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KEY FIGURES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	<i>Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
All groups CPI	0.0	1.3
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.3	2.3
Alcohol and tobacco	0.3	6.4
Clothing and footwear	-1.4	-0.1
Housing	0.0	0.8
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-0.4	-0.8
Health	1.9	3.1
Transport	-1.7	0.0
Communication	-0.6	-4.6
Recreation and culture	-1.5	0.9
Education	2.7	2.9
Insurance and financial services	-0.2	1.1
CPI analytical series		
All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted	0.1	1.3
Trimmed mean	0.3	1.6
Weighted median	0.1	1.2

KEY POINTS

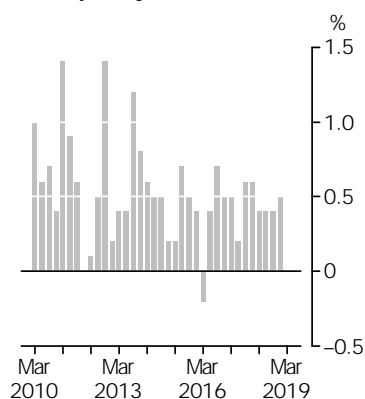
THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- was flat (0.0%) this quarter, compared with a rise of 0.5% in the December quarter 2018.
- rose 1.3% over the twelve months to the March quarter 2019, compared with a rise of 1.8% over the twelve months to the December quarter 2018.

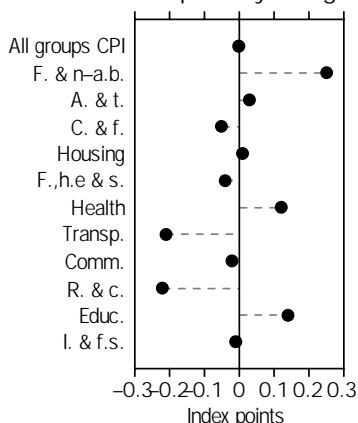
OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price rises this quarter are vegetables (+7.7%), secondary education (+4.2%), motor vehicles (+2.4%) and medical and hospital services (+1.3%).
- The most significant price falls this quarter are automotive fuel (-8.7%), domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-3.8%) and international holiday, travel and accommodation (-2.1%).

All Groups CPI
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change



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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<i>ISSUE (Quarter)</i>	<i>RELEASE DATE</i>
June 2019	31 July 2019
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December 2019	29 January 2020
March 2020	29 April 2020



UNDERLYING INFLATION MEASURES

Since 2007 the ABS has produced measures of underlying inflation. An article *Underlying Inflation Measures: Explaining the Trimmed Mean and Weighted Median* looking at these measures has been included in the Chief Economist series this quarter.

CHANGES IN FUTURE RELEASES

From the June quarter 2019, the ABS will cease publishing a PDF as part of the release of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0). CPI data will be presented in HTML format only on the ABS website. Should you have any concerns regarding this transition, please contact the ABS via email on client.services@abs.gov.au. The June quarter 2019 publication is scheduled for release on 31 July 2019.

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ABBREVIATIONS

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CPI Consumer Price Index
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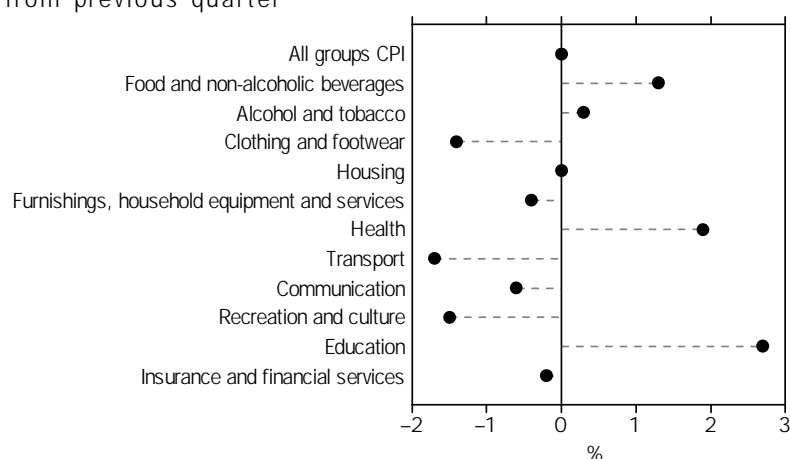
MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

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CPI GROUPS

The discussion of the CPI groups below is ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the quarter (see Tables 6 and 7). Unless otherwise stated, the analysis is in original terms.

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



FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES GROUP (+1.3%)

The main contributors to the rise in the food and non-alcoholic beverages group this quarter are vegetables (+7.7%), takeaway and fast foods (+0.9%), poultry (+2.9%), bread (+1.8%) and fruit (+1.8%). Drought and adverse weather conditions continue to reduce the supply of a selection of fruits and vegetables, and higher input costs are putting upward pressure on prices for other food items such as poultry and bread.

Over the last twelve months, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose 2.3%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose 1.2% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is fruit (+6.5%).

RECREATION AND CULTURE GROUP (-1.5%)

The main contributors to the fall in the recreation and culture group this quarter are domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-3.8%) and international holiday, travel and accommodation (-2.1%). The fall in international holiday, travel and accommodation is due to the winter off-peak seasons in Europe and America.

Over the last twelve months, the recreation and culture group rose 0.9%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the recreation and culture group fell 0.6% this quarter. The main contributor to the fall is domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.8%).

TRANSPORT GROUP (-1.7%)

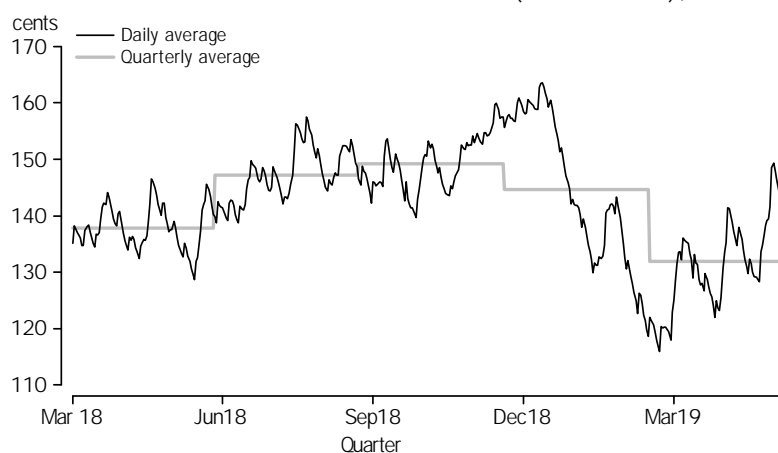
The main contributor to the fall in the transport group this quarter is automotive fuel (-8.7%) due to falls in world oil prices flowing through to consumers. Automotive fuel fell in January (-6.1%) and rose in February (+4.2%) and March (+5.2%).

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

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

TRANSPORT GROUP (-1.7%) *continued*

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



Over the last twelve months, the transport group was flat (0.0%). Rises in other services in respect of motor vehicles (+2.6%) and maintenance and repair of motor vehicles (+2.1%) are offset by a fall in automotive fuel (-3.5%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the transport group fell -2.2% this quarter. The main contributor to the fall is automotive fuel (-8.7%).

EDUCATION GROUP (+2.7%)

The main contributors to the rise in the education group this quarter are secondary education (+4.2%) and tertiary education (+1.5%) following the commencement of the new school year.

Over the last twelve months, the education group rose 2.9%. The main contributor to the rise is secondary education (+4.2%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the education group rose 0.3% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is secondary education (+0.8%).

HEALTH GROUP (+1.9%)

The main contributors to the rise in the health group this quarter are medical and hospital services (+1.3%) and pharmaceutical products (+5.0%). These rises are a result of the cyclical reduction in the proportion of consumers who qualify for subsidies under the Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). The safety net threshold for both the MBS and PBS are reset on 1 January each year.

Over the last twelve months, the health group rose 3.1%. The main contributor to the annual rise is medical and hospital services (+4.1%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the health group rose 0.7% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is medical and hospital services (+1.0%).

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR GROUP (-1.4%)

The main contributor to the fall in the clothing and footwear group this quarter is garments for women (-2.9%) due to ongoing competition and discounting activity in the retail industry.

Over the last twelve months, the clothing and footwear group fell 0.1%. The main contributor to the fall is garments for women (-2.0%).

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

CLOTHING AND
FOOTWEAR GROUP
(-1.4%) *continued*

In seasonally adjusted terms, the clothing and footwear group rose 0.1% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is garments for men (+2.8%).

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

The main contributor to the fall in the furnishings, household equipment and services group this quarter is furniture (-2.5%).

Over the last twelve months, the furnishings, household equipment and services group fell 0.8%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the furnishings, household equipment and services group rose 0.3% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is child care (+1.6%).

