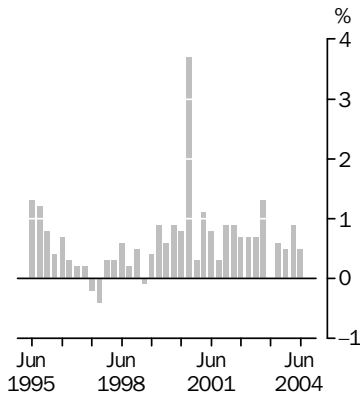


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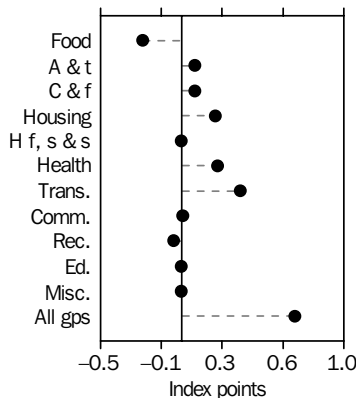
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All Groups
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change
June quarter 2004



KEY FIGURES

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES**

	<i>Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004</i>	<i>Jun Qtr 2003 to Jun Qtr 2004</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
Food	-0.9	2.3
Alcohol and tobacco	0.8	4.4
Clothing and footwear	1.1	-0.9
Housing	0.7	4.0
Household furnishings, supplies and services	0.0	-0.6
Health	3.1	6.6
Transportation	1.7	3.4
Communication	0.4	1.4
Recreation	-0.3	-1.7
Education	0.0	7.8
Miscellaneous	0.0	2.7
All groups	0.5	2.5
All groups excluding Housing	0.4	2.1

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.5% in the June quarter 2004, compared with 0.9% in the March quarter 2004.
- rose 2.5% through the year to June quarter 2004.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in automotive fuel (+5.8%), hospital and medical services (+5.1%), house purchase (+1.4%), rents (+0.7%), women's outerwear (+2.0%), beer (+1.0%), soft drinks, waters and juices (+1.3%), take away and fast foods (+0.6%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+1.0%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in vegetables (-11.4%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-1.7%), fruit (-3.2%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.2%), electricity (-1.4%) and towels and linen (-3.3%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in automotive fuel (+11.7%), house purchase (+5.3%), hospital and medical services (+8.6%), beer (+6.9%), rents (+2.7%), fruit (+13.8%) and tobacco (+4.1%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in audio, visual and computing equipment (-20.7%), motor vehicles (-2.9%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-7.1%), bread (-4.5%) and furniture (-1.4%).

INQUIRIES

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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There are no changes in this issue.

EXPERIMENTAL PRICE INDEX FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES

For some years now there has been considerable community interest in the prices paid by households for financial services. An outcome of a review of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) undertaken in 1997 was a commitment by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to develop a price index for financial services for eventual inclusion in the CPI. This index was to be designed to cover the explicit fees and charges paid by households as well as any indirect costs embodied in interest rate margins.

The results of the ABS investigation are presented in an Information Paper: *Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services* (cat. no. 6413.0), released on 12 July 2004.

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ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding.

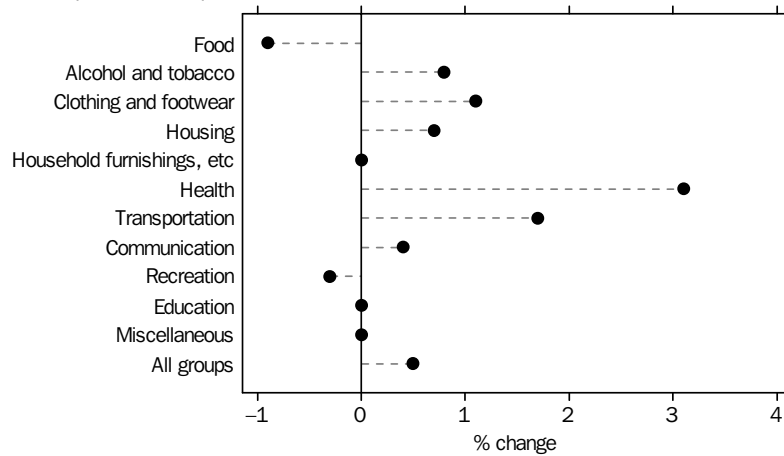
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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

CPI GROUPS

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



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

TRANSPORTATION

(+1.7%)

The rise in transportation prices this quarter was mainly due to increases in the price of automotive fuel (+5.8%). Automotive fuel prices rose in January (+4.7%), fell in February (-2.9%) and rose in March (+3.9%), April (+0.4%), May (+5.2%) and June (+0.8%).

The price of motor vehicles rose slightly (+0.1%) in the June quarter 2004 following five consecutive quarterly falls. An increase in the price of some locally produced motor vehicles, due to some list price increases and fewer bonus offers, was largely offset by falls in the price of a number of imported models, resulting mainly from competitive pricing and incentives offered by dealers.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, transportation prices rose 3.4%. Increases in automotive fuel (+11.7%), other motoring charges (+6.1%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+2.7%) and urban transport fares (+5.0%) were partially offset by a fall in motor vehicles (-2.9%).

FOOD (-0.9%)

The fall in food prices this quarter was mainly attributable to a decrease in the price of vegetables (-11.4%) and fruit (-3.2%). These decreases were partially offset by price rises for soft drinks, waters and juices (+1.3%), take away and fast foods (+0.6%) and restaurant meals (+0.7%).

The decrease in fruit and vegetable prices from the historically high prices recorded in the March quarter 2004 was due to improved growing conditions and supplies for a number of vegetable crops such as lettuce, tomatoes, potatoes and winter vegetables and the increased availability of seasonal fruit such as apples and pears.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, food prices rose 2.3%. The main contributors to the increase were fruit (+13.8%), take away and fast foods (+3.3%) and restaurant meals (+3.6%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the price of bread (-4.5%) and tea, coffee and food drinks (-5.7%).

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

HEALTH (+3.1%)

The rise in health costs this quarter was due to increases in hospital and medical services (+5.1%) and dental services (+1.0%). These increases were partially offset by a decrease in the net cost of pharmaceuticals (-0.7%), mainly due to the effect of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net.

Hospital and medical services rose mainly as a result of an average increase of around 8% in private health fund premiums from 1 April 2004.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, health costs rose 6.6%. Hospital and medical services (+8.6%), dental services (+5.5%) and pharmaceuticals (+2.4%) were mainly responsible for this increase.

HOUSING (+0.7%)

The rise in housing prices this quarter was mainly due to increases in house purchase (+1.4%), rents (+0.7%) and house repairs and maintenance (+0.8%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in electricity (-1.4%) and gas and other household fuels (-0.7%).

The house purchase index rose in all capital cities, driven by increasing labour and building material costs. The increase in Melbourne was moderated to some extent by the introduction by the Victorian Government of a First Home Owner Grant of \$5000 in May 2004 which, for eligible home buyers, is in addition to the existing Commonwealth First Home Owner Grant.

The fall in the price of electricity was due to the commencement of the Winter Energy Concession that applies in Melbourne from May until November each year and the return to off-peak rates in Adelaide in the June quarter, from the peak rates that apply in the March quarter each year.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, housing prices rose 4.0%. All components of housing increased with house purchase (+5.3%), rents (+2.7%) and property rates and charges (+6.2%) being the most significant.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+0.8%)

The rise in the alcohol and tobacco index this quarter was due to increases in the price of beer (+1.0%), wine (+0.8%), tobacco (+0.5%) and spirits (+0.7%).

Beer prices rose in the June quarter due to the flow-on effect of some price increases following the indexed adjustment to the Federal excise on alcohol in February and the reversal of some specialising activity in the March quarter. In addition, there was a reduction in the alcohol content of some mid-strength beers, which is treated as a quality adjusted price increase in the index.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, alcohol and tobacco prices rose 4.4%. Prices for beer (+6.9%), tobacco (+4.1%), wine (+2.4%) and spirits (+2.7%) all increased.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+1.1%)

The rise in the clothing and footwear index this quarter was due mainly to increases in the price of women's outerwear (+2.0%) and men's outerwear (+2.3%). Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in men's underwear, nightwear and socks (-4.7%).

