	308.8	260.5	263.6	184.8	249.1	271.3
September	280.0	253.6	286.9	307.4	260.3	261.0	184.8	246.4	268.6
December	280.0	253.7	287.0	307.5	260.3	261.0	184.8	246.5	268.6
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (b)									
2005									
December	101.9	102.2	100.9	100.5	100.5	101.4	99.4	102.2	101.6
2006									
March	101.2	101.5	100.4	100.3	100.3	100.3	98.4	101.3	101.0
June	102.4	102.8	101.4	100.8	102.1	100.7	99.3	102.4	102.2
September	102.8	103.5	101.5	101.3	101.8	100.8	99.5	102.8	102.5
December	103.5	103.3	102.0	101.5	102.6	102.2	100.1	103.6	103.0
2007									
March	103.1	103.3	102.0	101.4	102.3	102.4	101.2	103.4	102.8
June	103.8	104.5	102.9	102.1	103.0	103.3	102.4	104.3	103.7
September	105.5	107.2	105.5	104.3	104.5	105.5	103.5	106.1	105.8
December	107.7	109.8	107.6	106.3	106.3	108.0	105.7	108.3	108.0

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES(a)—Dec Qtr 2007

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted average of eight capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Food	-0.10	-0.04	-0.16	0.06	0.10	0.24	0.17	0.19	-0.04
Dairy and related products	0.11	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.08
Milk	0.06	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.04	0.05
Cheese	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03
Ice cream and other dairy products	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
Bread and cereal products	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.06
Bread	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.04
Cakes and biscuits	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Breakfast cereals	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Other cereal products	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00
Meat and seafoods	0.08	0.02	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.10	0.04	0.07	0.06
Beef and veal	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lamb and mutton	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Pork	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Poultry	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03
Bacon and ham	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.03	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.00
Other fresh and processed meat	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Fish and other seafood	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	-0.52	-0.41	-0.65	-0.27	-0.29	-0.18	-0.15	-0.23	-0.44
Fruit	-0.33	-0.23	-0.40	-0.28	-0.23	-0.17	0.00	-0.13	-0.28
Vegetables	-0.19	-0.17	-0.25	0.01	-0.06	-0.01	-0.15	-0.10	-0.15
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.05	0.08	0.07	-0.02	0.05	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.06
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.02	0.04	0.05	-0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02
Snacks and confectionery	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03
Meals out and take away foods	0.09	0.06	0.13	0.09	0.08	0.12	0.01	0.08	0.09
Restaurant meals	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.05	0.03
Take away and fast foods	0.09	0.00	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.05
Other food	0.04	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.05
Eggs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tea, coffee and food drinks	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.02
Food additives and condiments	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Fats and oils	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food n.e.c.	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03
Alcohol and tobacco	0.13	0.19	0.06	0.22	0.07	0.17	0.29	0.17	0.14
Alcoholic drinks	0.09	0.13	0.02	0.16	0.04	0.15	0.20	0.12	0.10
Beer	0.06	0.11	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.06
Wine	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.02
Spirits	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01
Tobacco	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.05	0.05
Clothing and footwear	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.02	0.01
Men's clothing	-0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.04	0.00
Men's outerwear	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.04	0.00
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Women's clothing	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.04	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Women's outerwear	-0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Children's and infants' clothing	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Footwear	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.00
Men's footwear	0.00	-0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	-0.01
Women's footwear	0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01
Children's footwear	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.01
Accessories and clothing services	0.04	-0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.04	-0.01	0.02	0.01
Accessories	0.04	-0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.03	-0.02	0.01	0.02
Clothing services and shoe repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00

