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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX — JUNE QUARTER 1977

This publication shows changes in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra.

2. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for June quarter 1977 increased by 2.4% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in the All Groups index for individual cities were . Sydney +2.2%, Melbourne +2.7%, Brisbane +1.8%, Adelaide +2.4%, Perth +2.4%, Hobart +2.4%, Canberra +1.8%. An analysis of these changes is given in the table on page 4 and in paragraph 15.

3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index are shown below. Paragraph 6 on page 2 contains corresponding details for All Groups excluding hospital and medical services (six capitals).

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1974-75 —								
June	+3.5	+3.7	+3.5	+2.6	+3.2	+4.1	+3.1	+4.1
1975-76 —								
September (b)	+0.8	+1.5	+0.6	+1.6	-0.6	-0.1	+0.7	-0.1
December (b)	+5.6	+4.6	+6.0	+6.3	+5.8	+6.3	+7.5	+8.0
March	+3.0	+3.1	+2.7	+3.2	+3.2	+3.3	+2.7	+2.5
June	+2.5	+2.2	+2.5	+2.3	+3.0	+3.4	+3.3	+3.2
1976-77 —								
September	+2.2	+1.7	+2.5	+2.5	+2.5	+2.5	+2.4	+2.1
December (c)	+6.0	+5.5	+6.0	+6.2	+7.1	+6.6	+5.7	+5.5
March	+2.3	+2.1	+2.6	+2.2	+2.1	+2.3	+1.9	+1.6
June	+2.4	+2.2	+2.7	+1.8	+2.4	+2.4	+2.4	+1.8

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (b) Includes effects of price decreases in hospital and medical services with the introduction of Medibank. (c) Includes effects of price increases in hospital and medical services associated with changes to Medibank.

4. Recent annual changes in the All Groups index are shown below. Paragraph 6 on page 2 contains corresponding details for All Groups excluding hospital and medical services (six capitals).

Percentage Change from Same Quarter of Preceding Year

Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1974-75 —								
June	+16.9	+16.9	+16.3	+14.7	+18.2	+20.1	+16.5	+15.8
1975-76 —								
September	+12.1	+12.7	+11.5	+10.5	+11.8	+14.4	+11.8	+ 9.9
December	+14.0	+13.8	+14.5	+13.8	+13.3	+14.7	+14.3	+14.9
March	+13.4	+13.6	+13.2	+14.3	+12.0	+14.2	+14.7	+15.1
June	+12.3	+11.9	+12.2	+14.0	+11.8	+13.4	+14.9	+14.1
1976-77 —								
September	+13.9	+12.2	+14.4	+15.0	+15.3	+16.4	+16.8	+16.7
December	+14.4	+13.2	+14.3	+14.9	+16.6	+16.7	+14.9	+14.0
March	+13.6	+12.0	+14.3	+13.8	+15.5	+15.5	+14.0	+13.0
June	+13.4	+11.9	+14.5	+13.2	+14.8	+14.4	+13.0	+11.4

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

5. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of the index have been as follows :

<i>Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities – Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter</i>									
<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household equipment and operation</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Tobacco and alcohol</i>	<i>Health and personal care</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>All Groups</i>
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1974-75 –									
June	+3.4	+4.4	+5.3	+3.2	+3.3	+2.0	+ 1.5	(a)	+3.5
1975-76 –									
September	+1.6	+2.3	+3.6	+2.5	+5.1	+2.1	(b)–23.1	(a)	(b)+0.8
December	+3.1	+6.9	+5.3	+7.2	+5.6	+18.9	(b)– 7.3	(a)	(b)+5.6
March	+5.0	+1.3	+2.8	+2.0	+2.8	+2.1	+ 3.7	(a)	+3.0
June	+0.5	+5.8	+4.1	+2.5	+1.2	+2.4	+ 4.9	(a)	+2.5
1976-77 –									
September	+3.1	+1.7	+3.1	+1.8	+1.9	+0.1	+ 2.9	(a)	+2.2
December	+3.8	+6.4	+3.4	+1.6	+1.6	+1.4	(c)+82.9	+1.6	(c)+6.0
March	+1.9	+1.5	+2.2	+3.1	+2.9	+0.5	+ 2.0	+4.1	+2.3
June	+2.9	+3.6	+2.6	+2.3	+1.6	+1.3	+1.2	+2.8	+2.4

(a) New grouping not compiled for quarters prior to September quarter 1976. (b) Includes effects of price decreases in hospital and medical services with the introduction of Medibank. (c) Includes effects of price increases in hospital and medical services associated with changes to Medibank.

