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## MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

	<b>% change Dec Qtr 2001 to Mar Qtr 2002</b>	<b>% change Mar Qtr 2001 to Mar Qtr 2002</b>
<b>Weighted average of eight capital cities</b>		
Food	0.6	4.8
Alcohol and tobacco	1.0	3.5
Clothing and footwear	-0.4	1.4
Housing	0.7	3.0
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.7	1.9
Health	3.0	2.8
Transportation	0.5	0.1
Communication	0.1	1.1
Recreation	2.3	4.7
Education	4.7	4.7
Miscellaneous	1.3	3.7
<b>All groups</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>
All groups excluding Housing	0.9	3.0

## MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

### THE ALL GROUPS CPI

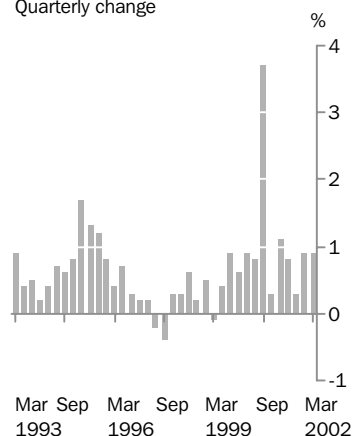
- rose 0.9% in the March quarter 2002, compared with an increase of 0.9% in the December quarter 2001.
- rose 2.9% between the March quarters 2001 and 2002.

### OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+7.4%), pharmaceuticals (+11.4%), house purchase (+0.7%), secondary education fees (+6.4%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+2.4%), tobacco (+2.1%), motor vehicles (+0.9%), insurance services (+2.6%), tertiary education (+3.0%) and cakes and biscuits (+3.8%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of vegetables (-2.8%), furniture (-1.4%), women's outerwear (-1.7%) and soft drinks, waters and juices (-1.8%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in the cost of overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+15.3%), motor vehicles (+4.0%), house purchase (+2.4%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+8.0%), tobacco (+6.2%), fruit (+14.4%) and rents (+2.7%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of automotive fuel (-8.9%), vegetables (-10.6%) and audio, visual and computing equipment (-6.7%).

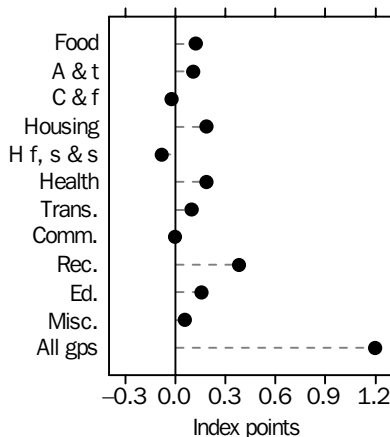
### All Groups

Quarterly change



### Contribution to quarterly change

March quarter 2002



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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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June 2002	24 July 2002
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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

## REDUCTION IN THE FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT – EFFECTS ON MARCH QUARTER 2002

The First Home Owner Grant was introduced on 1 July 2000. At that stage, it was a one-off payment of \$7,000 to first home buyers who purchased either a new or an established dwelling on or after 1 July 2000. An appendix in the June quarter 2000 issue of this publication set out more fully the conditions applicable to the grant and provided details of its treatment in the CPI.

Last year, an additional grant of \$7,000 became payable for first home buyers who entered into a contract to purchase a previously unoccupied new home on or after 9 March 2001, making a total grant of \$14,000 for eligible persons. The \$7,000 grant introduced on 1 July 2000 was unaffected by this change and still applies to all first home buyers.

At the start of 2002, a change was made to the additional grant for eligible persons buying a previously unoccupied new home. For contracts made on or after 1 January 2002, the additional grant for these persons was reduced from \$7,000 to \$3,000, so the total grant for this group declined from \$14,000 to \$10,000 (which includes the \$7,000 grant available to all first home buyers). This arrangement is expected to apply to eligible persons who enter into a contract to buy a previously unoccupied new home up to 30 June 2002. It has been announced that this \$3,000 additional grant will not be available for contracts made after 30 June 2002.

Consistent with the treatment of the first home owners grant when it was first introduced and with the changes made to it since that time, this reduction from \$14,000 to \$10,000 at the start of 2002 is reflected in the CPI as a price rise for housing purchased by the group of consumers affected by this change.

## TREATMENT OF CHANGES IN THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

The Appendix on pages 29 and 30 describes the treatment of a number of recent changes affecting the airline industry in Australia that have impacted on the airfares component of the Holiday travel and accommodation subgroup with the introduction of a number of new levies on domestic and international airfares.

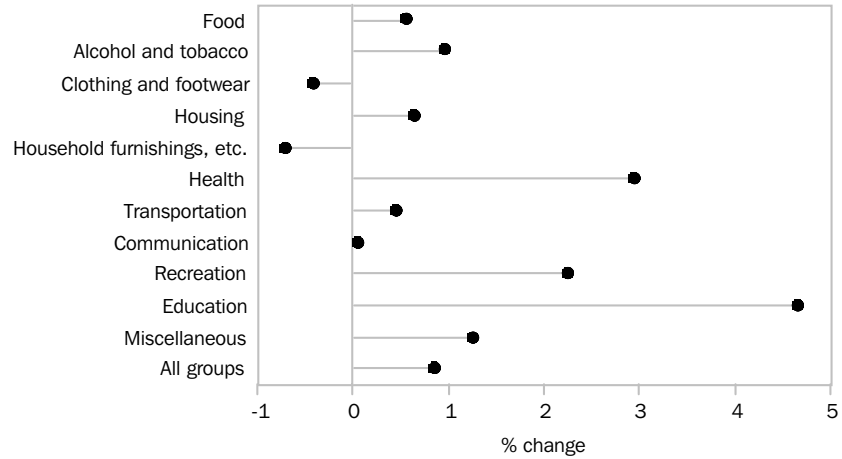
## ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding.

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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 Table 6).

#### RECREATION (+2.3%)

The rise in recreation costs this quarter was mainly attributable to increases in overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+7.4%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+2.4%), other recreational activities (+1.7%) and toys, games and hobbies (+4.3%). Partially offsetting these increases was a fall in audio, visual and computing equipment (-1.2%).

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, recreation costs rose 4.7%.

#### HOUSING (+0.7%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly due to increases in house purchase (+0.7%), gas and other household fuels (+4.5%), electricity (+1.5%) and rents (+0.5%). There were no significant falls.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, housing costs rose 3.0%.

