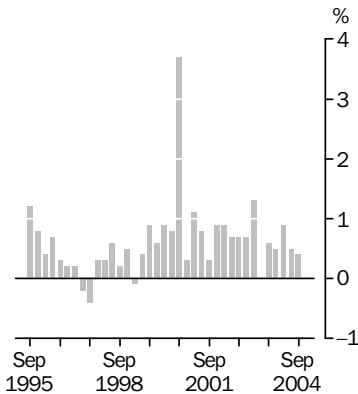


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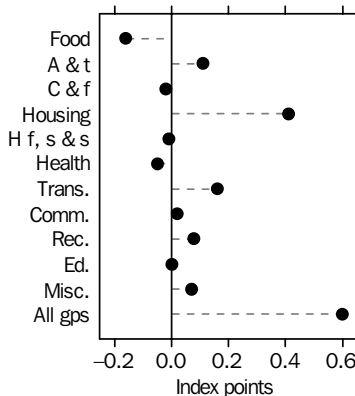
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All Groups
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change
September quarter 2004



KEY FIGURES

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF
EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES**

	<i>Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004</i>	<i>Sep Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2004</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
Food	-0.6	2.1
Alcohol and tobacco	0.9	3.4
Clothing and footwear	-0.2	-0.7
Housing	1.4	3.6
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.1	-0.7
Health	-0.7	5.8
Transportation	0.8	2.8
Communication	0.5	1.1
Recreation	0.5	-0.1
Education	0.0	7.6
Miscellaneous	1.2	2.5
All groups	0.4	2.3
All groups excluding Housing	0.2	2.0

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.4% in the September quarter 2004, compared with 0.5% in the June quarter 2004
- rose 2.3% through the year to September quarter 2004.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- Contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in automotive fuel (+3.3%), house purchase (+1.1%), property rates and charges (+5.1%), electricity (+2.3%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+2.2%), motor vehicle repairs and servicing (+1.6%), beer (+1.0%) and tobacco (+1.1%).
- Partially offsetting these increases were falls in vegetables (-7.7%), motor vehicles (-1.8%), pharmaceuticals (-4.4%), fruit (-2.2%), audio, visual and computing media and services (-2.0%) and women's outerwear (-1.8%).
- Contributing most to the annual increase were rises in automotive fuel (+12.0%), house purchase (+4.7%), hospital and medical services (+7.7%), rents (+2.5%), fruit (+11.6%), tertiary education (+8.4%), beer (+4.2%) and tobacco (+3.7%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in motor vehicles (-4.2%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-16.6%), audio, visual and computing media and services (-3.9%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-2.2%).

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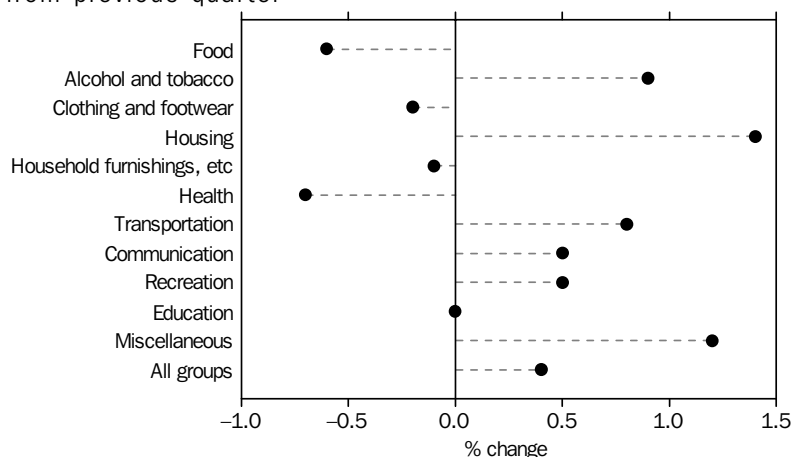
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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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).

HOUSING (+1.4%)

Prices for all components of housing rose this quarter. The main contributors to the increase were house purchase (+1.1%), property rates and charges (+5.1%), electricity (+2.3%), rents (+0.4%), water and sewerage (+2.3%) and house repairs and maintenance (+1.0%).

The house purchase index rose in all capital cities, except Adelaide, driven by increasing labour and material costs. The fall in Adelaide's house purchase was a result of a range of bonuses being offered by a number of the surveyed builders. The increase in property rates and charges, electricity and water and sewerage was mainly attributable to the annual review of these charges by State and local government authorities and utility providers.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, housing prices rose 3.6%. All components of housing increased with house purchase (+4.7%), rents (+2.5%), property rates and charges (+5.2%) and house repairs and maintenance (+2.4%) being the most significant contributors to the increase in overall housing prices.

