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DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

	% change Sep Qtr 2000 to Dec Qtr 2000	% change Dec Qtr 1999 to Dec Qtr 2000
Weighted average of eight capital cities		
Food	0.8	3.5
Alcohol and tobacco	1.0	10.3
Clothing and footwear	-0.4	7.5
Housing	0.3	8.1
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.1	2.6
Health	-0.1	3.5
Transportation	0.6	7.9
Communication	-0.7	7.8
Recreation	-0.2	3.0
Education	0.1	5.5
Miscellaneous	0.9	9.9
All groups	0.3	5.8
All groups excluding Housing	0.4	5.3

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

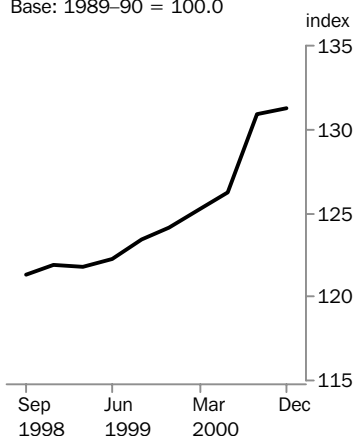
- rose 0.3% in the December quarter 2000, down from 3.7% in the September quarter 2000.
- rose 5.8% between the December quarters 1999 and 2000. This annual result has been affected by the introduction of The New Tax System, in particular the introduction of the goods and services tax.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of automotive fuel (+1.3%), take away and fast foods (+1.9%), tobacco (+2.1%), fruit (+5.5%), rents (+0.5%), other household supplies (+2.4%), beer (+1.2%) and hospital and medical services (+1.2%).
- partially offsetting the above were falls in the cost of pharmaceuticals (-3.6%), vegetables (-2.7%), soft drinks, waters and juices (-2.3%), motor vehicles (-0.4%), men's outerwear (-2.5%), milk (-3.3%), telecommunication (-0.8%) and towels and linen (-4.1%).

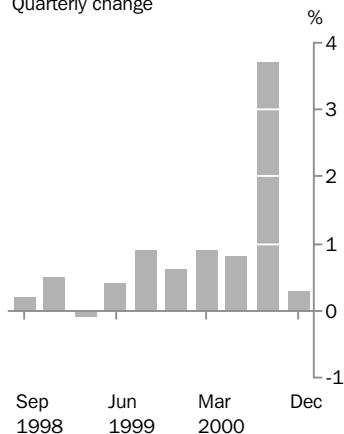
All Groups

Base: 1989-90 = 100.0



All Groups

Quarterly change



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NOTES

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There are no changes in this issue.



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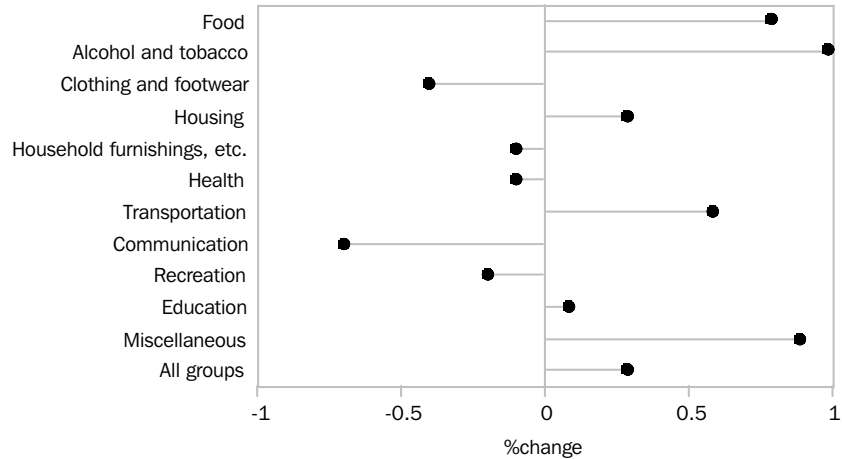
Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers in Table 7 do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.



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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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



MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS 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).

FOOD (+0.8%)

The rise in food costs this quarter was mainly attributable to an increase in the price of take away and fast foods (+1.9%), fruit (+5.5%), snacks and confectionery (+1.5%), food n.e.c. (+2.9%), restaurant meals (+0.7%), and fish and other seafood (+3.1%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the price of vegetables (-2.7%), soft drinks, waters and juices (-2.3%), and milk (-3.3%).

