



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—MARCH QUARTER 1985

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MAIN FEATURES

Change between

All groups index	Dec. qtr 1984 and Mar. qtr 1985	Mar. qtr 1984 and Mar. qtr 1985
	%	%
Sydney	+1.6	+4.3
Melbourne	+1.2	+4.3
Brisbane	+1.6	+4.8
Adelaide	+1.4	+4.9
Perth	+1.5	+4.3
Hobart	+1.6	+4.9
Canberra	+1.6	+4.9
Darwin	+0.9	+3.2
Weighted average of eight capital cities	+1.4	+4.4

Main price changes between December quarter 1984 and March quarter 1985 were as follows:

Food: +1.0%

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

Prices of soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery increased in all cities.

Milk prices increased in all cities except Brisbane and Canberra.

Beef prices decreased in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart and Canberra.

Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables decreased in all cities except Brisbane and Canberra.

Clothing: +0.2%

Small increases in clothing prices were recorded in all cities except Darwin.

Housing: +1.4%

House prices increased in all cities.

Private dwelling rents increased in all cities.

Rents of government-owned dwellings increased in Sydney and fell in Brisbane.

Household equipment and operation: +1.5%

Electricity charges increased in Sydney, Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin.

Postal and telephone charges increased in all cities.

Prices for furniture and floor coverings increased in all cities except Hobart and Canberra.

Household cleaning agents increased in price in all cities.

Transportation: +1.8%

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.

Petrol prices increased in all cities except Adelaide.

Third party insurance charges increased in Sydney, Adelaide and Hobart and decreased in Melbourne.

Tobacco and alcohol: +1.3%

Beer and cigarette prices increased in all cities.

Health and personal care: +1.9%

Health insurance fund contributions increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra and fell in Darwin.

Net medical charges increased in all cities except Darwin.

Personal care product prices increased in all cities.

Recreation and education: +2.2%

Holiday travel and accommodation prices increased for all cities.

Other recreational services increased in price in all cities except Darwin.

Education fees increased in all cities.

Prices for T.V.'s, radios and sound equipment fell in all cities.

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Brief description of the CPI

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

2. It is important to note that the capital city indexes measure price movements over time *in each city individually*. They do *not* measure differences in retail price levels *between cities*.

3. 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. For a more detailed account, *The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods* (6461.0) describes what the index measures, the goods and services included in it, and how the index is produced; it also describes the problems encountered in compiling the CPI and how those are dealt with.

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:

March quarter 1985:	137.8
Less: Dec. quarter 1984:	135.9
Change in index points:	+1.9

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+1.9}{135.9} \times 100 = +1.4\%$$

The index number of 137.8 for March quarter 1985 indicates an increase of 37.8% since the reference base year (1980-81).

9. Most of the tables in this publication show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. However, Table 3 shows the main changes between December quarter 1984 and March quarter 1985, in terms of *All Groups index points*, for each capital city.

Special tables and groupings

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 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 2.64 index points to the total All Groups index number of 137.8 for March quarter 1985. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and subgroup.

11. 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

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

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- .. not available

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

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

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
1980-81	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1981-82	110.4	110.2	110.4	110.7	110.5	111.2	110.0	110.7	111.1	110.4
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
Quarter - 1980-81										
March	101.1	101.3	101.0	100.9	101.2	100.8	101.0	100.9	101.0	101.1
June	103.4	103.3	103.3	103.6	103.7	103.0	103.2	103.6	102.9	103.4
1981-82										
September	105.5	105.1	105.5	106.0	105.8	106.5	105.7	105.7	105.0	105.5
December	109.9	109.4	110.1	110.1	110.0	111.2	109.7	110.0	111.3	109.9
March	111.8	111.5	111.6	112.5	111.7	112.4	111.3	111.8	113.0	111.8
June	114.5	114.6	114.3	114.1	114.4	114.6	113.4	115.2	115.0	114.5
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