(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted average of eight capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Housing	0.24	0.40	0.67	0.30	0.29	0.19	0.39	0.33	0.35
Rents	0.13	0.10	0.21	0.11	0.23	0.02	0.20	0.18	0.15
Utilities	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02
Electricity	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
Gas and other household fuels	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Water and sewerage	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other housing	0.10	0.27	0.46	0.12	0.07	0.16	0.18	0.15	0.20
House purchase	0.06	0.24	0.43	0.06	0.06	0.14	0.19	0.14	0.17
Property rates and charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
House repairs and maintenance	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.00	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.04
Household contents and services	0.15	0.03	0.22	0.10	0.03	0.34	0.05	0.12	0.11
Furniture and furnishings	0.09	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.02	0.15	0.01	0.08	0.06
Furniture	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.06	0.06
Floor and window coverings	0.01	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.00
Towels and linen	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.03	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.00
Household appliances, utensils and tools	0.02	0.00	0.03	-0.03	-0.09	0.08	-0.01	0.02	0.00
Major household appliances	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.07	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.00
Small electric household appliances	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.03	-0.02	0.02	-0.05	-0.02	0.07	0.01	0.04	0.00
Tools	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Household supplies	0.03	-0.03	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.06	0.03	-0.04	0.02
Household cleaning agents	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.02	-0.03	0.01
Other household supplies	0.03	-0.01	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.01	-0.01	0.02
Household services	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.04
Child care	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.02
Other household services	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02
Health	-0.09	-0.08	-0.09	-0.05	-0.04	-0.10	-0.07	-0.10	-0.08
Health services	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.00	-0.02	0.01	0.01
Hospital and medical services	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.00
Optical services	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Dental services	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	-0.11	-0.09	-0.09	-0.07	-0.06	-0.09	-0.04	-0.12	-0.09
Transportation	0.53	0.54	0.50	0.56	0.32	0.24	0.37	0.49	0.50
Private motoring	0.48	0.54	0.51	0.56	0.31	0.24	0.36	0.49	0.48
Motor vehicles	-0.05	-0.06	-0.01	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	0.02	-0.07	-0.05
Automotive fuel	0.49	0.51	0.45	0.55	0.33	0.32	0.27	0.53	0.47
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.00	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.03
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	0.02	0.02	-0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01
Other motoring charges	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.02	-0.04	0.00	0.01	0.01
Urban transport fares	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02
Communication	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Postal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Telecommunication	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted average of eight capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Recreation	0.14	0.14	0.19	0.20	0.26	-0.07	-0.97	0.13	0.15
Audio, visual and computing	-0.03	-0.01	-0.04	-0.05	-0.07	-0.08	-0.13	-0.08	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.06	-0.07	-0.09	-0.08	-0.08	-0.06	-0.13	-0.10	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing media and services	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.04
Books, newspapers and magazines	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00
Books	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Newspapers and magazines	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Sport and other recreation	0.00	0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.00	-0.05	0.01
Sports and recreational equipment	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.00
Toys, games and hobbies	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Sports participation	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	0.00	-0.03	0.02	0.01	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
Other recreational activities	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.03	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.18	0.12	0.20	0.24	0.30	0.05	-0.86	0.25	0.17
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.16	0.12	0.10	0.25	0.19	-0.01	-0.88	0.21	0.14
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.01	0.00	0.10	0.01	0.11	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.03
Education	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Preschool and primary education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tertiary education	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Financial and insurance services	0.33	0.34	0.30	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.29	0.31
Financial services	0.29	0.35	0.28	0.22	0.16	0.18	0.23	0.30	0.28
Deposit and loan facilities	0.21	0.18	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.18
Other financial services	0.07	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.14	0.10
Insurance services	0.05	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.07	0.06	0.01	-0.01	0.02
All groups	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.5	1.6	1.5

(a) All groups index points.

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS, Weighted average of eight capital cities

