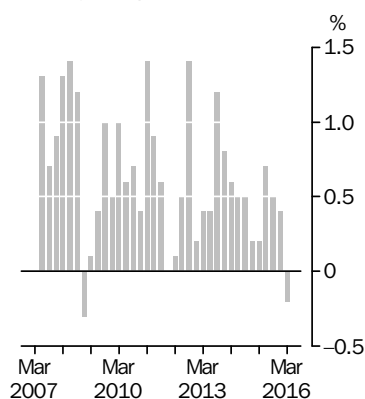


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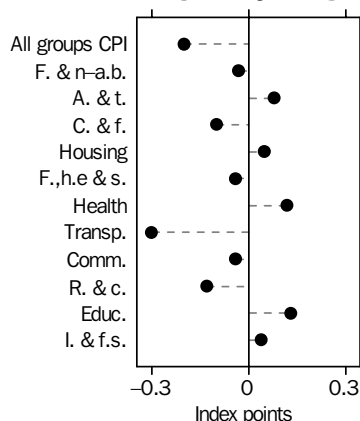
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All Groups CPI
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change



KEY FIGURES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	<i>Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
All groups CPI	-0.2	1.3
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	-0.2	0.0
Alcohol and tobacco	0.9	6.1
Clothing and footwear	-2.6	-0.8
Housing	0.3	1.7
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-0.4	2.0
Health	1.9	4.6
Transport	-2.5	-0.5
Communication	-1.5	-6.4
Recreation and culture	-1.0	0.1
Education	3.1	3.3
Insurance and financial services	0.6	2.3
CPI analytical series		
All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted	-0.1	1.3
Trimmed mean	0.2	1.7
Weighted median	0.1	1.4

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- fell 0.2% this quarter, compared with a rise of 0.4% last quarter.
- rose 1.3% over the twelve months to the March quarter 2016, compared with a rise of 1.7% over the twelve months to the December quarter 2015.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price falls this quarter are automotive fuel (-10.0%), fruit (-11.1%) and international holiday travel and accommodation (-2.0%).
- The most significant offsetting price rises this quarter are secondary education (+4.6%), medical and hospital services (+1.6%) and pharmaceutical products (+4.8%).

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None this issue.

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

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CPI Consumer Price Index
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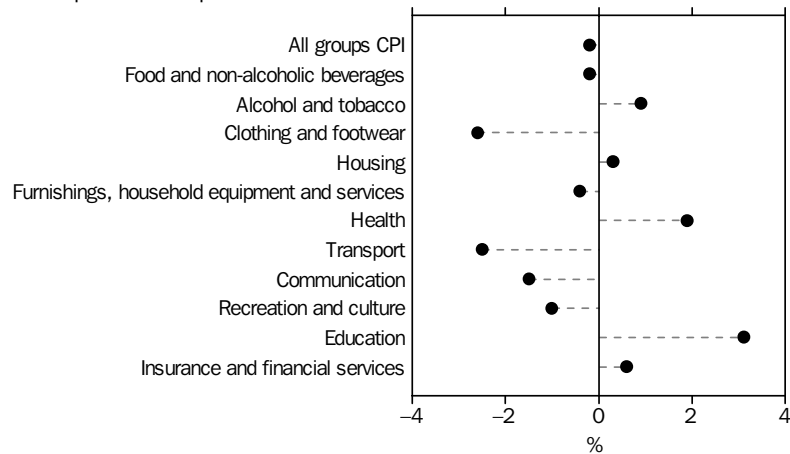
MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

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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). Unless otherwise stated, the analysis is in original terms.

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



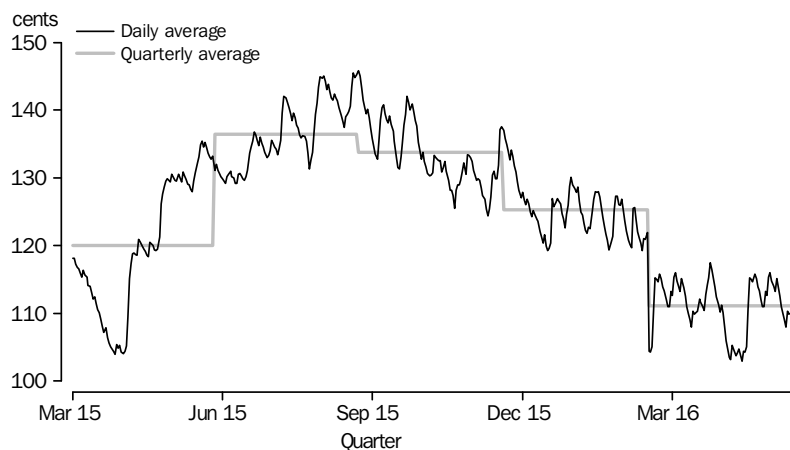
TRANSPORT GROUP (-2.5%)

The main contributor to the fall in the transport group this quarter is automotive fuel (-10.0%). The fall is partially offset by a rise in motor vehicles (+0.7%).

Automotive fuel fell in January (-5.5%) and February (-5.4%), and rose in March (+1.8%). Falls in world oil prices continue to influence domestic fuel prices. All fuel types, excluding LPG, recorded decreases.

The following graph shows the pattern of the average daily prices for unleaded petrol for the eight capital cities over the last fifteen months.

AVERAGE PRICE OF UNLEADED PETROL (91 OCTANE), cents per litre



Over the last twelve months, the transport group fell 0.5%. The main contributor to the fall is automotive fuel (-6.4%). This is partially offset by rises in maintenance and repair of motor vehicles (+2.6%) and motor vehicles (+1.2%).

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

TRANSPORT GROUP (-2.5%) *continued*

In seasonally adjusted terms, the transport group fell 2.7% this quarter. The main contributor to the fall is automotive fuel (-10.0%).

RECREATION AND CULTURE GROUP (-1.0%)

The main contributors to the fall in the recreation and culture group this quarter are international holiday travel and accommodation (-2.0%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-1.9%). The fall is partially offset by a rise in other recreational, sporting and cultural services (+1.8%).

Over the last twelve months, the recreation and culture group rose 0.1%. The main contributors to the rise are international holiday travel and accommodation (+3.5%) and other recreational, sporting and cultural services (+3.9%), which is partially offset by a fall in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.6%).

In the CPI, airfares are collected in advance (at the time of payment), but are only used in the CPI in the quarter in which the trip is undertaken. International airfares are collected two months in advance (January for travel in March) and domestic airfares are collected one month in advance (February for travel in March).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the recreation and culture group fell 0.1% this quarter. The main contributor to the fall is audio visual and computer equipment (-2.7%).

EDUCATION GROUP (+3.1%)

The main contributors to the rise in the education group this quarter are secondary education (+4.6%) and preschool and primary education (+4.1%) following the commencement of the new school year.

Over the last twelve months, the education group rose 3.3%. The main contributor to the rise is secondary education (+4.6%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the education group fell 0.5% this quarter. The main contributor to the fall is tertiary education (-1.8%).

HEALTH GROUP (+1.9%)

The main contributors to the rise in the health group this quarter are medical and hospital services (+1.6%) and pharmaceutical products (+4.8%). These rises are a result of the cyclical reduction in the proportion of patients who qualify for subsidies under the Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), as well as the co-payment indexation for PBS at the start of each calendar year. The safety net threshold amount for both government subsidy schemes are reset on 1 January annually, and the co-payment indexation for PBS is scheduled on the same date.

Over the last twelve months, the health group rose 4.6%. The main contributor to the rise is medical and hospital services (+6.2%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the health group rose 0.4% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is medical and hospital services (+0.8%).

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR GROUP (-2.6%)

The main contributor to the fall in the clothing and footwear group this quarter is accessories (-4.3%), and is due to post Christmas sales.

Over the last twelve months, the clothing and footwear group fell 0.8%. The main contributors to the movement are footwear for women (-5.0%) and footwear for men (-3.8%).

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

CLOTHING AND
FOOTWEAR GROUP
(-2.6%) *continued*

In seasonally adjusted terms, the clothing and footwear group fell 0.8% this quarter. The main contributor to the fall is accessories (-3.8%).

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO
GROUP (+0.9%)

The main contributors to the rise in the alcohol and tobacco group this quarter are beer (+1.3%) and tobacco (+0.8%). Increases to beer and tobacco prices are mainly due to the federal excise tax biannual indexation. The increase was effective from 1 February 2016.

Over the last twelve months, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 6.1%. The main contributor to the rise is tobacco (+13.3%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 1.5% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is tobacco (+2.4%).

HOUSING (+0.3%)

The main contributors to the rise in the housing group this quarter are gas and other household fuels (+3.0%) and new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (+0.2%).

Over the last twelve months, the housing group rose 1.7%. The main contributor to the rise is new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (+2.5%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the housing group rose 0.3% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is maintenance and repair of the dwelling (+0.6%).