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities %	Sydney %	Melbourne %	Brisbane %	Adelaide %	Perth %	Hobart %	Canberra %	Darwin %	Weighted average of eight capital cities %
Change from previous year										
1981-82	+10.4	+10.2	+10.4	+10.7	+10.5	+11.2	+10.0	+10.7	+11.1	+10.4
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
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year										
1982-83										
March	+11.4	+12.2	+11.1	+11.1	+12.1	+10.1	+11.0	+12.6	+10.3	+11.5
June	+11.2	+11.2	+11.5	+11.0	+12.3	+9.9	+11.0	+11.1	+10.3	+11.2
1983-84										
September	+9.3	+8.8	+9.5	+9.6	+9.9	+9.1	+9.1	+9.4	+8.2	+9.2
December	+8.7	+7.7	+9.9	+8.3	+9.1	+8.6	+7.8	+7.9	+6.7	+8.6
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
Change from previous quarter										
1982-83										
March	+2.2	+2.2	+2.2	+2.5	+2.8	+1.6	+2.1	+2.1	+2.0	+2.2
June	+2.2	+1.8	+2.7	+1.3	+2.6	+1.8	+1.9	+1.7	+1.8	+2.1
1983-84										
September	+1.7	+1.4	+1.6	+2.1	+1.4	+2.8	+1.3	+1.4	+1.3	+1.6
December	+2.3	+2.0	+2.9	+2.1	+2.0	+2.2	+2.3	+2.5	+1.3	+2.4
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