FOOD (-0.6%)

The fall in food prices this quarter was mainly due to a decrease in the price of vegetables (-7.7%), fruit (-2.2%), pork (-5.7%) and bacon and ham (-4.0%). These decreases were partially offset by price rises for lamb and mutton (+4.8%), restaurant meals (+0.6%) and take away and fast foods (+0.5%).

Fruit and vegetable prices fell for the second consecutive quarter but were still above prices for the corresponding period twelve months ago. In the September quarter 2004, price falls associated with abundant supplies of lettuces, tomatoes and seasonal winter vegetables such as broccoli and cauliflower, more than offset small price rises for cabbages and celery. For fruit, significant price falls for citrus fruit, strawberries and kiwi fruit, which were also associated with plentiful supplies, more than offset moderate price increases for apples, bananas and melons.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

FOOD (-0.6%) *continued*

Underpinning the fall in pork, bacon and ham prices was a high supply of imported pork meat. The increase in lamb and mutton prices follows on from the record prices being attained for lamb at the saleyard, as a result of low supplies due to the drought.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, food prices rose 2.1%. The main contributors to the increase were fruit (+11.6%), restaurant meals (+3.9%), take away and fast foods (+2.6%) and soft drinks, waters and juices (+3.8%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the price of bread (-3.9%), bacon and ham (-3.8%), tea, coffee and food drinks (-2.7%) and food additives and condiments (-2.6%).

TRANSPORTATION (+0.8%)

The rise in transportation prices was mainly due to increases in automotive fuel (+3.3%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+1.6%) and other motoring charges (+1.6%), such as motor vehicle registration, drivers' licences and parking fees. Partially offsetting these increases was a fall in the price of motor vehicles (-1.8%).

There were few changes in the list prices of motor vehicles in the September quarter. However, competitive pricing between dealers to clear stocks before new models arrive in December quarter and the offering of incentives such as bonus inclusions, drive-away deals and factory cash-back offers, resulted in the observed price fall. Prices for both locally produced and imported motor vehicles fell in the quarter.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, transportation prices rose 2.8%. Increases in automotive fuel (+12.0%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+3.0%) and other motoring charges (+3.2%) more than offset a fall in motor vehicles (-4.2%).

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+0.9%)

Prices for all components of alcohol and tobacco rose this quarter. Beer rose 1.0%, tobacco 1.1%, wine 0.5% and spirits 0.9%.

The increase for beer, spirits and tobacco was mainly due to the indexed adjustment to the rate of Federal excise and customs duties from 1 August 2004.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, alcohol and tobacco prices rose 3.4%. Prices for beer (+4.2%), tobacco (+3.7%), wine (+2.4%) and spirits (+2.6%) all rose.

RECREATION (+0.5%)

The rise in the recreation index this quarter was mainly due to increases in overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+2.2%), sports participation (+1.7%) and pets, pet foods and supplies (+3.2%). These increases were partially offset by decreases in audio, visual and computing media and services (-2.0%) and audio, visual and computing equipment (-2.5%).

The rise in overseas holiday travel and accommodation was attributable to increased air fares to all surveyed destinations, in particular, coinciding with the shoulder/peak season in Asia and the peak season in Europe and North America. Price discounting on computer stationery such as ink cartridges, printing paper and CDs was largely responsible for the fall in audio, visual and computing media and services, while continuing discounting on a number of home entertainment items by retailers, contributed to the fall in audio, visual and computing equipment.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

RECREATION (+0.5%)

continued

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, the recreation index fell 0.1%. Falls in audio, visual and computing equipment (-16.6%), audio, visual and computing media and services (-3.9%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-2.2%) more than offset increases in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+3.6%), other recreational activities including cinema and theatre admission (+4.4%), and sports participation (+4.3%).

MISCELLANEOUS (+1.2%)

The rise in prices in the miscellaneous group was attributable to increases in child care (+4.6%), insurance services (+1.1%), toiletries and personal care products (+0.6%) and hairdressing and personal care services (+0.7%).

Child care costs rose at most of the surveyed providers due to increased operating costs.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, prices for the miscellaneous group rose 2.5%. Child care (+10.3%), hairdressing and personal care services (+3.9%), insurance services (+1.4%) and toiletries and personal care products (+0.5%) all increased.

HEALTH (-0.7%)

The fall in health costs in the September quarter was due to a fall in the net cost of pharmaceuticals (-4.4%) as a direct result of the cyclical effect of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net. Small increases in hospital and medical services (+0.1%) and dental services (+1.0%) partially offset this decrease.