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+1.1%) *continued*

The increases in women's and men's outerwear mainly reflected prices returning to more normal levels in the June quarter, following extensive specialising associated with post-Christmas/New Year sales at specialty and department stores in the March quarter.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, the clothing and footwear index fell 0.9%, with falls in most categories. Only women's outerwear (+0.6%) recorded an increase of any significance.

RECREATION (-0.3%)

The fall in the recreation index this quarter was mainly due to decreases in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-1.7%) and audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.2%). These decreases were partially offset by an increase in the price of overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+1.0%).

The decrease in domestic holiday travel and accommodation was attributable to a seasonal reduction in accommodation and air fare prices in the June quarter following the peak rates that apply during the Christmas/New Year period. Continuing quality adjustment driven falls in computer prices, together with discounting on a number of home entertainment items by major retailers, contributed to the decrease in audio, visual and computing equipment. The increase in overseas holiday travel and accommodation prices was mainly due to a seasonal increase in air fares to Europe and North America, coinciding with the approach of summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, the recreation index fell 1.7%. The main contributors to this decrease were audio, visual and computing equipment (-20.7%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-7.1%). Domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+2.8%) and other recreational activities (+4.4%), such as cultural lessons and cinema admission, provided partially offsetting increases.

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The increase in the All groups CPI in the June quarter 2004 was largely driven by domestic cost pressures. The non-tradables component (see Table 8), which represents approximately 55% of the CPI, increased by 0.7% while the tradables component increased by 0.2%. Within non-tradables, the services component rose 0.7%, driven largely by increases in hospital and medical services, rents and house repairs and maintenance, while the goods component rose 0.6%, mainly due to the increase in the house purchase index.

Within tradables, the goods component rose 0.1%. Automotive fuel provided the largest positive contribution to this increase, while vegetables provided the most significant offsetting decrease. The services component of tradables, which comprises overseas holiday travel and accommodation, rose 1.0%.

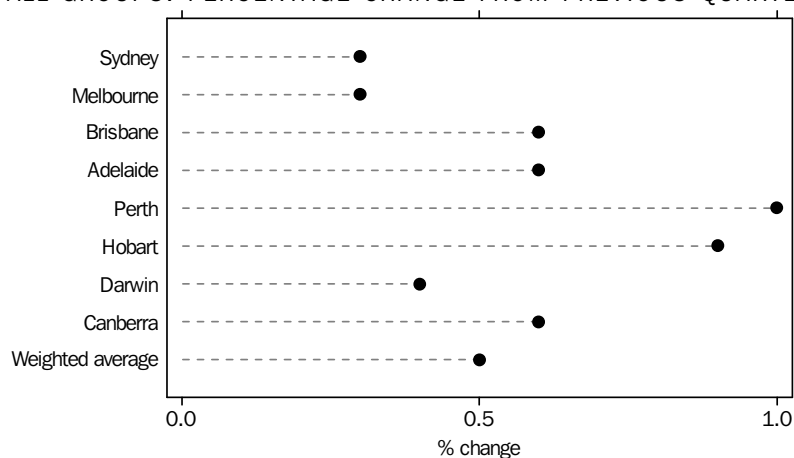
Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, non-tradables rose 4.1% and tradables rose 0.5%. This compares with an increase of 4.1% and a decrease of 0.5%, respectively, for these components in the twelve months to March quarter 2004.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the June quarter 2004 CPI rose in all capital cities. The increases ranged from 0.3% in Sydney and Melbourne to 1.0% in Perth. The increase in Perth was mainly due to that city recording an increase in fruit and vegetable prices in the quarter rather than the significant fall that was experienced in most of the other capital cities.

The lower result in Melbourne was largely due to that city recording a decrease in the price of electricity and gas and other household fuels and the lowest increase in house purchase prices of all the capital cities.

Over the twelve months to June quarter 2004, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 1.2% in Darwin to 3.2% in Brisbane.

The increase in Brisbane was mainly attributable to that city recording the largest annual increase in the housing group.

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	NUMBER(a)			
	<i>Jun Qtr 2004</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004</i>	<i>Jun Qtr 2003 to Jun Qtr 2004</i>	
Sydney	145.5	0.3	2.3	
Melbourne	143.9	0.3	2.1	
Brisbane	146.3	0.6	3.2	
Adelaide	148.6	0.6	3.0	
Perth	141.0	1.0	2.6	
Hobart	144.3	0.9	2.5	
Darwin	139.6	0.4	1.2	
Canberra	144.8	0.6	2.9	
Weighted average of eight capital cities	144.8	0.5	2.5	

(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>
2000-01	133.2	131.6	132.4	133.5	129.6	132.0	130.9	131.9	132.2
2001-02	137.2	135.3	136.3	137.2	133.1	134.7	133.7	135.2	136.0
2002-03	141.1	139.7	140.7	142.7	136.8	139.1	136.8	139.7	140.2
2003-04	144.1	142.8	144.8	147.0	139.6	142.6	138.7	143.4	143.5
2000									
June	127.0	125.6	126.4	127.6	124.0	126.5	125.7	125.9	126.2
September	131.6	130.4	131.3	132.3	128.6	131.3	130.0	130.7	130.9
December	132.2	130.8	131.6	132.5	128.8	131.2	130.6	131.1	131.3
2001									
March	134.0	132.2	132.7	134.1	129.6	132.1	130.7	132.2	132.7
June	135.0	133.0	134.0	135.1	131.4	133.4	132.2	133.4	133.8
September	135.4	133.6	134.2	135.3	131.5	132.8	132.5	133.2	134.2
December	136.6	134.8	135.8	136.6	132.6	133.9	133.5	134.9	135.4
2002									
March	137.9	136.0	137.1	137.7	133.7	135.2	133.8	135.6	136.6
June	138.8	136.9	138.1	139.1	134.6	137.0	135.0	137.2	137.6
September	139.6	137.8	139.2	140.3	135.8	137.5	135.4	138.1	138.5
December	140.4	139.0	139.9	141.5	136.4	138.0	136.2	139.2	139.5
2003									
March	142.1	140.9	141.8	144.6	137.4	140.0	137.5	140.7	141.3
June	142.2	140.9	141.8	144.3	137.4	140.8	137.9	140.7	141.3
September	142.4	141.8	143.3	145.4	138.6	141.1	137.8	141.9	142.1
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

(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)									
2000-01	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.0
2001-02	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.9
2002-03	2.8	3.3	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.1
2003-04	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.4	2.6	2.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2000									
June	3.3	3.4	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.4	3.6	3.2
September	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.8	6.8	6.1
December	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.8
2001									
March	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.8	6.0
June	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.2	6.0	6.0
September	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.9	2.5
December	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.1
2002									
March	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9
June	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.8
September	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5	2.2	3.7	3.2
December	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.0	3.2	3.0
2003									
March	3.0	3.6	3.4	5.0	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.8	3.4
June	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.7	2.1	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.7
September	2.0	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.1	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.6
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
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
June	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7
December	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
2001									
March	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.8	1.1
June	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
September	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.3
December	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	0.9
2002									
March	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9
June	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.7
September	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7
December	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7
2003									
March	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.3
June	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0
September	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.9	0.6
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