COMMUNICATION GROUP
(-1.5%)

The main contributor to the fall in the communication group this quarter is telecommunication equipment and services (-1.7%). The fall is partially offset by a rise in postal services (+0.6%) due to an increase in the price of stamps.

Over the last twelve months, the communication group fell 6.4%. The main contributor to the fall is telecommunication equipment and services (-6.7%).

The communication group is not seasonally adjusted.

INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES
GROUP (+0.6%)

The main contributor to the rise in the insurance and financial services group this quarter is insurance (+1.7%).

Over the last twelve months, the insurance and financial services group rose 2.3%. The main contributor to the rise is insurance (+5.2%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the insurance and financial services group rose 0.6% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is insurance (+1.5%).

FURNISHINGS,
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT
AND SERVICES GROUP
(-0.4%)

The main contributors to the fall in the furnishings, household equipment and services group this quarter are furniture (-1.6%) and household textiles (-4.1%).

Over the last twelve months, the furnishings, household equipment and services group rose 2.0%. The main contributor to the rise is child care (+8.3%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the furnishings, household equipment and services group rose 0.6% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is furniture (+2.5%).

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES GROUP (-0.2%)

The main contributor to the fall in the food and non-alcoholic beverages group this quarter is fruit (-11.1%). The fall in fruit is due to plentiful supplies of both year-round and summer fruit. The fall is partially offset by a rise in beef and veal (+3.5%).

Over the last twelve months, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded no movement (0.0%). Rises in takeaway and fast foods (+2.2%) and beef and veal (+13.2%) are offset by falls in fruit (-6.9%) and vegetables (-4.3%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded no movement this quarter (0.0%).

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSURE - TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The tradables component (see Table 8) of the All groups CPI fell 1.4% this quarter. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined on the world market. The tradables component represents approximately 40% of the weight of the CPI. The most significant contributor to the fall of 1.3% in the tradable goods component is automotive fuel. The most significant offsetting rise in the tradable goods component is pharmaceutical products. The fall in the tradable services component of 2.0% is driven by international holiday travel and accommodation.

The non-tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 0.4% this quarter. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined by domestic price pressures. The non-tradables component represents approximately 60% of the weight of the CPI. The most significant contributors to the 0.4% rise in the non-tradable goods component are gas and other household fuels, and beer. The most significant offsetting fall in the non-tradable goods component is electricity. The rise in the non-tradable services component of 0.5% is driven by secondary education and medical and hospital services. The most significant offsetting falls in the non-tradable services component are domestic holiday travel and accommodation and telecommunication equipment and services.

Over the last twelve months, the tradables component rose 0.6%, while the non-tradables component rose 1.7%. This compares to a rise of 0.8% and a rise of 2.3% respectively over the twelve months to the previous quarter.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the tradables component of the All groups CPI fell 0.7% this quarter, while the non-tradables component rose 0.2%.

A detailed description of which expenditure classes are classified as tradable and non-tradable in the 16th series is shown in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no 6401.0).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANALYTICAL SERIES

The All groups CPI seasonally adjusted fell 0.1% this quarter, compared to the original All groups CPI which recorded a fall of 0.2%.

The trimmed mean rose 0.2% this quarter, compared to a rise of 0.6% last quarter. Over the last twelve months, the trimmed mean rose 1.7%, compared to a rise of 2.1% over the twelve months to last quarter.

The weighted median rose 0.1% this quarter, compared to a rise of 0.5% last quarter. Over the last twelve months, the weighted median rose 1.4%, compared to a rise of 1.9% over the twelve months to last quarter.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

ANALYTICAL SERIES

continued

	ORIGINAL	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
	<i>Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016</i>
	%	%
All groups CPI	-0.2	-0.1
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	-0.2	0.0
Alcohol and tobacco	0.9	1.5
Clothing and footwear	-2.6	-0.8
Housing	0.3	0.3
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-0.4	0.6
Health	1.9	0.4
Transport	-2.5	-2.7
Communication(a)	-1.5	-1.5
Recreation and culture	-1.0	-0.1
Education	3.1	-0.5
Insurance and financial services	0.6	0.6
International trade exposure series		
Tradables	-1.4	-0.7
Non-tradables	0.4	0.2

(a) not seasonally adjusted

A detailed explanation of the seasonal adjustment of the All Groups CPI and calculation of the trimmed mean and weighted median measures is available in *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003) available on the ABS website. Revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates can be the result of the application of concurrent seasonal adjustment, described in paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

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ALL GROUPS CPI

ALL GROUPS CPI, Percentage change from previous quarter



At the All groups level, the CPI fell in six out of eight capital cities during this quarter.

The transport group (-2.5%) is the most significant negative contributor to the All groups quarterly movement, with falls across all eight capital cities. This is driven by falls in automotive fuel (-10.0%) reflecting world oil prices hitting 12-year lows.

The recreation and culture group (-1.0%) is the second most significant negative contributor to the All groups quarterly movement, with falls across all eight capital cities. This is being driven by falls in international holiday travel and accommodation (-2.0%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-1.9%). The fall is typical of March quarters with airlines decreasing prices after peak Christmas and new year holiday periods.

The clothing and footwear group (-2.6%) is the third most significant negative contributor to the All groups quarterly movement, with falls across all eight capital cities. This is driven by a fall in accessories (-4.3%) due to post Christmas sales.

Other significant contributing movements for this quarter include fruit (-11.1%) and telecommunications equipment and services (-1.7%), with falls across all eight capital cities. The fall in fruit is due to plentiful supplies of both year-round and summer fruits. The fall in telecommunications equipment and services is being driven by competition between telecommunication providers.

The most significant offsetting contributor to the quarterly movement is the education group (+3.1%) due to rises in fees at the beginning of the new school year. The movement is driven by secondary education (+4.6%). The rise this quarter is lower in comparison to previous March quarters and is mainly due to subdued growth in fees for tertiary education (+1.5%).

Annually, the All groups CPI has risen in seven out of eight capital cities with Melbourne (+1.7%) and Brisbane (+1.7%) recording the largest positive movements. Darwin (-0.3%) was the only city to record a fall.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON *continued*

ALL GROUPS CPI *continued*

ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	<i>Mar Qtr 2016</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016</i>
Sydney	108.7	-0.2	1.3
Melbourne	108.2	-0.1	1.7
Brisbane	108.5	0.0	1.7
Adelaide	107.0	-0.3	0.7
Perth	107.9	-0.6	0.7
Hobart	106.4	-0.2	1.3
Darwin	108.0	-0.9	-0.3
Canberra	106.2	0.2	1.0
Weighted average of eight capital cities	108.2	-0.2	1.3

(a) Index reference period: 2011–12 = 100.0.

SYDNEY (-0.2%)

The main contributors to the fall in Sydney this quarter are automotive fuel (-12.1%) and fruit (-11.4%). The fall is partially offset by cyclical rises in pharmaceutical products (+5.5%) and secondary education (+4.4%). A freeze in NSW TAFE fees for 2016 led a lower than expected rise in education this quarter.

MELBOURNE (-0.1%)

The main contributors to the fall in Melbourne this quarter are automotive fuel (-9.3%), fruit (-12.1%) and electricity (-2.0%). Electricity fell this quarter following the Australian Energy Regulator's decision to lower the network charges for electricity distribution across Victoria. The fall is partially offset by a rise in gas and other household fuels (+6.6%).

BRISBANE (0.0%)

Brisbane recorded no movement this quarter. The main positive contributors are cyclical rises in medical and hospital services (+2.2%) and secondary education (+4.3%). The most significant offsetting falls are automotive fuel (-8.0%) and fruit (-11.2%).

ADELAIDE (-0.3%)

The main contributors to the fall in Adelaide this quarter are automotive fuel (-11.6%) and fruit (-14.1%). The movement is partially offset by rises in electricity (+4.9%) and secondary education (+4.3%). The rise in electricity is due to the seasonal switch to peak pricing.

PERTH (-0.6%)

The main contributors to the fall in Perth this quarter are automotive fuel (-8.4%), new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (-2.2%) and rents (-2.3%). The fall in new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers is due to falling demand as the mining boom continues to slow. The fall in rents is due to high vacancy rates as seen throughout Perth. The fall is partially offset by rises in medical and hospital services (+1.5%) and secondary education (+3.8%).

HOBART (-0.2%)

The main contributors to the fall in Hobart this quarter are automotive fuel (-8.8%) and fruit (-12.2%). The movement is partially offset by a rise in new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (+1.5%). The rise in new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers is influenced by a reduction in the First Home Owner Grant, which has increased the prices paid by consumers.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON *continued*

DARWIN (-0.9%)

The main contributors to the fall in Darwin this quarter are domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-9.0%), rents (-2.2%) and electricity (-5.5%). The fall in domestic holiday travel and accommodation is due to lower airfares as the wet season impacts tourist numbers in Darwin. The fall in electricity is due to decreases in power costs implemented by the Northern Territory government.

