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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MARCH QUARTER 1986

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### MAIN FEATURES

	Change between	
	Dec. qtr 1985 and Mar. qtr 1986	Mar. qtr 1985 and Mar. qtr 1986
	%	%
All groups index		
Sydney	+2.4	+9.2
Melbourne	+2.7	+9.8
Brisbane	+2.4	+8.9
Adelaide	+1.5	+8.6
Perth	+1.6	+8.6
Hobart	+1.6	+8.7
Canberra	+2.1	+9.2
Darwin	+1.8	+9.0
Weighted average of eight capital cities	+2.3	+9.2

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION: +1.9%

Prices of household supplies and services increased in all cities.  
Prices of appliances increased in all cities.  
Electricity charges increased in Sydney, Brisbane, Canberra and Darwin and fell in Adelaide.  
Furniture prices increased in all cities.

#### TRANSPORTATION: +3.4%

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.  
Petrol prices increased in Melbourne, Perth, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin and fell in Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.  
Motor vehicle insurance costs increased in all cities except Perth and Darwin.  
Motor vehicle servicing and repair costs increased in all cities except Darwin.

#### TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL: +2.9%

Prices of beer, cigarettes and spirits increased in all cities.

Main price changes between December quarter 1985 and March quarter 1986 were as follows:

#### FOOD: +2.0%

Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities.  
Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables increased in all cities except Adelaide and Hobart.  
Meat prices rose in all cities except Hobart.  
Prices of cereal products rose in all cities.  
Dairy produce prices increased in all cities except Perth.  
Prices of soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery rose in all cities.

#### HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE: +2.5%

Health insurance contributions increased in all cities except Sydney, Perth and Canberra.  
Net medical charges increased in all cities.  
Prices of personal care products increased in all cities.

#### CLOTHING: +0.7%

Main price changes were for piecegoods and clothing and footwear services.

#### RECREATION AND EDUCATION: +2.8%

Education and child care fees increased in all cities.  
Prices for books, newspapers and magazines increased in all cities.  
Entertainment charges increased in all cities.  
Prices of sports and photographic equipment, toys, etc. rose in all cities.  
Prices for holiday travel and accommodation overseas rose for all cities except Perth and Hobart.  
Prices for holiday travel and accommodation in Australia fell for all cities except Perth.

#### HOUSING: +1.8%

Privately-owned dwelling rents increased in all cities except Darwin.  
House prices increased in all cities.  
House repair and maintenance costs 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 (see paragraphs 12 and 13 below). 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. 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. A more detailed account is contained in The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (6461.0).

## Prices

4. 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).

5. 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

6. 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.

7. Changes in the weighting pattern have been made at approximately five-yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI now comprises 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

8. 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:

Dec. quarter 1985:	147.1
Less: Sept. quarter 1985:	144.2
Change in index points:	+2.9

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+2.9}{144.2} \times 100 = +2.0\%$$

The index number of 147.1 for December quarter 1985 indicates an increase of 47.1% since the reference base year (1980-81).

## Special tables and groupings

9. 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 2.75 index points to the total All Groups index number of 147.1 for December quarter 1985. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group and subgroup.

10. 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 index numbers and 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

11. 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.

## Index for weighted average of six State capital cities

12. It was foreshadowed at the completion of the last review and reweighting of the CPI in July 1982 that publication of index numbers for the weighted average of six State capital cities would be discontinued after a transitional period. It is intended that publication of this series will cease when the eleventh series CPI is released; this is currently scheduled to occur with the publication of the CPI for the December quarter 1986.

13. Index numbers for the weighted average of six State capital cities will continue to be made available by the ABS on request after December quarter 1986. However users of this particular series might consider it more convenient to make arrangements to switch to using index numbers for the weighted average of eight capital cities.

## Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero  
n.a. 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(a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
1981-82	110.4	110.2	110.4	110.7	110.5	111.2	110.0	110.7	111.1	110.4
1982-83	123.1	123.4	122.8	122.9	123.5	122.5	121.8	124.0	123.1	123.1
1983-84	131.6	130.9	132.1	131.7	132.3	131.0	129.9	132.3	130.2	131.6
1984-85	137.2	136.0	138.1	137.9	138.7	136.1	136.1	138.8	135.1	137.2
Quarter -										
1981-82										
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
1982-83										
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
June	127.3	127.4	127.4	126.6	128.5	125.9	125.9	128.0	126.9	127.3
1983-84										
September	129.5	129.2	129.5	129.3	130.3	129.4	127.5	129.8	128.6	129.4
December	132.5	131.8	133.3	132.0	132.9	132.3	130.4	133.0	130.3	132.5
March	132.0	131.2	132.6	132.3	132.9	131.1	130.7	133.1	131.0	132.0
June	132.2	131.2	133.0	133.3	133.1	131.1	130.9	133.3	130.9	132.3
1984-85										
September	134.0	132.8	134.9	135.2	134.7	133.2	132.3	135.3	132.7	134.0
December	135.8	134.7	136.6	136.5	137.5	134.7	134.9	137.4	134.0	135.9
March	137.8	136.8	138.3	138.7	139.4	136.7	137.1	139.6	135.2	137.8
June	141.1	139.7	142.4	141.1	143.0	139.9	140.2	142.8	138.4	141.1
1985-86										
September	144.2	142.7	145.3	144.7	146.0	142.9	143.8	146.2	143.2	144.2
December	147.1	145.9	147.8	147.5	149.1	146.1	146.7	149.3	144.8	147.1
March	150.5	149.4	151.8	151.0	151.4	148.5	149.0	152.5	147.4	150.5

(a) See paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities(a) %	Sydney %	Melbourne %	Brisbane %	Adelaide %	Perth %	Hobart %	Canberra %	Darwin %	Weighted average of eight capital cities %
Change from previous year										
1982-83	+11.5	+12.0	+11.2	+11.0	+11.8	+10.2	+10.7	+12.0	+10.8	+11.5
1983-84	+6.9	+6.1	+7.6	+7.2	+7.1	+6.9	+6.7	+6.7	+5.8	+6.9
1984-85	+4.3	+3.9	+4.5	+4.7	+4.8	+3.9	+4.8	+4.9	+3.8	+4.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year										
1983-84										
March	+5.9	+4.9	+6.9	+5.8	+6.2	+6.0	+5.8	+5.7	+5.1	+5.9
June	+3.8	+3.0	+4.4	+5.3	+3.6	+4.1	+4.0	+4.1	+3.2	+3.9
1984-85										
September	+3.5	+2.8	+4.2	+4.6	+3.4	+2.9	+3.8	+4.2	+3.2	+3.6
December	+2.5	+2.2	+2.5	+3.4	+3.5	+1.8	+3.5	+3.3	+2.8	+2.6
March	+4.4	+4.3	+4.3	+4.8	+4.9	+4.3	+4.9	+4.9	+3.2	+4.4
June	+6.7	+6.5	+7.1	+5.9	+7.4	+6.7	+7.1	+7.1	+5.7	+6.7
1985-86										
September	+7.6	+7.5	+7.7	+7.0	+8.4	+7.3	+8.7	+8.1	+7.9	+7.6
December	+8.3	+8.3	+8.2	+8.1	+8.4	+8.5	+8.7	+8.7	+8.1	+8.2
March	+9.2	+9.2	+9.8	+8.9	+8.6	+8.6	+8.7	+9.2	+9.0	+9.2
Change from previous quarter										
1983-84										
March	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	+0.2	-	-0.9	+0.2	+0.1	+0.5	-0.4
June	+0.2	-	+0.3	+0.8	+0.2	-	+0.2	+0.2	-0.1	+0.2
1984-85										
September	+1.4	+1.2	+1.4	+1.4	+1.2	+1.6	+1.1	+1.5	+1.4	+1.3
December	+1.3	+1.4	+1.3	+1.0	+2.1	+1.1	+2.0	+1.6	+1.0	+1.4
March	+1.5	+1.6	+1.2	+1.6	+1.4	+1.5	+1.6	+1.6	+0.9	+1.4
June	+2.4	+2.1	+3.0	+1.7	+2.6	+2.3	+2.3	+2.3	+2.4	+2.4
1985-86										
September	+2.2	+2.1	+2.0	+2.6	+2.1	+2.1	+2.6	+2.4	+3.5	+2.2
December	+2.0	+2.2	+1.7	+1.9	+2.1	+2.2	+2.0	+2.1	+1.1	+2.0
March	+2.3	+2.4	+2.7	+2.4	+1.5	+1.6	+1.6	+2.1	+1.8	+2.3

(a) See paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes.

