

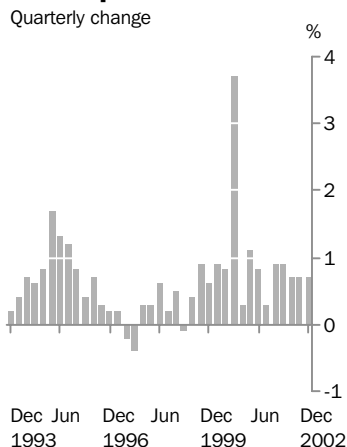


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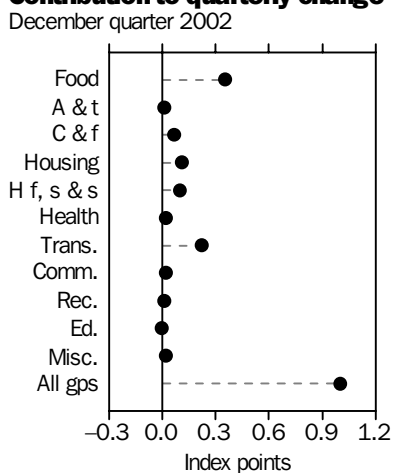
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DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

All Groups



Contribution to quarterly change



<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>	<i>% change Sep Qtr 2002 to Dec Qtr 2002</i>	<i>% change Dec Qtr 2001 to Dec Qtr 2002</i>
Food	1.4	2.5
Alcohol and tobacco	0.0	2.7
Clothing and footwear	0.9	1.2
Housing	0.4	3.2
Household furnishings, supplies and services	0.9	1.1
Health	0.4	6.6
Transportation	1.1	3.1
Communication	0.5	2.8
Recreation	0.1	3.5
Education	0.1	5.0
Miscellaneous	0.3	4.3

All groups	0.7	3.0
All groups excluding Housing	0.8	2.9

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.7% in the December quarter 2002, the same as in the September quarter 2002.
- rose 3.0% between the December quarters 2001 and 2002.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of vegetables (+5.5%), automotive fuel (+1.8%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+2.7%), house purchase (+0.7%), furniture (+2.4%), motor vehicles (+0.9%), hospital and medical services (+1.5%), women's outerwear (+2.4%), cakes and biscuits (+2.8%) and fruit (+2.5%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.0%), gas and other household fuels (-3.9%), pharmaceuticals (-2.9%) and toys, games and hobbies (-3.2%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in the cost of automotive fuel (+8.1%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+15.2%), house purchase (+3.5%), hospital and medical services (+9.0%), tobacco (+4.7%), rents (+2.0%), vegetables (+8.9%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+4.3%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of audio, visual and computing equipment (-10.2%) and fruit (-8.0%).

- For further information about these and related statistics, contact Steve Whennan on Canberra 02 6252 6251, or the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

NOTES

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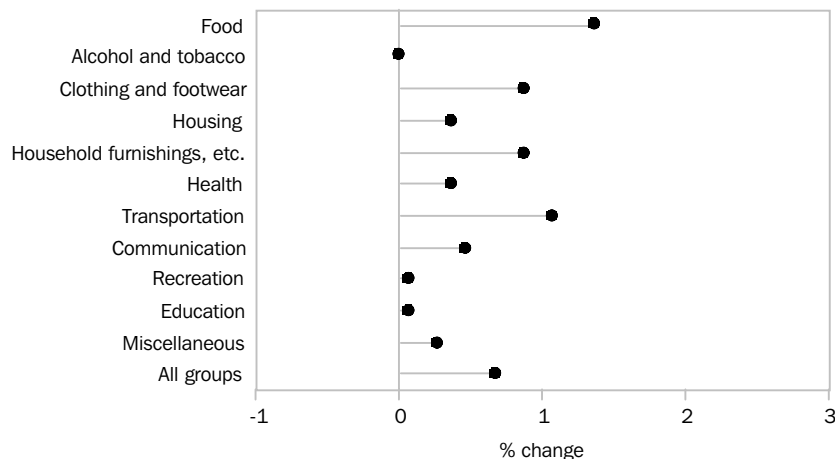
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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

CPI GROUPS, WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

The discussion of the CPI groups below is ordered in terms of their significance to the change in All groups index points (see Tables 6 and 7).

FOOD (+1.4%)

The rise in food costs this quarter was mainly attributable to an increase in the cost of vegetables (+5.5%), cakes and biscuits (+2.8%), and fruit (+2.5%). Milk (+2.5%), snacks and confectionery (+1.7%) and restaurant meals (+1.0%) also contributed to the quarterly movement. Partially offsetting these increases were small decreases in a number of items.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, food costs rose 2.5%.

TRANSPORTATION (+1.1%)

The rise in transportation costs was mainly due to an increase in the cost of automotive fuel (+1.8%), motor vehicles (+0.9%) and motor vehicle parts and accessories (+2.9%). Petrol prices fell in July (-0.3%), rose in August (+0.2%), September (+1.6%) and October (+2.8%) and fell in November (-2.4%) and December (-1.2%). Partially offsetting these increases was a small fall in motor vehicle repair and servicing (-0.2%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, transportation costs rose 3.1%.

HOUSING (+0.4%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly attributable to increases in house purchase (+0.7%) and rents (+0.4%). Partially offsetting these increases was a fall in the cost of gas and other household fuels (-3.9%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, housing costs rose 3.2%.

HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (+0.9%)

The rise in household furnishings, supplies and services was mainly due to increases in furniture (+2.4%), floor and window coverings (+1.5%) and household services (+1.4%). Partially offsetting these increases was a small fall in other household supplies (-0.4%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, household furnishings, supplies and services costs rose 1.1%.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+0.9%)

The increase in the cost of clothing and footwear was mainly due to increases in the cost of women's outerwear (+2.4%), men's outerwear (+2.5%) and children's and infants' clothing (+2.8%). Partially offsetting these increases were decreases in the cost of clothing accessories and jewellery (-1.4%), women's footwear (-1.4%) and men's footwear (-2.1%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, clothing and footwear costs rose 1.2%.

HEALTH (+0.4%)

The rise in health costs this quarter was due to an increase in the cost of hospital and medical services (+1.5%) and dental services (+0.9%). Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in pharmaceuticals (-2.9%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, health costs rose 6.6%.

MISCELLANEOUS (+0.3%)

The increase in prices in the miscellaneous group was mainly due to an increase in the cost of insurance services (+0.3%), child care (+1.7%) and hairdressing and personal care services (+0.6%). Partially offsetting these increases was a small fall in the cost of toiletries and personal care products (-0.1%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, miscellaneous costs rose 4.3%.

COMMUNICATION (+0.5%)

The increase in communication costs this quarter was due to a rise in the cost of telecommunication (+0.5%). There were no decreases this quarter.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, communication costs rose 2.8%.

RECREATION (+0.1%)

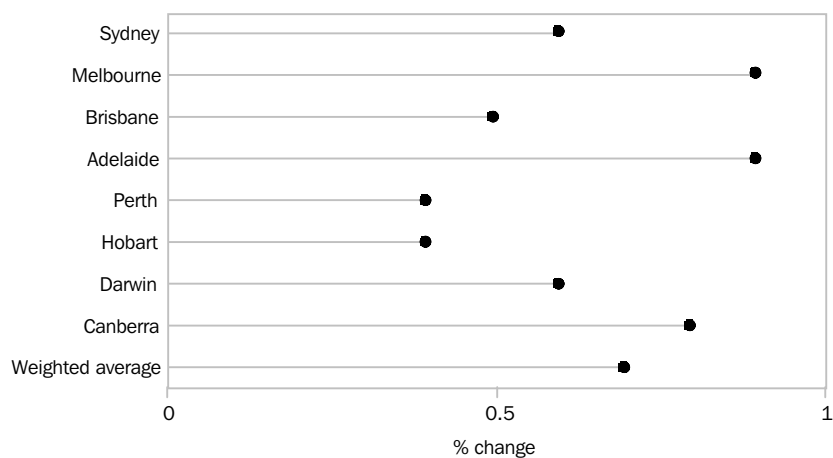
The small rise in recreation costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+2.7%) being largely offset by falls in audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.0%) and toys, games and hobbies (-3.2%).

