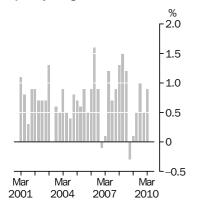


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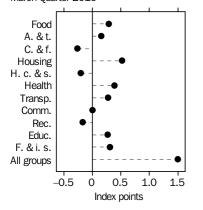
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF Eight capital cities	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010 % change	•
Food	1.1	0.7
Alcohol and tobacco	1.3	3.5
Clothing and footwear	-4.3	-1.8
Housing	1.5	6.1
Household contents and services	-1.3	1.4
Health	4.7	5.1
Transportation	1.3	4.1
Communication	-0.1	0.2
Recreation	-1.0	1.2
Education	5.6	5.7
Financial and insurance services	2.0	2.0
All groups	0.9	2.9
All groups excluding Housing and		
Financial and insurance services	0.6	2.1
KEY POINTS		

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.9% in the March quarter 2010, compared with a rise of 0.5% in the December quarter 2009.
- rose 2.9% through the year to March quarter 2010, compared with a rise of 2.1% through the year to December quarter 2009.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price rises this quarter were for automotive fuel (+4.2%), pharmaceuticals (+13.3%), deposit and loan facilities (+3.4%), vegetables (+10.3%), electricity (+5.9%), house purchase (+1.2%) and hospital and medical services (+2.9%).
- The most significant offsetting price falls were for furniture (-4.6%), fruit (-5.7%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.3%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.9%), men's outerwear (-6.7%) and children's and infants' clothing (-9.9%).

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MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

CPI GROUPS

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

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES, Percentage change

from previous quarter Food Alcohol and tobacco Clothing and footwear Housing Household contents and services Health Transportation Communication Recreation Education Financial and insurance services All groups -3 _2 ż 5 -5 2 Δ _4 Ω 6 _1 1 % change HOUSING (+1.5%)All categories of housing recorded price rises this quarter, with the most significant being electricity (+5.9%), house purchase (+1.2%), rents (+1.0%) and gas and other household fuels (+3.6%). Electricity prices rose mainly due to tariff increases in Melbourne and peak period pricing in Adelaide. Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the housing group increased 6.1% mainly due to rises in electricity (+18.2%), house purchase (+4.1%), rents (+4.6%) and water and sewerage (+14.0%). HEALTH (+4.7%)The major contributor to the increase in health costs this quarter was pharmaceuticals (+13.3%), with smaller contributions from hospital and medical services (+2.9%) and dental services (+1.6%). Pharmaceuticals prices rose as a result of the cyclical reduction in the proportion of consumers who qualify for subsidised medications under the Pharmaceuticals Benefit Scheme at the start of each calendar year. The rise in the net cost of hospital and medical services was mainly due to the cyclical reduction in the proportion of consumers who qualify for subsidies for out-of-hospital medical expenses under the Medicare Plus safety net at the start of each calendar year. Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the health group rose 5.1% due to increases in hospital and medical services (+6.5%), dental services (+3.9%) and pharmaceuticals (+1.9%). FINANCIAL AND The major contributors to the increase in financial and insurance services this quarter INSURANCE SERVICES were deposit and loan facilities (+3.4%), insurance services (+1.6%) and other financial (+2.0%) services (+0.8%).

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES	There was a rise in the price of services charged by financial institutions including services where prices are principally derived from interest–rate margins.						
(+2.0%) <i>continued</i>	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the financial and insurance services group recorded an increase of 2.0%. This increase was due to rises for insurance services $(+7.1\%)$ and deposit and loan facilities $(+1.9\%)$. This was partially offset by a fall for other financial services (-0.3%) .						
FOOD (+1.1%)	The food group rose 1.1% in the March quarter 2010. The most significant contributors were vegetables $(+10.3\%)$, soft drinks, waters and juices $(+3.5\%)$, and take away and fast foods $(+0.7\%)$.						
	The rise in vegetables is a result of seasonal factors and adverse weather conditions in some growing areas, which resulted in short supplies for a number of vegetables. Fruit (-5.7%) provided the most significant offset due to more favourable growing conditions in fruit growing regions.						
	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the food group rose 0.7%. Increases were mainly driven by general price rises in take away and fast foods $(+2.9\%)$, restaurant meals $(+2.9\%)$, soft drinks, waters and juices $(+3.1\%)$ and snacks and confectionery $(+1.7\%)$. Fruit (-4.6%) and milk (-3.2%) recorded the most significant offsets.						
TRANSPORTATION (+1.3%)	The main contributor to the increase in transportation costs this quarter was the rise in the price of automotive fuel (+4.2%). Urban transport fares (+3.2%), other motoring charges (+0.8%) and motor vehicle repair and servicing (+0.1%) also recorded increases. Motor vehicles (-0.6%) recorded the main offset.						
	Automotive fuel fell in October (-3.5%) , rose in November $(+1.6\%)$, December $(+0.4\%)$, and January $(+3.6\%)$, fell in February (-2.5%) and rose in March $(+4.6\%)$.						
	The following graph shows the pattern of the average daily prices for unleaded petrol for the eight capital cities over the last fifteen months.						
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MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE continued

TRANSPORTATION (+1.3%) <i>continued</i>	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the transportation group rose 4.1%, with the main contributor being automotive fuel (+9.1%). Other motoring charges (+6.2%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+2.2%), urban transport fares (+4.2%), motor vehicle parts and accessories (+2.1%) and motor vehicles (+0.4%) also rose.
EDUCATION (+5.6%)	The education group reported a rise in the March quarter 2010, with the commencement of the new school year. Increases in tertiary education (+5.9%), secondary education (+5.7%) and preschool and primary education (+4.5%) drove this movement.
	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the education group rose 5.7%.
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (-4.3%)	The fall in clothing and footwear this quarter was due to decreases in men's outerwear (-6.7%) , children's and infants' clothing (-9.9%) and women's outerwear (-3.7%) , which were impacted by post Christmas sales. In addition, the general rate of customs duty on textile, clothing and footwear imports was cut from 17.5% to 10.0% on 1 January 2010.
	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the clothing and footwear group fell 1.8%. The decrease was mainly due to falls in women's outerwear (-4.4%), men's outerwear (-3.7%) and children's and infants' clothing (-4.9%). Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery ($+5.1\%$) recorded the largest offset.
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES (-1.3%)	Household contents and services fell 1.3% this quarter with decreases in furniture (-4.6%) , glassware, tableware and household utensils (-6.7%) and towels and linen (-7.0%) . Household cleaning agents $(+3.3\%)$ and child care $(+3.0\%)$ provided the largest offsets.
	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the household contents and services group rose 1.4%. This increase was predominantly due to rises in other household supplies $(+2.0\%)$ and other household services $(+3.9\%)$.
RECREATION (-1.0%)	The major contributors to the decrease in recreation this quarter were domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.3%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.9%) and audio, visual and computing media and services (-1.3%).
	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the recreation group recorded an increase of 1.2%. This increase was due to rises for domestic holiday travel and accommodation ($+5.2\%$), pets, pet foods and supplies ($+13.5\%$), other recreational activities ($+4.1\%$) and sports participation ($+3.8\%$).
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.3%)	Alcohol and tobacco recorded a rise of 1.3% with increases in tobacco (+2.1%), beer (+1.2%) and spirits (+0.6%) partially due to the effects of the federal excise tax increase from 1 February 2010.
	Over the 12 months to March quarter 2010, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 3.5%.
COMMUNICATION (-0.1%)	The fall in the communication group this quarter was due to decreases in the cost of telecommunication (-0.1%) .
	Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the communication group rose 0.2%.

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES The tradables component (see table 8) of the All groups CPI rose 0.2% in the March quarter 2010. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined on the world market. The tradables component represents approximately 42% of the weight of the CPI. The increase in the tradable goods component of 0.2% was driven by rises in automotive fuel, pharmaceuticals, vegetables and tobacco. The most significant offsetting decreases in tradable goods were in furniture, fruit, audio, visual and computing equipment and men's outerwear. The decrease in the tradable services component of 0.2% was driven by overseas holiday travel and accommodation.

The non-tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 1.5% in the March quarter 2010. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined by domestic price pressures. The non-tradables component represents approximately 58% of the CPI. The non-tradable goods component rose 1.5% mainly due to price increases for electricity, house purchase, gas and other household fuels and beer. The most significant offsetting movements were for poultry and eggs. The non-tradables services component rose 1.3%, due to deposit and loan facilities, hospital and medical services, tertiary education, secondary education and rents. The most significant offsetting decrease was for domestic holiday travel and accommodation.

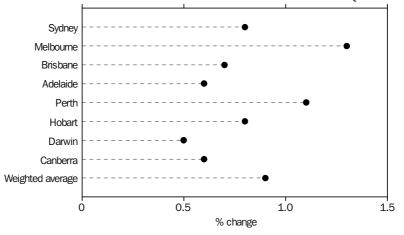
Through the year to March quarter 2010, tradables rose 1.1% and non-tradables rose 4.2%. This compares with tradables rising 1.4% and non-tradables rising 2.6% through the year to December quarter 2009. The main increases in tradables were automotive fuel, tobacco, pets, pet food and supplies and spirits. Decreases in tradables were recorded for audio, visual and computing equipment, fruit, women's outerwear and men's outerwear. Electricity, house purchase, rents, hospital and medical services, water and sewerage, beer, insurance services, domestic holiday travel and accommodation and tertiary education were the main contributors to the rise in non-tradables. The largest offsetting decreases in non-tradables were for milk and poultry.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

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ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the CPI rose in all capital cities this quarter. Melbourne and Perth registered the highest increases with rises of 1.3% and 1.1% respectively, while rises for all other capital cities were in the range of 0.5% to 0.8%.

At the eight capital cities level, the housing group was the highest positive contributor to the quarterly movement driven by rises for electricity. Increases were recorded in all capital cities with the housing group the largest positive contributor in Melbourne, Adelaide and Darwin.

The health group recorded the second highest positive contribution with rises in all capital cities ranging from 3.1% in Adelaide to 5.4% in Brisbane. In four capital cities the health group was the highest positive contributor. This was mainly due to increases in pharmaceuticals prices across all capital cities ranging from 11.9% in Perth to 15.4% in Hobart.

The financial and insurance services group was also a significant contributor to the quarterly movement showing increases in all capital cities. This was mainly due to deposit and loan facilities which recorded rises in all capital cities.

The clothing and footwear group was the largest negative contributor with falls in all capital cities ranging from 1.4% in Canberra to 7.9% in Perth. This was mainly due to the impact of price decreases for men's outerwear in seven capital cities and children's and infants' clothing in all capital cities.