Annually, food costs rose 3.5%.

TRANSPORTATION (+0.6%)

The rise in transportation costs this quarter was mainly due to increases in automotive fuel prices (+1.3%). Petrol prices rose in July (+3.6%), August (+5.0%) and September (+1.8%), fell in October (-0.2%) and November (-2.4%) and rose in December (+1.0%). Adding to the increase in automotive fuel prices, was an increase in motor vehicle repair and servicing (+1.3%). These increases were partially offset by a fall in the price of motor vehicles (-0.4%).

Annually, transportation costs rose 7.9%.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.0%)

The rise in alcohol and tobacco costs was mainly due to increases in the price of tobacco (+2.1%) and beer (+1.2%). These increases were partially offset by a small fall in the price of wine (-0.2%).

Annually, the cost of alcohol and tobacco rose 10.3%.

HOUSING (+0.3%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly due to increases in rents (+0.5%) and house purchase (+0.2%). These increases were partially offset by a fall in the price of gas and other household fuels (-1.9%).

Annually, housing costs rose 8.1%.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE *continued*

MISCELLANEOUS (+0.9%)

The rise in miscellaneous costs this quarter was due to increases in insurance services (+0.8%), toiletries and personal products (+0.8%), child care (+2.3%) and hairdressing and personal care services (+0.5%). (For an explanation of the treatment of insurance services in the Australian CPI, refer to the relevant feature article in the October 2000 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (Cat. no. 1350.0)). There were no falls.

Annually, miscellaneous costs rose 9.9%.

COMMUNICATION (−0.7%)

The fall in communication costs this quarter was due to a decrease in telecommunication (−0.8%). Postal costs were unchanged.

Annually, communication costs rose 7.8%.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (−0.4%)

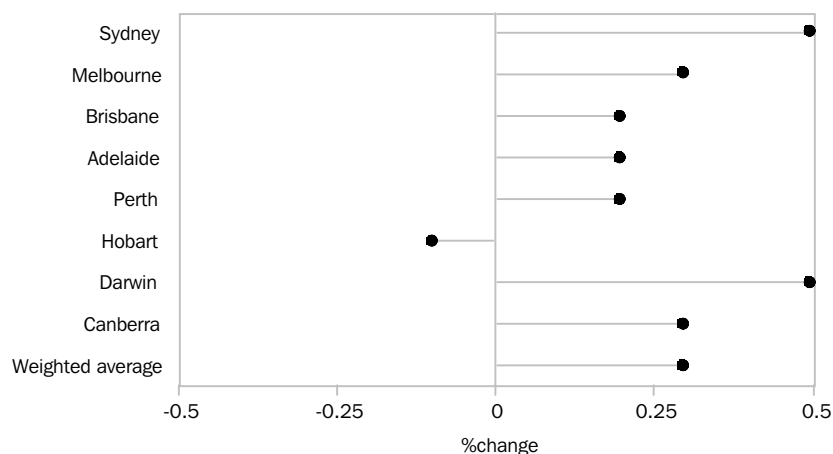
The fall in clothing and footwear costs this quarter was due to decreases in most categories, in particular men's outerwear (−2.5%), women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery (−2.1%), men's underwear, nightwear and socks (−2.9%) and children's and infants' clothing (−1.0%). These falls were partially offset by increases in women's outerwear (+0.6%), clothing services and shoe repair (+2.0%) and clothing accessories and jewellery (+2.0%).

Annually, clothing and footwear costs rose 7.5%.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the December quarter 2000 CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities except Hobart, where the CPI fell 0.1%. Both Sydney and Darwin recorded the highest increase (+0.5%).

The low result in Hobart was mainly due to that capital city recording a 2.2% decrease in transportation costs compared with an increase of 0.6% for the weighted average of eight capital cities. Sydney recorded the highest increases for clothing and footwear (+0.7%) and transportation (+1.0%). Darwin recorded the highest increases for household furnishings, supplies and services (+0.8%), health (+0.7%) and recreation (+1.1%).

Over the 12 months to December quarter 2000, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 5.0% in Perth to 6.0% in Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra.