Over the twelve months to December 2002, recreation costs rose 3.5%.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the December quarter 2002 CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 0.4% in Perth and Hobart to 0.9% in Melbourne and Adelaide.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2002, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 2.0% in Darwin to 3.6% in Adelaide.

CPI, All groups index numbers(a) and percentage changes

	INDEX		
	NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
		Dec Qtr 2002	Sep Qtr 2002 and Dec Qtr 2002
Sydney	140.4	0.6	2.8
Melbourne	139.0	0.9	3.1
Brisbane	139.9	0.5	3.0
Adelaide	141.5	0.9	3.6
Perth	136.4	0.4	2.9
Hobart	138.0	0.4	3.1
Darwin	136.2	0.6	2.0
Canberra	139.2	0.8	3.2
Weighted average of eight capital cities	139.5	0.7	3.0

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

ALL GROUPS, 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>
1998-99	122.5	120.9	122.9	123.2	120.1	122.5	122.4	121.5	121.8
1999-2000	125.4	124.1	125.0	126.3	122.9	124.8	124.2	124.2	124.7
2000-01	133.2	131.6	132.4	133.5	129.6	132.0	130.9	131.9	132.2
2001-02	137.2	135.3	136.3	137.2	133.1	134.7	133.7	135.2	136.0
1998									
December	122.4	120.8	123.0	123.6	120.2	122.7	122.7	121.7	121.9
1999									
March	122.6	121.0	122.8	122.7	119.8	122.1	122.1	121.4	121.8
June	123.0	121.5	123.1	123.6	120.8	122.5	122.7	121.5	122.3
September	124.1	122.7	124.0	125.1	121.9	123.3	122.9	122.4	123.4
December	124.7	123.5	124.1	125.7	122.7	124.0	123.6	123.7	124.1
2000									
March	125.8	124.7	125.5	126.8	123.1	125.3	124.4	124.9	125.2
June	127.0	125.6	126.4	127.6	124.0	126.5	125.7	125.9	126.2
September	131.6	130.4	131.3	132.3	128.6	131.3	130.0	130.7	130.9
December	132.2	130.8	131.6	132.5	128.8	131.2	130.6	131.1	131.3
2001									
March	134.0	132.2	132.7	134.1	129.6	132.1	130.7	132.2	132.7
June	135.0	133.0	134.0	135.1	131.4	133.4	132.2	133.4	133.8
September	135.4	133.6	134.2	135.3	131.5	132.8	132.5	133.2	134.2
December	136.6	134.8	135.8	136.6	132.6	133.9	133.5	134.9	135.4
2002									
March	137.9	136.0	137.1	137.7	133.7	135.2	133.8	135.6	136.6
June	138.8	136.9	138.1	139.1	134.6	137.0	135.0	137.2	137.6
September	139.6	137.8	139.2	140.3	135.8	137.5	135.4	138.1	138.5
December	140.4	139.0	139.9	141.5	136.4	138.0	136.2	139.2	139.5

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

ALL GROUPS, 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)									
1998-99	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2
1999-2000	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4
2000-01	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.0
2001-02	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1998									
December	1.9	0.8	1.3	2.0	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6
1999									
March	1.6	1.2	0.7	0.8	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	1.2
June	1.3	1.0	0.7	1.0	1.6	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.1
September	1.8	1.9	1.2	1.7	1.9	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.7
December	1.9	2.2	0.9	1.7	2.1	1.1	0.7	1.6	1.8
2000									
March	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.3	2.8	2.6	1.9	2.9	2.8
June	3.3	3.4	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.4	3.6	3.2
September	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.8	6.8	6.1
December	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.8
2001									
March	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.8	6.0
June	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.2	6.0	6.0
September	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.9	2.5
December	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.1
2002									
March	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9
June	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.8
September	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5	2.2	3.7	3.2
December	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.0	3.2	3.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
1998									
December	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
1999									
March	0.2	0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.1
June	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.4
September	0.9	1.0	0.7	1.2	0.9	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.9
December	0.5	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6	1.1	0.6
2000									
March	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.9
June	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7
December	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
2001									
March	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.8	1.1
June	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
September	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.3
December	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	0.9
2002									
March	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9
June	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.7
September	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7
December	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Index Numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
1998-99	126.5	168.7	106.7	95.8	113.7	163.4
1999-2000	129.2	175.2	105.5	99.9	113.3	158.7
2000-01	135.6	194.7	112.5	107.9	117.3	164.3
2001-02	142.7	203.1	112.4	111.1	119.7	169.9
1998						
December	126.0	167.9	106.9	95.5	114.1	171.3
1999						
March	127.5	169.2	106.3	96.2	113.0	154.6
June	127.8	170.3	106.7	96.6	113.6	155.2
September	128.5	170.8	106.2	98.1	113.0	156.8
December	128.9	174.2	105.2	99.6	113.3	156.5
2000						
March	129.1	177.1	104.8	100.7	112.8	160.2
June	130.2	178.6	105.7	101.2	114.1	161.3
September	132.4	190.2	113.5	107.4	116.4	162.1
December	133.4	192.1	113.1	107.7	116.3	161.9
2001						
March	137.6	197.1	110.7	108.2	117.2	166.4
June	138.8	199.4	112.5	108.4	119.3	166.7
September	139.8	201.5	111.1	110.0	118.9	166.5
December	143.4	201.8	112.7	110.7	120.3	166.1
2002						
March	144.2	203.9	112.2	111.5	119.4	171.1
June	143.5	205.0	113.7	112.2	120.3	175.9
September	145.0	207.3	113.0	113.7	120.5	176.4
December	147.0	207.3	114.0	114.2	121.6	177.1

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Index Numbers(a) *continued*

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
1998-99	122.1	102.9	119.4	174.1	143.5	121.8
1999-2000	128.9	97.8	120.4	182.4	153.2	124.7
2000-01	137.0	104.7	124.6	191.4	166.0	132.2
2001-02	137.3	105.2	128.6	200.0	171.8	136.0
1998						
December	121.9	104.1	119.3	170.3	143.0	121.9
1999						
March	121.2	101.2	120.2	177.8	144.0	121.8
June	122.9	100.9	119.8	177.8	145.0	122.3
September	126.9	97.7	120.4	177.8	147.1	123.4
December	126.4	97.3	121.0	177.8	150.2	124.1
2000						
March	130.1	97.5	120.2	187.0	155.3	125.2
June	132.1	98.8	120.0	187.0	160.3	126.2
September	135.6	105.6	124.8	187.3	163.5	130.9
December	136.4	104.9	124.6	187.5	165.0	131.3
2001						
March	136.7	104.4	124.5	195.4	166.7	132.7
June	139.4	103.8	124.3	195.4	168.7	133.8
September	137.0	103.6	125.4	195.4	170.4	134.2
December	136.1	105.4	127.5	195.5	170.6	135.4
2002						
March	136.8	105.5	130.4	204.6	172.8	136.6
June	139.3	106.3	131.1	204.6	173.5	137.6
September	138.8	107.9	131.8	205.0	177.4	138.5
December	140.3	108.4	131.9	205.3	178.0	139.5

