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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MARCH QUARTER 1983

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MAIN FEATURES

Change between

	Dec. qtr 1982 and Mar. qtr 1983	Mar. qtr 1982 and Mar. qtr 1983
	%	%
All groups index		
Sydney	+2.2	+12.2
Melbourne	+2.2	+11.1
Brisbane	+2.5	+11.1
Adelaide	+2.8	+12.1
Perth	+1.6	+10.1
Hobart	+2.1	+11.0
Canberra	+2.1	+12.6
Darwin	+2.0	+10.3
Weighted average of eight capital cities	+2.2	+11.5

Main price changes between December quarter 1982 and March quarter 1983 as recorded by the CPI were as follows:

Food

Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities.

Prices of meat and seafoods increased in all cities except Hobart.

Bread prices increased in all cities except Adelaide.

Prices of soft drinks, icecream and confectionery rose in all cities except Hobart.

Fresh fruit and vegetable prices fell in Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart.

Housing

House prices increased in all cities except Sydney.

Repairs and maintenance costs increased in all cities.

Private dwelling rents increased in all cities except Darwin.

Household equipment and operation

Prices for household supplies, utensils, and tools increased in all cities.

Furniture prices increased in all cities.

Electricity charges increased in Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra.

Transportation

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.

Petrol prices increased in all cities.

Motor vehicle insurance charges increased in all cities.
Motor vehicle servicing and repair costs increased in all cities.

Tobacco and alcohol

Prices of alcoholic beverages increased in all cities.
Cigarette prices increased in all cities.

Health and personal care

Health insurance charges increased in all cities except Perth and Hobart.

Hospital charges increased in Melbourne and Adelaide.
Prices for pharmaceutical goods and services increased in all cities.

Recreation and education

Overseas holiday travel and accommodation costs increased for all cities.

Entertainment charges increased in all cities.

Education and child care fees increased in all cities.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Brief description of the CPI

1. The CPI measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditures by metropolitan wage and salary earner households. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eight groups: food; clothing; housing; household equipment and operation; transportation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. Each group is in turn divided into sub-groups. Index numbers at the *group* and *All Groups* levels are published for each State capital city, Canberra, Darwin, and for the weighted average of eight capital cities. Index numbers for *All Groups* are also published for the weighted average of six State capital cities. *Subgroup index numbers* are published for the weighted average of eight capital cities.

2. It is important to note that 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. A major review of the CPI was completed during 1982 and its results incorporated in the tenth CPI series introduced in the June quarter 1982 issue of this publication. Details of the review are contained in ABS *Information Paper: Review of the Consumer Price Index (6450.0)*.

4. Further information about the CPI is contained in a booklet entitled *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (6440.0)* which is available from the ABS on request.

Prices

5. Prices of goods and services included in the CPI are generally collected quarterly. However, some important items are priced monthly or more frequently (e.g. bread, fresh meat and fish, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco) and a small number annually (e.g. seasonal clothing, local government rates and charges).

6. The bulk of items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced at the middle of the mid-month of the quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May), but, to facilitate a more even spread of the field collection workload, some goods and services are priced in the first and third months of each quarter. Items priced in the third month are generally those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges, milk); in these cases information is obtained of any changes in price during the quarter so that a weighted average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

Weighting pattern

7. There are 105 *expenditure classes* (that is, groupings of like items) in the tenth 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.

8. 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 ten series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The tenth series (that is, the current series), which was introduced in the June quarter 1982, has a weighting pattern based, in general, on estimated household expenditure in 1979-80.

Index points and percentage changes

9. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as percentage changes, or as changes in 'index points'. The difference between these two methods of describing movements in indexes is shown by the following example:

All Groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities

Index numbers:

March quarter 1983:	124.7
Less: December quarter 1982:	122.0
Change in index points:	+2.7

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+2.7}{122.0} \times 100 = +2.2\%$$

The index number of 124.7 for March quarter 1983 indicates an increase of 24.7% since the reference base year (1980-81).

10. Most of the tables in this publication show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. However, Table 3 shows the main changes between December quarter 1982 and March quarter 1983, in terms of *All Groups index points*, for each capital city.

Special tables and groupings

11. Table 7 provides a *detailed analysis*, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for subgroups and for some special series. It also shows the *contribution* which each group and subgroup makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy produce subgroup contributed 2.49 index points to the total All Groups index number of 124.7 for March quarter 1983. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and subgroup.