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

	INDEX	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
	NUMBER(a)	Sep Qtr 2000 and Dec Qtr 2000	Dec Qtr 1999 and Dec Qtr 2000
Sydney	132.2	0.5	6.0
Melbourne	130.8	0.3	5.9
Brisbane	131.6	0.2	6.0
Adelaide	132.5	0.2	5.4
Perth	128.8	0.2	5.0
Hobart	131.2	-0.1	5.8
Darwin	130.6	0.5	5.7
Canberra	131.1	0.3	6.0
Weighted average of eight capital cities	131.3	0.3	5.8

(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>
1996-1997	120.4	119.9	121.0	122.3	118.3	121.4	121.6	121.2	120.3
1997-1998	120.5	119.8	121.6	121.6	118.0	121.3	121.3	120.4	120.3
1998-1999	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
1996									
December	120.4	119.9	120.8	122.6	118.4	121.3	121.7	121.4	120.3
1997									
March	120.6	120.1	121.5	122.6	118.2	121.9	121.6	121.4	120.5
June	120.2	119.9	121.1	121.9	118.1	121.3	121.5	120.4	120.2
September	119.8	119.5	120.7	121.2	117.5	120.6	121.0	119.8	119.7
December	120.1	119.8	121.4	121.2	117.6	121.2	120.8	119.8	120.0
1998									
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
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

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

ALL GROUPS, Percentage Changes

Period	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
1996-1997	1.4	1.3	1.6	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.8	0.7	1.3
1997-1998	0.1	-0.1	0.5	-0.6	-0.3	-0.1	-0.2	-0.7	0.0
1998-1999	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
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
1996									
December	1.8	1.2	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.8	2.1	1.2	1.5
1997									
March	1.3	1.5	1.6	0.8	0.9	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.3
June	0.3	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.8	0.3
September	-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.8	-0.7	-0.4	-0.5	-1.3	-0.3
December	-0.2	-0.1	0.5	-1.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.7	-1.3	-0.2
1998									
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
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
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
1996									
December	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
1997									
March	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.2
June	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.6	-0.1	-0.5	-0.1	-0.8	-0.2
September	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.6	-0.4	-0.5	-0.4
December	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0	0.3
1998									
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
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

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>
1996-1997	119.7	161.4	107.3	101.6	113.5	159.7
1997-1998	121.8	164.6	107.4	94.5	113.8	165.4
1998-1999	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
1996						
December	119.4	161.2	107.5	103.2	113.6	156.4
1997						
March	120.2	161.7	107.0	100.2	113.5	161.8
June	120.8	162.1	107.3	96.9	113.9	166.4
September	120.8	161.9	107.1	95.9	113.4	158.5
December	121.1	164.3	107.8	94.2	113.8	164.6
1998						
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
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

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
1996-1997	124.3	106.5	115.0	156.0	133.4	120.3
1997-1998	123.5	106.6	117.8	165.6	138.5	120.3
1998-1999	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
1996						
December	124.5	106.3	114.7	151.1	132.4	120.3
1997						
March	125.2	106.4	115.8	160.8	134.2	120.5
June	123.9	106.4	115.5	160.8	135.9	120.2
September	124.4	106.5	116.7	160.8	137.0	119.7
December	124.0	106.8	117.1	160.8	138.1	120.0
1998						
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
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

(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>
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PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)

1996-1997	3.2	3.4	0.3	-4.1	1.6	6.3
1997-1998	1.8	2.0	0.1	-7.0	0.3	3.6
1998-1999	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

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

1996						
December	3.2	3.8	0.4	-2.7	1.8	5.0
1997						
March	3.7	2.5	0.2	-5.2	1.7	6.1
June	3.2	1.4	-0.1	-8.8	1.2	9.0
September	2.1	0.9	-0.1	-9.6	0.3	2.9
December	1.4	1.9	0.3	-8.7	0.2	5.2
1998						
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
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

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

1996						
December	0.9	0.5	0.3	-2.7	0.4	1.5
1997						
March	0.7	0.3	-0.5	-2.9	-0.1	3.5
June	0.5	0.2	0.3	-3.3	0.4	2.8
September	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	-1.0	-0.4	-4.7
December	0.2	1.5	0.7	-1.8	0.4	3.8
1998						
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
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

<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)

1996-1997	1.4	-0.7	0.7	6.1	4.2	1.3
1997-1998	-0.6	0.1	2.4	6.2	3.8	0.0
1998-1999	-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