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Percentage Changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
1998-99	3.9	2.5	-0.7	1.4	-0.1	-1.2
1999-2000	2.1	3.9	-1.1	4.3	-0.4	-2.9
2000-01	5.0	11.1	6.6	8.0	3.5	3.5
2001-02	5.2	4.3	-0.1	3.0	2.0	3.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
1998						
December	4.0	2.2	-0.8	1.4	0.3	4.1
1999						
March	4.4	2.3	-1.0	3.0	-0.7	-7.5
June	3.8	2.2	-0.6	2.2	-0.4	-9.5
September	3.0	2.0	-0.7	3.5	-0.8	-9.0
December	2.3	3.8	-1.6	4.3	-0.7	-8.6
2000						
March	1.3	4.7	-1.4	4.7	-0.2	3.6
June	1.9	4.9	-0.9	4.8	0.4	3.9
September	3.0	11.4	6.9	9.5	3.0	3.4
December	3.5	10.3	7.5	8.1	2.6	3.5
2001						
March	6.6	11.3	5.6	7.4	3.9	3.9
June	6.6	11.6	6.4	7.1	4.6	3.3
September	5.6	5.9	-2.1	2.4	2.1	2.7
December	7.5	5.0	-0.4	2.8	3.4	2.6
2002						
March	4.8	3.5	1.4	3.0	1.9	2.8
June	3.4	2.8	1.1	3.5	0.8	5.5
September	3.7	2.9	1.7	3.4	1.3	5.9
December	2.5	2.7	1.2	3.2	1.1	6.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
1998						
December	1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.6
1999						
March	1.2	0.8	-0.6	0.7	-1.0	-9.7
June	0.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
September	0.5	0.3	-0.5	1.6	-0.5	1.0
December	0.3	2.0	-0.9	1.5	0.3	-0.2
2000						
March	0.2	1.7	-0.4	1.1	-0.4	2.4
June	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.7
September	1.7	6.5	7.4	6.1	2.0	0.5
December	0.8	1.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
2001						
March	3.1	2.6	-2.1	0.5	0.8	2.8
June	0.9	1.2	1.6	0.2	1.8	0.2
September	0.7	1.1	-1.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.1
December	2.6	0.1	1.4	0.6	1.2	-0.2
2002						
March	0.6	1.0	-0.4	0.7	-0.7	3.0
June	-0.5	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.8	2.8
September	1.0	1.1	-0.6	1.3	0.2	0.3
December	1.4	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.4

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
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PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)

1998-99	-1.1	-3.5	1.4	5.1	3.6	1.2
1999-2000	5.6	-5.0	0.8	4.8	6.8	2.4
2000-01	6.3	7.1	3.5	4.9	8.4	6.0
2001-02	0.2	0.5	3.2	4.5	3.5	2.9

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

1998						
December	-1.7	-2.5	1.9	5.9	3.5	1.6
1999						
March	-1.4	-5.2	1.3	4.4	3.7	1.2
June	0.1	-4.9	0.9	4.4	3.6	1.1
September	3.8	-7.1	1.9	4.4	3.5	1.7
December	3.7	-6.5	1.4	4.4	5.0	1.8
2000						
March	7.3	-3.7	0.0	5.2	7.8	2.8
June	7.5	-2.1	0.2	5.2	10.6	3.2
September	6.9	8.1	3.7	5.3	11.1	6.1
December	7.9	7.8	3.0	5.5	9.9	5.8
2001						
March	5.1	7.1	3.6	4.5	7.3	6.0
June	5.5	5.1	3.6	4.5	5.2	6.0
September	1.0	-1.9	0.5	4.3	4.2	2.5
December	-0.2	0.5	2.3	4.3	3.4	3.1
2002						
March	0.1	1.1	4.7	4.7	3.7	2.9
June	-0.1	2.4	5.5	4.7	2.8	2.8
September	1.3	4.2	5.1	4.9	4.1	3.2
December	3.1	2.8	3.5	5.0	4.3	3.0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

1998						
December	-0.3	-1.0	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.5
1999						
March	-0.6	-2.8	0.8	4.4	0.7	-0.1
June	1.4	-0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.7	0.4
September	3.3	-3.2	0.5	0.0	1.4	0.9
December	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	0.0	2.1	0.6
2000						
March	2.9	0.2	-0.7	5.2	3.4	0.9
June	1.5	1.3	-0.2	0.0	3.2	0.8
September	2.6	6.9	4.0	0.2	2.0	3.7
December	0.6	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.9	0.3
2001						
March	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	4.2	1.0	1.1
June	2.0	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	1.2	0.8
September	-1.7	-0.2	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.3
December	-0.7	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
2002						
March	0.5	0.1	2.3	4.7	1.3	0.9
June	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.7
September	-0.4	1.5	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.7
December	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
2000									
December	134.6	132.8	131.9	134.2	132.7	132.0	132.5	135.9	133.4
2001									
March	139.2	136.8	137.1	139.4	135.2	134.3	134.8	139.4	137.6
June	139.3	138.8	138.5	139.4	138.1	136.0	137.0	141.0	138.8
September	139.9	140.1	139.7	140.5	139.1	135.7	136.2	141.6	139.8
December	144.0	143.1	144.1	143.8	142.7	138.2	139.2	147.7	143.4
2002									
March	144.6	143.2	145.3	144.6	145.1	140.4	140.3	146.5	144.2
June	143.8	142.6	145.1	143.6	143.4	141.1	139.3	147.0	143.5
September	144.8	145.1	146.1	145.4	144.9	142.0	139.4	147.7	145.0
December	147.7	146.7	147.1	148.1	145.5	143.0	140.6	150.9	147.0
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2000									
December	198.2	189.1	192.0	196.0	182.7	181.6	183.2	183.7	192.1
2001									
March	203.3	194.8	195.5	200.5	187.7	185.4	186.8	187.6	197.1
June	204.9	198.0	198.9	203.3	188.7	188.6	190.6	189.1	199.4
September	206.8	200.7	200.2	205.9	190.7	189.4	192.1	190.1	201.5
December	207.0	201.2	200.8	205.5	191.2	189.5	193.0	191.3	201.8
2002									
March	208.9	203.5	203.2	207.8	193.2	191.5	194.3	192.9	203.9
June	209.7	204.1	204.9	210.0	194.2	193.0	196.6	194.7	205.0
September	211.6	207.4	206.8	210.4	196.6	195.5	200.3	196.3	207.3
December	210.4	208.7	206.0	213.3	196.4	196.3	201.7	195.6	207.3
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2000									
December	113.3	115.4	109.7	111.2	111.0	112.9	108.0	114.0	113.1
2001									
March	112.3	112.5	102.9	110.5	108.6	110.7	103.6	112.9	110.7
June	114.0	113.2	107.0	112.3	111.2	112.2	105.4	114.5	112.5
September	113.1	112.7	105.8	108.4	107.8	109.3	107.2	112.9	111.1
December	114.3	112.9	108.0	112.2	110.5	113.9	109.4	115.2	112.7
2002									
March	114.9	113.4	105.4	110.6	108.1	110.9	106.3	116.0	112.2
June	116.5	114.2	106.6	113.0	110.5	113.3	108.2	116.7	113.7
September	115.0	113.7	107.6	111.5	110.5	107.4	107.1	117.5	113.0
December	116.5	114.9	107.5	112.2	111.0	108.3	108.8	118.5	114.0
HOUSING									
2000									
December	116.1	98.3	112.7	103.9	101.3	105.8	123.9	107.1	107.7
2001									
March	116.5	99.1	112.8	104.4	101.1	106.9	123.3	108.0	108.2
June	117.1	98.8	112.6	104.9	101.6	107.2	122.4	108.9	108.4
September	118.2	101.4	113.6	106.8	102.5	107.4	123.2	110.7	110.0
December	118.9	102.1	114.1	107.9	103.1	107.8	123.1	112.0	110.7
2002									
March	119.4	103.2	115.1	108.6	103.8	109.0	124.2	112.7	111.5
June	120.3	103.5	116.3	109.5	104.0	110.3	125.6	114.0	112.2
September	121.7	104.8	118.5	112.1	105.0	112.4	126.7	115.6	113.7
December	122.0	105.0	119.4	113.0	105.7	113.0	127.0	116.4	114.2