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1984 AND MARCH QUARTER 1985 IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD	+0.31	+0.33	+0.19	+0.60	+0.12	+0.53	+0.13	+0.58	+0.27	+0.32
Meals out, take away food	+0.14	+0.15	+0.14	+0.10	+0.09	+0.13	+0.20	+0.13	+0.11	+0.13
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.07	+0.05	+0.06	+0.06	+0.13	+0.08	+0.10	+0.10	+0.08	+0.06
Dairy produce	+0.05	+0.04	+0.08	+0.01	+0.09	+0.02	+0.05	+0.04	-0.01	+0.05
Cereal products	+0.04	+0.05	+0.03	+0.01	--	+0.08	+0.05	+0.04	-0.01	+0.04
Processed fruit and vegetables	+0.03	+0.03	+0.04	+0.02	+0.02	+0.04	+0.02	+0.03	+0.05	+0.04
Tea, coffee, food drinks	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.04	+0.04	+0.03	+0.04	+0.01	+0.04	+0.03
Poultry	+0.02	+0.02	+0.03	-0.01	+0.02	+0.03	+0.01	+0.04	+0.01	+0.02
Bacon and ham	+0.02	+0.01	-0.02	-0.08	+0.02	+0.05	+0.01	--	+0.05	+0.02
Beef and veal	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	+0.03	+0.07	-0.11	-0.03	+0.03	-0.02
Fresh fruit and vegetables	-0.12	-0.04	-0.22	+0.21	-0.41	-0.17	-0.12	+0.10	-0.05	-0.11
CLOTHING	+0.03	+0.01	+0.02	+0.03	+0.02	+0.10	+0.09	+0.01	-0.01	+0.03
HOUSING	+0.27	+0.25	+0.36	+0.15	+0.28	+0.20	+0.26	+0.35	+0.05	+0.28
House purchase	+0.15	+0.13	+0.20	+0.08	+0.19	+0.15	+0.20	+0.11	+0.03	+0.15
Privately-owned dwelling rents	+0.09	+0.11	+0.11	+0.05	+0.06	+0.05	+0.04	+0.24	+0.02	+0.10
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION	+0.29	+0.38	+0.21	+0.26	+0.35	+0.16	+0.24	+0.12	+0.21	+0.28
Electricity	+0.09	+0.21	--	--	+0.11	--	+0.09	+0.14	+0.18	+0.09
Postal and telephone services	+0.05	+0.05	+0.06	+0.04	+0.06	+0.05	+0.05	+0.04	+0.04	+0.05
Furniture and floor coverings	+0.04	+0.04	+0.04	+0.06	+0.08	+0.02	--	-0.03	+0.01	+0.04
Household cleaning agents	+0.04	+0.04	+0.04	+0.02	+0.01	+0.08	+0.05	+0.02	+0.08	+0.04
Travel goods	+0.02	+0.01	+0.05	+0.04	+0.03	+0.01	-0.02	+0.01	--	+0.03
TRANSPORTATION	+0.42	+0.47	+0.30	+0.50	+0.52	+0.40	+0.58	+0.45	+0.40	+0.42
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.17	+0.19	+0.12	+0.23	+0.17	+0.16	+0.13	+0.17	+0.20	+0.17
Automotive fuel	+0.14	+0.13	+0.16	+0.19	--	+0.13	+0.15	+0.18	+0.13	+0.14
Vehicle insurance	+0.05	+0.06	-0.01	+0.01	+0.29	+0.03	+0.12	--	--	+0.05
Vehicle servicing, repairs & parts	+0.04	+0.05	+0.02	+0.07	+0.03	+0.07	+0.07	+0.08	+0.06	+0.05
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	+0.15	+0.20	+0.07	+0.10	+0.17	+0.32	+0.35	+0.23	+0.19	+0.17
Beer	+0.09	+0.09	+0.06	+0.06	+0.08	+0.19	+0.19	+0.17	+0.13	+0.09
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.05	+0.06	+0.02	+0.06	+0.06	+0.08	+0.14	+0.04	+0.03	+0.05
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	+0.15	+0.13	+0.18	+0.14	+0.12	+0.11	+0.08	+0.08	+0.01	+0.15
Hospital and medical services	+0.07	+0.04	+0.11	+0.06	+0.05	+0.02	+0.03	+0.01	-0.03	+0.06
Personal care products	+0.05	+0.04	+0.05	+0.05	+0.04	+0.05	+0.04	+0.04	+0.03	+0.05
RECREATION AND EDUCATION	+0.32	+0.34	+0.33	+0.33	+0.34	+0.17	+0.39	+0.41	+0.10	+0.32
Holiday travel and accommodation	+0.12	+0.12	+0.12	+0.08	+0.10	+0.12	+0.17	+0.10	+0.05	+0.12
Education fees	+0.10	+0.08	+0.12	+0.08	+0.09	+0.08	+0.08	+0.05	+0.06	+0.09
Other recreational services	+0.08	+0.10	+0.04	+0.16	+0.15	+0.01	+0.09	+0.19	-0.03	+0.08
TV, radio and sound equipment	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02
Total change	+2.0	+2.1	+1.7	+2.2	+1.9	+2.0	+2.2	+2.2	+1.2	+1.9
Contribution of selected State and local government charges(a) to total change	+0.11	+0.26	-0.04	-0.01	+0.25	+0.01	+0.18	+0.15	+0.21	+0.11

(a) Selected charges comprise: government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin). 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									
1981-82	+8.6	+7.1	+11.1	+10.6	+10.3	+9.2	+24.2	..	+10.4
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
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year									
1982-83									
March	+9.0	+6.1	+10.6	+12.1	+13.6	+13.9	+20.0	+9.8	+11.5
June	+12.2	+7.1	+8.7	+9.9	+10.2	+13.8	+19.8	+10.7	+11.2
1983-84									
September	+10.2	+5.9	+7.1	+8.4	+8.1	+11.2	+15.0	+9.6	+9.2
December	+8.9	+5.9	+6.7	+7.4	+9.6	+12.5	+11.0	+7.4	+8.6
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
Change from previous quarter									
1982-83									
March	+1.8	+0.2	+1.5	+1.5	+3.0	+1.5	+4.1	+3.9	+2.2
June	+4.5	+3.4	+1.5	+1.3	-	+2.1	+2.4	+2.0	+2.1
1983-84									
September	+1.1	-	+1.1	+1.6	+3.6	+2.1	+2.1	+1.1	+1.6
December	+1.3	+2.2	+2.4	+2.9	+2.8	+6.3	+2.1	+0.3	+2.4
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

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 11.