12. The All Groups index includes the effects of changes in prices for hospital and medical services. To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices without the effects of these changes, Table 5 shows percentage changes for a special series *All Groups excluding hospital and medical services*, and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.

State and local government charges

13. Information on the impact of changes in selected State and local government charges on the CPI is included in Tables 3 and 7. Table 3 shows the contribution made by changes in these charges to the CPI for each capital city, while Table 7 shows index numbers for two special groupings '*Selected State and local government charges*' and '*All Groups excluding selected State and local government charges*'. For information on the derivation and limitations of these figures, see the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not available

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

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS
INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
1978-79	83.0	82.4	83.1	83.4	83.2	84.1	83.1	82.3	..	..
1979-80	91.4	91.1	91.4	91.5	91.6	91.9	91.6	91.1	..	..
1980-81	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1981-82	110.4	110.2	110.4	110.7	110.5	111.2	110.0	110.7	111.1	110.4
<i>Quarter—</i>										
<i>1978-79—</i>										
March	83.6	83.1	83.6	83.8	83.7	84.5	83.9	82.9	..	..
June	85.8	85.5	85.8	85.7	85.9	86.8	86.1	85.4	..	..
<i>1979-80—</i>										
September	87.8	87.4	88.1	87.7	87.6	88.3	88.2	87.6	..	..
December	90.4	89.9	90.5	90.4	90.9	91.3	90.7	89.9	..	..
March	92.4	92.3	92.1	92.8	92.6	92.9	92.6	92.2	..	..
June	95.0	94.9	94.9	95.0	95.3	95.2	94.8	94.8	..	..
<i>1980-81—</i>										
September	96.8	96.6	96.8	96.6	96.6	97.4	97.0	96.6	96.9	96.8
December	98.8	98.7	98.8	98.8	98.5	98.8	98.7	98.9	99.2	98.8
March	101.1	101.3	101.0	100.9	101.2	100.8	101.0	100.9	101.0	101.1
June	103.4	103.3	103.3	103.6	103.7	103.0	103.2	103.6	102.9	103.4
<i>1981-82—</i>										
September	105.5	105.1	105.5	106.0	105.8	106.5	105.7	105.7	105.0	105.5
December	109.9	109.4	110.1	110.1	110.0	111.2	109.7	110.0	111.3	109.9
March	111.8	111.5	111.6	112.5	111.7	112.4	111.3	111.8	113.0	111.8
June	114.5	114.6	114.3	114.1	114.4	114.6	113.4	115.2	115.0	114.5
<i>1982-83—</i>										
September	118.5	118.7	118.3	118.0	118.6	118.6	116.9	118.7	118.8	118.5
December	121.9	122.4	121.3	121.9	121.8	121.8	121.0	123.3	122.1	122.0
March	124.6	125.1	124.0	125.0	125.2	123.7	123.5	125.9	124.6	124.7

