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JUNE QTR KEY FIGURES

	% change Mar Qtr 2000 to Jun Qtr 2000	% change Jun Qtr 1999 to Jun Qtr 2000
Weighted average of eight capital cities		
Food	0.9	1.9
Clothing	0.9	-0.9
Housing	0.5	4.8
Household equipment and operation	1.2	0.4
Transportation	1.5	7.5
Alcohol and tobacco	0.8	4.9
Health and personal care	0.6	3.4
Recreation and education	-0.1	1.1
All groups	0.8	3.2
All groups excluding housing	0.8	2.7

JUNE QTR KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.8% in the June quarter 2000, down from 0.9% in the March quarter 2000.
- rose 3.2% between the June quarters 1999 and 2000.

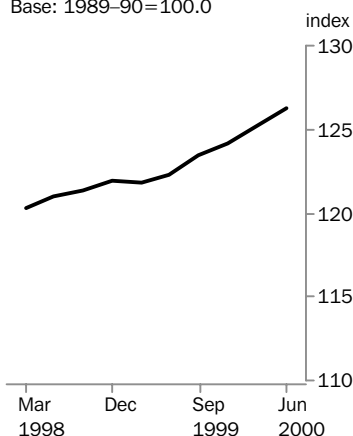
NOTE:
14th Series CPI next quarter – see page 2

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of automotive fuel (+3.2%), fresh vegetables (+9.9%), vehicle insurance (+11.6%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+4.3%), furniture (+1.6%), privately-owned dwelling rents (+1.0%), beer (+1.8%) and women's outerwear (+2.2%).
- partially offsetting these were falls in the cost of domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-4.3%) and fresh fruit (-3.8%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in the cost of automotive fuel (+21.8%), house purchase (+7.5%), cigarettes and tobacco (+9.4%), vehicle insurance (+33.7%), privately-owned dwelling rents (+3.2%), fresh vegetables (+12.5%) and hospital and medical services (+4.7%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of fresh fruit (-17.2%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-15.1%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (-2.7%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-3.9%) and communication services (-2.7%).

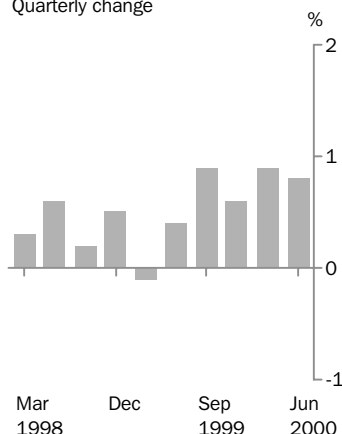
All Groups

Base: 1989-90=100.0



All Groups

Quarterly change



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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE	RELEASE DATE
September 2000	25 October 2000
December 2000	24 January 2001

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

Included in this issue is an appendix describing how the First Home Owner Grant, which was introduced from 1 July 2000 as part of The New Tax System, will be treated in the CPI.

There are no other changes in this issue.

CHANGES IN NEXT ISSUE

This is the final quarter for the 13th Series Australian Consumer Price Index. In the September quarter 2000 issue of this publication, the ABS will introduce the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index.

INTRODUCTION OF THE 14TH SERIES CPI

An Information Paper, *Introduction of the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index* (Cat. no. 6456.0), will be released in September 2000. That publication will include a discussion of the changes being introduced in the 14th series CPI; the final commodity classification and the weights that will apply; a concordance between the 13th and 14th Series CPI; and the revised publication format for the September quarter 2000 issue of the CPI publication.

The timing of the introduction of the 14th series CPI is linked closely to the introduction of The New Tax System. A discussion of the issues underpinning this decision is contained in *Information Paper: Price Indexes and the New Tax System* (Cat. no. 6425.0), which was released on 3 May 2000.

ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers in Table 7 do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.

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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE

TRANSPORTATION: +1.5%

The rise in transportation costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in automotive fuel prices (+3.2%). Petrol prices fell in January (-0.1%), rose in February (+5.3%) and March (+8.2%), then fell in April (-6.7%) before rising again in May (+4.0%) and June (+1.7%). Adding to the increase in automotive fuel prices in the June quarter was a rise in the cost of vehicle insurance (+11.6%). The only offset to these increases was a small fall in the cost of motor vehicle parts and accessories (-0.6%).

Over the 12 months to June quarter 2000, the cost of transportation rose 7.5%. The main contributors to this increase were automotive fuel (+21.8%), vehicle insurance (+33.7%), other motoring charges (+4.2%) and urban transport fares (+4.8%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of motor vehicle repair and servicing (-2.7%) and motor vehicles (-0.5%).

FOOD: +0.9%

The rise in food costs this quarter was largely due to increases in the price of fresh vegetables (+9.9%), restaurant meals (+1.2%), milk and cream (+1.9%) and beef and veal (+2.5%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the price of fresh fruit (-3.8%), tea, coffee and food drinks (-3.5%) and cakes and biscuits (-1.4%).

Over the 12 months to June quarter 2000, food costs increased by 1.9%. The main contributors to this increase fresh vegetables (+12.5%), restaurant meals (+4.4%), takeaway and fast foods (+3.2%), milk and cream (+6.6%), beef and veal (+5.8%) and bread (+3.8%). The only significant falls occurred in fresh fruit (-17.2%) and tea, coffee and food drinks (-3.9%).

HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION: +1.2%

The rise in household equipment and operation costs this quarter was largely due to increases in the price of furniture (+1.6%), communication services (+1.5%), other household supplies (+1.9%), house contents insurance (+5.7%) and pet foods, pets and supplies (+3.1%). There were no significant falls.

Annually, household equipment and operation costs rose 0.4%. The main contributors to this increase were house contents insurance (+19.8%), other household supplies (+3.0%) and domestic services (+3.8%). These increases were partially offset by falls in communication services (-2.7%), appliances (-1.5%) and pet foods, pets and supplies (-2.0%).

HOUSING: +0.5%

The rise in housing costs was mainly due to increases in privately-owned dwelling rents (+1.0%), house purchase (+0.4%) and house insurance (+7.8%). The only significant offset was a fall in the cost of electricity (-1.1%), mainly due to the commencement of the Winter Energy Concession for 2000 in Melbourne.

Annually, housing costs rose 4.8%. The main contributors to this increase were house purchase (+7.5%), privately-owned dwelling rents (+3.2%), house insurance (+32.9%), property rates and charges (+5.2%) and house repairs and maintenance (+2.4%). There were no significant falls.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE *continued*

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO: +0.8% This rise was mainly due to an increase of 1.8% in the price of beer and smaller increases in the price of cigarettes and tobacco (+0.3%) and spirits (+0.6%).

Over the 12 months to June quarter 2000, the cost of alcohol and tobacco rose 4.9%. The main contributors to this increase were cigarettes and tobacco (+9.4%) and beer (+3.1%). There were no falls.