The household contents and services group was the second largest negative contributor with falls in seven capital cities. The exception was Darwin (+0.7%) due to price increases for other household supplies.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2010, the All groups CPI rose in all capital cities with the increases ranging from 2.6% in Canberra and Adelaide to 3.5% in Darwin. The higher result in Darwin is largely due to stronger than average rises in housing, alcohol and tobacco, transportation and household contents and services.

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ALL GROUPS continued

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE	CHANGE
		•••••	
	Mar Qtr	Mar 2009 to	Dec Qtr 2009 to
	2010	Mar 2010	Mar Qtr 2010
Sydney	170.5	3.0	0.8
Melbourne	168.5	2.8	1.3
Brisbane	176.0	3.0	0.7
Adelaide	173.7	2.6	0.6
Perth	171.6	3.4	1.1
Hobart	170.0	3.2	0.8
Darwin	168.7	3.5	0.5
Canberra	171.7	2.6	0.6
Weighted average of eight capital cities	171.0	2.9	0.9

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

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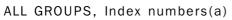
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Period	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
2005–06	152.1	150.2	153.2	155.2	150.1	151.8	146.5	151.9	151.7
2006-07	156.2	154.2	158.3	159.2	156.1	155.7	152.9	156.4	156.1
2007-08	160.9	159.6	164.8	164.4	161.7	160.3	158.3	162.0	161.4
2008–09	165.8	164.1	171.0	169.7	166.6	164.9	163.6	167.5	166.4
2006									
March	152.2	150.5	153.5	155.6	150.5	152.2	146.7	152.2	151.9
June	154.7	152.6	156.2	157.6	153.2	154.0	149.2	154.9	154.3
September	156.1	153.7	157.5	159.3	154.9	155.1	151.8	156.0	155.
December	155.8	153.5	157.3	158.8	155.5	154.7	152.6	155.6	155.
2007									
March	155.6	153.8	158.0	158.4	155.8	155.4	152.6	155.9	155.0
June	157.4	155.6	160.2	160.3	158.0	157.4	154.7	158.0	157.
September	158.1	156.9	161.7	161.5	158.9	157.9	156.6	159.2	158.
December	159.5	158.5	163.4	163.1	160.2	159.2	157.1	160.8	160.
2008									
March	161.7	160.6	165.6	165.5	162.5	161.3	158.5	163.0	162.
June	164.1	162.5	168.4	167.6	165.1	162.9	160.8	165.0	164.
September	165.9	164.4	170.8	169.8	166.7	164.7	163.6	167.5	166.
December	165.5	163.5	170.4	169.3	166.2	164.4	162.9	166.8	166.
2009									
March	165.6	163.9	170.8	169.3	166.0	164.8	163.0	167.4	166.
June	166.3	164.4	171.8	170.3	167.4	165.7	164.8	168.4	167.
September	168.1	165.4	174.1	172.1	168.7	167.7	168.0	169.9	168.
December	169.1	166.4	174.7	172.7	169.7	168.7	167.8	170.6	169.
2010									
March	170.5	168.5	176.0	173.7	171.6	170.0	168.7	171.7	171.0

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



ALL GROUPS, Percentage changes

Period	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
		PERCENTA	GE CHAN			financia			
2005–06	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.2
2006–07	2.7	2.7	3.3	2.6	4.0	2.6	4.4	3.0	2.9
2007–08 2008–09	3.0 3.0	3.5 2.8	4.1 3.8	3.3 3.2	3.6 3.0	3.0 2.9	3.5 3.3	3.6 3.4	3.4 3.1
2008-09	3.0	2.0	3.0	5.2	3.0	2.9	5.5	5.4	3.1
P	ERCENT	AGE CHAN	NGE (fror	n corresp	onding q	uarter of	previou	s year)	
2006									
March	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.5	3.0
June	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.7	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.0
September	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.8	3.3	4.9	4.2	3.9
December	3.2	2.9	3.4	3.0	4.4	2.5	5.0	3.1	3.3
2007		<i></i>			o -	<u>.</u>		<i>.</i> .	
March	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.8	3.5	2.1	4.0	2.4	2.4
June	1.7	2.0	2.6	1.7	3.1	2.2	3.7	2.0	2.1
September December	1.3	2.1	2.7 3.9	1.4	2.6	1.8 2.9	3.2	2.1	1.9
2008	2.4	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.0
March	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.6	4.2
June	4.3	4.4	5.1	4.6	4.5	3.5	3.9	4.4	4.5
September	4.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.0
December	3.8	3.2	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7
2009									
March	2.4	2.1	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.5
June	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.5
September	1.3	0.6	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.7	1.4	1.3
December	2.2	1.8	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.1
2010									
March	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.9
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2006									
March	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
June	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.6
September	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.7	0.7	0.9
December	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.3	0.4	-0.3	0.5	-0.3	-0.1
2007									
March	-0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1
June	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2
September	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.7
December	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.9
2008									
March	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.3
June	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.5
September	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2
December	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
2009 Marab	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1
March June	0.1 0.4	0.2 0.3	0.2 0.6	0.0 0.6	-0.1 0.8	0.2 0.5	0.1 1.1	0.4 0.6	0.1
September	0.4 1.1	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.8 0.8	0.5 1.2	1.1 1.9	0.6 0.9	0.5 1.0
December	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.6	-0.1	0.9	0.5
2010	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.4	0.5
March	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.9

		Alcohol and	Clothing and	Но	usehold contents	
Period	Food	tobacco	footwear	Housing	and services	Health
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2005–06	162.3	233.1	109.2	129.3	122.2	213.5
2006-07	172.4	240.6	108.4	133.7	124.6	223.5
2007–08	177.8	249.8	109.3	140.6	123.4	233.5
2008–09	186.5	263.6	110.2	149.0	125.1	245.4
2006						
March	162.5	234.3	107.5	129.6	121.9	216.2
June	169.1	236.4	108.4	130.6	122.9	221.4
September	173.0	237.7	108.5	132.2	124.5	219.8
December	173.9	239.5	108.1	132.9	124.7	218.0
2007						
March	169.9	241.6	107.7	134.2	123.6	225.7
June	172.8	243.6	109.2	135.3	125.5	230.5
September	176.1	245.0	109.6	137.8	122.5	229.3
December	175.9	248.2	109.8	139.3	123.5	226.9
2008						
March	179.6	250.7	107.2	141.9	122.7	236.0
June	179.5	255.4	110.4	143.4	124.7	241.6
September	182.1	259.1	109.6	147.2	123.6	241.0
December	185.8	262.6	110.0	148.3	124.0	238.1
2009						
March	189.9	265.1	109.5	149.7	125.0	248.5
June	188.1	267.4	111.8	150.9	127.7	254.1
September	186.6	269.4	112.1	155.3	128.5	251.6
December	189.3	270.8	112.3	156.5	128.5	249.3
2010						
March	191.3	274.3	107.5	158.8	126.8	261.1
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(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

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

Financial and insurance Transportation Communication Recreation Education services(b) All groups Period 2005-06 155.5 109.5 132.0 253.2 101.2 151.7 2006-07 158.0 133.8 264.6 156.1 110.8 103.0 2007-08 165.2 111.2 135.7 275.6 109.4 161.4 163.7 166.4 2008-09 112.0 137.1 289.1 111.6 2006 132.5 101.0 155.0 260.1 151.9 109.5 March June 160.2 109.6 132.0 260.2 102.2 154.3 September 160.8 110.3 133.0 258.0 102.5 155.7 December 154.7 110.8 134.8 258.0 103.0 155.5 2007 133.9 155.8 111.0 270.9 155.6 March 102.8 June 160.5 111.2 133.3 271.3 103.7 157.5 135.1 158.6 September 159.4 105.8 111.2 268.6 December 163.3 111.2 136.2 268.6 108.0 160.1 2008 March 166.4 111.1 135.8 282.5 109.8 162.2 June 171.6 111.2 135.5 282.6 114.0 164.6 September 173.3 111.4 137.3 281.3 115.9 166.5 December 161.3 111.8 138.0 281.4 115.6 166.0 2009 March 158.8 112.2 136.5 296.7 108.3 166.2 112.5 296.9 106.5 167.0 161.4 136.4 June September 164.5 112.5 137.4 297.0 107.5 168.6 December 163.2 112.5 139.5 297.2 108.3 169.5 2010 165.3 112.4 138.1 313.7 110.5 171.0 March

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

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

100.0.



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

Alcohol and Clothing and Household contents Food tobacco footwear Housing and services Health Period PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year) 2005-06 4.8 3.4 -1.4 3.6 1.2 4.5 2.0 2006-07 -0.7 4.7 6.2 3.2 3.4 2007-08 5.2 4.5 3.1 3.8 0.8 -1.0 2008-09 4.9 5.5 0.8 6.0 1.4 5.1 PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) 2006 4.2 3.3 -1.7 3.3 1.8 4.6 March June 8.3 3.6 -1.73.5 1.4 4.6 September 9.9 3.2 -1.8 3.3 2.4 5.0 December 8.6 3.5 -2.0 3.2 1.9 5.3 2007 0.2 3.5 4.6 3.1 1.4 4.4 March June 2.2 3.0 0.7 3.6 2.1 4.1 September 1.8 3.1 1.0 4.2 -1.6 4.3 December 1.2 3.6 1.6 4.8 -1.0 4.1 2008 March 57 3.8 -0.5 5.7 -0.746 3.9 4.8 6.0 4.8 June 1.1 -0.6 September 3.4 5.8 6.8 0.9 5.1 _ December 5.6 5.8 0.2 6.5 0.4 4.9 2009 March 5.7 5.7 2.1 5.5 1.9 5.3 4.7 1.3 June 4.8 5.2 2.4 5.2 September 2.5 4.0 2.3 5.5 4.0 4.4 December 2.1 4.7 1.9 3.1 5.5 3.6 2010 March 0.7 3.5 -1.8 6.1 1.4 5.1 PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) 2006 1.4 1.3 -2.5 0.6 -0.4 4.4 March June 4.1 0.9 0.8 0.8 0.8 2.4 September 2.3 0.5 0.1 1.2 1.3 -0.7 0.8 -0.4 0.2 December 0.5 0.5 -0.8 2007 0.9 -0.4 -0.9 3.5 March -2.3 1.0 June 1.7 0.8 1.4 0.8 1.5 2.1 September 0.6 0.4 -2.4 1.9 1.8 -0.5 December -0.1 1.3 0.2 1.1 0.8 -1.0 2008 -2.4 -0.6 March 2.1 1.0 1.9 4.0 -0.1 1.9 3.0 2.4 June 1.1 1.6 September 1.4 -0.7 1.4 2.6 -0.9 -0.2 December 2.0 1.4 0.4 0.7 0.3 -1.2 2009 1.0 2.2 -0.5 0.9 0.8 March 4.4 -0.9 0.9 2.1 2.3 June 0.8 2.2 September -0.8 0.7 0.3 2.9 0.6 -1.0December 0.2 -0.9 1.4 0.5 0.8 0.0 2010 March 1.1 1.3 -4.3 1.5 -1.3 4.7