CANBERRA (+0.2%)

Canberra is the only city to record a rise this quarter. The main contributors to the rise are medical and hospital services (+2.5%), new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (+1.7%) and child care (+4.1%). The rise in new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers is influenced by a reduction in the First Home Owner Grant, which has increased the prices paid by consumers. The rise is partially offset by a fall in automotive fuel (-5.8%), however the fall in Canberra is the smallest of any of the capital cities.

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ALL GROUPS CPI, Index numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
2011-12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13	102.6	102.2	102.0	102.1	102.2	101.2	103.1	101.9	102.3
2013-14	105.2	105.0	104.9	104.7	105.3	103.7	106.9	104.2	105.0
2014-15	107.3	106.5	106.8	106.3	107.2	104.9	108.4	105.3	106.8
2012									
March	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.3	99.9	99.7	99.9
June	100.5	100.4	100.5	100.2	100.5	99.9	100.7	100.3	100.4
September	102.2	101.6	101.6	101.7	101.6	100.6	102.0	101.4	101.8
December	102.3	102.0	101.9	102.1	101.9	101.0	102.0	101.8	102.0
2013									
March	102.7	102.4	102.0	102.1	102.4	101.3	103.7	101.9	102.4
June	103.1	102.6	102.5	102.3	103.0	101.7	104.6	102.5	102.8
September	104.3	104.0	103.8	103.7	104.2	102.6	105.5	103.1	104.0
December	105.0	104.8	104.6	104.4	104.9	103.6	106.5	104.1	104.8
2014									
March	105.6	105.3	105.2	105.1	105.6	104.1	107.4	104.6	105.4
June	106.0	105.9	105.8	105.5	106.4	104.5	108.1	104.8	105.9
September	106.6	106.1	106.5	105.9	106.9	104.6	108.3	105.2	106.4
December	106.8	106.3	106.7	106.2	107.0	104.7	108.5	105.3	106.6
2015									
March	107.3	106.4	106.7	106.3	107.1	105.0	108.3	105.2	106.8
June	108.3	107.1	107.4	106.8	107.7	105.1	108.3	105.6	107.5
September	108.6	107.6	108.1	107.1	108.1	105.7	108.7	105.8	108.0
December	108.9	108.3	108.5	107.3	108.6	106.6	109.0	106.0	108.4
2016									
March	108.7	108.2	108.5	107.0	107.9	106.4	108.0	106.2	108.2

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS CPI, Percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
2011-12	2.5	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.4
2012-13	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.2	3.1	1.9	2.3
2013-14	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.5	3.7	2.3	2.6
2014-15	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2012									
March	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.6
June	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.2
September	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	0.7	2.1	1.6	2.0
December	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.0	2.5	1.7	2.2
2013									
March	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.0	3.8	2.2	2.5
June	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.5	1.8	3.9	2.2	2.4
September	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.0	3.4	1.7	2.2
December	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.6	4.4	2.3	2.7
2014									
March	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.6	2.6	2.9
June	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.1	3.3	2.8	3.3	2.2	3.0
September	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.1	2.6	1.9	2.7	2.0	2.3
December	1.7	1.4	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.1	1.9	1.2	1.7
2015									
March	1.6	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.3
June	2.2	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.8	1.5
September	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.6	1.5
December	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.7
2016									
March	1.3	1.7	1.7	0.7	0.7	1.3	-0.3	1.0	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2012									
March	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1
June	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	-0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
September	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.4
December	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2
2013									
March	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.4
June	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.4
September	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.2
December	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8
2014									
March	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.6
June	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.2	0.5
September	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.5
December	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
2015									
March	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
June	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7
September	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5
December	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.4
2016									
March	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.9	0.2	-0.2

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2011-12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012-13	100.5	103.9	99.5	104.9	100.8	106.9
2013-14	101.8	110.0	99.3	109.0	101.5	111.6
2014-15	103.9	116.7	97.9	111.7	102.5	116.5
2012						
March	98.4	100.7	98.6	100.3	99.1	101.5
June	99.0	101.7	100.0	100.7	100.6	103.0
September	100.9	102.6	100.2	103.9	101.6	105.5
December	100.8	102.8	101.0	104.1	101.0	104.6
2013						
March	100.0	104.4	97.1	105.4	99.7	107.7
June	100.1	105.8	99.7	106.0	100.7	109.8
September	100.3	106.7	100.8	108.1	101.7	109.8
December	101.9	108.4	99.7	108.6	102.1	109.2
2014						
March	102.2	111.5	97.6	109.2	100.6	112.0
June	102.6	113.3	99.1	110.1	101.7	115.2
September	103.8	114.5	98.1	110.6	102.1	115.0
December	103.9	116.4	98.2	111.2	102.6	114.0
2015						
March	104.1	117.3	96.9	112.1	102.1	116.9
June	103.9	118.7	98.2	112.9	103.1	120.1
September	104.0	120.2	97.1	113.6	103.9	120.5
December	104.3	123.4	98.7	113.7	104.5	120.0
2016						
March	104.1	124.5	96.1	114.0	104.1	122.3

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
2011–12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012–13	101.1	101.7	99.1	105.9	102.8	102.3
2013–14	103.5	103.0	101.4	111.6	104.5	105.0
2014–15	100.8	99.7	102.8	117.6	106.3	106.8
2012						
March	100.3	100.4	99.5	102.9	100.5	99.9
June	101.3	100.1	98.3	102.9	101.0	100.4
September	100.5	100.6	99.2	103.0	101.2	101.8
December	101.2	101.9	99.8	103.0	102.7	102.0
2013						
March	101.7	101.9	99.0	108.9	103.4	102.4
June	100.8	102.3	98.2	108.8	103.7	102.8
September	103.2	102.4	100.1	108.8	104.1	104.0
December	103.1	103.6	102.2	108.8	104.3	104.8
2014						
March	104.2	103.8	101.7	114.4	104.7	105.4
June	103.5	102.0	101.4	114.4	104.7	105.9
September	103.4	100.6	102.0	114.5	105.3	106.4
December	101.1	100.5	103.0	114.5	106.4	106.6
2015						
March	97.7	99.1	103.7	120.6	106.6	106.8
June	101.0	98.5	102.3	120.6	106.9	107.5
September	101.1	96.5	103.1	120.8	107.4	108.0
December	99.7	94.2	104.8	120.8	108.3	108.4
2016						
March	97.2	92.8	103.8	124.6	109.0	108.2

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011–12 = 100.0.

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

	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2011–12	0.7	3.4	1.4	3.7	0.3	3.7
2012–13	0.5	3.9	-0.5	4.9	0.8	6.9
2013–14	1.3	5.9	-0.2	3.9	0.7	4.4
2014–15	2.1	6.1	-1.4	2.5	1.0	4.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2012						
March	-2.5	3.5	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.2
June	-3.2	3.9	0.5	3.3	0.8	3.6
September	-1.1	4.3	-0.8	4.7	1.5	7.2
December	0.3	3.5	0.6	4.4	0.8	7.7
2013						
March	1.6	3.7	-1.5	5.1	0.6	6.1
June	1.1	4.0	-0.3	5.3	0.1	6.6
September	-0.6	4.0	0.6	4.0	0.1	4.1
December	1.1	5.4	-1.3	4.3	1.1	4.4
2014						
March	2.2	6.8	0.5	3.6	0.9	4.0
June	2.5	7.1	-0.6	3.9	1.0	4.9
September	3.5	7.3	-2.7	2.3	0.4	4.7
December	2.0	7.4	-1.5	2.4	0.5	4.4
2015						
March	1.9	5.2	-0.7	2.7	1.5	4.4
June	1.3	4.8	-0.9	2.5	1.4	4.3
September	0.2	5.0	-1.0	2.7	1.8	4.8
December	0.4	6.0	0.5	2.2	1.9	5.3
2016						
March	0.0	6.1	-0.8	1.7	2.0	4.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2012						
March	-2.1	1.4	-1.8	0.6	-1.1	4.5
June	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.4	1.5	1.5
September	1.9	0.9	0.2	3.2	1.0	2.4
December	-0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2	-0.6	-0.9
2013						
March	-0.8	1.6	-3.9	1.2	-1.3	3.0
June	0.1	1.3	2.7	0.6	1.0	1.9
September	0.2	0.9	1.1	2.0	1.0	0.0
December	1.6	1.6	-1.1	0.5	0.4	-0.5
2014						
March	0.3	2.9	-2.1	0.6	-1.5	2.6
June	0.4	1.6	1.5	0.8	1.1	2.9
September	1.2	1.1	-1.0	0.5	0.4	-0.2
December	0.1	1.7	0.1	0.5	0.5	-0.9
2015						
March	0.2	0.8	-1.3	0.8	-0.5	2.5
June	-0.2	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.0	2.7
September	0.1	1.3	-1.1	0.6	0.8	0.3
December	0.3	2.7	1.6	0.1	0.6	-0.4
2016						
March	-0.2	0.9	-2.6	0.3	-0.4	1.9

