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Variations in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra are shown herein.

2. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for June quarter 1972 increased by 0.9% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in individual cities were: Sydney +0.9%, Melbourne +1.0%, Brisbane +0.8%, Adelaide +0.7%, Perth +1.1%, Hobart +0.9%, Canberra +0.8%.

3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							
Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	
Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	
+1.3	+1.4	+1.1	+0.7	+1.5	+1.4	+0.6	+0.9	
+1.9	+2.0	+1.7	+2.0	+1.7	+1.7	+2.0	+3.2	
+1.1 +1.7	+1.0 +2.0	1	+1.6 +1.8	+1.0 +2.2	+1.1	+0.7 +1.2	+0.4 +1.8	
		1	_	-	+0.7 +2.8	+1.1 +3.3	+1.0 +1.9	
+1.1	+1.0	+0.8	+1.1	+0.9	+1.1	+0.5	+0.4 +0.8	
	Six Capitals (a) Per cent +1.3 +0.6 +1.9 +1.1 +1.7 +2.3 +1.1	Six Capitals Sydney (a) Per cent Per cent +1.3 +1.4 +0.6 +0.9 +1.9 +2.0 +1.1 +1.0 +1.7 +2.0 +1.7 +2.6 +2.3 +2.2	Six Capitals Sydney Melbourne (a) Per cent Per cent Per cent +1.3	Six Capitals Sydney Melbourne Brisbane (a) Per cent Per cent Per cent Per cent +1.3 +1.4 +1.1 +0.7 +0.6 +0.9 +0.5 +1.3 +1.9 +2.0 +1.7 +2.0 +1.1 +1.0 +1.0 +1.6 +1.7 +2.0 +1.3 +1.8 +1.7 +2.6 +1.1 +1.5 +2.3 +2.2 +2.7 +1.9 +1.1 +1.0 +0.8 +1.1	Six Capitals Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide (a) Per cent Per cent Per cent Per cent Per cent +1.3	Six Capitals Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth (a) Per cent Per cent Per cent Per cent Per cent Per cent +1.3 +1.4 +1.1 +0.7 +1.5 +1.4 +1.3 +1.4 +1.1 +0.7 +1.5 +1.4 +1.9 +2.0 +1.7 +1.7 +1.1 +1.0 +1.0 +1.6 +1.0 +1.1 +1.7 +2.0 +1.3 +1.8 +2.2 +1.4 +1.7 +2.6 +1.1 +1.5 +1.0 +0.7 +2.3 +2.2 +2.8 +1.1 +1.0 +0.8 +1.1 +0.9 +1.1	Six Capitals Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart (a) Per cent +1.3	

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

4. The All Groups index number for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 6.1% between June quarter 1971 and June quarter 1972. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of this index have been as follows:

Quarter		Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter									
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscel- laneous	All Groups					
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent					
1969-70 -			ļ								
June	+1.3	+0.9	+1.8	+0.7	+1.3	+1.3					
1970-71 -					·						
September	+0.7	+0.3	+1.6	+0.7	+0.2	+0.6					
December	+1.0	+1.6	+2.1	+1.1	+3.3	+1.9					
March	+0.3	+1.2	+1.4	+1.1	+1.6	+1.1					
June	+1.8	+2.6	+1.9	+1.9	+1.1	+1.7					
1971-72 -	1		:			1					
September	+1.1	+0.5	+1.6	+0.2	+3.6	+1.7					
December	+1.0	+2.0	+2.8	+1.2	+4.4	+2.3					
arch	+0.7	+0.7	+1.3	+1.1	+1.2	+1.1					
June		+2•1	+1.9	+0.4	+1.0	+0.9					

- 5. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report No. 55, 1970.
- The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of commodities and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). Six series for short periods, viz., September quarter 1948 to June quarter 1952; June quarter 1952 to June quarter 1956; June quarter 1956 to March quarter 1960; March quarter 1960 to December quarter 1963; December quarter 1963 to December quarter 1968; and from December quarter 1968 have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. At times of linking the weighting pattern was altered and, in addition, new items (mainly ones that had become significant in household expenditure) were introduced. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.
- 7. The quarterly prices for food items used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. However, for potatoes and for onions from December quarter 1968, weekly prices are averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices of all non-food items are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor car) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.
- 8. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.
- 9. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1962-63 to 1971-72 and for each quarter from March quarter 1968. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows Group Index numbers quarterly from March quarter 1970 to June quarter 1972.
- 10. Table 3 on page 8 shows index numbers for March quarter 1972 and June quarter 1972 for groups and sub-groups of the index and for some special groupings. It also contains information of contributions by index sub-groups to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points for these two quarters.
- 11. Users of figures in Table 3 should bear in mind that the Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the proportionate change in retail prices as combined in the five major groups and more particularly the total of the groups. For sub-groups or particular terms, the index does not necessarily provide comprehensive and valid measures of price changes in those particular fields. Nor does it necessarily measure the relative influences of those classes of items in aggregate variations in prices. The Consuler Price Index is essentially a combination of selected items under various headings and not a dissection of total household expenditure into its component parts.