#### HEALTH (+3.0%)

The increase in health costs was mainly due to increases in pharmaceuticals (+11.4%) and hospital and medical services (+0.5%). The increase in pharmaceuticals was largely due to a reduction in the negative effect on prices of the Pharmaceuticals Benefit Scheme's safety net that occurs at the start of each calendar year. There were no falls.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, health costs rose 2.8%.

#### EDUCATION (+4.7%)

All levels of education recorded increases normally associated with the commencement of the new school year in the March quarter. Secondary education rose 6.4%, tertiary education rose 3.0% and preschool and primary education rose 5.4%.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, education costs rose 4.7%.

## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

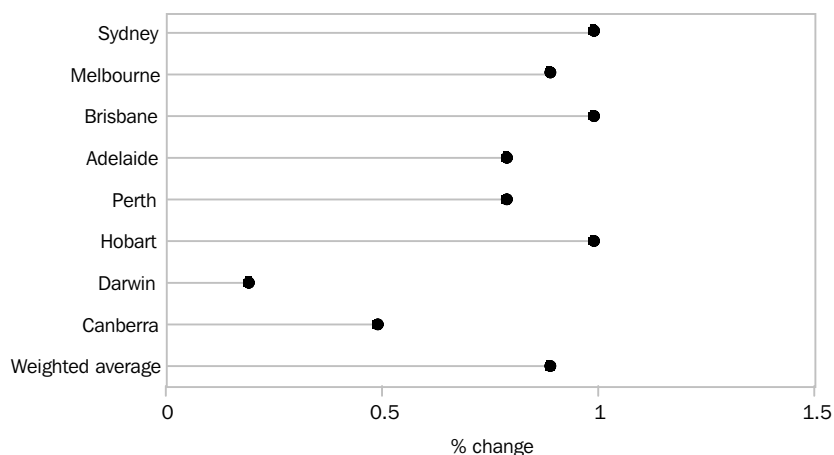
### MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

FOOD (+0.6%)	<p>The increase in food costs this quarter was mainly due to increases in cakes and biscuits (+3.8%), restaurant meals (+1.2%), take away and fast foods (+0.7%) and poultry (+3.6%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the price of vegetables (-2.8%) and soft drinks, waters and juices (-1.8%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, food costs rose 4.8%.</p>
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.0%)	<p>The increase in the cost of alcohol and tobacco this quarter was due to increases in tobacco (+2.1%), spirits (+1.0%), beer (+0.5%) and wine (+0.3%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, alcohol and tobacco costs rose 3.5%.</p>
TRANSPORTATION (+0.5%)	<p>The increase in transportation costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in motor vehicles (+0.9%). Automotive fuel prices fell for the third successive quarter in March quarter 2002, but by only 0.1%. Petrol prices fell in October 2001 (-4.0%) and November (-5.8%), rose in December (+2.1%), fell in January 2002 (-1.8%) and then rose in February (+1.5%) and March (+4.3%). There were no other falls.</p> <p>Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, transportation costs rose 0.1%.</p>
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (-0.7%)	<p>The fall in household furnishings, supplies and services costs this quarter was mainly due to decreases in furniture (-1.4%), and glassware, tableware and household utensils (-3.1%). There were no significant increases.</p> <p>Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, household furnishings, supplies and services costs rose 1.9%.</p>
MISCELLANEOUS (+1.3%)	<p>The increase in miscellaneous costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in insurance services (+2.6%). There were no significant falls.</p> <p>Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, miscellaneous costs rose 3.7%.</p>

## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

### CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the March quarter 2002 CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 0.2% in Darwin to 1.0% in Sydney, Brisbane and Hobart.

The low result for Darwin came as a result of that capital city recording the lowest increases in alcohol and tobacco, clothing and footwear, household furnishings, supplies and services, health, communication, recreation and education. Canberra was the only capital city to record a fall in food costs.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2002, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 2.3% in Hobart to 3.3% in Brisbane.

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

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
		<i>Mar Qtr 2002</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2001 and Mar Qtr 2002</i>
Sydney	137.9	1.0	2.9
Melbourne	136.0	0.9	2.9
Brisbane	137.1	1.0	3.3
Adelaide	137.7	0.8	2.7
Perth	133.7	0.8	3.2
Hobart	135.2	1.0	2.3
Darwin	133.8	0.2	2.4
Canberra	135.6	0.5	2.6
Weighted average of eight capital cities	136.6	0.9	2.9

(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>
<b>1997-1998</b>	120.5	119.8	121.6	121.6	118.0	121.3	121.3	120.4	120.3
<b>1998-1999</b>	122.5	120.9	122.9	123.2	120.1	122.5	122.4	121.5	121.8
<b>1999-2000</b>	125.4	124.1	125.0	126.3	122.9	124.8	124.2	124.2	124.7
<b>2000-2001</b>	133.2	131.6	132.4	133.5	129.6	132.0	130.9	131.9	132.2
<b>1998</b>									
March	120.7	119.6	121.9	121.7	118.0	121.5	121.5	120.6	120.3
June	121.4	120.3	122.3	122.4	118.9	122.0	121.8	121.2	121.0
September	121.9	120.4	122.5	123.0	119.6	122.8	122.1	121.3	121.3
December	122.4	120.8	123.0	123.6	120.2	122.7	122.7	121.7	121.9
<b>1999</b>									
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
<b>2000</b>									
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
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	137.9	136.0	137.1	137.7	133.7	135.2	133.8	135.6	136.6

(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)									
<b>1997-1998</b>	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.0
<b>1998-1999</b>	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4
<b>2000-2001</b>	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>1998</b>									
March	0.1	-0.4	0.3	-0.7	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2
June	1.0	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.7
September	1.8	0.8	1.5	1.5	1.8	1.8	0.9	1.3	1.3
December	1.9	0.8	1.3	2.0	2.2	1.2	1.6	1.6	1.6
<b>1999</b>									
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
<b>2000</b>									
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
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>1998</b>									
March	0.5	-0.2	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.7	0.3
June	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.6
September	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.2
December	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5
<b>1999</b>									
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
<b>2000</b>									
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
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9

## 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>
<b>1997-1998</b>	121.8	164.6	107.4	94.5	113.8	165.4
<b>1998-1999</b>	126.5	168.7	106.7	95.8	113.7	163.4
<b>1999-2000</b>	129.2	175.2	105.5	99.9	113.3	158.7
<b>2000-2001</b>	135.6	194.7	112.5	107.9	117.3	164.3
<b>1998</b>						
March	122.1	165.4	107.4	93.4	113.8	167.1
June	123.1	166.7	107.3	94.5	114.0	171.4
September	124.7	167.5	107.0	94.8	113.9	172.4
December	126.0	167.9	106.9	95.5	114.1	171.3
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
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
<b>2001</b>						
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
<b>2002</b>						
March	144.2	203.9	112.2	111.5	119.4	171.1