CPI, All groups index numbers(a) and percentage changes

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
		<i>Jun Qtr 2000</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2000 and Jun Qtr 2000</i>
Sydney	127.0	1.0	3.3
Melbourne	125.6	0.7	3.4
Brisbane	126.4	0.7	2.7
Adelaide	127.6	0.6	3.2
Perth	124.0	0.7	2.6
Hobart	126.5	1.0	3.3
Darwin	125.7	1.0	2.4
Canberra	125.9	0.8	3.6
Weighted average of eight capital cities	126.2	0.8	3.2

(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>
1996-1997	120.4	119.9	121.0	122.3	118.3	121.4	121.6	121.2	120.3
1997-1998	120.5	119.8	121.6	121.6	118.0	121.3	121.3	120.4	120.3
1998-1999	122.5	120.9	122.9	123.2	120.1	122.5	122.4	121.5	121.8
1999-2000	125.4	124.1	125.0	126.3	122.9	124.8	124.2	124.2	124.7
1996									
June	119.9	119.2	120.4	122.0	117.9	120.6	120.8	121.4	119.8
September	120.2	119.6	120.6	122.2	118.3	121.1	121.6	121.4	120.1
December	120.4	119.9	120.8	122.6	118.4	121.3	121.7	121.4	120.3
1997									
March	120.6	120.1	121.5	122.6	118.2	121.9	121.6	121.4	120.5
June	120.2	119.9	121.1	121.9	118.1	121.3	121.5	120.4	120.2
September	119.8	119.5	120.7	121.2	117.5	120.6	121.0	119.8	119.7
December	120.1	119.8	121.4	121.2	117.6	121.2	120.8	119.8	120.0
1998									
March	120.7	119.6	121.9	121.7	118.0	121.5	121.5	120.6	120.3
June	121.4	120.3	122.3	122.4	118.9	122.0	121.8	121.2	121.0
September	121.9	120.4	122.5	123.0	119.6	122.8	122.1	121.3	121.3
December	122.4	120.8	123.0	123.6	120.2	122.7	122.7	121.7	121.9
1999									
March	122.6	121.0	122.8	122.7	119.8	122.1	122.1	121.4	121.8
June	123.0	121.5	123.1	123.6	120.8	122.5	122.7	121.5	122.3
September	124.1	122.7	124.0	125.1	121.9	123.3	122.9	122.4	123.4
December	124.7	123.5	124.1	125.7	122.7	124.0	123.6	123.7	124.1
2000									
March	125.8	124.7	125.5	126.8	123.1	125.3	124.4	124.9	125.2
June	127.0	125.6	126.4	127.6	124.0	126.5	125.7	125.9	126.2

(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)									
1996-1997	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	0.7	1.3
1997-1998	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.0
1998-1999	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2
1999-2000	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1996									
June	3.9	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.1
September	2.5	1.7	2.3	1.7	2.3	2.3	3.1	1.9	2.1
December	1.8	1.2	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.2	1.5
1997									
March	1.3	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.3
June	0.3	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.8	0.3
September	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-1.3	-0.3
December	-0.2	-0.1	0.5	-1.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-1.3	-0.2
1998									
March	0.1	-0.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2
June	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7
September	1.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	0.9	1.3	1.3
December	1.9	0.8	1.3	2.0	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6
1999									
March	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.2
June	1.3	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.1
September	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.7
December	1.9	2.2	0.9	1.7	2.1	1.1	0.7	1.6	1.8
2000									
March	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.3	2.8	2.6	1.9	2.9	2.8
June	3.3	3.4	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.4	3.6	3.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
1996									
June	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.7
September	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.0	0.3
December	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
1997									
March	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.2
June	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.2
September	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4
December	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.3
1998									
March	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.3
June	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6
September	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2
December	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
1999									
March	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1
June	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4
September	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.9
December	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.6
2000									
March	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.9
June	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Index Numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Trans- portation</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>
1996-1997	119.7	107.3	101.6	113.5	124.3	161.4	149.1	119.7	120.3
1997-1998	121.8	107.4	94.5	113.8	123.5	164.6	153.6	123.6	120.3
1998-1999	126.5	106.7	95.8	113.7	122.1	168.7	153.7	126.2	121.8
1999-2000	129.2	105.5	99.9	113.3	128.9	175.2	151.9	128.2	124.7
1996									
June	117.1	107.4	106.3	112.5	123.8	159.8	143.7	118.2	119.8
September	118.3	107.2	106.1	113.1	123.4	160.4	145.0	118.2	120.1
December	119.4	107.5	103.2	113.6	124.5	161.2	146.7	118.8	120.3
1997									
March	120.2	107.0	100.2	113.5	125.2	161.7	150.6	121.0	120.5
June	120.8	107.3	96.9	113.9	123.9	162.1	154.0	120.9	120.2
September	120.8	107.1	95.9	113.4	124.4	161.9	148.6	122.0	119.7
December	121.1	107.8	94.2	113.8	124.0	164.3	153.0	122.4	120.0
1998									
March	122.1	107.4	93.4	113.8	122.9	165.4	154.8	124.9	120.3
June	123.1	107.3	94.5	114.0	122.8	166.7	157.9	125.1	121.0
September	124.7	107.0	94.8	113.9	122.3	167.5	159.1	124.7	121.3
December	126.0	106.9	95.5	114.1	121.9	167.9	158.4	125.8	121.9
1999									
March	127.5	106.3	96.2	113.0	121.2	169.2	148.2	127.3	121.8
June	127.8	106.7	96.6	113.6	122.9	170.3	149.0	127.0	122.3
September	128.5	106.2	98.1	113.0	126.9	170.8	150.1	127.6	123.4
December	128.9	105.2	99.6	113.3	126.4	174.2	150.2	128.2	124.1
2000									
March	129.1	104.8	100.7	112.8	130.1	177.1	153.1	128.5	125.2
June	130.2	105.7	101.2	114.1	132.1	178.6	154.0	128.4	126.2

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

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Percentage Changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Trans- portation</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation and education</i>	<i>All groups</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
1996-1997	3.2	0.3	-4.1	1.6	1.4	3.4	5.1	1.7	1.3
1997-1998	1.8	0.1	-7.0	0.3	-0.6	2.0	3.0	3.3	0.0
1998-1999	3.9	-0.7	1.4	-0.1	-1.1	2.5	0.1	2.1	1.2
1999-2000	2.1	-1.1	4.3	-0.4	5.6	3.9	-1.2	1.6	2.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1996									
June	3.0	0.2	1.5	2.1	4.2	9.2	3.8	2.0	3.1
September	2.5	0.5	0.7	1.9	1.1	5.9	4.3	1.8	2.1
December	3.2	0.4	-2.7	1.8	1.8	3.8	4.2	1.3	1.5
1997									
March	3.7	0.2	-5.2	1.7	2.3	2.5	4.9	1.5	1.3
June	3.2	-0.1	-8.8	1.2	0.1	1.4	7.2	2.3	0.3
September	2.1	-0.1	-9.6	0.3	0.8	0.9	2.5	3.2	-0.3
December	1.4	0.3	-8.7	0.2	-0.4	1.9	4.3	3.0	-0.2
1998									
March	1.6	0.4	-6.8	0.3	-1.8	2.3	2.8	3.2	-0.2
June	1.9	0.0	-2.5	0.1	-0.9	2.8	2.5	3.5	0.7
September	3.2	-0.1	-1.1	0.4	-1.7	3.5	7.1	2.2	1.3
December	4.0	-0.8	1.4	0.3	-1.7	2.2	3.5	2.8	1.6
1999									
March	4.4	-1.0	3.0	-0.7	-1.4	2.3	-4.3	1.9	1.2
June	3.8	-0.6	2.2	-0.4	0.1	2.2	-5.6	1.5	1.1
September	3.0	-0.7	3.5	-0.8	3.8	2.0	-5.7	2.3	1.7
December	2.3	-1.6	4.3	-0.7	3.7	3.8	-5.2	1.9	1.8
2000									
March	1.3	-1.4	4.7	-0.2	7.3	4.7	3.3	0.9	2.8
June	1.9	-0.9	4.8	0.4	7.5	4.9	3.4	1.1	3.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
1996									
June	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.1	1.3	0.1	-0.8	0.7
September	1.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.4	0.9	0.0	0.3
December	0.9	0.3	-2.7	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.5	0.2
1997									
March	0.7	-0.5	-2.9	-0.1	0.6	0.3	2.7	1.9	0.2
June	0.5	0.3	-3.3	0.4	-1.0	0.2	2.3	-0.1	-0.2
September	0.0	-0.2	-1.0	-0.4	0.4	-0.1	-3.5	0.9	-0.4
December	0.2	0.7	-1.8	0.4	-0.3	1.5	3.0	0.3	0.3
1998									
March	0.8	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	-0.9	0.7	1.2	2.0	0.3
June	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.2	-0.1	0.8	2.0	0.2	0.6
September	1.3	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.5	0.8	-0.3	0.2
December	1.0	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.4	0.9	0.5
1999									
March	1.2	-0.6	0.7	-1.0	-0.6	0.8	-6.4	1.2	-0.1
June	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.5	-0.2	0.4
September	0.5	-0.5	1.6	-0.5	3.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.9
December	0.3	-0.9	1.5	0.3	-0.4	2.0	0.1	0.5	0.6
2000									
March	0.2	-0.4	1.1	-0.4	2.9	1.7	1.9	0.2	0.9
June	0.9	0.9	0.5	1.2	1.5	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.8