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 furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2000-01	135.6	194.7	112.5	107.9	117.3	164.3
2001-02	142.7	203.1	112.4	111.1	119.7	169.9
2002-03	147.9	208.9	113.3	115.1	121.0	181.5
2003-04	152.3	217.8	112.7	120.2	121.1	193.9
2000						
June	130.2	178.6	105.7	101.2	114.1	161.3
September	132.4	190.2	113.5	107.4	116.4	162.1
December	133.4	192.1	113.1	107.7	116.3	161.9
2001						
March	137.6	197.1	110.7	108.2	117.2	166.4
June	138.8	199.4	112.5	108.4	119.3	166.7
September	139.8	201.5	111.1	110.0	118.9	166.5
December	143.4	201.8	112.7	110.7	120.3	166.1
2002						
March	144.2	203.9	112.2	111.5	119.4	171.1
June	143.5	205.0	113.7	112.2	120.3	175.9
September	145.0	207.3	113.0	113.7	120.5	176.4
December	147.0	207.3	114.0	114.2	121.6	177.1
2003						
March	149.8	209.9	112.4	115.7	120.4	183.5
June	149.8	211.2	113.7	116.8	121.4	189.1
September	149.3	215.2	113.3	118.9	121.5	189.1
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

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
2000-01	137.0	104.7	124.6	191.4	166.0	132.2
2001-02	137.3	105.2	128.6	200.0	171.8	136.0
2002-03	140.6	108.5	131.9	210.0	178.6	140.2
2003-04	142.0	110.0	130.0	223.3	183.4	143.5
2000						
June	132.1	98.8	120.0	187.0	160.3	126.2
September	135.6	105.6	124.8	187.3	163.5	130.9
December	136.4	104.9	124.6	187.5	165.0	131.3
2001						
March	136.7	104.4	124.5	195.4	166.7	132.7
June	139.4	103.8	124.3	195.4	168.7	133.8
September	137.0	103.6	125.4	195.4	170.4	134.2
December	136.1	105.4	127.5	195.5	170.6	135.4
2002						
March	136.8	105.5	130.4	204.6	172.8	136.6
June	139.3	106.3	131.1	204.6	173.5	137.6
September	138.8	107.9	131.8	205.0	177.4	138.5
December	140.3	108.4	131.9	205.3	178.0	139.5
2003						
March	143.7	108.8	132.4	214.7	179.2	141.3
June	139.4	108.9	131.5	214.8	179.6	141.3
September	141.3	109.7	130.0	215.1	182.2	142.1
December	140.7	109.9	131.1	215.1	182.2	142.8
2004						
March	141.7	110.0	129.7	231.4	184.5	144.1
June	144.1	110.4	129.3	231.5	184.5	144.8

(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>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2000-01	5.0	11.1	6.6	8.0	3.5	3.5
2001-02	5.2	4.3	-0.1	3.0	2.0	3.4
2002-03	3.6	2.9	0.8	3.6	1.1	6.8
2003-04	3.0	4.3	-0.5	4.4	0.1	6.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2000						
June	1.9	4.9	-0.9	4.8	0.4	3.9
September	3.0	11.4	6.9	9.5	3.0	3.4
December	3.5	10.3	7.5	8.1	2.6	3.5
2001						
March	6.6	11.3	5.6	7.4	3.9	3.9
June	6.6	11.6	6.4	7.1	4.6	3.3
September	5.6	5.9	-2.1	2.4	2.1	2.7
December	7.5	5.0	-0.4	2.8	3.4	2.6
2002						
March	4.8	3.5	1.4	3.0	1.9	2.8
June	3.4	2.8	1.1	3.5	0.8	5.5
September	3.7	2.9	1.7	3.4	1.3	5.9
December	2.5	2.7	1.2	3.2	1.1	6.6
2003						
March	3.9	2.9	0.2	3.8	0.8	7.2
June	4.4	3.0	0.0	4.1	0.9	7.5
September	3.0	3.8	0.3	4.6	0.8	7.2
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
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2000						
June	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.7
September	1.7	6.5	7.4	6.1	2.0	0.5
December	0.8	1.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
2001						
March	3.1	2.6	-2.1	0.5	0.8	2.8
June	0.9	1.2	1.6	0.2	1.8	0.2
September	0.7	1.1	-1.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.1
December	2.6	0.1	1.4	0.6	1.2	-0.2
2002						
March	0.6	1.0	-0.4	0.7	-0.7	3.0
June	-0.5	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.8	2.8
September	1.0	1.1	-0.6	1.3	0.2	0.3
December	1.4	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.4
2003						
March	1.9	1.3	-1.4	1.3	-1.0	3.6
June	0.0	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	3.1
September	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.8	0.1	0.0
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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2000-01	6.3	7.1	3.5	4.9	8.4	6.0
2001-02	0.2	0.5	3.2	4.5	3.5	2.9
2002-03	2.4	3.1	2.6	5.0	4.0	3.1
2003-04	1.0	1.4	-1.4	6.3	2.7	2.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2000						
June	7.5	-2.1	0.2	5.2	10.6	3.2
September	6.9	8.1	3.7	5.3	11.1	6.1
December	7.9	7.8	3.0	5.5	9.9	5.8
2001						
March	5.1	7.1	3.6	4.5	7.3	6.0
June	5.5	5.1	3.6	4.5	5.2	6.0
September	1.0	-1.9	0.5	4.3	4.2	2.5
December	-0.2	0.5	2.3	4.3	3.4	3.1
2002						
March	0.1	1.1	4.7	4.7	3.7	2.9
June	-0.1	2.4	5.5	4.7	2.8	2.8
September	1.3	4.2	5.1	4.9	4.1	3.2
December	3.1	2.8	3.5	5.0	4.3	3.0
2003						
March	5.0	3.1	1.5	4.9	3.7	3.4
June	0.1	2.4	0.3	5.0	3.5	2.7
September	1.8	1.7	-1.4	4.9	2.7	2.6
December	0.3	1.4	-0.6	4.8	2.4	2.4
2004						
March	-1.4	1.1	-2.0	7.8	3.0	2.0
June	3.4	1.4	-1.7	7.8	2.7	2.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2000						
June	1.5	1.3	-0.2	0.0	3.2	0.8
September	2.6	6.9	4.0	0.2	2.0	3.7
December	0.6	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.9	0.3
2001						
March	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	4.2	1.0	1.1
June	2.0	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	1.2	0.8
September	-1.7	-0.2	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.3
December	-0.7	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
2002						
March	0.5	0.1	2.3	4.7	1.3	0.9
June	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.7
September	-0.4	1.5	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.7
December	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7
2003						
March	2.4	0.4	0.4	4.6	0.7	1.3
June	-3.0	0.1	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
September	1.4	0.7	-1.1	0.1	1.4	0.6
December	-0.4	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5
2004						
March	0.7	0.1	-1.1	7.6	1.3	0.9
June	1.7	0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
2002									
June	143.8	142.6	145.1	143.6	143.4	141.1	139.3	147.0	143.5
September	144.8	145.1	146.1	145.4	144.9	142.0	139.4	147.7	145.0
December	147.7	146.7	147.1	148.1	145.5	143.0	140.6	150.9	147.0
2003									
March	150.4	148.9	151.9	151.9	147.8	146.0	144.5	152.1	149.8
June	150.3	149.1	151.1	151.9	148.7	146.5	145.5	152.1	149.8
September	148.9	149.0	150.5	152.8	148.7	146.4	146.0	152.2	149.3
December	152.6	151.8	153.0	153.8	149.2	147.7	147.1	155.0	152.0
2004									
March	155.8	154.5	155.7	157.0	150.4	149.1	149.1	158.4	154.7
June	153.8	152.9	153.3	156.7	151.3	149.8	148.4	157.4	153.3
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2002									
June	209.7	204.1	204.9	210.0	194.2	193.0	196.6	194.7	205.0
September	211.6	207.4	206.8	210.4	196.6	195.5	200.3	196.3	207.3
December	210.4	208.7	206.0	213.3	196.4	196.3	201.7	195.6	207.3
2003									
March	213.7	210.8	208.1	216.0	198.8	198.9	202.3	197.5	209.9
June	215.1	212.2	208.2	216.8	200.0	203.3	205.5	199.5	211.2
September	219.5	217.2	211.3	220.0	202.8	206.5	206.5	201.5	215.2
December	221.4	217.6	212.4	222.3	204.2	208.9	208.0	203.4	216.5
2004									
March	224.5	219.9	215.2	224.7	204.1	210.0	210.8	206.2	218.8
June	226.7	220.7	217.4	227.7	205.2	210.7	211.5	207.6	220.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2002									
June	116.5	114.2	106.6	113.0	110.5	113.3	108.2	116.7	113.7
September	115.0	113.7	107.6	111.5	110.5	107.4	107.1	117.5	113.0
December	116.5	114.9	107.5	112.2	111.0	108.3	108.8	118.5	114.0
2003									
March	114.6	114.5	105.0	111.9	108.1	104.3	103.8	115.8	112.4
June	117.4	114.2	106.3	113.5	108.3	110.1	106.7	116.1	113.7
September	115.4	115.1	107.4	111.4	110.3	103.3	107.8	116.0	113.3
December	115.4	114.9	105.5	112.3	109.4	106.8	109.3	116.2	113.1
2004									
March	114.4	112.9	103.7	111.5	106.8	104.3	106.8	114.9	111.5
June	115.9	113.0	106.2	113.3	108.1	105.6	106.5	115.1	112.7
HOUSING									
2002									
June	120.3	103.5	116.3	109.5	104.0	110.3	125.6	114.0	112.2
September	121.7	104.8	118.5	112.1	105.0	112.4	126.7	115.6	113.7
December	122.0	105.0	119.4	113.0	105.7	113.0	127.0	116.4	114.2
2003									
March	122.6	107.4	120.5	117.9	106.3	115.2	128.6	117.8	115.7
June	123.3	108.4	122.9	117.8	107.8	116.9	128.8	119.9	116.8
September	125.1	109.6	126.6	120.2	110.4	118.3	129.3	124.0	118.9
December	125.6	109.3	129.2	121.6	111.7	119.3	131.1	125.3	119.6
2004									
March	126.3	110.5	130.4	123.6	112.8	121.2	131.9	126.8	120.7
June	127.4	110.7	132.0	123.1	114.4	122.9	133.9	127.8	121.5