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>
<b>1997-1998</b>	123.5	106.6	117.8	165.6	138.5	120.3
<b>1998-1999</b>	122.1	102.9	119.4	174.1	143.5	121.8
<b>1999-2000</b>	128.9	97.8	120.4	182.4	153.2	124.7
<b>2000-2001</b>	137.0	104.7	124.6	191.4	166.0	132.2
<b>1998</b>						
March	122.9	106.8	118.6	170.3	138.8	120.3
June	122.8	106.1	118.7	170.3	140.0	121.0
September	122.3	105.2	118.1	170.3	142.1	121.3
December	121.9	104.1	119.3	170.3	143.0	121.9
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
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
<b>2001</b>						
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
<b>2002</b>						
March	136.8	105.5	130.4	204.6	172.8	136.6

(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)						
<b>1997-1998</b>	1.8	2.0	0.1	-7.0	0.3	3.6
<b>1998-1999</b>	3.9	2.5	-0.7	1.4	-0.1	-1.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.1	3.9	-1.1	4.3	-0.4	-2.9
<b>2000-2001</b>	5.0	11.1	6.6	8.0	3.5	3.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
<b>1998</b>						
March	1.6	2.3	0.4	-6.8	0.3	3.3
June	1.9	2.8	0.0	-2.5	0.1	3.0
September	3.2	3.5	-0.1	-1.1	0.4	8.8
December	4.0	2.2	-0.8	1.4	0.3	4.1
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
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
<b>2001</b>						
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
<b>2002</b>						
March	4.8	3.5	1.4	3.0	1.9	2.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
<b>1998</b>						
March	0.8	0.7	-0.4	-0.8	0.0	1.5
June	0.8	0.8	-0.1	1.2	0.2	2.6
September	1.3	0.5	-0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.6
December	1.0	0.2	-0.1	0.7	0.2	-0.6
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
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
<b>2001</b>						
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
<b>2002</b>						
March	0.6	1.0	-0.4	0.7	-0.7	3.0

<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)

<b>1997-1998</b>	-0.6	0.1	2.4	6.2	3.8	0.0
<b>1998-1999</b>	-1.1	-3.5	1.4	5.1	3.6	1.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	5.6	-5.0	0.8	4.8	6.8	2.4
<b>2000-2001</b>	6.3	7.1	3.5	4.9	8.4	6.0

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

<b>1998</b>						
March	-1.8	0.4	2.4	5.9	3.4	-0.2
June	-0.9	-0.3	2.8	5.9	3.0	0.7
September	-1.7	-1.2	1.2	5.9	3.7	1.3
December	-1.7	-2.5	1.9	5.9	3.5	1.6
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
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
<b>2001</b>						
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
<b>2002</b>						
March	0.1	1.1	4.7	4.7	3.7	2.9

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

<b>1998</b>						
March	-0.9	0.0	1.3	5.9	0.5	0.3
June	-0.1	-0.7	0.1	0.0	0.9	0.6
September	-0.4	-0.8	-0.5	0.0	1.5	0.2
December	-0.3	-1.0	1.0	0.0	0.6	0.5
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
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
<b>2001</b>						
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
<b>2002</b>						
March	0.5	0.1	2.3	4.7	1.3	0.9

## CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
<b>2000</b>									
March	129.6	128.3	127.5	131.2	130.4	127.8	127.4	130.6	129.1
June	130.7	130.0	129.1	131.9	129.7	129.1	130.0	131.1	130.2
September	133.4	131.6	131.4	133.8	132.9	130.9	131.1	134.1	132.4
December	134.6	132.8	131.9	134.2	132.7	132.0	132.5	135.9	133.4
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	144.6	143.2	145.3	144.6	145.1	140.4	140.3	146.5	144.2
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
<b>2000</b>									
March	181.3	176.5	176.8	181.6	166.9	167.2	169.6	169.5	177.1
June	183.2	177.3	177.8	182.5	169.5	169.9	171.5	170.3	178.6
September	195.9	187.6	190.8	193.4	179.8	179.8	182.6	182.3	190.2
December	198.2	189.1	192.0	196.0	182.7	181.6	183.2	183.7	192.1
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	208.9	203.5	203.2	207.8	193.2	191.5	194.3	192.9	203.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
<b>2000</b>									
March	105.0	106.9	102.6	101.9	102.5	104.9	101.1	105.5	104.8
June	106.0	106.9	102.9	104.0	105.6	105.0	102.0	106.9	105.7
September	112.5	116.2	110.4	113.6	112.7	112.8	108.4	113.7	113.5
December	113.3	115.4	109.7	111.2	111.0	112.9	108.0	114.0	113.1
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	114.9	113.4	105.4	110.6	108.1	110.9	106.3	116.0	112.2
HOUSING									
<b>2000</b>									
March	108.6	91.7	105.1	97.9	95.1	98.8	117.5	99.0	100.7
June	109.6	91.7	105.4	98.3	95.4	99.2	118.2	100.6	101.2
September	115.8	97.8	112.0	103.9	101.3	105.5	123.9	106.7	107.4
December	116.1	98.3	112.7	103.9	101.3	105.8	123.9	107.1	107.7
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	119.4	103.2	115.1	108.6	103.8	109.0	124.2	112.7	111.5

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES									
<b>2000</b>									
March	110.5	114.3	114.4	112.9	112.4	120.2	106.8	116.0	112.8
June	112.0	115.7	115.6	113.4	113.6	121.2	107.5	117.7	114.1
September	114.0	117.9	119.0	116.0	114.7	124.5	109.5	120.9	116.4
December	114.3	117.1	119.4	115.8	115.3	124.6	110.4	120.3	116.3
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	117.5	120.3	122.3	120.0	117.1	127.6	110.7	122.7	119.4
HEALTH									
<b>2000</b>									
March	152.0	170.2	153.9	166.3	153.5	175.1	147.7	155.9	160.2
June	152.7	170.9	155.0	167.9	154.8	177.7	149.5	157.9	161.3
September	153.4	171.9	156.0	168.5	155.5	178.0	151.3	158.1	162.1
December	153.0	172.8	155.7	167.6	154.7	177.4	152.4	157.1	161.9
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	161.7	183.2	166.1	173.7	162.5	185.8	157.7	168.9	171.1
TRANSPORTATION									
<b>2000</b>									
March	131.1	129.2	128.5	130.4	130.4	126.6	126.2	135.3	130.1
June	133.5	131.2	130.5	131.9	131.7	129.3	129.3	136.4	132.1
September	136.7	134.5	134.6	136.8	136.0	133.3	130.6	138.6	135.6
December	138.0	135.6	134.1	137.6	136.3	130.4	131.1	139.3	136.4
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	138.2	136.4	136.6	133.9	136.4	131.3	135.6	136.2	136.8
COMMUNICATION									
<b>2000</b>									
March	97.7	97.2	100.2	97.0	95.8	98.0	91.1	97.2	97.5
June	98.9	98.5	101.5	98.7	97.1	99.5	92.0	98.3	98.8
September	105.8	105.4	108.6	105.5	103.7	106.3	98.3	105.1	105.6
December	105.1	104.6	108.0	105.0	102.8	105.8	97.6	104.4	104.9
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	105.1	105.4	108.6	106.2	103.8	106.0	97.8	104.2	105.5