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO
GROUP (+0.3%)

The main contributor to the rise in the alcohol and tobacco group this quarter is beer (+1.1%).

Over the last twelve months, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 6.4%. The main contributor to the rise is tobacco (+13.8%).

In seasonally adjusted terms, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 1.1% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is tobacco (+1.9%).

COMMUNICATION GROUP
(-0.6%)

The main contributor to the fall in the communication group this quarter is telecommunication equipment and services (-0.6%).

Over the last twelve months, the communication group fell 4.6%.

The communication group is not seasonally adjusted.

HOUSING GROUP (0.0%)

The housing group was flat this quarter. Rises in maintenance and repair of the dwelling (+0.7%), gas and other household fuels (+0.8%) and rents (+0.1%) are offset by falls in new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (-0.2%) and electricity (-0.6%).

Over the last twelve months, the housing group rose 0.8%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the housing group rose 0.1% this quarter. The main contributor to the rise is maintenance and repair of the dwelling (+0.7%).

INSURANCE AND
FINANCIAL SERVICES
GROUP (-0.2%)

The main contributors to the fall in the insurance and financial services group this quarter are other financial services (-0.2%) and insurance (-0.3%).

Over the last twelve months, the insurance and financial services group rose 1.1%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the insurance and financial services group fell 0.1% this quarter.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE
EXPOSURE - TRADABLE
AND NON-TRADABLES

The tradable component of the All groups CPI fell 0.6% in the March quarter 2019. The tradable goods component fell 0.6% due to automotive fuel (-8.7%). The tradable services component fell 2.0% due to international holiday, travel and accommodation (-2.1%).

The non-tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 0.3% in the March quarter 2019. The non-tradable goods component rose 0.4%, due to pharmaceutical products

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

INTERNATIONAL TRADE
EXPOSURE - TRADABLE
AND NON-TRADABLES
continued

(+5.0%). The non-tradable services component rose 0.3% due to secondary education (+4.2%).

Over the twelve months to the December quarter 2018, the tradables component rose 0.4% and the non-tradables component rose 1.8%.

In seasonally adjusted terms, the tradables component of the All groups CPI fell 0.4% and the non-tradables component rose 0.2%.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
ANALYTICAL SERIES

In the March quarter 2019 the All groups CPI seasonally adjusted rose 0.1%.

The trimmed mean rose 0.3% in the March quarter 2019, following a revised rise of 0.5% in the December quarter 2018. Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2019, the trimmed mean rose 1.6%, following a revised rise of 1.8% over the twelve months to the December quarter 2018.

The weighted median rose 0.1% in the March quarter 2019, following a revised rise of 0.4% in the December quarter 2018. Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2019, the weighted median rose 1.2%, following a revised rise of 1.6% over the twelve months to the December quarter 2018.

	ORIGINAL	SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
	<i>Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019</i>
	%	%
All groups CPI	0.0	0.1
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.3	1.2
Alcohol and tobacco	0.3	1.1
Clothing and footwear	-1.4	0.1
Housing	0.0	0.1
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-0.4	0.3
Health	1.9	0.7
Transport	-1.7	-2.2
Communication(a)	-0.6	-0.6
Recreation and culture	-1.5	-0.6
Education	2.7	0.3
Insurance and financial services	-0.2	-0.1
International trade exposure series		
Tradables	-0.6	-0.4
Non-tradables	0.3	0.2

(a) not seasonally adjusted

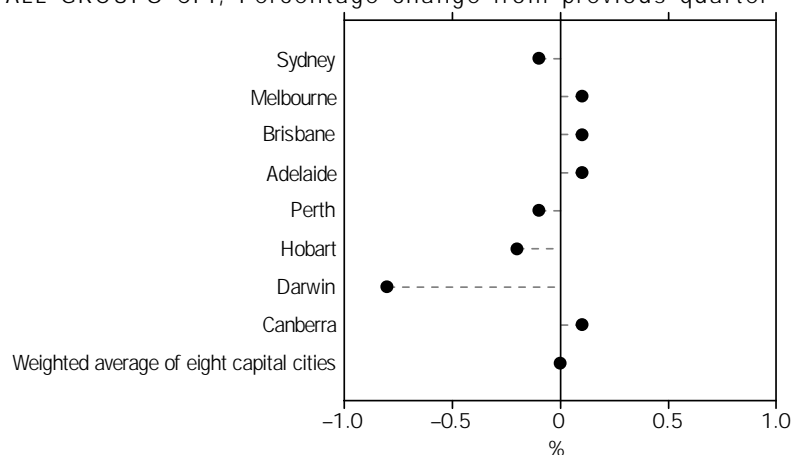
A detailed explanation of the seasonal adjustment of the All Groups CPI and calculation of the trimmed mean and weighted median measures is available in *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003) available on the ABS website. Revisions to the seasonally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

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

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ALL GROUPS CPI

ALL GROUPS CPI, Percentage change from previous quarter



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) was flat (0.0%) this quarter in original terms and rose 0.1% in seasonally adjusted terms. Annually the CPI rose 1.3%.

Main Positive Contributors:

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages is the most significant positive contributor to the CPI this quarter, with rises in all eight capital cities. Drought and adverse weather conditions affected the supply of fruits and vegetables, with price rises in all cities.
- Education rose in all capital cities due to fees rising at the start of the school year. Increases in education ranged from Adelaide (+1.9%) to Sydney (+3.4%) and Canberra (+3.4%).
- Health rose in all capital cities due to the cyclical reduction in the proportion of consumers who qualify for subsidies under the Medicare Benefits Scheme (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

Main Negative Contributors:

- Recreation and culture is the most significant negative contributor to the CPI this quarter, with falls in all capital cities due to domestic holiday, travel and accommodation and international holiday, travel and accommodation. The fall in international holiday, travel and accommodation is due to the winter off-peak seasons in Europe and America.
- Transport fell due to the lower world oil price resulting in a fall in automotive fuel. Automotive fuel fell in all capital cities this quarter, ranging from Adelaide (-7.8%) to Darwin (-14.3%).

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON *continued*

ALL GROUPS CPI *continued*

ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	<i>Mar Qtr 2019</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019</i>
Sydney	115.1	-0.1	1.3
Melbourne	114.7	0.1	1.2
Brisbane	114.1	0.1	1.5
Adelaide	113.1	0.1	1.3
Perth	111.2	-0.1	1.1
Hobart	113.4	-0.2	2.1
Darwin	110.1	-0.8	0.4
Canberra	113.2	0.1	1.8
Weighted average of eight capital cities	114.1	0.0	1.3

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

SYDNEY (-0.1%)

The main contributors to the fall in Sydney are automotive fuel (-8.6%), domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-4.5%) and international holiday, travel and accommodation (-2.6%). Rents (-0.2%) also fell this quarter due to higher vacancy rates reflecting an increase in the supply of rental properties. The fall is partially offset by rises in vegetables (+9.1%), secondary education (+5.6%) and motor vehicles (+3.0%).

MELBOURNE (+0.1%)

The main contributors to the rise in Melbourne this quarter are vegetables (+7.5%), secondary education (+4.0%) and motor vehicles (+2.5%). The rise is partially offset by falls in automotive fuel (-9.1%) and new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (-1.2%). The fall in new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers is due to increased competition as demand declines in the detached dwellings market.

BRISBANE (+0.1%)

The main contributors to the rise in Brisbane are vegetables (+8.1%), motor vehicles (+2.2%) and medical and hospital services (+1.8%). The rise is partially offset by falls in automotive fuel (-8.1%), domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-6.0%) and international holiday, travel and accommodation (-2.0%).

ADELAIDE (+0.1%)

The main contributors to the rise in Adelaide this quarter are vegetables (+6.1%), pharmaceutical products (+4.2%) and fruit (+3.7%). The rise is partially offset by falls in automotive fuel (-7.8%) and domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-3.1%).

PERTH (-0.1%)

The main contributors to the fall in Perth this quarter are automotive fuel (-8.8%) and domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-5.5%). The fall is partially offset by rises in medical and hospital services (+1.4%), pharmaceutical products (+5.2%), vegetables (+4.8%) and secondary education (+2.6%).

HOBART (-0.2%)

The main contributors to the fall in Hobart this quarter are automotive fuel (-10.2%) and domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-3.4%). The fall is partially offset by rises in rents (+1.6%), pharmaceutical products (+6.5%) and vegetables (+4.5%).

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON *continued*

DARWIN (-0.8%)

The main contributors to the fall in Darwin this quarter are automotive fuel (-14.3%) and domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-11.2%). The fall is partially offset by rises in vegetables (+7.5%), pharmaceutical products (+5.0%) and other financial services (+1.6%). The fall in domestic holiday, travel and accommodation is due to the low tourist season in Darwin.