The 0.1% rise in hospital and medical services was the smallest increase in this index since the introduction of the Federal Government's 30% rebate on private health insurance in March quarter 1999. An increase in general fees for a number of medical practitioners' and hospital charges was largely offset by a small increase in bulk billing ratios for some services and the negative impact on out-of-hospital medical expenses of the Medicare Plus safety net which was introduced in the March quarter this year.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, health costs rose 5.8%. Hospital and medical services (+7.7%), dental services (+5.2%) and pharmaceuticals (+1.5%) were the main contributors to this increase.

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

For the sixth consecutive quarter, the increase in the All groups CPI was largely driven by domestic price pressures. The non-tradables component (see table 8), which represents approximately 55% of the CPI, increased by 0.9% while the tradables component decreased by 0.1%. Within non-tradables, the services component rose 0.8%, driven largely by increases in property rates and charges, motor vehicle repair and servicing, house repairs and maintenance, rents, other motoring charges and child care. The non-tradables goods component rose 0.9% with house purchase, electricity, beer and water and sewerage being the main contributors.

Within tradables, the goods component fell 0.2%. Significant contributors to this fall were vegetables, motor vehicles, pharmaceuticals, fruit, audio, visual and computing media and services and women's outerwear, while automotive fuel and tobacco provided the most significant offsetting price increases.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

TRADABLES AND
NON-TRADABLES *continued*

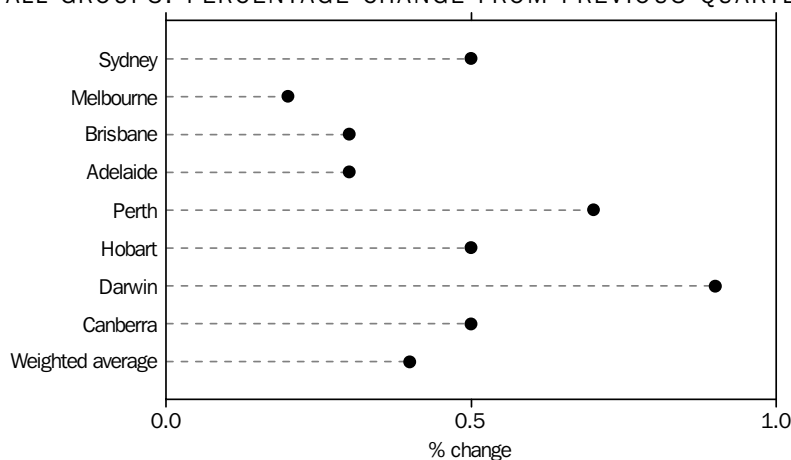
Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, non-tradables rose 3.6% and tradables rose 0.7%. This compares with increases of 4.1% and 0.5%, respectively, for these components in the twelve months to June quarter 2004.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the CPI rose in all capital cities in the September quarter 2004. The increases ranged from 0.2% in Melbourne to 0.9% in Darwin. The higher result in Darwin was mainly due to that city recording increases in recreation and alcohol and tobacco which were well above the national average.

The lower result in Melbourne was largely due to that city recording an increase in transportation costs which was half the national average and the equal largest fall in food prices (with Hobart) of all capital cities.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2004, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 1.7% in Melbourne to 2.8% in Hobart.

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	NUMBER(a)		
	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2004
Sydney	146.2	0.5	2.7
Melbourne	144.2	0.2	1.7
Brisbane	146.8	0.3	2.4
Adelaide	149.0	0.3	2.5
Perth	142.0	0.7	2.5
Hobart	145.0	0.5	2.8
Darwin	140.8	0.9	2.2
Canberra	145.5	0.5	2.5
Weighted average of eight capital cities	145.4	0.4	2.3

(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									
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
September	146.2	144.2	146.8	149.0	142.0	145.0	140.8	145.5	145.4

(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									
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
September	2.7	1.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2000									
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
September	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.4

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						
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
September	152.4	222.5	112.5	123.2	120.6	200.1

(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						
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
September	145.2	110.9	129.9	231.5	186.8	145.4

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

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household 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						
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
September	2.1	3.4	-0.7	3.6	-0.7	5.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2000						
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
September	-0.6	0.9	-0.2	1.4	-0.1	-0.7

<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						
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
September	2.8	1.1	-0.1	7.6	2.5	2.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2000						
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
September	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.2	0.4