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES									
2002									
June	119.1	121.0	122.4	120.9	117.0	127.4	111.8	123.7	120.3
September	119.4	120.6	122.7	121.4	118.0	127.7	111.9	124.6	120.5
December	120.3	122.4	123.7	123.2	118.7	127.8	111.7	124.4	121.6
2003									
March	119.4	120.7	121.7	122.5	117.4	127.5	110.8	124.1	120.4
June	120.7	121.7	122.7	122.9	118.5	128.8	110.6	124.7	121.4
September	121.0	121.8	122.7	122.2	118.5	128.4	110.4	124.7	121.5
December	120.4	121.9	122.5	123.1	118.7	128.1	111.3	125.1	121.4
2004									
March	120.3	121.1	121.9	121.1	117.1	127.1	111.2	124.3	120.7
June	120.0	120.8	122.4	120.8	118.1	128.2	111.3	124.8	120.7
HEALTH									
2002									
June	165.2	186.5	173.6	178.0	171.5	193.6	162.1	173.3	175.9
September	165.6	187.0	175.2	178.1	172.0	193.4	162.4	173.7	176.4
December	165.3	189.4	176.4	178.1	171.8	192.9	163.8	173.5	177.1
2003									
March	171.5	196.3	183.2	183.2	177.8	200.7	168.4	181.2	183.5
June	175.9	202.3	189.9	194.0	181.1	209.1	171.3	185.1	189.1
September	175.8	201.8	190.7	193.9	181.4	207.8	172.3	188.5	189.1
December	176.0	202.6	190.6	193.3	181.7	207.4	175.9	187.9	189.4
2004									
March	182.0	209.3	197.1	197.9	187.3	214.5	180.5	193.5	195.5
June	187.6	214.7	203.4	207.2	192.8	223.0	186.8	197.7	201.6
TRANSPORTATION									
2002									
June	140.2	139.2	138.6	138.4	138.8	135.9	138.8	139.4	139.3
September	140.2	138.0	138.0	138.0	139.6	134.9	137.9	138.2	138.8
December	141.6	139.9	139.3	138.8	140.5	136.3	139.3	140.9	140.3
2003									
March	145.1	143.1	142.4	144.0	143.6	139.0	141.6	143.6	143.7
June	141.1	139.4	137.3	137.4	139.0	134.3	140.8	139.0	139.4
September	143.2	140.9	139.3	140.7	140.9	136.7	136.9	140.2	141.3
December	143.2	139.7	138.6	139.9	140.3	136.3	135.8	140.2	140.7
2004									
March	143.2	141.3	140.2	142.0	141.4	137.0	137.1	139.9	141.7
June	145.2	144.1	142.6	145.1	143.6	139.8	137.9	142.7	144.1
COMMUNICATION									
2002									
June	105.9	106.2	109.5	107.3	104.6	106.9	98.4	105.0	106.3
September	107.5	107.8	111.2	109.2	106.3	108.6	99.8	106.5	107.9
December	108.1	108.3	111.8	109.6	106.7	109.2	100.5	107.2	108.4
2003									
March	108.4	108.6	112.1	109.9	107.0	109.6	100.8	107.5	108.8
June	108.6	108.7	112.3	110.1	107.2	109.8	101.0	107.7	108.9
September	109.3	109.5	113.2	111.0	108.0	110.6	101.6	108.4	109.7
December	109.5	109.7	113.4	111.2	108.3	110.8	101.8	108.7	109.9
2004									
March	109.6	109.8	113.4	111.2	108.3	110.9	101.8	108.7	110.0
June	110.0	110.2	113.9	111.8	108.7	111.4	102.2	109.1	110.4

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
2002									
June	134.2	130.7	129.3	129.9	129.3	125.8	112.9	127.8	131.1
September	134.9	131.2	130.0	131.5	129.4	125.9	112.4	128.6	131.8
December	134.7	131.7	129.4	131.5	130.2	125.1	112.9	128.3	131.9
2003									
March	135.9	132.1	129.9	132.4	128.6	126.3	112.3	129.6	132.4
June	135.1	131.3	129.1	131.7	126.8	125.0	111.4	128.6	131.5
September	131.9	130.8	129.3	130.7	125.7	124.5	110.5	126.9	130.0
December	134.1	131.0	129.5	131.2	127.0	125.6	110.8	127.4	131.1
2004									
March	132.9	130.3	126.9	130.5	124.4	125.2	107.7	125.3	129.7
June	132.4	129.4	126.4	130.6	125.3	123.8	107.6	125.7	129.3
EDUCATION									
2002									
June	204.1	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
September	204.6	197.6	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.0
December	204.6	198.3	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.3
2003									
March	214.8	207.7	236.0	251.5	205.5	233.2	161.4	202.0	214.7
June	214.8	207.6	236.2	251.5	205.5	233.4	161.4	202.0	214.8
September	215.5	207.9	236.3	251.8	205.5	233.6	161.4	202.2	215.1
December	215.5	208.0	236.3	251.8	205.5	233.6	161.4	202.2	215.1
2004									
March	239.0	221.6	248.7	266.4	214.9	241.6	167.0	213.4	231.4
June	239.2	221.6	248.9	266.4	214.9	241.8	167.0	213.4	231.5
MISCELLANEOUS									
2002									
June	181.0	163.1	182.5	167.0	173.2	168.8	167.2	194.3	173.5
September	183.2	167.7	184.0	171.2	182.2	173.1	168.9	199.0	177.4
December	182.6	168.5	186.7	170.9	183.8	174.0	169.7	202.2	178.0
2003									
March	184.6	169.1	188.2	171.6	184.1	176.5	172.8	203.0	179.2
June	185.0	169.3	189.7	172.2	183.7	177.6	175.3	203.8	179.6
September	185.3	173.6	190.6	176.5	187.4	178.8	180.0	209.8	182.2
December	186.2	172.2	191.7	176.7	187.5	179.5	175.9	209.6	182.2
2004									
March	189.3	173.6	195.4	177.9	189.3	181.3	176.8	214.0	184.5
June	187.9	174.0	196.3	178.1	190.3	183.2	177.1	215.9	184.5