6. In recent quarters the All Groups index has included the effects of unusual changes in prices for the hospital and medical services components of the index. This occurred for September and December quarters of 1975 following the introduction of Medibank, and for December Quarter 1976 following changes to Medibank. In order to facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices excluding these unusual changes a special grouping "All Groups excluding hospital and medical services" has been published in each bulletin since September quarter 1975. The table below compares movements in this measure with those in the All Groups index.

<i>Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities</i>				
<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter</i>		<i>Percentage Change from Same Quarter of Preceding Year</i>	
	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1974-75 –				
June	+3.7	+3.5	+16.2	+16.9
1975-76 –				
September	+2.9	+0.8	+13.7	+12.1
December	+6.3	+5.6	+16.7	+14.0
March	+2.9	+3.0	+16.8	+13.4
June	+2.5	+2.5	+15.4	+12.3
1976-77 –				
September	+2.2	+2.2	+14.6	+13.9
December	+2.8	+6.0	+10.8	+14.4
March	+2.4	+2.3	+10.2	+13.6
June	+2.4	+2.4	+10.2	+13.4

7. The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of goods and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of employee households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). Nine series for short periods have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index up to the link of December quarter 1973 is contained in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973* (Reference No. 6.7). Section XII of the Appendix to this report describes the seventh series. The eighth series differs from the seventh only because of the deletion of the item "radio and television licences" as from September quarter 1974. The Appendix to the bulletin for December quarter 1976 describes the ninth series. In addition, a document entitled *List of Expenditure Classes and their Percentage Contributions to the Index Aggregate (ninth Series)* is available from the A.B.S. on request. A consolidated description of the Consumer Price Index will be prepared and published later.

8. The quarterly prices for *food items* used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. Prices for fresh fruit and fresh vegetables are collected at weekly intervals and averaged to derive monthly prices. Prices of *non-food items* are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor vehicles) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.

9. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.

10. Table 1 on page 6 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1967-68 to 1976-77 and for each quarter from September quarter 1968. Table 2 on pages 7, 8 and 9 shows group index numbers quarterly from June quarter 1974 to June quarter 1977.

11. Information on monthly food price movements is contained in the monthly bulletins *Consumer Price Index, Food Group Index Numbers* (Reference No. 9.11). Since the food group is the only group of the index for which prices are collected monthly, it is not possible to provide monthly indexes for other groups.

12. Table 3 on page 10 shows index numbers for March quarter 1977 and June quarter 1977 for groups and sub-groups of the index and for some special groupings. It also contains information on contributions by index sub-groups to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points for these two quarters. Users of these figures should bear in mind that the Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the proportionate change in retail prices as combined in the eight major groups and more particularly the total of the groups.

13. Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the 'index points' because 'index point' changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 2-6. However, the analysis in paragraph 14 shows movements in terms of All Groups 'index points'. This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the eight groups to movements in the total indexes. Table 3 on page 10 shows movements expressed as both percentage changes and changes in 'index points'. The following example illustrates the computation of 'index point' and percentage changes :

All Groups : Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities

<i>Index Point Change</i>		<i>Percentage Change</i>
June quarter 1977 CPI (1966-67 = 100.0)	229.6	Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period $\frac{229.6 - 224.3}{224.3} \times 100 = 2.4\%$
less March quarter 1977 CPI	224.3	
Index points difference	5.3	