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)



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

					Financial and insurance	
Period	Transportation	Communication	Recreation	Education	services	All groups
		ENTAGE CHANGE				• • • • • • • • • •
	PERC	ENTAGE CHANGE	(nom previou	is illialicial ye	al)	
2005–06	5.9	-1.4	1.0	6.1		3.2
2006-07	1.6	1.2	1.4	4.5	1.8	2.9
2007–08 2008–09	4.6 –0.9	0.4 0.7	1.4 1.0	4.2 4.9	6.2 2.0	3.4 3.1
2000-05						5.1
		CHANGE (from c				
2006						
March	6.3	-1.9	0.5	5.9		3.0
June	7.7	-0.9	1.5	5.8	2.2	4.0
September December	4.6 1.1	0.5 1.7	1.0 2.4	4.9 4.8	2.4 1.4	3.9 3.3
2007	1.1	1.7	2.4	4.0	1.4	3.5
March	0.5	1.4	1.1	4.2	1.8	2.4
June	0.2	1.5	1.0	4.3	1.5	2.1
September	-0.9	0.8	1.6	4.1	3.2	1.9
December	5.6	0.4	1.0	4.1	4.9	3.0
2008				4.0		
March	6.8 6.9	0.1 0.0	1.4 1.7	4.3 4.2	6.8 9.9	4.2 4.5
June September	8.7	0.0	1.6	4.2	9.9 9.5	4.5 5.0
December	-1.2	0.2	1.3	4.8	7.0	3.7
2009						
March	-4.6	1.0	0.5	5.0	-1.4	2.5
June	-5.9	1.2	0.7	5.1	-6.6	1.5
September	-5.1	1.0	0.1	5.6	-7.2	1.3
December 2010	1.2	0.6	1.1	5.6	-6.3	2.1
March	4.1	0.2	1.2	5.7	2.0	2.9
					2.0	210
	PE	RCENTAGE CHAN	NGE (from pre			
2006						
March	1.3	0.5	0.6	5.6	-0.6	0.9
June September	3.4 0.4	0.1 0.6	-0.4 0.8	0.0 –0.8	1.2 0.3	1.6 0.9
December	-3.8	0.5	1.4	0.0	0.5	-0.1
2007						
March	0.7	0.2	-0.7	5.0	-0.2	0.1
June	3.0	0.2	-0.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
September	-0.7	0.0	1.4	-1.0	2.0	0.7
December 2008	2.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.1	0.9
March	1.9	-0.1	-0.3	5.2	1.7	1.3
June	3.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	3.8	1.5
September	1.0	0.2	1.3	-0.5	1.7	1.2
December	-6.9	0.4	0.5	0.0	-0.3	-0.3
2009						
March	-1.5	0.4	-1.1	5.4	-6.3	0.1
June September	1.6 1.9	0.3 0.0	-0.1 0.7	0.1 0.0	-1.7 0.9	0.5 1.0
December	-0.8	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.9	0.5
2010	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
March	1.3	-0.1	-1.0	5.6	2.0	0.9

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CPI GROUPS, Index numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	avera of ei <u>s</u> capi citi
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2008									
March	179.6	177.4	180.5	188.3	179.4	173.6	173.2	183.4	179
June	178.8	177.6	181.3	187.5	180.8	174.3	174.4	182.2	179
September	181.3	181.0	182.9	190.6	181.6	176.7	176.6	185.4	182
		184.3							
December	185.5	184.3	187.8	194.1	183.7	181.2	180.2	189.0	185
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March	189.9	188.3	191.7	198.2	188.0	184.8	183.8	193.6	189
June	187.2	186.8	189.7	196.8	187.4	183.1	183.3	191.7	188
September	185.4	185.0	188.2	197.1	185.9	183.1	183.0	189.8	186
December	189.0	187.5	190.8	199.6	187.4	185.5	183.3	191.8	189
2010									
March	191.7	188.6	193.6	201.1	189.5	186.3	185.8	193.0	191
			ALCO	DHOL AND	TOBACC	0			
2008									
March	255.0	254.2	243.7	259.7	235.3	236.5	242.1	239.1	250
June	259.3	259.1	249.2	264.2	239.1	241.7	246.4	244.3	255
September	262.6	260.8	255.4	269.5	244.3	244.2	251.7	247.2	259
December	265.2	265.5	258.2	275.5	247.4	246.4	253.3	248.5	262
2009	205.2	205.5	250.2	215.5	247.4	240.4	200.0	240.5	202
	000.0	267.2	061.1	070.6	240 E	240.0		051.0	200
March	268.0	267.2	261.1	278.6	249.5	249.9	255.6	251.8	265
June	270.7	268.9	264.6	281.6	250.2	251.5	260.6	253.9	26
September	273.2	270.6	266.6	282.3	251.9	254.3	265.2	256.7	269
December	275.3	271.5	267.3	284.2	254.0	253.0	268.1	258.3	270
2010									
March	278.4	274.4	270.2	287.2	260.3	257.6	271.0	260.7	274
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			CLOTH	HING AND	FOOTWE	AR			
2008									
March	110.8	106.7	104.8	105.2	98.9	102.1	103.4	113.4	10
June	114.1	110.3	107.2	109.0	102.0	102.8	103.9	115.3	110
September	114.2	108.9	107.3	107.0	99.7	103.7	105.5	115.2	109
December	114.8	109.9	106.6	106.8	100.8	104.0	106.6	112.8	11(
2009									
March	115.3	110.0	107.0	103.0	95.4	104.5	105.7	115.9	109
June	118.0	110.7	108.0	107.0	102.1	106.7	105.8	117.7	11:
September	120.6	109.9	110.0	105.5	97.5	105.1	107.5	119.7	11:
December	118.8	111.2	109.9	105.6	101.8	107.1	110.0	117.8	11:
2 010 March	115.6	105.2	104.7	101.6	93.8	104.7	106.2	116.2	10
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2008									
March	145.4	125.9	159.0	139.2	147.7	145.9	168.3	150.1	14:
June	147.6	126.4	161.3	139.5	149.7	147.3	170.1	152.0	143
September	151.2	129.2	166.5	143.4	153.7	150.2	174.2	158.2	14
December	152.8	129.3	168.6	144.9	155.0	150.4	177.5	159.4	148
2009									
March	153.9	131.4	169.2	146.8	155.8	150.9	180.7	160.7	149
June	155.6	132.4	170.4	145.9	157.3	151.5	182.3	161.8	150
September	161.5	136.0	174.5	149.0	160.5	157.3	188.9	165.2	15
December	162.7	137.3	175.4	150.0	162.6	158.1	190.2	165.8	15
	102.1	L01.0	110.4	130.0	102.0	100.1	130.2	103.0	т.)(
2010 March	164.4	4 4 4 -	470 7	450.0	164.4	150.0	102.4	467.0	4
March	164.1	141.5	176.7	152.0	164.1	158.9	193.1	167.0	15

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
		HO	USEHOLD	CONTENT	rs and	SERVICES			
2008									
March	119.4	124.1	126.5	123.2	120.2	131.7	116.7 117.7	131.2	122.7
June September	121.9 120.2	125.6 124.4	129.3 127.7	125.7 125.0	121.4 121.7	130.9 131.6	117.7	133.0 132.0	124.7 123.6
December	120.2	124.4	127.7	125.0	123.0	133.3	117.9	132.4	123.0
2009									
March	121.1	125.7	130.4	126.3	123.4	133.9	119.7	133.6	125.0
June	123.6	127.8	134.4	129.0	126.2	137.0	123.3	137.1	127.7
September	124.1	128.6	135.5	130.8	126.8	138.1	122.8	136.6	128.5
December 2010	124.5	128.6	135.7	130.1	126.0	137.9	123.0	136.3	128.5
March	122.1	127.4	133.0	128.4	125.7	137.4	123.8	135.6	126.8
				HEALT	Ή				
2008									
March	220.5	247.8	241.4	239.8	228.8	258.0	219.0	234.8	236.0
June	225.9	253.7	246.9	247.3	232.7	266.6	222.4	239.9	241.6
September December	225.0 222.4	254.2 250.3	245.4 242.3	246.3 243.8	232.3 231.0	265.7 261.7	221.2 218.6	238.7 236.2	241.0 238.1
2009	222.4	250.5	242.3	243.8	231.0	201.7	218.0	230.2	230.1
March	232.3	261.2	255.0	250.4	240.7	272.8	228.8	248.1	248.5
June	238.0	265.9	258.8	259.3	246.5	280.2	233.2	252.9	254.1
September	235.2	263.6	255.7	256.9	245.1	278.0	232.2	250.6	251.6
December	232.9	261.6	252.1	254.4	243.6	274.2	230.2	249.1	249.3
2010 March	243.7	275.5	265.7	262.3	254.2	285.3	237.9	261.4	261.1
			Т	RANSPOR	TATION				
2008									
March	166.8	166.5	166.1	169.3	166.7	159.1	158.8	163.6	166.4
June	171.0	171.8	172.1	175.5	172.0	164.4	163.7	169.7	171.6
September	172.1	174.2	174.8	177.3	172.6	166.7	167.2	170.5	173.3
December 2009	160.5	161.7	162.9	164.2	161.3	155.8	157.0	158.0	161.3
March	159.3	158.2	160.6	161.7	157.1	151.4	152.0	155.6	158.8
June	161.2	161.5	162.1	164.1	161.5	153.9	153.4	158.6	161.4
September	163.0	164.2	169.4	167.3	164.3	157.2	157.2	162.1	164.5
December	162.0	162.4	167.8	165.9	163.1	157.7	155.3	161.8	163.2
2010 March	164.2	164.0	171.4	167.8	165.1	158.6	157.1	163.4	165.3
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2008									
March	110.7	110.7	114.8	112.6	109.5	112.1	102.8	109.8	111.1
June	110.8	110.8	114.9	112.7	109.6	112.2	102.9	109.9	111.2
September	111.0	111.0	115.2	113.0	109.8	112.5	103.1	110.2	111.4
December 2009	111.4	111.3	115.7	113.4	110.2	113.0	103.5	110.6	111.8
March	111.8	111.7	116.1	113.8	110.6	113.4	103.9	111.0	112.2
June	112.1	112.0	116.4	114.1	110.8	113.6	104.1	111.2	112.5
September	112.1	112.0	116.4	114.2	110.9	113.7	104.2	111.3	112.5
December 2010	112.0	112.0	116.4	114.1	110.8	113.6	104.1	111.2	112.5
March	111.9	111.9	116.2	114.0	110.7	113.5	104.0	111.1	112.4