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
CHANGE BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1985 AND MARCH QUARTER 1986 IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS

	Weighted average of six State capital cities(a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>FOOD</b>	+0.62	+0.66	+0.67	+0.86	+0.35	+0.31	+0.20	+0.67	+0.92	+0.61
Meals out,take away food	+0.18	+0.21	+0.20	+0.16	+0.07	+0.20	+0.07	+0.12	+0.05	+0.19
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+0.12	+0.16	+0.09	+0.35	-0.05	+0.05	-0.08	+0.33	+0.37	+0.13
Meat and seafoods	+0.10	+0.08	+0.11	+0.13	+0.12	+0.04	-0.02	+0.07	+0.24	+0.10
Cereal products	+0.07	+0.08	+0.08	+0.04	+0.04	+0.02	+0.04	+0.05	+0.09	+0.07
Dairy produce	+0.05	+0.03	+0.06	+0.10	+0.05	-	+0.12	+0.01	+0.01	+0.05
Soft drinks,ice cream and confectionery	+0.04	+0.03	+0.06	+0.05	+0.05	+0.02	+0.02	+0.05	+0.15	+0.05
<b>CLOTHING</b>	+0.07	+0.12	+0.02	+0.09	+0.04	+0.10	+0.07	-	-0.03	+0.07
Piecegoods and other clothing	+0.03	+0.03	+0.02	+0.05	+0.04	+0.06	+0.03	+0.02	+0.01	+0.03
Clothing and footwear services	+0.02	+0.02	+0.01	+0.01	+0.02	+0.03	+0.02	-	-	+0.02
<b>HOUSING</b>	+0.38	+0.47	+0.40	+0.27	+0.17	+0.28	+0.29	+0.30	+0.06	+0.37
House purchase	+0.15	+0.15	+0.18	+0.13	+0.06	+0.14	+0.17	+0.11	+0.09	+0.15
Privately-owned dwelling rents	+0.15	+0.18	+0.16	+0.10	+0.06	+0.12	+0.06	+0.17	-0.02	+0.15
House repairs and maintenance	+0.07	+0.12	+0.04	+0.05	+0.04	+0.01	+0.04	+0.02	+0.01	+0.07
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	+0.37	+0.39	+0.44	+0.41	+0.21	+0.25	+0.20	+0.60	+0.28	+0.38
Household supplies and services	+0.08	+0.06	+0.11	+0.13	+0.04	+0.06	+0.02	+0.13	+0.10	+0.08
Electricity	+0.07	+0.18	-	+0.06	-0.03	-	-	+0.22	+0.08	+0.07
Appliances	+0.07	+0.05	+0.10	+0.07	+0.06	+0.06	+0.05	+0.04	+0.06	+0.07
Furniture	+0.06	+0.05	+0.08	+0.06	+0.04	+0.02	+0.01	+0.05	+0.02	+0.06
Drapery	+0.02	+0.03	+0.03	+0.04	+0.02	+0.01	-	+0.05	-0.01	+0.03
Household utensils and tools	+0.04	-	+0.07	+0.04	+0.06	+0.05	+0.07	+0.03	-0.01	+0.03
Telephone charges	+0.02	+0.02	+0.01	+0.02	+0.01	+0.02	+0.01	+0.01	+0.01	+0.02
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	+0.86	+0.75	+1.19	+0.77	+0.56	+0.73	+0.45	+0.63	+0.55	+0.86
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.31	+0.28	+0.31	+0.36	+0.30	+0.43	+0.24	+0.28	+0.47	+0.32
Automotive fuel	+0.19	-0.02	+0.59	-0.01	-0.07	+0.19	+0.05	+0.05	+0.05	+0.19
Vehicle insurance	+0.15	+0.27	+0.04	+0.16	+0.23	-	+0.02	+0.14	-	+0.15
Vehicle service and repairs	+0.15	+0.17	+0.13	+0.20	+0.09	+0.12	+0.14	+0.14	-0.01	+0.14
Urban transport fares	+0.03	+0.04	+0.07	+0.03	-	-	+0.02	-	+0.02	+0.04
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	+0.40	+0.50	+0.35	+0.35	+0.32	+0.37	+0.54	+0.50	+0.40	+0.41
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.20	+0.32	+0.11	+0.13	+0.12	+0.14	+0.14	+0.31	+0.16	+0.20
Beer	+0.17	+0.12	+0.19	+0.18	+0.17	+0.23	+0.36	+0.13	+0.24	+0.17
Spirits	+0.03	+0.05	+0.03	+0.03	+0.02	+0.02	+0.04	+0.01	+0.01	+0.03
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	+0.22	+0.18	+0.23	+0.29	+0.29	+0.16	+0.20	+0.10	+0.14	+0.21
Hospital and medical services	+0.11	+0.07	+0.11	+0.19	+0.20	+0.06	+0.11	+0.02	+0.09	+0.11
Personal care products	+0.08	+0.07	+0.07	+0.07	+0.09	+0.07	+0.04	+0.05	+0.01	+0.08
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>	+0.46	+0.42	+0.65	+0.37	+0.30	+0.26	+0.30	+0.36	+0.29	+0.46
Education fees	+0.11	+0.09	+0.18	+0.08	+0.11	+0.08	+0.09	+0.07	+0.07	+0.12
Books, newspapers, magazines	+0.10	+0.09	+0.16	+0.05	+0.06	+0.04	+0.05	+0.10	+0.07	+0.10
Entertainment	+0.09	+0.05	+0.18	+0.02	+0.10	+0.04	+0.12	+0.03	+0.06	+0.09
Sports & photographic equipment,toys,etc.	+0.07	+0.04	+0.13	+0.07	+0.02	+0.06	+0.02	+0.05	+0.02	+0.08
Holiday travel & accommodation overseas	+0.06	+0.09	+0.07	+0.08	+0.03	-0.01	-0.02	+0.08	+0.08	+0.07
Child care fees	+0.04	+0.04	+0.02	+0.04	+0.05	+0.02	-	+0.07	+0.01	+0.03
Holiday travel & accommodation in Australia	-0.05	-0.03	-0.13	-0.02	-0.05	+0.01	-0.01	-0.06	-0.01	-0.06
<b>Total change</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>+4.0</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>+3.2</b>	<b>+2.6</b>	<b>+3.4</b>
<b>Contribution of selected State and local government charges(b) to total change</b>	<b>+0.15</b>	<b>+0.28</b>	<b>+0.09</b>	<b>+0.13</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+0.05</b>	<b>+0.22</b>	<b>+0.09</b>	<b>+0.15</b>