14. The following analysis and Table 3 on page 10 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from March quarter 1977 to June quarter 1977.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
Movements from March Quarter 1977 to June Quarter 1977
Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a)(b)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Six Capitals (c)</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
INDEX POINTS (a)								
Food -								
Meat and seafoods	+0.5	+0.4	+0.7	+0.1	+0.7	+1.1	+0.4	+0.2
Meals out, take away food	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2
Beverages	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3
Fresh fruit and vegetables	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	..	-0.4	..
Other	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.6	+0.2
Clothing -								
Men's and boys'	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3
Women's and girls'	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3
Footwear	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Housing -								
Rents, private	+0.2	+0.4	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3	+0.1
Local government rates and charges	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3
Household equipment and operation -								
Furniture and floor coverings	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3
Drapery	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2
Household supplies and services	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.2	..	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Transportation -								
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.3	+0.4
Petrol	-0.1	-0.2	..	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	..	-0.3
Other motoring costs	+0.5	+0.3	+0.6	+0.3	+0.9	+0.3	+0.2	+0.5
Tobacco and alcohol -								
Alcoholic beverages	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.6	..
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Health and personal care								
	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	..	+0.2	+0.2
Recreation -								
Other recreation services	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.4	+0.1	+0.2
Books, newspapers, magazines	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other goods	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
Total Change (Index Points)	+5.3	+4.9	+6.0	+4.1	+5.4	+5.3	+5.3	+3.8

(a) See explanation in paragraph 13. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base. (c) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (d) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

15. A summary of the various group indexes, together with the *main quarterly* price changes which affected the index between the pricing dates (see paragraph 8) for March quarter 1977 and June quarter 1977 is shown below :

Food Group. The main increases were for beef; lamb; meals out, take away food; coffee and tea. Milk prices increased in Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart. Fresh fruit and vegetable prices declined in all cities. The group index increased by 2.9%.

Clothing Group. There were increases in all sections of the group with the main increases being for winter seasonal clothing items. The group index increased by 3.6%.

Housing Group. All sections of the group increased. Local government rates and charges increased in Sydney and Melbourne. The group index increased by 2.6%.

Household Equipment and Operation Group. The main increases were for furniture and floorcoverings, household drapery, and household supplies and services. The group index increased by 2.3%.

Transportation Group. Increased private transportation costs were responsible for nearly all of the increase in this group. Prices of motor vehicles and charges for servicing and repairs increased in all cities. Increased discounting resulted in falls in petrol prices in all cities except Melbourne and Hobart. Third party insurance charges increased in Adelaide and Canberra. The group index increased by 1.6%.

Tobacco and Alcohol Group. The group index showed an increase of 1.3%.

Health and Personal Care Group. The group index showed an increase of 1.2%.

Recreation Group. Most of the increase in this group was caused by higher charges for admission to sporting events and increased prices for sporting equipment, toys and games, and newspapers and magazines. The group index increased by 2.8%.

Related Publications

16. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request :

Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index Numbers (Ref. No. 9.11)

Average Retail Prices of Selected Food and Grocery Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra (Ref. No. 9.3)

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Publications of the Australian Bureau of Statistics* (Reference No. 1.8).