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38.0 136.5 38.3 135.4 40.3 137.2 40.9 138.3 38.8 137.6 38.7 136.8 39.5 137.3 11.4 140.1	130.6 131.6 133.5 133.7 131.5	RECREA 136.7 136.2 138.5 138.9	135.9 134.5 135.1	131.9 128.9	110.2	132.8	
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38.3 135.4 40.3 137.2 40.9 138.3 38.8 137.6 38.7 136.8 39.5 137.3	131.6 133.5 133.7 131.5	136.2 138.5	134.5			132.8	
38.3 135.4 40.3 137.2 40.9 138.3 38.8 137.6 38.7 136.8 39.5 137.3	131.6 133.5 133.7 131.5	136.2 138.5	134.5			132.8	
40.3 137.2 40.9 138.3 38.8 137.6 38.7 136.8 39.5 137.3	133.5 133.7 131.5	138.5		128.9		101.0	135.8
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38.8137.638.7136.839.5137.3	131.5	138.9		129.0	116.3	133.9	137.3
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38.7136.839.5137.3							
39.5 137.3		137.2	135.6	129.9	108.3	133.3	136.5
	132.3	138.1	134.7	130.4	111.8	134.2	136.4
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40.0 139.3	132.6	139.4	138.8	134.0	108.1	134.0	138.1
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		EDUCAT	ION				
93.9 265.2	303.0	322.7	280.6	272.7	192.4	261.2	282.5
94.0 265.3	303.1	322.7	280.6	272.7	192.6	261.3	282.6
91.8 264.2	301.9	322.0	280.5	271.8	192.6	259.9	281.3
92.0 264.2	301.9	322.1	280.6	271.8	192.6	260.0	281.4
07.3 277.3	322.1	340.9	295.6	294.7	204.4	276.1	296.7
07.3 277.9	322.1	340.9	295.6	294.7	204.4	276.2	296.9
07.6 277.9	322.1	341.0	295.6	294.8	204.4	276.1	297.0
07.6 278.4	322.1	341.0	295.6	294.8	204.4	276.2	297.2
17.9 299.8	337.3	360.8	318.7	305.2	210.6	288.5	313.7
FIN	ANCIAL A	ND INSUR	RANCE SE	RVICES (b)		
09.5 111.7	109.8	108.0	107.6	109.2	107.4	110.3	109.8
115.1	112.1	111.5	114.2	113.3	111.6	113.5	114.0
16.5 117.1	114.1	113.4	115.2	115.7	112.4	116.0	115.9
16.1 116.5	114.5	113.1	114.5	115.9	111.7	115.5	115.6
08.3 108.8	108.6	106.6	107.8	108.6	104.6	108.6	108.3
06.3 106.9	107.3	105.3	106.0	107.3	103.3	107.0	106.5
08.0 105.8	108.6	108.1	108.2	109.2	105.2	109.2	107.5
09.0 106.6	108.9	108.7	108.5	109.6	105.2	110.5	108.3
108.8	111.4	110.1	111.3	112.0	108.1	113.1	110.5
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(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = (b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

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CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES(a)-Mar Qtr 2010

Weighted average of eight capital Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart Group, sub-group and expenditure class Darwin Canberra cities Food 0.40 0.16 0.40 0.23 0.29 0.12 0.36 0.16 0.29 Dairy and related products -0.04 -0.01 -0.02 -0.01 -0.01 -0.02 0.00 0.01 -0.02 Milk 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.00 -0.02 0.01 0.01 0.03 0.00 Cheese Ice cream and other dairy products -0.03 -0.01 -0.02 -0.02 0.00 -0.04 0.00 -0.03 -0.02 Bread and cereal products 0.06 0.01 0.06 0.01 0.01 0.06 0.01 0.08 0.04 Bread 0.01 0.00 0.02 0.00 0.01 0.02 0.01 0.00 0.01 Cakes and biscuits 0.04 0.00 0.04 0.02 0.01 0.03 0.00 0.06 0.03 Breakfast cereals 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 -0.01 0.00 0.01 0.00 -0.01 -0.02 -0.01 0.01 Other cereal products 0.01 0.02 0.00 0.01 0.01 Meat and seafoods 0.06 0.04 -0.02 0.09 0.07 0.10 0.04 0.05 0.05 Beef and veal 0.01 0.02 0.00 0.01 -0.02 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 Lamb and mutton 0.03 0.01 0.00 0.03 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.01 0.01 Pork 0.00 0.00 -0.01 -0.01 -0.01 0.01 0.02 0.01 0.00 Poultry 0.01 -0.02-0.01 -0.05 0.02 -0.02-0.03 -0.02 -0.02 Bacon and ham 0.03 0.04 0.03 0.03 0.03 0.03 0.03 0.02 0.03 Other fresh and processed meat 0.02 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.02 0.04 -0.02 0.02 0.02 Fish and other seafood 0.00 -0.01 -0.01 0.02 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.00 0.00 Fruit and vegetables 0.18 0.03 0.20 -0.01 0.02 -0.05 0.28 -0.08 0.10 Fruit -0.04-0.17-0.10-0.21-0.08-0.180.11 -0.23-0.11 Vegetables 0.22 0.21 0.31 0.20 0.10 0.14 0.17 0.16 0.21 Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food 0.07 0.07 0.03 0.11 0.01 0.03 0.08 0.08 0.11 Soft drinks, waters and juices 0.06 0.05 0.10 0.05 0.06 0.04 0.02 0.04 0.06 Snacks and confectionery 0.02 0.03 -0.02 0.05 -0.01 0.01 0.04 0.02 0.01 Meals out and take away foods 0.08 0.03 0.06 0.13 0.08 0.04 0.03 0.04 0.06 Restaurant meals 0.04 0.01 0.02 0.08 0.06 0.01 0.01 0.02 0.03 Take away and fast foods 0.04 0.02 0.04 0.04 0.03 0.03 0.02 0.03 0.04 Other food 0.00 -0.01 -0.01 0.00 0.01 0.02 -0.03 -0.03 0.00 Eggs 0.00 -0.010.00 -0.01-0.010.00 -0.01 -0.01-0.01 Jams, honey and sandwich spreads -0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.01 -0.01 0.01 0.00 0.00 Tea, coffee and food drinks 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.01 -0.01 -0.01 -0.01 0.00 0.00 Food additives and condiments 0.00 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.01 Fats and oils 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.00 Food n.e.c. 0.00 -0.02 -0.01 0.01 -0.01 0.00 -0.02 0.00 -0.01 Alcohol and tobacco 0.12 0.13 0.16 0.27 0.10 0.13 0.31 0.17 0.16 Alcoholic drinks 0.04 0.04 0.01 0.07 0.19 0.17 0.07 0.04 0.06 Beer 0.02 0.05 0.01 0.02 0.13 0.14 0.03 0.04 0.04 Wine 0.01 -0.020.00 0.03 0.03 0.01 0.01 -0.01 0.00 Spirits 0.01 0.02 0.00 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.01 0.01 Tobacco 0.07 0.09 0.12 0.08 0.12 0.11 0.11 0.05 0.09 Clothing and footwear -0.15 -0.34 -0.29 -0.25 -0.37 -0.16 -0.18 -0.09 -0.26 Men's clothing -0.03 -0.11-0.09 -0.07-0.10-0.04 -0.05 0.04 -0.07 Men's outerwear -0.03 -0.10-0.08 -0.07 -0.10 -0.03 -0.04 0.03 -0.07 Men's underwear, nightwear and socks -0.01 -0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.00 -0.01 -0.09 -0.03 Women's clothing -0.04 -0.12 -0.08 0.00 -0.03 -0.10 -0.08 Women's outerwear -0.05 -0.10 -0.06 0.02 -0.06 0.02 -0.06 -0.08 -0.05 Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery 0.00 -0.03 -0.02 -0.01 -0.03 -0.06 0.02 -0.02 -0.01 Children's and infants' clothing -0.04 -0.06 -0.09 -0.09 -0.09 -0.05 -0.06 0.00 -0.06 Footwear 0.00 -0.02 -0.02 -0.03 -0.05 -0.03 -0.040.01 -0.02Men's footwear 0.00 -0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 0.00 Women's footwear -0.01-0.01-0.04-0.02-0.040.00 -0.040.00 -0.02Children's footwear 0.00 0.00 -0.03 -0.01 -0.01 0.01 0.01 0.02 0.00 Accessories and clothing services -0.03 -0.04 -0.02 -0.07 -0.04 0.00 -0.01 -0.03 -0.04 Accessories -0.04 -0.04 -0.03 -0.06 -0.05 -0.01 -0.01 -0.04 -0.04Clothing services and shoe repair 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.00 0.01 0.00

(a) All groups index points.