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
<b>2000</b>									
March	119.7	122.7	121.0	118.5	116.2	118.6	108.3	118.2	120.2
June	119.7	122.4	120.3	118.6	117.4	118.5	107.3	117.9	120.0
September	124.7	127.8	124.6	122.7	120.9	124.1	112.7	122.9	124.8
December	124.2	127.4	124.9	123.4	121.1	123.3	113.9	122.0	124.6
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	133.8	129.9	129.5	129.0	127.6	124.5	112.8	125.5	130.4
EDUCATION									
<b>2000</b>									
March	184.9	179.4	205.5	220.7	187.5	206.2	153.1	181.5	187.0
June	184.9	179.4	205.5	220.7	187.5	206.2	153.1	181.5	187.0
September	185.3	179.7	205.8	220.9	187.5	206.5	153.1	181.8	187.3
December	185.6	179.8	205.8	220.9	187.5	206.5	153.1	181.8	187.5
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	204.0	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
MISCELLANEOUS									
<b>2000</b>									
March	159.1	147.8	163.0	150.6	157.2	153.6	145.8	178.2	155.3
June	165.0	153.4	167.2	153.9	160.6	157.4	149.2	182.1	160.3
September	167.3	159.3	166.6	157.8	161.7	162.4	154.7	188.6	163.5
December	169.4	159.4	168.1	158.3	164.7	163.6	156.9	192.7	165.0
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	180.3	162.6	180.3	166.0	173.0	167.7	164.2	194.5	172.8

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

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>Food</b>	0.10	0.01	0.20	0.14	0.39	0.39	0.19	-0.18	0.12
Dairy and related products	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.05	0.01	0.02	—
Milk	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.04	0.01	—	—
Cheese	—	—	-0.02	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	—	—	0.02	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	0.01	—
Bread and cereal products	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.09	0.09	0.02	0.04
Bread	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.08	0.06	—	0.05
Breakfast cereals	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01
Other cereal products	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—
Meat and seafoods	0.04	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.07
Beef and veal	—	0.01	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.01	—
Lamb and mutton	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Pork	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01
Poultry	0.02	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.02	-0.01	0.02	—	0.03
Bacon and ham	—	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	0.02	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.02	—	—	—
Fish and other seafood	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	-0.02	-0.19	—	-0.09	0.17	0.01	0.10	-0.12	-0.05
Fruit	-0.02	-0.07	-0.04	0.12	0.18	-0.01	0.09	-0.06	-0.01
Vegetables	-0.01	-0.12	0.05	-0.21	—	0.01	0.01	-0.07	-0.05
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	-0.08	0.01	—	-0.01	0.03	0.05	-0.02	-0.04	-0.03
Soft drinks, waters and juices	-0.06	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03
Snacks and confectionery	-0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	—	—	0.02	—	—
Meals out and take away foods	0.10	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.01	0.03	0.06
Restaurant meals	0.07	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.04	—	0.01	0.03
Take away and fast foods	0.03	0.02	—	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.01	0.03	0.03
Other food	0.02	0.03	—	0.03	0.02	0.03	-0.02	-0.04	0.02
Eggs	—	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.02	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	-0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	—	-0.02	—
Food additives and condiments	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	—
Fats and oils	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
Food n.e.c.	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.01
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	0.09	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.11
Alcoholic drinks	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.03	-0.01	—	0.04
Beer	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.05	0.01	0.01
Wine	0.02	—	0.02	-0.01	—	0.03	0.02	-0.01	0.01
Spirits	0.02	0.02	—	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Tobacco	0.06	0.09	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.08
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	0.04	0.03	-0.15	-0.12	-0.15	-0.19	-0.14	0.04	-0.02
Men's clothing	—	0.03	-0.04	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03	—	0.02	—
Men's outerwear	-0.01	0.03	-0.05	-0.02	—	-0.02	0.01	0.01	—
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01
Women's clothing	0.02	0.01	-0.13	-0.11	-0.12	-0.16	-0.02	0.01	-0.03
Women's outerwear	0.01	—	-0.12	-0.10	-0.10	-0.15	-0.01	0.01	-0.03
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	0.02	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	—
Children's and infants' clothing	—	—	0.02	-0.01	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	—	-0.01
Footwear	0.02	-0.01	—	-0.03	-0.01	0.03	-0.03	—	—
Men's footwear	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—
Women's footwear	0.01	—	—	-0.03	-0.01	0.03	-0.01	—	—
Children's footwear	0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	0.01	—	-0.01	0.06	0.03	-0.01	-0.06	0.02	0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery	—	—	-0.02	0.04	0.04	—	-0.05	0.02	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	0.01	—	—	0.03	0.01	—	—	—	0.01