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TABLE 1.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
(Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
Year -								
1967-68	103.3	103.2	103.7	103.3	102.9	102.9	104.6	102.6
1968-69	106.0	106.2	106.2	105.5	105.3	105.5	106.1	104.4
1969-70	109.4	110.6	108.7	108.4	108.2	109.4	108.5	107.4
1970-71	114.6	116.8	113.1	114.2	112.5	114.1	112.6	113.0
1971-72	122.4	126.3	119.7	121.6	119.2	120.7	119.9	119.4
1972-73	129.8	133.9	127.2	128.6	126.5	127.3	126.7	126.3
1973-74	146.6	151.3	144.0	146.1	143.9	140.6	142.6	142.8
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9
Quarter -								
1968-69 -								
September	104.6	104.4	105.1	104.7	104.2	104.3	105.0	103.5
December	105.7	105.9	106.0	105.3	105.2	104.9	105.8	103.9
March	106.4	106.7	106.6	105.8	105.5	105.6	106.5	104.8
June	107.2	107.6	107.2	106.3	106.4	107.0	107.0	105.2
1969-70 -								
September	107.8	108.4	107.6	107.2	106.9	107.7	107.4	106.0
December	108.7	109.6	108.3	107.9	107.3	108.7	108.1	106.7
March	109.8	111.3	108.9	108.9	108.4	109.9	108.9	108.0
June	111.2	112.9	110.1	109.7	110.0	111.4	109.6	109.0
1970-71 -								
September	111.9	113.9	110.7	111.1	109.9	111.6	110.2	109.7
December	114.0	116.2	112.6	113.3	111.8	113.5	112.4	113.2
March	115.2	117.4	113.7	115.1	112.9	114.8	113.2	113.6
June	117.2	119.8	115.2	117.2	115.4	116.4	114.6	115.6
1971-72 -								
September	119.4	123.3	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	116.5	117.2
December	122.2	126.0	119.7	121.3	119.1	120.5	120.3	119.4
March	123.4	127.3	120.7	122.6	120.2	121.8	120.9	119.9
June	124.5	128.5	121.9	123.6	121.1	123.1	122.0	120.9
1972-73 -								
September	126.2	130.3	123.6	124.6	123.0	124.8	123.4	122.6
December	127.7	132.0	125.0	126.6	124.3	125.3	125.1	124.5
March	130.4	134.6	127.8	129.4	127.0	127.8	127.5	127.1
June	134.7	138.8	132.3	133.9	131.6	131.4	130.8	130.9
1973-74 -								
September	139.6	144.1	136.8	139.4	136.5	134.4	135.2	135.6
December	144.6	149.4	141.9	144.0	141.9	138.6	141.1	140.8
March	148.1	152.8	145.2	147.8	145.4	142.1	144.0	145.0
June	154.1	158.7	151.9	153.1	151.7	147.1	149.9	149.6
1974-75 -								
September	162.0	167.0	159.4	161.4	159.4	154.3	157.4	157.4
December	168.1	173.0	164.6	166.6	166.4	163.6	165.5	162.7
March	174.1	178.8	170.8	171.1	173.8	169.8	169.3	166.4
June	180.2	185.5	176.7	175.6	179.3	176.7	174.6	173.2
1975-76 -								
September	181.6	188.2	177.7	178.4	178.2	176.5	175.9	173.0
December	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9
March	197.4	203.1	193.4	195.6	194.6	193.9	194.2	191.6
June	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7
1976-77 -								
September	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9
December	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0
March	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5
June	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3

(a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number. (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