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

1996						
December	1.8	-1.4	0.3	5.7	3.8	1.5
1997						
March	2.3	-0.4	0.5	6.4	4.0	1.3
June	0.1	-0.3	1.3	6.4	4.6	0.3
September	0.8	-0.2	2.4	6.4	4.5	-0.3
December	-0.4	0.5	2.1	6.4	4.3	-0.2
1998						
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
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

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

1996						
December	0.9	-0.4	0.6	0.0	1.0	0.2
1997						
March	0.6	0.1	1.0	6.4	1.4	0.2
June	-1.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0	1.3	-0.2
September	0.4	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.8	-0.4
December	-0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.3
1998						
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
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

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
1998									
December	126.8	124.3	125.0	128.2	127.6	125.0	126.9	129.1	126.0
1999									
March	129.1	125.8	126.4	128.0	128.4	125.5	125.6	129.0	127.5
June	128.7	126.7	126.3	128.8	129.6	126.8	126.7	128.3	127.8
September	129.4	127.8	127.0	129.7	129.4	126.3	124.3	127.7	128.5
December	129.6	128.6	126.4	130.4	129.3	127.5	125.9	130.9	128.9
2000									
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
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
1998									
December	172.9	166.0	168.2	171.4	157.7	159.1	160.1	161.7	167.9
1999									
March	173.9	167.6	169.5	171.8	159.4	161.5	162.1	164.2	169.2
June	175.0	169.1	169.8	173.3	161.5	160.0	163.0	163.2	170.3
September	175.4	169.4	170.6	174.4	161.8	158.1	163.2	162.9	170.8
December	178.5	173.7	173.4	177.8	164.6	163.3	166.6	165.1	174.2
2000									
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
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
1998									
December	106.7	108.2	105.7	105.4	105.8	105.7	105.0	108.1	106.9
1999									
March	106.9	107.5	104.6	103.7	104.6	104.7	103.7	107.2	106.3
June	106.7	107.8	105.2	105.7	105.3	104.6	102.8	107.2	106.7
September	106.1	107.5	104.7	104.8	105.1	104.5	103.3	107.2	106.2
December	105.2	107.1	103.2	102.5	103.6	103.9	103.0	106.2	105.2
2000									
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
HOUSING									
1998									
December	102.6	86.6	101.3	91.9	90.4	95.4	114.5	93.9	95.5
1999									
March	103.8	87.3	101.6	92.2	90.6	95.8	116.0	94.3	96.2
June	104.3	87.5	102.0	92.8	91.3	95.9	116.9	94.7	96.6
September	105.8	88.8	102.8	95.0	93.1	96.9	117.4	96.0	98.1
December	107.3	90.4	103.9	96.9	95.1	97.4	117.8	97.2	99.6
2000									
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

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES									
1998									
December	111.7	115.3	116.4	113.9	114.3	120.8	107.5	116.0	114.1
1999									
March	110.4	114.7	116.0	112.3	112.7	119.5	105.3	115.4	113.0
June	111.2	115.1	115.8	113.2	113.3	119.4	105.9	116.3	113.6
September	110.7	114.3	115.2	112.5	113.0	119.3	105.7	115.7	113.0
December	111.2	114.4	114.9	112.7	113.5	119.1	106.7	116.9	113.3
2000									
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
HEALTH									
1998									
December	160.3	181.8	167.0	187.3	161.2	187.7	155.3	164.7	171.3
1999									
March	144.9	165.2	149.4	163.9	148.8	164.9	144.7	148.5	154.6
June	145.5	166.0	150.0	164.5	148.9	165.7	145.0	149.3	155.2
September	147.9	166.0	150.9	164.5	151.4	173.3	145.9	152.1	156.8
December	148.0	165.9	150.5	163.7	150.5	172.0	145.8	152.0	156.5
2000									
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
TRANSPORTATION									
1998									
December	123.4	120.6	121.0	121.3	122.2	118.6	119.8	126.9	121.9
1999									
March	122.5	119.9	120.5	120.9	121.1	118.4	119.1	126.5	121.2
June	124.2	121.6	121.8	122.4	123.2	120.4	119.3	128.2	122.9
September	127.9	125.9	125.5	127.8	127.4	123.1	122.6	131.6	126.9
December	127.3	125.2	124.8	127.4	127.0	123.8	123.2	131.4	126.4
2000									
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
COMMUNICATION									
1998									
December	104.1	103.7	106.2	103.3	104.1	104.2	101.3	104.3	104.1
1999									
March	101.2	101.3	103.2	100.2	100.8	100.5	95.0	100.3	101.2
June	100.9	101.0	103.0	100.0	100.4	100.4	94.8	100.1	100.9
September	97.5	97.5	100.2	97.7	96.6	98.3	91.4	97.1	97.7
December	97.3	97.1	99.9	97.2	96.0	97.9	91.1	97.0	97.3
2000									
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