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 %
1981-82						
September	105.5	105.7	+2.0	+2.2	+9.0	+9.3
December	109.9	108.8	+4.2	+2.9	+11.2	+10.2
March	111.8	110.6	+1.7	+1.7	+10.6	+9.4
June	114.5	113.3	+2.4	+2.4	+10.7	+9.6
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

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)									
1982-83									
March	117.9	119.1	121.1	119.0	120.2	118.7	118.7	121.3	118.9
June	122.4	126.1	124.9	125.1	124.6	123.7	122.6	124.9	124.2
1983-84									
September	124.0	126.8	126.9	125.9	126.2	125.3	124.2	125.1	125.6
December	125.7	128.6	128.3	126.0	128.5	127.8	126.4	126.2	127.2
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
CLOTHING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1982-83									
March	113.6	112.8	116.8	115.2	114.2	112.7	114.3	116.4	113.9
June	118.0	116.8	119.4	118.9	117.7	116.2	118.3	118.0	117.8
1983-84									
September	117.6	117.2	119.5	119.0	116.9	116.6	118.7	120.6	117.8
December	120.9	119.4	122.2	119.9	120.6	118.7	120.9	121.6	120.4
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
HOUSING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1982-83									
March	122.4	125.2	129.9	125.6	120.3	117.5	125.0	125.9	124.1
June	124.1	128.2	130.6	127.4	120.5	118.6	127.0	127.3	126.0
1983-84									
September	124.8	130.4	132.4	129.2	121.3	120.0	130.3	127.8	127.4
December	126.9	134.3	135.8	134.3	123.7	122.9	134.7	129.2	130.5
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
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1982-83									
March	127.7	125.0	123.5	124.8	121.5	123.9	126.6	123.9	125.5
June	129.3	126.4	125.0	127.1	122.4	126.6	127.9	124.8	127.1
1983-84									
September	130.8	128.1	128.8	128.3	127.0	128.3	128.6	127.5	129.1
December	135.1	132.4	130.4	131.6	128.7	132.1	132.8	129.8	132.8
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

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)									
1982-83									
March	129.8	122.3	127.2	127.9	124.7	129.7	130.4	121.0	126.4
June	128.8	122.3	126.8	129.2	126.6	130.4	130.7	123.4	126.4
1983-84									
September	133.1	127.4	132.4	132.9	130.4	133.5	134.0	126.0	130.9
December	136.3	130.7	137.6	137.2	133.8	136.3	137.2	128.1	134.5
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
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1982-83									
March	128.8	123.1	124.8	124.3	124.5	126.0	125.2	128.5	125.8
June	131.9	125.6	126.9	127.8	126.6	127.5	127.6	131.0	128.5
1983-84									
September	133.5	128.2	128.7	131.4	134.9	129.7	129.8	134.0	131.2
December	140.5	140.8	134.4	138.6	140.3	136.4	135.6	139.6	139.5
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
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1982-83									
March	155.0	162.4	141.1	161.2	161.9	146.2	159.2	168.0	157.4
June	156.4	170.2	142.0	167.7	163.4	147.1	159.8	169.5	161.1
1983-84									
September	158.7	174.0	143.3	168.9	177.0	147.4	160.7	170.1	164.5
December	160.0	181.1	144.4	170.0	183.7	148.0	162.0	170.9	167.9
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
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Base of each index: March quarter 1982=100.0)									
1982-83									
March	109.9	110.7	109.3	108.2	107.6	112.6	111.4	108.0	109.8
June	112.3	113.0	111.0	110.2	109.6	113.7	112.9	110.0	112.0
1983-84									
September	113.7	113.7	112.6	111.5	111.1	114.9	114.1	112.0	113.2
December	113.3	114.6	112.8	112.2	111.8	116.3	115.9	111.8	113.5
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