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
2002									
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
September	152.8	151.5	152.5	155.8	151.8	148.4	148.0	156.4	152.4
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2002									
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
September	229.1	222.3	219.8	228.3	207.4	213.9	215.0	209.9	222.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2002									
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
September	115.5	113.4	106.5	111.7	107.4	105.2	105.4	114.6	112.5
HOUSING									
2002									
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
September	129.4	112.0	133.5	124.2	116.5	124.5	135.8	129.0	123.2

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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									
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
September	119.7	121.0	123.0	120.2	117.7	128.5	111.0	125.3	120.6
HEALTH									
2002									
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
September	185.9	213.2	202.6	205.5	191.9	221.3	186.4	197.4	200.1
TRANSPORTATION									
2002									
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
September	146.8	144.7	143.4	147.4	144.3	141.5	139.0	143.3	145.2
COMMUNICATION									
2002									
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
September	110.5	110.7	114.4	112.3	109.2	111.9	102.6	109.6	110.9

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
2002									
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
September	133.0	129.8	126.5	131.6	125.8	125.0	110.3	127.3	129.9
EDUCATION									
2002									
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
September	239.3	221.7	248.9	266.5	214.9	241.5	167.0	213.6	231.5
MISCELLANEOUS									
2002									
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
September	190.3	175.8	197.3	180.4	195.2	184.4	178.3	219.9	186.8

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Food	-0.17	-0.24	-0.14	-0.16	0.07	-0.23	-0.07	-0.16	-0.16
Dairy and related products	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01
Milk	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	—	0.01
Cheese	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
Bread and cereal products	0.01	-0.04	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02	—	-0.01	0.04	-0.01
Bread	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.04	-0.01
Breakfast cereals	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01
Other cereal products	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01
Meat and seafoods	0.01	-0.08	0.01	-0.06	0.02	-0.05	-0.04	-0.01	-0.02
Beef and veal	0.01	-0.04	0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01
Lamb and mutton	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	—	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02
Pork	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	-0.03	-0.02
Poultry	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.06	0.03	0.02	-0.04	0.01	-0.01
Bacon and ham	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.02
Other fresh and processed meat	—	0.01	0.01	-0.02	—	-0.05	—	-0.02	—
Fish and other seafood	0.01	-0.03	0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	-0.24	-0.17	-0.23	-0.17	-0.02	-0.28	-0.09	-0.19	-0.18
Fruit	-0.06	-0.03	-0.01	-0.07	-0.01	-0.08	-0.04	-0.06	-0.04
Vegetables	-0.19	-0.14	-0.22	-0.11	—	-0.19	-0.05	-0.14	-0.15
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.04	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.03	0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.02
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.03	—	0.03	-0.04	0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	0.01	0.01	-0.02	0.03	0.01	—	—	0.03	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.05
Restaurant meals	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.02
Take away and fast foods	—	0.03	0.02	0.08	0.04	—	0.05	0.04	0.02
Other food	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.05	-0.01
Eggs	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	—
Food additives and condiments	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.01
Fats and oils	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	0.01
Food n.e.c.	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	0.12	0.08	0.12	0.03	0.13	0.21	0.27	0.14	0.11
Alcoholic drinks	0.07	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.08	0.13	0.19	0.11	0.06
Beer	0.05	0.02	0.03	—	0.03	0.09	0.21	0.09	0.04
Wine	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	—	0.01	0.01
Spirits	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Tobacco	0.05	0.04	0.06	—	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.02	0.04
Clothing and footwear	-0.03	0.03	0.01	-0.12	-0.04	-0.03	-0.05	-0.03	-0.02
Men's clothing	—	0.02	0.01	-0.05	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03	0.01
Men's outerwear	—	—	—	-0.03	-0.01	-0.04	—	-0.02	—
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	—	0.02	0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.02	—	—	0.01
Women's clothing	-0.05	-0.01	-0.05	-0.07	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04
Women's outerwear	-0.05	-0.03	-0.04	-0.05	-0.02	-0.06	-0.01	-0.04	-0.04
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	—	0.03	-0.01	0.01	—
Children's and infants' clothing	0.01	0.02	0.02	-0.02	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Footwear	—	0.01	0.04	0.04	—	—	-0.03	0.04	0.02
Men's footwear	0.01	0.02	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—
Women's footwear	—	—	0.04	0.03	—	—	-0.01	0.02	0.01
Children's footwear	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.05	0.02	0.01	—	-0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.07	0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01

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(a) All groups index points.