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES									
2000									
December	114.3	117.1	119.4	115.8	115.3	124.6	110.4	120.3	116.3
2001									
March	115.5	117.8	120.7	117.4	114.5	125.6	110.6	121.7	117.2
June	117.9	119.5	122.3	119.3	117.2	126.6	110.6	123.0	119.3
September	117.5	119.0	121.8	120.6	116.2	127.3	112.0	122.8	118.9
December	118.6	121.0	122.8	120.9	118.3	126.9	112.2	123.6	120.3
2002									
March	117.5	120.3	122.3	120.0	117.1	127.6	110.7	122.7	119.4
June	119.1	121.0	122.4	120.9	117.0	127.4	111.8	123.7	120.3
September	119.4	120.6	122.7	121.4	118.0	127.7	111.9	124.6	120.5
December	120.3	122.4	123.7	123.2	118.7	127.8	111.7	124.4	121.6
HEALTH									
2000									
December	153.0	172.8	155.7	167.6	154.7	177.4	152.4	157.1	161.9
2001									
March	157.2	177.8	160.4	170.7	158.7	181.5	154.9	162.5	166.4
June	157.7	177.7	161.3	171.3	158.9	181.4	155.1	163.1	166.7
September	157.0	177.9	161.5	170.9	158.9	180.3	154.4	162.9	166.5
December	157.1	177.7	160.7	169.3	158.2	180.5	153.8	162.0	166.1
2002									
March	161.7	183.2	166.1	173.7	162.5	185.8	157.7	168.9	171.1
June	165.2	186.5	173.6	178.0	171.5	193.6	162.1	173.3	175.9
September	165.6	187.0	175.2	178.1	172.0	193.4	162.4	173.7	176.4
December	165.3	189.4	176.4	178.1	171.8	192.9	163.8	173.5	177.1
TRANSPORTATION									
2000									
December	138.0	135.6	134.1	137.6	136.3	130.4	131.1	139.3	136.4
2001									
March	138.4	136.2	134.5	137.0	136.0	131.4	131.9	138.8	136.7
June	140.8	138.6	137.3	140.4	139.6	134.6	135.4	142.6	139.4
September	139.1	135.6	136.1	136.4	136.8	131.5	132.1	138.2	137.0
December	137.5	135.8	136.2	134.4	135.2	130.4	131.5	136.4	136.1
2002									
March	138.2	136.4	136.6	133.9	136.4	131.3	135.6	136.2	136.8
June	140.2	139.2	138.6	138.4	138.8	135.9	138.8	139.4	139.3
September	140.2	138.0	138.0	138.0	139.6	134.9	137.9	138.2	138.8
December	141.6	139.9	139.3	138.8	140.5	136.3	139.3	140.9	140.3
COMMUNICATION									
2000									
December	105.1	104.6	108.0	105.0	102.8	105.8	97.6	104.4	104.9
2001									
March	104.5	104.3	107.4	104.3	102.2	105.2	97.1	103.9	104.4
June	103.6	103.7	107.0	103.9	102.0	104.7	96.6	103.3	103.8
September	103.5	103.5	106.7	103.6	101.8	104.1	96.5	102.6	103.6
December	105.2	105.3	108.6	106.0	103.7	106.1	98.0	104.3	105.4
2002									
March	105.1	105.4	108.6	106.2	103.8	106.0	97.8	104.2	105.5
June	105.9	106.2	109.5	107.3	104.6	106.9	98.4	105.0	106.3
September	107.5	107.8	111.2	109.2	106.3	108.6	99.8	106.5	107.9
December	108.1	108.3	111.8	109.6	106.7	109.2	100.5	107.2	108.4

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
2000									
December	124.2	127.4	124.9	123.4	121.1	123.3	113.9	122.0	124.6
2001									
March	125.2	126.1	124.5	123.0	122.0	120.9	110.2	120.3	124.5
June	125.3	125.1	124.8	122.5	123.1	121.5	112.1	120.0	124.3
September	126.9	125.7	124.4	123.1	125.2	121.2	115.5	121.1	125.4
December	129.5	127.1	127.5	125.6	126.4	123.9	116.7	123.4	127.5
2002									
March	133.8	129.9	129.5	129.0	127.6	124.5	112.8	125.5	130.4
June	134.2	130.7	129.3	129.9	129.3	125.8	112.9	127.8	131.1
September	134.9	131.2	130.0	131.5	129.4	125.9	112.4	128.6	131.8
December	134.7	131.7	129.4	131.5	130.2	125.1	112.9	128.3	131.9
EDUCATION									
2000									
December	185.6	179.8	205.8	220.9	187.5	206.5	153.1	181.8	187.5
2001									
March	194.2	187.6	213.2	230.9	193.5	215.1	157.2	188.4	195.4
June	194.2	187.6	213.2	230.9	193.5	215.1	157.2	188.4	195.4
September	194.3	187.7	213.3	231.0	193.5	215.0	157.2	188.4	195.4
December	194.4	187.8	213.4	231.1	193.5	215.0	157.2	188.4	195.5
2002									
March	204.0	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
June	204.1	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
September	204.6	197.6	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.0
December	204.6	198.3	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.3
MISCELLANEOUS									
2000									
December	169.4	159.4	168.1	158.3	164.7	163.6	156.9	192.7	165.0
2001									
March	172.3	160.2	168.4	159.9	166.8	164.5	159.0	194.8	166.7
June	176.7	159.9	171.6	161.2	168.4	165.1	162.0	193.6	168.7
September	178.7	161.4	173.6	163.5	170.4	164.2	160.2	191.2	170.4
December	178.0	160.9	176.4	163.8	172.0	165.3	162.8	191.6	170.6
2002									
March	180.3	162.6	180.3	166.0	173.0	167.7	164.2	194.5	172.8
June	181.0	163.1	182.5	167.0	173.2	168.8	167.2	194.3	173.5
September	183.2	167.7	184.0	171.2	182.2	173.1	168.9	199.0	177.4
December	182.6	168.5	186.7	170.9	183.8	174.0	169.7	202.2	178.0

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	average of eight capital cities
Food	0.51	0.30	0.17	0.47	0.10	0.19	0.20	0.52	0.35
Dairy and related products	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.04
Milk	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	—	0.03	—	0.03	0.03
Cheese	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.02	—	—
Bread and cereal products	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.07
Bread	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02
Cakes and biscuits	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.04
Breakfast cereals	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Other cereal products	0.02	—	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Meat and seafoods	0.08	-0.04	-0.04	0.04	0.04	-0.04	-0.09	—	0.02
Beef and veal	0.02	0.03	—	0.02	—	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02
Lamb and mutton	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—
Pork	—	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.01
Poultry	0.01	-0.03	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.03	-0.06	0.01	—
Bacon and ham	—	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03	0.02	—	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	0.02	0.01	-0.02	0.02	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	—
Fish and other seafood	0.03	—	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.02
Fruit and vegetables	0.23	0.16	-0.02	0.24	-0.13	0.09	0.10	0.25	0.13
Fruit	0.08	0.04	-0.08	0.04	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.12	0.04
Vegetables	0.14	0.12	0.06	0.22	-0.12	0.12	0.08	0.13	0.10
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.02	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.04
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	0.03	0.03	0.05	—	—	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03
Meals out and take away foods	0.05	0.01	0.14	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.04
Restaurant meals	0.04	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.02	—	0.01	0.03
Take away and fast foods	0.01	—	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.01	0.01
Other food	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.05	—	0.03	—
Eggs	-0.02	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
Tea, coffee and food drinks	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	-0.03	-0.01	—	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—	—	-0.01
Fats and oils	-0.02	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.01
Food n.e.c.	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	—	-0.01	—	0.01	—
Alcohol and tobacco	-0.07	0.07	-0.03	0.15	-0.01	0.05	0.11	-0.05	0.01
Alcoholic drinks	-0.06	0.06	-0.05	0.09	-0.03	0.09	0.07	-0.06	-0.01
Beer	-0.04	0.03	-0.05	0.08	—	0.10	0.07	-0.05	-0.01
Wine	-0.03	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Spirits	—	0.01	—	—	-0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	—
Tobacco	0.01	—	0.02	0.07	0.02	-0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01
Clothing and footwear	0.10	0.07	—	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07
Men's clothing	0.05	-0.01	—	0.03	0.03	0.07	—	0.02	0.02
Men's outerwear	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	—	0.02	0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—
Women's clothing	0.05	0.09	-0.03	0.02	—	-0.02	0.06	0.01	0.04
Women's outerwear	0.07	0.09	-0.03	0.02	—	-0.03	0.06	0.01	0.05
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.02	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.02	—
Children's and infants' clothing	0.02	0.02	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Footwear	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.01	—	-0.01
Men's footwear	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01
Women's footwear	—	-0.02	—	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Children's footwear	—	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.04	-0.01	—	-0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery	-0.02	-0.03	0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.04	-0.01	—	-0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	0.01	—	—	0.02	0.01	—	—	—	—