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
1998									
December	118.7	121.6	120.5	117.3	117.0	118.3	111.7	117.3	119.3
1999									
March	119.3	122.8	120.9	118.6	117.7	118.7	110.5	117.8	120.2
June	119.2	121.3	120.8	118.9	118.1	118.3	110.4	116.2	119.8
September	119.9	122.3	121.0	119.7	118.0	119.0	110.8	117.6	120.4
December	121.0	122.6	121.5	119.7	119.5	119.0	109.2	118.9	121.0
2000									
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
EDUCATION									
1998									
December	166.9	164.2	188.6	198.8	169.9	190.0	143.5	171.0	170.3
1999									
March	174.1	171.5	196.4	210.8	176.4	198.8	148.1	175.7	177.8
June	174.1	171.5	196.4	210.8	176.4	198.8	148.1	175.7	177.8
September	174.1	171.5	196.4	210.8	176.4	198.8	148.1	175.7	177.8
December	174.1	171.5	196.4	210.8	176.4	198.8	148.1	175.7	177.8
2000									
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
MISCELLANEOUS									
1998									
December	147.3	134.6	149.0	143.4	144.5	142.7	133.3	159.0	143.0
1999									
March	147.5	136.3	150.6	143.1	146.0	143.9	134.1	163.3	144.0
June	148.7	137.4	151.3	142.6	147.7	143.9	136.1	164.3	145.0
September	150.7	139.7	153.7	143.2	149.9	147.2	139.3	167.3	147.1
December	152.9	143.3	156.7	147.4	154.0	150.7	142.8	172.1	150.2
2000									
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