<i>Group, sub-group and expenditure class</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>
Housing	0.50	0.34	0.37	0.25	0.52	0.34	0.40	0.27	0.41
Rents	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.03
Utilities	0.25	-0.01	0.10	0.08	0.03	0.06	—	0.12	0.11
Electricity	0.20	-0.05	0.06	-0.05	—	—	—	0.04	0.06
Gas and other household fuels	0.02	—	—	0.10	0.03	—	—	0.05	0.02
Water and sewerage	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	—	0.06	—	0.03	0.03
Other housing	0.23	0.32	0.18	0.12	0.44	0.23	0.34	0.09	0.27
House purchase	0.12	0.15	0.09	-0.01	0.32	0.15	0.28	0.04	0.14
Property rates and charges	0.07	0.13	0.08	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.05	0.04	0.10
House repairs and maintenance	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.03	0.02	0.05	-0.05	-0.04	0.04	-0.03	0.05	-0.01
Furniture and furnishings	-0.04	0.01	0.04	-0.07	—	0.04	-0.05	-0.01	-0.01
Furniture	-0.04	-0.03	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	0.03	—	—	-0.02
Floor and window coverings	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.01
Towels and linen	-0.01	0.04	0.03	-0.04	0.01	—	-0.04	-0.02	0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	—	—	—	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.01	—
Major household appliances	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	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	0.02	—	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	—	-0.01
Tools	—	—	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—
Household supplies	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	-0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01
Household cleaning agents	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.02
Other household supplies	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.02
Household services	—	—	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—
Health	-0.07	-0.05	-0.03	-0.07	-0.03	-0.07	-0.01	-0.01	-0.05
Health services	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.02
Hospital and medical services	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.05	0.01
Optical services	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—
Dental services	—	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.08	-0.05	-0.09	-0.03	-0.07	-0.07
Transportation	0.22	0.09	0.12	0.29	0.10	0.23	0.16	0.09	0.16
Private motoring	0.22	0.10	0.16	0.27	0.10	0.22	0.16	0.06	0.16
Motor vehicles	-0.09	-0.14	-0.21	-0.07	-0.13	-0.09	-0.04	-0.20	-0.13
Automotive fuel	0.26	0.13	0.23	0.18	0.21	0.25	0.17	0.22	0.21
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.02	—	0.01	—	0.01	—
Other motoring charges	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.09	—	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03
Urban transport fares	—	—	-0.03	0.02	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01
Communication	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—
Telecommunication	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02

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(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	average of eight capital cities
Recreation	0.08	0.05	—	0.15	0.06	0.18	0.43	0.25	0.08
Audio, visual and computing	-0.08	-0.06	-0.05	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.06	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	—	-0.04
Books, newspapers and magazines	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01
Books	—	0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01
Newspapers and magazines	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—
Sport and other recreation	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.10	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06
Sports and recreational equipment	—	—	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	—	—
Toys, games and hobbies	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	—
Sports participation	0.01	0.04	—	0.03	—	0.02	—	0.01	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Pet services including veterinary	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—
Other recreational activities	0.01	—	—	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.06	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.11	0.03	0.01	0.08	0.06	0.13	0.41	0.20	0.07
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.03	-0.03	-0.05	—	-0.02	0.06	0.38	0.04	—
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.15	0.06
Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—
Preschool and primary education	—	—	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	0.07	0.06	0.03	0.08	0.15	0.04	0.04	0.12	0.07
Insurance services	0.05	—	-0.02	0.02	0.03	—	0.05	0.03	0.02
Personal care	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	0.04	0.02
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	0.03	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.01	—	0.02	0.02
Child care	—	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.12	0.03	-0.01	0.05	0.03
All groups	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.4	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.6