(a) See paragraphs 12 and 13 of Explanatory Notes.

(b) 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). The derivation and limitation 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) %
Change from previous year									
1982-83	+9.1	+6.6	+10.5	+11.9	+12.6	+13.6	+23.3	..	+11.5
1983-84	+7.8	+5.9	+7.1	+7.1	+8.5	+12.5	-4.4	+6.3	+6.9
1984-85	+5.2	+6.2	+7.5	+4.8	+6.4	+8.4	-16.9	+3.8	+4.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year									
1983-84									
March	+8.7	+6.1	+6.8	+6.5	+7.2	+12.9	-13.9	+5.6	+5.9
June	+3.7	+5.6	+7.5	+6.1	+9.3	+13.2	-26.6	+3.0	+3.9
1984-85									
September	+4.8	+6.0	+8.2	+5.5	+6.7	+12.4	-28.1	+3.1	+3.6
December	+5.0	+6.4	+7.4	+3.6	+4.8	+7.9	-28.1	+3.0	+2.6
March	+4.4	+6.2	+7.2	+4.5	+5.8	+7.3	-9.2	+3.1	+4.4
June	+6.7	+6.1	+7.3	+5.4	+8.4	+6.3	+5.8	+6.2	+6.7
1985-86									
September	+6.3	+7.0	+7.8	+6.5	+9.4	+7.8	+8.7	+7.9	+7.6
December	+7.3	+7.8	+8.6	+8.5	+9.2	+8.2	+7.8	+9.2	+8.2
March	+8.3	+8.3	+9.0	+8.9	+10.9	+9.9	+8.4	+9.8	+9.2
Change from previous quarter									
1983-84									
March	+1.6	+0.4	+1.6	+0.7	+0.7	+1.8	-19.3	+2.1	-0.4
June	-0.3	+2.9	+2.2	+0.8	+1.9	+2.5	-12.8	-0.4	+0.2
1984-85									
September	+2.2	+0.4	+1.8	+1.0	+1.2	+1.4	-	+1.1	+1.3
December	+1.4	+2.6	+1.7	+1.0	+0.9	+2.0	+2.2	+0.2	+1.4
March	+1.0	+0.2	+1.4	+1.5	+1.8	+1.3	+1.9	+2.2	+1.4
June	+1.9	+2.8	+2.3	+1.7	+4.4	+1.4	+1.5	+2.5	+2.4
1985-86									
September	+1.8	+1.2	+2.3	+2.0	+2.1	+2.8	+2.8	+2.8	+2.2
December	+2.4	+3.4	+2.4	+3.0	+0.6	+2.4	+1.3	+1.4	+2.0
March	+2.0	+0.7	+1.8	+1.9	+3.4	+2.9	+2.5	+2.8	+2.3

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 10.