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES(a)-Mar Qtr 2010 continued

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
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Housing	0.31	1.01	0.28	0.45	0.35	0.18	0.63	0.27	0.52
Rents	0.13	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.04	0.32	0.16	0.10
Utilities	0.00	0.83	0.00	0.23	0.00	-0.03	0.01	0.00	0.25
Electricity	0.00	0.66	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.20
Gas and other household fuels	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.04
Water and sewerage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other housing	0.17	0.11	0.20	0.14	0.29	0.16	0.30	0.12	0.17
House purchase	0.16	0.10	0.19	0.16	0.29	0.15	0.20	0.08	0.16
Property rates and charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
House repairs and maintenance	0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.09	0.05	0.01
Household contents and services	-0.28	-0.12	-0.35	-0.22	-0.04	-0.06	0.09	-0.07	-0.20
Furniture and furnishings	-0.25	-0.10	-0.35	-0.25	-0.02	-0.09	0.01	-0.17	-0.19
Furniture	-0.20	-0.09	-0.28	-0.14	0.04	-0.05	0.02	-0.16	-0.14
Floor and window coverings	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.04	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.01
Towels and linen	-0.02	-0.01	-0.06	-0.08	-0.06	-0.06	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.06	-0.05	-0.05	-0.10	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	0.04	-0.06
Major household appliances	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.04	0.00
Small electric household appliances	0.00	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.08	-0.04	-0.02	-0.07	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.05
Tools	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Household supplies	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.09	-0.03	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.01
Household cleaning agents	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Toiletries and personal care products	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.03	-0.03	0.00	0.03	-0.03	0.00
Other household supplies	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.03	-0.02	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.00
Household services	0.04	0.02	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.04
Child care	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02
Hairdressing and personal care services Other household services	0.02 0.01	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.02	0.01 0.05	0.01 0.03	0.00 0.01	0.01 0.00	0.01 0.01	0.01 0.01
Health									
	0.40	0.43	0.39	0.25	0.38	0.33 0.08	0.21	0.43	0.39 0.17
Health services	0.17 0.15	0.20 0.18	0.17 0.17	0.04 0.03	0.19 0.14	0.08	0.06 0.06	0.21 0.21	0.17
Hospital and medical services Optical services	0.15	0.18	0.17	-0.03	0.14	0.00		0.21	0.15
Dental services	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 0.01	0.00	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02
Transportation	0.27	0.20	0.51	0.25	0.25	0.11	0.22	0.21	0.28
Private motoring	0.27	0.20	0.31	0.25	0.25	0.11	0.22	0.21	0.28
Motor vehicles	-0.08	-0.01	0.04	-0.12	-0.06	-0.15	-0.04	0.21	-0.05
Automotive fuel	-0.08	-0.01	0.03	0.12	-0.00	0.10	-0.04	0.04	-0.03
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.20	-0.05	0.28	0.00	0.29	0.20	0.21	-0.02	0.27
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	-0.02	-0.05	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.00
Other motoring charges	0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Urban transport fares	0.05	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02
Communication	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Postal	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01 0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01 0.00	0.00
Telecommunication	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
recommunication	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.01	0.01	5.01	0.01	0.00

(a) All groups index points.



CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES(a) - Mar Qtr 2010 continued

Weighted average of eight capital Sydney Melbourne Brisbane Adelaide Perth Hobart Darwin Canberra cities Group, sub-group and expenditure class 0.07 0.06 Recreation -0.19 -0.11 -0.35 -0.26 -0.96 -0.42 -0.17Audio, visual and computing -0.11 -0.12 -0.07 -0.08 -0.10-0.12 -0.09 -0.09 -0.10 -0.08 Audio, visual and computing equipment -0.08-0.07 -0.09-0.08 -0.07 -0.08-0.08 -0.08 Audio, visual and computing media and services -0.03 -0.06 0.02 0.00 -0.02 -0.04 -0.01 -0.01 -0.03 Books, newspapers and magazines 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 Books 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.01 -0.01 0.00 Newspapers and magazines 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.05 0.01 0.02 Sport and other recreation 0.04 0.04 0.01 0.01 0.06 0.03 Sports and recreational equipment 0.00 0.00 0.00 -0.02 -0.02 -0.02 -0.02 -0.02 -0.01 Toys, games and hobbies -0.01 -0.01 0.01 0.00 0.00 -0.01 -0.01 0.00 0.00 Sports participation 0.00 0.01 0.00 0.00 0.05 0.01 0.00 0.03 0.01 Pets, pet foods and supplies 0.00 0.00 0.01 0.01 -0.02 0.00 0.00 0.00 -0.01 Pet services including veterinary 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.02 0.01 0.02 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.04 0.02 0.00 0.05 0.03 Other recreational activities 0.02 0.02 0.04 0.02 -0.09 -0.02 -0.35 -0.38 Holiday travel and accommodation -0.19 0.13 0.17 -0.89 -0.11 Domestic holiday travel and accommodation -0.10 -0.01 -0.21 -0.14 -0.03 0.20 -0.87 -0.28 -0.10 Overseas holiday travel and accommodation -0.01 -0.13 -0.05 -0.03 -0.02 -0.10 -0.01 0.01 0.15 Education 0.16 0.42 0.22 0.26 0.33 0.15 0.08 0.21 0.27 Preschool and primary education 0.03 0.03 0.03 0.08 0.09 0.03 0.02 0.03 0.04 Secondary education 0.09 0.10 0.10 0.09 0.10 0.16 0.02 0.13 0.11 Tertiary education 0.04 0.04 0.04 0.28 0.09 0.08 0.09 0.05 0.13 Financial and insurance services 0.34 0.29 0.34 0.17 0.38 0.24 0.29 0.34 0.31 **Financial services** 0.29 0.27 0.25 0.15 0.37 0.15 0.19 0.22 0.27 Deposit and loan facilities 0.25 0.22 0.22 0.19 0.21 0.15 0.17 0.19 0.22 Other financial services 0.03 0.05 0.03 -0.04 0.16 0.00 0.03 0.03 0.05 Insurance services 0.05 0.02 0.09 0.02 0.01 0.08 0.10 0.11 0.05 1.4 All groups 2.1 1.3 1.0 1.9 1.3 0.9 1.1 1.5

(a) All groups index points.

${\tt GROUP, SUB-GROUP \ AND \ EXPENDITURE \ CLASS, \ Weighted \ average \ of \ eight \ capital \ cities}$

	INDEX N	UMBERS		PERCENTAGE CH		CONTRIE TO TOTA (ALL GRO INDEX P	l CPI DUPS OINTS)	CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Mar Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010
		• • • • •			•••••			
Food	189.9	189.3	191.3	1.1	0.7	27.77	28.06	0.29
Dairy and related products	211.1	208.1	206.2	-0.9	-2.3	2.17	2.15	-0.02
Milk	223.5	216.2		0.1	-3.2	0.96	0.97	0.01
Cheese	196.6	194.7	193.6	-0.6	-1.5	0.64	0.64	0.00
Ice cream and other dairy products	195.1	198.1	192.1	-3.0	-1.5	0.57	0.55	-0.02
Bread and cereal products Bread	207.6 245.0	207.9 248.4	210.1 249.4	1.1 0.4	1.2 1.8	3.22 1.27	3.26 1.28	0.04 0.01
Cakes and biscuits	245.0 190.0	190.1	249.4 193.8	1.9	2.0	1.27	1.28	0.01
Breakfast cereals	160.2	157.2	156.6	-0.4	-2.2	0.32	0.32	0.00
Other cereal products	181.6	178.0	180.3	1.3	-0.7	0.33	0.34	0.01
Meat and seafoods	165.8	163.8	165.8	1.2	0.0	4.06	4.11	0.05
Beef and veal	172.6	170.1	171.2	0.6	-0.8	0.78	0.79	0.01
Lamb and mutton	242.7	239.2	247.2	3.3	1.9	0.46	0.47	0.01
Pork Poultry	199.5 108.4	193.6 107.6	193.4 105.8	-0.1 -1.7	-3.1 -2.4	0.28 0.76	0.28 0.74	0.00 -0.02
Bacon and ham	152.2	141.3	153.0	8.3	0.5	0.35	0.38	0.03
Other fresh and processed meat	181.4	180.0	183.0	1.7	0.9	0.66	0.68	0.02
Fish and other seafood	151.7	155.1	155.3	0.1	2.4	0.76	0.76	0.00
Fruit and vegetables	185.2	175.9	180.2	2.4	-2.7	3.99	4.09	0.10
Fruit	203.0	205.5	193.7	-5.7	-4.6	1.96	1.85	-0.11
Vegetables	174.5	156.5	172.6	10.3	-1.1	2.03	2.24	0.21
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food Soft drinks, waters and juices	193.1 174.1	193.5 173.4	197.7 179.5	2.2 3.5	2.4 3.1	3.50 1.63	3.58 1.69	0.08 0.06
Snacks and confectionery	217.6	219.1	221.3	3.5 1.0	3.1 1.7	1.87	1.89	0.08
Meals out and take away foods	194.7	198.6	200.2	0.8	2.8	8.14	8.20	0.06
Restaurant meals	195.6	199.5	201.2	0.9	2.9	3.50	3.53	0.03
Take away and fast foods	196.0	200.1	201.6	0.7	2.9	4.63	4.67	0.04
Other food	175.0	176.6	176.4	-0.1	0.8	2.69	2.69	0.00
Eggs	208.4	204.2	198.9	-2.6	-4.6	0.18	0.17	-0.01
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads Tea, coffee and food drinks	215.7 161.5	217.6 163.1	216.0 163.0	-0.7 -0.1	0.1 0.9	0.27 0.43	0.27 0.43	0.00 0.00
Food additives and condiments	148.1	152.6	155.5	-0.1	5.0	0.43	0.43	0.00
Fats and oils	196.1	195.9	196.1	0.1	0.0	0.36	0.36	0.00
Food n.e.c.	172.9	174.5	173.3	-0.7	0.2	0.97	0.96	-0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	265.1	270.8	274.3	1.3	3.5	11.96	12.12	0.16
Alcoholic drinks		198.5		0.8	3.9	7.69	7.75	0.06
Beer	214.2	224.4	227.0	1.2	6.0	3.57	3.61	0.04
Wine	152.5	153.7	154.1	0.3	1.0	2.42	2.42	0.00
Spirits	211.5	217.8	219.2	0.6	3.6	1.71	1.72	0.01
Tobacco	469.2	472.0	482.1	2.1	2.7	4.27	4.36	0.09
Clothing and footwear	109.5	112.3	107.5	-4.3	-1.8	5.92	5.66	-0.26
Men's clothing	106.5	109.6	102.9	-6.1	-3.4	1.12	1.05	-0.07
Men's outerwear	102.8	106.1	99.0	-6.7	-3.7	0.95	0.88	-0.07
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks Women's clothing	128.0 109.3	129.7 110.6	125.4 106.7	–3.3 –3.5	-2.0 -2.4	0.18 2.05	0.17 1.97	-0.01 -0.08
Women's outerwear	109.3	100.1	96.4	-3.5	-2.4 -4.4	2.05 1.58	1.53	-0.08
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	146.3	158.5	153.7	-3.0	5.1	0.46	0.45	-0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	112.1	118.3	106.6	-9.9	-4.9	0.60	0.54	-0.06
Footwear	95.8	95.7	93.9	-1.9	-2.0	0.94	0.92	-0.02
Men's footwear	90.8	88.1	88.2	0.1	-2.9	0.25	0.25	0.00
Women's footwear	99.1	100.5	96.8	-3.7	-2.3	0.50	0.48	-0.02
Children's footwear	98.1	98.4	98.1	-0.3	0.0	0.18	0.18	0.00
Accessories and clothing services(b)	114.2	120.6	117.1 98.9	-2.9	2.5	1.21	1.17	-0.04
Accessories(b) Clothing services and shoe repair	96.5 198.9	103.1 202.6	98.9 204.9	-4.1 1.1	2.5 3.0	0.93 0.28	0.89 0.28	-0.04 0.00
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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.