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted average of eight capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Food	-0.34	-0.28	-0.40	-0.04	0.15	0.10	-0.11	-0.16	-0.24
Dairy and related products	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.03	—	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.02
Milk	0.03	—	—	0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01
Cheese	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.01	—
Ice cream and other dairy products	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01
Bread and cereal products	—	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.05	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Bread	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.01	—	-0.01
Cakes and biscuits	-0.01	—	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	—	0.01
Breakfast cereals	—	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—
Other cereal products	—	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.01
Meat and seafoods	—	-0.07	—	0.04	-0.06	0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03
Beef and veal	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.02	0.02	-0.03	—	—
Lamb and mutton	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.01	—
Pork	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—	—
Poultry	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Bacon and ham	—	-0.01	—	0.04	-0.02	0.04	-0.01	-0.01	—
Other fresh and processed meat	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	—	—
Fish and other seafood	0.01	—	-0.02	-0.02	—	—	—	—	—
Fruit and vegetables	-0.38	-0.35	-0.45	-0.17	0.05	-0.02	-0.25	-0.23	-0.31
Fruit	-0.07	-0.09	-0.08	0.08	0.03	0.10	—	-0.04	-0.05
Vegetables	-0.31	-0.26	-0.37	-0.25	0.02	-0.13	-0.25	-0.19	-0.25
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.02	0.06	-0.02	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.08	—	0.03
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.01	0.04	-0.02	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03
Snacks and confectionery	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	-0.04	—
Meals out and take away foods	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04
Restaurant meals	—	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	—	—	0.02
Take away and fast foods	0.02	0.04	0.04	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.03
Other food	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	—	—	0.02	0.02	-0.02
Eggs	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	—	—	0.02	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	—	—	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	—	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Fats and oils	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Food n.e.c.	—	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—
Alcohol and tobacco	0.10	0.05	0.11	0.16	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.08
Alcoholic drinks	0.10	0.02	0.08	0.11	0.05	—	0.05	0.07	0.07
Beer	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.02	—	0.03	0.04
Wine	0.02	—	0.03	0.05	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.02
Spirits	0.02	0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01
Tobacco	—	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.02
Clothing and footwear	0.10	0.01	0.15	0.14	0.08	0.08	-0.01	0.01	0.08
Men's clothing	—	0.01	0.05	0.02	-0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Men's outerwear	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.02	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	-0.01	-0.02	—	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	—	—	-0.01
Women's clothing	0.05	-0.01	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.05	-0.02	-0.05	0.04
Women's outerwear	0.06	—	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.09	-0.03	-0.03	0.04
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	-0.04	—	-0.01	—
Children's and infants' clothing	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.04	0.01
Footwear	0.02	-0.01	0.01	—	0.02	—	—	—	—
Men's footwear	—	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—
Women's footwear	0.02	-0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	—
Children's footwear	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.03	—	-0.01	—	0.02
Clothing accessories and jewellery	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.04	-0.01	—	—	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02	—	0.01	—

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(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	0.25	0.05	0.39	-0.11	0.41	0.38	0.42	0.20	0.21
Rents	0.04	0.03	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.14	0.06
Utilities	—	-0.09	—	-0.27	—	0.04	—	—	-0.04
Electricity	—	-0.05	—	-0.28	—	—	—	—	-0.04
Gas and other household fuels	—	-0.03	—	—	0.01	0.05	—	—	-0.01
Water and sewerage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other housing	0.21	0.10	0.29	0.09	0.34	0.25	0.39	0.05	0.19
House purchase	0.19	0.07	0.28	0.08	0.33	0.24	0.37	0.06	0.17
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	0.03	0.03	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.03	—	0.02
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.02	-0.03	0.05	-0.04	0.09	0.10	0.01	0.05	—
Furniture and furnishings	—	—	0.02	-0.03	0.05	0.09	0.02	0.02	0.01
Furniture	0.02	0.04	0.03	-0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Floor and window coverings	0.01	—	—	—	0.03	0.04	—	-0.01	—
Towels and linen	-0.03	-0.04	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	—	0.01	-0.02
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.01	-0.04	0.01	-0.01	—	0.02	—	-0.02	-0.02
Major household appliances	—	-0.03	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.03	-0.01	—	-0.01
Tools	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	—
Household supplies	-0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.01	-0.03	0.05	—
Household cleaning agents	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02
Other household supplies	-0.02	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.03	-0.06	0.04	—
Household services	—	0.02	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Health	0.22	0.18	0.23	0.38	0.19	0.36	0.18	0.15	0.22
Health services	0.24	0.20	0.24	0.38	0.20	0.37	0.18	0.16	0.23
Hospital and medical services	0.22	0.20	0.24	0.34	0.18	0.36	0.18	0.16	0.22
Optical services	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	—
Dental services	0.01	—	—	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01
Transportation	0.29	0.44	0.35	0.37	0.33	0.37	0.12	0.41	0.36
Private motoring	0.29	0.43	0.34	0.37	0.33	0.38	0.12	0.42	0.35
Motor vehicles	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.04	-0.08	-0.03	0.01
Automotive fuel	0.33	0.38	0.35	0.40	0.27	0.42	0.19	0.40	0.34
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	-0.02	0.02	0.03	—	0.05	0.02	—	0.03	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	—
Other motoring charges	—	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—
Urban transport fares	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Communication	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecommunication	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01

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(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	-0.06	-0.11	-0.05	0.01	0.12	-0.20	-0.02	0.07	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing	-0.03	-0.08	-0.07	-0.07	-0.05	-0.09	-0.09	-0.09	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.04	-0.06	-0.07	-0.05	-0.04	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing media and services	0.02	-0.03	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	—
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—
Books	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	—
Newspapers and magazines	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sport and other recreation	0.03	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.03
Sports and recreational equipment	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies	—	—	—	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	—	0.01
Sports participation	—	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	—	0.01	0.06	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01
Pet services including veterinary	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02	—	0.01
Other recreational activities	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.07	-0.04	-0.05	0.03	0.06	-0.17	-0.02	0.06	-0.03
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.06	-0.12	-0.02	0.05	-0.02	-0.13	-0.04	-0.03	-0.06
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	-0.02	0.08	-0.01	-0.01	0.08	-0.03	0.02	0.10	0.03
Education	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preschool and primary education	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	-0.04	0.01	0.03	—	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.06	—
Insurance services	-0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.01
Personal care	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	—	—	—	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	—
Toiletries and personal care products	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	-0.01
Child care	0.01	—	0.02	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
All groups	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.9	1.4	1.3	0.6	0.9	0.7