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Dec Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2006 to Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007
Food	173.9	176.1	175.9	-0.1	1.2	25.83	25.79	-0.04
Dairy and related products	178.7	186.5	194.9	4.5	9.1	1.95	2.03	0.08
Milk	193.9	202.2	213.5	5.6	10.1	0.90	0.95	0.05
Cheese	156.1	168.8	177.1	4.9	13.5	0.55	0.58	0.03
Ice cream and other dairy products	169.8	170.7	174.1	2.0	2.5	0.49	0.50	0.01
Bread and cereal products	178.6	184.4	188.3	2.1	5.4	2.86	2.92	0.06
Bread	205.2	217.4	223.3	2.7	8.8	1.11	1.15	0.04
Cakes and biscuits	165.5	169.8	172.4	1.5	4.2	1.16	1.17	0.01
Breakfast cereals	154.9	150.1	154.1	2.7	-0.5	0.31	0.32	0.01
Other cereal products	145.2	149.2	151.6	1.6	4.4	0.28	0.28	0.00
Meat and seafoods	148.0	150.6	152.8	1.5	3.2	3.73	3.79	0.06
Beef and veal	162.4	163.2	162.5	-0.4	0.1	0.75	0.75	0.00
Lamb and mutton	214.7	213.4	213.4	0.0	-0.6	0.41	0.41	0.00
Pork	169.7	168.8	173.7	2.9	2.4	0.24	0.25	0.01
Poultry	94.8	98.9	103.0	4.1	8.6	0.70	0.73	0.03
Bacon and ham	143.5	140.4	139.9	-0.4	-2.5	0.35	0.35	0.00
Other fresh and processed meat	159.2	160.9	164.7	2.4	3.5	0.59	0.61	0.02
Fish and other seafood	132.2	139.6	141.3	1.2	6.9	0.68	0.69	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	203.0	192.4	173.0	-10.1	-14.8	4.36	3.92	-0.44
Fruit	278.1	218.7	189.2	-13.5	-32.0	2.09	1.81	-0.28
Vegetables	150.4	175.5	163.4	-6.9	8.6	2.27	2.12	-0.15
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	171.5	176.2	179.5	1.9	4.7	3.19	3.25	0.06
Soft drinks, waters and juices	154.4	159.2	161.9	1.7	4.9	1.50	1.52	0.02
Snacks and confectionery	193.5	198.3	202.2	2.0	4.5	1.69	1.72	0.03
Meals out and take away foods	173.6	179.1	181.3	1.2	4.4	7.34	7.43	0.09
Restaurant meals	178.4	183.4	185.2	1.0	3.8	3.22	3.25	0.03
Take away and fast foods	171.8	177.7	180.2	1.4	4.9	4.12	4.17	0.05
Other food	156.7	158.4	161.7	2.1	3.2	2.41	2.46	0.05
Eggs	193.5	202.9	201.9	-0.5	4.3	0.18	0.18	0.00
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	190.6	193.6	196.4	1.4	3.0	0.24	0.24	0.00
Tea, coffee and food drinks	146.6	144.2	150.7	4.5	2.8	0.38	0.40	0.02
Food additives and condiments	137.8	142.1	140.4	-1.2	1.9	0.44	0.44	0.00
Fats and oils	168.1	172.0	173.3	0.8	3.1	0.32	0.32	0.00
Food n.e.c.	153.0	153.1	158.9	3.8	3.9	0.85	0.88	0.03
Alcohol and tobacco	239.5	245.0	248.2	1.3	3.6	10.82	10.96	0.14
Alcoholic drinks	174.8	178.6	181.0	1.3	3.5	6.92	7.02	0.10
Beer	193.0	199.3	203.5	2.1	5.4	3.17	3.23	0.06
Wine	148.1	148.2	149.4	0.8	0.9	2.33	2.35	0.02
Spirits	175.4	180.9	182.2	0.7	3.9	1.42	1.43	0.01
Tobacco	420.5	431.4	436.2	1.1	3.7	3.90	3.95	0.05
Clothing and footwear	108.1	109.6	109.8	0.2	1.6	5.77	5.78	0.01
Men's clothing	106.9	106.9	106.7	-0.2	-0.2	1.09	1.09	0.00
Men's outerwear	104.1	104.4	103.8	-0.6	-0.3	0.93	0.93	0.00
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	122.4	120.6	122.5	1.6	0.1	0.16	0.17	0.01
Women's clothing	107.9	109.6	109.2	-0.4	1.2	2.03	2.02	-0.01
Women's outerwear	100.6	101.6	101.2	-0.4	0.6	1.61	1.60	-0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	138.9	144.0	143.6	-0.3	3.4	0.42	0.42	0.00
Children's and infants' clothing	115.5	116.0	116.7	0.6	1.0	0.59	0.59	0.00
Footwear	96.8	97.8	98.5	0.7	1.8	0.96	0.96	0.00
Men's footwear	89.6	93.9	91.6	-2.4	2.2	0.27	0.26	-0.01
Women's footwear	102.2	101.2	103.6	2.4	1.4	0.51	0.52	0.01
Children's footwear	97.2	98.5	99.2	0.7	2.1	0.18	0.19	0.01
Accessories and clothing services(b)	106.2	109.6	111.1	1.4	4.6	1.10	1.11	0.01
Accessories(b)	89.9	93.1	94.7	1.7	5.3	0.84	0.86	0.02
Clothing services and shoe repair	183.9	188.2	188.6	0.2	2.6	0.26	0.26	0.00