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	INDEX N	UMBERS	(a)	PERCENTAGE CH	IANGE	CONTRIE TO TOTA (ALL GR INDEX P	L CPI OUPS OINTS)	CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Mar Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010
Housing	149.7	156.5	158.8	1.5	6.1	35.94	36.46	0.52
Rents	176.6	182.9	184.7	1.0	4.6	9.88	9.98	0.10
Utilities	201.3	223.0	231.6	3.9	15.1	6.56	6.81	0.25
Electricity	191.0	213.3	225.8	5.9	18.2	3.44	3.64	0.20
Gas and other household fuels	222.3	233.0	241.3	3.6	8.5	1.38	1.42	0.04
Water and sewerage(b)	168.0	191.7	191.6	-0.1	14.0	1.74	1.74	0.00
Other housing	137.5	141.8	143.0	0.8	4.0	19.50	19.67	0.17
House purchase(b)	165.0	169.8	171.8	1.2	4.1	13.57	13.73	0.16
Property rates and charges(b)	173.2	183.1	183.1	0.0	5.7	2.24	2.24	0.00
House repairs and maintenance	176.1	180.3	180.9	0.3	2.7	3.70	3.71	0.01
Household contents and services	125.0	128.5	126.8	-1.3	1.4	15.11	14.91	-0.20
Furniture and furnishings	130.4	136.4	131.2	-3.8	0.6	4.93	4.74	-0.19
Furniture	130.7	138.1	131.7	-4.6	0.8	3.11	2.97	-0.14
Floor and window coverings	153.0	156.7	155.9	-0.5	1.9	1.28	1.27	-0.01
Towels and linen	96.0	99.6	92.6	-7.0	-3.5	0.53	0.50	-0.03
Household appliances, utensils and tools	102.2	104.8	102.6	-2.1	0.4	2.62	2.56	-0.06
Major household appliances	107.5	105.5	105.0	-0.5	-2.3	0.96	0.96	0.00
Small electric household appliances	93.9	96.1	94.6	-1.6	0.7	0.40	0.39	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils Tools	91.1 111.7	96.6 119.1	90.1 119.8	-6.7 0.6	–1.1 7.3	0.70 0.56	0.65 0.56	-0.05 0.00
Household supplies	142.8	144.6	119.8 144.8	0.8	1.3	0.56 4.67	0.56 4.68	0.00
Household cleaning agents	133.8	133.3	137.7	3.3	2.9	4.07	4.08 0.53	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	145.8	135.5 146.7	146.0	-0.5	0.1	1.80	1.80	0.02
Other household supplies	152.5	155.7	155.6	-0.1	2.0	2.35	2.35	0.00
Household services	220.0	225.5	228.6	1.4	3.9	2.90	2.94	0.04
Child care	146.8	151.4	156.0	3.0	6.3	0.50	0.52	0.02
Hairdressing and personal care services	200.6	205.2	206.8	0.8	3.1	1.30	1.31	0.01
Other household services	249.1	255.6	258.7	1.2	3.9	1.10	1.11	0.01
Health	248.5	249.3	261.1	4.7	5.1	8.21	8.60	0.39
Health services	248.3	249.3	285.9	2.6	6.0	6.55	6.72	0.39
Hospital and medical services	284.6	294.7	303.2	2.9	6.5	5.14	5.29	0.15
Optical services	147.0	151.8	152.7	0.6	3.9	0.18	0.19	0.01
Dental services	253.6	259.5	263.6	1.6	3.9	1.23	1.25	0.02
Pharmaceuticals	174.1	156.6	177.4	13.3	1.9	1.66	1.89	0.23
Transportation	158.8	163.2	165.3	1.3	4.1	21.32	21.60	0.28
Private motoring	154.4	158.8	160.7	1.3	4.1	20.04	20.27	0.28
Motor vehicles	96.6	97.6	97.0	-0.6	0.4	7.16	7.11	-0.05
Automotive fuel	198.0	207.4	216.1	4.2	9.1	6.38	6.65	0.27
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	163.2	166.7	166.8	0.1	2.2	3.38	3.38	0.00
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	139.6	143.2	142.6	-0.4	2.1	1.25	1.25	0.00
Other motoring charges	235.2	247.9	249.8	0.8	6.2	1.87	1.89	0.02
Urban transport fares	242.4	244.9	252.7	3.2	4.2	1.28	1.32	0.04
Communication	112.2	112.5	112.4	-0.1	0.2	5.00	5.00	0.00
Postal	112.2	155.4	155.4	-0.1	1.8	0.19	0.19	0.00
Telecommunication	102.0	109.7		-0.1	0.0	4.81	4.81	0.00
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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.



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						CONTRIE TO TOTA	L CPI	CHANGE
	INDEX N			PERCENTAGE CH	IANGE	(ALL GRO		IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr	Dec Otr	Mar Otr	Dec Otr 2009 to	Mar Otr 2009 to	Dec Otr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2009 to
Group, sub-group and expenditure class	2009	2009	2010	Mar Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2010 Mar Qtr 2010	2009	2010	Mar Qtr 2010
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Recreation	136.5	139.5	138.1	-1.0	1.2	18.37	18.20	-0.17
Audio, visual and computing	43.8	42.3	41.0	-3.1	-6.4	3.43	3.33	-0.10
Audio, visual and computing equipment	18.9	16.9	15.9	-5.9	-15.9	1.33	1.25	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing media and services	98.6	100.5	99.2	-1.3	0.6	2.10	2.07	-0.03
Books, newspapers and magazines	222.7	224.7	224.7	0.0	0.9	1.38	1.38	0.00
Books(b)	130.4	132.3	132.2	-0.1	1.4	0.70	0.70	0.00
Newspapers and magazines(b)	153.3	153.7	153.8	0.1	0.3	0.68	0.68	0.00
Sport and other recreation	183.7	190.4	191.3	0.5	4.1	6.50	6.53	0.03
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	88.7	90.5	89.4	-1.2	0.8	0.83	0.82	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	94.9	95.1	95.1	0.0	0.2	0.74	0.74	0.00
Sports participation(b)	169.1	174.3	175.5	0.7	3.8	1.30	1.31	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	168.7	192.3	191.5	-0.4	13.5	0.83	0.82	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	229.4	234.6	237.2	1.1	3.4	0.78	0.79	0.01
Other recreational activities(b)	165.7	170.3	172.5	1.3	4.1	2.01	2.04	0.03
Holiday travel and accommodation	147.6	153.5	151.2	-1.5	2.4	7.07	6.96	-0.11
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	150.9	162.5	158.7	-2.3	5.2	4.01	3.91	-0.10
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	142.9	142.2	141.8	-0.3	-0.8	3.06	3.05	-0.01
Education	296.7	297.2	313.7	5.6	5.7	4.90	5.17	0.27
Preschool and primary education(c)	166.7	168.1	175.6	4.5	5.3	0.96	1.00	0.04
Secondary education(c)	181.5	181.5	191.9	5.7	5.7	1.84	1.95	0.11
Tertiary education(c)	139.4	139.4	147.6	5.9	5.9	2.10	2.23	0.13
Financial and insurance services(d)	108.3	108.3	110.5	2.0	2.0	14.95	15.26	0.31
Financial services(d)	105.7	104.3	106.7	2.3	0.9	12.08	12.35	0.27
Deposit and loan facilities(d)	101.4	99.9	103.3	3.4	1.9	6.62	6.84	0.22
Other financial services(d)	111.4	110.2	111.1	0.8	-0.3	5.46	5.51	0.05
Insurance services	303.6	320.0	325.2	1.6	7.1	2.86	2.91	0.05
All groups	166.2	169.5	171.0	0.9	2.9	169.5	171.0	1.5
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(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0. (c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(d) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

		UMBERS		PERCENTAGE CH		CONTRIB TO TOTAI (ALL GRO INDEX PO	L CPI DUPS DINTS)	CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2009	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2009 to Mar Qtr 2010
	166.2	160 F	474.0		2.9	160 5	171.0	1.5
All groups	100.2	169.5	171.0	0.9	2.9	169.5	171.0	1.5
Selected components								
Goods component	162.9	166.0	167.1	0.7	2.6	97.87	98.53	0.66
Services component	172.2	175.8	178.1	1.3	3.4	71.58	72.51	0.93
Tradables component(c)	121.8	122.9	123.1	0.2	1.1	67.18	67.31	0.13
Non-tradables component(c)	151.1	155.2	157.5	1.5	4.2	102.27	103.73	1.46
All groups excluding								
Food	161.7	165.7	167.2	0.9	3.4	141.68	142.98	1.30
Alcohol and tobacco	159.4	162.6	164.1	0.9	2.9	157.49	158.93	1.44
Clothing and footwear	169.8	173.2	175.1	1.1	3.1	163.54	165.38	1.84
Housing	167.3	169.5	170.8	0.8	2.1	133.52	134.58	1.06
Household contents and								
services	172.2	175.5	177.5	1.1	3.1	154.34	156.13	1.79
Health	162.4	165.7	167.0	0.8	2.8	161.24	162.44	1.20
Transportation	167.3	170.5	172.0	0.9	2.8	148.13	149.44	1.31
Communication	167.5	170.9	172.6	1.0	3.0	164.45	166.04	1.59
Recreation	170.5	173.8	175.9	1.2	3.2	151.08	152.85	1.77
Education	164.4	167.7	169.1	0.8	2.9	164.55	165.87	1.32
Financial and insurance								
services	173.7	177.5	179.0	0.8	3.1	154.50	155.78	1.28
Housing and Financial and								
insurance services	167.9	170.4	171.5	0.6	2.1	118.57	119.32	0.75
Hospital and medical services	163.2	166.4	167.8	0.8	2.8	164.32	165.75	1.43

(a) Refer to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.
 (b) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989–90 = 100.0.
 (c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index numbers(a)(b)