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

	Index Numbers		Percentage Changes			
	(Base of each index: 1980-81=100.0)		From previous quarter		From corresponding quarter of previous year	
	All Groups	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services	All groups %	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services %	All groups %	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services %
1982-83						
September	118.5	117.0	+3.5	+3.3	+12.3	+10.7
December	122.0	120.2	+3.0	+2.7	+11.0	+10.5
March	124.7	122.7	+2.2	+2.1	+11.5	+10.9
June	127.3	125.3	+2.1	+2.1	+11.2	+10.6
1983-84						
September	129.4	127.4	+1.6	+1.7	+9.2	+8.9
December	132.5	130.4	+2.4	+2.4	+8.6	+8.5
March	132.0	132.0	-0.4	+1.2	+5.9	+7.6
June	132.3	133.5	+0.2	+1.1	+3.9	+6.5
1984-85						
September	134.0	135.4	+1.3	+1.4	+3.6	+6.3
December	135.9	137.3	+1.4	+1.4	+2.6	+5.3
March	137.8	139.2	+1.4	+1.4	+4.4	+5.5
June	141.1	142.6	+2.4	+2.4	+6.7	+6.8
1985-86						
September	144.2	145.8	+2.2	+2.2	+7.6	+7.7
December	147.1	148.7	+2.0	+2.0	+8.2	+8.3
March	150.5	152.1	+2.3	+2.3	+9.2	+9.3

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)									
1983-84									
March	128.0	130.2	129.9	128.4	130.2	129.0	129.5	129.5	129.2
June	127.2	129.8	129.6	128.6	130.7	130.5	128.2	129.2	128.8
1984-85									
September	129.6	133.0	132.1	131.6	134.0	133.7	130.5	130.5	131.6
December	132.3	134.4	133.6	134.0	134.6	135.4	132.9	131.1	133.5
March	133.8	135.3	136.3	134.6	137.0	136.0	135.7	132.1	134.9
June	135.5	138.8	137.5	137.9	139.3	139.1	135.7	135.4	137.4
1985-86									
September	137.5	141.8	139.9	141.7	142.0	142.2	137.6	137.8	139.9
December	141.8	144.2	143.4	144.0	145.7	144.8	141.1	137.7	143.2
March	144.9	147.2	147.3	145.5	147.1	145.7	144.3	141.3	146.1
CLOTHING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
March	121.4	119.6	123.0	121.3	121.2	119.6	120.9	122.1	120.9
June	124.7	123.3	125.6	124.9	125.0	123.1	124.8	124.2	124.4
1984-85									
September	125.3	124.0	125.6	125.8	124.6	124.0	126.2	125.3	124.9
December	128.2	127.2	128.7	129.0	128.3	126.9	129.4	127.7	128.1
March	128.4	127.4	129.1	129.3	129.5	127.8	129.5	127.5	128.4
June	132.0	131.1	132.0	133.5	132.8	131.7	133.4	130.0	132.0
1985-86									
September	133.6	132.9	133.8	134.8	134.0	133.3	134.6	132.5	133.6
December	137.4	137.9	139.2	139.1	139.3	137.1	138.8	133.3	138.1
March	138.8	138.1	140.5	139.6	140.5	137.9	138.8	132.7	139.0
HOUSING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
March	127.8	137.5	137.2	138.8	124.6	125.3	137.7	129.5	132.6
June	130.1	141.8	138.1	142.5	126.7	127.3	141.8	130.4	135.5
1984-85									
September	131.8	144.9	141.5	145.0	128.9	130.3	145.3	134.0	137.9
December	132.8	148.0	143.1	150.0	130.8	134.5	149.3	134.7	140.2
March	134.6	150.7	144.3	152.3	132.4	136.7	152.1	135.1	142.2
June	138.0	154.8	145.6	154.6	134.1	139.1	156.5	135.4	145.4
1985-86									
September	142.1	158.0	147.5	156.8	136.5	143.2	161.0	142.7	148.7
December	145.0	161.8	149.5	162.2	140.8	148.8	165.0	145.4	152.2
March	148.2	164.8	151.6	163.5	143.1	151.1	167.4	145.9	155.0
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
March	134.9	133.4	132.2	134.8	129.7	134.6	133.2	132.4	133.7
June	135.3	134.8	133.9	136.4	131.1	136.1	134.7	133.6	134.8
1984-85									
September	136.7	136.1	137.0	136.8	132.9	136.7	135.2	134.9	136.2
December	138.1	137.9	137.1	139.5	133.6	138.5	135.9	134.2	137.6
March	141.0	139.4	139.2	142.0	134.7	140.3	136.8	136.0	139.7
June	142.6	142.1	141.9	144.8	137.6	142.6	140.6	139.3	142.1
1985-86									
September	145.2	144.9	146.3	147.1	141.2	145.1	142.8	146.8	145.0
December	149.5	149.2	151.0	151.6	144.7	148.1	146.5	147.7	149.3
March	152.5	152.3	154.2	153.0	146.5	149.7	150.7	150.0	152.1