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(a) All groups index points

GROUP, SUB-GROUP & 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
	Jun Qtr 2003	Mar Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2003 to Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004
Food	149.8	154.7	153.3	-0.9	2.3	26.57	26.33	-0.24
Dairy and related products	158.8	159.7	161.3	1.0	1.6	2.10	2.12	0.02
Milk	172.5	173.8	176.0	1.3	2.0	1.10	1.11	0.01
Cheese	132.1	134.5	135.3	0.6	2.4	0.51	0.51	—
Ice cream and other dairy products	159.1	157.4	158.6	0.8	-0.3	0.49	0.50	0.01
Bread and cereal products	165.7	162.5	163.1	0.4	-1.6	3.12	3.13	0.01
Bread	189.7	182.1	181.2	-0.5	-4.5	1.12	1.11	-0.01
Cakes and biscuits	152.1	152.9	153.5	0.4	0.9	1.29	1.30	0.01
Breakfast cereals	141.8	140.0	140.9	0.6	-0.6	0.36	0.36	—
Other cereal products	144.2	138.2	141.4	2.3	-1.9	0.35	0.36	0.01
Meat and seafoods	137.4	141.9	141.0	-0.6	2.6	4.05	4.02	-0.03
Beef and veal	144.3	148.1	147.8	-0.2	2.4	0.89	0.89	—
Lamb and mutton	187.8	199.9	198.5	-0.7	5.7	0.51	0.51	—
Pork	146.1	150.2	146.2	-2.7	0.1	0.30	0.30	—
Poultry	98.2	105.9	104.3	-1.5	6.2	0.69	0.68	-0.01
Bacon and ham	135.9	136.3	135.0	-1.0	-0.7	0.38	0.38	—
Other fresh and processed meat	146.9	151.0	152.0	0.7	3.5	0.67	0.67	—
Fish and other seafood	124.6	124.1	123.6	-0.4	-0.8	0.61	0.61	—
Fruit and vegetables	136.0	156.8	144.5	-7.8	6.3	3.90	3.59	-0.31
Fruit	141.3	166.1	160.8	-3.2	13.8	1.69	1.64	-0.05
Vegetables	133.8	152.0	134.7	-11.4	0.7	2.21	1.96	-0.25
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	151.1	152.9	154.2	0.9	2.1	3.41	3.44	0.03
Soft drinks, waters and juices	135.5	136.1	137.9	1.3	1.8	1.68	1.71	0.03
Snacks and confectionery	170.9	174.3	174.8	0.3	2.3	1.73	1.73	—
Meals out and take away foods	154.7	159.0	160.0	0.6	3.4	7.61	7.65	0.04
Restaurant meals	157.5	162.1	163.2	0.7	3.6	3.14	3.16	0.02
Take away and fast foods	154.1	158.3	159.2	0.6	3.3	4.46	4.49	0.03
Other food	144.6	144.5	143.6	-0.6	-0.7	2.38	2.36	—
Eggs	184.8	180.2	178.4	-1.0	-3.5	0.18	0.18	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	177.0	177.3	178.1	0.5	0.6	0.27	0.27	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	141.2	135.0	133.1	-1.4	-5.7	0.41	0.40	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	132.2	129.5	128.7	-0.6	-2.6	0.44	0.44	—
Fats and oils	136.6	138.4	138.0	-0.3	1.0	0.31	0.31	—
Food n.e.c.	139.9	144.8	143.9	-0.6	2.9	0.76	0.76	—
Alcohol and tobacco	211.2	218.8	220.5	0.8	4.4	11.46	11.54	0.08
Alcoholic drinks	155.6	161.4	162.8	0.9	4.6	7.55	7.62	0.07
Beer	161.6	171.1	172.8	1.0	6.9	3.67	3.71	0.04
Wine	143.2	145.5	146.6	0.8	2.4	2.39	2.41	0.02
Spirits	157.2	160.2	161.4	0.7	2.7	1.49	1.50	0.01
Tobacco	364.2	377.0	379.0	0.5	4.1	3.91	3.93	0.02
Clothing and footwear	113.7	111.5	112.7	1.1	-0.9	6.90	6.98	0.08
Men's clothing	111.3	108.4	109.5	1.0	-1.6	1.25	1.26	0.01
Men's outerwear	109.1	105.3	107.7	2.3	-1.3	1.03	1.05	0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	123.3	125.3	119.4	-4.7	-3.2	0.22	0.21	-0.01
Women's clothing	118.1	117.2	118.9	1.5	0.7	2.45	2.49	0.04
Women's outerwear	113.0	111.5	113.7	2.0	0.6	1.92	1.96	0.04
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	137.9	139.7	139.1	-0.4	0.9	0.53	0.53	—
Children's and infants' clothing	118.4	114.9	116.4	1.3	-1.7	0.64	0.65	0.01
Footwear	101.0	96.9	97.4	0.5	-3.6	1.08	1.08	—
Men's footwear	98.5	92.0	92.1	0.1	-6.5	0.33	0.33	—
Women's footwear	103.7	101.2	101.8	0.6	-1.8	0.51	0.51	—
Children's footwear	100.9	96.9	97.8	0.9	-3.1	0.24	0.24	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	107.4	106.0	107.0	0.9	-0.4	1.48	1.50	0.02
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	96.5	93.6	94.9	1.4	-1.7	0.77	0.78	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	113.1	110.5	111.6	1.0	-1.3	0.15	0.16	0.01
Clothing services and shoe repair	166.9	169.1	169.5	0.2	1.6	0.56	0.56	—

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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS) INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Jun Qtr 2003	Mar Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2003 to Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004
Housing	116.8	120.7	121.5	0.7	4.0	29.70	29.91	0.21
Rents	136.6	139.3	140.3	0.7	2.7	7.75	7.81	0.06
Utilities	146.3	152.1	150.8	-0.9	3.1	5.07	5.03	—
Electricity	143.5	147.5	145.5	-1.4	1.4	2.65	2.61	-0.04
Gas and other household fuels	158.4	168.0	166.8	-0.7	5.3	1.17	1.16	-0.01
Water and sewerage(b)	116.1	121.5	121.5	0.0	4.7	1.25	1.25	—
Other housing	110.1	114.2	115.5	1.1	4.9	16.88	17.07	0.19
House purchase(b)	132.3	137.4	139.3	1.4	5.3	12.18	12.35	0.17
Property rates and charges(b)	126.2	134.0	134.0	0.0	6.2	1.87	1.87	—
House repairs and maintenance	149.3	151.6	152.8	0.8	2.3	2.83	2.85	0.02
Household furnishings, supplies and services	121.4	120.7	120.7	0.0	-0.6	10.80	10.80	—
Furniture and furnishings	130.9	129.1	129.3	0.2	-1.2	4.81	4.82	0.01
Furniture	133.4	130.5	131.5	0.8	-1.4	3.07	3.09	0.02
Floor and window coverings	135.3	136.8	137.6	0.6	1.7	1.10	1.10	—
Towels and linen	114.2	111.6	107.9	-3.3	-5.5	0.65	0.63	-0.02
Household appliances, utensils and tools	107.1	105.2	104.4	-0.8	-2.5	2.46	2.44	-0.02
Major household appliances	106.7	106.9	106.3	-0.6	-0.4	1.12	1.11	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	105.5	102.6	101.6	-1.0	-3.7	0.35	0.34	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	104.7	98.6	96.9	-1.7	-7.4	0.58	0.57	-0.01
Tools	112.0	111.9	112.1	0.2	0.1	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	130.6	131.6	131.9	0.2	1.0	2.56	2.56	—
Household cleaning agents	122.7	122.3	125.3	2.5	2.1	0.54	0.56	0.02
Other household supplies	134.3	135.8	135.4	-0.3	0.8	2.01	2.01	—
Household services	194.8	200.2	201.4	0.6	3.4	0.96	0.97	0.01
Health	189.1	195.5	201.6	3.1	6.6	7.17	7.39	0.22
Health services	198.9	205.8	214.4	4.2	7.8	5.57	5.80	0.23
Hospital and medical services	207.1	214.0	225.0	5.1	8.6	4.30	4.52	0.22
Optical services	137.6	139.7	140.7	0.7	2.3	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	189.3	197.8	199.8	1.0	5.5	1.05	1.06	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	147.3	151.9	150.8	-0.7	2.4	1.60	1.59	-0.01
Transportation	139.4	141.7	144.1	1.7	3.4	20.63	20.99	0.36
Private motoring	136.4	138.3	140.8	1.8	3.2	19.33	19.68	0.35
Motor vehicles	105.1	101.9	102.0	0.1	-2.9	7.19	7.20	0.01
Automotive fuel	148.0	156.2	165.3	5.8	11.7	5.91	6.25	0.34
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	136.2	139.5	139.9	0.3	2.7	3.23	3.24	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	113.1	114.1	113.4	-0.6	0.3	1.36	1.36	—
Other motoring charges	183.6	194.3	194.8	0.3	6.1	1.63	1.63	—
Urban transport fares	192.4	202.1	202.1	0.0	5.0	1.31	1.31	—
Communication	108.9	110.0	110.4	0.4	1.4	4.05	4.06	0.01
Postal	130.3	132.7	132.7	0.0	1.8	0.22	0.22	—
Telecommunication	106.8	107.8	108.3	0.5	1.4	3.83	3.84	0.01