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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
	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004
Food	149.3	153.3	152.4	-0.6	2.1	26.33	26.17	-0.16
Dairy and related products	158.3	161.3	161.9	0.4	2.3	2.12	2.13	0.01
Milk	171.9	176.0	177.1	0.6	3.0	1.11	1.12	0.01
Cheese	131.4	135.3	137.6	1.7	4.7	0.51	0.52	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	159.0	158.6	156.2	-1.5	-1.8	0.50	0.49	-0.01
Bread and cereal products	164.6	163.1	162.3	-0.5	-1.4	3.13	3.12	-0.01
Bread	189.5	181.2	182.1	0.5	-3.9	1.11	1.12	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	150.9	153.5	152.6	-0.6	1.1	1.30	1.29	-0.01
Breakfast cereals	140.4	140.9	137.9	-2.1	-1.8	0.36	0.35	-0.01
Other cereal products	142.1	141.4	139.4	-1.4	-1.9	0.36	0.35	-0.01
Meat and seafoods	138.9	141.0	140.2	-0.6	0.9	4.02	4.00	-0.02
Beef and veal	147.5	147.8	146.5	-0.9	-0.7	0.89	0.88	-0.01
Lamb and mutton	201.4	198.5	208.0	4.8	3.3	0.51	0.53	0.02
Pork	143.3	146.2	137.9	-5.7	-3.8	0.30	0.28	-0.02
Poultry	98.7	104.3	104.1	-0.2	5.5	0.68	0.67	-0.01
Bacon and ham	134.7	135.0	129.6	-4.0	-3.8	0.38	0.36	-0.02
Other fresh and processed meat	148.5	152.0	151.7	-0.2	2.2	0.67	0.67	—
Fish and other seafood	122.5	123.6	122.7	-0.7	0.2	0.61	0.60	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	129.7	144.5	137.0	-5.2	5.6	3.59	3.41	-0.18
Fruit	140.8	160.8	157.2	-2.2	11.6	1.64	1.60	-0.04
Vegetables	123.3	134.7	124.3	-7.7	0.8	1.96	1.81	-0.15
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	151.3	154.2	155.3	0.7	2.6	3.44	3.46	0.02
Soft drinks, waters and juices	134.0	137.9	139.1	0.9	3.8	1.71	1.72	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	173.3	174.8	175.8	0.6	1.4	1.73	1.74	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	156.0	160.0	160.9	0.6	3.1	7.65	7.70	0.05
Restaurant meals	158.1	163.2	164.2	0.6	3.9	3.16	3.18	0.02
Take away and fast foods	156.0	159.2	160.0	0.5	2.6	4.49	4.51	0.02
Other food	143.7	143.6	142.9	-0.5	-0.6	2.36	2.35	-0.01
Eggs	183.6	178.4	176.9	-0.8	-3.6	0.18	0.18	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	176.5	178.1	177.3	-0.4	0.5	0.27	0.27	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	137.2	133.1	133.5	0.3	-2.7	0.40	0.40	—
Food additives and condiments	131.7	128.7	128.3	-0.3	-2.6	0.44	0.43	-0.01
Fats and oils	137.5	138.0	140.3	1.7	2.0	0.31	0.32	0.01
Food n.e.c.	139.8	143.9	141.5	-1.7	1.2	0.76	0.75	-0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	215.2	220.5	222.5	0.9	3.4	11.54	11.65	0.11
Alcoholic drinks	158.9	162.8	164.2	0.9	3.3	7.62	7.68	0.06
Beer	167.6	172.8	174.6	1.0	4.2	3.71	3.75	0.04
Wine	143.9	146.6	147.4	0.5	2.4	2.41	2.42	0.01
Spirits	158.7	161.4	162.8	0.9	2.6	1.50	1.51	0.01
Tobacco	369.5	379.0	383.1	1.1	3.7	3.93	3.97	0.04
Clothing and footwear	113.3	112.7	112.5	-0.2	-0.7	6.98	6.96	-0.02
Men's clothing	111.6	109.5	109.6	0.1	-1.8	1.26	1.27	0.01
Men's outerwear	109.3	107.7	107.2	-0.5	-1.9	1.05	1.05	—
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	124.0	119.4	122.8	2.8	-1.0	0.21	0.22	0.01
Women's clothing	117.1	118.9	117.0	-1.6	-0.1	2.49	2.45	-0.04
Women's outerwear	112.0	113.7	111.6	-1.8	-0.4	1.96	1.92	-0.04
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	136.9	139.1	138.1	-0.7	0.9	0.53	0.53	—
Children's and infants' clothing	119.6	116.4	118.2	1.5	-1.2	0.65	0.66	0.01
Footwear	99.1	97.4	98.8	1.4	-0.3	1.08	1.10	0.02
Men's footwear	96.6	92.1	94.5	2.6	-2.2	0.33	0.33	—
Women's footwear	102.1	101.8	103.2	1.4	1.1	0.51	0.52	0.01
Children's footwear	98.5	97.8	97.9	0.1	-0.6	0.24	0.24	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	108.0	107.0	106.7	-0.3	-1.2	1.50	1.49	-0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	97.3	94.9	94.0	-0.9	-3.4	0.78	0.77	-0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	112.9	111.6	111.9	0.3	-0.9	0.16	0.16	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	167.6	169.5	170.6	0.6	1.8	0.56	0.57	0.01