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<b>Housing</b>	0.12	0.27	0.26	0.16	0.18	0.26	0.23	0.16	0.19
Rents	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.04	-0.03	0.07	0.04
Utilities	0.01	0.25	0.01	—	0.03	0.20	0.05	0.02	0.08
Electricity	-0.03	0.15	—	—	—	0.19	—	—	0.04
Gas and other household fuels	0.03	0.10	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.04
Water and sewerage	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.05	—	—
Other housing	0.09	-0.01	0.20	0.12	0.12	0.03	0.21	0.07	0.08
House purchase	0.07	0.02	0.19	0.15	0.12	0.08	0.17	0.10	0.08
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	0.01	-0.04	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.05	0.04	-0.02	-0.01
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	-0.10	-0.06	-0.05	-0.09	-0.10	0.06	-0.15	-0.09	-0.08
Furniture and furnishings	-0.06	-0.05	-0.02	-0.06	-0.04	0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.05
Furniture	-0.09	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.04
Floor and window coverings	0.01	0.01	—	-0.04	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Towels and linen	0.02	-0.05	—	-0.01	-0.02	0.04	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.05	-0.02	-0.06	-0.03	-0.07	—	-0.07	-0.05	-0.05
Major household appliances	-0.03	-0.03	—	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	—	-0.02	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	-0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.02	—	-0.07	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02
Tools	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—	—
Household supplies	-0.01	0.03	0.02	—	—	0.04	-0.06	—	0.01
Household cleaning agents	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Other household supplies	-0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	0.02	-0.05	—	-0.01
Household services	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01
<b>Health</b>	0.18	0.20	0.19	0.18	0.15	0.23	0.11	0.24	0.19
Health services	0.01	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.08	0.03
Hospital and medical services	—	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.02
Optical services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—
Dental services	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.01	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.19	0.08	0.16	0.16
<b>Transportation</b>	0.10	0.10	0.07	-0.06	0.18	0.12	0.58	-0.03	0.10
Private motoring	0.11	0.08	0.07	-0.06	0.18	0.12	0.58	-0.12	0.09
Motor vehicles	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.02	0.14	0.10	0.01	-0.11	0.07
Automotive fuel	-0.01	0.03	-0.03	-0.07	0.02	-0.01	-0.06	-0.03	-0.01
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	—	—	—	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—	0.03	-0.04	—	—
Other motoring charges	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	0.61	0.01	0.01
Urban transport fares	—	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	0.10	0.01
<b>Communication</b>	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecommunication	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	—



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<b>Recreation</b>	0.53	0.35	0.27	0.50	0.15	0.10	-0.63	0.32	0.38
Audio, visual and computing	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.02	—	-0.10	-0.03	-0.01
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	-0.04	-0.01
Audio, visual and computing media and services	—	-0.01	-0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.05	0.01	—
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.05	—	—	0.03	—	—	—	0.03	0.02
Books	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	—
Newspapers and magazines	0.03	—	—	0.03	—	—	—	0.02	0.01
Sport and other recreation	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.16	-0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.09
Sports and recreational equipment	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—
Toys, games and hobbies	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.03	—	0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.03
Sports participation	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05	-0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	0.04	—	0.02	0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Pet services including veterinary	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Other recreational activities	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.10	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.03
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.43	0.27	0.17	0.36	0.01	0.11	-0.53	0.28	0.28
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.07	0.20	0.06	0.11	-0.11	0.03	-0.57	0.01	0.08
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.36	0.08	0.12	0.25	0.12	0.08	0.04	0.27	0.21
<b>Education</b>	0.17	0.19	0.23	0.16	0.07	0.10	0.03	0.08	0.16
Preschool and primary education	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04
Secondary education	0.07	0.11	0.10	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.08
Tertiary education	0.07	0.03	0.10	0.03	—	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.05
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.07	0.06	0.12	0.08	0.03	0.07	0.05	0.10	0.06
Insurance services	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.05
Personal care	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	0.04	-0.02	0.01	—
Hairdressing and personal care services	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.02	—
Toiletries and personal care products	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.02	—	0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Child care	0.01	0.01	0.05	—	—	—	0.02	—	0.01
<b>All groups</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>

(a) All groups index points.

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	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Change between
	2001	2001	2002	2001 and	2001 and	2001	2002	Dec Qtr 2001 and Mar Qtr 2002
<b>Food</b>	137.6	143.4	144.2	0.6	4.8	24.63	24.75	0.12
Dairy and related products	142.4	152.3	152.5	0.1	7.1	2.00	2.00	—
Milk	153.6	162.4	163.1	0.4	6.2	1.03	1.03	—
Cheese	116.8	130.7	129.3	-1.1	10.7	0.50	0.49	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	146.8	153.5	154.7	0.8	5.4	0.48	0.48	—
Bread and cereal products	150.0	154.9	157.3	1.5	4.9	2.98	3.02	0.04
Bread	175.6	180.7	181.5	0.4	3.4	1.11	1.12	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	139.0	142.1	147.5	3.8	6.1	1.20	1.25	0.05
Breakfast cereals	120.4	129.2	127.2	-1.5	5.6	0.33	0.32	-0.01
Other cereal products	125.1	130.6	130.2	-0.3	4.1	0.33	0.33	—
Meat and seafoods	120.4	132.8	135.2	1.8	12.3	3.79	3.86	0.07
Beef and veal	118.2	140.3	140.9	0.4	19.2	0.84	0.84	—
Lamb and mutton	133.6	160.9	168.0	4.4	25.7	0.41	0.43	0.02
Pork	127.8	145.2	150.5	3.7	17.8	0.29	0.30	0.01
Poultry	96.4	98.0	101.5	3.6	5.3	0.63	0.66	0.03
Bacon and ham	120.8	131.4	137.0	4.3	13.4	0.37	0.38	0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	129.2	143.4	145.3	1.3	12.5	0.64	0.64	—
Fish and other seafood	120.7	123.3	121.0	-1.9	0.2	0.61	0.60	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	132.0	134.5	132.4	-1.6	0.3	3.34	3.29	-0.05
Fruit	140.4	160.9	160.6	-0.2	14.4	1.64	1.63	-0.01
Vegetables	127.6	117.4	114.1	-2.8	-10.6	1.71	1.66	-0.05
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	139.9	142.8	141.7	-0.8	1.3	3.19	3.16	-0.03
Soft drinks, waters and juices	128.3	130.1	127.7	-1.8	-0.5	1.61	1.58	-0.03
Snacks and confectionery	154.8	159.1	159.5	0.3	3.0	1.58	1.58	—
Meals out and take away foods	143.4	147.4	148.7	0.9	3.7	7.05	7.11	0.06
Restaurant meals	146.1	149.1	150.9	1.2	3.3	2.89	2.92	0.03
Take away and fast foods	142.9	147.5	148.5	0.7	3.9	4.16	4.19	0.03
Other food	132.0	138.5	139.8	0.9	5.9	2.28	2.30	0.02
Eggs	149.4	165.0	164.9	-0.1	10.4	0.17	0.17	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	146.0	149.9	147.1	-1.9	0.8	0.23	0.23	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	137.0	143.9	145.1	0.8	5.9	0.44	0.44	—
Food additives and condiments	125.7	128.9	130.4	1.2	3.7	0.44	0.44	—
Fats and oils	117.9	124.2	128.8	3.7	9.2	0.28	0.29	0.01
Food n.e.c.	131.1	138.5	139.6	0.8	6.5	0.73	0.74	0.01
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	197.1	201.8	203.9	1.0	3.5	10.57	10.68	0.11
Alcoholic drinks	148.3	150.7	151.5	0.5	2.2	7.05	7.09	0.04
Beer	153.2	155.0	155.7	0.5	1.6	3.33	3.34	0.01
Wine	138.2	141.4	141.8	0.3	2.6	2.32	2.33	0.01
Spirits	148.5	150.9	152.4	1.0	2.6	1.40	1.42	0.02
Tobacco	326.2	339.2	346.4	2.1	6.2	3.51	3.59	0.08
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	110.7	112.7	112.2	-0.4	1.4	6.97	6.95	-0.02
Men's clothing	111.2	111.9	112.1	0.2	0.8	1.29	1.29	—
Men's outerwear	108.7	109.9	109.4	-0.5	0.6	1.07	1.07	—
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	124.6	122.6	126.8	3.4	1.8	0.22	0.23	0.01
Women's clothing	113.6	117.2	115.8	-1.2	1.9	2.45	2.42	-0.03
Women's outerwear	108.5	112.3	110.4	-1.7	1.8	1.93	1.90	-0.03
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	133.3	136.1	136.6	0.4	2.5	0.52	0.52	—
Children's and infants' clothing	114.0	115.8	114.3	-1.3	0.3	0.64	0.63	-0.01
Footwear	100.5	102.7	102.8	0.1	2.3	1.14	1.14	—
Men's footwear	95.4	98.5	98.2	-0.3	2.9	0.35	0.35	—
Women's footwear	106.0	107.5	108.2	0.7	2.1	0.54	0.54	—
Children's footwear	98.6	100.6	100.3	-0.3	1.7	0.25	0.25	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	103.3	103.4	104.0	0.6	0.7	1.45	1.46	0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	95.3	93.0	93.8	0.9	-1.6	0.76	0.77	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	105.6	114.5	113.8	-0.6	7.8	0.16	0.16	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	155.5	157.8	158.7	0.6	2.1	0.52	0.53	0.01