- 12. Hajor changes in the composition of the sub-group indexes published in Table 3 resulting from the latest link in the Consumer Price Index (December quarter 1968), have been indicated in the footnotes on page 9. The old and new combinations have been linked to provide continuous series of index numbers across this point of time (December quarter 1968), but it should be remembered that all sub-groupings were affected by changes at the link and some significantly so. Each series of index numbers links the average price movement shown by one combination of items up to December quarter 1968 to that shown by a different combination from December quarter 1968.
- Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the "index points" because "index point" changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 2, 3 and 4. However, the analysis in paragraph 14 shows movements in terms of All Groups "index points". This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the five groups to movements in the total indexes. Table 3 on page 8 shows movements expressed as both percentage changes and changes in "index points". The following example illustrates the computation of "index point" and percentage changes:

All Groups: Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities

Index Point Change		Percentage Change
June quarter 1972 CPI (1966-67 = 100.0) less March quarter 1972 CPI Index points difference	124 • 4 123 • 3 1 • 1	Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period 124.4 - 123.3 x 100 = 0.9%

14. The following analysis and Table 3 on page 8 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from March quarter 1972 to June quarter 1972.

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Movements from March Quarter 1972 to June Quarter 1972
Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)

		e Capi	tal Cities	- Combine	ed and Ser	arate.	lу	
Group	Six Capitals (c)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
			Ind ex Poin	ts (a)				
Food - Meat - Potatoes - Other Clothing and	-0.1 +0.1	-0.2 -0.1 +0.2	-0·1 +0·2	-0.2 +0.2	-0.1 -0.1 +0.1	+0.4	-0.1 +0.3	-0.1 +0.2
Drapery Housing Household Supplies	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4 +0.3	+0.3 +0.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3 +0.2
and Equipment Hiscellaneous - Motoring	+0.1	+0•1 +0•1	+0 • 1 +0 • 1	+0.1 +0.1	+0 • 1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1 +0.1
Cigarettes and Tobacco Cther	+0.1 +0.1	+0.1	+0.1 +0.1	+0.1 +0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1 +0.1	+0.1
Total Change (Index Points)	+1.1	+1-2	+1.2	+1.0	+0.9	+1 • 3	+1.1	+1.0

(a) See explanation in paragraph 13. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base. (c) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

15. A summary of the movements of the various group indexes, together with the main quarterly price changes which affected the index between March quarter 1972 and June quarter 1972 is shown below.

Food Group. For the weighted average of the six State capital cities decreases in prices of potatoes, onions and meat offset increases in other sections. The price of bread increased in six capital cities and that of milk increased in Perth.

The group index did not change.

Clothing and Drapery Group. There were increases in all sections of the group with increases in winter seasonal items and footwear predominating.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 2.1%

Housing Group. Local government rates and charges increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. There were increases in all State capital cities in all other sections of the group.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.9%.

Household Supplies and Equipment Group. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 0.4%.

Miscellaneous Group. Prices of cigarettes and tobacco, motoring goods and services, and cinema admission imcreased in all capital cities. The price of beer increased in Adelaide.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.0%.

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TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