	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Insurance and financial services	All groups CPI
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2011-12	3.2	1.1	-0.5	5.9	4.2	2.4
2012-13	1.1	1.7	-0.9	5.9	2.8	2.3
2013-14	2.4	1.3	2.3	5.4	1.7	2.6
2014-15	-2.6	-3.2	1.4	5.4	1.7	1.7

	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Insurance and financial services	All groups CPI
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2012						
March	2.5	1.6	-0.9	6.1	3.9	1.6
June	2.2	0.8	-1.5	6.0	2.9	1.2
September	1.3	1.4	-1.5	6.1	2.3	2.0
December	2.0	1.6	-1.7	6.1	3.1	2.2
2013						
March	1.4	1.5	-0.5	5.8	2.9	2.5
June	-0.5	2.2	-0.1	5.7	2.7	2.4
September	2.7	1.8	0.9	5.6	2.9	2.2
December	1.9	1.7	2.4	5.6	1.6	2.7
2014						
March	2.5	1.9	2.7	5.1	1.3	2.9
June	2.7	-0.3	3.3	5.1	1.0	3.0
September	0.2	-1.8	1.9	5.2	1.2	2.3
December	-1.9	-3.0	0.8	5.2	2.0	1.7
2015						
March	-6.2	-4.5	2.0	5.4	1.8	1.3
June	-2.4	-3.4	0.9	5.4	2.1	1.5
September	-2.2	-4.1	1.1	5.5	2.0	1.5
December	-1.4	-6.3	1.7	5.5	1.8	1.7
2016						
March	-0.5	-6.4	0.1	3.3	2.3	1.3

	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Insurance and financial services	All groups CPI
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2012						
March	1.1	0.1	-2.0	6.0	0.9	0.1
June	1.0	-0.3	-1.2	0.0	0.5	0.5
September	-0.8	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.4
December	0.7	1.3	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.2
2013						
March	0.5	0.0	-0.8	5.7	0.7	0.4
June	-0.9	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	0.3	0.4
September	2.4	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.4	1.2
December	-0.1	1.2	2.1	0.0	0.2	0.8
2014						
March	1.1	0.2	-0.5	5.1	0.4	0.6
June	-0.7	-1.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.5
September	-0.1	-1.4	0.6	0.1	0.6	0.5
December	-2.2	-0.1	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.2
2015						
March	-3.4	-1.4	0.7	5.3	0.2	0.2
June	3.4	-0.6	-1.4	0.0	0.3	0.7
September	0.1	-2.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	-1.4	-2.4	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.4
2016						
March	-2.5	-1.5	-1.0	3.1	0.6	-0.2

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES									
2014									
March	102.5	102.0	102.2	102.2	101.3	101.2	102.5	102.8	102.2
June	102.4	102.8	102.7	102.9	102.2	101.7	104.0	102.8	102.6
September	104.0	103.7	104.0	103.8	103.0	104.0	104.6	104.2	103.8
December	104.2	103.9	103.9	103.4	103.2	103.9	104.6	104.0	103.9
2015									
March	104.8	103.8	104.3	103.8	103.1	103.8	104.3	104.2	104.1
June	104.7	103.7	103.5	103.3	103.3	102.4	103.5	103.3	103.9
September	104.5	104.3	103.7	103.3	102.6	102.5	103.6	103.4	104.0
December	104.9	104.2	104.3	103.7	103.2	103.0	104.6	103.6	104.3
2016									
March	104.7	103.8	104.4	103.1	103.4	102.9	104.4	103.7	104.1
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2014									
March	110.9	111.3	112.6	112.6	111.5	113.6	109.9	111.6	111.5
June	112.3	113.5	114.4	114.7	112.7	114.8	112.0	112.7	113.3
September	113.6	114.4	115.8	115.8	114.2	115.9	112.6	113.7	114.5
December	115.2	116.4	117.8	118.2	116.3	117.2	114.8	116.5	116.4
2015									
March	116.0	117.5	118.6	118.4	117.7	117.6	115.0	117.2	117.3
June	117.4	118.9	119.6	119.8	119.8	118.8	115.6	118.6	118.7
September	119.0	119.9	121.5	121.6	121.3	120.4	117.2	119.7	120.2
December	121.4	123.2	125.9	124.6	125.1	124.8	121.3	121.7	123.4
2016									
March	122.7	124.4	126.4	126.0	125.9	125.7	122.0	122.8	124.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2014									
March	97.7	95.0	99.6	96.2	101.3	99.0	98.7	98.8	97.6
June	96.7	99.2	99.7	98.2	105.5	102.3	100.1	97.5	99.1
September	95.4	98.2	100.6	95.3	104.9	100.8	96.9	95.8	98.1
December	94.4	97.3	101.9	99.7	105.3	101.8	98.7	96.3	98.2
2015									
March	93.5	94.9	101.5	96.4	105.7	101.5	98.1	93.9	96.9
June	95.8	95.5	101.7	99.5	106.0	101.4	99.7	97.9	98.2
September	94.3	94.8	102.1	96.4	104.8	100.0	96.8	95.6	97.1
December	94.6	97.8	104.0	98.0	106.4	102.0	98.5	95.4	98.7
2016									
March	91.6	95.5	103.7	95.0	102.8	96.3	94.4	91.7	96.1
HOUSING									
2014									
March	109.7	108.5	109.3	108.6	111.0	101.9	112.2	105.5	109.2
June	110.8	109.9	110.0	107.5	111.6	102.2	112.4	105.6	110.1
September	111.7	109.3	111.5	109.7	112.0	101.3	112.1	106.1	110.6
December	112.6	109.7	112.4	110.0	112.4	101.7	112.4	106.4	111.2
2015									
March	113.6	110.7	112.7	112.0	112.5	102.1	113.3	105.9	112.1
June	114.9	111.9	113.3	110.8	112.8	102.6	113.4	105.4	112.9
September	115.1	113.2	114.3	110.6	113.7	104.5	113.3	106.1	113.6
December	115.4	113.3	114.4	110.7	113.4	104.9	112.9	106.2	113.7
2016									
March	115.9	113.9	114.6	111.7	111.7	105.7	111.5	106.9	114.0

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES									
2014									
March	100.6	100.9	100.4	99.2	100.7	99.8	104.4	102.8	100.6
June	102.0	101.1	102.2	100.3	102.1	100.1	105.0	103.9	101.7
September	103.7	100.9	101.7	99.3	102.4	100.0	104.3	104.1	102.1
December	103.0	102.0	103.0	101.2	102.7	100.6	105.5	105.1	102.6
2015									
March	102.7	101.4	102.3	99.7	102.1	101.2	105.5	105.7	102.1
June	103.3	102.7	104.3	100.9	102.8	101.9	106.3	107.4	103.1
September	104.5	102.9	104.7	102.4	103.8	102.4	106.9	107.5	103.9
December	104.5	103.8	105.7	102.6	105.0	102.4	107.3	108.3	104.5
2016									
March	104.4	103.0	105.7	101.8	104.3	101.3	106.9	108.2	104.1
HEALTH									
2014									
March	112.1	111.4	112.5	113.3	112.0	112.1	110.3	111.5	112.0
June	115.6	114.5	115.5	117.1	114.4	116.2	112.6	114.0	115.2
September	115.3	114.6	115.2	117.0	113.8	115.7	113.0	114.2	115.0
December	114.2	113.7	113.8	116.3	112.8	114.9	111.8	112.8	114.0
2015									
March	116.9	117.1	117.6	117.7	115.8	117.5	114.1	116.5	116.9
June	120.2	120.3	120.7	121.1	118.5	121.5	117.1	118.5	120.1
September	120.7	120.7	120.5	121.3	118.8	121.9	117.7	119.5	120.5
December	120.3	120.3	119.7	120.9	118.3	121.7	117.8	118.4	120.0
2016									
March	122.7	123.0	122.6	122.1	120.4	123.7	118.3	121.5	122.3
TRANSPORT									
2014									
March	103.0	106.0	103.3	105.0	103.3	104.7	106.9	103.8	104.2
June	102.4	104.9	102.9	104.1	102.6	104.8	107.1	103.4	103.5
September	101.5	105.1	102.6	103.8	104.2	105.0	108.3	103.8	103.4
December	99.3	102.9	100.3	101.8	101.2	102.6	106.1	102.1	101.1
2015									
March	96.5	99.0	96.5	98.2	98.2	98.7	103.6	98.9	97.7
June	100.4	101.8	99.8	102.0	100.5	101.7	104.3	101.8	101.0
September	100.7	101.3	99.6	102.4	101.8	102.9	103.8	101.7	101.1
December	99.2	100.6	97.9	100.8	99.8	101.3	103.3	100.4	99.7
2016									
March	95.6	98.4	96.0	98.0	97.6	99.9	101.4	99.7	97.2
COMMUNICATION									
2014									
March	103.8	103.9	104.0	103.8	103.5	103.9	103.7	103.8	103.8
June	102.0	102.1	102.2	102.0	101.7	102.1	101.9	102.0	102.0
September	100.5	100.6	100.7	100.6	100.2	100.6	100.5	100.6	100.6
December	100.4	100.5	100.6	100.5	100.1	100.5	100.4	100.5	100.5
2015									
March	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.1	98.8	99.2	99.0	99.2	99.1
June	98.5	98.6	98.7	98.5	98.1	98.6	98.4	98.5	98.5
September	96.5	96.6	96.7	96.6	96.2	96.4	96.3	96.5	96.5
December	94.2	94.3	94.4	94.3	93.9	94.2	94.1	94.2	94.2
2016									
March	92.8	92.9	92.9	92.8	92.4	92.7	92.6	92.7	92.8