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
1999									
March	129.1	125.8	126.4	128.0	128.4	125.5	125.6	129.0	127.5
June	128.7	126.7	126.3	128.8	129.6	126.8	126.7	128.3	127.8
September	129.4	127.8	127.0	129.7	129.4	126.3	124.3	127.7	128.5
December	129.6	128.6	126.4	130.4	129.3	127.5	125.9	130.9	128.9
2000									
March	129.6	128.3	127.5	131.2	130.4	127.8	127.4	130.6	129.1
June	130.7	130.0	129.1	131.9	129.7	129.1	130.0	131.1	130.2
CLOTHING									
1999									
March	106.9	107.5	104.6	103.7	104.6	104.7	103.7	107.2	106.3
June	106.7	107.8	105.2	105.7	105.3	104.6	102.8	107.2	106.7
September	106.1	107.5	104.7	104.8	105.1	104.5	103.3	107.2	106.2
December	105.2	107.1	103.2	102.5	103.6	103.9	103.0	106.2	105.2
2000									
March	105.0	106.9	102.6	101.9	102.5	104.9	101.1	105.5	104.8
June	106.0	106.9	102.9	104.0	105.6	105.0	102.0	106.9	105.7
HOUSING									
1999									
March	103.8	87.3	101.6	92.2	90.6	95.8	116.0	94.3	96.2
June	104.3	87.5	102.0	92.8	91.3	95.9	116.9	94.7	96.6
September	105.8	88.8	102.8	95.0	93.1	96.9	117.4	96.0	98.1
December	107.3	90.4	103.9	96.9	95.1	97.4	117.8	97.2	99.6
2000									
March	108.6	91.7	105.1	97.9	95.1	98.8	117.5	99.0	100.7
June	109.6	91.7	105.4	98.3	95.4	99.2	118.2	100.6	101.2
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION									
1999									
March	110.4	114.7	116.0	112.3	112.7	119.5	105.3	115.4	113.0
June	111.2	115.1	115.8	113.2	113.3	119.4	105.9	116.3	113.6
September	110.7	114.3	115.2	112.5	113.0	119.3	105.7	115.7	113.0
December	111.2	114.4	114.9	112.7	113.5	119.1	106.7	116.9	113.3
2000									
March	110.5	114.3	114.4	112.9	112.4	120.2	106.8	116.0	112.8
June	112.0	115.7	115.6	113.4	113.6	121.2	107.5	117.7	114.1
TRANSPORTATION									
1999									
March	122.5	119.9	120.5	120.9	121.1	118.4	119.1	126.5	121.2
June	124.2	121.6	121.8	122.4	123.2	120.4	119.3	128.2	122.9
September	127.9	125.9	125.5	127.8	127.4	123.1	122.6	131.6	126.9
December	127.3	125.2	124.8	127.4	127.0	123.8	123.2	131.4	126.4
2000									
March	131.1	129.2	128.5	130.4	130.4	126.6	126.2	135.3	130.1
June	133.5	131.2	130.5	131.9	131.7	129.3	129.3	136.4	132.1

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a) *continued*

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
1999									
March	173.9	167.6	169.5	171.8	159.4	161.5	162.1	164.2	169.2
June	175.0	169.1	169.8	173.3	161.5	160.0	163.0	163.2	170.3
September	175.4	169.4	170.6	174.4	161.8	158.1	163.2	162.9	170.8
December	178.5	173.7	173.4	177.8	164.6	163.3	166.6	165.1	174.2
2000									
March	181.3	176.5	176.8	181.6	166.9	167.2	169.6	169.5	177.1
June	183.2	177.3	177.8	182.5	169.5	169.9	171.5	170.3	178.6
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE									
1999									
March	141.1	155.7	144.2	156.6	145.0	154.4	140.6	145.2	148.2
June	141.8	156.6	144.6	157.5	145.6	154.9	141.8	146.9	149.0
September	143.5	157.0	145.3	157.6	147.5	160.7	142.9	148.5	150.1
December	143.8	157.0	145.1	157.1	147.4	160.0	143.3	148.8	150.2
2000									
March	146.7	160.5	147.9	159.6	149.5	161.9	145.1	152.1	153.1
June	147.6	161.0	148.9	160.4	150.7	164.3	146.5	153.1	154.0
RECREATION AND EDUCATION									
1999									
March	125.4	131.0	128.8	128.6	122.0	125.2	112.7	123.2	127.3
June	125.4	129.8	128.7	128.9	122.4	124.9	112.6	121.8	127.0
September	126.0	130.7	128.9	129.8	122.3	125.6	113.1	123.0	127.6
December	127.0	131.0	129.3	129.8	123.7	125.6	111.7	124.2	128.2
2000									
March	127.1	132.2	130.0	129.4	121.7	125.7	111.2	124.3	128.5
June	127.1	131.9	129.4	129.5	122.8	125.7	110.3	124.0	128.4

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

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES—Jun Qtr 2000(a)