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	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004
Housing	118.9	121.5	123.2	1.4	3.6	29.91	30.32	0.41
Rents	137.4	140.3	140.9	0.4	2.5	7.81	7.84	0.03
Utilities	149.9	150.8	154.1	2.2	2.8	5.03	5.14	0.11
Electricity	145.5	145.5	148.8	2.3	2.3	2.61	2.67	0.06
Gas and other household fuels	163.3	166.8	169.8	1.8	4.0	1.16	1.18	0.02
Water and sewerage(b)	120.8	121.5	124.3	2.3	2.9	1.25	1.28	0.03
Other housing	112.4	115.5	117.3	1.6	4.4	17.07	17.34	0.27
House purchase(b)	134.5	139.3	140.8	1.1	4.7	12.35	12.49	0.14
Property rates and charges(b)	133.9	134.0	140.9	5.1	5.2	1.87	1.97	0.10
House repairs and maintenance	150.8	152.8	154.4	1.0	2.4	2.85	2.88	0.03
Household furnishings, supplies and services	121.5	120.7	120.6	-0.1	-0.7	10.80	10.79	-0.01
Furniture and furnishings	130.9	129.3	128.9	-0.3	-1.5	4.82	4.81	-0.01
Furniture	132.6	131.5	130.4	-0.8	-1.7	3.09	3.07	-0.02
Floor and window coverings	136.5	137.6	138.2	0.4	1.2	1.10	1.11	0.01
Towels and linen	115.3	107.9	109.3	1.3	-5.2	0.63	0.64	0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	107.0	104.4	104.2	-0.2	-2.6	2.44	2.44	—
Major household appliances	107.0	106.3	106.4	0.1	-0.6	1.11	1.11	—
Small electric household appliances	105.7	101.6	100.9	-0.7	-4.5	0.34	0.34	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	103.5	96.9	96.2	-0.7	-7.1	0.57	0.56	-0.01
Tools	111.7	112.1	112.0	-0.1	0.3	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	130.8	131.9	132.4	0.4	1.2	2.56	2.57	0.01
Household cleaning agents	123.5	125.3	122.0	-2.6	-1.2	0.56	0.54	-0.02
Other household supplies	134.4	135.4	136.9	1.1	1.9	2.01	2.03	0.02
Household services	196.1	201.4	202.9	0.7	3.5	0.97	0.97	—
Health	189.1	201.6	200.1	-0.7	5.8	7.39	7.34	-0.05
Health services	201.0	214.4	215.1	0.3	7.0	5.80	5.82	0.02
Hospital and medical services	209.1	225.0	225.3	0.1	7.7	4.52	4.53	0.01
Optical services	138.7	140.7	141.8	0.8	2.2	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	191.9	199.8	201.8	1.0	5.2	1.06	1.07	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	142.0	150.8	144.1	-4.4	1.5	1.59	1.52	-0.07
Transportation	141.3	144.1	145.2	0.8	2.8	20.99	21.15	0.16
Private motoring	138.1	140.8	142.0	0.9	2.8	19.68	19.84	0.16
Motor vehicles	104.6	102.0	100.2	-1.8	-4.2	7.20	7.07	-0.13
Automotive fuel	152.5	165.3	170.8	3.3	12.0	6.25	6.46	0.21
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	137.9	139.9	142.1	1.6	3.0	3.24	3.29	0.05
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	112.8	113.4	113.9	0.4	1.0	1.36	1.36	—
Other motoring charges	191.9	194.8	198.0	1.6	3.2	1.63	1.66	0.03
Urban transport fares	197.9	202.1	201.8	-0.1	2.0	1.31	1.30	-0.01
Communication	109.7	110.4	110.9	0.5	1.1	4.06	4.08	0.02
Postal	131.0	132.7	133.2	0.4	1.7	0.22	0.22	—
Telecommunication	107.6	108.3	108.8	0.5	1.1	3.84	3.86	0.02