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Housing	0.06	0.08	0.24	0.21	0.16	0.14	0.07	0.17	0.11
Rents	—	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.10	0.03
Utilities	—	-0.06	—	0.02	0.01	-0.03	—	—	-0.02
Electricity	—	0.08	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.02
Gas and other household fuels	—	-0.15	—	—	0.01	-0.02	—	—	-0.05
Water and sewerage	—	0.02	—	0.03	0.01	—	—	—	—
Other housing	0.06	0.12	0.16	0.10	0.12	0.11	0.04	0.06	0.10
House purchase	0.04	0.08	0.14	0.09	0.10	0.09	-0.01	0.09	0.08
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.06	-0.03	0.02
Household furnishings, supplies and services	0.09	0.14	0.10	0.17	0.07	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.10
Furniture and furnishings	0.13	0.16	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.02	0.05	0.10
Furniture	0.11	0.10	0.05	0.03	-0.01	0.01	—	0.05	0.07
Floor and window coverings	0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.01	—	0.01	0.02
Towels and linen	-0.01	0.05	-0.01	—	0.01	0.04	0.02	-0.01	0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.01	0.01	0.02	—	0.03	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—
Major household appliances	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	—
Small electric household appliances	—	—	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01	-0.04	—
Tools	—	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—
Household supplies	-0.02	-0.02	—	0.07	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01
Household cleaning agents	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	—
Other household supplies	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.07	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.05	-0.01
Household services	—	—	0.02	0.08	0.03	—	-0.01	—	0.02
Health	-0.01	0.09	0.04	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.04	-0.01	0.02
Health services	0.04	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.06
Hospital and medical services	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.06
Optical services	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—
Dental services	—	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	-0.05	-0.03	-0.05	-0.05	-0.03	-0.06	-0.02	-0.05	-0.04
Transportation	0.20	0.29	0.20	0.10	0.14	0.18	0.20	0.39	0.22
Private motoring	0.20	0.29	0.20	0.10	0.14	0.17	0.19	0.40	0.22
Motor vehicles	0.09	0.10	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.07	0.15	0.07
Automotive fuel	0.10	0.13	0.11	0.05	0.04	0.17	0.07	0.23	0.10
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	-0.01	-0.04	0.03	0.01	0.02	—	0.03	0.02	-0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	0.02	0.08	0.02	—	0.05	-0.02	0.03	—	0.03
Other motoring charges	—	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Urban transport fares	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	—	—
Communication	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecommunication	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02

<i>Group, sub-group and expenditure class</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
Recreation	-0.02	0.07	-0.07	—	0.10	-0.13	0.08	-0.06	0.01
Audio, visual and computing	-0.09	-0.05	-0.11	-0.08	-0.05	-0.11	-0.12	-0.13	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.07	-0.07	-0.09	-0.06	-0.07	-0.09	-0.10	-0.09	-0.07
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.02	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.01	0.02	0.02	—	0.02	0.03	—	0.01	0.01
Books	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—
Newspapers and magazines	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01
Sport and other recreation	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	0.05	—	0.01	0.01	-0.04	-0.01
Sports and recreational equipment	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.03	0.02	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies	-0.01	-0.04	-0.01	0.02	-0.04	—	—	-0.07	-0.02
Sports participation	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	-0.01	—	-0.02	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.01	—	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Other recreational activities	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.08	0.13	0.03	0.03	0.13	-0.05	0.19	0.10	0.09
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.07	0.15	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.10	0.11	0.15	0.09
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	—	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	0.09	-0.16	0.09	-0.04	—
Education	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preschool and primary education	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	-0.02	0.03	0.08	-0.01	0.06	0.03	0.03	0.10	0.02
Insurance services	—	0.01	0.03	—	—	0.01	0.03	—	0.01
Personal care	-0.02	0.01	0.04	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	0.10	—
Hairdressing and personal care services	—	—	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.04	—	0.04	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	-0.03	0.01	0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.04	—	0.07	—
Child care	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.05	0.01	—	—	0.01
All groups	0.8	1.2	0.7	1.2	0.6	0.5	0.8	1.1	1.0

(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change between
	2001	2002	2002	2002 and	2001 and	2002	2002	Sep Qtr 2002 and Dec Qtr 2002
Food	143.4	145.0	147.0	1.4	2.5	24.89	25.24	0.35
Dairy and related products	152.3	154.5	157.7	2.1	3.5	2.03	2.07	0.04
Milk	162.4	165.0	169.2	2.5	4.2	1.04	1.07	0.03
Cheese	130.7	130.2	132.1	1.5	1.1	0.49	0.50	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	153.5	158.2	160.9	1.7	4.8	0.50	0.50	—
Bread and cereal products	154.9	156.9	160.3	2.2	3.5	3.01	3.08	0.07
Bread	180.7	180.4	183.2	1.6	1.4	1.11	1.13	0.02
Cakes and biscuits	142.1	145.6	149.7	2.8	5.3	1.23	1.27	0.04
Breakfast cereals	129.2	133.0	136.1	2.3	5.3	0.34	0.35	0.01
Other cereal products	130.6	130.4	132.9	1.9	1.8	0.33	0.34	0.01
Meat and seafoods	132.8	133.7	134.4	0.5	1.2	3.82	3.84	0.02
Beef and veal	140.3	137.7	139.7	1.5	-0.4	0.82	0.84	0.02
Lamb and mutton	160.9	171.1	171.4	0.2	6.5	0.44	0.44	—
Pork	145.2	146.0	145.7	-0.2	0.3	0.30	0.29	-0.01
Poultry	98.0	97.5	96.5	-1.0	-1.5	0.63	0.63	—
Bacon and ham	131.4	135.3	131.9	-2.5	0.4	0.38	0.37	-0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	143.4	146.1	147.6	1.0	2.9	0.65	0.65	—
Fish and other seafood	123.3	121.9	125.4	2.9	1.7	0.60	0.62	0.02
Fruit and vegetables	134.5	129.9	135.3	4.2	0.6	3.23	3.36	0.13
Fruit	160.9	144.4	148.0	2.5	-8.0	1.47	1.51	0.04
Vegetables	117.4	121.1	127.8	5.5	8.9	1.76	1.86	0.10
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	142.8	145.6	147.5	1.3	3.3	3.25	3.29	0.04
Soft drinks, waters and juices	130.1	132.2	133.5	1.0	2.6	1.64	1.65	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	159.1	162.6	165.3	1.7	3.9	1.61	1.64	0.03
Meals out and take away foods	147.4	150.8	151.8	0.7	3.0	7.22	7.26	0.04
Restaurant meals	149.1	153.7	155.2	1.0	4.1	2.98	3.01	0.03
Take away and fast foods	147.5	150.2	150.9	0.5	2.3	4.24	4.25	0.01
Other food	138.5	142.1	141.9	-0.1	2.5	2.34	2.34	—
Eggs	165.0	165.7	158.0	-4.6	-4.2	0.17	0.16	-0.01
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	149.9	162.0	172.6	6.5	15.1	0.25	0.27	0.02
Tea, coffee and food drinks	143.9	144.0	142.2	-1.3	-1.2	0.44	0.43	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	128.9	130.6	128.4	-1.7	-0.4	0.44	0.43	-0.01
Fats and oils	124.2	136.6	134.3	-1.7	8.1	0.31	0.30	-0.01
Food n.e.c.	138.5	139.6	140.7	0.8	1.6	0.74	0.74	—
Alcohol and tobacco	201.8	207.3	207.3	—	2.7	10.85	10.86	0.01
Alcoholic drinks	150.7	153.6	153.4	-0.1	1.8	7.19	7.18	-0.01
Beer	155.0	159.0	158.9	-0.1	2.5	3.42	3.41	-0.01
Wine	141.4	142.7	142.1	-0.4	0.5	2.34	2.33	-0.01
Spirits	150.9	153.6	153.8	0.1	1.9	1.43	1.43	—
Tobacco	339.2	354.0	355.2	0.3	4.7	3.67	3.68	0.01
Clothing and footwear	112.7	113.0	114.0	0.9	1.2	6.99	7.06	0.07
Men's clothing	111.9	110.7	112.8	1.9	0.8	1.28	1.30	0.02
Men's outerwear	109.9	108.5	111.2	2.5	1.2	1.06	1.08	0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	122.6	122.9	121.5	-1.1	-0.9	0.22	0.22	—
Women's clothing	117.2	116.0	118.0	1.7	0.7	2.43	2.47	0.04
Women's outerwear	112.3	110.5	113.1	2.4	0.7	1.90	1.95	0.05
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	136.1	137.7	136.7	-0.7	0.4	0.52	0.52	—
Children's and infants' clothing	115.8	117.2	120.5	2.8	4.1	0.65	0.67	0.02
Footwear	102.7	103.6	102.4	-1.2	-0.3	1.15	1.14	-0.01
Men's footwear	98.5	100.3	98.2	-2.1	-0.3	0.36	0.35	-0.01
Women's footwear	107.5	107.8	106.3	-1.4	-1.1	0.54	0.53	-0.01
Children's footwear	100.6	101.5	102.0	0.5	1.4	0.25	0.25	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	103.4	106.2	105.8	-0.4	2.3	1.49	1.48	-0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	93.0	95.7	94.4	-1.4	1.5	0.79	0.78	-0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	114.5	113.8	115.4	1.4	0.8	0.16	0.16	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	157.8	163.3	164.1	0.5	4.0	0.54	0.54	—