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Food	0.22	0.33	0.29	0.14	-0.13	0.24	0.50	0.08	0.20
Dairy and related products	0.01	0.03	0.10	0.03	—	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.03
Milk and cream	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Cheese	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	—	—
Other dairy products	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cereal products	—	-0.01	—	—	—	0.03	0.01	-0.04	—
Bread	—	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.02	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.03	-0.02
Breakfast cereals	—	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—
Other cereal products	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01
Meat and seafoods	-0.01	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.03	—	0.01
Beef and veal	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.02
Lamb and mutton	0.02	—	—	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.02	—	0.01
Pork	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.01
Poultry	—	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.02	0.01	—
Bacon and ham	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	—	—
Processed meat	—	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01
Fish and other seafood	-0.02	-0.02	—	—	-0.01	0.02	—	-0.02	-0.01
Fresh fruit and vegetables	0.10	0.22	0.11	0.09	-0.17	0.04	0.29	0.07	0.10
Fresh fruit	-0.08	0.01	-0.08	-0.02	-0.10	0.01	0.06	-0.06	-0.05
Fresh vegetables	0.19	0.21	0.19	0.11	-0.07	0.03	0.24	0.13	0.15
Processed fruit and vegetables	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.02	0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01	—
Processed fruit	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—
Processed vegetables	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	0.02	-0.01	—	—
Fruit and vegetable juices	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.11	-0.02	0.02
Soft drinks and cordials	0.02	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.02	0.10	-0.02	0.02
Ice cream and ice confectionery	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Sweet and savoury snacks	0.01	—	0.03	0.01	-0.02	—	0.01	—	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	0.09	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.09	0.10	0.06
Restaurant meals	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	—	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04
Take away and fast foods	0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.02
Other food	-0.02	—	-0.03	-0.05	-0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02
Eggs	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	-0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	—	—	—	-0.02
Food additives and condiments	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	—
Fats and oils	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—
Food n.e.c.	—	0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.02	—
Clothing	0.07	—	0.01	0.13	0.19	—	0.03	0.10	0.06
Men's clothing	0.01	—	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Men's outerwear	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.02	—	—	0.02	0.01
Men's shirts	—	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	—	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—	—
Women's clothing	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.13	0.12	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.06
Women's outerwear	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.12	0.13	0.01	-0.02	0.07	0.05
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	0.02	0.01	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	0.03	—	0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.03	0.04	—	0.03	-0.01	—
Boys' clothing	—	-0.03	—	0.03	0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	—
Girls' clothing	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	0.02	—	—
Footwear	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	—	0.01	—
Men's footwear	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01
Women's footwear	—	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	-0.02	—	—	—
Children's footwear	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	-0.01	—	—	-0.04	—	—	-0.01	—	-0.01
Clothing accessories	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	—	0.01	—	-0.02	0.01	—	—	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	—

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Housing	0.24	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.15	0.36	0.12
Rents	0.12	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.03	-0.05	0.15	0.07
Privately-owned dwelling rents	0.11	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.05	—	-0.05	0.12	0.06
Government-owned dwelling rents	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	0.03	—	0.04	0.01
Utilities	0.01	-0.09	—	—	0.01	0.08	—	0.04	-0.02
Electricity	—	-0.08	—	—	—	-0.02	—	—	-0.02
Gas	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—
Other household fuel	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.02	0.08	—	0.04	0.01
Water and sewerage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other housing	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.04	—	-0.01	0.21	0.17	0.07
House purchase	0.06	0.03	0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.09	0.14	0.04
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	0.10	—	0.01
House insurance	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	—	0.02	0.02	0.02
Household Equipment and Operation	0.20	0.16	0.16	0.07	0.18	0.14	0.10	0.22	0.17
Furniture and floor coverings	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.04	-0.01	0.07	0.13	0.07
Furniture	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	—	0.07	0.14	0.06
Floor coverings	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01
Household textiles	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—
Bedding	-0.01	—	—	-0.02	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—
Towels, linen and curtains	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	—	—
Household appliances, utensils and tools	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01	—
Appliances	—	—	—	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.04	—	—
Tableware, glassware and cutlery	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	—	—	—	—
Household utensils	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01
Tools	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	—	—
Household supplies	0.04	0.08	0.06	-0.03	0.07	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.05
Household cleaning agents	—	—	—	-0.03	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—
Pet foods, pets and supplies	0.02	0.04	0.04	-0.02	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.02
Other household supplies	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03
Household services	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.04	—	0.03	0.03
Pet services including veterinary	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
House contents insurance	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.02
Repairs to household durables	—	—	—	0.03	—	0.03	—	0.01	—
Domestic services	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Postal and communication services	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03
Postal services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Communication services	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Transportation	0.32	0.28	0.30	0.22	0.20	0.35	0.38	0.17	0.28
Private motoring	0.33	0.29	0.29	0.22	0.19	0.35	0.38	0.17	0.28
Motor vehicles	0.02	0.02	-0.08	-0.02	—	0.04	0.07	—	—
Automotive fuel	0.19	0.14	0.31	0.16	0.12	0.23	0.18	0.10	0.18
Vehicle insurance	0.12	0.12	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.08	0.10
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	—	—	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.05	—	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.02	-0.01
Other motoring charges	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	—
Urban transport fares	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alcohol and tobacco	0.10	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.18	0.18	0.16	0.04	0.09
Alcoholic drinks	0.11	0.01	0.08	0.04	0.15	0.12	0.13	0.04	0.08
Beer	0.08	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.11	0.16	0.04	0.06	0.06
Wine	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	-0.03	0.05	-0.03	—
Spirits	0.01	—	0.02	-0.01	0.02	—	0.03	0.01	0.01
Cigarettes and tobacco	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.01

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted
									average of eight capital cities
Health and personal care	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.14	0.06	0.05	0.04
Health services	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.04	0.06	0.04
Hospital and medical services	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.03
Optical services	—	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	—
Dental services	0.03	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01
Personal care products	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.02	-0.02	—
Pharmaceuticals	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—
Toiletries and personal products	—	—	0.01	-0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.01	-0.02	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.02	—	—	0.02	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01
Recreation and education	-0.01	-0.04	-0.08	0.01	0.15	-0.01	-0.14	-0.04	-0.01
Books, newspapers, magazines and stationery	—	—	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Books	—	-0.01	0.03	—	0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.03	—
Newspapers and magazines	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stationery	—	—	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	—
Recreation	—	—	0.11	0.04	0.02	—	-0.01	0.07	0.02
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.02	-0.02	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	—	—
Sports and recreational equipment	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—
Toys, games and hobbies	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—
Repairs to recreational goods	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Sports participation	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	0.06	0.02
Other recreational activities	0.01	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.01	-0.04	-0.23	-0.06	0.11	-0.03	-0.14	-0.13	-0.04
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.09	-0.13	-0.25	-0.11	-0.06	-0.08	—	-0.11	-0.13
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.09	0.10	0.02	0.06	0.18	0.04	-0.14	-0.03	0.09
Education and child care	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	—	—
Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Child care	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—
All groups	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.0	1.0