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<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
RECREATION AND CULTURE									
2014									
March	102.0	102.5	100.6	100.3	100.9	102.0	105.5	102.3	101.7
June	101.7	101.3	100.8	100.9	101.4	100.8	106.1	102.8	101.4
September	101.8	102.2	101.7	101.1	102.2	100.2	107.7	103.3	102.0
December	103.2	103.3	102.4	101.5	103.4	101.2	107.9	103.7	103.0
2015									
March	103.9	104.6	102.4	101.8	103.5	103.7	105.0	104.2	103.7
June	102.6	102.3	101.8	100.8	102.7	100.1	102.5	102.7	102.3
September	103.3	103.1	103.4	101.9	103.0	100.0	106.0	103.3	103.1
December	104.8	105.5	104.4	103.0	104.6	103.4	105.4	105.3	104.8
2016									
March	104.0	104.8	103.1	101.5	103.4	102.9	102.0	104.5	103.8
EDUCATION									
2014									
March	113.5	113.8	116.0	115.1	116.5	114.9	113.8	112.1	114.4
June	113.5	113.8	116.0	115.1	116.5	114.9	113.8	112.1	114.4
September	113.6	113.9	116.1	115.1	116.5	114.9	113.8	112.1	114.5
December	113.7	113.9	116.1	115.2	116.5	114.9	113.8	112.1	114.5
2015									
March	123.7	118.6	120.0	119.8	121.5	118.0	118.8	115.4	120.6
June	123.8	118.6	120.0	119.8	121.5	118.0	118.8	115.5	120.6
September	123.9	118.7	120.1	120.0	121.8	118.0	118.9	115.6	120.8
December	123.9	118.7	120.1	120.0	121.8	118.0	118.9	115.6	120.8
2016									
March	127.5	123.1	123.9	123.3	125.3	121.1	122.9	119.3	124.6
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES									
2014									
March	107.7	103.6	100.8	102.9	105.7	108.5	106.0	101.6	104.7
June	106.9	104.0	100.6	104.4	107.0	107.6	105.7	101.0	104.7
September	108.2	104.6	101.4	103.5	106.3	108.1	107.2	99.8	105.3
December	109.8	106.3	101.3	104.3	106.7	109.8	108.1	100.3	106.4
2015									
March	110.2	105.9	101.0	104.8	107.7	109.9	108.3	100.6	106.6
June	110.6	106.7	101.0	104.4	107.9	109.9	108.5	101.3	106.9
September	110.9	107.1	103.1	105.3	107.5	110.5	109.4	99.2	107.4
December	111.6	108.7	102.4	106.2	109.2	111.1	109.8	99.5	108.3
2016									
March	112.3	109.3	103.4	106.6	110.1	112.5	110.8	100.1	109.0

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011–12 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	average of eight capital cities
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	-0.04	-0.07	0.01	-0.09	0.04	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.03
Bread and cereal products	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
Bread	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Cakes and biscuits	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Breakfast cereals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Other cereal products	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Meat and seafoods	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.03
Beef and veal	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Pork	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Lamb and goat	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poultry	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Other meats	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
Fish and other seafood	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dairy and related products	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Milk	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheese	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	-0.12	-0.13	-0.07	-0.15	-0.04	-0.09	-0.08	-0.06	-0.11
Fruit	-0.14	-0.13	-0.12	-0.15	-0.09	-0.13	-0.11	-0.09	-0.13
Vegetables	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02
Food products n.e.c.	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02
Eggs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Jams, honey and spreads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food additives and condiments	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Oils and fats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02
Other food products n.e.c.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Waters, soft drinks and juices	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	0.05	-0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.03
Restaurant meals	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Take away and fast foods	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	0.09	0.08	0.04	0.11	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.08
Alcoholic beverages	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.05	0.05
Spirits	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Wine	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00
Beer	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.03	0.03
Tobacco	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.03
Tobacco	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.03
Clothing and footwear	-0.11	-0.10	-0.01	-0.13	-0.14	-0.27	-0.16	-0.14	-0.10
Garments	-0.05	-0.06	0.02	-0.07	-0.08	-0.14	-0.06	-0.01	-0.05
Garments for men	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03	-0.01	-0.02
Garments for women	-0.03	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	-0.03	-0.08	-0.02	0.02	-0.02
Garments for infants and children	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
Footwear	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	-0.03	-0.05	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03
Footwear for men	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Footwear for women	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.04	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Footwear for infants and children	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Accessories and clothing services	-0.04	0.00	-0.01	-0.06	-0.04	-0.07	-0.09	-0.10	-0.03
Accessories	-0.05	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.03	-0.07	-0.08	-0.10	-0.03
Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Housing	0.12	0.14	0.04	0.19	-0.36	0.16	-0.37	0.13	0.05
Rents	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	-0.15	0.03	-0.22	0.00	0.00
Rents	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	-0.15	0.03	-0.22	0.00	0.00
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.02	-0.23	0.11	0.03	0.12	0.02
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.02	-0.23	0.11	0.03	0.12	0.02
Other housing	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Property rates and charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.15	0.00	0.01	-0.19	0.00	0.03
Water and sewerage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Electricity	0.00	-0.05	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	-0.19	0.00	-0.01
Gas and other household fuels	0.00	0.10	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03
Furnishings, household equipment and services	0.00	-0.06	0.01	-0.07	-0.07	-0.10	-0.03	-0.01	-0.04
Furniture and furnishings	-0.02	-0.04	0.03	-0.07	-0.02	-0.07	0.00	-0.03	-0.02
Furniture	-0.02	-0.05	0.02	-0.06	-0.02	-0.08	0.01	-0.03	-0.03
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01
Household textiles	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.06	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02
Household textiles	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.06	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Major household appliances	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Small electric household appliances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00
Non-durable household products	-0.01	-0.04	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.04	-0.03	-0.02
Cleaning and maintenance products	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Personal care products	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02
Other non-durable household products	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Domestic and household services	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.04
Child care	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.03
Hairdressing and personal grooming services	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Other household services	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.03	0.00
Health	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.08	0.11	0.11	0.03	0.18	0.12
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.06
Pharmaceutical products	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.05
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Medical, dental and hospital services	0.06	0.08	0.10	0.03	0.07	0.05	-0.01	0.13	0.07
Medical and hospital services	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.02	0.07	0.05	-0.01	0.13	0.07
Dental services	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Transport	-0.40	-0.26	-0.22	-0.33	-0.24	-0.15	-0.23	-0.08	-0.30
Private motoring	-0.40	-0.27	-0.22	-0.33	-0.25	-0.17	-0.22	-0.09	-0.29
Motor vehicles	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.01	0.06	0.03
Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0.00	0.03	-0.03	0.02	0.00	0.01	-0.06	0.02	0.00
Automotive fuel	-0.37	-0.31	-0.23	-0.38	-0.25	-0.28	-0.16	-0.17	-0.31
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	-0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.01
Other services in respect of motor vehicles	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00
Urban transport fares	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.00
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Communication	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04
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Postal services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telecommunication equipment and services	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	-0.05	-0.05
Recreation and culture	-0.10	-0.10	-0.17	-0.20	-0.16	-0.08	-0.40	-0.11	-0.13
Audio, visual and computing equipment and services	-0.06	-0.07	-0.06	-0.08	-0.06	-0.05	-0.04	-0.07	-0.07
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.04	-0.06	-0.03	-0.05	-0.05	-0.04	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.03	-0.02
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02
Books	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Newspapers, magazines and stationery	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.09	-0.07	-0.15	-0.15	-0.16	-0.07	-0.37	-0.12	-0.11
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.05	-0.02	-0.08	-0.08	-0.10	0.01	-0.31	-0.08	-0.05
International holiday travel and accommodation	-0.04	-0.04	-0.07	-0.08	-0.06	-0.07	-0.06	-0.04	-0.05
Other recreation, sport and culture	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.05	0.03
Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Games, toys and hobbies	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
Pets and related products	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00
Veterinary and other services for pets	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Sports participation	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.00
Other recreational, sporting and cultural services	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.02
Education	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.13
Education	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.11	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.13
Preschool and primary education	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
Secondary education	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.08
Tertiary education	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02
Insurance and financial services	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.03	0.04
Insurance	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03
Insurance	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03
Financial services	0.00	-0.01	0.04	-0.01	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.01
Deposit and loan facilities (direct charges)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other financial services	0.00	0.00	0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01
All groups CPI	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-1.0	0.2	-0.2