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	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Change between
	2001	2001	2002	2001 and	2001 and	2001	2002	Dec Qtr 2001 and Mar Qtr 2002
<b>Housing</b>	108.2	110.7	111.5	0.7	3.0	27.24	27.43	0.19
Rents	129.8	132.7	133.3	0.5	2.7	7.38	7.42	0.04
Utilities	133.2	136.8	139.3	1.8	4.6	4.56	4.64	0.08
Electricity	131.0	134.9	136.9	1.5	4.5	2.42	2.46	0.04
Gas and other household fuels	139.8	141.5	147.8	4.5	5.7	0.99	1.03	0.04
Water and sewerage(b)	107.8	111.9	112.1	0.2	4.0	1.15	1.15	—
Other housing	101.2	103.5	104.0	0.5	2.8	15.29	15.37	0.08
House purchase(b)	121.4	123.4	124.3	0.7	2.4	10.94	11.02	0.08
Property rates and charges(b)	113.5	119.0	119.0	—	4.8	1.66	1.66	—
House repairs and maintenance	140.2	144.3	143.9	-0.3	2.6	2.69	2.68	-0.01
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	117.2	120.3	119.4	-0.7	1.9	10.76	10.68	-0.08
Furniture and furnishings	124.8	128.5	127.2	-1.0	1.9	4.79	4.74	-0.05
Furniture	127.3	131.5	129.7	-1.4	1.9	3.09	3.05	-0.04
Floor and window coverings	120.9	125.6	126.0	0.3	4.2	1.01	1.01	—
Towels and linen	119.2	119.5	117.6	-1.6	-1.3	0.70	0.69	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	109.0	110.3	108.3	-1.8	-0.6	2.58	2.53	-0.05
Major household appliances	111.2	110.5	108.6	-1.7	-2.3	1.15	1.14	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	107.5	108.5	106.8	-1.6	-0.7	0.37	0.36	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	104.2	107.9	104.6	-3.1	0.4	0.63	0.61	-0.02
Tools	110.0	113.5	113.2	-0.3	2.9	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	124.2	128.7	129.0	0.2	3.9	2.50	2.51	0.01
Household cleaning agents	115.5	117.7	120.0	2.0	3.9	0.52	0.53	0.01
Other household supplies	128.2	133.4	133.1	-0.2	3.8	1.98	1.97	-0.01
Household services	180.9	184.2	186.3	1.1	3.0	0.88	0.89	0.01
<b>Health</b>	166.4	166.1	171.1	3.0	2.8	6.09	6.28	0.19
Health services	169.9	174.5	175.5	0.6	3.3	4.72	4.75	0.03
Hospital and medical services	173.7	178.1	179.0	0.5	3.1	3.58	3.60	0.02
Optical services	134.4	136.4	136.8	0.3	1.8	0.21	0.21	—
Dental services	169.0	175.1	176.8	1.0	4.6	0.93	0.94	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	142.6	129.9	144.7	11.4	1.5	1.37	1.53	0.16
<b>Transportation</b>	136.7	136.1	136.8	0.5	0.1	19.82	19.92	0.10
Private motoring	134.0	133.2	133.8	0.5	-0.1	18.61	18.70	0.09
Motor vehicles	103.5	106.6	107.6	0.9	4.0	7.52	7.59	0.07
Automotive fuel	153.0	139.5	139.4	-0.1	-8.9	5.28	5.27	-0.01
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	126.9	130.9	131.2	0.2	3.4	3.03	3.04	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	105.0	110.6	110.5	-0.1	5.2	1.32	1.32	—
Other motoring charges	171.0	174.0	175.8	1.0	2.8	1.46	1.47	0.01
Urban transport fares	183.0	187.3	188.6	0.7	3.1	1.21	1.22	0.01
<b>Communication</b>	104.4	105.4	105.5	0.1	1.1	3.88	3.88	—
Postal	119.3	121.1	121.1	—	1.5	0.20	0.20	—
Telecommunication	102.7	103.6	103.7	0.1	1.0	3.68	3.68	—