	S	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately								
Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra		
Year -										
1962-63	89.8	90.4	89.7	88,7	89.1	88.7	90.7	91.8		
1963-64	90.6	91.4	90.4	89.6	90.2	89.8	91.7	92.5		
1964-65	94.0	94.5	94.0	93.0	93.9	92.6	94.6	95.3		
1965-66	97.4	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.0	96,1	98.0	98.1		
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		
1967–68	103.3	103.2	103.7	103.3	102.9	102.9	104.6	102.6		
1968-69	106.0	106.2	106.2	105.5	105.3	105.5	106.1	104.4		
1969-70	109.4	110.6	108.7	108.4	108.2	109.4	108.5	107.4		
1970-71	114.6	116.8	113.1	114.2	112.5	114.1	112.6	113.0		
1971-72	122.2	125.9	119.7	121.6	119.2	120.7	119.3	119.0		
Quarter - 1967-68 - March June	103.4 104.2	103.2 104.0	103.8 104.8	103.7 103.7	102.6 104.2	103.1 104.0	104.6 104.6	102.6 103.2		
1968-69 - September December March June 1969-70 -	104.6 105.7 106.4 107.2	104.4 105.9 106.7 107.6	105.1 106.0 106.6 107.2	104.7 105.3 105.8 106.3	104.2 105.2 105.5 106.4	104.3 104.9 105.6 107.0	105.0 105.8 106.5 107.0	103.5 103.9 104.8 105.2		
September December March June 1970-71 -	107.8 108.7 109.8 111.2	108.4 109.6 111.3 112.9	107.6 108.3 108.9 110.1	107.2 107.9 108.9 109.7	106.9 107.3 108.4 110.0	107.7 108.7 109.9 111.4	107.4 108.1 108.9 109.6	106.0 106.7 108.0 109.0		
September December Harch June	111.9 114.0 115.2 117.2	113.9 116.2 117.4 119.8	110.7 112.6 113.7 115.2	111.1 113.3 115.1 117.2	109.9 111.8 112.9 115.4	111.6 113.5 114.8 116.4	110.2 112.4 113.2 114.6	109.7 113.2 113.6 115.6		
1971-72 - September December March June	119.2 122.0 123.3 124.4	122.9 125.6 126.9 128.1	116.5 119.7 120.7 121.9	119.0 121.3 122.6 123.6	116.5 119.1 120.2 121.1	117.2 120.5 121.8 123.1	115.9 119.7 120.3 121.4	116.8 119.0 119.5 120.5		

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TABLE 2.

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GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CAMBERRA

(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

	[s	tate Car	ital Cities	- Combine	d and Sepa	rately					
Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra			
	FOOD GROUP										
1969-70 -						<u> </u>	1				
March June 1970-71 -	108.7	109.0	109.2 110.9	108.6	107.1 108.6	108.4	106.9 106.9	107.4 108.5			
September	110.9	110.8	112.2	110.5	108.2	111.2	108.4	109.5			
December	112.0	112.2	112.8	112.8	108.8	111.3	110.1	110.7			
March	112.3	113.0	112.1	113.9	109.4	112.7	109.5	110.1			
June	114.3	115.1	113.7	115.8	111.5	114.9	110.2	112.4			
1 71-72 -	1					}		l i			
September	115.6	116.5	115.2	118.1	112.7	114.6	111.3	114.4			
December	116.7	117.7	116.6	118.3	113.2	115.5	113.0	114.8			
March	117.5	118.0	117.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	113.5	115.0			
June	117.5	117.7	117.7	119.7	114.1	118.5	113.9	115.2			
		CI	OTHING AND	DRAPERY GR	OUP						
1969-70 -								1			
March	107.9	107.9	107.8	107.7	108.4	106.0	108,2	107.9			
June	108.9	108.8	108.8	108.8	109.8	109.1	109.4	109.0			
1970-71 -	1	4 0					ĺ	(
September	109.2	109.2	109.0	109.2	110.0	109.4	109.5	109.2			
December Harch	110.9	110.9	110.7 111.8	110.9	111.6	111.2	111.0	110.7			
June	115.1	115.3	114.6	112.1	112.8	112.7	112.0	111.8			
1971-72	1 19.1	113.7	114.0	114.7	115.8	115.7	115.0	114.9			
September	115.7	116.0	115.1	115.1	116.4	116.4	115.9	115.2			
December	118.0	118.2	117.4	117.7	119.2	118.3	118.2	117.7			
March	118.8	119.1	118.3	118.5	119.8	119.2	118.7	118.7			
June	121.3	121.5	120.9	120.6	122.5	121.6	121.1	121 2			
		<u> </u>	HOUSING			<u> </u>	<u> </u>	/			
1969-70 -		<u> </u>	<u> </u>				Ŧ	 			
March	116.2	120.8	112.6	113.6	109.9	121.2	113.2	106.0			
June	118.3	124.8	113.7	114.1	111.0	122.1	114.1	106.4			
1970-71 -			''''	' 4'	i ''''	144	1 1 7 1	100.4			
September	120.2	128.1	114.4	115.9	111.7	122.7	115.0	106.9			
December	122.7	130.1	117.6	116.8	116.0	125.5	117.0	118.8			
March	124.4	132.4	118.7	118.9	117.2	126.9	118.2	119.4			
June	126.8	135.6	120.6	121.4	118.5	127.6	119.2	120.0			
1971-72 -	1	ĮĮ į						J			
September	128.8	138.0	121.8	125.8	120.0	128.4	120.4	118.8			
December	132.4	142.3	124.4	128.0	123.9	134.4	124.1	122.1			
March	134.1	144.6	125.6	129.6	125.8	135.4	125.3	122.7			
June	136.6	147.8	127.9	131.7	127.8	136.7	126.8	124.0			