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS) (INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2015	Dec Qtr 2015	Mar Qtr 2016	Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016	Mar Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016	Dec Qtr 2015	Mar Qtr 2016	Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	104.1	104.3	104.1	-0.2	0.0	17.03	17.00	-0.03
Bread and cereal products	100.7	99.6	98.7	-0.9	-2.0	1.68	1.67	-0.01
Bread	97.1	96.0	96.0	0.0	-1.1	0.55	0.55	0.00
Cakes and biscuits	104.4	104.0	102.5	-1.4	-1.8	0.76	0.75	-0.01
Breakfast cereals	98.1	95.1	94.0	-1.2	-4.2	0.17	0.17	0.00
Other cereal products	99.5	98.0	96.5	-1.5	-3.0	0.20	0.20	0.00
Meat and seafoods	105.8	108.5	109.8	1.2	3.8	2.43	2.46	0.03
Beef and veal	109.5	119.7	123.9	3.5	13.2	0.46	0.48	0.02
Pork	108.7	110.8	112.3	1.4	3.3	0.39	0.40	0.01
Lamb and goat	92.4	99.0	99.4	0.4	7.6	0.24	0.24	0.00
Poultry	105.8	101.7	102.7	1.0	-2.9	0.47	0.48	0.01
Other meats	110.6	111.7	113.1	1.3	2.3	0.43	0.44	0.01
Fish and other seafood	103.6	106.6	105.8	-0.8	2.1	0.43	0.43	0.00
Dairy and related products	101.2	98.7	98.5	-0.2	-2.7	1.12	1.12	0.00
Milk	97.6	96.5	96.6	0.1	-1.0	0.41	0.41	0.00
Cheese	107.2	104.9	102.8	-2.0	-4.1	0.35	0.34	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	100.1	95.9	96.8	0.9	-3.3	0.36	0.37	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	101.3	100.1	95.8	-4.3	-5.4	2.49	2.38	-0.11
Fruit	89.5	93.7	83.3	-11.1	-6.9	1.14	1.01	-0.13
Vegetables	112.7	106.3	107.9	1.5	-4.3	1.35	1.37	0.02
Food products n.e.c.	103.2	102.2	103.4	1.2	0.2	2.21	2.23	0.02
Eggs	108.8	107.3	107.7	0.4	-1.0	0.12	0.12	0.00
Jams, honey and spreads	107.8	107.0	106.6	-0.4	-1.1	0.15	0.15	0.00
Food additives and condiments	99.0	96.6	98.2	1.7	-0.8	0.30	0.30	0.00
Oils and fats	101.0	98.9	100.6	1.7	-0.4	0.17	0.18	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	104.6	103.9	105.6	1.6	1.0	0.99	1.01	0.02
Other food products n.e.c.	101.4	100.8	101.3	0.5	-0.1	0.48	0.48	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	104.0	101.8	103.3	1.5	-0.7	1.17	1.19	0.02
Coffee, tea and cocoa	107.1	103.0	107.1	4.0	0.0	0.30	0.31	0.01
Waters, soft drinks and juices	103.0	101.4	102.1	0.7	-0.9	0.87	0.88	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	106.7	108.3	108.7	0.4	1.9	5.93	5.96	0.03
Restaurant meals	105.9	106.9	107.5	0.6	1.5	3.02	3.04	0.02
Take away and fast foods	107.5	109.8	109.9	0.1	2.2	2.91	2.92	0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	117.3	123.4	124.5	0.9	6.1	8.84	8.92	0.08
Alcoholic beverages	107.1	107.8	108.7	0.8	1.5	5.14	5.19	0.05
Spirits	108.2	109.0	110.0	0.9	1.7	0.99	1.00	0.01
Wine	104.3	102.2	102.5	0.3	-1.7	1.67	1.67	0.00
Beer	108.7	111.4	112.8	1.3	3.8	2.48	2.51	0.03
Tobacco	137.6	154.6	155.9	0.8	13.3	3.70	3.73	0.03
Tobacco	137.6	154.6	155.9	0.8	13.3	3.70	3.73	0.03
Clothing and footwear	96.9	98.7	96.1	-2.6	-0.8	3.92	3.82	-0.10
Garments	95.1	97.1	95.1	-2.1	0.0	2.42	2.37	-0.05
Garments for men	99.8	103.6	100.8	-2.7	1.0	0.76	0.74	-0.02
Garments for women	92.7	93.4	92.2	-1.3	-0.5	1.36	1.34	-0.02
Garments for infants and children	95.7	98.5	95.1	-3.5	-0.6	0.30	0.29	-0.01
Footwear	96.4	96.1	92.7	-3.5	-3.8	0.60	0.57	-0.03
Footwear for men	100.0	98.5	96.2	-2.3	-3.8	0.14	0.13	-0.01
Footwear for women	95.1	94.5	90.3	-4.4	-5.0	0.34	0.32	-0.02
Footwear for infants and children	96.1	98.0	95.7	-2.3	-0.4	0.12	0.12	0.00
Accessories and clothing services	102.3	105.2	101.5	-3.5	-0.8	0.91	0.88	-0.03
Accessories	101.3	104.3	99.8	-4.3	-1.5	0.77	0.74	-0.03
Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear	108.5	110.7	111.9	1.1	3.1	0.13	0.13	0.00

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2015 to	Mar Qtr 2015 to	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2015 to
	2015	2015	2016	Mar Qtr 2016	Mar Qtr 2016	2015	2016	Mar Qtr 2016
Housing	112.1	113.7	114.0	0.3	1.7	25.82	25.87	0.05
Rents	109.2	110.1	110.2	0.1	0.9	7.54	7.54	0.00
Rents	109.2	110.1	110.2	0.1	0.9	7.54	7.54	0.00
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	110.4	113.0	113.2	0.2	2.5	9.73	9.75	0.02
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	110.4	113.0	113.2	0.2	2.5	9.73	9.75	0.02
Other housing	112.9	116.5	116.9	0.3	3.5	3.92	3.93	0.01
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	107.3	109.7	110.4	0.6	2.9	2.24	2.25	0.01
Property rates and charges	121.4	127.0	127.0	0.0	4.6	1.68	1.68	0.00
Utilities	120.3	119.2	119.8	0.5	-0.4	4.63	4.66	0.03
Water and sewerage	113.2	116.1	116.1	0.0	2.6	1.13	1.13	0.00
Electricity	120.5	118.1	117.9	-0.2	-2.2	2.56	2.55	-0.01
Gas and other household fuels	128.7	126.6	130.4	3.0	1.3	0.95	0.98	0.03
Furnishings, household equipment and services	102.1	104.5	104.1	-0.4	2.0	9.45	9.41	-0.04
Furniture and furnishings	97.3	102.2	101.0	-1.2	3.8	1.91	1.89	-0.02
Furniture	96.7	101.6	100.0	-1.6	3.4	1.62	1.59	-0.03
Carpets and other floor coverings	100.7	105.8	106.7	0.9	6.0	0.29	0.30	0.01
Household textiles	88.1	94.7	90.8	-4.1	3.1	0.57	0.55	-0.02
Household textiles	88.1	94.7	90.8	-4.1	3.1	0.57	0.55	-0.02
Household appliances, utensils and tools	94.5	97.8	97.5	-0.3	3.2	1.36	1.36	0.00
Major household appliances	93.9	98.0	98.7	0.7	5.1	0.47	0.47	0.00
Small electric household appliances	91.3	96.6	96.0	-0.6	5.1	0.22	0.22	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	93.1	94.8	92.4	-2.5	-0.8	0.40	0.39	-0.01
Tools and equipment for house and garden	100.5	103.6	104.9	1.3	4.4	0.27	0.27	0.00
Non-durable household products	100.9	99.8	98.9	-0.9	-2.0	2.82	2.80	-0.02
Cleaning and maintenance products	100.2	98.2	96.8	-1.4	-3.4	0.29	0.28	-0.01
Personal care products	97.3	95.8	94.3	-1.6	-3.1	1.05	1.03	-0.02
Other non-durable household products	103.8	103.1	102.7	-0.4	-1.1	1.49	1.48	-0.01
Domestic and household services	115.4	118.4	120.1	1.4	4.1	2.78	2.82	0.04
Child care	128.6	135.0	139.3	3.2	8.3	0.98	1.01	0.03
Hairdressing and personal grooming services	107.5	108.8	109.6	0.7	2.0	0.99	0.99	0.00
Other household services	111.9	113.8	114.0	0.2	1.9	0.81	0.81	0.00
Health	116.9	120.0	122.3	1.9	4.6	6.34	6.46	0.12
Medical products, appliances and equipment	104.4	101.1	105.4	4.3	1.0	1.29	1.35	0.06
Pharmaceutical products	105.0	101.5	106.4	4.8	1.3	1.15	1.20	0.05
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	99.6	98.3	97.2	-1.1	-2.4	0.15	0.15	0.00
Medical, dental and hospital services	121.0	126.0	127.7	1.3	5.5	5.05	5.12	0.07
Medical and hospital services	123.0	128.6	130.6	1.6	6.2	4.42	4.49	0.07
Dental services	108.8	109.9	110.7	0.7	1.7	0.62	0.63	0.01
Transport	97.7	99.7	97.2	-2.5	-0.5	11.54	11.24	-0.30
Private motoring	97.2	99.4	96.6	-2.8	-0.6	10.74	10.45	-0.29
Motor vehicles	95.2	95.6	96.3	0.7	1.2	3.02	3.05	0.03
Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles	105.4	106.1	106.4	0.3	0.9	1.05	1.05	0.00
Automotive fuel	84.6	88.0	79.2	-10.0	-6.4	3.12	2.81	-0.31
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	104.8	108.1	107.5	-0.6	2.6	1.87	1.86	-0.01
Other services in respect of motor vehicles	118.6	121.3	121.1	-0.2	2.1	1.68	1.68	0.00
Urban transport fares	105.1	105.0	105.2	0.2	0.1	0.79	0.79	0.00
Urban transport fares	105.1	105.0	105.2	0.2	0.1	0.79	0.79	0.00