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year</i>										
1979-80	+10.1	+10.6	+10.0	+9.7	+10.1	+9.3	+10.2	+10.7	..	..
1980-81	+9.4	+9.8	+9.4	+9.3	+9.2	+8.8	+9.2	+9.8	..	..
1981-82	+10.4	+10.2	+10.4	+10.7	+10.5	+11.2	+10.0	+10.7	+11.1	+10.4
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>										
<i>1980-81—</i>										
March	+9.4	+9.8	+9.7	+8.7	+9.3	+8.5	+9.1	+9.4	..	..
June	+8.8	+8.9	+8.9	+9.1	+8.8	+8.2	+8.9	+9.3	..	..
<i>1981-82—</i>										
September	+9.0	+8.8	+9.0	+9.7	+9.5	+9.3	+9.0	+9.4	+8.4	+9.0
December	+11.2	+10.8	+11.4	+11.4	+11.7	+12.6	+11.1	+11.2	+12.2	+11.2
March	+10.6	+10.1	+10.5	+11.5	+10.4	+11.5	+10.2	+10.8	+11.9	+10.6
June	+10.7	+10.9	+10.6	+10.1	+10.3	+11.3	+9.9	+11.2	+11.8	+10.7
<i>1982-83—</i>										
September	+12.3	+12.9	+12.1	+11.3	+12.1	+11.4	+10.6	+12.3	+13.1	+12.3
December	+10.9	+11.9	+10.2	+10.7	+10.7	+9.5	+10.3	+12.1	+9.7	+11.0
March	+11.4	+12.2	+11.1	+11.1	+12.1	+10.1	+11.0	+12.6	+10.3	+11.5
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>										
<i>1980-81—</i>										
March	+2.3	+2.6	+2.2	+2.1	+2.7	+2.0	+2.3	+2.0	+1.8	+2.3
June	+2.3	+2.0	+2.3	+2.7	+2.5	+2.2	+2.2	+2.7	+1.9	+2.3
<i>1981-82—</i>										
September	+2.0	+1.7	+2.1	+2.3	+2.0	+3.4	+2.4	+2.0	+2.0	+2.0
December	+4.2	+4.1	+4.4	+3.9	+4.0	+4.4	+3.8	+4.1	+6.0	+4.2
March	+1.7	+1.9	+1.4	+2.2	+1.5	+1.1	+1.5	+1.6	+1.5	+1.7
June	+2.4	+2.8	+2.4	+1.4	+2.4	+2.0	+1.9	+3.0	+1.8	+2.4
<i>1982-83—</i>										
September	+3.5	+3.6	+3.5	+3.4	+3.7	+3.5	+3.1	+3.0	+3.3	+3.5
December	+2.9	+3.1	+2.5	+3.3	+2.7	+2.7	+3.5	+3.9	+2.8	+3.0
March	+2.2	+2.2	+2.2	+2.5	+2.8	+1.6	+2.1	+2.1	+2.0	+2.2

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1982 AND MARCH QUARTER 1983 IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS

	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
Food	+0.46	+0.56	+0.38	+0.67	+0.42	+0.28	+0.24	+0.56	+0.87	+0.48
Meals out and take-away food	+0.13	+0.14	+0.17	+0.09	+0.06	+0.09	+0.17	+0.08	+0.19	+0.13
Meat and seafood	+0.10	+0.11	+0.11	+0.05	+0.10	+0.09	—	+0.08	+0.20	+0.10
Cereal products	+0.09	+0.09	+0.09	+0.08	+0.10	+0.07	+0.07	+0.13	+0.07	+0.09
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.06	+0.06	+0.09	+0.08	+0.05	+0.08	—	+0.06	+0.13	+0.07
Fresh fruit and vegetables	-0.06	+0.03	-0.21	+0.24	-0.04	-0.17	-0.11	—	+0.13	-0.05
Clothing	+0.01	—	-0.03	+0.09	+0.08	+0.04	+0.08	+0.05	+0.05	+0.02
Housing	+0.25	+0.16	+0.35	+0.27	+0.35	+0.17	+0.11	+0.18	+0.05	+0.25
Home ownership	+0.16	+0.08	+0.23	+0.18	+0.25	+0.11	+0.09	+0.12	+0.04	+0.15
Rent—privately owned dwellings	+0.08	+0.07	+0.12	+0.09	+0.10	+0.05	+0.03	+0.06	—	+0.09
Household equipment and operation	+0.26	+0.23	+0.29	+0.25	+0.30	+0.16	+0.54	+0.39	+0.26	+0.26
Furniture	+0.04	+0.05	+0.01	+0.01	+0.03	+0.05	+0.06	+0.05	+0.09	+0.04
Household cleaning agents	+0.04	+0.02	+0.06	+0.05	+0.02	+0.07	—	+0.06	+0.06	+0.04
Other household non-durables	+0.04	+0.03	+0.05	+0.03	+0.04	+0.01	+0.02	+0.04	+0.04	+0.04
Fuel and light	+0.03	-0.01	+0.05	—	+0.09	—	+0.32	+0.15	—	+0.03
Transportation	+0.62	+0.56	+0.63	+0.69	+0.93	+0.49	+0.67	+0.40	+0.45	+0.62
Automotive fuel	+0.24	+0.11	+0.31	+0.20	+0.56	+0.21	+0.15	+0.11	+0.07	+0.23
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.17	+0.15	+0.15	+0.27	+0.18	+0.10	+0.19	+0.11	+0.18	+0.16
Motor vehicle servicing and repairs	+0.12	+0.12	+0.11	+0.18	+0.10	+0.05	+0.13	+0.11	+0.13	+0.12
Motor vehicle insurance	+0.09	+0.16	+0.05	+0.01	+0.07	+0.09	+0.16	+0.04	+0.04	+0.09
Tobacco and alcohol	+0.15	+0.19	+0.14	+0.12	+0.11	+0.12	+0.15	+0.15	+0.10	+0.15
Alcoholic beverages	+0.10	+0.14	+0.07	+0.07	+0.06	+0.06	+0.11	+0.09	+0.04	+0.09
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.05	+0.06	+0.06	+0.05	+0.04	+0.06	+0.04	+0.05	+0.07	+0.05
Health and personal care	+0.40	+0.35	+0.40	+0.53	+0.78	+0.14	+0.14	+0.38	+0.27	+0.40
Hospital and medical services	+0.20	+0.14	+0.20	+0.27	+0.59	-0.01	+0.01	+0.14	+0.11	+0.19
Pharmaceuticals	+0.10	+0.10	+0.11	+0.11	+0.08	+0.08	+0.09	+0.10	+0.11	+0.10
Recreation and education	+0.52	+0.63	+0.49	+0.46	+0.41	+0.41	+0.63	+0.57	+0.45	+0.53
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	+0.26	+0.31	+0.26	+0.22	+0.18	+0.12	+0.19	+0.20	+0.17	+0.25
Entertainment	+0.14	+0.14	+0.14	+0.18	+0.13	+0.09	+0.15	+0.14	+0.04	+0.13
Education fees	+0.12	+0.13	+0.14	+0.08	+0.10	+0.09	+0.08	+0.09	+0.07	+0.12
Total change	+2.7	+2.7	+2.7	+3.1	+3.4	+1.9	+2.5	+2.6	+2.5	+2.7
Contribution of selected State and local government charges (a) to total change										
Index points	+0.10	+0.08	+0.14	+0.02	+0.13	+0.01	+0.40	+0.11	+0.04	+0.10
Proportion of total change (%)	+3.7	+3.0	+5.2	+0.6	+3.8	+0.5	+16.0	+4.2	+1.6	+3.7