CANBERRA (+0.1%)

The main contributors to the rise in Canberra this quarter are vegetables (+8.4%), medical and hospital services (+2.2%) and secondary education (+4.6%). The rise is partially offset by falls in automotive fuel (-9.4%) and domestic holiday, travel and accommodation (-4.1%).

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ALL GROUPS CPI, Index numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
2014-15	107.3	106.5	106.8	106.3	107.2	104.9	108.4	105.3	106.8
2015-16	108.9	108.2	108.5	107.2	108.2	106.3	108.5	106.1	108.3
2016-17	111.1	110.2	110.4	108.9	108.9	108.2	108.7	108.1	110.2
2017-18	113.4	112.7	112.3	111.3	109.9	110.5	109.7	110.7	112.3
2015									
March	107.3	106.4	106.7	106.3	107.1	105.0	108.3	105.2	106.8
June	108.3	107.1	107.4	106.8	107.7	105.1	108.3	105.6	107.5
September	108.6	107.6	108.1	107.1	108.1	105.7	108.7	105.8	108.0
December	108.9	108.3	108.5	107.3	108.6	106.6	109.0	106.0	108.4
2016									
March	108.7	108.2	108.5	107.0	107.9	106.4	108.0	106.2	108.2
June	109.3	108.6	109.0	107.5	108.2	106.4	108.3	106.4	108.6
September	110.4	109.1	109.7	108.4	108.6	107.1	108.7	107.3	109.4
December	110.9	109.9	110.2	108.7	109.0	108.0	108.6	107.9	110.0
2017									
March	111.3	110.9	110.5	109.1	109.0	108.9	108.5	108.6	110.5
June	111.7	111.0	111.0	109.2	109.0	108.9	108.8	108.6	110.7
September	112.5	111.5	111.4	110.4	109.5	109.2	109.4	109.6	111.4
December	113.3	112.3	112.3	111.2	109.9	110.3	109.7	110.3	112.1
2018									
March	113.6	113.3	112.4	111.6	110.0	111.1	109.7	111.2	112.6
June	114.0	113.8	112.9	112.1	110.2	111.5	110.1	111.6	113.0
September	114.7	114.0	113.4	112.4	110.8	112.2	110.8	112.3	113.5
December	115.2	114.6	114.0	113.0	111.3	113.6	111.0	113.1	114.1
2019									
March	115.1	114.7	114.1	113.1	111.2	113.4	110.1	113.2	114.1

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

ALL GROUPS CPI, Percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
2014-15	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.5	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.1	1.7
2015-16	1.5	1.6	1.6	0.8	0.9	1.3	0.1	0.8	1.4
2016-17	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.6	0.6	1.8	0.2	1.9	1.8
2017-18	2.1	2.3	1.7	2.2	0.9	2.1	0.9	2.4	1.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2015									
March	1.6	1.0	1.4	1.1	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.3
June	2.2	1.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.6	0.2	0.8	1.5
September	1.9	1.4	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.4	0.6	1.5
December	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.0	1.5	1.8	0.5	0.7	1.7
2016									
March	1.3	1.7	1.7	0.7	0.7	1.3	-0.3	1.0	1.3
June	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.0	0.8	1.0
September	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.2	0.5	1.3	0.0	1.4	1.3
December	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.3	0.4	1.3	-0.4	1.8	1.5
2017									
March	2.4	2.5	1.8	2.0	1.0	2.3	0.5	2.3	2.1
June	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.6	0.7	2.3	0.5	2.1	1.9
September	1.9	2.2	1.5	1.8	0.8	2.0	0.6	2.1	1.8
December	2.2	2.2	1.9	2.3	0.8	2.1	1.0	2.2	1.9
2018									
March	2.1	2.2	1.7	2.3	0.9	2.0	1.1	2.4	1.9
June	2.1	2.5	1.7	2.7	1.1	2.4	1.2	2.8	2.1
September	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.2	2.7	1.3	2.5	1.9
December	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.6	1.3	3.0	1.2	2.5	1.8
2019									
March	1.3	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.1	2.1	0.4	1.8	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2015									
March	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	-0.2	-0.1	0.2
June	0.9	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.7
September	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.5
December	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.9	0.3	0.2	0.4
2016									
March	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	-0.3	-0.6	-0.2	-0.9	0.2	-0.2
June	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4
September	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.7
December	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.8	-0.1	0.6	0.5
2017									
March	0.4	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.8	-0.1	0.6	0.5
June	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.2
September	0.7	0.5	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.6
December	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.7	0.4	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.6
2018									
March	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.7	0.0	0.8	0.4
June	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
September	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4
December	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	0.2	0.7	0.5
2019									
March	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.8	0.1	0.0

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2014-15	103.9	116.7	97.9	111.7	102.5	116.5
2015-16	104.1	123.5	97.5	113.9	104.3	122.1
2016-17	105.9	130.8	97.2	116.4	104.9	126.7
2017-18	105.9	140.3	94.3	120.2	104.4	131.6
2015						
March	104.1	117.3	96.9	112.1	102.1	116.9
June	103.9	118.7	98.2	112.9	103.1	120.1
September	104.0	120.2	97.1	113.6	103.9	120.5
December	104.3	123.4	98.7	113.7	104.5	120.0
2016						
March	104.1	124.5	96.1	114.0	104.1	122.3
June	103.8	125.7	98.0	114.4	104.7	125.5
September	105.6	127.1	98.3	115.6	105.9	125.2
December	106.2	130.7	97.8	115.9	105.1	124.4
2017						
March	106.0	132.1	96.4	116.8	104.0	126.9
June	105.8	133.1	96.1	117.2	104.7	130.3
September	104.9	136.0	95.2	119.4	105.1	130.1
December	106.0	140.3	94.9	119.8	104.3	129.4
2018						
March	106.5	141.3	93.0	120.6	103.9	132.2
June	106.1	143.5	94.2	120.8	104.2	134.7
September	106.6	145.3	94.4	121.3	103.0	134.2
December	107.6	149.9	94.2	121.6	103.5	133.7
2019						
March	109.0	150.3	92.9	121.6	103.1	136.3

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
2014-15	100.8	99.7	102.8	117.6	106.3	106.8
2015-16	99.1	93.7	103.7	122.7	108.6	108.3
2016-17	99.6	88.5	103.7	126.8	111.4	110.2
2017-18	103.1	85.5	104.3	130.5	112.9	112.3
2015						
March	97.7	99.1	103.7	120.6	106.6	106.8
June	101.0	98.5	102.3	120.6	106.9	107.5
September	101.1	96.5	103.1	120.8	107.4	108.0
December	99.7	94.2	104.8	120.8	108.3	108.4
2016						
March	97.2	92.8	103.8	124.6	109.0	108.2
June	98.2	91.4	103.1	124.6	109.5	108.6
September	97.7	89.3	103.7	124.8	110.5	109.4
December	99.4	88.6	104.3	124.8	111.2	110.0
2017						
March	100.9	88.3	103.6	128.7	111.9	110.5
June	100.3	87.9	103.0	128.7	111.8	110.7
September	100.3	86.7	104.3	128.7	112.5	111.4
December	102.7	85.6	104.9	128.8	112.7	112.1
2018						
March	103.8	85.3	104.2	132.1	113.0	112.6
June	105.5	84.2	103.8	132.2	113.5	113.0
September	106.3	83.0	105.5	132.3	114.1	113.5
December	105.6	81.9	106.7	132.3	114.4	114.1
2019						
March	103.8	81.4	105.1	135.9	114.2	114.1

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

	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2014–15	2.1	6.1	-1.4	2.5	1.0	4.4
2015–16	0.2	5.8	-0.4	2.0	1.8	4.8
2016–17	1.7	5.9	-0.3	2.2	0.6	3.8
2017–18	0.0	7.3	-3.0	3.3	-0.5	3.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2015						
March	1.9	5.2	-0.7	2.7	1.5	4.4
June	1.3	4.8	-0.9	2.5	1.4	4.3
September	0.2	5.0	-1.0	2.7	1.8	4.8
December	0.4	6.0	0.5	2.2	1.9	5.3
2016						
March	0.0	6.1	-0.8	1.7	2.0	4.6
June	-0.1	5.9	-0.2	1.3	1.6	4.5
September	1.5	5.7	1.2	1.8	1.9	3.9
December	1.8	5.9	-0.9	1.9	0.6	3.7
2017						
March	1.8	6.1	0.3	2.5	-0.1	3.8
June	1.9	5.9	-1.9	2.4	0.0	3.8
September	-0.7	7.0	-3.2	3.3	-0.8	3.9
December	-0.2	7.3	-3.0	3.4	-0.8	4.0
2018						
March	0.5	7.0	-3.5	3.3	-0.1	4.2
June	0.3	7.8	-2.0	3.1	-0.5	3.4
September	1.6	6.8	-0.8	1.6	-2.0	3.2
December	1.5	6.8	-0.7	1.5	-0.8	3.3
2019						
March	2.3	6.4	-0.1	0.8	-0.8	3.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2015						
March	0.2	0.8	-1.3	0.8	-0.5	2.5
June	-0.2	1.2	1.3	0.7	1.0	2.7
September	0.1	1.3	-1.1	0.6	0.8	0.3
December	0.3	2.7	1.6	0.1	0.6	-0.4
2016						
March	-0.2	0.9	-2.6	0.3	-0.4	1.9
June	-0.3	1.0	2.0	0.4	0.6	2.6
September	1.7	1.1	0.3	1.0	1.1	-0.2
December	0.6	2.8	-0.5	0.3	-0.8	-0.6
2017						
March	-0.2	1.1	-1.4	0.8	-1.0	2.0
June	-0.2	0.8	-0.3	0.3	0.7	2.7
September	-0.9	2.2	-0.9	1.9	0.4	-0.2
December	1.0	3.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.8	-0.5
2018						
March	0.5	0.7	-2.0	0.7	-0.4	2.2
June	-0.4	1.6	1.3	0.2	0.3	1.9
September	0.5	1.3	0.2	0.4	-1.2	-0.4
December	0.9	3.2	-0.2	0.2	0.5	-0.4
2019						
March	1.3	0.3	-1.4	0.0	-0.4	1.9