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	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change between
	2001	2002	2002	2002 and	2001 and	2002	2002	Sep Qtr 2002 and Dec Qtr 2002
Housing	110.7	113.7	114.2	0.4	3.2	27.98	28.09	0.11
Rents	132.7	134.9	135.4	0.4	2.0	7.51	7.54	0.03
Utilities	136.8	142.2	141.8	-0.3	3.7	4.74	4.72	-0.02
Electricity	134.9	137.3	138.5	0.9	2.7	2.47	2.49	0.02
Gas and other household fuels	141.5	155.7	149.6	-3.9	5.7	1.09	1.04	-0.05
Water and sewerage(b)	111.9	115.4	116.1	0.6	3.8	1.19	1.19	—
Other housing	103.5	106.4	107.1	0.7	3.5	15.73	15.83	0.10
House purchase(b)	123.4	126.8	127.7	0.7	3.5	11.25	11.33	0.08
Property rates and charges(b)	119.0	126.2	126.2	—	6.1	1.76	1.76	—
House repairs and maintenance	144.3	145.9	147.0	0.8	1.9	2.72	2.74	0.02
Household furnishings, supplies and services	120.3	120.5	121.6	0.9	1.1	10.78	10.88	0.10
Furniture and furnishings	128.5	128.0	130.8	2.2	1.8	4.78	4.88	0.10
Furniture	131.5	130.8	133.9	2.4	1.8	3.08	3.15	0.07
Floor and window coverings	125.6	130.1	132.0	1.5	5.1	1.04	1.06	0.02
Towels and linen	119.5	112.9	115.3	2.1	-3.5	0.66	0.67	0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	110.3	108.0	108.1	0.1	-2.0	2.53	2.53	—
Major household appliances	110.5	108.2	108.3	0.1	-2.0	1.13	1.13	—
Small electric household appliances	108.5	106.9	107.2	0.3	-1.2	0.36	0.36	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	107.9	103.7	103.7	—	-3.9	0.61	0.61	—
Tools	113.5	113.6	113.4	-0.2	-0.1	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	128.7	132.3	131.7	-0.5	2.3	2.57	2.56	-0.01
Household cleaning agents	117.7	121.8	121.1	-0.6	2.9	0.54	0.54	—
Other household supplies	133.4	136.9	136.3	-0.4	2.2	2.03	2.02	-0.01
Household services	184.2	188.5	191.1	1.4	3.7	0.90	0.92	0.02
Health	166.1	176.4	177.1	0.4	6.6	6.47	6.49	0.02
Health services	174.5	185.8	188.3	1.3	7.9	5.03	5.09	0.06
Hospital and medical services	178.1	191.3	194.2	1.5	9.0	3.84	3.90	0.06
Optical services	136.4	137.7	137.7	—	1.0	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	175.1	182.2	183.9	0.9	5.0	0.97	0.98	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	129.9	136.6	132.7	-2.9	2.2	1.44	1.40	-0.04
Transportation	136.1	138.8	140.3	1.1	3.1	20.22	20.44	0.22
Private motoring	133.2	135.9	137.4	1.1	3.2	18.99	19.21	0.22
Motor vehicles	106.6	105.6	106.6	0.9	—	7.45	7.52	0.07
Automotive fuel	139.5	148.1	150.8	1.8	8.1	5.60	5.70	0.10
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	130.9	134.4	134.1	-0.2	2.4	3.12	3.11	-0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	110.6	109.2	112.4	2.9	1.6	1.31	1.34	0.03
Other motoring charges	174.0	181.2	182.2	0.6	4.7	1.52	1.53	0.01
Urban transport fares	187.3	190.2	190.3	0.1	1.6	1.23	1.23	—
Communication	105.4	107.9	108.4	0.5	2.8	3.97	3.99	0.02
Postal	121.1	124.0	124.0	—	2.4	0.21	0.21	—
Telecommunication	103.6	106.1	106.6	0.5	2.9	3.76	3.78	0.02

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change between
	2001	2002	2002	2002 and Dec Qtr 2002	2001 and Dec Qtr 2002	2002	2002	Sep Qtr 2002 and Dec Qtr 2002
Recreation	127.5	131.8	131.9	0.1	3.5	17.03	17.04	0.01
Audio, visual and computing	68.9	66.8	65.1	-2.5	-5.5	3.14	3.06	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing equipment	50.8	48.0	45.6	-5.0	-10.2	1.40	1.33	-0.07
Audio, visual and computing media and services	103.6	102.2	101.9	-0.3	-1.6	1.74	1.73	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	189.2	193.6	195.2	0.8	3.2	1.57	1.58	0.01
Books(b)	117.5	118.9	119.4	0.4	1.6	0.70	0.70	—
Newspapers and magazines(b)	123.2	127.2	128.7	1.2	4.5	0.87	0.88	0.01
Sport and other recreation	149.3	153.4	153.0	-0.3	2.5	5.78	5.77	-0.01
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	96.9	94.9	94.3	-0.6	-2.7	0.80	0.79	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	96.7	100.2	97.0	-3.2	0.3	0.68	0.66	-0.02
Sports participation(b)	125.3	129.8	130.7	0.7	4.3	1.21	1.22	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	129.3	132.0	131.5	-0.4	1.7	0.58	0.57	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	176.8	182.7	183.4	0.4	3.7	0.49	0.49	—
Other recreational activities(b)	120.4	125.1	125.4	0.2	4.2	2.03	2.04	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	121.6	131.0	132.8	1.4	9.2	6.53	6.62	0.09
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	127.6	129.6	133.1	2.7	4.3	3.37	3.46	0.09
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	114.1	131.5	131.4	-0.1	15.2	3.16	3.16	—
Education	195.5	205.0	205.3	0.1	5.0	3.72	3.72	—
Preschool and primary education(c)	105.3	112.2	112.8	0.5	7.1	0.71	0.72	0.01
Secondary education(c)	106.3	113.1	113.1	—	6.4	1.33	1.33	—
Tertiary education(c)	102.9	106.0	106.0	—	3.0	1.67	1.67	—
Miscellaneous	170.6	177.4	178.0	0.3	4.3	5.64	5.66	0.02
Insurance services	226.6	236.9	237.5	0.3	4.8	2.16	2.17	0.01
Personal care	144.7	147.1	147.2	0.1	1.7	2.93	2.93	—
Hairdressing and personal care services	158.3	160.5	161.5	0.6	2.0	1.07	1.08	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	137.1	139.6	139.4	-0.1	1.7	1.85	1.85	—
Child care	130.7	151.1	153.7	1.7	17.6	0.55	0.56	0.01
All groups	135.4	138.5	139.5	0.7	3.0	138.5	139.5	1.0