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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS) INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Jun Qtr 2003	Mar Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2003 to Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Mar Qtr 2004 to Jun Qtr 2004
Recreation	131.5	129.7	129.3	-0.3	-1.7	16.75	16.70	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing	62.7	57.5	56.4	-1.9	-10.0	2.71	2.66	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing equipment	41.0	34.3	32.5	-5.2	-20.7	1.00	0.95	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing media and services	103.0	100.4	100.2	-0.2	-2.7	1.71	1.71	—
Books, newspapers and magazines	198.0	201.4	201.7	0.1	1.9	1.63	1.63	—
Books(b)	120.7	122.0	122.2	0.2	1.2	0.71	0.71	—
Newspapers and magazines(b)	130.9	133.8	133.9	0.1	2.3	0.92	0.92	—
Sport and other recreation	155.9	158.1	159.0	0.6	2.0	5.96	5.99	0.03
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	93.4	91.6	90.6	-1.1	-3.0	0.77	0.76	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	99.8	98.0	98.6	0.6	-1.2	0.66	0.67	0.01
Sports participation(b)	133.2	137.6	138.9	0.9	4.3	1.28	1.29	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	136.0	130.6	132.0	1.1	-2.9	0.57	0.58	0.01
Pet services including veterinary	185.8	190.5	193.2	1.4	4.0	0.51	0.52	0.01
Other recreational activities(b)	128.5	133.3	134.1	0.6	4.4	2.17	2.18	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	131.4	129.4	128.8	-0.5	-2.0	6.45	6.42	-0.03
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	129.9	135.8	133.5	-1.7	2.8	3.54	3.48	-0.06
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	131.9	121.4	122.6	1.0	-7.1	2.92	2.95	0.03
Education	214.8	231.4	231.5	0.0	7.8	4.20	4.20	—
Preschool and primary education(c)	119.1	128.1	128.4	0.2	7.8	0.81	0.82	0.01
Secondary education(c)	120.9	129.3	129.3	0.0	6.9	1.53	1.53	—
Tertiary education(c)	108.6	117.7	117.7	0.0	8.4	1.86	1.86	—
Miscellaneous	179.6	184.5	184.5	0.0	2.7	5.87	5.87	—
Insurance services	237.2	242.7	241.6	-0.5	1.9	2.22	2.21	-0.01
Personal care	149.1	150.8	151.0	0.1	1.3	3.00	3.01	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	163.7	169.8	170.7	0.5	4.3	1.14	1.14	—
Toiletries and personal care products	141.1	140.6	140.4	-0.1	-0.5	1.87	1.86	-0.01
Child care	158.4	177.4	179.2	1.0	13.1	0.65	0.66	0.01
All groups	141.3	144.1	144.8	0.5	2.5	144.1	144.8	0.7

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

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

(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0

	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2004 to</i>	<i>Jun Qtr 2003 to</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Jun Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2004 to</i>
	2003	2004	2004	<i>Jun Qtr 2004</i>	<i>Jun Qtr 2004</i>	2004	2004	<i>Jun Qtr 2004</i>
All groups	141.3	144.1	144.8	0.5	2.5	144.1	144.8	0.7
Selected components								
Goods component(b)	141.6	143.8	144.2	0.3	1.8	92.59	92.88	0.29
Services component(b)	141.6	145.4	146.5	0.8	3.5	51.51	51.88	0.37
Tradables component(b)(c)	111.4	111.8	112.0	0.2	0.5	64.72	64.85	0.13
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	121.7	125.8	126.7	0.7	4.1	79.38	79.91	0.53
All groups excluding								
Food	139.5	141.8	142.9	0.8	2.4	117.53	118.44	0.91
Alcohol and tobacco	136.3	138.8	139.4	0.4	2.3	132.64	133.22	0.58
Clothing and footwear	143.2	146.3	147.0	0.5	2.7	137.20	137.79	0.59
Housing	145.4	147.8	148.4	0.4	2.1	114.39	114.86	0.47
Household furnishings, supplies and services	144.6	147.8	148.6	0.5	2.8	133.30	133.97	0.67
Health	138.9	141.5	142.0	0.4	2.2	136.93	137.37	0.44
Transportation	141.7	144.6	144.9	0.2	2.3	123.46	123.78	0.32
Communication	141.8	144.7	145.4	0.5	2.5	140.05	140.70	0.65
Recreation	142.7	146.2	147.0	0.5	3.0	127.34	128.06	0.72
Education	140.4	143.0	143.7	0.5	2.4	139.90	140.57	0.67
Miscellaneous	139.8	142.5	143.2	0.5	2.4	138.23	138.90	0.67
Hospital and medical services	139.5	142.2	142.6	0.3	2.2	139.80	140.24	0.44

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

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

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index numbers(a)(b)

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'					Tradables(c)	Non-tradables(c)
				Goods	Services	Total				
2000-01	132.2	136.4	138.7	132.9	144.1	136.0		106.5	111.8	
2001-02	136.0	140.4	143.3	137.1	149.3	140.5		109.1	115.5	
2002-03	140.2	144.5	147.4	139.6	154.7	143.8		111.3	120.0	
2003-04	143.5	147.1	150.8	141.6	157.7	146.1		111.5	125.1	
2000										
June	126.2	130.8	132.7	128.0	135.5	130.0		103.0	105.5	
September	130.9	134.9	137.4	131.5	143.3	134.8		105.2	110.9	
December	131.3	135.4	137.7	131.9	143.8	135.2		105.4	111.4	
2001										
March	132.7	137.0	139.1	133.3	144.2	136.3		106.9	112.2	
June	133.8	138.4	140.4	135.0	145.0	137.7		108.4	112.6	
September	134.2	138.4	141.4	135.7	146.4	138.6		107.8	113.8	
December	135.4	139.8	142.7	137.0	148.4	140.1		108.7	114.9	
2002										
March	136.6	141.1	144.1	137.6	150.5	141.2		109.4	116.2	
June	137.6	142.1	145.0	138.2	151.8	142.0		110.3	116.9	
September	138.5	142.8	146.0	138.4	153.5	142.7		110.3	118.4	
December	139.5	143.9	146.8	139.2	154.5	143.5		111.1	119.2	
2003										
March	141.3	145.7	148.0	139.9	155.2	144.2		112.4	120.8	
June	141.3	145.4	148.9	140.8	155.6	144.9		111.4	121.7	
September	142.1	145.8	149.8	141.3	156.2	145.5		111.1	123.3	
December	142.8	146.5	150.3	141.4	157.9	146.1		111.1	124.4	
2004										
March	144.1	147.8	151.1	141.5	158.0	146.1		111.8	125.8	
June	144.8	148.4	151.8	142.0	158.6	146.7		112.0	126.7	

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

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

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES

EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'			Tradables	Non-tradables
				Goods	Services	Total		
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)								
2000-01	6.0	5.4	5.5	4.6	7.7	5.5	4.3	7.5
2001-02	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	3.3
2002-03	3.1	2.9	2.9	1.8	3.6	2.3	2.0	3.9
2003-04	2.4	1.8	2.3	1.4	1.9	1.6	0.2	4.3

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

2000								
June	3.2	2.7	2.6	1.8	3.8	2.4	2.0	4.2
September	6.1	5.1	5.5	4.3	8.5	5.6	3.4	8.4
December	5.8	5.3	5.1	4.0	7.8	5.2	3.8	7.6
2001								
March	6.0	5.6	5.5	4.6	7.5	5.5	4.8	7.1
June	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.9	5.2	6.7
September	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.6
December	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.1
2002								
March	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.4	3.6	2.3	3.6
June	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.4	4.7	3.1	1.8	3.8
September	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.0	4.8	3.0	2.3	4.0
December	3.0	2.9	2.9	1.6	4.1	2.4	2.2	3.7
2003								
March	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	3.1	2.1	2.7	4.0
June	2.7	2.3	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.0	1.0	4.1
September	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.0	0.7	4.1
December	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.6	2.2	1.8	0.0	4.4
2004								
March	2.0	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.8	1.3	-0.5	4.1
June	2.5	2.1	1.9	0.9	1.9	1.2	0.5	4.1