(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
Food	0.21	0.21	0.09	0.07	-0.03	0.19	0.24	0.30	0.16
Dairy and related products	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	0.06	0.02	-0.01
Milk	-0.03	-0.04	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03	0.02	-0.01	-0.03
Cheese	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Bread and cereal products	-0.04	0.05	-0.01	0.02	—	-0.06	0.03	-0.02	—
Bread	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	-0.02	-0.04	0.02	-0.03	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	-0.02	0.03	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	—	0.01	0.01
Breakfast cereals	-0.02	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	-0.01
Other cereal products	-0.02	—	-0.03	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	-0.01
Meat and seafoods	0.10	0.01	0.05	—	0.01	0.11	0.02	0.05	0.04
Beef and veal	0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	—	0.01	0.01
Lamb and mutton	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—
Pork	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—
Poultry	0.02	—	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.05	—	—	0.01
Bacon and ham	0.01	0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.02	-0.01	—	0.01
Fish and other seafood	0.03	0.02	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02
Fruit and vegetables	0.08	0.04	0.02	-0.07	-0.10	0.01	—	0.10	0.03
Fruit	0.08	0.10	0.07	-0.03	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.14	0.07
Vegetables	—	-0.06	-0.06	-0.05	-0.11	-0.02	-0.07	-0.02	-0.05
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.04	-0.02
Soft drinks, waters and juices	-0.07	-0.04	-0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	—	-0.04
Snacks and confectionery	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.02
Meals out and take away foods	0.11	0.14	0.05	0.06	—	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.10
Restaurant meals	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.04	—	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02
Take away and fast foods	0.10	0.11	0.04	0.03	-0.01	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.07
Other food	—	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.02
Eggs	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	—	—
Food additives and condiments	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02	—
Fats and oils	-0.01	—	0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01
Food n.e.c.	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.02
Alcohol and tobacco	0.11	0.08	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.12	0.04	0.09	0.10
Alcoholic drinks	0.07	—	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.05	-0.03	0.03	0.04
Beer	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.01	-0.03	0.03	0.04
Wine	0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Spirits	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.03	—
Tobacco	0.04	0.07	0.05	0.10	0.14	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.07
Clothing and footwear	0.04	-0.04	-0.03	-0.17	-0.10	0.01	-0.02	0.02	-0.03
Men's clothing	-0.03	-0.05	-0.06	-0.03	0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.01	-0.03
Men's outerwear	-0.02	-0.04	-0.06	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.03	—	-0.03
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	-0.01	—	—	-0.02	—	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01
Women's clothing	0.04	-0.01	0.04	-0.04	-0.10	0.04	—	0.02	0.01
Women's outerwear	0.05	—	0.04	-0.03	-0.07	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.02	-0.01
Footwear	—	—	-0.02	-0.07	—	0.02	0.02	—	-0.01
Men's footwear	0.02	—	—	-0.02	—	—	—	—	—
Women's footwear	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01
Children's footwear	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	-0.01
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	0.05	0.03	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.02	0.02
Clothing accessories and jewellery	0.03	0.02	—	-0.03	—	—	-0.01	—	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	0.02	—	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	0.12	0.17	—	—	0.07	-0.02	0.09	0.08
Rents	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.02	0.06	-0.03	0.06	0.04
Utilities	-0.05	0.03	—	0.02	—	0.04	—	-0.01	—
Electricity	-0.05	0.10	—	—	—	0.03	—	-0.01	0.01
Gas and other household fuels	—	-0.07	—	0.02	—	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Water and sewerage	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other housing	0.05	0.06	0.12	-0.06	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.04	0.05
House purchase	0.03	0.06	0.11	-0.06	-0.04	—	—	0.04	0.03
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.01	—	0.01
Household furnishings, supplies and services	0.03	-0.06	0.03	-0.02	0.05	0.01	0.08	-0.05	—
Furniture and furnishings	-0.04	-0.07	-0.02	-0.05	0.02	-0.03	0.10	-0.06	-0.04
Furniture	-0.02	-0.03	—	-0.04	0.03	—	0.01	-0.04	-0.02
Floor and window coverings	—	-0.01	0.02	0.02	—	0.01	0.06	—	0.01
Towels and linen	-0.03	-0.03	-0.05	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	0.02	-0.03	-0.03
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.01	-0.04	-0.04	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02
Major household appliances	0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	0.02	—	—	—	0.01
Small electric household appliances	—	—	0.01	0.01	-0.03	—	-0.01	—	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.01	-0.04	-0.06	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
Tools	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—
Household supplies	0.05	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.03	0.05
Household cleaning agents	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	—
Other household supplies	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.04
Household services	0.01	—	0.02	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01
Health	-0.02	0.03	-0.01	-0.04	-0.03	-0.03	0.03	-0.03	-0.01
Health services	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.02	—	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.04
Hospital and medical services	0.03	0.06	0.04	0.01	—	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.04
Optical services	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	—
Dental services	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	-0.07	-0.05	-0.06	-0.05	-0.03	-0.07	-0.04	-0.06	-0.05
Transportation	0.18	0.17	-0.08	0.11	0.04	-0.40	0.07	0.10	0.11
Private motoring	0.19	0.15	-0.12	0.11	0.02	-0.39	0.04	0.09	0.11
Motor vehicles	-0.03	-0.01	-0.06	-0.02	-0.02	-0.10	-0.06	-0.04	-0.03
Automotive fuel	0.15	0.11	-0.07	0.07	—	-0.32	0.12	0.10	0.08
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.06	0.03	—	0.04	0.03	0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.03
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	-0.02	—	0.03	0.01
Other motoring charges	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.02	—	0.01	—
Urban transport fares	-0.01	0.02	0.03	—	0.01	—	0.03	—	0.01
Communication	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecommunication	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03