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TABLE 2. - continued

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

			ear 1900-01					
		tate Cap	ital Cities	- Combine	<u>d and Sepa</u>	rately		1
Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
		HOUSEHOL	D SUPPLIES	AND EQUIPM	ENT GROUP			
1969-70 -			<u> </u>		,			
March	104.0	105.0	103.1	105.5	101.9	103.8	106.3	101.9
June	104.7	105.5	103.8	105.9	102.9	104.8	106.9	102.5
1970-71 -								i
September	105.4	106.5	104.4	106.5	103.5	105.8	107.6	104.0
December	106.6	108.6	105.1	107.5	104.3	106.7	108.4	104.2
March	107.8	109.6	106.1	109.2	105.6	108.4	109.1	104.5
June	109.8	112.4	107.4	110.6	108.1	109.7	111.6	106.0
1971-72 -		ŧ						ļ
September	110.0	112.9	107.2	111.0	108.1	.109.9	112.4	106.4
December	111.3	113.8	108.9	112.4	109.2	111.4	117.4	107.6
March	112.5	115.5	109.3	113.2	109.6	114.9	117.7	107.7
June	113.0	116.1	110.0	114 - 1	110.0	114.7	118.1	108.3
			MISCELLANE	OUS GROUP	•			
1969-70 -		ļ		<u> </u>				II
March	112.0	114.3	110.3	109.5	112.4	110.5	111.2	113.1
June	113.5	116.1	111.5	110.7	114.8	111.5	112.5	114.3
1970-71 -]			, , ,		1	
September	113.7	116.4	111.6	112.9	114.2	110.9	112.2	114.7
December	117.5	120.4	115.0	116.6	117.3	115.2	116.3	119.3
March	119.4	121.4	118.0	119.5	118.9	116.1	118.3	120.7
June	120.7	123.1	118.7	120.3	121.9	116.9	119.4	122.5
1971-72 -					-			
September	125.1	131.1	121.1	122.9	123.6	119.0	121.6	125.2
December	130.6	135.6	127.7	127.8	128.6	125.4	128,2	129.0
March	132.2	137.8	129.2	129.4	129,7	126.3	128.7	130.1
June_	133+5	139.2	130.3	130.6	131-2	127.1	130.0	131.2
			ALL G	ROUPS			******	
1969-70 -		ļ					T	I
March	109.8	111.3	108.9	108.9	108.4	109.9	108.9	108.0
June	111.2	112.9	110.1	109.7	110.0	111.4	109.6	109.0
1970-71 -			,,,,,,,		,	1,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,	
September	111.9	113.9	110.7	111.1	109.9	111.6	110.2	109.7
December	114.0	116.2	112.6	113.3	111.8	113.5	112.4	113.2
March	115.2	117.4	113.7	115.1	112.9	114.8	113.2	113.6
June	117.2	119.8	115.2	117.2	115.4	116.4	114.6	115.6
1971-72 -				1	''',	1	" " " "	
September	119.2	122.9	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	115.9	116.8
December	122.0	125.6	119.7	121.3	119.1	120.5	119.7	119.0
March	123.3	126.9	120.7	122.6	120.2	121.8	120.3	119.5
June	124 -4	128.1	121.9	123.6	121.1	123-1	121.4	120.5

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TABLE 3.