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	2001	2001	2002	2001 and 2002	2001 and 2002	2001	2002	Dec Qtr 2001 and Mar Qtr 2002
<b>Recreation</b>	124.5	127.5	130.4	2.3	4.7	16.47	16.85	0.38
Audio, visual and computing	71.1	68.9	68.6	-0.4	-3.5	3.24	3.23	-0.01
Audio, visual and computing equipment	53.8	50.8	50.2	-1.2	-6.7	1.48	1.47	-0.01
Audio, visual and computing media and services	104.5	103.6	103.4	-0.2	-1.1	1.76	1.76	—
Books, newspapers and magazines	184.2	189.2	191.7	1.3	4.1	1.53	1.55	0.02
Books(b)	113.9	117.5	118.4	0.8	4.0	0.69	0.69	—
Newspapers and magazines(b)	120.4	123.2	125.4	1.8	4.2	0.85	0.86	0.01
Sport and other recreation	146.8	149.3	151.8	1.7	3.4	5.63	5.72	0.09
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	95.9	96.9	96.4	-0.5	0.5	0.81	0.81	—
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	97.0	96.7	100.9	4.3	4.0	0.65	0.68	0.03
Sports participation(b)	122.7	125.3	127.0	1.4	3.5	1.17	1.18	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	121.1	129.3	132.9	2.8	9.7	0.57	0.58	0.01
Pet services including veterinary	173.2	176.8	178.4	0.9	3.0	0.47	0.48	0.01
Other recreational activities(b)	119.2	120.4	122.5	1.7	2.8	1.96	1.99	0.03
Holiday travel and accommodation	114.4	121.6	127.3	4.7	11.3	6.07	6.35	0.28
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	121.0	127.6	130.7	2.4	8.0	3.32	3.40	0.08
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	106.3	114.1	122.6	7.4	15.3	2.74	2.95	0.21
<b>Education</b>	195.4	195.5	204.6	4.7	4.7	3.55	3.71	0.16
Preschool and primary education(c)	104.8	105.3	111.0	5.4	5.9	0.67	0.71	0.04
Secondary education(c)	106.3	106.3	113.1	6.4	6.4	1.25	1.33	0.08
Tertiary education(c)	102.9	102.9	106.0	3.0	3.0	1.62	1.67	0.05
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	166.7	170.6	172.8	1.3	3.7	5.43	5.49	0.06
Insurance services	217.4	226.6	232.6	2.6	7.0	2.07	2.12	0.05
Personal care	141.5	144.7	144.5	-0.1	2.1	2.88	2.88	—
Hairdressing and personal care services	156.2	158.3	159.1	0.5	1.9	1.06	1.06	—
Toiletries and personal care products	133.4	137.1	136.5	-0.4	2.3	1.82	1.81	-0.01
Child care	136.8	130.7	135.0	3.3	-1.3	0.48	0.49	0.01
<b>All groups</b>	<b>132.7</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>135.4</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>

(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)		
	Mar Qtr 2001	Dec Qtr 2001	Mar Qtr 2002	Dec Qtr 2001 and	Mar Qtr 2001 and	Dec Qtr 2001	Mar Qtr 2002	Change between Dec Qtr 2001 and Mar Qtr 2002
				Mar Qtr 2002	Mar Qtr 2002			
<b>All groups</b>	132.7	135.4	136.6	0.9	2.9	135.4	136.6	1.2
<b>Selected components</b>								
Goods component(b)	134.7	137.1	137.8	0.5	2.3	88.26	88.76	0.50
Services component(b)	129.8	133.1	135.2	1.6	4.2	47.16	47.87	0.71
Tradables component(b)(c)	106.9	108.7	109.4	0.6	2.3	62.94	63.35	0.41
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	112.2	114.9	116.2	1.1	3.6	72.48	73.28	0.80
<b>All groups excluding</b>								
Food	131.6	133.7	135.0	1.0	2.6	110.78	111.88	1.10
Alcohol and tobacco	128.1	130.6	131.8	0.9	2.9	124.85	125.95	1.10
Clothing and footwear	134.2	137.0	138.3	0.9	3.1	128.44	129.68	1.24
Housing	137.0	139.8	141.1	0.9	3.0	108.18	109.19	1.01
Household furnishings, supplies and services	135.5	138.2	139.7	1.1	3.1	124.65	125.95	1.30
Health	130.9	133.7	134.7	0.7	2.9	129.32	130.35	1.03
Transportation	132.1	135.3	136.7	1.0	3.5	115.59	116.71	1.12
Communication	133.1	135.9	137.2	1.0	3.1	131.53	132.75	1.22
Recreation	133.8	136.5	137.5	0.7	2.8	118.94	119.77	0.83
Education	132.0	134.8	135.9	0.8	3.0	131.87	132.92	1.05
Miscellaneous	131.3	134.0	135.2	0.9	3.0	129.99	131.13	1.14
Hospital and medical services	131.4	134.1	135.3	0.9	3.0	131.83	133.03	1.20

(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 this series.

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

## ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index Numbers(a)(b)

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>All groups</i>	<i>All groups excluding Housing</i>	<i>All groups excluding 'volatile items'</i>	<i>Goods</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Tradables(c)</i>	<i>Non-tradables(c)</i>
<b>1997-1998</b>	120.3	125.4	127.2	123.5	126.1	124.2	..	..
<b>1998-1999</b>	121.8	126.9	129.0	124.9	129.4	126.1	100.4	101.0
<b>1999-2000</b>	124.7	129.4	131.5	127.1	133.8	128.9	102.1	104.0
<b>2000-2001</b>	132.2	136.4	138.7	132.9	144.1	136.0	106.5	111.8
<b>1998</b>								
March	120.3	125.7	127.6	123.8	126.7	124.5	..	..
June	121.0	126.3	128.2	124.0	127.4	124.9	100.0	100.0
September	121.3	126.6	128.6	124.3	127.7	125.2	100.1	100.5
December	121.9	127.1	129.0	124.5	129.0	125.7	100.2	101.2
<b>1999</b>								
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
<b>2000</b>								
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
<b>2001</b>								
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
<b>2002</b>								
March	136.6	141.1	144.1	137.6	150.5	141.2	109.4	116.2

(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)								
<b>1997-1998</b>	0.0	1.2	1.6	0.8	3.3	1.5	..	..
<b>1998-1999</b>	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	2.6	1.5	..	..
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	3.0
<b>2000-2001</b>	6.0	5.4	5.5	4.6	7.7	5.5	4.3	7.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
<b>1998</b>								
March	-0.2	1.0	1.6	1.0	3.2	1.5	..	..
June	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.0	3.2	1.5	..	..
September	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.2	2.4	1.5	..	..
December	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.0	2.7	1.5	..	..
<b>1999</b>								
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
<b>2000</b>								
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
<b>2001</b>								
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
<b>2002</b>								
March	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.4	3.6	2.3	3.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
<b>1998</b>								
March	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.5	..	..
June	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.3	..	..
September	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.5
December	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.7
<b>1999</b>								
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
<b>2000</b>								
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
<b>2001</b>								
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
<b>2002</b>								
March	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.1