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)									
1983-84									
March	137.3	131.7	137.7	138.0	135.0	139.0	138.7	130.1	135.5
June	140.4	134.5	141.8	138.8	136.4	138.0	139.9	131.7	138.1
1984-85									
September	142.8	135.2	143.2	140.3	138.9	138.9	142.2	132.8	139.7
December	144.3	135.7	143.2	142.9	140.6	141.0	143.1	133.6	140.9
March	147.4	137.5	145.9	145.9	142.8	144.9	145.9	136.1	143.4
June	153.2	144.8	150.7	152.1	148.8	150.7	153.2	143.6	149.7
1985-86									
September	155.9	147.4	156.2	155.3	152.5	155.7	157.2	146.8	152.9
December	158.0	146.5	157.4	158.5	152.1	157.0	157.9	148.5	153.8
March	162.8	153.8	161.6	161.7	156.3	160.0	161.8	151.9	159.0
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
March	143.2	142.7	136.5	142.2	142.7	141.3	138.6	143.4	142.0
June	146.5	146.0	140.5	146.3	146.2	143.7	142.2	146.2	145.5
1984-85									
September	148.8	147.8	142.0	148.3	148.3	143.9	144.6	150.3	147.5
December	151.6	150.7	143.9	151.9	151.9	150.5	148.2	158.0	150.5
March	153.9	151.6	145.0	154.1	155.3	154.6	150.8	159.7	152.4
June	156.2	154.1	147.1	155.6	157.4	156.0	153.0	162.5	154.6
1985-86									
September	160.5	158.4	151.6	160.0	161.7	160.7	157.8	170.8	159.0
December	165.3	160.7	154.1	162.4	167.4	163.4	165.2	174.4	162.8
March	170.8	165.1	157.9	166.8	171.3	169.6	170.8	178.1	167.5
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
March	130.1	142.7	127.9	134.8	144.1	122.0	132.1	139.6	135.5
June	114.1	122.7	118.4	115.4	122.7	108.4	115.8	123.9	118.2
1984-85									
September	113.2	123.5	117.8	115.8	123.6	108.5	116.3	124.4	118.2
December	115.7	126.8	121.1	118.2	124.6	110.0	119.1	124.9	120.8
March	117.7	129.8	123.4	119.9	126.4	111.1	120.4	125.1	123.1
June	118.9	132.9	125.1	122.1	128.1	113.0	122.5	126.2	125.0
1985-86									
September	122.2	136.7	128.8	124.7	132.1	114.8	126.7	129.7	128.5
December	123.5	138.6	130.3	126.5	134.8	115.0	127.8	131.9	130.2
March	126.1	142.4	135.1	130.9	137.5	117.8	129.4	134.9	133.5
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Base of each index: March quarter 1982=100.0)									
1983-84									
March	116.1	117.3	114.3	114.8	112.3	118.8	118.1	112.7	115.9
June	115.3	116.9	114.4	114.6	111.8	119.0	117.9	111.9	115.4
1984-85									
September	116.1	118.5	116.1	115.4	113.1	119.1	119.5	112.8	116.7
December	116.3	118.3	117.4	116.0	113.7	120.6	120.2	112.9	116.9
March	119.1	120.8	120.0	118.8	115.0	123.6	122.8	113.5	119.5
June	121.9	124.3	121.9	121.9	118.7	125.9	125.1	115.7	122.5
1985-86									
September	125.5	127.1	126.1	126.0	120.9	130.7	129.3	120.2	125.9
December	126.9	129.2	128.2	126.5	123.1	134.5	130.8	122.2	127.6
March	130.3	134.1	131.1	129.0	125.2	136.7	133.1	124.0	131.2