	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2014-15	-2.6	-3.2	1.4	5.4	1.7	1.7
2015-16	-1.7	-6.0	0.9	4.3	2.2	1.4
2016-17	0.5	-5.5	0.0	3.3	2.6	1.8
2017-18	3.5	-3.4	0.6	2.9	1.3	1.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2015						
March	-6.2	-4.5	2.0	5.4	1.8	1.3
June	-2.4	-3.4	0.9	5.4	2.1	1.5
September	-2.2	-4.1	1.1	5.5	2.0	1.5
December	-1.4	-6.3	1.7	5.5	1.8	1.7
2016						
March	-0.5	-6.4	0.1	3.3	2.3	1.3
June	-2.8	-7.2	0.8	3.3	2.4	1.0
September	-3.4	-7.5	0.6	3.3	2.9	1.3
December	-0.3	-5.9	-0.5	3.3	2.7	1.5
2017						
March	3.8	-4.8	-0.2	3.3	2.7	2.1
June	2.1	-3.8	-0.1	3.3	2.1	1.9
September	2.7	-2.9	0.6	3.1	1.8	1.8
December	3.3	-3.4	0.6	3.2	1.3	1.9
2018						
March	2.9	-3.4	0.6	2.6	1.0	1.9
June	5.2	-4.2	0.8	2.7	1.5	2.1
September	6.0	-4.3	1.2	2.8	1.4	1.9
December	2.8	-4.3	1.7	2.7	1.5	1.8
2019						
March	0.0	-4.6	0.9	2.9	1.1	1.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2015						
March	-3.4	-1.4	0.7	5.3	0.2	0.2
June	3.4	-0.6	-1.4	0.0	0.3	0.7
September	0.1	-2.0	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.5
December	-1.4	-2.4	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.4
2016						
March	-2.5	-1.5	-1.0	3.1	0.6	-0.2
June	1.0	-1.5	-0.7	0.0	0.5	0.4
September	-0.5	-2.3	0.6	0.2	0.9	0.7
December	1.7	-0.8	0.6	0.0	0.6	0.5
2017						
March	1.5	-0.3	-0.7	3.1	0.6	0.5
June	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	0.0	-0.1	0.2
September	0.0	-1.4	1.3	0.0	0.6	0.6
December	2.4	-1.3	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.6
2018						
March	1.1	-0.4	-0.7	2.6	0.3	0.4
June	1.6	-1.3	-0.4	0.1	0.4	0.4
September	0.8	-1.4	1.6	0.1	0.5	0.4
December	-0.7	-1.3	1.1	0.0	0.3	0.5
2019						
March	-1.7	-0.6	-1.5	2.7	-0.2	0.0

<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES									
2017									
March	107.5	105.7	106.1	105.2	103.4	104.6	105.6	105.7	106.0
June	107.3	105.8	105.8	104.9	103.0	104.1	105.3	105.4	105.8
September	106.4	104.9	105.0	103.9	101.6	102.9	104.5	104.7	104.9
December	107.6	106.1	106.2	104.6	102.7	103.5	105.4	105.9	106.0
2018									
March	108.1	106.6	106.6	105.2	102.8	104.4	105.5	106.3	106.5
June	107.6	106.4	106.0	104.7	102.4	103.6	105.1	106.1	106.1
September	108.1	107.0	106.5	105.3	103.0	104.2	105.5	106.7	106.6
December	108.9	107.9	108.1	106.0	103.7	105.0	106.0	107.7	107.6
2019									
March	110.4	109.3	109.7	107.6	105.2	106.4	107.7	109.6	109.0
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2017									
March	130.1	132.5	134.3	133.3	133.5	134.2	128.9	129.6	132.1
June	131.0	133.4	135.8	134.7	133.7	135.5	128.6	130.8	133.1
September	133.6	136.8	138.4	137.6	136.5	139.5	131.5	132.7	136.0
December	137.6	140.8	143.1	143.1	141.1	144.8	136.1	136.4	140.3
2018									
March	138.5	141.4	145.0	144.2	142.3	145.4	136.9	138.4	141.3
June	141.1	143.8	145.8	146.3	144.3	147.3	138.4	140.7	143.5
September	143.2	145.7	147.7	147.8	145.8	148.8	139.7	142.5	145.3
December	147.4	150.3	152.6	153.0	149.7	155.4	148.2	146.3	149.9
2019									
March	147.7	150.7	153.9	153.1	150.0	155.2	148.0	146.5	150.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2017									
March	92.7	95.9	102.1	93.3	103.8	95.1	94.5	94.7	96.4
June	92.5	95.9	102.5	92.2	102.7	95.4	93.8	94.4	96.1
September	92.1	94.9	101.6	91.1	100.6	94.3	93.9	92.5	95.2
December	91.3	94.4	101.8	91.5	101.2	94.8	95.0	91.9	94.9
2018									
March	89.8	92.4	99.1	90.0	99.1	93.9	93.7	91.2	93.0
June	91.0	93.6	99.8	91.6	100.7	95.2	94.2	92.4	94.2
September	91.4	94.0	100.0	91.1	100.4	95.3	93.3	91.8	94.4
December	90.9	93.8	99.3	91.3	101.1	96.0	93.4	92.2	94.2
2019									
March	88.8	93.6	97.9	91.2	98.9	94.9	92.6	92.1	92.9
HOUSING									
2017									
March	119.8	118.1	117.1	113.3	110.0	108.4	109.2	108.9	116.8
June	120.6	118.7	117.8	112.8	109.6	108.8	108.7	109.3	117.2
September	123.5	120.1	118.6	117.7	110.9	109.9	108.4	113.3	119.4
December	124.2	120.7	119.0	118.1	110.5	110.4	108.1	114.2	119.8
2018									
March	124.7	123.5	118.8	118.8	109.2	111.2	107.5	114.8	120.6
June	125.1	123.9	118.8	118.6	108.4	112.4	106.9	115.6	120.8
September	126.0	124.1	119.0	117.8	109.4	114.3	107.1	118.1	121.3
December	126.5	124.3	119.4	118.3	109.2	114.8	107.1	119.0	121.6
2019									
March	126.6	124.3	119.3	118.5	109.1	115.7	106.1	119.1	121.6