TABLE 2
 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
 GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
 (Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
FOOD GROUP (c)								
1973-74 -								
June	157.6	159.0	157.2	159.7	157.8	149.7	149.7	156.7
1974-75 -								
September	161.9	164.3	161.1	165.1	160.3	152.2	155.1	160.6
December	161.6	164.5	159.6	161.4	161.2	156.1	158.0	158.1
March	163.4	166.2	159.8	163.9	163.4	164.2	158.1	160.5
June	168.9	170.3	166.2	168.7	170.0	171.2	163.1	167.7
1975-76 -								
September	171.6	173.1	170.1	170.4	171.5	171.9	168.8	171.1
December	176.9	179.0	175.1	176.6	176.0	175.4	174.8	178.8
March	185.7	187.7	182.8	187.9	185.9	183.8	181.6	187.5
June	186.6	187.2	183.3	188.1	189.0	189.6	184.7	187.9
1976-77 -								
September	192.3	191.9	189.9	192.1	197.4	194.6	192.0	193.0
December	199.6	199.5	197.0	199.8	203.8	201.8	200.4	201.8
March	203.4	202.1	200.8	205.9	207.6	208.2	204.0	203.8
June	209.4	207.1	207.7	209.1	214.4	217.3	209.7	207.4
CLOTHING GROUP (c)								
1973-74 -								
June	153.6	154.1	152.9	152.5	155.0	153.7	152.9	152.7
1974-75 -								
September	161.1	162.4	160.0	159.3	161.8	162.2	160.3	160.1
December	172.8	174.0	171.5	171.7	173.4	174.0	171.6	172.4
March	175.2	176.2	174.1	173.7	176.2	176.5	174.0	174.3
June	182.9	183.6	182.2	181.2	183.9	184.1	181.3	182.2
1975-76 -								
September	187.1	187.4	186.2	185.6	189.6	188.5	186.1	185.7
December	200.0	200.3	199.0	198.7	202.2	201.1	199.7	200.1
March	202.6	202.6	201.9	201.8	205.0	203.8	202.4	202.7
June	214.4	213.5	214.3	213.9	217.4	215.9	215.2	215.1
1976-77 -								
September	218.1	217.6	217.7	217.1	220.7	219.8	218.5	218.3
December	232.1	231.3	232.3	230.0	235.8	232.7	231.8	232.2
March	235.6	234.7	235.6	233.6	240.7	235.5	235.4	235.1
June	244.1	244.1	243.8	240.7	248.6	243.5	244.1	243.9
HOUSING GROUP (c)								
1973-74 -								
June	167.0	181.3	157.8	157.7	161.0	155.0	153.9	145.1
1974-75 -								
September	174.8	187.9	166.7	167.5	169.9	160.5	163.6	157.1
December	184.3	195.5	176.9	175.5	181.6	173.4	179.8	162.8
March	190.2	200.1	184.2	179.2	191.3	178.4	186.0	165.0
June	200.3	213.2	194.7	183.4	198.2	184.6	194.2	168.2
1975-76 -								
September	207.5	220.5	201.4	193.7	204.0	191.2	199.7	172.3
December	218.4	230.9	210.5	200.9	221.3	207.5	214.5	194.3
March	224.6	236.2	217.5	205.5	228.0	215.8	221.4	198.5
June	233.9	247.3	226.6	211.3	235.0	224.4	230.1	211.2
1976-77 -								
September	241.1	254.5	232.4	225.2	241.3	230.9	235.5	214.7
December	249.4	262.3	239.1	235.1	252.5	242.9	244.0	226.4
March	255.0	267.4	245.4	239.4	258.1	249.3	247.7	226.6
June	261.6	273.8	253.3	244.2	263.3	254.8	252.5	228.4