(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Change between
	1999	2000	2000	2000 and	1999 and	2000	2000	Mar Qtr 2000 and Jun Qtr 2000
Food	127.8	129.1	130.2	0.9	1.9	24.36	24.56	0.20
Dairy and related products	138.4	142.6	144.7	1.5	4.6	1.89	1.92	0.03
Milk and cream	152.6	159.7	162.7	1.9	6.6	1.15	1.17	0.02
Cheese	116.0	116.2	115.2	-0.9	-0.7	0.42	0.42	—
Other dairy products	134.6	135.8	139.9	3.0	3.9	0.32	0.33	0.01
Cereal products	141.1	144.5	144.3	-0.1	2.3	3.11	3.11	—
Bread	162.9	167.9	169.1	0.7	3.8	1.36	1.37	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	128.0	132.1	130.3	-1.4	1.8	1.19	1.17	-0.02
Breakfast cereals	122.7	121.0	120.0	-0.8	-2.2	0.30	0.30	—
Other cereal products	125.2	124.3	127.2	2.3	1.6	0.27	0.28	0.01
Meat and seafoods	112.6	115.2	115.6	0.3	2.7	3.60	3.61	0.01
Beef and veal	107.8	111.2	114.0	2.5	5.8	0.82	0.84	0.02
Lamb and mutton	129.6	125.9	128.7	2.2	-0.7	0.39	0.40	0.01
Pork	113.3	125.0	119.9	-4.1	5.8	0.22	0.21	-0.01
Poultry	96.7	95.2	95.4	0.2	-1.3	0.58	0.58	—
Bacon and ham	110.5	116.8	115.6	-1.0	4.6	0.36	0.36	—
Processed meat	117.8	121.7	122.8	0.9	4.2	0.66	0.67	0.01
Fish and other seafood	112.5	116.0	113.8	-1.9	1.2	0.55	0.54	-0.01
Fresh fruit and vegetables	118.7	111.7	115.7	3.6	-2.5	2.90	3.00	0.10
Fresh fruit	139.3	119.9	115.4	-3.8	-17.2	1.34	1.29	-0.05
Fresh vegetables	104.5	107.0	117.6	9.9	12.5	1.56	1.71	0.15
Processed fruit and vegetables	121.9	122.4	123.0	0.5	0.9	0.95	0.95	—
Processed fruit	131.2	133.7	133.6	-0.1	1.8	0.19	0.19	—
Processed vegetables	111.9	111.2	111.7	0.4	-0.2	0.32	0.32	—
Fruit and vegetable juices	125.7	126.4	127.4	0.8	1.4	0.44	0.45	0.01
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	142.0	142.3	143.4	0.8	1.0	3.03	3.05	0.02
Soft drinks and cordials	133.6	132.5	134.0	1.1	0.3	1.22	1.24	0.02
Ice cream and ice confectionery	155.6	159.7	160.6	0.6	3.2	0.41	0.42	0.01
Sweet and savoury snacks	147.2	147.8	148.4	0.4	0.8	1.39	1.40	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	125.2	128.8	129.9	0.9	3.8	6.68	6.74	0.06
Restaurant meals	126.8	130.8	132.4	1.2	4.4	3.06	3.10	0.04
Take away and fast foods	125.4	128.7	129.4	0.5	3.2	3.62	3.64	0.02
Other food	129.3	130.6	129.5	-0.8	0.2	2.19	2.17	-0.02
Eggs	149.8	152.0	152.8	0.5	2.0	0.20	0.20	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	141.3	144.5	141.8	-1.9	0.4	0.21	0.21	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	138.7	138.1	133.3	-3.5	-3.9	0.46	0.44	-0.02
Food additives and condiments	124.4	124.3	125.3	0.8	0.7	0.39	0.39	—
Fats and oils	116.7	119.7	119.0	-0.6	2.0	0.32	0.32	—
Food n.e.c.	124.1	125.9	125.8	-0.1	1.4	0.61	0.61	—
Clothing	106.7	104.8	105.7	0.9	-0.9	6.76	6.82	0.06
Men's clothing	108.9	106.5	107.1	0.6	-1.7	1.38	1.39	0.01
Men's outerwear	108.2	104.6	105.8	1.1	-2.2	0.74	0.75	0.01
Men's shirts	108.4	105.6	105.6	—	-2.6	0.39	0.39	—
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	112.2	114.3	114.2	-0.1	1.8	0.25	0.25	—
Women's clothing	108.2	106.5	108.8	2.2	0.6	2.79	2.85	0.06
Women's outerwear	103.9	102.5	104.8	2.2	0.9	2.31	2.36	0.05
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	124.7	121.5	123.7	1.8	-0.8	0.48	0.49	0.01
Children's and infant's clothing	109.7	107.4	107.6	0.2	-1.9	0.62	0.62	—
Boys' clothing	111.8	109.1	109.0	-0.1	-2.5	0.36	0.36	—
Girls' clothing	107.2	105.4	106.1	0.7	-1.0	0.26	0.26	—
Footwear	96.4	94.4	94.4	—	-2.1	1.03	1.03	—
Men's footwear	92.8	90.3	89.6	-0.8	-3.4	0.25	0.24	-0.01
Women's footwear	99.8	98.5	98.8	0.3	-1.0	0.60	0.60	—
Children's footwear	97.1	94.0	94.1	0.1	-3.1	0.19	0.19	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services (b)	101.2	100.0	99.1	-0.9	-2.1	0.94	0.93	-0.01
Clothing accessories (b)	101.3	97.0	94.8	-2.3	-6.4	0.46	0.45	-0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	99.9	100.6	100.7	0.1	0.8	0.20	0.20	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	136.1	140.3	141.1	0.6	3.7	0.28	0.28	—

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Change between
	1999	2000	2000	2000 and	1999 and	2000	2000	Mar Qtr 2000 and Jun Qtr 2000
Housing	96.6	100.7	101.2	0.5	4.8	24.96	25.08	0.12
Rents	123.1	125.8	127.0	1.0	3.2	7.36	7.43	0.07
Privately-owned dwelling rents	122.7	125.4	126.6	1.0	3.2	6.51	6.57	0.06
Government-owned dwelling rents	126.8	129.1	130.8	1.3	3.2	0.84	0.85	0.01
Utilities	120.8	122.8	122.3	-0.4	1.2	4.32	4.30	-0.02
Electricity	116.2	118.2	116.9	-1.1	0.6	2.12	2.10	-0.02
Gas	127.2	125.6	125.2	-0.3	-1.6	0.79	0.79	—
Other household fuel	118.4	118.9	125.1	5.2	5.7	0.17	0.18	0.01
Water and sewerage (b)	102.6	106.4	106.4	—	3.7	1.23	1.23	—
Other housing	87.2	92.7	93.2	0.5	6.9	13.29	13.36	0.07
House purchase (b)	104.0	111.3	111.8	0.4	7.5	9.26	9.30	0.04
Property rates and charges (b)	103.4	108.8	108.8	—	5.2	1.56	1.56	—
House repairs and maintenance	122.4	125.0	125.3	0.2	2.4	2.14	2.15	0.01
House insurance	163.4	201.5	217.2	7.8	32.9	0.33	0.35	0.02
Household equipment and operation	113.6	112.8	114.1	1.2	0.4	15.05	15.22	0.17
Furniture and floor coverings	120.4	119.4	121.3	1.6	0.7	4.33	4.40	0.07
Furniture	123.3	121.9	123.9	1.6	0.5	3.47	3.53	0.06
Floor coverings	111.8	112.4	113.6	1.1	1.6	0.86	0.87	0.01
Household textiles	121.2	120.1	119.0	-0.9	-1.8	0.59	0.59	—
Bedding	119.3	118.5	116.4	-1.8	-2.4	0.31	0.31	—
Towels, linen and curtains	124.6	123.3	123.2	-0.1	-1.1	0.28	0.28	—
Household appliances, utensils and tools	107.6	106.6	106.6	—	-0.9	3.33	3.33	—
Appliances	106.7	105.3	105.1	-0.2	-1.5	1.88	1.88	—
Tableware, glassware and cutlery	102.7	99.9	99.6	-0.3	-3.0	0.30	0.30	—
Household utensils	108.3	107.8	108.7	0.8	0.4	0.46	0.47	0.01
Tools	112.6	113.2	113.5	0.3	0.8	0.68	0.68	—
Household supplies	122.8	122.1	124.1	1.6	1.1	2.95	3.00	0.05
Household cleaning agents	121.6	122.8	122.5	-0.2	0.7	0.74	0.74	—
Pet foods, pets and supplies	127.5	121.3	125.0	3.1	-2.0	0.81	0.83	0.02
Other household supplies	122.2	123.6	125.9	1.9	3.0	1.40	1.43	0.03
Household services	153.5	160.5	163.6	1.9	6.6	1.59	1.62	0.03
Pet services including veterinary	149.3	153.3	154.6	0.8	3.5	0.27	0.28	0.01
House contents insurance	157.4	178.4	188.6	5.7	19.8	0.29	0.31	0.02
Repairs to household durables	142.8	147.6	148.8	0.8	4.2	0.38	0.38	—
Domestic services (b)	103.4	106.0	107.3	1.2	3.8	0.65	0.66	0.01
Postal and communication services	100.9	97.5	98.8	1.3	-2.1	2.25	2.28	0.03
Postal services	111.5	116.0	116.0	—	4.0	0.23	0.23	—
Communication services	99.7	95.6	97.0	1.5	-2.7	2.03	2.06	0.03
Transportation	122.9	130.1	132.1	1.5	7.5	18.10	18.38	0.28
Private motoring	120.7	127.9	130.0	1.6	7.7	16.92	17.20	0.28
Motor vehicles	105.1	104.6	104.6	—	-0.5	4.50	4.50	—
Automotive fuel	116.5	137.5	141.9	3.2	21.8	5.69	5.87	0.18
Vehicle insurance	154.7	185.3	206.8	11.6	33.7	0.87	0.97	0.10
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	123.0	119.6	119.7	0.1	-2.7	3.14	3.15	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	107.2	106.8	106.2	-0.6	-0.9	1.37	1.36	-0.01
Other motoring charges	158.0	164.2	164.7	0.3	4.2	1.35	1.35	—
Urban transport fares	157.4	164.9	164.9	—	4.8	1.17	1.17	—
Alcohol and tobacco	170.3	177.1	178.6	0.8	4.9	10.47	10.56	0.09
Alcoholic drinks	135.9	137.0	138.6	1.2	2.0	6.27	6.35	0.08
Beer	137.1	138.9	141.4	1.8	3.1	3.34	3.40	0.06
Wine	130.9	130.6	131.1	0.4	0.2	1.68	1.68	—
Spirits	137.5	138.8	139.7	0.6	1.6	1.25	1.26	0.01
Cigarettes and tobacco	252.7	275.6	276.5	0.3	9.4	4.20	4.21	0.01