<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	-0.05	-0.06	0.04	0.10	0.03	-0.13	0.19	-0.14	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing	—	0.02	0.05	-0.02	-0.01	0.05	0.02	-0.01	0.01
Audio, visual and computing equipment	0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.03	—	0.01
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.01	0.02	0.04	-0.01	-0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.02	0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	-0.02	—	—	—	-0.01	-0.04	—	-0.01	-0.01
Books	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01
Newspapers and magazines	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.02	—	0.01
Sport and other recreation	-0.01	-0.04	-0.01	0.03	—	-0.03	—	-0.07	-0.02
Sports and recreational equipment	-0.02	—	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—
Sports participation	0.03	—	0.02	0.04	0.01	—	—	0.03	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other recreational activities	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.09	-0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.03	-0.04	0.01	0.10	0.06	-0.10	0.18	-0.04	-0.01
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	—	-0.06	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	-0.02	0.01	-0.05	0.07	0.04	-0.14	0.14	-0.03	—
Education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preschool and primary education	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Miscellaneous	0.06	—	0.05	0.02	0.09	0.03	0.08	0.13	0.05
Insurance services	0.05	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.12	0.02
Personal care	—	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.02	—	—	—	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	—	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.02	0.01
Child care	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.01
All groups	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4

(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
	1999	2000	2000	2000 and	1999 and	2000	2000	Sep Qtr 2000 and Dec Qtr 2000
Food	128.9	132.4	133.4	0.8	3.5	22.74	22.90	0.16
Dairy and related products	141.4	142.3	141.1	-0.8	-0.2	1.87	1.86	-0.01
Milk	157.6	158.5	153.3	-3.3	-2.7	1.00	0.97	-0.03
Cheese	115.8	114.5	115.7	1.0	-0.1	0.43	0.44	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	135.9	139.1	143.4	3.1	5.5	0.44	0.45	0.01
Bread and cereal products	143.0	146.7	146.8	0.1	2.7	2.82	2.82	—
Bread	165.5	168.5	170.8	1.4	3.2	1.04	1.05	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	129.9	136.1	136.5	0.3	5.1	1.15	1.16	0.01
Breakfast cereals	122.7	122.4	119.0	-2.8	-3.0	0.31	0.30	-0.01
Other cereal products	125.5	125.2	121.9	-2.6	-2.9	0.32	0.31	-0.01
Meat and seafoods	114.2	114.1	115.7	1.4	1.3	3.26	3.30	0.04
Beef and veal	108.7	112.1	112.9	0.7	3.9	0.67	0.68	0.01
Lamb and mutton	125.1	126.4	124.9	-1.2	-0.2	0.32	0.32	—
Pork	123.1	121.9	121.8	-0.1	-1.1	0.25	0.25	—
Poultry	95.6	91.3	92.3	1.1	-3.5	0.59	0.60	0.01
Bacon and ham	116.2	114.4	117.7	2.9	1.3	0.32	0.33	0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	119.9	121.9	125.0	2.5	4.3	0.54	0.55	0.01
Fish and other seafood	116.3	114.4	117.9	3.1	1.4	0.56	0.58	0.02
Fruit and vegetables	115.6	115.2	116.3	1.0	0.6	2.86	2.89	0.03
Fruit	136.5	125.4	132.3	5.5	-3.1	1.28	1.35	0.07
Vegetables	101.8	109.3	106.3	-2.7	4.4	1.59	1.54	-0.05
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	139.1	137.4	136.8	-0.4	-1.7	3.07	3.05	-0.02
Soft drinks, waters and juices	131.2	126.5	123.6	-2.3	-5.8	1.57	1.53	-0.04
Snacks and confectionery	149.3	151.4	153.6	1.5	2.9	1.50	1.52	0.02
Meals out and take away foods	128.0	140.6	142.5	1.4	11.3	6.72	6.82	0.10
Restaurant meals	129.5	144.3	145.3	0.7	12.2	2.80	2.82	0.02
Take away and fast foods	128.2	139.2	141.9	1.9	10.7	3.93	4.00	0.07
Other food	130.6	130.0	131.2	0.9	0.5	2.14	2.16	0.02
Eggs	152.3	150.4	147.9	-1.7	-2.9	0.15	0.15	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	144.0	145.0	140.5	-3.1	-2.4	0.22	0.22	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	135.4	135.4	136.3	0.7	0.7	0.41	0.41	—
Food additives and condiments	122.7	123.7	124.6	0.7	1.5	0.42	0.42	—
Fats and oils	118.8	117.0	118.5	1.3	-0.3	0.26	0.27	0.01
Food n.e.c.	129.4	127.6	131.3	2.9	1.5	0.67	0.69	0.02
Alcohol and tobacco	174.2	190.2	192.1	1.0	10.3	9.96	10.06	0.10
Alcoholic drinks	136.5	144.7	145.5	0.6	6.6	6.77	6.81	0.04
Beer	138.2	148.2	150.0	1.2	8.5	3.18	3.22	0.04
Wine	130.7	136.3	136.0	-0.2	4.1	2.24	2.23	-0.01
Spirits	138.0	145.4	145.5	0.1	5.4	1.35	1.35	—
Tobacco	265.6	307.3	313.9	2.1	18.2	3.18	3.25	0.07
Clothing and footwear	105.2	113.5	113.1	-0.4	7.5	7.03	7.00	-0.03
Men's clothing	107.9	116.5	113.4	-2.7	5.1	1.34	1.31	-0.03
Men's outerwear	107.3	114.7	111.8	-2.5	4.2	1.12	1.09	-0.03
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	109.5	126.0	122.3	-2.9	11.7	0.23	0.22	-0.01
Women's clothing	106.2	117.8	117.9	0.1	11.0	2.46	2.47	0.01
Women's outerwear	101.8	113.1	113.8	0.6	11.8	1.95	1.96	0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	123.7	135.6	132.8	-2.1	7.4	0.52	0.51	-0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	109.5	118.4	117.2	-1.0	7.0	0.66	0.65	-0.01
Footwear	95.3	101.6	100.8	-0.8	5.8	1.13	1.12	-0.01
Men's footwear	91.7	96.1	96.9	0.8	5.7	0.34	0.34	—
Women's footwear	98.7	107.0	105.6	-1.3	7.0	0.54	0.53	-0.01
Children's footwear	96.1	100.1	98.3	-1.8	2.3	0.25	0.24	-0.01
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	99.3	102.5	104.1	1.6	4.8	1.44	1.46	0.02
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	97.3	94.7	96.6	2.0	-0.7	0.78	0.79	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	98.8	108.4	105.5	-2.7	6.8	0.15	0.15	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	138.0	152.4	155.5	2.0	12.7	0.51	0.52	0.01