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<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
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FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES									
2017									
March	104.4	102.7	105.6	101.9	103.9	101.5	107.7	111.0	104.0
June	105.2	103.2	106.8	103.1	104.2	102.8	107.7	111.5	104.7
September	105.3	104.2	107.0	102.8	104.8	102.7	107.6	111.7	105.1
December	104.4	103.1	106.5	102.3	103.7	101.6	107.3	110.4	104.3
2018									
March	103.9	102.9	106.0	101.9	103.5	101.9	107.2	110.5	103.9
June	104.4	103.0	106.6	102.7	103.3	102.1	106.9	111.2	104.2
September	103.6	101.0	105.4	102.1	102.7	101.5	105.7	107.1	103.0
December	104.0	101.6	106.2	102.0	103.6	101.6	105.2	107.9	103.5
2019									
March	103.3	101.3	106.2	101.4	103.0	100.7	105.3	108.0	103.1
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HEALTH									
2017									
March	127.3	127.7	127.3	127.2	123.7	129.5	122.7	126.8	126.9
June	130.5	131.1	130.0	132.1	127.4	133.6	126.3	130.3	130.3
September	130.2	130.8	129.7	132.0	127.2	133.6	126.0	130.8	130.1
December	129.6	130.1	129.0	131.4	126.4	132.8	125.1	129.9	129.4
2018									
March	132.2	133.2	132.2	133.3	128.9	135.7	126.7	133.6	132.2
June	134.1	135.6	134.3	137.0	133.2	139.2	128.6	133.8	134.7
September	133.8	135.0	133.8	137.0	131.9	138.3	128.9	133.5	134.2
December	133.5	134.5	133.3	136.3	131.1	137.9	127.8	133.6	133.7
2019									
March	136.0	137.2	136.5	137.6	133.6	140.1	129.6	136.8	136.3
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TRANSPORT									
2017									
March	99.4	103.1	97.7	101.8	101.2	103.9	105.2	102.9	100.9
June	99.1	102.5	97.6	100.7	100.2	103.3	104.2	101.2	100.3
September	98.8	102.1	97.0	101.3	101.2	103.4	106.1	102.1	100.3
December	101.2	104.5	99.9	103.9	103.5	104.4	108.5	104.5	102.7
2018									
March	101.9	106.1	100.8	104.7	104.9	106.1	111.2	106.6	103.8
June	103.3	107.6	103.0	106.8	106.5	107.9	112.2	107.2	105.5
September	104.2	108.3	103.6	107.1	107.7	109.7	113.2	108.2	106.3
December	103.2	107.9	102.7	106.7	107.2	110.2	112.8	109.5	105.6
2019									
March	101.8	105.9	101.1	104.6	104.9	106.7	107.4	106.3	103.8
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COMMUNICATION									
2017									
March	88.3	88.5	88.5	88.3	87.9	88.4	88.2	88.4	88.3
June	87.9	88.1	88.1	87.9	87.5	87.9	87.8	88.0	87.9
September	86.7	86.8	86.8	86.7	86.2	86.5	86.3	86.7	86.7
December	85.6	85.7	85.7	85.6	85.1	85.2	85.0	85.6	85.6
2018									
March	85.3	85.4	85.4	85.3	84.8	84.9	84.8	85.4	85.3
June	84.2	84.3	84.3	84.1	83.7	83.8	83.6	84.4	84.2
September	83.1	83.2	83.1	83.0	82.5	82.6	82.4	83.3	83.0
December	81.9	82.1	82.0	81.8	81.3	81.4	81.2	82.2	81.9
2019									
March	81.5	81.6	81.5	81.4	80.9	81.0	80.8	81.8	81.4
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RECREATION AND CULTURE									
2017									
March	103.4	104.5	102.9	101.9	103.6	104.2	100.1	105.5	103.6
June	103.1	103.2	102.8	101.7	103.6	101.9	104.0	104.4	103.0
September	104.7	104.1	104.5	102.5	104.5	101.8	107.1	105.2	104.3
December	105.1	104.9	105.2	102.7	105.5	105.7	104.2	105.8	104.9
2018									
March	103.9	104.7	103.7	102.3	105.4	106.3	101.7	105.5	104.2
June	103.5	103.9	103.7	102.0	105.3	104.0	104.1	106.3	103.8
September	105.2	105.1	106.3	103.9	106.4	104.7	107.6	108.4	105.5
December	106.5	106.6	106.8	105.0	108.1	109.1	104.9	108.7	106.7
2019									
March	104.3	105.8	104.9	103.9	106.4	107.4	100.5	106.8	105.1
EDUCATION									
2017									
March	131.3	127.6	128.1	126.9	129.0	124.9	126.2	123.1	128.7
June	131.3	127.6	128.1	127.0	129.0	124.9	126.2	123.2	128.7
September	131.2	127.7	128.5	127.0	129.0	124.9	126.2	123.3	128.7
December	131.4	127.7	128.6	127.1	129.0	125.0	126.3	123.3	128.8
2018									
March	135.5	130.8	131.5	130.0	131.3	127.6	132.1	128.0	132.1
June	135.7	130.8	131.5	130.0	131.3	127.6	132.1	128.0	132.2
September	136.7	130.3	131.2	129.7	131.3	127.6	131.9	127.2	132.3
December	136.7	130.3	131.3	129.8	131.3	127.6	132.0	127.3	132.3
2019									
March	141.4	133.8	134.0	132.3	134.1	130.4	135.6	131.6	135.9
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES									
2017									
March	114.9	111.5	107.2	110.3	115.1	112.9	109.0	100.9	111.9
June	114.1	111.4	107.5	109.8	116.1	113.2	109.5	101.3	111.8
September	114.8	112.2	108.2	111.0	116.6	114.0	111.0	100.7	112.5
December	115.9	111.8	108.3	111.6	115.7	113.6	111.5	100.8	112.7
2018									
March	115.3	112.7	109.0	112.0	116.3	113.8	112.9	102.1	113.0
June	115.8	113.1	109.8	112.9	116.5	114.2	113.1	101.5	113.5
September	116.4	113.8	110.7	113.4	117.0	113.3	114.8	100.6	114.1
December	117.1	113.4	110.7	114.4	118.1	113.2	114.4	100.7	114.4
2019									
March	116.8	112.9	110.9	115.2	118.3	112.8	115.7	101.1	114.2

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

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Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.25	0.23	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.23	0.30	0.32	0.25
Bread and cereal products	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Bread	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Cakes and biscuits	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Breakfast cereals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other cereal products	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meat and seafoods	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.05
Beef and veal	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Pork	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01
Lamb and goat	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Poultry	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02
Other meats	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Fish and other seafood	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dairy and related products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Milk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheese	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Ice cream and other dairy products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fruit and vegetables	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.08	0.17	0.14	0.13
Fruit	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02
Vegetables	0.12	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.11
Food products n.e.c.	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Eggs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jams, honey and spreads	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food additives and condiments	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Oils and fats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Snacks and confectionery	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Other food products n.e.c.	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Waters, soft drinks and juices	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.04
Restaurant meals	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.00
Take away and fast foods	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.03
Alcohol and tobacco	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.00	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.03
Alcoholic beverages	0.04	0.05	0.11	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.05
Spirits	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01
Wine	0.00	0.03	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.01
Beer	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02
Tobacco	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
Tobacco	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
Clothing and footwear	-0.09	-0.01	-0.05	-0.01	-0.08	-0.04	-0.02	0.00	-0.05
Garments	-0.06	-0.02	-0.06	-0.03	-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	0.00	-0.04
Garments for men	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Garments for women	-0.05	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04	-0.03	-0.05	-0.03	0.00	-0.04
Garments for infants and children	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
Footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Footwear for men	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Footwear for women	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Footwear for infants and children	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accessories and clothing services	-0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00
Accessories	-0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.00	-0.01
Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Housing	0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.05	-0.03	0.18	-0.22	0.04	0.01
Rents	-0.02	0.04	0.01	0.03	-0.03	0.10	-0.16	0.06	0.00
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New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	0.07	-0.10	-0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.04	-0.08	-0.04	-0.02
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	0.07	-0.10	-0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.04	-0.08	-0.04	-0.02
Other housing	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02
Property rates and charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	-0.04	0.04	-0.01	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Water and sewerage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity	-0.04	0.00	-0.01	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.02
Gas and other household fuels	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-0.07	-0.03	0.01	-0.06	-0.05	-0.08	0.01	0.01	-0.04
Furniture and furnishings	-0.05	-0.04	0.00	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	0.02	-0.01	-0.03
Furniture	-0.05	-0.04	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04	0.02	-0.02	-0.04
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Household textiles	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Household textiles	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.04	-0.03	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03
Major household appliances	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.04	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.02
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-durable household products	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01
Cleaning and maintenance products	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Personal care products	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other non-durable household products	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Domestic and household services	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.04
Child care	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.07	0.02
Hairdressing and personal grooming services	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Other household services	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.07	0.16	0.12
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05
Pharmaceutical products	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medical, dental and hospital services	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.11	0.07
Medical and hospital services	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.10	0.06
Dental services	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00
Transport	-0.16	-0.23	-0.20	-0.22	-0.25	-0.41	-0.54	-0.36	-0.21
Private motoring	-0.16	-0.25	-0.20	-0.21	-0.24	-0.43	-0.54	-0.36	-0.22
Motor vehicles	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.07
Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Automotive fuel	-0.27	-0.33	-0.32	-0.28	-0.35	-0.48	-0.55	-0.37	-0.31
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02
Other services in respect of motor vehicles	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Urban transport fares	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01
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Communication	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02
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Postal services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telecommunication equipment and services	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02
Recreation and culture	-0.31	-0.10	-0.26	-0.14	-0.23	-0.25	-0.59	-0.27	-0.22
Audio, visual and computing equipment and services	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	-0.05	-0.04	-0.05	-0.07	-0.02	-0.04
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Books	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Newspapers, magazines and stationery	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.26	-0.11	-0.27	-0.15	-0.24	-0.24	-0.47	-0.27	-0.21
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.16	-0.04	-0.21	-0.11	-0.20	-0.17	-0.43	-0.17	-0.13
International holiday travel and accommodation	-0.10	-0.06	-0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.07	-0.05	-0.10	-0.08
Other recreation, sport and culture	-0.01	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	-0.04	0.01	0.03
Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Games, toys and hobbies	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Pets and related products	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Veterinary and other services for pets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Sports participation	-0.06	0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.07	0.00	-0.01
Other recreational, sporting and cultural services	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.01
Education	0.16	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.14
Education	0.16	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.08	0.08	0.15	0.14
Preschool and primary education	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
Secondary education	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.08
Tertiary education	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Insurance and financial services	-0.02	-0.04	0.01	0.04	0.01	-0.02	0.07	0.02	-0.01
Insurance	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Insurance	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Financial services	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.06	0.04	-0.01
Deposit and loan facilities (direct charges)	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other financial services	0.00	-0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.03	0.06	0.03	-0.01
All groups CPI	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.9	0.1	0.0