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2015 to	Mar Qtr 2015 to	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2015 to
	2015	2015	2016	Mar Qtr 2016	Mar Qtr 2016	2015	2016	Mar Qtr 2016
Communication	99.1	94.2	92.8	-1.5	-6.4	2.87	2.83	-0.04
Communication	99.1	94.2	92.8	-1.5	-6.4	2.87	2.83	-0.04
Postal services	110.2	109.0	109.6	0.6	-0.5	0.14	0.14	0.00
Telecommunication equipment and services	98.6	93.6	92.0	-1.7	-6.7	2.74	2.69	-0.05
Recreation and culture	103.7	104.8	103.8	-1.0	0.1	13.09	12.96	-0.13
Audio, visual and computing equipment and services	81.5	80.8	78.0	-3.5	-4.3	1.91	1.84	-0.07
Audio, visual and computing equipment	70.9	69.5	66.4	-4.5	-6.3	0.97	0.93	-0.04
Audio, visual and computing media and services	96.9	97.0	94.9	-2.2	-2.1	0.94	0.92	-0.02
Newspapers, books and stationery	108.2	108.1	109.5	1.3	1.2	1.15	1.17	0.02
Books	99.9	96.1	98.4	2.4	-1.5	0.38	0.38	0.00
Newspapers, magazines and stationery	113.0	115.0	115.9	0.8	2.6	0.78	0.79	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	110.3	112.7	110.5	-2.0	0.2	5.49	5.38	-0.11
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	113.1	112.3	110.2	-1.9	-2.6	2.89	2.84	-0.05
International holiday travel and accommodation	107.1	113.2	110.9	-2.0	3.5	2.60	2.55	-0.05
Other recreation, sport and culture	107.3	108.3	109.0	0.6	1.6	4.54	4.57	0.03
Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation	101.5	104.4	104.9	0.5	3.3	0.62	0.62	0.00
Games, toys and hobbies	92.9	91.4	89.5	-2.1	-3.7	0.68	0.67	-0.01
Pets and related products	101.7	95.7	96.1	0.4	-5.5	0.37	0.37	0.00
Veterinary and other services for pets	111.4	113.7	115.1	1.2	3.3	0.46	0.47	0.01
Sports participation	113.1	115.4	116.4	0.9	2.9	1.11	1.11	0.00
Other recreational, sporting and cultural services	115.7	118.1	120.2	1.8	3.9	1.30	1.32	0.02
Education	120.6	120.8	124.6	3.1	3.3	3.93	4.06	0.13
Education	120.6	120.8	124.6	3.1	3.3	3.93	4.06	0.13
Preschool and primary education	119.7	120.5	125.4	4.1	4.8	0.65	0.67	0.02
Secondary education	121.4	121.4	127.0	4.6	4.6	1.57	1.65	0.08
Tertiary education	120.2	120.3	122.1	1.5	1.6	1.72	1.74	0.02
Insurance and financial services	106.6	108.3	109.0	0.6	2.3	5.56	5.60	0.04
Insurance	110.3	114.1	116.0	1.7	5.2	1.67	1.70	0.03
Insurance	110.3	114.1	116.0	1.7	5.2	1.67	1.70	0.03
Financial services	105.1	106.0	106.2	0.2	1.0	3.89	3.90	0.01
Deposit and loan facilities (direct charges)	101.5	101.4	101.4	0.0	-0.1	0.76	0.76	0.00
Other financial services	106.0	107.2	107.4	0.2	1.3	3.13	3.14	0.01
All groups CPI	106.8	108.4	108.2	-0.2	1.3	108.4	108.2	-0.2

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Weighted average of eight capital cities(a)

	INDEX NUMBERS(b)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS CPI INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2015	Dec Qtr 2015	Mar Qtr 2016	Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016	Mar Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016	Dec Qtr 2015	Mar Qtr 2016	Dec Qtr 2015 to Mar Qtr 2016
All groups CPI	106.8	108.4	108.2	-0.2	1.3	108.4	108.2	-0.2
All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted	106.8	108.3	108.2	-0.1	1.3	..	..	..
Underlying trend series								
Trimmed mean(c)	..	..	..	0.2	1.7	..	..	..
Weighted median(c)	..	..	..	0.1	1.4	..	..	..
International trade exposure series								
Tradables	100.3	102.3	100.9	-1.4	0.6	39.84	39.29	-0.55
Non-tradables	110.9	112.3	112.8	0.4	1.7	68.55	68.87	0.32
Goods and services series								
Goods component	103.7	105.3	104.6	-0.7	0.9	60.73	60.33	-0.40
Services component	111.0	112.6	113.1	0.4	1.9	47.65	47.84	0.19
All groups CPI including Deposit and loan facilities (indirect charges)	106.9	108.8	108.8	0.0	1.8	..	..	..
Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'								
Goods	103.9	105.8	105.6	-0.2	1.6	49.35	49.29	-0.06
Services	107.6	108.8	108.6	-0.2	0.9	33.25	33.21	-0.04
Total	105.4	107.0	106.8	-0.2	1.3	82.61	82.50	-0.11
All groups CPI excluding								
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	107.3	109.2	109.0	-0.2	1.6	91.36	91.17	-0.19
Alcohol and tobacco	106.0	107.2	106.9	-0.3	0.8	99.55	99.25	-0.30
Clothing and footwear	107.2	108.8	108.7	-0.1	1.4	104.47	104.35	-0.12
Housing	105.2	106.8	106.5	-0.3	1.2	82.57	82.29	-0.28
Furnishings, household equipment and services	107.3	108.8	108.6	-0.2	1.2	98.94	98.75	-0.19
Health	106.2	107.7	107.4	-0.3	1.1	102.05	101.70	-0.35
Transport	108.0	109.5	109.6	0.1	1.5	96.85	96.92	0.07
Communication	107.0	108.8	108.6	-0.2	1.5	105.51	105.34	-0.17
Recreation and culture	107.2	108.9	108.8	-0.1	1.5	95.30	95.20	-0.10
Education	106.3	108.0	107.6	-0.4	1.2	104.45	104.11	-0.34
Insurance and financial services	106.8	108.4	108.1	-0.3	1.2	102.83	102.57	-0.26
Housing, Insurance and financial services	105.1	106.7	106.3	-0.4	1.1	77.01	76.69	-0.32
Medical and hospital services	106.2	107.7	107.4	-0.3	1.1	103.96	103.68	-0.28
Food and energy	107.7	109.6	109.8	0.2	1.9	87.76	87.87	0.11
'Volatile items'	107.8	109.4	109.6	0.2	1.7	102.78	102.98	0.20

.. not applicable

(a) Refer to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

(b) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

(c) Index numbers are available in the time series spreadsheet 'Table 8. CPI: Analytical Series, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities'.

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 and non-alcoholic beverages
- Alcohol and tobacco
- Clothing and footwear
- Housing
- Furnishings, household equipment and services
- Health
- Transport
- Communication
- Recreation and culture
- Education
- Insurance and financial services.

2 Capital city indexes used by the CPI are based on the 2006 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) statistical divisions. 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 *Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2011* (cat. no. 6461.0). An updated version reflecting the changes made during the 16th series review was released on 19 December 2011.