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Mar Qtr	Jun Qtr	Change between
	1999	2000	2000	2000 and	1999 and	2000	2000	Mar Qtr 2000 and Jun Qtr 2000
Health and personal care	149.0	153.1	154.0	0.6	3.4	8.19	8.23	0.04
Health services	158.0	164.1	165.7	1.0	4.9	4.21	4.25	0.04
Hospital and medical services	162.4	168.5	170.0	0.9	4.7	3.25	3.28	0.03
Optical services	124.7	126.3	126.3	—	1.3	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	153.4	161.2	163.7	1.6	6.7	0.74	0.75	0.01
Personal care products	132.3	134.1	133.9	-0.1	1.2	3.00	3.00	—
Pharmaceuticals	134.6	136.4	135.8	-0.4	0.9	1.32	1.32	—
Toiletries and personal products	131.3	133.1	133.3	0.2	1.5	1.67	1.68	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	135.1	138.6	139.9	0.9	3.6	0.98	0.99	0.01
Recreation and education	127.0	128.5	128.4	-0.1	1.1	17.32	17.31	-0.01
Books, newspapers, magazines and stationery	153.8	157.6	158.1	0.3	2.8	2.47	2.48	0.01
Books (b)	103.6	105.9	106.4	0.5	2.7	0.77	0.77	—
Newspapers and magazines (b)	105.3	108.4	108.4	—	2.9	1.00	1.00	—
Stationery	127.8	130.5	131.2	0.5	2.7	0.71	0.71	—
Recreation	117.1	115.5	115.8	0.3	-1.1	6.88	6.90	0.02
Audio, visual and computing equipment	66.3	57.0	56.3	-1.2	-15.1	1.24	1.22	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing media and services	106.5	104.7	103.8	-0.9	-2.5	0.86	0.86	—
Sports and recreational equipment (b)	101.0	98.6	98.1	-0.5	-2.9	0.70	0.70	—
Toys, games and hobbies (b)	100.2	97.8	97.4	-0.4	-2.8	0.41	0.41	—
Repairs to recreational goods	126.8	127.1	128.3	0.9	1.2	0.16	0.16	—
Sports participation (b)	102.2	107.3	109.3	1.9	6.9	1.09	1.11	0.02
Other recreational activities (b)	104.1	108.6	109.8	1.1	5.5	2.41	2.44	0.03
Holiday travel and accommodation	109.1	110.9	110.0	-0.8	0.8	4.88	4.84	-0.04
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	111.1	121.4	116.2	-4.3	4.6	2.91	2.78	-0.13
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	106.5	98.1	102.3	4.3	-3.9	1.97	2.06	0.09
Education and child care	167.9	176.7	176.8	0.1	5.3	3.09	3.09	—
Education	177.8	187.0	187.0	—	5.2	2.42	2.42	—
Child care	142.4	150.0	150.4	0.3	5.6	0.67	0.67	—
All groups	122.3	125.2	126.2	0.8	3.2	125.2	126.2	1.0

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0 (b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

SPECIAL SERIES, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities

	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Change between</i>
	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2000 and</i>	<i>1999 and</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2000</i>
			<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>				<i>and</i>
			<i>2000</i>	<i>2000</i>				<i>Jun Qtr 2000</i>
All groups	122.3	125.2	126.2	0.8	3.2	125.2	126.2	1.0
Selected components								
Goods component (b)	124.8	127.4	128.4	0.8	2.9	83.28	83.88	0.60
Services component (b)	118.4	121.8	122.8	0.8	3.7	41.92	42.29	0.37
Tradables component(b)(c)	101.0	102.0	103.0	1.0	2.0	59.11	59.69	0.58
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	101.2	104.8	105.5	0.7	4.2	66.08	66.47	0.39
All groups excluding								
Food	121.1	124.3	125.3	0.8	3.5	100.84	101.60	0.76
Clothing	123.4	126.6	127.6	0.8	3.4	118.44	119.34	0.90
Housing	127.3	129.7	130.8	0.8	2.7	100.23	101.08	0.85
Household equipment and operation	124.2	127.7	128.6	0.7	3.5	110.15	110.94	0.79
Transportation	122.2	124.4	125.2	0.6	2.5	107.10	107.78	0.68
Alcohol and tobacco	118.7	121.3	122.2	0.7	2.9	114.72	115.60	0.88
Health and personal care	120.6	123.4	124.4	0.8	3.2	117.01	117.93	0.92
Recreation and education	121.8	124.9	126.0	0.9	3.4	107.88	108.85	0.97
Hospital and medical services	121.1	123.9	124.8	0.7	3.1	121.94	122.88	0.94

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

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All Groups Excluding Housing—Index Numbers(a)(b)