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Dec Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2006 to Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007
Housing	132.9	137.8	139.3	1.1	4.8	31.63	31.98	0.35
Rents	150.5	157.6	160.2	1.6	6.4	8.51	8.66	0.15
Utilities	167.8	176.1	176.9	0.5	5.4	5.18	5.20	0.02
Electricity	158.3	166.2	167.3	0.7	5.7	2.68	2.70	0.02
Gas and other household fuels	187.4	195.6	195.0	-0.3	4.1	1.15	1.15	0.00
Water and sewerage(b)	140.2	147.9	148.5	0.4	5.9	1.35	1.35	0.00
Other housing	126.8	130.4	131.8	1.1	3.9	17.93	18.13	0.20
House purchase(b)	152.4	157.0	159.0	1.3	4.3	12.54	12.71	0.17
Property rates and charges(b)	156.2	163.3	163.3	0.0	4.5	1.99	1.99	0.00
House repairs and maintenance	163.7	165.6	167.1	0.9	2.1	3.39	3.43	0.04
Household contents and services	124.7	122.5	123.5	0.8	-1.0	14.41	14.52	0.11
Furniture and furnishings	130.4	129.1	130.7	1.2	0.2	4.66	4.72	0.06
Furniture	131.0	129.7	132.4	2.1	1.1	2.92	2.98	0.06
Floor and window coverings	145.4	146.2	146.2	0.0	0.6	1.20	1.20	0.00
Towels and linen	105.6	101.0	100.7	-0.3	-4.6	0.54	0.54	0.00
Household appliances, utensils and tools	102.7	103.3	103.2	-0.1	0.5	2.58	2.58	0.00
Major household appliances	106.7	106.6	105.9	-0.7	-0.7	0.97	0.97	0.00
Small electric household appliances	92.9	93.8	94.7	1.0	1.9	0.39	0.39	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	95.0	96.9	97.1	0.2	2.2	0.70	0.70	0.00
Tools	110.7	110.0	110.2	0.2	-0.5	0.52	0.52	0.00
Household supplies	138.2	137.3	137.7	0.3	-0.4	4.43	4.45	0.02
Household cleaning agents	131.3	132.1	130.5	-1.2	-0.6	0.51	0.50	-0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	145.0	144.0	144.4	0.3	-0.4	1.77	1.78	0.01
Other household supplies	144.0	142.6	143.6	0.7	-0.3	2.15	2.17	0.02
Household services	227.8	213.0	216.1	1.5	-5.1	2.74	2.78	0.04
Child care	238.5	170.2	172.3	1.2	-27.8	0.56	0.57	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	186.0	189.2	191.4	1.2	2.9	1.20	1.22	0.02
Other household services	223.4	227.0	231.6	2.0	3.7	0.97	0.99	0.02
Health	218.0	229.3	226.9	-1.0	4.1	7.56	7.48	-0.08
Health services	238.9	249.8	250.3	0.2	4.8	5.87	5.88	0.01
Hospital and medical services	250.2	262.4	262.3	0.0	4.8	4.57	4.57	0.00
Optical services	146.6	148.1	149.5	0.9	2.0	0.18	0.18	0.00
Dental services	227.3	236.3	238.5	0.9	4.9	1.12	1.13	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	147.7	158.5	150.0	-5.4	1.6	1.68	1.59	-0.09
Transportation	154.7	159.4	163.3	2.4	5.6	20.83	21.33	0.50
Private motoring	151.2	155.8	159.6	2.4	5.6	19.66	20.14	0.48
Motor vehicles	99.4	99.6	98.9	-0.7	-0.5	7.30	7.25	-0.05
Automotive fuel	197.2	210.0	225.4	7.3	14.3	6.46	6.93	0.47
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	151.3	154.3	155.7	0.9	2.9	3.13	3.16	0.03
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	121.6	126.4	128.2	1.4	5.4	1.11	1.12	0.01
Other motoring charges	211.8	220.4	222.9	1.1	5.2	1.67	1.68	0.01
Urban transport fares	217.5	223.6	227.0	1.5	4.4	1.17	1.19	0.02
Communication	110.8	111.2	111.2	0.0	0.4	4.94	4.94	0.00
Postal	138.3	142.3	143.2	0.6	3.5	0.17	0.17	0.00
Telecommunication	108.4	108.7	108.7	0.0	0.3	4.77	4.77	0.00

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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Dec Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2006 to Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007
Recreation	134.8	135.1	136.2	0.8	1.0	17.80	17.95	0.15
Audio, visual and computing	49.4	47.5	47.1	-0.8	-4.7	3.85	3.82	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing equipment	25.2	23.4	22.4	-4.3	-11.1	1.85	1.77	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing media and services	96.5	95.7	97.8	2.2	1.3	2.00	2.04	0.04
Books, newspapers and magazines	211.9	215.1	215.8	0.3	1.8	1.32	1.32	0.00
Books(b)	125.9	126.9	126.9	0.0	0.8	0.67	0.67	0.00
Newspapers and magazines(b)	143.6	146.8	147.8	0.7	2.9	0.65	0.65	0.00
Sport and other recreation	169.3	174.5	174.6	0.1	3.1	5.95	5.96	0.01
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	86.5	86.3	86.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.79	0.79	0.00
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	94.6	95.1	93.8	-1.4	-0.8	0.74	0.73	-0.01
Sports participation(b)	154.1	161.3	162.6	0.8	5.5	1.20	1.21	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	154.6	162.3	160.9	-0.9	4.1	0.70	0.69	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	208.5	216.2	217.8	0.7	4.5	0.72	0.73	0.01
Other recreational activities(b)	146.8	151.9	152.7	0.5	4.0	1.80	1.81	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	144.9	145.1	148.8	2.5	2.7	6.68	6.85	0.17
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	157.1	152.4	158.1	3.7	0.6	3.76	3.90	0.14
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	130.1	135.9	137.3	1.0	5.5	2.92	2.95	0.03
Education	258.0	268.6	268.6	0.0	4.1	4.43	4.43	0.00
Preschool and primary education(c)	147.8	150.9	151.0	0.1	2.2	0.86	0.86	0.00
Secondary education(c)	147.8	158.3	158.3	0.0	7.1	1.61	1.61	0.00
Tertiary education(c)	126.9	130.2	130.2	0.0	2.6	1.96	1.96	0.00
Financial and insurance services(d)	103.0	105.8	108.0	2.1	4.9	14.60	14.91	0.31
Financial services(d)	102.5	105.5	107.9	2.3	5.3	12.22	12.50	0.28
Deposit and loan facilities(d)	100.9	103.8	106.6	2.7	5.6	6.88	7.06	0.18
Other financial services(d)	104.6	107.8	109.8	1.9	5.0	5.34	5.44	0.10
Insurance services	262.0	266.4	269.6	1.2	2.9	2.39	2.41	0.02
All groups	155.5	158.6	160.1	0.9	3.0	158.6	160.1	1.5