(a) Selected charges comprise: government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin); and public hospital charges (not applicable in Brisbane). The derivation and limitations of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : GROUP INDEXES : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES: PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Food %	Clothing %	Housing %	Household equipment and operation %	Trans- portation %	Tobacco and alcohol %	Health and personal care (a) %	Recreation and education %	All Groups (a) %
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
1981-82	+8.6	+7.1	+11.1	+10.6	+10.3	+9.2	+24.2	..	+10.4
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
1981-82—									
December	+8.9	+7.7	+10.9	+10.6	+12.6	+8.9	+29.2	..	+11.2
March	+7.7	+7.1	+11.1	+10.3	+10.0	+9.4	+30.2	..	+10.6
June	+7.7	+6.5	+11.7	+12.1	+9.0	+10.1	+32.1	..	+10.7
1982-83—									
September	+7.1	+6.8	+11.7	+12.9	+15.0	+11.6	+39.1	..	+12.3
December	+8.0	+6.4	+11.5	+13.2	+11.5	+15.2	+17.9	..	+11.0
March	+9.0	+6.1	+10.6	+12.1	+13.6	+13.9	+20.0	+9.8	+11.5
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
1980-81—									
March	+2.0	+1.0	+2.1	+2.8	+3.6	+2.1	+1.6	..	+2.3
June	+1.5	+3.0	+2.8	+1.6	+4.0	+1.6	+1.0	..	+2.3
1981-82—									
September	+3.5	+0.8	+2.5	+2.3	+0.1	+3.1	+1.1	..	+2.0
December	+1.6	+2.7	+3.1	+3.5	+4.5	+1.8	+24.6	..	+4.2
March	+0.9	+0.5	+2.3	+2.6	+1.2	+2.6	+2.3	..	+1.7
June	+1.5	+2.4	+3.3	+3.2	+3.1	+2.3	+2.5	+1.2	+2.4
1982-83—									
September	+3.0	+1.1	+2.6	+3.0	+5.6	+4.5	+6.4	+2.1	+3.5
December	+2.5	+2.2	+2.9	+3.8	+1.3	+5.1	+5.7	+2.3	+3.0
March	+1.8	+0.2	+1.5	+1.5	+3.0	+1.5	+4.1	+3.9	+2.2

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 12.