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TABLE 2. - continued
 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
 GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA
 (Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION GROUP (c)								
1973-74 - June	135.7	141.2	131.5	135.9	132.0	134.9	138.0	128.4
1974-75 - September	143.5	149.9	137.7	146.5	140.1	142.1	144.2	133.5
December	151.8	158.1	145.0	157.5	147.8	152.0	157.0	145.7
March	157.4	163.8	151.3	159.8	153.3	158.3	161.0	148.6
June	162.4	171.4	154.9	162.3	155.7	165.5	163.4	152.0
1975-76 - September	166.4	174.1	158.2	170.1	159.9	173.4	167.1	154.6
December	178.4	185.9	169.6	181.7	173.9	185.3	186.8	165.9
March	181.9	189.8	173.1	185.5	177.2	187.1	188.7	168.7
June	186.5	196.0	176.9	189.3	181.4	190.5	192.8	175.3
1976-77 - September	189.9	198.7	181.0	192.4	184.2	194.2	196.2	178.4
December	193.0	202.7	184.0	194.8	187.0	195.3	198.5	181.5
March	198.9	207.7	191.2	199.9	192.7	200.7	203.3	185.6
June	203.5	212.8	195.9	203.7	196.2	205.3	209.3	190.1
TRANSPORTATION GROUP (c)								
1973-74 - June	150.2	158.6	144.6	150.1	147.7	137.1	143.7	149.1
1974-75 - September	161.9	170.4	156.0	163.3	159.7	148.2	155.4	158.6
December	169.9	181.5	160.3	170.4	167.6	157.8	162.2	164.9
March	177.1	190.8	167.3	172.8	178.1	159.8	168.1	166.4
June	182.9	195.6	173.9	179.0	182.3	166.8	175.6	175.7
1975-76 - September	192.3	207.1	184.3	185.0	188.5	172.7	181.2	181.1
December	203.0	218.1	194.6	199.6	194.6	183.5	193.6	197.5
March	208.7	228.2	196.7	204.1	198.7	188.1	202.8	201.8
June	211.2	226.4	200.8	210.1	203.1	195.3	209.1	207.0
1976-77 - September	215.2	225.9	207.9	214.9	207.6	203.4	215.2	211.3
December	218.6	228.0	212.5	217.6	213.5	204.9	217.7	214.0
March	225.0	235.3	220.7	221.3	217.7	207.2	223.3	219.1
June	228.7	237.5	226.0	224.5	223.0	209.4	226.6	222.1
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL GROUP (c)								
1973-74 - June	152.6	156.0	154.0	151.5	143.9	144.4	159.9	143.6
1974-75 - September	162.8	163.5	165.6	159.7	157.2	159.1	164.2	158.1
December	166.1	166.6	169.3	162.5	161.0	162.0	167.2	159.7
March	174.5	173.8	178.5	170.3	171.7	171.3	172.1	164.2
June	178.0	176.5	181.5	172.7	178.0	177.9	173.9	169.6
1975-76 - September	181.7	178.7	185.9	178.5	182.9	180.4	182.8	173.3
December	216.1	222.3	217.4	205.8	208.5	208.2	212.0	199.6
March	220.6	224.1	224.5	207.8	214.2	217.3	212.2	200.8
June	225.8	232.0	228.1	211.4	219.2	219.8	218.2	203.3
1976-77 - September	226.1	232.9	225.7	213.4	220.7	223.1	218.9	210.3
December	229.2	236.4	228.4	216.6	224.7	225.1	220.9	212.0
March	230.3	236.6	230.5	217.9	225.5	227.5	220.5	214.8
June	233.4	240.4	232.7	221.8	227.6	229.5	227.6	215.2

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TABLE 2. - *continued*
 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
 GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE GROUP (c)								
(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : December quarter 1968 = 100.0) (a)								
1973-74 -								
June	155.4	154.2	158.7	148.9	156.8	154.6	151.3	162.3
1974-75 -								
September	167.5	172.0	168.1	155.2	166.9	160.8	161.7	169.5
December	176.7	174.3	177.4	168.6	182.4	188.2	170.6	178.1
March	199.5	195.5	204.3	191.6	208.1	201.0	180.8	199.2
June	202.4	205.2	202.7	187.6	207.9	202.8	183.1	212.5
1975-76 -								
September	155.6	177.3	141.7	155.0	136.3	143.4	125.5	147.1
December	144.3	136.7	147.5	160.7	141.2	154.1	136.9	155.1
March	149.6	144.2	149.9	167.5	145.2	161.2	141.0	159.2
June	156.9	150.9	157.9	173.3	153.4	167.5	150.4	166.3
1976-77 -								
September	161.5	154.9	163.7	178.5	156.7	172.3	153.4	169.6
December	295.4	272.1	295.0	329.8	310.2	348.0	277.0	289.4
March	301.3	278.6	300.5	335.4	313.9	356.3	283.4	294.6
June	304.9	281.4	305.3	340.7	318.0	355.8	287.3	299.4
RECREATION GROUP (c)								
(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : September quarter 1976 = 100.0) (a)								
1976-77 -								
September	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
December	101.6	102.0	101.2	102.0	101.0	101.4	102.1	102.8
March	105.8	106.5	105.1	106.2	105.0	105.9	105.4	105.8
June	108.8	109.2	108.3	108.2	109.0	109.9	106.9	108.5

(a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number. (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (c) The composition of groups and the group structure of the index has been altered with the introduction of the current series. These changes are described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 bulletin.