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(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

(d) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

	INDEX NUMBERS(b)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Dec Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2006 to Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007	Dec Qtr 2007	Sep Qtr 2007 to Dec Qtr 2007
All groups	155.50	158.6	160.1	0.9	3.0	158.6	160.1	1.5
Selected components								
Goods component	153.9	156.6	157.7	0.7	2.5	92.30	92.93	0.63
Services component	159.1	162.9	164.9	1.2	3.6	66.33	67.16	0.83
Tradables component(c)	118.1	119.4	119.8	0.3	1.4	65.26	65.48	0.22
Non-tradables component(c)	138.0	141.7	143.6	1.3	4.1	93.36	94.61	1.25
All groups excluding								
Food	152.0	155.3	157.0	1.1	3.3	132.79	134.30	1.51
Alcohol and tobacco	149.6	152.6	153.9	0.9	2.9	147.80	149.13	1.33
Clothing and footwear	158.6	161.9	163.4	0.9	3.0	152.86	154.31	1.45
Housing	158.7	161.2	162.6	0.9	2.5	127.00	128.11	1.11
Household contents and services	160.2	164.0	165.5	0.9	3.3	144.22	145.57	1.35
Health	152.5	155.3	156.9	1.0	2.9	151.07	152.61	1.54
Transportation	155.7	158.6	159.7	0.7	2.6	137.79	138.76	0.97
Communication	156.5	159.7	161.3	1.0	3.1	153.68	155.15	1.47
Recreation	158.5	162.0	163.5	0.9	3.2	140.82	142.14	1.32
Education	154.2	157.2	158.7	1.0	2.9	154.19	155.66	1.47
Financial and insurance services	162.3	165.5	166.8	0.8	2.8	144.02	145.18	1.16
Housing and Financial and insurance services	159.2	161.5	162.7	0.7	2.2	112.39	113.19	0.80
Hospital and medical services	153.0	156.0	157.5	1.0	2.9	154.05	155.52	1.47

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(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index numbers(a)(b)

Period				MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'				
	All groups	All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables(c)	Non-tradables(c)
2003-04	143.5	147.3	150.8	141.6	157.7	146.1	111.5	125.1
2004-05	147.0	150.3	154.0	143.2	161.5	148.4	112.6	129.6
2005-06	151.7	155.2	157.6	145.6	165.2	151.2	116.0	133.9
2006-07	156.1	159.8	161.7	148.2	170.0	154.6	118.5	138.6
2003								
December	142.8	146.6	150.3	141.4	157.9	146.1	111.1	124.4
2004								
March	144.1	147.9	151.1	141.5	158.0	146.1	111.8	125.8
June	144.8	148.6	151.8	142.0	158.6	146.7	112.0	126.7
September	145.4	148.8	152.5	142.2	159.9	147.2	111.9	127.8
December	146.5	149.9	153.4	143.1	161.2	148.2	112.6	128.8
2005								
March	147.5	150.8	154.7	143.4	162.5	148.8	112.5	130.5
June	148.4	151.7	155.3	144.2	162.4	149.3	113.4	131.1
September	149.8	153.2	156.2	144.9	163.4	150.2	114.8	132.2
December	150.6	153.7	156.9	145.3	164.8	150.9	114.8	133.3
2006								
March	151.9	155.4	158.1	145.7	165.6	151.4	115.7	134.5
June	154.3	158.4	159.1	146.4	166.8	152.3	118.8	135.6
September	155.7	159.7	160.3	147.3	168.2	153.4	119.8	136.9
December	155.5	159.2	161.1	147.8	170.1	154.4	118.1	138.0
2007								
March	155.6	159.0	162.1	148.3	170.3	154.8	116.9	139.2
June	157.5	161.2	163.3	149.5	171.3	155.9	119.2	140.2
September	158.6	161.5	164.4	149.9	174.1	157.2	119.4	141.7
December	160.1	162.7	166.0	151.3	176.7	159.0	119.8	143.6

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(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(b) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

Period	All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services			MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'					RBA CONSUMER PRICE MEASURES	
	All groups		All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables	Weighted median	Trimmed mean
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)										
2003-04	2.4	1.9	2.3	1.4	1.9	1.6	0.2	4.3	2.7	2.5
2004-05	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.1	2.4	1.6	1.0	3.6	2.5	2.6
2005-06	3.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	2.3	1.9	3.0	3.3	2.6	2.6
2006-07	2.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.9	2.2	2.2	3.5	r2.9	2.8