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

SPECIAL SERIES, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities

	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2001	Sep Qtr 2002	Dec Qtr 2002	Sep Qtr 2002 and	Dec Qtr 2001 and	Sep Qtr 2002	Dec Qtr 2002	Change between Sep Qtr 2002 and Dec Qtr 2002
				Dec Qtr 2002	Dec Qtr 2002			
All groups	135.4	138.5	139.5	(b) 0.7	3.0	138.5	139.5	1.0
Selected components								
Goods component(c)	137.1	139.0	139.9	(b) 0.6	2.0	89.49	90.11	0.62
Services component(c)	133.1	138.5	139.4	(b) 0.6	4.7	49.05	49.37	0.32
Tradables component(c)(d)	108.7	110.3	111.1	0.7	2.2	63.86	64.31	0.45
Non-tradables component(c)(d)	114.9	118.4	119.2	0.7	3.7	74.69	75.16	0.47
All groups excluding								
Food	133.7	137.2	137.9	0.5	3.1	113.65	114.24	0.59
Alcohol and tobacco	130.6	133.6	134.6	0.7	3.1	127.69	128.62	0.93
Clothing and footwear	137.0	140.3	141.2	0.6	3.1	131.55	132.42	0.87
Housing	139.8	142.8	143.9	0.8	2.9	110.57	111.38	0.81
Household furnishings, supplies and services	138.2	141.7	142.6	0.6	3.2	127.77	128.59	0.82
Health	133.7	136.5	137.5	0.7	2.8	132.08	132.98	0.90
Transportation	135.3	138.6	139.4	0.6	3.0	118.32	119.04	0.72
Communication	135.9	139.0	140.0	0.7	3.0	134.57	135.48	0.91
Recreation	136.5	139.5	140.5	0.7	2.9	121.52	122.44	0.92
Education	134.8	137.8	138.8	0.7	3.0	134.83	135.75	0.92
Miscellaneous	134.0	137.0	137.9	0.7	2.9	132.90	133.81	0.91
Hospital and medical services	134.1	137.0	137.9	0.7	2.8	134.70	135.57	0.87

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index:
1989-90 = 100.0

(b) The December quarter movement of 0.7% for the
All groups CPI is higher than the movement of 0.6%
recorded for each of the goods and services indexes due
to a rounding effect.

(c) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for
a description of this series.

(d) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES
EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE
ITEMS'.....

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables(c)	Non-tradables(c)
1998-99	121.8	126.9	129.0	124.9	129.4	126.1	100.4	101.0
1999-2000	124.7	129.4	131.5	127.1	133.8	128.9	102.1	104.0
2000-01	132.2	136.4	138.7	132.9	144.1	136.0	106.5	111.8
2001-02	136.0	140.4	143.3	137.1	149.3	140.5	109.1	115.5
1998								
December	121.9	127.1	129.0	124.5	129.0	125.7	100.2	101.2
1999								
March	121.8	126.7	129.0	125.1	130.1	126.4	100.2	101.0
June	122.3	127.3	129.4	125.7	130.6	126.9	101.0	101.2
September	123.4	128.3	130.2	126.1	132.1	127.7	101.7	102.3
December	124.1	128.6	131.0	126.8	133.4	128.5	101.5	103.5
2000								
March	125.2	129.7	131.9	127.4	134.1	129.2	102.0	104.8
June	126.2	130.8	132.7	128.0	135.5	130.0	103.0	105.5
September	130.9	134.9	137.4	131.5	143.3	134.8	105.2	110.9
December	131.3	135.4	137.7	131.9	143.8	135.2	105.4	111.4
2001								
March	132.7	137.0	139.1	133.3	144.2	136.3	106.9	112.2
June	133.8	138.4	140.4	135.0	145.0	137.7	108.4	112.6
September	134.2	138.4	141.4	135.7	146.4	138.6	107.8	113.8
December	135.4	139.8	142.7	137.0	148.4	140.1	108.7	114.9
2002								
March	136.6	141.1	144.1	137.6	150.5	141.2	109.4	116.2
June	137.6	142.1	145.0	138.2	151.8	142.0	110.3	116.9
September	138.5	142.8	146.0	138.4	153.5	142.7	110.3	118.4
December	139.5	143.9	146.8	139.2	154.5	143.5	111.1	119.2

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index:
1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description
of these series.

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Percentage Changes(a)

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES
EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE
ITEMS'.....

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)								
1998-99	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	2.6	1.5
1999-2000	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	3.0
2000-01	6.0	5.4	5.5	4.6	7.7	5.5	4.3	7.5
2001-02	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	3.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
1998								
December	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.0	2.7	1.5
1999								
March	1.2	0.8	1.1	1.1	2.7	1.5
June	1.1	0.8	0.9	1.4	2.5	1.6	1.0	1.2
September	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.4	3.4	2.0	1.6	1.8
December	1.8	1.2	1.6	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.3	2.3
2000								
March	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.8	3.1	2.2	1.8	3.8
June	3.2	2.7	2.6	1.8	3.8	2.4	2.0	4.2
September	6.1	5.1	5.5	4.3	8.5	5.6	3.4	8.4
December	5.8	5.3	5.1	4.0	7.8	5.2	3.8	7.6
2001								
March	6.0	5.6	5.5	4.6	7.5	5.5	4.8	7.1
June	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.9	5.2	6.7
September	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.6
December	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.1
2002								
March	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.4	3.6	2.3	3.6
June	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.4	4.7	3.1	1.8	3.8
September	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.0	4.8	3.0	2.3	4.0
December	3.0	2.9	2.9	1.6	4.1	2.4	2.2	3.7
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
1998								
December	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.7
1999								
March	-0.1	-0.3	0.0	0.5	0.9	0.6	0.0	-0.2
June	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.2
September	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.3	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.1
December	0.6	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.6	-0.2	1.2
2000								
March	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.3
June	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7
September	3.7	3.1	3.5	2.7	5.8	3.7	2.1	5.1
December	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
2001								
March	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.7
June	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.4
September	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7	-0.6	1.1
December	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.0
2002								
March	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.1
June	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.6
September	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	1.3
December	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7

(a) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All Groups Excluding Housing—Index Numbers(a)(b)

Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germany	United Kingdom
1998-99	126.9	116.9	172.0	368.3	112.4	169.0	118.5	128.2	122.0	127.2	120.7	137.2
1999-2000	129.4	118.7	166.6	367.1	111.6	172.1	120.7	129.3	125.0	130.9	121.8	139.3
2000-01	136.4	123.5	164.8	402.6	111.0	179.2	123.0	130.9	128.1	135.3	124.2	141.4
2001-02	140.4	127.0	162.5	458.3	107.7	185.0	122.7	130.6	130.3	136.4	126.6	143.5
1998												
December	127.1	116.5	173.5	363.2	113.2	168.9	117.8	129.9	121.4	126.8	120.5	136.9
1999												
March	126.7	117.1	170.2	377.9	111.9	169.2	118.4	127.5	121.7	127.1	120.4	137.1
June	127.3	117.6	169.3	371.3	112.4	169.9	119.3	127.5	123.4	128.4	120.9	138.6
September	128.3	117.8	167.7	360.3	111.9	170.1	120.2	128.4	124.4	129.2	121.3	138.4
December	128.6	118.2	167.2	367.5	111.9	172.3	120.2	129.6	124.5	130.2	121.2	139.1
2000												
March	129.7	118.9	165.7	370.7	111.1	172.9	121.2	128.9	124.9	131.3	122.2	139.1
June	130.8	119.8	165.9	369.7	111.4	172.9	121.0	130.3	126.2	132.8	122.4	140.7
September	134.9	121.8	165.4	376.7	111.0	176.1	122.2	131.3	127.3	133.7	123.2	140.5
December	135.4	123.4	165.5	403.3	111.2	177.6	122.8	132.4	127.5	134.6	123.0	141.2
2001												
March	137.0	123.8	163.7	406.1	110.9	180.6	123.5	129.8	127.9	135.7	124.5	140.9
June	138.4	125.1	164.4	424.4	110.8	182.5	123.3	129.9	129.8	137.1	125.9	143.0
September	138.4	125.8	164.0	435.3	108.8	183.7	123.3	130.4	130.1	136.7	126.0	142.9
December	139.8	126.5	163.4	453.8	108.3	183.3	122.5	131.6	128.7	135.8	125.4	143.2
2002												
March	141.1	127.1	161.4	470.1	107.0	185.1	122.3	130.1	129.9	135.7	127.3	143.4
June	142.1	128.5	161.2	473.8	106.8	187.7	122.8	130.4	132.5	137.3	127.7	144.6
September	142.8	129.0	160.4	480.5	106.6	188.2	122.9	130.5	134.1	137.7	127.7	144.5
December	143.9	129.6	n.y.a.	498.6	n.y.a.	189.1	n.y.a.	131.1	n.y.a.	138.2	127.1	n.y.a.