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : COMPARISON OF 'ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES' AND ALL GROUPS INDEX : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES : PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	<i>Change from previous quarter</i>		<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>	
	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i> %	<i>All Groups</i> %	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i> %	<i>All Groups</i> %
1980-81—				
March	+2.4	+2.3	..	..
June	+2.3	+2.3	..	..
1981-82—				
September	+2.2	+2.0	+9.3	+9.0
December	+2.9	+4.2	+10.2	+11.2
March	+1.7	+1.7	+9.4	+10.6
June	+2.4	+2.4	+9.6	+10.7
1982-83—				
September	+3.3	+3.5	+10.7	+12.3
December	+2.7	+3.0	+10.5	+11.0
March	+2.1	+2.2	+10.9	+11.5

TABLE 6.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
<i>1980-81—</i>									
March	101.3	101.1	101.8	101.7	101.1	100.6	101.2	101.5	101.3
June	103.0	102.1	103.7	102.9	102.8	102.7	102.7	104.1	102.8
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	105.1	107.1	106.5	106.6	109.0	106.1	105.6	107.4	106.4
December	107.6	107.9	108.7	108.0	109.9	108.9	107.5	110.5	108.1
March	108.8	108.7	110.3	109.2	109.9	108.9	108.3	111.5	109.1
June	110.1	110.8	111.2	111.4	112.1	110.8	109.2	111.9	110.7
<i>1982-83—</i>									
September	113.0	114.5	114.2	114.5	115.7	114.5	112.5	114.1	114.0
December	115.2	117.4	118.1	117.1	118.9	117.5	115.9	117.8	116.8
March	117.9	119.1	121.1	119.0	120.2	118.7	118.7	121.3	118.9
CLOTHING (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
<i>1980-81—</i>									
March	100.5	100.3	100.5	100.1	100.2	100.1	99.7	100.2	100.3
June	103.0	103.3	103.0	103.7	103.5	103.5	104.1	101.9	103.3
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	103.9	104.2	103.9	104.5	104.0	104.1	105.1	104.6	104.1
December	106.7	106.6	107.9	107.5	106.6	106.0	107.3	107.8	106.9
March	106.8	107.2	109.3	107.8	107.6	106.5	108.2	110.5	107.4
June	109.9	109.5	111.6	110.3	110.4	109.1	109.5	111.9	110.0
<i>1982-83—</i>									
September	111.2	110.8	113.3	111.6	110.3	110.3	111.6	112.5	111.2
December	113.6	113.1	115.5	114.3	113.6	111.9	113.5	115.3	113.7
March	113.6	112.8	116.8	115.2	114.2	112.7	114.3	116.4	113.9
HOUSING (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
<i>1980-81—</i>									
March	101.0	100.9	101.1	100.7	101.4	101.1	100.5	101.7	101.0
June	104.1	104.0	103.2	103.0	102.6	102.3	104.5	103.4	103.8
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	106.6	106.7	107.5	104.8	105.1	103.9	106.9	104.0	106.4
December	109.5	109.8	110.9	109.3	108.6	106.7	110.9	112.1	109.7
March	112.1	112.2	115.1	111.8	110.0	108.1	113.2	114.6	112.2
June	116.0	116.2	118.5	114.5	112.5	111.0	118.5	116.0	115.9
<i>1982-83—</i>									
September	118.9	118.9	123.7	117.8	114.9	112.5	120.7	122.8	118.9
December	121.3	122.5	127.8	122.8	118.9	116.6	123.6	125.5	122.3
March	122.4	125.2	129.9	125.6	120.3	117.5	125.0	125.9	124.1
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
<i>1980-81—</i>									
March	101.7	101.7	101.0	101.1	101.1	101.7	102.0	101.1	101.5
June	103.7	103.0	102.4	102.6	101.9	102.4	103.0	103.4	103.1
<i>1981-82—</i>									
September	105.4	105.4	105.5	106.7	105.2	104.5	104.6	105.2	105.5
December	109.0	109.5	109.6	109.7	108.8	108.7	108.1	110.0	109.2
March	111.7	113.2	110.9	111.8	110.3	112.4	110.9	110.9	112.0
June	116.8	115.4	114.9	115.3	113.7	114.2	114.0	115.1	115.6
<i>1982-83—</i>									
September	121.2	117.7	118.2	118.5	117.5	116.5	118.0	119.3	119.1
December	126.0	123.0	121.5	122.7	120.3	119.9	123.9	121.7	123.6
March	127.7	125.0	123.5	124.8	121.5	123.9	126.6	123.9	125.5