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
 PARTICULARS FOR GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SPECIAL GROUPINGS, MARCH QUARTER 1977 AND JUNE QUARTER 1977
 Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0

Group and sub-group (d)	Index Numbers (Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted) (a)			All Groups Index Points (contributed by Sub-Groups, etc. to Total) (b)		
	Mar. qtr 1977	June qtr 1977	Percentage change since Mar. qtr (c)	Mar. qtr 1977	June qtr 1977	Change in All Groups Index Points since Mar. qtr (c)
FOOD GROUP						
Dairy produce	182.1	187.2	+2.8	4.61	4.74	+0.13
Cereal products	234.7	238.3	+1.5	5.15	5.22	+0.07
Meat and seafoods -	189.9	199.4	+5.0	10.88	11.42	+0.54
Beef and veal	157.0	165.5	+5.4	4.34	4.58	+0.24
Lamb and mutton	217.7	237.9	+9.3	2.01	2.19	+0.18
Pork	214.6	217.7	+1.4	0.54	0.55	+0.01
Poultry (e)	(166.4)	(168.7)	+1.4	1.16	1.18	+0.02
Other meat	189.0	192.9	+2.1	1.81	1.85	+0.04
Fish (f)	(116.1)	(122.8)	+5.8	1.01	1.07	+0.06
Fruit and vegetables (f) -	(106.6)	(105.1)	-1.4	6.41	6.32	-0.09
Fresh fruit and vegetables (f)	(108.1)	(105.1)	-2.8	4.51	4.38	-0.13
Processed fruit and vegetables	176.0	179.5	+2.0	1.90	1.93	+0.03
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	243.8	247.6	+1.6	4.52	4.59	+0.07
Meals out, take-away food (f)	(105.7)	(109.2)	+3.3	9.63	9.94	+0.31
Other food	180.7	192.1	+6.3	4.84	5.15	+0.31
Food Group	203.4	209.4	+2.9	46.02	47.37	+1.35
CLOTHING GROUP						
Men's and boys'	225.1	235.5	+4.6	6.56	6.87	+0.31
Women's and girls'	236.1	243.0	+2.9	10.19	10.49	+0.30
Piecegoods and other clothing	189.0	199.0	+5.3	1.16	1.22	+0.06
Footwear	267.3	275.4	+3.0	3.59	3.70	+0.11
Clothing and footwear services (g)	303.2	314.3	+3.7	1.16	1.20	+0.04
Clothing Group	235.6	244.1	+3.6	22.67	23.48	+0.81
HOUSING GROUP						
Rent	240.6	245.8	+2.2	11.44	11.69	+0.25
Privately-owned dwellings	238.1	243.6	+2.3	10.38	10.62	+0.24
Government-owned dwellings	286.1	288.6	+0.9	1.06	1.07	+0.01
Home ownership (h) -	268.3	275.9	+2.8	18.19	18.71	+0.52
Local government rates and charges (i)	307.2	317.6	+3.4	3.93	4.06	+0.13
House price, repairs and maintenance	252.2	258.9	+2.7	14.26	14.64	+0.38
Housing Group	255.0	261.6	+2.6	29.63	30.39	+0.76
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION GROUP						
Fuel and light	180.9	181.7	+0.4	4.94	4.96	+0.02
Furniture and floor coverings	240.3	250.2	+4.1	7.06	7.36	+0.30
Appliances (j)	124.2	127.0	+2.3	4.03	4.12	+0.09
Drapery	244.4	262.7	+7.5	2.37	2.54	+0.17
Household utensils and tools	206.0	206.1	..	3.28	3.28	..
Household supplies and services (k)	188.2	192.4	+2.2	7.20	7.36	+0.16
Postal and telephone services	244.7	244.7	..	3.12	3.12	..
Household Equipment and Operation Group	198.9	203.5	+2.3	31.99	32.73	+0.74
TRANSPORTATION GROUP						
Private transport -	220.9	225.1	+1.9	35.44	36.10	+0.66
Motor vehicle purchase	200.7	206.3	+2.8	11.99	12.32	+0.33
Motor vehicle operation (l)	233.7	237.0	+1.4	23.44	23.77	+0.33
Public transport fares (m)	212.3	212.7	+0.2	4.47	4.48	+0.01
Transportation Group	225.0	228.7	+1.6	39.90	40.57	+0.67
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL GROUP						
Alcoholic beverages	220.5	223.3	+1.3	14.76	14.94	+0.18
Beer	223.5	226.0	+1.1	10.11	10.22	+0.11
Wine and spirits (n)	(152.4)	(154.8)	+1.6	4.65	4.72	+0.07
Cigarettes and tobacco	240.2	243.6	+1.4	6.84	6.94	+0.10
Tobacco and Alcohol Group	230.3	233.4	+1.3	21.60	21.88	+0.28
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE GROUP						
Health services (e) (o)	(359.8)	(361.6)	+0.5	9.82	9.87	+0.05
Personal care products (p)	205.2	209.1	+1.9	3.93	4.01	+0.08
Personal care services (q)	406.2	421.4	+3.7	1.49	1.54	+0.05
Health and Personal Care Group (e)	(301.3)	(304.9)	+1.2	15.24	15.42	+0.18
RECREATION GROUP						
Books, newspapers, magazines (f)	(107.1)	(110.4)	+3.1	3.17	3.26	+0.09
Other recreation goods (f)(r)	(104.6)	(107.0)	+2.3	6.95	7.12	+0.17
Holiday accommodation (f)	(106.7)	(108.3)	+1.5	2.03	2.06	+0.03
Other recreation services (f)(s)	(106.2)	(110.4)	+4.0	5.08	5.28	+0.20
Recreation Group (f)	(105.8)	(108.8)	+2.8	17.24	17.73	+0.49
All Groups	224.3	229.6	+2.4	(b)224.3	(b)229.6	(b)+5.3
SPECIAL GROUPINGS						
All groups, excluding food group	231.7	236.8	+2.2	178.26	182.22	+3.96
All groups, excluding housing group	219.4	224.5	+2.3	194.65	199.20	+4.55
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	221.9	227.3	+2.4	215.79	221.08	+5.29
All groups, goods component (t)	210.6	215.6	+2.4	164.88	168.82	+3.94
All groups, services component (t)	277.7	284.0	+2.3	59.40	60.77	+1.37