(a) Base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Refer to paragraphs 14-16 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All Groups Excluding Housing—Percentage Changes(a)

Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germany	United Kingdom
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)												
1998-99	1.2	1.7	-1.1	58.3	0.0	4.3	-0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.3	1.9
1999-2000	2.0	1.5	-3.1	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.9	1.5
2000-01	5.4	4.0	-1.1	9.7	-0.5	4.1	1.9	1.2	2.5	3.4	2.0	1.5
2001-02	2.9	2.8	-1.4	13.8	-3.0	3.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	0.8	1.9	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
1998												
December	1.5	1.4	-0.1	85.6	0.6	7.0	-1.8	3.3	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.9
1999												
March	0.8	1.8	-2.0	48.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.6	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.2	1.9
June	0.8	2.0	-3.7	24.8	-0.2	1.3	0.5	-0.5	1.8	1.7	0.2	1.8
September	1.3	1.2	-4.2	-0.1	0.0	1.4	1.6	0.3	2.5	2.2	0.2	1.7
December	1.2	1.5	-3.6	1.2	-1.1	2.0	2.0	-0.2	2.6	2.7	0.6	1.6
2000												
March	2.4	1.5	-2.6	-1.9	-0.7	2.2	2.4	1.1	2.6	3.3	1.5	1.5
June	2.7	1.9	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	1.8	1.4	2.2	2.3	3.4	1.2	1.5
September	5.1	3.4	-1.4	4.6	-0.8	3.5	1.7	2.3	2.3	3.5	1.6	1.5
December	5.3	4.4	-1.0	9.7	-0.6	3.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	3.4	1.5	1.5
2001												
March	5.6	4.1	-1.2	9.5	-0.2	4.5	1.8	0.7	2.4	3.4	1.9	1.3
June	5.8	4.4	-0.9	14.8	-0.5	5.6	1.9	-0.3	2.9	3.2	2.9	1.6
September	2.6	3.3	-0.8	15.6	-2.0	4.3	0.9	-0.7	2.2	2.2	2.3	1.7
December	3.2	2.5	-1.3	12.5	-2.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.9	2.0	1.4
2002												
March	3.0	2.7	-1.4	15.8	-3.5	2.5	-1.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	2.2	1.8
June	2.7	2.7	-1.9	11.6	-3.6	2.8	-0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	1.4	1.1
September	3.2	2.5	-2.2	10.4	-2.0	2.4	-0.3	0.1	3.1	0.7	1.3	1.1
December	2.9	2.5	n.y.a.	9.9	n.y.a.	3.2	n.y.a.	-0.4	n.y.a.	1.8	1.4	n.y.a.
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
1998												
December	0.4	0.1	-0.9	0.7	1.2	0.7	-0.4	1.5	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.6
1999												
March	-0.3	0.5	-1.9	4.0	-1.1	0.2	0.5	-1.8	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1
June	0.5	0.4	-0.5	-1.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.4	1.0	0.4	1.1
September	0.8	0.2	-0.9	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3	-0.1
December	0.2	0.3	-0.3	2.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.5
2000												
March	0.9	0.6	-0.9	0.9	-0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.0
June	0.8	0.8	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.2	1.2
September	3.1	1.7	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	-0.1
December	0.4	1.3	0.1	7.1	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.5
2001												
March	1.2	0.3	-1.1	0.7	-0.3	1.7	0.5	-2.0	0.3	0.8	1.2	-0.2
June	1.0	1.1	0.4	4.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.1	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.5
September	0.0	0.6	-0.2	2.6	-1.8	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.1	-0.1
December	1.0	0.6	-0.4	4.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	-0.7	-0.5	0.2
2002												
March	0.9	0.5	-1.2	3.6	-1.2	1.0	-0.2	-1.1	0.9	-0.1	1.5	0.1
June	0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	1.4	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.3	0.8
September	0.5	0.4	-0.5	1.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1
December	0.8	0.5	n.y.a.	3.8	n.y.a.	0.5	n.y.a.	0.5	n.y.a.	0.4	-0.5	n.y.a.

(a) Refer to paragraphs 14-16 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

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
- alcohol and tobacco
- clothing and footwear
- housing
- household furnishings, supplies and services
- health
- transportation
- communication
- recreation
- education
- miscellaneous.

2 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 the booklet *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0) which is available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>, or from the ABS on request.

PRICES

4 The frequency of price collection by item varies as necessary to obtain reliable price measures. Prices of some items are volatile (i.e. their prices may vary many times each quarter) and for these items frequent price observations are necessary to obtain a reliable measure of the average price for the quarter. Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for goods such as milk, bread, fresh meat and seafood, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco and holiday travel and accommodation. For most other items, price volatility is not a problem and prices are collected once a quarter. There are a few items where prices are changed at infrequent intervals, for example education fees where prices are set once a year. In these cases, the frequency of price collection is modified accordingly.

5 In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload the bulk of the items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced in the first two months of each quarter (i.e. July/August, October/November, January/February, April/May). With a few exceptions items priced in the third month are those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges); in these cases information about any changes in price during the quarter is obtained so that an average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 89 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the fourteenth series CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights.

7 Changes in the weighting pattern have been made at approximately five-yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI now comprises fourteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current weighting pattern for the CPI is given in *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

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 2002	139.5	(see Table 1)
<i>less</i> September Quarter 2002	138.5	(see Table 1)
Change in index points	1.0	

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{1.0}{138.5} \times 100 = 0.7\%$$

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, and
- 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 2.07 index points to the total All groups index number of 139.5 for December Quarter 2002. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

SPECIAL SERIES

11 Various series are presented in Tables 8, 9 and 10 in this publication which are helpful for analytical purposes. These series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket. (A complete list of CPI groups, subgroups and expenditure classes is contained in Tables 6 and 7.)

12 Some of the compiled series are self explanatory, such as 'All groups excluding Food'. Other series and their composition are described below:

All groups, goods component: comprises the Food group (except Restaurant meals), Alcohol and tobacco group, Clothing and footwear group (except Clothing services and shoe repair) and Household furnishings, supplies and services group (except Household services); the Utilities, Audio, visual and computing and Books, newspapers and magazines sub-groups; and the House purchase, Pharmaceuticals, Motor vehicles, Automotive fuel, Motor vehicle parts and accessories, Sports and recreational equipment, Toys, games and hobbies, Pets, pet foods and supplies and Toiletries and personal care products expenditure classes.

All groups, services component: comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'.

All groups, tradables component: comprises all items whose prices are largely determined on the world market.

All groups, non-tradables component: comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, tradables component'.

All groups excluding 'volatile items': comprises the All groups CPI excluding Fruit and vegetables and Automotive fuel.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items': in addition to the items excluded from the series "All groups excluding 'volatile items'", also excludes: Utilities, Property rates and charges, Health, Other motoring charges, Urban transport fares, Postal, Education and Child care.

13 A detailed description of the special and analytical series was published in Appendix 1 to the September quarter 2000 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0). The ABS is grateful for the assistance of the Reserve Bank of Australia for specifying the items included in the "All groups excluding 'volatile items'" and "Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'". The Reserve Bank of Australia does not accord any special policy status to these series.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

14 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, due to the many differences in the structure of the housing sector in different countries and in the way that housing is treated in their CPIs, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the Fourteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'provide for dissemination at the international level of an index which excludes shelter, in addition to the all-items index'.

15 Table 11 presents indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and broadly comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing'. To facilitate comparisons all indexes in this table have been converted, where necessary, to a quarterly basis and re-referenced to a base of 1989–90 = 100.0.

16 In producing Table 11, the ABS is grateful for the assistance of the relevant national statistical agencies which have either directly supplied indexes for all items excluding shelter or data to enable their derivation.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

17 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

18 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series*, cat. no. 6440.0
- *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities*, cat. no. 6403.0
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities*, cat. no. 6416.0
- *Information Paper: Price Indexes and the New Tax System*, cat. no. 6425.0
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index*, cat. no. 6456.0.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

19 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Inquiries should be made to Steve Whennan on 02 6252 6251 or to the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

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