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-INDEX NUMBERS AND 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 1985	Dec qtr 1985	Mar qtr 1986	Mar qtr 1986	Dec qtr 1985	Mar qtr 1986	Mar qtr 1986	Dec qtr 1985	Mar qtr 1986	Dec qtr 1985	Mar qtr 1986	Dec qtr 1985	Mar qtr 1986
	134.9	143.2	146.1	146.1	+2.0	+8.3	+8.3	31.26	31.87	+0.61	+0.05	+0.07	+0.10
<b>FOOD</b>													
Dairy produce	136.3	142.0	144.3	144.3	+1.6	+5.9	+5.9	2.75	2.80	+0.05	+0.07		
Cereal products	146.3	162.0	165.0	165.0	+1.9	+12.8	+12.8	3.56	3.63	+0.07	+0.10		
Meat and seafoods	119.3	123.0	124.7	124.7	+1.4	+4.5	+4.5	6.65	6.75				
Beef and veal	122.3	126.8	127.4	127.4	+0.5	+4.2	+4.2	2.86	2.88	+0.02	+0.03		
Lamb and mutton	107.5	103.3	106.8	106.8	+3.4	-0.7	-0.7	0.87	0.90	+0.03	+0.03		
Pork	129.3	129.2	131.5	131.5	+1.8	+1.7	+1.7	0.30	0.30				
Poultry	124.3	123.4	127.5	127.5	+3.3	+2.6	+2.6	-0.75	0.78	+0.03	+0.01		
Other meat	122.0	126.2	127.4	127.4	+1.0	+4.4	+4.4	1.20	1.21	+0.01	+0.01		
Fish	121.2	142.5	143.9	143.9	+1.0	+18.7	+18.7	0.66	0.67				
Fresh fruit and vegetables	129.6	135.5	142.7	142.7	+5.3	+10.1	+10.1	2.45	2.58	+0.13	+0.02		
Processed fruit and vegetables	141.5	148.6	150.4	150.4	+1.2	+6.3	+6.3	1.32	1.34	+0.02	+0.05		
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	149.1	160.5	162.1	162.1	+1.0	+8.7	+8.7	4.23	4.28	+0.05	+0.19		
Meals out, take away food	142.4	152.6	156.5	156.5	+2.6	+9.9	+9.9	7.07	7.26	+0.19	+0.04		
Other food	136.0	145.4	147.4	147.4	+1.4	+8.4	+8.4	3.21	3.25	+0.04	+0.02		
<b>CLOTHING</b>													
Men's and boys' clothing	128.4	138.1	139.0	139.0	+0.7	+8.3	+8.3	11.25	11.32	+0.07	+0.01		
Women's and girls' clothing	127.6	135.7	135.6	135.6	-0.1	+6.3	+6.3	3.32	3.32	-0.01	+0.01		
Piecegoods and other clothing	125.8	138.3	138.7	138.7	+0.3	+10.3	+10.3	4.73	4.74	+0.01	+0.03		
Footwear	130.7	141.1	147.8	147.8	+4.7	+13.1	+13.1	0.67	0.70	+0.03	+0.01		
Clothing and footwear services	131.4	138.4	139.3	139.3	+0.7	+6.0	+6.0	1.94	1.95	+0.01	+0.02		
	139.8	145.0	149.0	149.0	+2.8	+6.6	+6.6	0.59	0.61	+0.02	+0.07		
<b>HOUSING</b>													
Rent	142.2	152.2	155.0	155.0	+1.8	+9.0	+9.0	20.48	20.85	+0.37	+0.15		
Privately-owned dwelling rents	142.5	153.3	156.7	156.7	+2.2	+10.0	+10.0	6.47	6.62	+0.15	+0.15		
Government-owned dwelling rents	140.5	150.8	154.7	154.7	+2.6	+10.1	+10.1	5.64	5.79				
Home ownership(a)	156.8	171.6	171.9	171.9	+0.2	+9.6	+9.6	0.83	0.83	+0.22	-		
Local government rates and charges	142.4	152.0	154.5	154.5	+1.6	+8.5	+8.5	14.01	14.23				
Other home ownership	156.9	166.1	166.1	166.1	-	+5.9	+5.9	3.06	3.06				
	138.8	148.5	151.6	151.6	+2.1	+9.2	+9.2	10.95	11.18	+0.23	+0.23		
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>													
Fuel and light	139.7	149.3	152.1	152.1	+1.9	+8.9	+8.9	20.30	20.68	+0.38	+0.09		
Furniture and floor coverings	164.8	171.0	174.4	174.4	+2.0	+5.8	+5.8	4.14	4.23	+0.09	+0.07		
Appliances	137.5	149.0	152.1	152.1	+2.1	+10.6	+10.6	3.66	3.74	+0.08	+0.08		
Drapery	113.1	118.3	122.2	122.2	+3.3	+8.0	+8.0	2.02	2.09	+0.07	+0.03		
Household utensils and tools	130.8	141.5	144.4	144.4	+2.0	+10.4	+10.4	1.31	1.34	+0.03	+0.03		
Household supplies and services	137.5	150.6	153.3	153.3	+1.8	+11.5	+11.5	2.14	2.17	+0.03	+0.08		
Postal and telephone services	142.6	155.2	157.6	157.6	+1.5	+10.5	+10.5	5.16	5.24	+0.08	+0.02		
	134.6	140.1	141.3	141.3	+0.9	+5.0	+5.0	1.86	1.88				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>													
Private motoring	143.4	153.8	159.0	159.0	+3.4	+10.9	+10.9	25.30	26.16	+0.86	+0.82		
Motor vehicle purchase	142.0	152.5	157.9	157.9	+3.5	+11.2	+11.2	23.13	23.95				
Automotive fuel	137.5	149.4	156.7	156.7	+4.9	+14.0	+14.0	6.40	6.72	+0.32	+0.19		
Other motoring costs	145.6	157.8	161.7	161.7	+2.5	+11.1	+11.1	7.53	7.72	+0.19	+0.32		
Urban transport fares	142.4	150.6	155.8	155.8	+3.5	+9.4	+9.4	9.19	9.51	+0.32	+0.32		
	155.2	163.5	166.3	166.3	+1.7	+7.2	+7.2	2.18	2.22	+0.04	+0.04		