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

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)					
	Mar		Mar		Dec		Mar		Dec		Mar		Change between	
	1984	1984	1985	1985	1984	1984	1985	1985	1984	1984	1985	1985	Dec qtr 1984 and Mar qtr 1985	
FOOD	129.2	133.5	134.9	+1.0	+4.4	29.13	29.45	+0.32						
Dairy produce	134.6	133.6	136.3	+2.0	+1.3	2.59	2.64	+0.05						
Cereal products	138.7	144.4	146.3	+1.3	+5.5	3.18	3.22	+0.04						
Meat and seafoods	115.2	118.8	119.3	+0.4	+3.6	6.43	6.46	+0.03						
Beef and veal	117.7	122.9	122.3	-0.5	+3.9	2.78	2.76	-0.02						
Lamb and mutton	107.2	108.9	107.5	-1.3	+0.3	0.92	0.91	-0.01						
Pork	118.7	126.8	129.3	+2.0	+8.9	0.29	0.30	+0.01						
Poultry	119.5	120.3	124.3	+3.3	+4.0	0.74	0.76	+0.02						
Other meat	118.3	119.4	122.0	+2.2	+3.1	1.14	1.16	+0.02						
Fish	115.7	121.8	121.2	-0.5	+4.8	0.57	0.56	-0.01						
Fresh fruit and vegetables	136.5	135.7	129.6	-4.5	-5.1	2.45	2.34	-0.11						
Processed fruit and vegetables	132.6	137.7	141.5	+2.8	+6.7	1.22	1.26	+0.04						
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	141.0	146.6	149.1	+1.7	+5.7	3.87	3.93	+0.06						
Meals out, take away food	132.9	139.5	142.4	+2.1	+7.1	6.47	6.60	+0.13						
Other food	125.6	132.6	136.0	+2.6	+8.3	2.93	3.00	+0.07						
CLOTHING	120.9	128.1	128.4	+0.2	+6.2	10.43	10.46	+0.03						
Men's and boys' clothing	120.2	127.1	127.6	+0.4	+6.2	3.12	3.13	+0.01						
Women's and girls' clothing	118.2	125.5	125.8	+0.2	+6.4	4.29	4.30	+0.01						
Piecegoods and other clothing	128.7	128.8	130.7	+1.5	+1.6	0.61	0.62	+0.01						
Footwear	122.0	131.0	131.4	+0.3	+7.7	1.83	1.84	+0.01						
Clothing and footwear services	134.3	143.3	139.8	-2.4	+4.1	0.58	0.57	-0.01						
HOUSING	132.6	140.2	142.2	+1.4	+7.2	18.86	19.14	+0.28						
Rent	132.1	140.0	142.5	+1.8	+7.9	5.91	6.02	+0.11						
Privately-owned dwelling rents	130.7	138.0	140.5	+1.8	+7.5	5.16	5.26	+0.10						
Government-owned dwelling rents	142.9	155.4	156.8	+0.9	+9.7	0.75	0.76	+0.01						
Home ownership(a)	133.0	140.5	142.4	+1.4	+7.1	12.95	13.12	+0.17						
Local government rates and charges	144.9	156.9	156.9	--	+8.3	2.89	2.89	--						
Other home ownership	130.1	136.5	138.8	+1.7	+6.7	10.06	10.23	+0.17						
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION	133.7	137.6	139.7	+1.5	+4.5	18.72	19.00	+0.28						
Fuel and light	154.7	160.7	164.8	+2.6	+6.5	3.90	3.99	+0.09						
Furniture and floor coverings	130.3	135.8	137.5	+1.3	+5.5	3.34	3.38	+0.04						
Appliances	114.0	113.7	113.1	-0.5	-0.8	1.95	1.94	-0.01						
Drapery	128.4	131.0	130.8	-0.2	+1.9	1.22	1.21	-0.01						
Household utensils and tools	132.0	136.2	137.5	+1.0	+4.2	1.93	1.95	+0.02						
Household supplies and services	134.9	140.0	142.6	+1.9	+5.7	4.65	4.74	+0.09						
Postal and telephone services	130.6	130.6	134.6	+3.1	+3.1	1.74	1.79	+0.05						
TRANSPORTATION	135.5	140.9	143.4	+1.8	+5.8	23.18	23.60	+0.42						
Private motoring	134.0	139.3	142.0	+1.9	+6.0	21.12	21.53	+0.41						
Motor vehicle purchase	128.5	133.6	137.5	+2.9	+7.0	5.72	5.89	+0.17						
Automotive fuel	137.7	142.7	145.6	+2.0	+5.7	6.81	6.95	+0.14						
Other motoring costs	135.1	140.7	142.4	+1.2	+5.4	8.59	8.69	+0.10						
Urban transport fares	147.6	154.5	155.2	+0.5	+5.1	2.06	2.07	+0.01						