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

2000								
June	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7
September	3.7	3.1	3.5	2.7	5.8	3.7	2.1	5.1
December	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
2001								
March	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.7
June	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.4
September	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7	-0.6	1.1
December	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.0
2002								
March	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.1
June	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.6
September	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	1.3
December	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
2003								
March	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.3
June	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	-0.9	0.7
September	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.3	1.3
December	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.9
2004								
March	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	1.1
June	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7

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

<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>
2000-01	136.4	123.5	164.8	402.6	111.0	179.2	123.0	130.9	128.1	135.3	123.7	141.4
2001-02	140.4	127.0	162.5	458.3	107.7	185.0	122.7	130.6	130.3	136.4	126.0	143.5
2002-03	144.5	129.5	159.2	495.8	106.4	190.9	123.1	130.5	135.2	138.9	127.4	145.8
2003-04	147.1	130.2	nya	nya	nya	197.4	nya	131.1	136.9	141.8	128.9	147.9
2000												
June	130.8	119.8	165.9	369.7	111.4	172.9	121.0	130.3	126.2	132.8	122.4	140.7
September	134.9	121.8	165.4	376.7	111.0	176.1	122.2	131.3	127.3	133.7	122.9	140.5
December	135.4	123.4	165.5	403.3	111.2	177.6	122.8	132.4	127.5	134.6	123.0	141.2
2001												
March	137.0	123.8	163.7	406.1	110.9	180.6	123.5	129.8	127.9	135.7	123.7	140.9
June	138.4	125.1	164.4	424.4	110.8	182.5	123.3	129.9	129.8	137.1	125.2	143.0
September	138.4	125.8	164.0	435.3	108.8	183.7	123.3	130.4	130.1	136.7	125.4	142.9
December	139.8	126.5	163.4	453.8	108.3	183.3	122.5	131.6	128.7	135.8	125.2	143.2
2002												
March	141.1	127.1	161.4	470.1	107.0	185.1	122.3	130.1	129.9	135.7	126.6	143.4
June	142.1	128.5	161.2	473.8	106.8	187.7	122.8	130.4	132.5	137.3	126.8	144.6
September	142.8	129.0	160.4	480.5	106.6	188.2	122.9	130.5	134.1	137.7	127.1	144.5
December	143.9	129.6	160.0	498.6	106.5	189.1	122.9	131.1	134.5	138.2	126.8	145.4
2003												
March	145.7	129.8	158.5	500.9	106.0	192.7	123.5	130.1	136.2	139.7	127.9	146.0
June	145.4	129.5	157.9	503.3	106.5	193.7	123.2	130.3	135.8	140.1	127.7	147.1
September	145.8	129.5	157.1	509.8	106.3	194.0	123.8	129.4	136.2	140.6	128.1	147.1
December	146.5	130.0	158.4	523.2	106.1	195.8	124.1	131.1	136.0	140.6	128.1	147.7
2004												
March	147.8	130.2	159.2	526.4	105.8	199.1	125.7	131.2	136.9	141.8	129.2	147.9
June	148.4	131.0	nya	nya	nya	200.5	nya	132.6	138.6	144.0	130.2	148.9

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

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

<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>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)												
2000-01	5.4	4.0	-1.1	9.7	-0.5	4.1	1.9	1.2	2.5	3.4	1.2	1.5
2001-02	2.9	2.8	-1.4	13.8	-3.0	3.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	0.8	1.9	1.5
2002-03	2.9	2.0	-2.0	8.2	-1.2	3.2	0.3	-0.1	3.8	1.8	1.1	1.6
2003-04	1.8	0.5	nya	nya	nya	3.4	nya	0.5	1.3	2.1	1.2	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
2000												
June	2.7	1.9	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	1.8	1.4	2.2	2.3	3.4	0.7	1.5
September	5.1	3.4	-1.4	4.6	-0.8	3.5	1.7	2.3	2.3	3.5	0.8	1.5
December	5.3	4.4	-1.0	9.7	-0.6	3.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	3.4	1.0	1.5
2001												
March	5.6	4.1	-1.2	9.5	-0.2	4.5	1.8	0.7	2.4	3.4	1.0	1.3
June	5.8	4.4	-0.9	14.8	-0.5	5.6	1.9	-0.3	2.9	3.2	2.3	1.6
September	2.6	3.3	-0.8	15.6	-2.0	4.3	0.9	-0.7	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.7
December	3.2	2.5	-1.3	12.5	-2.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.4
2002												
March	3.0	2.7	-1.4	15.8	-3.5	2.5	-1.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	2.3	1.8
June	2.7	2.7	-1.9	11.6	-3.6	2.8	-0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	1.3	1.1
September	3.2	2.5	-2.2	10.4	-2.0	2.4	-0.3	0.1	3.1	0.7	1.4	1.1
December	2.9	2.5	-2.1	9.9	-1.7	3.2	0.4	-0.4	4.5	1.8	1.3	1.5
2003												
March	3.3	2.1	-1.8	6.6	-0.9	4.1	1.0	0.0	4.8	2.9	1.0	1.8
June	2.3	0.8	-2.0	6.2	-0.3	3.2	0.4	-0.1	2.5	2.0	0.7	1.7
September	2.1	0.4	-2.1	6.1	-0.3	3.1	0.7	-0.8	1.6	2.1	0.8	1.8
December	1.8	0.3	-1.0	4.9	-0.4	3.5	1.0	0.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.6
2004												
March	1.4	0.3	0.4	5.1	-0.2	3.3	1.8	0.8	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.3
June	2.1	1.2	nya	nya	nya	3.5	nya	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.0	1.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
2000												
June	0.8	0.8	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	-0.1	1.2
September	3.1	1.7	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.4	-0.1
December	0.4	1.3	0.1	7.1	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.5
2001												
March	1.2	0.3	-1.1	0.7	-0.3	1.7	0.5	-2.0	0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.2
June	1.0	1.1	0.4	4.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.1	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.5
September	0.0	0.6	-0.2	2.6	-1.8	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
December	1.0	0.6	-0.4	4.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.2
2002												
March	0.9	0.5	-1.2	3.6	-1.2	1.0	-0.2	-1.1	0.9	-0.1	1.1	0.1
June	0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	1.4	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.8
September	0.5	0.4	-0.5	1.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1
December	0.8	0.5	-0.2	3.8	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.6
2003												
March	1.3	0.2	-0.9	0.5	-0.5	1.9	0.5	-0.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.4
June	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.8
September	0.3	0.0	-0.5	1.3	-0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0
December	0.5	0.4	0.8	2.6	-0.2	0.9	0.3	1.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
2004												
March	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.6	-0.3	1.7	1.3	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.1
June	0.4	0.6	nya	nya	nya	0.7	nya	1.1	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.7

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

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 furnishings, supplies and services
- health
- transportation
- communication
- recreation
- education
- miscellaneous.

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* (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, petrol, alcohol, 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 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 89 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the fourteenth 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 fourteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current weighting pattern for the CPI is given in *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0) and *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0) which 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:
June Quarter 2004	144.8 (see Table 1)
less March Quarter 2004	144.1 (see Table 1)
Change in index points	0.7
Percentage change	$0.7/144.1 \times 100 = 0.5\%$

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 2.12 index points to the total All groups index number of 144.8 for June Quarter 2004. 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, 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), Alcohol and tobacco group, Clothing and footwear group (except Clothing services and shoe repair) and Household furnishings, supplies and services group (except Household services); 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, Pets, pet foods and supplies and Toiletries and personal care products 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.
- *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, Health, Other motoring charges, Urban transport fares, Postal, Education and Child care.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

13 A detailed description of the special and analytical series was published in Appendix 1 to the September quarter 2000 issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0). 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.

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 11 presents indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and broadly comparable to the Australian series '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.

16 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 shelter or data to enable their derivation.

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