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS) (INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2018	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Mar Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	106.5	107.6	109.0	1.3	2.3	18.07	18.32	0.25
Bread and cereal products	97.1	98.1	99.0	0.9	2.0	1.63	1.65	0.02
Bread	96.0	97.9	99.7	1.8	3.9	0.60	0.62	0.02
Cakes and biscuits	101.2	101.6	101.9	0.3	0.7	0.71	0.71	0.00
Breakfast cereals	90.9	92.3	92.3	0.0	1.5	0.14	0.14	0.00
Other cereal products	90.8	90.7	91.7	1.1	1.0	0.18	0.18	0.00
Meat and seafoods	110.7	113.2	115.3	1.9	4.2	2.48	2.53	0.05
Beef and veal	126.2	127.3	131.0	2.9	3.8	0.53	0.54	0.01
Pork	109.8	108.7	109.6	0.8	-0.2	0.33	0.34	0.01
Lamb and goat	104.4	116.1	120.4	3.7	15.3	0.27	0.28	0.01
Poultry	102.1	103.2	106.2	2.9	4.0	0.48	0.50	0.02
Other meats	113.1	114.6	115.4	0.7	2.0	0.42	0.42	0.00
Fish and other seafood	108.2	112.0	112.3	0.3	3.8	0.45	0.45	0.00
Dairy and related products	97.3	98.3	98.5	0.2	1.2	1.11	1.11	0.00
Milk	96.8	98.9	98.4	-0.5	1.7	0.41	0.41	0.00
Cheese	100.2	100.8	101.4	0.6	1.2	0.33	0.33	0.00
Ice cream and other dairy products	95.2	95.6	96.2	0.6	1.1	0.37	0.37	0.00
Fruit and vegetables	105.6	106.6	111.7	4.8	5.8	2.57	2.70	0.13
Fruit	95.8	100.4	102.2	1.8	6.7	1.24	1.26	0.02
Vegetables	115.1	112.2	120.8	7.7	5.0	1.33	1.44	0.11
Food products n.e.c.	101.2	100.6	100.9	0.3	-0.3	2.41	2.42	0.01
Eggs	103.2	103.4	103.7	0.3	0.5	0.13	0.13	0.00
Jams, honey and spreads	101.6	101.7	101.5	-0.2	-0.1	0.14	0.14	0.00
Food additives and condiments	98.3	96.2	97.7	1.6	-0.6	0.32	0.32	0.00
Oils and fats	113.6	116.2	115.5	-0.6	1.7	0.21	0.21	0.00
Snacks and confectionery	102.0	100.8	101.7	0.9	-0.3	1.00	1.01	0.01
Other food products n.e.c.	96.6	96.4	95.8	-0.6	-0.8	0.60	0.60	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	103.7	102.6	104.2	1.6	0.5	1.11	1.12	0.01
Coffee, tea and cocoa	100.2	98.7	98.7	0.0	-1.5	0.25	0.25	0.00
Waters, soft drinks and juices	104.8	103.9	105.9	1.9	1.0	0.86	0.87	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	112.6	114.4	115.0	0.5	2.1	6.76	6.80	0.04
Restaurant meals	111.9	113.2	113.4	0.2	1.3	3.79	3.79	0.00
Take away and fast foods	113.4	115.9	117.0	0.9	3.2	2.97	3.00	0.03
Alcohol and tobacco	141.3	149.9	150.3	0.3	6.4	8.60	8.63	0.03
Alcoholic beverages	112.2	113.1	114.3	1.1	1.9	5.11	5.16	0.05
Spirits	113.5	114.7	116.1	1.2	2.3	0.96	0.97	0.01
Wine	100.5	100.6	101.4	0.8	0.9	1.94	1.95	0.01
Beer	120.9	122.7	124.0	1.1	2.6	2.21	2.23	0.02
Tobacco	202.4	231.9	230.3	-0.7	13.8	3.50	3.48	-0.02
Tobacco	202.4	231.9	230.3	-0.7	13.8	3.50	3.48	-0.02
Clothing and footwear	93.0	94.2	92.9	-1.4	-0.1	3.75	3.70	-0.05
Garments	88.8	90.8	89.2	-1.8	0.5	2.31	2.27	-0.04
Garments for men	95.6	98.1	99.1	1.0	3.7	0.64	0.64	0.00
Garments for women	84.6	85.4	82.9	-2.9	-2.0	1.30	1.26	-0.04
Garments for infants and children	93.8	99.8	97.2	-2.6	3.6	0.38	0.37	-0.01
Footwear	90.4	88.8	88.2	-0.7	-2.4	0.55	0.54	-0.01
Footwear for men	94.8	90.8	90.2	-0.7	-4.9	0.14	0.14	0.00
Footwear for women	87.7	86.3	86.2	-0.1	-1.7	0.32	0.32	0.00
Footwear for infants and children	93.2	95.0	92.7	-2.4	-0.5	0.08	0.08	0.00
Accessories and clothing services	107.3	108.3	107.5	-0.7	0.2	0.89	0.89	0.00
Accessories	105.7	106.5	105.5	-0.9	-0.2	0.76	0.75	-0.01
Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear	117.3	119.3	120.1	0.7	2.4	0.13	0.13	0.00