<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>
1996-1997	123.9	113.7	166.8	174.1	108.2	151.3	118.1	125.7	118.8	124.3	118.2	131.5
1997-1998	125.4	114.9	173.0	232.7	112.4	162.1	119.4	127.2	120.6	125.8	120.3	134.6
1998-1999	126.9	116.9	171.2	368.3	112.4	169.0	118.5	128.2	122.0	127.2	120.7	137.2
1999-2000	129.4	118.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	129.3	125.0	130.9	121.8	139.3
1996												
June	122.3	112.8	162.8	168.1	107.8	148.1	116.8	124.3	117.3	122.6	117.6	130.0
September	122.7	113.0	163.7	168.5	107.3	149.6	117.3	126.1	117.5	123.1	117.9	130.3
December	123.6	113.8	166.6	173.1	107.5	149.5	117.7	126.3	118.5	124.1	117.5	131.2
1997												
March	124.5	113.9	167.2	177.1	107.2	152.4	118.4	124.7	119.2	124.7	118.7	131.6
June	124.8	114.1	169.8	177.7	110.7	153.8	118.8	125.7	119.8	125.1	118.8	132.8
September	124.4	114.5	171.2	183.3	112.3	155.4	119.9	127.6	120.3	125.3	120.3	133.5
December	125.2	114.9	172.8	195.7	112.5	157.9	120.0	125.7	120.1	125.9	119.9	134.3
1998												
March	125.7	115.0	172.9	254.5	112.0	167.3	119.1	127.1	120.9	125.6	120.2	134.5
June	126.3	115.3	175.1	297.4	112.6	167.7	118.7	128.2	121.2	126.3	120.7	136.1
September	126.6	116.4	174.3	360.6	111.9	167.8	118.3	128.0	121.4	126.4	121.0	136.1
December	127.1	116.5	172.8	363.2	113.2	168.9	117.8	129.9	121.4	126.8	120.5	136.9
1999												
March	126.7	117.1	169.2	377.9	111.9	169.2	118.4	127.5	121.7	127.1	120.4	137.1
June	127.3	117.6	168.5	371.3	112.4	169.9	119.3	127.5	123.4	128.4	120.9	138.6
September	128.3	117.8	166.8	360.3	111.9	170.1	120.2	128.4	124.4	129.2	121.3	138.4
December	128.6	118.2	166.5	367.5	111.9	172.3	120.2	129.6	124.5	130.2	121.2	139.1
2000												
March	129.7	118.9	164.6	370.7	111.1	172.9	121.2	128.9	124.9	131.3	122.2	139.1
June	130.8	119.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	130.3	126.2	132.8	122.4	140.7

(a) Base of each index: 1989–1990 = 100.0

(b) Refer to paragraphs 14–16 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All Groups Excluding Housing—Percentage Changes(a)

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)												
1996-1997	2.3	1.6	4.6	6.4	0.8	4.8	1.8	2.6	2.4	2.8	1.0	2.5
1997-1998	1.2	1.1	3.7	33.7	3.9	7.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.8	2.4
1998-1999	1.2	1.7	-1.0	58.3	0.0	4.3	-0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.3	1.9
1999-2000	2.0	1.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.9	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
1996												
June	3.4	1.3	5.0	7.8	0.0	5.3	1.3	2.7	1.9	2.7	1.0	2.7
September	2.4	1.6	4.2	6.7	0.0	5.5	1.6	3.9	1.9	2.8	1.0	2.6
December	2.3	2.0	5.0	7.1	0.2	5.1	1.8	3.5	2.8	3.2	1.0	2.7
1997												
March	2.5	1.7	5.0	6.0	0.3	5.0	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.9	1.3	2.4
June	2.0	1.2	4.3	5.7	2.7	3.8	1.7	1.1	2.1	2.0	1.0	2.2
September	1.4	1.3	4.6	8.8	4.7	3.9	2.2	1.2	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.5
December	1.3	1.0	3.7	13.1	4.7	5.6	2.0	-0.5	1.4	1.5	2.0	2.4
1998												
March	1.0	1.0	3.4	43.7	4.5	9.8	0.6	1.9	1.4	0.7	1.3	2.2
June	1.2	1.1	3.1	67.4	1.7	9.0	-0.1	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.6	2.5
September	1.8	1.7	1.8	96.7	-0.4	8.0	-1.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.9
December	1.5	1.4	0.0	85.6	0.6	7.0	-1.8	3.3	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.9
1999												
March	0.8	1.8	-2.1	48.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.6	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.2	1.9
June	0.8	2.0	-3.8	24.8	-0.2	1.3	0.5	-0.5	1.8	1.7	0.2	1.8
September	1.3	1.2	-4.3	-0.1	0.0	1.4	1.6	0.3	2.5	2.2	0.2	1.7
December	1.2	1.5	-3.6	1.2	-1.1	2.0	2.0	-0.2	2.6	2.7	0.6	1.6
2000												
March	2.4	1.5	-2.7	-1.9	-0.7	2.2	2.4	1.1	2.6	3.3	1.5	1.5
June	2.7	1.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2.2	2.3	3.4	1.2	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
1996												
June	0.7	0.7	2.2	0.7	0.8	2.0	0.4	1.6	1.1	1.2	0.3	1.2
September	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.2	-0.5	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2
December	0.7	0.7	1.8	2.7	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.8	-0.3	0.7
1997												
March	0.7	0.1	0.4	2.3	-0.3	1.9	0.6	-1.3	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.3
June	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.3	3.3	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.9
September	-0.3	0.4	0.8	3.2	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.5
December	0.6	0.3	0.9	6.8	0.2	1.6	0.1	-1.5	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.6
1998												
March	0.4	0.1	0.1	30.0	-0.4	6.0	-0.8	1.1	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.1
June	0.5	0.3	1.3	16.9	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.2
September	0.2	1.0	-0.5	21.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
December	0.4	0.1	-0.9	0.7	1.2	0.7	-0.4	1.5	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.6
1999												
March	-0.3	0.5	-2.1	4.0	-1.1	0.2	0.5	-1.8	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1
June	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-1.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.4	1.0	0.4	1.1
September	0.8	0.2	-1.0	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3	-0.1
December	0.2	0.3	-0.2	2.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.5
2000												
March	0.9	0.6	-1.1	0.9	-0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.0
June	0.8	0.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.2	1.2

(a) Refer to paragraphs 14–16 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index Numbers(a)(b)

PRIVATE SECTOR GOODS
AND SERVICES.....

<i>Period</i>	<i>All groups</i>	<i>All groups excluding Housing</i>	<i>All Groups excluding 'volatile items'</i>	<i>Goods</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Tradables(c)</i>	<i>Non-tradables(c)</i>
Index Numbers								
1996-1997	120.3	123.9	125.2	122.5	122.1	122.4	..	..
1997-1998	120.3	125.4	127.2	123.5	126.1	124.2	..	..
1998-1999	121.8	126.9	129.0	124.9	129.4	126.1	100.4	101.0
1999-2000	124.7	129.4	131.5	127.1	133.8	128.9	102.1	104.0
Index Numbers								
1996								
June	119.8	122.3	123.5	121.9	119.6	121.3	..	..
September	120.1	122.7	124.1	122.2	120.4	121.7	..	..
December	120.3	123.6	124.8	122.5	121.6	122.3	..	..
1997								
March	120.5	124.5	125.6	122.6	122.8	122.7	..	..
June	120.2	124.8	126.1	122.8	123.4	123.0	..	..
September	119.7	124.4	126.1	122.8	124.7	123.3	..	..
December	120.0	125.2	126.9	123.3	125.6	123.9	..	..
1998								
March	120.3	125.7	127.6	123.8	126.7	124.5	..	..
June	121.0	126.3	128.2	124.0	127.4	124.9	100.0	100.0
September	121.3	126.6	128.6	124.3	127.7	125.2	100.1	100.5
December	121.9	127.1	129.0	124.5	129.0	125.7	100.2	101.2
1999								
March	121.8	126.7	129.0	125.1	130.1	126.4	100.2	101.0
June	122.3	127.3	129.4	125.7	130.6	126.9	101.0	101.2
September	123.4	128.3	130.2	126.1	132.1	127.7	101.7	102.3
December	124.1	128.6	131.0	126.8	133.4	128.5	101.5	103.5
2000								
March	125.2	129.7	131.9	127.4	134.1	129.2	102.0	104.8
June	126.2	130.8	132.7	128.0	135.5	130.0	103.0	105.5

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

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Percentage Changes(a)

PRIVATE SECTOR GOODS
AND SERVICES.....