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)										
2003										
December	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.6	2.2	1.8	0.0	4.4	2.7	2.5
2004										
March	2.0	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.8	1.3	-0.5	4.1	2.5	2.4
June	2.5	2.1	1.9	0.9	1.9	1.2	0.5	4.1	2.6	2.5
September	2.3	2.0	1.8	0.6	2.4	1.2	0.7	3.6	2.5	2.4
December	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.4	3.5	2.6	2.7
2005										
March	2.4	2.0	2.4	1.3	2.8	1.8	0.6	3.7	2.4	2.6
June	2.5	2.1	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.3	3.5	2.5	2.6
September	3.0	3.0	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.6	3.4	2.4	2.6
December	2.8	2.5	2.3	1.5	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.5	2.4	2.3
2006										
March	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.6	1.9	1.7	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.6
June	4.0	4.4	2.4	1.5	2.7	2.0	4.8	3.4	2.9	2.8
September	3.9	4.2	2.6	1.7	2.9	2.1	4.4	3.6	3.1	2.9
December	3.3	3.6	2.7	1.7	3.2	2.3	2.9	3.5	r2.9	2.9
2007										
March	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.0	3.5	2.9	2.7
June	2.1	1.8	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.4	0.3	3.4	2.9	2.7
September	1.9	1.1	2.6	1.8	3.5	2.5	-0.3	3.5	3.1	2.9
December	3.0	2.2	3.0	2.4	3.9	3.0	1.4	4.1	3.8	3.4

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)										
2003										
December	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.9	0.6	0.5
2004										
March	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	1.1	0.6	0.6
June	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	0.6
September	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.9	0.6	0.6
December	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.7
2005										
March	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.3	0.5	0.6
June	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.7	0.7
September	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.6
December	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.5
2006										
March	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
June	1.6	1.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.7	0.8	0.9	0.9
September	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.8	0.7
December	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.7	-1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5
2007										
March	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	-1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6
June	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.9	0.9
September	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.6	0.8	0.2	1.1	1.0	0.9
December	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.3	1.3	1.1	1.0

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Korea, Republic of</i>	<i>Singapore</i>	<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>
2003–04	147.3	130.5	158.5	524.4	106.1	197.4	124.2	131.1	136.9	141.8	128.9	147.9
2004–05	150.3	132.9	161.2	560.2	106.2	204.9	125.6	134.7	139.3	146.2	131.1	149.7
2005–06	155.2	136.8	162.6	646.6	106.1	210.4	126.9	138.2	142.2	152.6	133.1	152.8
2006–07	159.8	139.6	164.7	nya	106.4	215.4	127.8	138.4	143.8	155.6	135.0	157.6
2003												
December	146.6	130.3	158.2	523.2	106.1	195.8	123.3	131.1	136.0	140.6	128.1	147.7
2004												
March	147.9	130.6	159.0	526.4	105.8	199.1	125.1	131.2	136.9	141.8	129.2	147.9
June	148.6	131.3	160.0	538.3	106.2	200.5	125.3	132.6	138.6	144.0	130.2	148.9
September	148.8	131.8	160.0	539.1	106.2	203.2	125.7	134.5	138.5	144.3	130.6	148.6
December	149.9	132.8	161.6	553.0	106.8	203.0	125.6	134.2	138.9	145.7	130.6	149.5
2005												
March	150.8	133.1	161.4	571.4	105.6	206.0	125.4	133.9	139.2	146.2	131.2	149.7
June	151.7	133.9	161.9	577.1	106.1	207.3	125.6	136.2	140.6	148.6	131.8	151.1
September	153.2	135.3	162.1	589.5	105.8	208.7	126.3	139.8	141.9	150.9	132.8	151.4
December	153.7	136.1	162.6	655.1	106.1	208.8	127.1	138.5	141.5	152.0	132.9	152.3
2006												
March	155.4	136.7	162.2	668.6	105.9	211.4	127.2	136.0	141.9	152.4	132.8	152.5
June	158.4	138.9	163.4	673.3	106.5	212.5	127.1	138.6	143.6	155.2	133.7	154.9
September	159.7	139.5	164.0	681.5	106.8	214.3	127.3	138.5	143.3	155.7	134.2	156.0
December	159.2	138.8	164.3	698.8	106.5	213.6	127.9	137.7	142.2	153.4	134.2	157.1
2007												
March	159.0	139.3	164.8	710.7	105.8	215.7	127.7	137.2	143.7	154.8	135.1	157.7
June	161.2	140.6	165.7	nya	106.4	218.1	128.4	140.3	145.9	158.5	136.5	159.6
September	161.5	140.8	167.4	nya	106.6	219.5	131.1	r141.3	145.4	158.5	137.3	159.2
December	162.7	142.7	nya	nya	nya	220.9	nya	146.2	nya	160.1	138.3	nya