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TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-INDEX NUMBERS AND 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		Dec		Dec		Mar		Dec		Mar	
	qtr	1985	qtr	1986	qtr	1986	qtr	1985	qtr	1985	qtr	1986
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	152.4	162.8	167.5		+2.9	+9.9	13.94	14.35	+0.41			
Alcoholic beverages	145.4	154.0	157.5		+2.3	+8.3	9.41	9.62	+0.21			
Beer	150.4	160.4	164.4		+2.5	+9.3				6.69	6.86	+0.17
Wine and spirits	134.7	140.3	142.6		+1.6	+5.9				2.72	2.77	+0.05
Cigarettes and tobacco	169.7	184.7	192.8		+4.4	+13.6	4.52	4.72	+0.20			
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	123.1	130.2	133.5		+2.5	+8.4	8.32	8.53	+0.21			
Health services	104.7	109.7	113.0		+3.0	+7.9	3.98	4.10	+0.12			
Personal care products	147.8	158.4	162.0		+2.3	+9.6	3.32	3.40	+0.08			
Personal care services	144.1	151.6	153.9		+1.5	+6.8	1.02	1.04	+0.02			
RECREATION AND EDUCATION(b)	119.5	127.6	131.2		+2.8	+9.8	16.28	16.74	+0.46			
Books, newspapers, magazines	150.0	163.2	170.2		+4.3	+13.5	2.37	2.47	+0.10			
Other recreational goods	103.5	108.3	111.2		+2.7	+7.4	3.06	3.14	+0.08			
Holiday travel and accommodation(b)	121.9	134.7	135.0		+0.2	+10.7	5.45	5.46	+0.01			
Other recreational services	146.5	153.2	158.2		+3.3	+8.0	3.47	3.59	+0.12			
Education and child care(b)	134.7	137.3	147.9		+7.7	+9.8	1.94	2.09	+0.15			
ALL GROUPS	137.8	147.1	150.5		+2.3	+9.2	147.1	150.5	+3.4			
SPECIAL SERIES												
All groups, excluding food group	138.6	148.3	151.8		+2.4	+9.5	115.88	118.64	+2.76			
All groups, excluding housing group	137.1	146.4	149.8		+2.3	+9.3	126.65	129.66	+3.01			
All groups, excl hosp. and med. services	139.2	148.7	152.1		+2.3	+9.3	143.87	147.15	+3.28			
All groups, goods component(c)	137.4	147.0	150.4		+2.3	+9.5	103.88	108.28	+4.40			
All groups, services component(d)	139.8	148.5	152.0		+2.4	+8.7	41.25	42.24	+0.99			
Selected State and local gov. charges(e)	169.2	177.7	180.0		+1.3	+6.4	11.00	11.15	+0.15			
All groups, excluding selected State and government charges(e)	135.6	145.0	148.5		+2.4	+9.5	136.13	139.36	+3.23			

(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 but); 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). The derivation and limitations of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