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

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2018	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Mar Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019
Housing	120.6	121.6	121.6	0.0	0.8	26.37	26.38	0.01
Rents	111.8	112.2	112.3	0.1	0.4	8.07	8.07	0.00
Rents	111.8	112.2	112.3	0.1	0.4	8.07	8.07	0.00
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	119.6	121.2	121.0	-0.2	1.2	9.17	9.15	-0.02
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	119.6	121.2	121.0	-0.2	1.2	9.17	9.15	-0.02
Other housing	122.8	125.4	125.9	0.4	2.5	4.04	4.06	0.02
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	114.6	116.9	117.7	0.7	2.7	2.34	2.36	0.02
Property rates and charges	135.5	138.6	138.6	0.0	2.3	1.70	1.70	0.00
Utilities	136.6	136.3	136.1	-0.1	-0.4	5.10	5.09	-0.01
Water and sewerage	117.6	119.1	119.1	0.0	1.3	1.14	1.14	0.00
Electricity	141.6	141.6	140.8	-0.6	-0.6	2.91	2.89	-0.02
Gas and other household fuels	147.3	143.5	144.7	0.8	-1.8	1.05	1.06	0.01
Furnishings, household equipment and services	103.9	103.5	103.1	-0.4	-0.8	10.13	10.09	-0.04
Furniture and furnishings	97.8	101.6	99.6	-2.0	1.8	1.86	1.83	-0.03
Furniture	96.0	100.3	97.8	-2.5	1.9	1.52	1.48	-0.04
Carpets and other floor coverings	107.5	109.0	109.2	0.2	1.6	0.34	0.34	0.00
Household textiles	83.2	83.0	81.4	-1.9	-2.2	0.50	0.49	-0.01
Household textiles	83.2	83.0	81.4	-1.9	-2.2	0.50	0.49	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	92.9	95.5	93.9	-1.7	1.1	1.69	1.66	-0.03
Major household appliances	91.4	96.0	94.6	-1.5	3.5	0.45	0.44	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	87.4	90.9	90.1	-0.9	3.1	0.35	0.35	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	88.8	91.8	87.9	-4.2	-1.0	0.47	0.45	-0.02
Tools and equipment for house and garden	107.0	105.9	106.0	0.1	-0.9	0.42	0.42	0.00
Non-durable household products	96.7	95.2	94.9	-0.3	-1.9	2.81	2.80	-0.01
Cleaning and maintenance products	93.3	93.2	92.2	-1.1	-1.2	0.28	0.28	0.00
Personal care products	90.2	87.5	87.3	-0.2	-3.2	1.11	1.11	0.00
Other non-durable household products	102.5	101.7	101.4	-0.3	-1.1	1.42	1.42	0.00
Domestic and household services	129.1	125.0	126.6	1.3	-1.9	3.28	3.32	0.04
Child care	156.4	141.2	143.9	1.9	-8.0	1.42	1.44	0.02
Hairdressing and personal grooming services	113.8	116.8	117.9	0.9	3.6	1.05	1.06	0.01
Other household services	120.2	122.5	123.4	0.7	2.7	0.81	0.81	0.00
Health	132.2	133.7	136.3	1.9	3.1	6.44	6.56	0.12
Medical products, appliances and equipment	106.1	102.4	106.8	4.3	0.7	1.28	1.33	0.05
Pharmaceutical products	107.3	103.0	108.1	5.0	0.7	1.12	1.17	0.05
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	97.4	97.4	97.4	0.0	0.0	0.16	0.16	0.00
Medical, dental and hospital services	140.4	143.9	145.8	1.3	3.8	5.16	5.23	0.07
Medical and hospital services	145.0	148.9	150.9	1.3	4.1	4.54	4.60	0.06
Dental services	112.6	113.8	115.0	1.1	2.1	0.63	0.63	0.00
Transport	103.8	105.6	103.8	-1.7	0.0	11.83	11.62	-0.21
Private motoring	103.4	105.3	103.2	-2.0	-0.2	11.01	10.79	-0.22
Motor vehicles	93.6	91.3	93.5	2.4	-0.1	2.90	2.97	0.07
Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles	109.5	111.5	112.0	0.4	2.3	0.86	0.86	0.00
Automotive fuel	97.6	103.2	94.2	-8.7	-3.5	3.59	3.28	-0.31
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	109.8	111.5	112.1	0.5	2.1	2.08	2.10	0.02
Other services in respect of motor vehicles	128.0	130.6	131.3	0.5	2.6	1.58	1.59	0.01
Urban transport fares	109.9	110.7	112.0	1.2	1.9	0.82	0.83	0.01
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(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2018	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Mar Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019
Communication	85.3	81.9	81.4	-0.6	-4.6	2.88	2.86	-0.02
Communication	85.3	81.9	81.4	-0.6	-4.6	2.88	2.86	-0.02
Postal services	116.7	128.2	128.5	0.2	10.1	0.10	0.10	0.00
Telecommunication equipment and services	84.0	80.3	79.8	-0.6	-5.0	2.78	2.76	-0.02
Recreation and culture	104.2	106.7	105.1	-1.5	0.9	14.49	14.27	-0.22
Audio, visual and computing equipment and services	71.6	70.6	69.2	-2.0	-3.4	2.03	1.99	-0.04
Audio, visual and computing equipment	56.2	52.8	51.9	-1.7	-7.7	1.23	1.21	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing media and services	94.6	100.5	98.0	-2.5	3.6	0.80	0.78	-0.02
Newspapers, books and stationery	112.8	111.5	112.0	0.4	-0.7	0.76	0.76	0.00
Books	103.2	98.7	102.5	3.9	-0.7	0.25	0.26	0.01
Newspapers, magazines and stationery	118.4	118.9	117.4	-1.3	-0.8	0.51	0.50	-0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	111.5	117.5	114.0	-3.0	2.2	7.00	6.79	-0.21
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	117.0	123.7	119.0	-3.8	1.7	3.51	3.38	-0.13
International holiday travel and accommodation	107.1	112.3	109.9	-2.1	2.6	3.49	3.41	-0.08
Other recreation, sport and culture	112.0	112.6	113.3	0.6	1.2	4.70	4.73	0.03
Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation	104.8	104.1	105.6	1.4	0.8	0.64	0.65	0.01
Games, toys and hobbies	86.2	84.8	86.3	1.8	0.1	0.83	0.84	0.01
Pets and related products	101.8	102.6	104.2	1.6	2.4	0.49	0.50	0.01
Veterinary and other services for pets	123.1	124.5	125.6	0.9	2.0	0.43	0.44	0.01
Sports participation	120.9	122.9	121.3	-1.3	0.3	1.11	1.10	-0.01
Other recreational, sporting and cultural services	125.9	127.9	128.3	0.3	1.9	1.19	1.20	0.01
Education	132.1	132.3	135.9	2.7	2.9	4.85	4.99	0.14
Education	132.1	132.3	135.9	2.7	2.9	4.85	4.99	0.14
Preschool and primary education	133.6	132.1	135.1	2.3	1.1	1.06	1.08	0.02
Secondary education	136.6	136.6	142.3	4.2	4.2	1.97	2.05	0.08
Tertiary education	127.2	128.4	130.3	1.5	2.4	1.83	1.86	0.03
Insurance and financial services	113.0	114.4	114.2	-0.2	1.1	6.67	6.66	-0.01
Insurance	128.0	130.9	130.5	-0.3	2.0	1.47	1.47	0.00
Insurance	128.0	130.9	130.5	-0.3	2.0	1.47	1.47	0.00
Financial services	107.5	108.5	108.4	-0.1	0.8	5.20	5.19	-0.01
Deposit and loan facilities (direct charges)	99.2	99.4	99.6	0.2	0.4	0.65	0.65	0.00
Other financial services	109.3	110.5	110.3	-0.2	0.9	4.55	4.54	-0.01
All groups CPI	112.6	114.1	114.1	0.0	1.3	114.1	114.1	0.0

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

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

	INDEX NUMBERS(b)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS CPI INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2018	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Mar Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018	Mar Qtr 2019	Dec Qtr 2018 to Mar Qtr 2019
All groups CPI	112.6	114.1	114.1	0.0	1.3	114.1	114.1	0.0
All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted	r112.6	114.0	114.1	0.1	1.3	..	..	..
Underlying trend series								
Trimmed mean(c)	..	..	..	0.3	1.6	..	..	..
Weighted median(c)	..	..	..	0.1	1.2	..	..	..
International trade exposure series								
Tradables	101.7	102.7	102.1	-0.6	0.4	38.39	38.14	-0.25
Non-tradables	119.3	121.1	121.5	0.3	1.8	75.71	75.94	0.23
Goods and services series								
Goods component	109.3	110.9	110.7	-0.2	1.3	60.84	60.77	-0.07
Services component	117.2	118.5	118.7	0.2	1.3	53.26	53.32	0.06
All groups CPI including								
Deposit and loan facilities (indirect charges)	113.6	115.1	115.1	0.0	1.3	..	..	..
Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'								
Goods	108.1	109.7	109.8	0.1	1.6	48.46	48.52	0.06
Services	110.6	112.2	111.7	-0.4	1.0	37.46	37.27	-0.19
Total	109.1	110.7	110.6	-0.1	1.4	85.92	85.80	-0.12
All groups CPI excluding								
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	113.8	115.4	115.1	-0.3	1.1	96.03	95.76	-0.27
Alcohol and tobacco	110.5	111.5	111.5	0.0	0.9	105.49	105.45	-0.04
Clothing and footwear	113.4	114.9	115.0	0.1	1.4	110.35	110.38	0.03
Housing	110.3	111.9	111.9	0.0	1.5	87.72	87.71	-0.01
Furnishings, household equipment and services	113.5	115.2	115.2	0.0	1.5	103.97	103.99	0.02
Health	111.5	113.0	112.9	-0.1	1.3	107.66	107.52	-0.14
Transport	113.8	115.2	115.4	0.2	1.4	102.27	102.46	0.19
Communication	113.5	115.1	115.1	0.0	1.4	111.22	111.22	0.00
Recreation and culture	113.8	115.2	115.4	0.2	1.4	99.61	99.82	0.21
Education	111.9	113.5	113.3	-0.2	1.3	109.24	109.10	-0.14
Insurance and financial services	112.6	114.1	114.1	0.0	1.3	107.43	107.43	0.00
Housing, Insurance and financial services	110.1	111.7	111.7	0.0	1.5	81.06	81.05	-0.01
Medical and hospital services	111.5	112.9	112.8	-0.1	1.2	109.56	109.49	-0.07
Food and energy	113.4	114.9	114.9	0.0	1.3	92.27	92.33	0.06
'Volatile items'	113.4	114.7	114.9	0.2	1.3	107.94	108.11	0.17

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

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

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

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by the CPI population group (i.e. metropolitan households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eleven groups:

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

2 Capital city indexes used by the CPI are based on the 2011 Australian Statistical Geography Standard (ASGS) Greater Capital City Statistical Areas. The capital city indexes measure price movements over time in each city individually. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.

3 Further information about the CPI is contained in *Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0).

PRICES

4 The frequency of price collection by item varies as necessary to obtain reliable price measures. Prices of some items are volatile (i.e. their prices may vary many times each quarter) and for these items frequent price observations are necessary to obtain a reliable measure of the average price for the quarter. Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for goods such as alcohol, men's and women's clothing, project homes, motor vehicles, petrol and holiday travel and accommodation. In the case of transactions data, revenue and quantity data are collected on a weekly basis. For most other items, price volatility is not a problem and prices are collected once a quarter. There are a few items where prices are changed at infrequent intervals, for example education fees where prices are set once a year. In these cases, the frequency of price collection is modified accordingly.