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All Groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)								
1996-1997	1.3	2.3	2.3	1.6	3.0	1.9	..	..
1997-1998	0.0	1.2	1.6	0.8	3.3	1.5	..	..
1998-1999	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	2.6	1.5	..	..
1999-2000	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	3.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
1996								
June	3.1	3.4	3.2	3.4	3.5	3.4	..	..
September	2.1	2.4	2.6	2.3	3.1	2.5	..	..
December	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.7	2.0	..	..
1997								
March	1.3	2.5	2.3	1.5	2.6	1.8	..	..
June	0.3	2.0	2.1	0.7	3.2	1.4	..	..
September	-0.3	1.4	1.6	0.5	3.6	1.3	..	..
December	-0.2	1.3	1.7	0.7	3.3	1.3	..	..
1998								
March	-0.2	1.0	1.6	1.0	3.2	1.5	..	..
June	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.0	3.2	1.5	..	..
September	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.2	2.4	1.5	..	..
December	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.0	2.7	1.5	..	..
1999								
March	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	2.7	1.5	..	..
June	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.4	2.5	1.6	1.0	1.2
September	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.4	3.4	2.0	1.6	1.8
December	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.3	2.3
2000								
March	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.8	3.1	2.2	1.8	3.8
June	3.2	2.7	2.6	1.8	3.8	2.4	2.0	4.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
1996								
June	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.9	-0.1	0.7	..	..
September	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	..	..
December	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.5	..	..
1997								
March	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	1.0	0.3	..	..
June	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	..	..
September	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2	..	..
December	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	..	..
1998								
March	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.5	..	..
June	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.3	..	..
September	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
December	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.7
1999								
March	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	-0.2
June	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.2
September	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.1
December	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.6	-0.2	1.2
2000								
March	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.3
June	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7

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

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 eight groups:

- food
- clothing
- housing
- household equipment and operation
- transportation
- alcohol and tobacco
- health and personal care and
- recreation and education.

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 a booklet entitled *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 13th Series* (Cat. No. 6440.0) which is available on the ABS Website at www.abs.gov.au, or from the ABS on request.

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, petrol, alcohol and tobacco 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 bulk of the items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced in the first two months of each quarter (i.e. July/August, October/November, January/February, April/May). With a few exceptions items priced in the third month are those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges); in these cases information about any changes in price during the quarter is obtained so that an average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 101 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the thirteenth 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 thirteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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:		
June Quarter 2000	126.2	(see Table 1)	
less March Quarter 2000	125.2	(see Table 1)	
Change in index points	1.0		
Percentage change =	$\frac{1.0}{125.2}$	x 100 =	0.8%

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, and
- 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 1.92 index points to the total All groups index number of 126.2 for June Quarter 2000. 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, 11 and 12 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, subgroups 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, goods component: comprises the Food group (except Restaurant meals), Clothing group (except Clothing services and shoe repair), Household equipment and operation group (except Household services and Postal and communication services), Alcohol and tobacco group, the Utilities sub-group, House purchase, Motor vehicles, Automotive fuel, Motor Vehicle parts and accessories, Personal care products, Books, newspapers, magazines and stationery, Audio, visual and computing equipment, Audio, visual and computing media and services, Sports and recreational equipment and Toys, games and hobbies.

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 Fresh fruit and vegetables and Automotive fuel.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

Private sector goods and services: in addition to the items excluded from the series "All groups excluding 'volatile items'", also excludes: Government-owned dwelling rents, Utilities, Property rates and charges, Postal and communication services, Other motoring charges, Urban transport fares, Health services, Pharmaceuticals, and Education and child care.

13 A detailed description of 'tradables' and 'non-tradables' is published in the Appendix to the September quarter 1999 issue of this publication.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

14 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, due to the many differences in the structure of the housing sector in different countries and in the way that housing is treated in their CPIs, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the Fourteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'provide for dissemination at the international level of an index which excludes shelter, in addition to the all-items index'.

15 Table 9 presents indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing'. To facilitate comparisons all indexes in this table have, where necessary, been converted to a quarterly basis and re-referenced to a base of 1989–90 = 100.0.

16 In producing Table 9, the ABS is grateful for the assistance of the relevant national statistical agencies which have either directly supplied indexes for all items excluding shelter or data to enable their derivation.

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19 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to Steve Whennan on 02 6252 6251 or to the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

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- .. not applicable
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- r revised
- n.e.c. not elsewhere classified

APPENDIX

TREATMENT OF THE FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT IN THE CPI

INTRODUCTION

From the September quarter 2000, the CPI will be affected by the First Home Owner Grant, which is designed to compensate first time purchasers of homes for the price effects of the new tax system.

This appendix provides an explanation of how this grant will be taken into account in calculating the House purchase expenditure class in the CPI. The grant belongs to a range of concessions (such as stamp duty concessions) that apply to the purchase of houses that are generally taken into account in compiling the CPI.

THE FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT

The major elements of the grant are that it:-

- begins 1 July 2000;
- is a one-off payment of \$7,000 to first home buyers buying either a new or an established dwelling;
- is payable provided the applicants are going to occupy the dwelling as their main place of residence within 12 months of settlement or completion of construction;
- is not means tested;
- is paid for the building not the land; and
- does not replace the current stamp duty concessions that exist in States and Territories.

TREATMENT OF HOUSE PURCHASE IN THE CPI

The CPI is designed specifically to provide a general measure of price inflation for the household sector as a whole. This means that the CPI is concerned only with transactions between households and other institutional units such as businesses and governments. Transactions between households are not relevant because the acquisitions by purchasers are offset by the disposals by sellers.

In the case of houses, the relevant transactions comprise all newly constructed dwellings (excluding land) purchased by households for owner occupation and alterations and additions to owner occupied dwellings. In concept, purchases of established houses from businesses or governments for owner occupation are also included, however the numbers are insignificant. Purchases of dwellings for other than owner occupation and alterations and additions to other than owner occupied dwellings are not included in the CPI because they are expenditures on income producing assets.

TREATMENT OF THE FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT IN THE CPI

The First Home Owners Grant affects the transaction prices for houses purchased by first home buyers. From July 1, the transaction price for first home buyers for any particular new house is \$7,000 less than the transaction price for those who are not first home buyers. According to the ABS Survey of Income and Housing Costs, approximately one third of new homes are purchased by first home buyers. The price of houses in the House purchase expenditure class will therefore reflect the different transaction prices for different classes of home buyers after 1 July 2000.

Ignoring any other price movements, the effect of the adjustment for the grant will be to record a fall of \$7,000 in the price of a new house between the June and September quarters 2000 for that proportion of new home buyers who are eligible for the grant. The adjustment amount will continue to be reflected in the December quarter 2000 and in all subsequent quarters until such time as the grant is changed (or removed). The grant does not affect prices paid for alterations and additions to existing owner occupied dwellings which account for approximately 50 percent of the total expenditure on "house purchase".

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