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 87 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the 16th 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 six yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI now comprises sixteen 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 are published in *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2011)* (cat. no. 6431.0). The 16th 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

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

WEIGHTING PATTERN *continued*

Consumer Price Index: 16th Series Weighting Pattern (cat. no. 6471.0). Both publications are available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

8 Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in index points or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods:

All groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities. Index numbers:

June Quarter 2012	100.4 (see Table 1)
less June Quarter 2011	99.2 (see Table 1)
Change in index points	1.2
Percentage change	$1.2/99.2 \times 100 = 1.2\%$ (see Table 2)

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

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

10 Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related products sub-group contributed 1.13 index points to the total All groups index number of 100.4 for the June Quarter 2012. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

ANALYTICAL SERIES

11 Various series are presented in Table 8 in this publication to assist users analyse the CPI. Some of the analytical series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket, and most are self explanatory, such as 'All groups CPI excluding Food and non-alcoholic beverages'. (A complete list of CPI groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes is contained in Tables 6 and 7). Other series and their composition are described below:

- *All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted*: Comprises all components included in the All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted where seasonality has been identified at the weighted average of eight capital cities level. Seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using the history of price changes up to the current quarter CPI and are revised each quarter.
 - Where CPI expenditure classes are identified as having a seasonal pattern, quarterly price changes are estimated on a seasonally adjusted basis. At the introduction of the 16th series, 62 out of the 87 expenditure classes were classified as seasonal. A description of which series are currently seasonally adjusted is published in Appendix 1 of every September quarter issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0), following the annual seasonal reanalysis.
- *Underlying trend series, 'Trimmed mean' and 'Weighted median'*: These are two analytical measures of trend inflation calculated from the June quarter 2002 using standard ABS seasonal adjustment techniques. For more information see the *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003). The Trimmed mean and Weighted median are calculated using the distribution of expenditure classes each quarter derived as follows:
 - The CPI expenditure classes are ranked from lowest to highest according to the seasonally adjusted percentage change from the previous quarter.
 - The seasonally adjusted relative weight of each expenditure class is calculated based on its previous quarter contribution to the All groups CPI.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ANALYTICAL SERIES *continued*

- The 'Trimmed mean' is calculated by using a weighted average of percentage change from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted) from the middle 70 per cent of the distribution.
- The 'Weighted median' is calculated using the percentage change from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted) expenditure class at the 50th percentile of the distribution.
- *International trade exposure series, Tradables component*: Comprises all items whose prices are largely determined on the world market. For more information, see paragraph 12 below.
- *International trade exposure series, Non-tradables component*: Comprises all items not included in the Tradables component.
- *All groups CPI, goods component*: Comprises the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group (except Restaurant meals); Alcohol and tobacco group; Clothing and footwear group (except Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear); Furnishings, household equipment and services group (except Domestic and household services sub-group); Utilities, Audio, visual and computing equipment and services, and Newspapers, books and stationery sub-groups; and New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers, Pharmaceutical products, Motor vehicles, Automotive fuel, Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles, Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation, Games, toys and hobbies and Pets and related products expenditure classes.
- *All groups CPI, services component*: Comprises all items not included in the 'All groups CPI, goods component'. A description of which series are goods or services is published in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no 6401.0).
- *All groups CPI including Deposit and loan facilities (indirect charges)*: One of the outcomes of the 16th series CPI Review was to remove the indirectly measured component of the Deposit and loan facilities index from the headline CPI but to include it in a new analytical series. This index includes the 16th series All groups CPI plus the indirectly measured component of the Deposit and loan facilities index.
- *Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'*: in addition to the items excluded from the series 'All groups CPI excluding 'volatile items'', also excludes: Utilities, Property rates and charges, Child care, Health, Other services in respect of motor vehicles, Urban transport fares, Postal services, and Education.
- *All groups CPI excluding Insurance and financial services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from the September quarter 1989 to the June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and mortgage interest charges and consumer credit charges; from the September quarter 1998 to the June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from the September quarter 2000 to the June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding insurance services; from the September quarter 2005 to the June quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Financial and insurance services; from the September quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Insurance and financial services.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ANALYTICAL SERIES *continued*

- *All groups CPI excluding Housing and Insurance and financial services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from the September quarter 1989 to the June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and consumer credit charges; from the September quarter 1998 to the June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from the September quarter 2000 to the June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and insurance services; from the September quarter 2005 to the June quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services; from the September quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and Insurance and financial services.
- *All groups CPI excluding food and energy*: Comprises the All groups CPI excluding the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group (except Restaurant meals); Electricity, Gas and other household fuels; and Automotive fuel.
- *All groups CPI excluding 'volatile items'*: Comprises the All groups CPI excluding Fruit and vegetables and Automotive fuel.

12 The International trade exposure series was reviewed and updated for the 16th series. There were five changes of classification. 'Cakes and biscuits' and 'Jams, honey and spreads' were reclassified from non-tradable to tradable. 'Waters, soft drinks and juices', 'Newspapers, magazines and stationery' and 'Pets and related products' were reclassified from tradable to non-tradable. A description of which series are tradable or non-tradable is published in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no 6401.0). These changes are included from the September quarter 2011. The historical tradable and non-tradable series will not be revised.

ROUNDING

13 Published index numbers, except for the underlying trend series, are rounded to one decimal place. Percentage change movements are calculated from the index numbers and then rounded to one decimal place. Rounding errors can occur, causing discrepancies (e.g. when calculating percentage changes of aggregates and their components). Underlying trend series, 'Trimmed mean' and 'Weighted median' index numbers are published to four decimal places. Percentage change movements are calculated from the published index numbers and rounded to one decimal place.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES

14 Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing systematic calendar related effects from the original series. In most economic data these calendar related effects are a combination of the classical seasonal influences (e.g. the effect of the weather, social traditions or administrative practices such as government charges increasing on 1 July each year) plus other kinds of calendar related variations, such as Easter or the proximity of significant days in the year (e.g. Christmas). In the seasonal adjustment process, both seasonal and other calendar related factors evolve over time to reflect changes in activity patterns. The seasonally adjusted estimates reflect the sampling and non-sampling errors to which the original estimates are subject.

15 The CPI uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the adjustment factors. This method uses the original time series available at each reference period to estimate seasonal factors for the current and previous quarters. Concurrent seasonal adjustment is technically superior to the more traditional method of reanalysing seasonal patterns once each year because it uses all available data to fine tune the estimates of the seasonal component each quarter. With concurrent analysis, the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision each quarter as the estimates of the seasonal factors are improved. In most instances, the only significant revisions will be to the combined adjustment factors for the previous quarter and for the same quarter in the preceding year as the reference quarter (i.e. if the latest quarter is September quarter 2011 then the most significant revisions will be to June quarter 2011 and September

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quarter 2010). The seasonal patterns are also reanalysed on an annual basis or when there are known changes to regular events. This can lead to additional revisions.

16 Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) modelling can improve the revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. From the December quarter 2012, the Consumer Price Index uses ARIMA modelling where appropriate for individual time series. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis. For more information on ARIMA modelling see Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

17 The ABS applies seasonal adjustment to the expenditure class components of the CPI which are found to be seasonal, and then aggregates the seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted components to calculate the All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted, Trimmed mean and Weighted median estimates. The seasonally adjusted expenditure class components are available in Table 15 – CPI expenditure classes and selected analytical series, seasonally adjusted index numbers, weighted average of eight capital cities. The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally adjusted indexes are available in Table 16 – CPI expenditure class, combined seasonal adjustment factors, weighted average of eight capital cities. For more information about seasonal adjustment of the CPI please refer to *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003).

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

18 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 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'if possible, compile and provide for dissemination to the international community an index that excludes housing and financial services' in addition to the all-items index.

REVISIONS

19 CPI original indexes are revised only in exceptional circumstances, such as to correct a significant error. As is the case with all price indexes, the index reference period (i.e. the period in which the index is set equal to 100.0) will be changed periodically. The index number levels for all periods will be changed by this process and it may also result in differences, due to rounding, between the percentage changes published on the old base and those on the new base. Seasonally adjusted indexes (including the Trimmed mean and Weighted median) for some quarters will be revised as extra quarters are included in the series analysed for seasonal influences (see paragraphs 14 to 17).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

20 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily *Release Advice* on the website which details products to be released in the week ahead.

21 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications and other data products that are available free of charge from the ABS website:

- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 16th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2011* (cat. no. 6461.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index, 2011* (cat. no. 6470.0)

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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- *Information Paper: Outcome of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review, Australia* (cat. no. 6469.0)
- *Consumer Price Index Commodity Classification, Australia, 16th Series, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.004)
- *Consumer Price Index: 16th Series Weighting Pattern* (cat. no. 6471.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948–2011)* (cat. no. 6431.0)
- *Analytical Living Cost Indexes and Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index: 16th Series Weighting Patterns* (cat. no. 6472.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concordance with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia* (cat. no. 6446.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003)
- *Information Paper: Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services* (cat. no. 6413.0)
- *Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers* (cat. no. 6458.0)
- *Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types* (cat. no. 6463.0)
- *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6467.0)
- *Residential Property Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6427.0)
- *International Trade Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6457.0)
- *Wage Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6345.0)

DATA AVAILABLE

22 As well as the statistics included in this publication, there is more detailed data for each capital city available on the ABS website. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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