		All groups excluding Housing and Financial and	All groups excluding	EXCLUDING	OODS AND S G 'VOLATILE I	TEMS'		
Period	All groups	insurance services	'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables(c)	Non-tradables(c)
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2005–06	151.7	155.2	157.6	145.6	165.2	151.2	116.0	133.9
2006–07	156.1	159.8	161.7	148.2	170.0	154.6	118.5	138.6
2007–08	161.4	163.8	167.2	151.8	177.8	159.7	120.7	144.9
2008–09	166.4	167.8	173.2	156.2	184.3	164.9	122.3	151.1
2006								
March	151.9	155.4	158.1	145.7	165.6	151.4	115.7	134.5
June	154.3	158.4	159.1	146.4	166.8	152.3	118.8	135.6
September	155.7	159.7	160.3	147.3	168.2	153.4	119.8	136.9
December	155.5	159.2	161.1	147.8	170.1	154.4	118.1	138.0
2007								
March	155.6	159.0	162.1	148.3	170.3	154.8	116.9	139.2
June	157.5	161.2	163.3	149.5	171.3	155.9	119.2	140.2
September	158.6	161.5	164.4	149.9	174.1	157.2	119.4	141.7
December	160.1	162.7	166.0	151.3	176.7	159.0	119.8	143.6
2008								
March	162.2	164.5	168.0	152.1	178.6	160.2	120.8	146.1
June	164.6	166.6	170.2	153.9	181.7	162.4	122.6	148.1
September	166.5	167.7	172.0	154.7	184.9	164.1	123.4	150.4
December	166.0	166.6	172.8	155.3	186.3	165.0	121.2	151.3
2009								
March	166.2	167.9	173.4	156.7	183.0	164.7	121.8	151.1
June	167.0	169.0	174.4	158.2	182.9	165.6	122.6	151.7
September	168.6	169.7	176.1	159.0	184.4	166.6	122.8	153.9
December	169.5	170.4	177.0	159.3	186.5	167.6	122.9	155.2
2010								
March	171.0	171.5	178.4	158.9	187.9	167.9	123.1	157.5

(b)

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

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

Refer to paragraphs 11–13 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.



ANALYTICAL SERIES, Percentage changes(a)

		All groups excluding			ODS AND SE 'VOLATILE ITE				RBA CONSU PRICE MEAS	
Period	All groups	Housing and Financial and insurance services	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables Nor	o-tradables	Weighted median	Trimmed mean
			CENTAGE CHA			e financ	vial voar)		• • • • • • • • • •	
2005–06 2006–07	3.2 2.9	3.3 3.0	2.3 2.6	1.7 1.8	2.3 2.9	1.9 2.2	3.0 2.2	3.3 3.5	2.6 2.9	2.6 2.8
2006-07 2007-08	2.9 3.4	2.5	3.4	2.4	2.9 4.6	3.3	1.9	3.5 4.5	2.9 4.0	2.0
2008–09	3.1	2.5	3.6	2.4	3.7	3.3	1.3	4.3	4.5	4.1
			E CHANGE (fr						• • • • • • • • • •	
2006		TERCENTAGE		om corres	ponung	quarter	or previous	year)		
March	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.6	1.9	1.7	2.8	3.1	2.7	2.6
June	4.0	4.4	2.4	1.5	2.7	2.0	4.8	3.4	2.9	2.8
September		4.2	2.6	1.7	2.9	2.1	4.4	3.6	3.0	2.8
December	3.3	3.6	2.7	1.7	3.2	2.3	2.9	3.5	2.9	2.9
2007										
March	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.0	3.5	2.8	2.7
June	2.1	1.8	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.4	0.3	3.4	r2.9	r2.8
September	1.9	1.1	2.6	1.8	3.5	2.5	-0.3	3.5	r3.2	2.9
December	3.0	2.2	3.0	2.4	3.9	3.0	1.4	4.1	3.8	3.5
2008										
March	4.2	3.5	3.6	2.6	4.9	3.5	3.3	5.0	r4.4	4.1
June	4.5	3.3	4.2	2.9	6.1	4.2	2.9	5.6	r4.4	4.3
September	5.0	3.8	4.6	3.2	6.2	4.4	3.4	6.1	4.8	r4.6
December	3.7	2.4	4.1	2.6	5.4	3.8	1.2	5.4	4.5	4.2
2009										
March	2.5	2.1	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.8	0.8	3.4	4.4	3.9
June	1.5	1.4	2.5	2.8	0.7	2.0	0.0	2.4	4.2	3.6
September	1.3	1.2	2.4	2.8	-0.3	1.5	-0.5	2.3	r3.8	3.2
December	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	0.1	1.6	1.4	2.6	r3.5	3.2
2010										
March	2.9	2.1	2.9	1.4	2.7	1.9	1.1	4.2	3.1	3.0
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2006					i e in pret					
March	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8
June	0.9 1.6	1.9	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
September	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.3
December	-0.1	-0.3	0.5	0.3	1.1	0.7	-1.4	0.8	0.5	0.5
2007	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0				0.0	0.0	0.0
	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	-1.0	0.9	r0.7	0.6
March				0.8	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.7	1.0	0.9
June	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.0				-		0.8
	1.2 0.7	1.4 0.2	0.7 0.7	0.3	1.6	0.8	0.2	1.1	1.0	
June						0.8 1.1			1.0 r1.1	
June September	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.6		0.2 0.3	1.1 1.3		
June September December	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.6					1.1
June September December 2008	0.7 0.9	0.2 0.7	0.7 1.0	0.3 0.9	1.6 1.5	1.1	0.3	1.3	r1.1	1.1 1.2
June September December 2008 March	0.7 0.9 1.3	0.2 0.7 1.1	0.7 1.0 1.2	0.3 0.9 0.5	1.6 1.5 1.1	1.1 0.8	0.3 0.8	1.3 1.7	r1.1 1.3	1.1 1.2 1.2
June September December 2008 March June	0.7 0.9 1.3 1.5	0.2 0.7 1.1 1.3	0.7 1.0 1.2 1.3	0.3 0.9 0.5 1.2	1.6 1.5 1.1 1.7	1.1 0.8 1.4	0.3 0.8 1.5	1.3 1.7 1.4	r1.1 1.3 1.0	1.1 1.2 1.2 1.2
June September December 2008 March June September December 2009	0.7 0.9 1.3 1.5 1.2 -0.3	0.2 0.7 1.1 1.3 0.7 -0.7	0.7 1.0 1.2 1.3 1.1 0.5	0.3 0.9 0.5 1.2 0.5 0.4	1.6 1.5 1.1 1.7 1.8	1.1 0.8 1.4 1.0 0.5	0.3 0.8 1.5 0.7	1.3 1.7 1.4 1.6 0.6	r1.1 1.3 1.0 1.3 0.9	1.1 1.2 1.2 1.2
June September December 2008 March June September December	0.7 0.9 1.3 1.5 1.2	0.2 0.7 1.1 1.3 0.7	0.7 1.0 1.2 1.3 1.1	0.3 0.9 0.5 1.2 0.5	1.6 1.5 1.1 1.7 1.8	1.1 0.8 1.4 1.0	0.3 0.8 1.5 0.7	1.3 1.7 1.4 1.6	r1.1 1.3 1.0 1.3	1.1 1.2 1.2 1.2 0.6
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June September December 2008 March June September 2009 March June September	0.7 0.9 1.3 1.5 1.2 -0.3 0.1 0.5 1.0	0.2 0.7 1.1 1.3 0.7 -0.7 0.8 0.7 0.4	0.7 1.0 1.2 1.3 1.1 0.5 0.3 0.6 1.0	0.3 0.9 0.5 1.2 0.5 0.4 0.9 1.0 0.5	1.6 1.5 1.1 1.7 1.8 0.8 1.8 0.1 0.8	1.1 0.8 1.4 1.0 0.5 -0.2 0.5 0.6	0.3 0.8 1.5 0.7 -1.8 0.5 0.7 0.2	1.3 1.7 1.4 1.6 0.6 -0.1 0.4 1.5	r1.1 1.3 1.0 1.3 0.9 1.2 0.8 0.8	1.1 1.2 1.2 0.6 1.0 0.9 0.8
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⁽a) Refer to paragraphs 11–13 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance

services—Index numbers(a)

						Korea,				United		
		New	Hong			Republic				States of		United
Period	Australia	Zealand	Kong	Indonesia	Japan	of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	America	Germany	Kingdom
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2005–06	155.2	136.8	162.6	646.6	106.1	210.4	126.9	138.2	142.2	152.6	133.1	152.8
2006–07	159.8	139.6	164.7	700.5	106.4	215.4	127.8	138.4	143.8	155.6	135.0	157.6
2007–08	163.8	143.2	171.2	763.5	107.3	223.2	134.2	144.4	145.8	161.8	138.7	162.4
2008–09	167.8	147.7	173.1	831.7	107.9	233.0	137.0	146.6	147.6	163.7	140.1	168.6
2006												
March	155.4	136.7	162.2	668.6	105.9	211.4	127.2	136.0	141.9	152.4	132.8	152.5
June	158.4	138.9	163.4	673.3	106.5	212.5	127.1	138.6	143.6	155.2	133.7	154.9
September	159.7	139.5	164.0	681.5	106.8	214.3	127.3	138.5	143.3	155.7	134.2	156.0
December	159.2	138.8	164.3	698.8	106.5	213.6	127.9	137.7	142.2	153.4	134.2	157.1
2007												
March	159.0	139.3	164.8	710.7	105.8	215.7	127.7	137.2	143.7	154.8	135.1	157.7
June	161.2	140.6	165.7	710.8	106.4	218.1	128.4	140.3	145.9	158.5	136.5	159.6
September	161.5	140.8	167.4	728.9	106.6	219.5	131.1	141.3	145.4	158.5	137.3	159.2
December	162.7	142.7	169.4	747.1	107.2	220.9	133.2	146.2	144.7	160.1	138.3	161.2
2008												
March	164.5	143.5	172.9	773.7	107.1	223.8	135.5	143.9	145.0	161.9	139.1	162.6
June	166.6	145.8	175.1	804.4	108.1	228.7	137.1	146.2	148.2	166.7	139.9	166.5
September	167.7	148.2	175.8	827.9	109.4	231.8	137.7	148.9	149.5	169.2	140.9	168.6
December	166.6	147.0	172.9	832.6	108.4	231.2	138.6	149.0	146.5	162.2	139.8	168.1
2009												
March	167.9	147.4	172.0	833.9	106.8	233.2	136.5	143.7	146.0	160.6	139.6	167.4
June	169.0	148.3	171.6	832.4	r106.8	235.7	135.1	144.7	148.4	162.8	140.2	170.2
September	169.7	150.4	172.3	850.8	106.5	236.9	136.6	146.9	148.8	164.4	140.7	171.7
December	170.4	150.2	174.9	854.6	105.9	237.1	138.0	146.9	149.0	165.4	141.0	173.9
2010												
March	171.5	150.7	177.0	864.2	nya	239.5	nya	146.0	nya	166.5	141.2	176.1
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(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance