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Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germany	United Kingdom
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)												
2003-04	1.9	0.3	-0.3	5.8	-0.3	3.4	1.5	0.5	1.3	2.1	1.2	1.4
2004-05	2.0	1.8	1.7	6.8	0.1	3.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	3.1	1.7	1.2
2005-06	3.3	2.9	0.9	15.4	-0.1	2.7	1.0	2.6	2.1	4.4	1.5	2.1
2006-07	3.0	2.0	1.3	nya	0.3	2.4	0.7	0.1	1.1	2.0	1.4	3.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
2003												
December	1.8	0.0	-1.0	4.9	-0.4	3.5	0.9	0.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.6
2004												
March	1.4	0.0	0.4	5.1	-0.2	3.3	2.0	0.8	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.3
June	2.1	1.0	1.5	7.0	-0.3	3.5	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.0	1.2
September	2.0	1.5	2.0	5.7	-0.1	4.7	2.2	3.9	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.0
December	2.3	1.9	2.1	5.7	0.7	3.7	1.9	2.4	2.1	3.6	2.0	1.2
2005												
March	2.0	1.9	1.5	8.5	-0.2	3.5	0.2	2.1	1.7	3.1	1.5	1.2
June	2.1	2.0	1.2	7.2	-0.1	3.4	0.2	2.7	1.4	3.2	1.2	1.5
September	3.0	2.6	1.3	9.3	-0.4	2.7	0.5	3.9	2.5	4.6	1.7	1.9
December	2.5	2.5	0.6	18.5	-0.7	2.9	1.2	3.2	1.9	4.3	1.8	1.9
2006												
March	3.1	2.7	0.5	17.0	0.3	2.6	1.4	1.6	1.9	4.2	1.2	1.9
June	4.4	3.7	0.9	16.7	0.4	2.5	1.2	1.8	2.1	4.4	1.4	2.5
September	4.2	3.1	1.2	15.6	1.0	2.7	0.8	-0.9	1.0	3.2	1.1	3.0
December	3.6	1.9	1.0	6.5	0.4	2.3	0.6	-0.6	0.5	0.9	1.0	3.2
2007												
March	2.3	1.9	1.6	6.3	-0.1	2.0	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.7	3.4
June	1.8	1.2	1.4	nya	-0.1	2.6	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.1	3.0
September	1.1	1.0	1.0	nya	-0.2	2.4	3.0	r1.7	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.1
December	2.2	2.8	nya	nya	nya	3.4	nya	5.8	nya	4.4	3.1	nya
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
2003												
December	0.5	0.3	0.8	2.6	-0.2	0.9	0.2	1.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
2004												
March	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.6	-0.3	1.7	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.1
June	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.3	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.1	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.7
September	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.3	1.4	-0.1	0.2	0.3	-0.2
December	0.7	0.7	1.0	2.6	0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.6
2005												
March	0.6	0.2	-0.1	3.3	-1.1	1.5	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1
June	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.0	1.6	0.5	0.9
September	1.0	1.0	0.1	2.1	-0.3	0.7	0.6	2.6	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.2
December	0.3	0.6	0.3	11.1	0.3	0.0	0.6	-0.9	-0.3	0.7	0.1	0.6
2006												
March	1.1	0.4	-0.2	2.1	-0.2	1.2	0.1	-1.8	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.1
June	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	-0.1	1.9	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.6
September	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7
December	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	2.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-1.5	0.0	0.7
2007												
March	-0.1	0.4	0.3	1.9	-0.7	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
June	1.4	0.9	0.5	nya	0.6	1.1	0.5	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.0	1.2
September	0.2	0.2	1.0	nya	0.2	0.6	2.1	r1.6	-0.3	0.0	0.6	-0.3
December	0.7	1.3	nya	nya	nya	0.6	nya	3.4	nya	1.0	0.7	nya

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

1 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 expenditure by the CPI population group (i.e. metropolitan households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eleven groups:

food
alcohol and tobacco
clothing and footwear
housing
household contents and services
health
transportation
communication
recreation
education
financial and insurance services.

2 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 *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005* (cat. no. 6461.0) which is available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

PRICES

4 The frequency of price collection by item varies as necessary to obtain reliable price measures. Prices of some items are volatile (i.e. their prices may vary many times each quarter) and for these items frequent price observations are necessary to obtain a reliable measure of the average price for the quarter. Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for goods such as milk, bread, fresh meat and seafood, fresh fruit and vegetables, alcohol, tobacco, women's outerwear, project homes, motor vehicles, petrol and holiday travel and accommodation. For most other items, price volatility is not a problem and prices are collected once a quarter. There are a few items where prices are changed at infrequent intervals, for example education fees where prices are set once a year. In these cases, the frequency of price collection is modified accordingly.

5 In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload, the number of items for which prices are collected quarterly is distributed roughly equally across each month of each quarter. In all cases, however, individual items are priced in the same month of each quarter. For example, items for which prices are collected in the first month of the September quarter, July, are also priced in the first month of subsequent quarters, namely October, January and April.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 90 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the fifteenth series 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 now comprises fifteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current weighting pattern for the CPI for the weighted average of the eight capital cities is published in *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 15th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0). The 15th series weighting pattern for the weighted average of eight capital cities and for each of the eight capital cities, as well as each city's percentage contribution to the weighted average, are also published in the *Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6430.0) (electronic publication). Both publications are available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

8 Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in index points or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods:

All groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities.