TABLE 6.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—GROUP INDEXES—continued

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
1980-81—									
March	101.4	101.4	99.6	101.9	101.0	101.1	100.1	100.2	101.2
June	104.3	105.4	106.1	107.1	105.2	105.5	105.0	102.2	105.2
1981-82—									
September	104.3	104.3	105.9	106.6	108.6	109.3	107.2	103.6	105.3
December	109.6	108.9	112.1	110.3	111.7	111.4	111.0	107.5	110.0
March	111.6	108.4	116.0	111.8	112.5	114.1	112.3	109.7	111.3
June	115.5	112.9	114.9	116.2	114.9	116.4	119.0	112.6	114.7
1982-83—									
September	123.4	119.0	121.4	120.1	120.7	121.9	123.5	116.2	121.1
December	126.1	118.4	123.5	122.5	122.0	125.2	128.0	118.3	122.7
March	129.8	122.3	127.2	127.9	124.7	129.7	130.4	121.0	126.4
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
1980-81—									
March	101.8	100.1	100.3	100.6	100.1	100.7	101.3	100.9	100.9
June	102.7	102.0	102.2	101.8	103.4	103.0	102.3	102.2	102.5
1981-82—									
September	106.2	105.1	106.0	105.4	106.0	105.0	104.7	104.1	105.7
December	107.8	107.1	108.6	106.3	108.2	110.0	106.3	109.5	107.6
March	111.2	109.6	110.1	110.1	110.2	109.9	110.4	111.2	110.4
June	114.5	111.3	113.1	112.0	111.9	111.6	113.0	116.7	112.9
1982-83—									
September	120.1	115.5	118.2	117.5	117.4	118.0	117.6	122.0	118.0
December	126.6	121.4	123.5	122.8	123.2	124.3	123.5	127.6	124.0
March	128.8	123.1	124.8	124.3	124.5	126.0	125.2	128.5	125.8
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0)									
1980-81—									
March	101.0	100.9	101.6	101.1	98.5	101.3	101.1	100.7	100.8
June	102.3	101.8	102.5	102.3	98.6	102.7	102.1	101.8	101.8
1981-82—									
September	103.0	103.0	103.8	103.6	100.3	103.6	102.7	103.3	102.9
December	123.2	135.1	115.2	126.2	139.2	124.5	128.1	145.7	128.2
March	127.7	137.6	117.5	127.9	141.3	126.3	129.9	147.1	131.2
June	133.3	139.0	119.9	129.2	142.9	127.6	136.5	149.4	134.5
1982-83—									
September	137.9	152.1	120.8	147.3	154.4	134.4	141.2	155.6	143.1
December	150.0	155.8	132.5	149.7	159.5	144.2	153.1	162.3	151.2
March	155.0	162.4	141.1	161.2	161.9	146.2	159.2	168.0	157.4
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Base of each index : March quarter 1982 = 100.0)									
1981-82—									
March	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
June	100.9	102.0	100.5	101.0	100.3	101.7	101.5	100.1	101.2
1982-83—									
September	102.9	104.1	103.3	103.3	101.9	103.5	104.6	102.7	103.3
December	104.9	106.9	105.7	104.8	104.3	107.8	107.7	105.2	105.7
March	109.9	110.7	109.3	108.2	107.6	112.6	111.4	108.0	109.8