(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
<b>1997-1998</b>	125.4	114.9	173.9	232.7	112.4	162.1	119.4	127.2	120.6	125.8	120.3	134.6
<b>1998-1999</b>	126.9	116.9	172.0	368.3	112.4	169.0	118.5	128.2	122.0	127.2	120.7	137.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	129.4	118.7	166.6	367.1	111.6	172.1	120.7	129.3	125.0	130.9	121.8	139.3
<b>2000-2001</b>	136.4	123.5	164.8	402.6	111.0	179.2	123.0	130.9	128.1	135.3	124.2	141.4
<b>1998</b>												
March	125.7	115.0	173.7	254.5	112.0	167.3	119.1	127.1	120.9	125.6	120.2	134.5
June	126.3	115.3	175.8	297.4	112.6	167.7	118.7	128.2	121.2	126.3	120.7	136.1
September	126.6	116.4	175.1	360.6	111.9	167.8	118.3	128.0	121.4	126.4	121.0	136.1
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
<b>1999</b>												
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
<b>2000</b>												
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
<b>2001</b>												
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
<b>2002</b>												
March	141.1	127.1	n.y.a.	470.1	n.y.a.	185.1	n.y.a.	130.1	n.y.a.	135.7	127.3	143.4

(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)												
<b>1997-1998</b>	1.2	1.1	3.8	33.7	3.9	7.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.8	2.4
<b>1998-1999</b>	1.2	1.7	-1.1	58.3	0.0	4.3	-0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.3	1.9
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.0	1.5	-3.1	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.9	1.5
<b>2000-2001</b>	5.4	4.0	-1.1	9.7	-0.5	4.1	1.9	1.2	2.5	3.4	2.0	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
<b>1998</b>												
March	1.0	1.0	3.4	43.7	4.5	9.8	0.6	1.9	1.4	0.7	1.3	2.2
June	1.2	1.1	3.0	67.4	1.7	9.0	-0.1	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.6	2.5
September	1.8	1.7	1.7	96.7	-0.4	8.0	-1.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.9
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
<b>1999</b>												
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
<b>2000</b>												
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
<b>2001</b>												
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
<b>2002</b>												
March	3.0	2.7	n.y.a.	15.8	n.y.a.	2.5	n.y.a.	0.2	n.y.a.	0.0	2.2	1.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
<b>1998</b>												
March	0.4	0.1	0.0	30.0	-0.4	6.0	-0.8	1.1	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.1
June	0.5	0.3	1.2	16.9	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.2
September	0.2	1.0	-0.4	21.3	-0.6	0.1	-0.3	-0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
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
<b>1999</b>												
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
<b>2000</b>												
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
<b>2001</b>												
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
<b>2002</b>												
March	0.9	0.5	n.y.a.	3.6	n.y.a.	1.0	n.y.a.	-1.1	n.y.a.	-0.1	1.5	0.1

(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 Website at [www.abs.gov.au](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:	
March Quarter 2002	136.6	(see Table 1)
<i>less</i> December Quarter 2001	135.4	(see Table 1)
Change in index points	1.2	
Percentage change = $\frac{1.2}{135.4} \times 100 = 0.9\%$		

**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 2.00 index points to the total All groups index number of 136.6 for March 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.

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**17** Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Release Advice (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

**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).

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**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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## TREATMENT OF RECENT CHANGES AFFECTING THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

### INTRODUCTION

The Australian CPI is constructed using the *acquisitions* approach, which means the prices used are those that would have been paid for goods and services acquired during the quarter. For the majority of items included in the CPI, obtaining these acquisition prices is relatively straightforward. However, obtaining acquisition prices is more complex for items such as holiday travel and accommodation, for which advance booking and payment are common.

The procedure followed in the Australian CPI is designed to approximate the purchasing behaviour of households. In the case of airfares, it is common for households to book and commit to purchase airfares well in advance of the date of travel (the date at which the service is acquired). Accordingly, the ABS has opted to include in the CPI the prices paid for airfares two months in advance of the month of travel (these prices are collected monthly). The month to which the prices are allocated in the CPI is the actual month of travel. For example, the prices included for the September month would be those collected in July for travel in September.

A number of recent changes to the airline industry in Australia have impacted on the airfares component of the Holiday travel and accommodation subgroup of the CPI. The treatment of these changes is as follows.

### DOMESTIC AIRFARES

The collapse of Ansett in mid September 2001 meant that a number of domestic travellers were unable to use their advance-purchased tickets for Ansett flights. In order to travel, those Ansett customers would have had to purchase replacement tickets either at the special prices offered to Ansett customers by the other airlines or at prices not reflecting discounts for advance-purchased tickets.

In addition, the Federal Government introduced on 1 October 2001 a \$10 Air Passenger Ticket Levy to fund Ansett workers entitlements and, on 5 October 2001, all domestic carriers introduced an Insurance Levy to cover the increased costs of airline insurance following the events of 11 September 2001. Both these levies apply to tickets *purchased* on or after the respective dates rather than to trips made on or after those dates. Existing charges such as the Sydney Airport Noise Levy were unaffected by these changes and continue to be included in the ticket prices.

These events were reflected in the airfares component of domestic holiday travel and accommodation in the December quarter 2001 CPI as follows:

- for travel in October, a combination of prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in August and the special price tickets for Ansett ticket holders purchased in September following the collapse of Ansett, without either of the new levies included;
- for travel in November, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in September, without either of the two levies included;
- for travel in December, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in October, with the two levies included.

Prices in the March quarter 2002 have been compiled on a basis consistent with those for the December 2001 month.

## TREATMENT OF RECENT CHANGES AFFECTING THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

### INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES

International airfares were also subject to three new charges in the December quarter 2001. The Sydney Airports Corporation introduced, from 10 September 2001, a Passenger Service Charge on each international departure and arrival through Sydney airport. In addition, the Air Passenger Ticket Levy and the new Insurance Levy described above also apply to tickets purchased for international travel. Existing charges such as the Federal Government's Passenger Movement Charge, the Sydney Airport Noise Levy and a number of Safety and Security Charges applied at various airports were unaffected and continue to be included in the ticket prices.

The new charges were reflected in the airfares component of overseas holiday travel and accommodation as follows:

- for travel in October, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in August, without any of the new levies included;
- for travel in November, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in September, with the Sydney Airport Passenger Service Charge included but the Air Passenger Ticket Levy and the Insurance Levy excluded;
- for travel in December, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in October, with all three new levies included.

Prices in the March quarter 2002 have been compiled on a basis consistent with those for the December 2001 month.



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