FOOTNOTES TO TABLE 3

- (a) Figures appearing after the decimal point have little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by subgroup or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.
- (c) See paragraph 13 on page 3.
- (d) The structure of the index and the composition of the groups and sub-groups was altered with the introduction of the current series. See paragraphs 7 and 11 of the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 bulletin.
- (e) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0
- (f) Base : September quarter 1976 = 100.0.
- (g) Dry cleaning, clothing repairs and shoe repairs.
- (h) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchase.
- (i) Local government (council) and water and sewerage authority rates and charges.
- (j) Stoves, refrigerators, washing machines and other household appliances. From September Quarter 1976, television sets, radios and sound equipment are included in other recreation goods.
- (k) Household cleaning agents and paper products, gardening supplies, stationery, pet food, travel goods, umbrellas, insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods.
- (l) Petrol, tyres, tubes, parts, repairs, motor vehicle insurance, registration, driver's licence, motoring organisation fees.
- (m) Bus, tram, rail, taxi and air fares.
- (n) Base : December quarter 1973 = 100.0.
- (o) Medical practitioners' fees (net), hospital charges (net), dental charges, and hospital and medical insurance contributions.
- (p) Pharmaceuticals, toiletries, cosmetics.
- (q) Hair and beauty services.
- (r) Television sets, radios, sound equipment, photographic goods, sunglasses, records, cassettes, tapes, sports equipment, bicycles, toys, games, caravans.
- (s) Cinema and live theatre admission, other entertainment and recreation, spectator admission to sports, other sports services, television hire, photographic services and repairs to television sets.
- (t) The special grouping "All groups, goods component" comprises: the Food group except meals out; Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house price; house repair materials; motor vehicle purchase; petrol, tyres, tubes, vehicle replacement parts; personal care products; books, newspapers, magazines; other recreation goods; replacement parts for television sets. The remaining items are classified as "Services".