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—INDEX NUMBERS AND INDEX POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)					
	Mar. qtr 1982		Mar. qtr 1983		Dec. qtr 1982 and Mar. qtr 1983 %		Mar. qtr 1982 and Mar. qtr 1983 %		Dec. qtr 1982		Mar. qtr 1983		Change between Dec. qtr 1982 and Mar. qtr 1983	
	Mar. qtr 1982	Dec. qtr 1982	Mar. qtr 1983	Mar. qtr 1983	Dec. 1982	Mar. 1983	Mar. 1982	Mar. 1983	Dec. qtr 1982	Mar. qtr 1983	Dec. qtr 1982	Mar. qtr 1983	Dec. qtr 1982	Mar. qtr 1983
FOOD	109.1	116.8	118.9	118.9	+1.8	+1.8	+9.0	25.48	25.96	+0.48				
Dairy produce	116.6	126.7	128.4	128.4	+1.3	+1.3	+10.1	2.46	2.49	+0.03				
Cereal products	114.7	123.5	127.7	127.7	+3.4	+3.4	+11.3	2.72	2.81	+0.09				
Meat and seafoods	101.8	106.6	108.4	108.4	+1.7	+1.7	+6.5	5.77	5.87	+0.10				
Beef and veal	98.0	102.9	104.0	104.0	+1.1	+1.1	+6.1							
Lamb and mutton	98.7	100.2	102.4	102.4	+2.2	+2.2	+3.7	2.32	2.35	+0.03				
Pork	113.2	120.2	123.1	123.1	+2.4	+2.4	+8.7	0.85	0.87	+0.02				
Poultry	112.9	114.7	117.8	117.8	+2.7	+2.7	+4.3	0.28	0.28	—				
Other meat	109.3	116.4	119.3	119.3	+2.5	+2.5	+9.1	1.11	1.14	+0.02				
Fish	100.8	109.2	109.9	109.9	+0.6	+0.6	+9.0	0.51	0.51	+0.03				
Fresh fruit and vegetables	104.6	109.8	107.0	107.0	-2.6	-2.6	+2.3	1.98	1.93	-0.05				
Processed fruit and vegetables	112.8	122.8	125.9	125.9	+2.5	+2.5	+11.6	1.09	1.12	+0.03				
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	116.6	128.1	130.7	130.7	+2.0	+2.0	+12.1	3.38	3.45	+0.07				
Meals out and take-away food	111.7	120.2	123.0	123.0	+2.3	+2.3	+10.1	5.57	5.70	+0.13				
Other food	106.9	114.0	117.5	117.5	+3.1	+3.1	+9.9	2.51	2.59	+0.08				
CLOTHING	107.4	113.7	113.9	113.9	+0.2	+0.2	+6.1	9.26	9.28	+0.02				
Men's and boys' clothing	107.0	114.7	114.8	114.8	+0.1	+0.1	+7.3	2.81	2.81	—				
Women's and girls' clothing	106.9	110.6	110.8	110.8	+0.2	+0.2	+3.6	3.78	3.79	+0.01				
Piecegoods and other clothing	108.8	116.8	120.1	120.1	+2.8	+2.8	+10.4	0.55	0.57	+0.02				
Footwear	106.7	114.6	113.4	113.4	-1.0	-1.0	+6.3	1.60	1.59	-0.01				
Clothing and footwear services	114.0	125.8	126.9	126.9	+0.9	+0.9	+11.3	0.51	0.52	+0.01				
HOUSING	112.2	122.3	124.1	124.1	+1.5	+1.5	+10.6	16.45	16.70	+0.25				
Rent	110.8	121.6	123.7	123.7	+1.7	+1.7	+11.6	5.14	5.23	+0.09				
Privately-owned dwelling rents	110.4	120.0	122.3	122.3	+1.9	+1.9	+10.8							
Government-owned dwelling rents	113.5	133.8	133.9	133.9	+0.1	+0.1	+18.0							
Home ownership(a)	113.1	122.8	124.5	124.5	+1.4	+1.4	+10.1	11.32	11.47	+0.15				
Local government rates and charges	113.1	129.1	129.1	129.1	—	—	+14.1							
Other home ownership	113.1	121.3	123.4	123.4	+1.7	+1.7	+9.1	2.37	2.37	—				
								8.94	9.10	+0.16				
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION	112.0	123.6	125.5	125.5	+1.5	+1.5	+12.1	16.81	17.07	+0.26				
Fuel and light	119.2	143.1	144.4	144.4	+0.9	+0.9	+21.1	3.47	3.50	+0.03				
Furniture and floor coverings	108.3	120.4	122.1	122.1	+1.4	+1.4	+12.7	2.96	3.00	+0.04				
Appliances	107.1	110.2	110.4	110.4	+0.2	+0.2	+3.1	1.89	1.89	—				
Drapery	108.1	112.8	115.4	115.4	+2.3	+2.3	+6.8	1.05	1.07	+0.02				
Household utensils and tools	112.0	118.9	122.1	122.1	+2.7	+2.7	+9.0	1.69	1.73	+0.04				
Household supplies and services	114.3	126.0	129.3	129.3	+2.6	+2.6	+13.1	4.19	4.30	+0.11				
Postal and telephone services	109.5	118.9	119.0	119.0	+0.1	+0.1	+8.7	1.58	1.58	—				
TRANSPORTATION	111.3	122.7	126.4	126.4	+3.0	+3.0	+13.6	20.18	20.80	+0.62				
Private motoring	110.4	121.7	125.7	125.7	+3.3	+3.3	+13.9	18.46	19.07	+0.61				
Motor vehicle purchase	112.2	116.8	120.6	120.6	+3.3	+3.3	+7.5							
Automotive fuel	107.2	124.1	129.0	129.0	+3.9	+3.9	+20.3	5.01	5.93	+0.16				
Other motoring costs	111.8	123.3	126.8	126.8	+2.8	+2.8	+13.4	7.53	7.74	+0.21				
Urban transport fares	117.2	129.4	130.2	130.2	+0.6	+0.6	+11.1	1.72	1.73	+0.01				