	Index numbers:
December Quarter 2007	160.1 (see table 1)
less September Quarter 2007	158.6 (see table 1)
Change in index points	1.5
Percentage change	$1.5/158.6 \times 100 = 0.9\%$

9 Percentage changes are calculated to illustrate three different kinds of movements in index numbers:

- movements between consecutive financial years (where the index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the quarterly index numbers)
- movements between corresponding quarters of consecutive years
- movements between consecutive quarters.

10 Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related products sub-group contributed 0.09 index points to the total All groups index number of 160.1 for December Quarter 2007. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

SPECIAL SERIES

11 Various series are presented in tables 8, 9 and 10 in this publication which are helpful for analytical purposes. These series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket. (A complete list of CPI groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes is contained in tables 6 and 7.)

12 Some of the compiled series are self explanatory, such as 'All groups excluding Food'. Other series and their composition are described below:

- *All groups excluding Financial and insurance services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from September quarter 1989 to June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and mortgage interest charges and consumer credit charges; from September quarter 1998 to June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from September quarter 2000 to June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding insurance services; from September quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Financial and insurance services.
- *All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from September quarter 1989 to June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and consumer credit charges; from September quarter 1998 to June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from September quarter 2000 to June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and insurance services; from September quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services.

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SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

- *All groups, goods component*: comprises the Food group (except Restaurant meals expenditure class), Alcohol and tobacco group, Clothing and footwear group (except Clothing services and shoe repair expenditure class) and Household contents and services group (except Household services sub-group); the Utilities, Audio, visual and computing and Books, newspapers and magazines sub-groups; and the House purchase, Pharmaceuticals, Motor vehicles, Automotive fuel, Motor vehicle parts and accessories, Sports and recreational equipment, Toys, games and hobbies and Pets, pet foods and supplies expenditure classes.
- *All groups, services component*: comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'.
- *All groups, tradables component*: comprises all items whose prices are largely determined on the world market.
- *All groups, non-tradables component*: comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, tradables component'.
- *All groups excluding 'volatile items'*: comprises the All groups CPI excluding Fruit and vegetables and Automotive fuel.
- *RBA measures 'Weighted median' and 'Trimmed mean'*: These measures are calculated following the methodology adopted by the Reserve Bank of Australia. The 'Trimmed mean' is calculated by ordering the CPI expenditure class components by their price change in the quarter and taking the expenditure weighted average of the middle 70 per cent of these price changes. The 'Weighted median' is the price change of the component in the middle of this ordering. For calculating the 'Weighted median' and 'Trimmed mean' series, where CPI components are identified as having a seasonal pattern, quarterly price changes are estimated on a seasonally adjusted basis. Seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using the history of price changes up to the current quarter CPI and are revised each quarter. These revisions to the seasonal adjustment factors lead to revisions in the 'Weighted median' and 'Trimmed mean' series. Movements in the series from one period to another are expressed as percentage changes (see paragraph 9).

13 Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items': in addition to the items excluded from the series 'All groups excluding 'volatile items'', also excludes: Utilities, Property rates and charges, Child care, Health, Other motoring charges, Urban transport fares, Postal, and Education. A detailed description of the special and analytical series was published in Appendix 1 to the September quarter 2005 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0).

14 The ABS is grateful for the assistance of the Reserve Bank of Australia for specifying the items included in the 'All groups excluding 'volatile items'' and 'Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items''. The Reserve Bank of Australia does not accord any special policy status to these series.

ROUNDING

15 The CPI uses a hierarchy of rounding procedures to ensure consistency between published index numbers and percentage changes. However, rounding differences can arise in the "points contributions" published in tables 6, 7 and 8 because of the different levels of precision required in those data.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

16 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate because of the different measurement approaches used by countries for certain products, particularly housing and financial and insurance services. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'if possible, compile and provide for dissemination to the international

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS *continued*

community an index that excludes housing and financial services' in addition to the all-items index.

17 Table 11 aims to present indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing and Financial services' (see paragraph 12). However, other than Australia and New Zealand, the countries represented in this table are yet to develop indexes on this basis, so the indexes presented here are consistent with the series previously published for All groups excluding Housing. To facilitate comparisons all indexes in this table have been converted, where necessary, to a quarterly basis and re-referenced to a base of 1989–90 = 100.0.

18 In producing table 11, the ABS is grateful for the assistance of the relevant national statistical agencies which have either directly supplied indexes for all items excluding housing and financial services or data to enable their derivation.

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19 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

20 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications and other data products that are available free of charge from the ABS web site:

- *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6403.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services* (cat. no. 6413.0)
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- *Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6430.0)
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 15th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concordance with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia* (cat. no. 6446.0.55.001)
- *Consumer Price Index Standard Data Report: Capital Cities Index Numbers by Expenditure Class* (cat. no. 6455.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers* (cat. no. 6458.0)
- *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005* (cat. no. 6461.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 15th Series Australian Consumer Price Index 2005 (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6462.0)
- *Information Paper: Consumer Price Index with Reserve Bank of Australia Consumer Price Measures, Australia, 2007* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.002).

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21 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Inquiries should be made to Lee Taylor on (02) 6252 6251 or to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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