services—Percentage changes

Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germanv	Unite Kingdo
enou		200.0			Sapan		en Bapere		canada			
			PERCEN	NTAGE CH	ANGE (f	rom pre	vious fina	ancial ye	ear)			
2005–06	3.3	2.9	0.9	15.4	-0.1	2.7	1.0	2.6	2.1	4.4	1.5	2
006-07	3.0	2.0	1.3	8.3	0.3	2.4	0.7	0.1	1.1	2.0	1.4	3
2007–08 2008–09	2.5 2.4	2.6 3.1	3.9 1.1	9.0 8.9	0.8 r0.6	3.6 4.4	5.0 2.1	4.3 1.5	1.4 1.2	4.0 1.2	2.7 1.0	3
	2.4	J.1	1.1	0.9				1.5	1.2	1.2		ر • • • • •
		PERCEN	TAGE C	HANGE (fr	om cori	respondi	ing quarte	er of pre	vious ye	ear)		
006												
March	3.1	2.7	0.5	17.0	0.3	2.6	1.4	1.6	1.9	4.2	1.2	1
June	4.4	3.7	0.9	16.7	0.4	2.5	1.2	1.8	2.1	4.4	1.4	2
September	4.2	3.1	1.2	15.6	1.0	2.7	0.8	-0.9	1.0	3.2	1.1	3
December	3.6	1.9	1.0	6.5	0.4	2.3	0.6	-0.6	0.5	0.9	1.0	3
2007												_
March	2.3	1.9	1.6	6.3	-0.1	2.0	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.7	3
June	1.8	1.2	1.4	5.6	-0.1	2.6	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.1	Э
September	1.1	1.0	1.0	7.0	-0.2	2.4	3.0	1.7	1.5	1.8	2.3	2
December	2.2	2.8	3.1	7.1	0.6	3.4	4.1	5.8	1.8	4.4	3.1	2
008												
March	3.5	3.0	4.9	8.9	1.2	3.8	6.1	4.9	0.9	4.6	3.0	3
June	3.3	3.8	5.7	13.2	1.6	4.9	6.8	4.2	1.6	5.2	2.5	2
September	3.8	5.2	5.0	13.6	2.6	5.6	5.0	5.4	2.8	6.8	2.6	Ę
December	2.4	3.0	2.1	11.4	1.2	4.7	4.1	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.1	4
009												
March	2.1	2.7	-0.5	7.8	-0.2	4.2	0.7	-0.1	0.7	-0.8	0.4	
June	1.4	1.7	-2.0	3.5	r–1.2	3.1	-1.5	-1.0	0.1	-2.3	0.2	2
September	1.2	1.5	-2.0	2.8	-2.7	2.2	-0.8	-1.3	-0.5	-2.8	-0.1	-
December	2.3	2.2	1.2	2.7	-2.3	2.6	-0.4	-1.4	1.7	2.0	0.9	3
010												
March	2.1	2.3	2.9	3.6	nya	2.7	nya	1.6	nya	3.7	1.1	Ę
	• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	PER	CENTAGE	CHANGI	E (from	previous	quarter)		• • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • •	
2006												
March	1.1	0.4	-0.2	2.1	-0.2	1.2	0.1	-1.8	0.3	0.3	-0.1	C
June	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5	-0.1	1.9	1.2	1.8	0.7	1
September	0.8	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.8	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.3	0.4	(
December	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	2.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-1.5	0.0	(
007												
March	-0.1	0.4	0.3	1.9	-0.7	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	(
June	1.4	0.9	0.5	—	0.6	1.1	0.5	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.0	1
September	0.2	0.2	1.0	2.6	0.2	0.6	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.0	0.6	-(
December	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.5	0.5	0.6	1.6	3.4	-0.5	1.0	0.7	-
008												
March	1.1	0.6	2.1	3.6	-0.1	1.3	1.7	-1.6	0.2	1.1	0.6	(
June	1.3	1.6	1.3	4.0	1.0	2.2	1.2	1.6	2.2	3.0	0.6	2
September	0.7	1.6	0.4	2.9	1.2	1.4	0.4	1.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1
December	-0.7	-0.8	-1.6	0.6	-0.9	-0.3	0.7	0.1	-2.0	-4.1	-0.8	-(
009												
March	0.8	0.3	-0.5	0.2	-1.5	0.9	-1.5	-3.6	-0.3	-1.0	-0.1	-0
June	0.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	r0.0	1.1	-1.0	0.7	1.6	1.4	0.4	-
September	0.4	1.4	0.4	2.2	-0.3	0.5	1.1	1.5	0.3	1.0	0.4	(
December	0.4	-0.2	1.5	0.5	-0.6	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.2	-
2010												

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by the CPI population group (i.e. metropolitan households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eleven groups:

- Food
- Alcohol and tobacco
- Clothing and footwear
- Housing
- Household contents and services
- Health
- Transportation
- Communication
- Recreation
- Education
- Financial and insurance services.

2 The capital city indexes measure price movements over time in each city individually. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.

3 Further information about the CPI is contained in *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2009* (cat. no. 6461.0) which is available on the ABS website http://www.abs.gov.au.

PRICES **4** The frequency of price collection by item varies as necessary to obtain reliable price measures. Prices of some items are volatile (i.e. their prices may vary many times each quarter) and for these items frequent price observations are necessary to obtain a reliable measure of the average price for the quarter. Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for goods such as milk, bread, fresh meat and seafood, fresh fruit and vegetables, alcohol, tobacco, women's outerwear, project homes, motor vehicles, petrol and holiday travel and accommodation. For most other items, price volatility is not a problem and prices are collected once a quarter. There are a few items where prices are changed at infrequent intervals, for example education fees where prices are set once a year. In these cases, the frequency of price collection is modified accordingly. 5 In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload, the number of items for which prices are collected quarterly is distributed roughly equally across each month of each quarter. In all cases, however, individual items are priced in the same month of each quarter. For example, items for which prices are collected in the first month of the September quarter, July, are also priced in the first month of subsequent quarters, namely October, January and April. WEIGHTING PATTERN 6 There are 90 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the fifteenth series CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights. 7 Changes in the weighting pattern have been made at approximately five-yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI now comprises fifteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current and historical weighting patterns for the CPI for the weighted average of the eight capital cities is published in Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2005) (cat. no. 6431). The 15th series weighting pattern for the weighted average of eight capital cities and for each of the eight capital cities, as well as each city's percentage contribution to the weighted average, are also published in the Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue) (cat. no. 6430.0)

EXPLANATORY NOTES continued

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WEIGHTING PATTERN continued	(electronic publication). Both publ <http: www.abs.gov.au="">.</http:>	lications are available on the ABS website
ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES	changes in index points or as perce	he period to another can be expressed either as entage changes. The following example illustrates the ndex points and percentage changes between any two
	All groups CPI: Weighted average of	of eight capital cities
	migroups of it. weighted average e	Index numbers:
	March Quarter 2010	171.0 (see table 1)
	less December Quarter 2009	169.5 (see table 1)
	Change in index points	1.5
	Percentage change	$1.5/169.5 \ge 1.00 = 0.9\%$ (see table 2)
	9 Percentage changes are calcula index numbers:	ted to illustrate three different kinds of movements in
	financial years are simple avera	tive financial years (where the index numbers for ages of the quarterly index numbers) onding quarters of consecutive years tive quarters.
	10 Table 7 provides a detailed an	alysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities,
		previous quarter, including information on
	movements for groups, sub-group	s and expenditure classes. It also shows the
		the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related
		.15 index points to the total All groups index number he final column shows contributions to the change in
		oup, sub–group and expenditure class.
SPECIAL SERIES	helpful for analytical purposes. The	n tables 8, 9 and 10 in this publication which are ese series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI ups, sub-groups and expenditure classes is contained
	12 Some of the compiled series a Food'. Other series and their comp	are self explanatory, such as 'All groups excluding position are described below:
	composition of the CPI, from S comprises the All groups CPI e vehicle insurance and mortgag	<i>al and insurance services</i> : Reflecting the changing September quarter 1989 to June quarter 1998, excluding house insurance, house contents insurance, ge interest charges and consumer credit charges; from
	excluding house insurance, ho	ne quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI puse contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from ne quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI
		from September quarter 2005 comprises the All groups
		and Financial and insurance services: Reflecting
		he CPI, from September quarter 1989 to June quarter
		s CPI excluding Housing, house contents insurance,
		er credit charges; from September quarter 1998 to
		he All groups CPI excluding Housing, house
		urance and vehicle insurance; from September quarter
		nprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and ember quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI
	excluding Housing and Finance	

EXPLANATORY NOTES continued

SPECIAL SERIES continued

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

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

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

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

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

ROUNDING

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

EXPLANATORY NOTES continued

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS <i>continued</i>	community an index that excludes housing and financial services' in addition to the all-items index.
	17 Table 11 aims to present indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing and Financial services' (see paragraph 12). However, other than Australia and New Zealand, the countries represented in this table are yet to develop indexes on this basis, so the indexes presented here are consistent with the series previously published for All groups excluding Housing. To facilitate comparisons all indexes in this table have been converted, where necessary, to a quarterly basis and re-referenced to a base of $1989-90 = 100.0$.
	18 In producing table 11, the ABS is grateful for the assistance of the relevant national statistical agencies which have either directly supplied indexes for all items excluding housing and financial services or data to enable their derivation.
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	 20 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications and other data products that are available free of charge from the ABS website: <i>A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 15th Series</i> (cat. no. 6440.0) <i>Information Paper: Introduction of the 15th Series Australian Consumer Price Index 2005 (Reissue)</i> (cat. no. 6462.0) <i>Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)</i> (cat. no. 6430.0) <i>Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2005)</i> (cat. no. 6431.0) <i>A Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2009</i> (cat. no. 6461.0) <i>Information Paper: Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services</i> (cat. no. 6413.0) <i>Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers</i> (cat. no. 6458.0) <i>Information Paper: Consumer Price Index with Reserve Bank of Australia Consumer Price Index: Concordance with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia (cat. no. 6446.0, 55.001)</i> <i>Issues to be considered during the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review, Dec 2009</i> (cat. no. 6468.0) <i>Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities</i> (cat. no. 6403.0, 55.001) <i>House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities</i> (cat. no. 6403.0, 55.001) <i>Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types</i> (cat. no. 6463.0) <i>Information Paper: Introduction of the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, Australia, 2009</i> (cat. no. 6466.0) <i>Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index</i> (cat. no. 6467.0)
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