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	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004
Recreation	130.0	129.3	129.9	0.5	-0.1	16.70	16.78	0.08
Audio, visual and computing	60.5	56.4	55.1	-2.3	-8.9	2.66	2.60	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing equipment	38.0	32.5	31.7	-2.5	-16.6	0.95	0.92	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing media and services	102.2	100.2	98.2	-2.0	-3.9	1.71	1.67	-0.04
Books, newspapers and magazines	199.6	201.7	202.2	0.2	1.3	1.63	1.64	0.01
Books(b)	121.3	122.2	122.8	0.5	1.2	0.71	0.72	0.01
Newspapers and magazines(b)	132.3	133.9	134.1	0.1	1.4	0.92	0.92	—
Sport and other recreation	156.4	159.0	160.6	1.0	2.7	5.99	6.05	0.06
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	93.1	90.6	90.8	0.2	-2.5	0.76	0.76	—
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	97.6	98.6	98.7	0.1	1.1	0.67	0.67	—
Sports participation(b)	135.4	138.9	141.2	1.7	4.3	1.29	1.31	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	135.6	132.0	136.2	3.2	0.4	0.58	0.60	0.02
Pet services including veterinary	187.4	193.2	194.7	0.8	3.9	0.52	0.52	—
Other recreational activities(b)	129.3	134.1	135.0	0.7	4.4	2.18	2.19	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	129.0	128.8	130.1	1.0	0.9	6.42	6.49	0.07
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	128.8	133.5	133.5	0.0	3.6	3.48	3.48	—
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	128.1	122.6	125.3	2.2	-2.2	2.95	3.01	0.06
Education	215.1	231.5	231.5	0.0	7.6	4.20	4.20	—
Preschool and primary education(c)	120.1	128.4	128.6	0.2	7.1	0.82	0.82	—
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	182.2	184.5	186.8	1.2	2.5	5.87	5.94	0.07
Insurance services	240.8	241.6	244.2	1.1	1.4	2.21	2.23	0.02
Personal care	149.4	151.0	152.0	0.7	1.7	3.01	3.03	0.02
Hairdressing and personal care services	165.5	170.7	171.9	0.7	3.9	1.14	1.15	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	140.6	140.4	141.3	0.6	0.5	1.86	1.88	0.02
Child care	169.9	179.2	187.4	4.6	10.3	0.66	0.69	0.03
All groups	142.1	144.8	145.4	0.4	2.3	144.8	145.4	0.6

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 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
	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004	Sep Qtr 2004	Jun Qtr 2004 to Sep Qtr 2004
All groups	142.1	144.8	145.4	0.4	2.3	144.8	145.4	0.6
Selected components								
Goods component(b)	142.1	144.2	144.5	0.2	1.7	92.88	93.02	0.14
Services component(b)	142.8	146.5	147.8	0.9	3.5	51.88	52.36	0.48
Tradables component(b)(c)	111.1	112.0	111.9	-0.1	0.7	64.85	64.77	-0.08
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	123.3	126.7	127.8	0.9	3.6	79.91	80.61	0.70
All groups excluding								
Food	140.5	142.9	143.9	0.7	2.4	118.44	119.21	0.77
Alcohol and tobacco	136.9	139.4	139.9	0.4	2.2	133.22	133.73	0.51
Clothing and footwear	144.1	147.0	147.6	0.4	2.4	137.79	138.42	0.63
Housing	145.8	148.4	148.7	0.2	2.0	114.86	115.06	0.20
Household furnishings, supplies and services	145.5	148.6	149.3	0.5	2.6	133.97	134.59	0.62
Health	139.7	142.0	142.7	0.5	2.1	137.37	138.04	0.67
Transportation	142.3	144.9	145.5	0.4	2.2	123.78	124.23	0.45
Communication	142.6	145.4	146.0	0.4	2.4	140.70	141.30	0.60
Recreation	143.8	147.0	147.6	0.4	2.6	128.06	128.60	0.54
Education	141.3	143.7	144.3	0.4	2.1	140.57	141.18	0.61
Miscellaneous	140.5	143.2	143.7	0.3	2.3	138.90	139.44	0.54
Hospital and medical services	140.2	142.6	143.3	0.5	2.2	140.24	140.85	0.61

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(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										
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	
September	145.4	148.7	152.5	142.2	159.9	147.2		111.9	127.8	

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(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

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

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'				
				Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables
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								
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
September	2.3	2.0	1.8	0.6	2.4	1.2	0.7	3.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
2000								
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
September	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.9

(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	158.7	524.4	106.1	197.4	124.9	131.1	136.9	141.8	128.9	147.9
2000												
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	160.2	538.3	106.2	200.5	126.1	132.6	138.6	144.0	130.2	148.9
September	148.7	131.4	nya	nya	nya	203.2	nya	134.5	nya	144.3	130.6	148.6

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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	-0.3	5.8	-0.3	3.4	1.5	0.5	1.3	2.1	1.2	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
2000												
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	1.5	7.0	-0.3	3.5	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.0	1.2
September	2.0	1.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	4.7	n/a	3.9	n/a	2.6	2.0	1.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
2000												
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	0.6	2.3	0.4	0.7	0.3	1.1	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.7
September	0.2	0.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.3	n/a	1.4	n/a	0.2	0.3	-0.2

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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:
September Quarter 2004	145.4 (see table 1)
less June Quarter 2004	144.8 (see table 1)
Change in index points	0.6
Percentage change	$0.6/144.8 \times 100 = 0.4\%$

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

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

10 Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related products sub-group contributed 2.13 index points to the total All groups index number of 145.4 for September 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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18 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

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