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PARTICULARS FOR CROSES. SUB-COUPS AND SPECIAL CROUPINGS

MARCE QUARTER 1972 AND JUNE QUARTER 1972

Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0

	(Bas	Index Num e of each 966-67 =		All Groups Index Points Conbributed by Sab-Groups, etc., to Total (c)			
Group and min-Group	Mar. qtr 1972	June qtr 1972	Percentage ohange aince Mar, otr (d)	Mar, qtr 1972	June qtr 1972	Change in Index Points since Mar. atr (d)	
POOD GROUP		1	7	•	- Index Points		
Cereal products	129.1	131.2	+1.6	E 74			
Dairy produce	110.5	111.5	+ 0.9	5.06 6.92	5.14 6.97	+0.08	
Preserved fruit and vagetables Potatoes and unions	106,8	108.1	+ 1.2	1.58	1.60	+0.02	
Soft drinks, ice creen and confectionery	129.7 133.8	113.9	-12.2 + 0.1	1.12 5.47	0.\$9 5.47	-0.14	
Other food (except ment)	112.1	112.4	+ 0.3	3.74	3.75	10.01	
Neat	173.6	113.2	- 0.4	12.93	12.89	-0.04	
Mutton	102.1	100.6	+ 0.1	5.78 1.44	5.79 1.42	-0.02	
Land	98.5	97.2	- 1-3	1.98	1.95	-0.03	
Pork Proceased meat (e)	112.7	111.0	- 1.5	0.87	0.86	-0.01	
Food Group	117.5		+ 9.5	2.85	2.87	+0.02	
CLOTHING AND DRAPERT GROUP	117.5	117.5		36.81	36.81	• **	
Production and process (c)	120.9	120.9	ļ. i			1	
Predominantly winter ecasonal (g)	115.8	121.8	+ 5.2	2,29 4.19	2.29 4.41	+0.22	
Predominantly non-seasonal	116.0	116.8	+ 0.7	7.36	7.41	+0.05	
Postwear	128.7	132.3	+ 2.8	3.21	3.30	+0,09	
Clothing and Drapery Group	118,6	121.3	+ 2.1	17.05	17.40	+0.35	
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR]]				
Bent, privately omed drellings (h)	141.4	143.2	+ 1.3	7.09	7.18	+0.09	
Home ownership (1)	123.2	124.1	+ 0.7	1.10	1,11	+0.01	
House price and repairs and maintenance	131.0	125.2	+ 2.4 + 1.5	6.71	10.59	+0.10	
Local government rates and charges	148,1	154.1	+ 4,1	3.63	3.78	+0.15	
Bonsine Orono	134.1	136.6	+ 1.9	18.54	18.88	+0.34	
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Puel and light	110.9	111.1	+ 0.2	4.46	4.47	+0,01	
Gue	112.9	113.2	+ 0.3	2.70 1.07	2.71	+0.01	
Other (j)	114.7	114.7		0.70	0.70		
Household appliances Furniture and floor coverings	99.7	99.4	- 0.3	2.90	2.89	-0.01	
Other household utensils, sundries	122.8	124.1	+ 1.1	2,40	2.43	+0.03	
and stationery	115.5	116.3	+ 0.7	2.14	2,16	+0'.02	
Personal requisites and proprietary medicines Household Supplies and	121.1	122.5	+ 1,2	2.57	2,60	+0.65	
Equipment Group	112.5	113.0	+ 0.4	14.47	14.54	+0,07	
(Iscellaneous group				7-			
Fares (k)	155.8	155.9	+ 0-1	3.69	3.59		
Notoring	124.7	125.7	+ 0.8	11.17	11.25	+0.08	
Goods (1)	114.9	115.9	+ 0.9	7.49	7.56	+0.07	
Services and charges (m) Cigarettes and tobacco	143.3	150.0	+ 0.5	3.68 4.77	3.70 4. 6 7	+0.02 +0.10	
Beer	124.4	125.0	+ 0.5	4.60	4.62	+0.02	
Postal and telephone services	141.1	141.1	.,	1.51	1.51	*	
Radio and television operations Newspapers and magazines	132.7	132.8	+ 0.1 + 1.3	1.51 1.64	1.51 1.66	+0.02	
Other services (n)	₽	ļ	(7.52	7.63	+C.11	
Health Other	139,2	141.3	+ 1.5 }	4.35 3.17	4.37	+0.02	
Miscellaneous Greun	132.2	133.5	+ 1.0	3,17 36,39	3.26 36.74	+0,09	
AZI ONOTTO	123.3	124.4	+ 0.9	(e)123.3	(0)124,4	(c)+ 1.1	
		*****	+ V.7	(8/127.5	(0)124.4	\UJF 181	
All Groups, excluding Food Group	105.0			55	40		
All Groups, excluding food Group	125.9	127.5	+ 1.3	85,44	87.57	+1,13	

FOOTNOTES TO TABLES

- (a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities.
- (c) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.
- (d) See paragraph 13 on page 3.
- (e) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968.
- (f) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' summerweight outerwear and women's and girls' summerweight underwear.
- (g) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' winterweight outerwear and underwear, and blankets.
- (h) Includes flats as from December quarter 1968.
- (i) Does not include cost of land or interest charges on house purchase.
- (j) Firewood and kerosene. Includes heating oil and briquettes as from December quarter 1968.
- (k) City and suburban rail, bus and tram.
- (1) Motor car, petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, tyre retreading and battery.
- (m) Lubrication service, repairs, registrations, third party insurance and driver's licence.
- (n) Hairdressing, drycleaning, shoe repairs and cinema admission. Includes health services from December quarter 1968.