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TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—INDEX NUMBERS AND INDEX POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES—continued

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)					
	Mar. qtr 1982		Dec. qtr 1982		Mar. qtr 1983		Dec. qtr 1982		Mar. qtr 1983		Dec. qtr 1982		Mar. qtr 1983	
	Mar. qtr 1982	Dec. qtr 1982	Mar. qtr 1983	%	Mar. qtr 1983	%	Mar. qtr 1983	%	Mar. qtr 1983	%	Mar. qtr 1983	%	Mar. qtr 1983	%
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	110.4	124.0	125.8	+1.5	+13.9	10.62	10.77	+0.15						
Alcoholic beverages	111.0	123.0	124.6	+1.3	+12.3	7.52	7.61	+0.09						
Beer	112.0	126.1	127.9	+1.4	+14.2	5.26	5.34	+0.08						
Wine and spirits	109.0	116.1	117.3	+1.0	+7.6	3.11	3.16	+0.05						
Cigarettes and tobacco	108.9	126.8	129.1	+1.8	+18.5									
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	131.2	151.2	157.4	+4.1	+20.0	9.66	10.06	+0.40						
Health services	146.4	173.5	179.4	+3.4	+22.5	6.29	6.51	+0.22						
Personal care products	111.2	121.3	129.4	+6.7	+16.4	2.54	2.71	+0.17						
Personal care services	110.9	122.6	125.1	+2.0	+12.8	0.83	0.84	+0.01						
RECREATION AND EDUCATION(b)	100.0	105.7	109.8	+3.9	+9.8	13.49	14.02	+0.53						
Books, newspapers, magazines	118.2	131.1	131.4	+0.2	+11.2	1.90	1.90	—						
Other recreational goods	105.3	106.2	106.2	—	+0.9	3.00	3.00	—						
Holiday travel and accommodation(b)	100.0	105.4	110.9	+5.2	+10.9	4.48	4.48	+0.22						
Other recreational services	115.6	126.6	133.1	+5.1	+15.1	2.87	3.02	+0.15						
Education and child care(b)	100.0	103.2	114.0	+10.5	+14.0	1.46	1.61	+0.15						
ALL GROUPS	111.8	122.0	124.7	+2.2	+11.5	122.0	124.7	+2.7						
SPECIAL SERIES														
All groups, excluding food group	112.6	123.5	126.3	+2.3	+12.2	96.49	98.70	+2.21						
All groups, excluding housing group	111.7	121.9	124.7	+2.3	+11.6	105.52	107.96	+2.44						
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	110.6	120.2	122.7	+2.1	+10.9	116.22	118.71	+2.49						
All groups, goods component(c)	109.8	119.1	121.3	+1.8	+10.5	85.77	87.37	+1.60						
All groups, services component(d)	117.7	130.3	134.2	+3.0	+14.0	36.19	37.28	+1.09						
Selected State and local government charges(e)	131.9	152.0	153.6	+1.1	+16.5	9.58	9.68	+0.10						
All groups, excluding selected State and local government charges(e)	110.4	119.9	122.7	+2.3	+11.1	112.39	114.98	+2.59						

(a) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchase. (b) Base : March quarter 1982 = 100.0. (c) The special series 'All groups, goods component' comprises the Food group (except meals out), Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except contents insurance, repairs to appliances and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house purchase; house repairs and maintenance goods; motor vehicle purchase; automotive fuel; tyres and tubes; vehicle service and repairs goods; personal care products; books, newspapers and magazines; and other recreational goods. (d) The 'All groups, services component' comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'. (e) Selected State and local government charges comprise: government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin); and public hospital charges (not applicable in Brisbane). The derivation and limitations of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