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

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)					
	1984		1985		1984		1985		1984		1985		Change between	
	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr	Dec qtr	Mar qtr
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL	142.0	150.5	152.4	152.4	+1.3	+7.3	12.88	13.05	+0.17					
Alcoholic beverages	135.8	143.7	145.4	145.4	+1.2	+7.1	8.78	8.89	+0.11					
Beer	140.0	148.2	150.4	150.4	+1.5	+7.4	6.18	6.27	+0.09					
Wine and spirits	126.9	133.9	134.7	134.7	+0.6	+6.1	2.60	2.62	+0.02					
Cigarettes and tobacco	157.5	167.6	169.7	169.7	+1.3	+7.7	4.11	4.16	+0.05					
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE	135.5	120.8	123.1	123.1	+1.9	-9.2	7.72	7.87	+0.15					
Health services	134.0	102.4	104.7	104.7	+2.2	-21.9	3.72	3.80	+0.08					
Personal care products	137.4	145.5	147.8	147.8	+1.6	+7.6	3.05	3.10	+0.05					
Personal care services	136.5	142.2	144.1	144.1	+1.3	+5.6	0.96	0.97	+0.01					
RECREATION AND EDUCATION(b)	115.9	116.9	119.5	119.5	+2.2	+3.1	14.93	15.25	+0.32					
Books, newspapers, magazines	139.7	148.1	150.0	150.0	+1.3	+7.4	2.15	2.17	+0.02					
Other recreational goods	106.7	103.9	103.5	103.5	-0.4	-3.0	2.94	2.92	-0.02					
Holiday travel and accommodation(b)	116.8	119.0	121.9	121.9	+2.4	+4.4	4.81	4.93	+0.12					
Other recreational services	142.8	142.8	146.5	146.5	+2.6	+2.6	3.24	3.32	+0.08					
Education and child care(b)	127.1	127.2	134.7	134.7	+5.9	+6.0	1.80	1.90	+0.10					
ALL GROUPS	132.0	135.9	137.8	137.8	+1.4	+4.4	135.9	137.8	+1.90					
SPECIAL SERIES														
All groups, excluding food group	132.8	136.6	138.6	138.6	+1.5	+4.4	106.73	108.36	+1.63					
All groups, excluding housing group	131.9	135.2	137.1	137.1	+1.4	+3.9	116.99	118.67	+1.68					
All groups, excl hosp. and med. services	132.0	137.3	139.2	139.2	+1.4	+5.5	132.79	134.67	+1.88					
All groups, goods component(c)	130.5	136.7	137.4	137.4	+1.3	+5.3	97.71	98.97	+1.26					
All groups, services component(d)	136.7	137.3	139.8	139.8	+1.8	+2.3	38.14	38.84	+0.70					
Selected State and local govt charges(e)	161.2	167.4	169.2	169.2	+1.1	+5.0	10.37	10.48	+0.11					
All groups, excluding selected State and local government charges(e)	129.9	133.7	135.6	135.6	+1.4	+4.4	125.49	127.33	+1.84					

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