5 In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload, the number of items for which prices are collected quarterly is distributed roughly equally across each month of each quarter. In all cases, however, individual items are priced in the same month of each quarter. For example, items for which prices are collected in the first month of the September quarter, July, are also priced in the first month of subsequent quarters, namely October, January and April.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 87 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the 17th 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 formerly been made at approximately six yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. From the introduction of the 17th series CPI in December quarter 2017, the weights are now updated annually. The Household Expenditure Survey (HES) is used to re-weight the CPI in the years where it is available, currently six-yearly. In inter-HES years, Household Final Consumption Expenditure (HFCE) data from the National Accounts is used as the primary data source for updating the weights. The CPI now comprises seventeen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current weighting patterns for the CPI for the weighted average of the eight capital cities and for

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

WEIGHTING PATTERN *continued*

each of the eight capital cities are published in Information Paper: Introduction of the Consumer Price Index Weight Update, 2018 (cat. no. 6470.0.55.002). The historical weighting patterns for the CPI are published in Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns, 1948 - 2017 (cat. no. 6431.0). Both publications are available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

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

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

December Quarter 2018 = 114.1 (see Table 1)

Less December 2017 = 112.1 (see Table 1)

Change in index points = 2

Percentage change = $2/112.1 \times 100 = 1.8\%$ (see Table 2)

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

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

10 Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related products sub-group contributed 1.11 index points to the total All groups index number of 113.5 for the September Quarter 2018. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

ANALYTICAL SERIES

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

- *All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted*: Comprises all components included in the All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted where seasonality has been identified at the weighted average of eight capital cities level. Seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using the history of price changes up to the current quarter CPI and are revised each quarter.
 - Where CPI expenditure classes are identified as having a seasonal pattern, quarterly price changes are estimated on a seasonally adjusted basis. At the introduction of the 17th series, 57 out of the 87 expenditure classes were classified as seasonal. A description of which series are currently seasonally adjusted is published in the Appendix of every December quarter issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no. 6401.0), following the annual seasonal reanalysis.
- *Underlying trend series, 'Trimmed mean' and 'Weighted median'*: These are two analytical measures of trend inflation calculated from the June quarter 2002 using standard ABS seasonal adjustment techniques. For more information see the Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011 (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003). The trimmed mean and weighted median are calculated using the distribution of expenditure classes each quarter derived as follows:

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ANALYTICAL SERIES *continued*

- The CPI expenditure classes are ranked from lowest to highest according to the seasonally adjusted percentage change from the previous quarter.
- The seasonally adjusted relative weight of each expenditure class is calculated based on its previous quarter contribution to the All groups CPI.
- The 'Trimmed mean' is calculated by using a weighted average of percentage change from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted) from the middle 70 per cent of the distribution.
- The 'Weighted median' is calculated using the percentage change from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted) expenditure class at the 50th percentile of the distribution.
- *International Trade Exposure series, Tradables component*: Comprises all items whose prices are largely determined on the world market. For more information, see paragraph 12 below.
- *International Trade Exposure series, Non-tradables component*: Comprises all items not included in the Tradables component.
- *All groups CPI, goods component*: Comprises the food and non-alcoholic beverages group (except restaurant meals); alcohol and tobacco group; clothing and footwear group (except cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear); furnishings, household equipment and services group (except domestic and household services sub-group); utilities, audio, visual and computing equipment and services, and newspapers, books and stationery sub-groups; and new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers, pharmaceutical products, motor vehicles, automotive fuel, spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles, equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation, games, toys and hobbies and pets and related products expenditure classes.
- *All groups CPI, services component*: Comprises all items not included in the 'All groups CPI, goods component'. A description of which series are goods or services is published in the Appendix of the December quarter 2017 issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no 6401.0).
- *All groups CPI including deposit and loan facilities (indirect charges)*: One of the outcomes of the 16th series CPI Review was to remove the indirectly measured component of the deposit and loan facilities index from the headline CPI but to include it in a new analytical series. This index includes the 17th series All groups CPI plus the indirectly measured component of the deposit and loan facilities index.
- *Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'*: in addition to the items excluded from the series 'All groups CPI excluding 'volatile items'', also excludes: utilities, property rates and charges, child care, health, other services in respect of motor vehicles, urban transport fares, postal services, and education.
- *All groups CPI excluding insurance and financial services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from the September quarter 1989 to the June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and mortgage interest charges and consumer credit charges; from the September quarter 1998 to the June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from the September quarter 2000 to the June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding insurance services; from the September quarter 2005 to the June quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding financial and insurance services; from the September quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding insurance and financial services.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ANALYTICAL SERIES *continued*

- *All groups CPI excluding housing and insurance and financial services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from the September quarter 1989 to the June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding housing, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and consumer credit charges; from the September quarter 1998 to the June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding housing, house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from the September quarter 2000 to the June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding housing and insurance services; from the September quarter 2005 to the June quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding housing and financial and insurance services; from the September quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding housing and insurance and financial services.
- *All groups CPI excluding food and energy*: Comprises the All groups CPI excluding the food and non-alcoholic beverages group (except restaurant meals); electricity, gas and other household fuels; and automotive fuel.
- *All groups CPI excluding 'volatile items'*: Comprises the All groups CPI excluding fruit and vegetables and automotive fuel.

12 The International Trade Exposure series was reviewed and updated for the December quarter 2016. There were eight changes of classification outlined in the September quarter 2016 feature article 'Review of the Consumer Price Index International Trade Exposure Series' (cat. no. 6401.0): breakfast cereals; waters, soft drinks and juices; gas and other household fuels; therapeutic appliances and equipment; and newspaper, magazines and stationery were reclassified from non-tradables to tradables; and spirits; tobacco; and pharmaceutical products were reclassified from tradables to non-tradables. These changes are included from the December quarter 2016. The historical tradables and non-tradables series will not be revised. A description of which expenditure classes are tradables or non-tradables is published in the Appendix of the December quarter 2017 issue of Consumer Price Index, Australia (cat. no 6401.0).

ROUNDING

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

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES

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

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

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the combined adjustment factors for the previous quarter and for the same quarter in the preceding year as the reference quarter (i.e. if the latest quarter is June quarter 2018 then the most significant revisions will be to March quarter 2018 and June quarter 2017). The seasonal patterns are also reanalysed on an annual basis or when there are known changes to regular events. This can lead to additional revisions.

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

17 The ABS applies seasonal adjustment to the expenditure class components of the CPI which are found to be seasonal, and then aggregates the seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted components to calculate the All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted, Trimmed mean and Weighted median estimates. The seasonally adjusted expenditure class components are available in Table 13 – CPI expenditure classes and selected analytical series, seasonally adjusted index numbers, weighted average of eight capital cities. The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally adjusted indexes are available in Table 14 – CPI expenditure class, combined seasonal adjustment factors, weighted average of eight capital cities. For more information about seasonal adjustment of the CPI please refer to *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003).

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

18 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate because of the different measurement approaches used by countries for certain products, particularly housing and financial and insurance services. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'if possible, compile and provide for dissemination to the international community an index that excludes housing and financial services' in addition to the all-items index.

REVISIONS

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

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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

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

- *Information Paper: Introduction of the Consumer Price Index Weight Update, 2018* (cat. no. 6470.0.55.002)

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RELATED PUBLICATIONS *continued*

- *An update on the Annual Re-weighting of the Australian CPI and Living Cost Indexes*, August 2018 (cat. no. 6401.0.60.006)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 17th Series Australian Consumer Price Index*, 2017 (cat. no. 6470.0.55.001)
- *Consumer Price Index: 17th Series Weighting Pattern*, Sep 2017 (cat. no. 6473.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns, 1948 - 2017* (cat. no. 6431.0)
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index: 17th Series, 2017* (cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Information Paper: An Implementation Plan to Annually Re-weight the Australian CPI*, 2017 (cat.no. 6401.0.60.005)
- *Information Paper: An Implementation Plan to Maximise the Use of Transactions Data in the CPI*, Jun 2017 (cat.no. 6401.0.60.004)
- *Enhancing the Australian CPI: A roadmap, Aug 2015* (cat. no. 6401.0.60.001)
- *Information Paper: Increasing the Frequency of CPI Expenditure Class Weight Updates, July 2016* (cat. no. 6401.0.60.002)
- *Information Paper: Making Greater Use of Transactions Data to compile the Consumer Price Index, Australia, 2016* (cat. no. 6401.0.60.003)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Correspondence with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia* (cat. no. 6446.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003)
- *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6467.0)
- *Residential Property Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6427.0)
- *International Trade Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6457.0)
- *Wage Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6345.0)

DATA AVAILABLE

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

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