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
	1999	2000	2000	2000 and	1999 and	2000	2000	Sep Qtr 2000 and Dec Qtr 2000
Housing	99.6	107.4	107.7	0.3	8.1	26.43	26.51	0.08
Rents	124.7	127.9	128.6	0.5	3.1	7.12	7.16	0.04
Utilities	122.5	133.1	132.9	-0.2	8.5	4.43	4.43	—
Electricity	117.3	129.7	130.3	0.5	11.1	2.33	2.34	0.01
Gas and other household fuels	126.9	142.5	139.8	-1.9	10.2	0.99	0.98	-0.01
Water and sewerage(b)	106.2	108.0	108.2	0.2	1.9	1.11	1.11	—
Other housing	91.2	100.7	101.0	0.3	10.7	14.88	14.93	0.05
House purchase(b)	109.5	120.8	121.1	0.2	10.6	10.71	10.74	0.03
Property rates and charges(b)	108.8	114.2	114.2	—	5.0	1.59	1.59	—
House repairs and maintenance	123.6	138.1	138.7	0.4	12.2	2.58	2.59	0.01
Household furnishings, supplies and services	113.3	116.4	116.3	-0.1	2.6	10.41	10.41	—
Furniture and furnishings	120.7	125.9	124.8	-0.9	3.4	4.70	4.66	-0.04
Furniture	123.2	128.3	127.6	-0.5	3.6	3.02	3.00	-0.02
Floor and window coverings	113.3	120.1	120.6	0.4	6.4	0.96	0.97	0.01
Towels and linen	120.8	123.2	118.2	-4.1	-2.2	0.72	0.69	-0.03
Household appliances, utensils and tools	106.9	108.4	107.5	-0.8	0.6	2.53	2.51	-0.02
Major household appliances	105.9	108.2	108.7	0.5	2.6	1.13	1.14	0.01
Small electric household appliances	105.9	106.4	106.1	-0.3	0.2	0.36	0.36	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	104.4	108.2	104.2	-3.7	-0.2	0.63	0.61	-0.02
Tools	112.9	109.4	108.9	-0.5	-3.5	0.41	0.41	—
Household supplies	123.6	119.8	122.4	2.2	-1.0	2.33	2.38	0.05
Household cleaning agents	121.4	112.0	113.4	1.3	-6.6	0.50	0.50	—
Other household supplies	124.3	123.4	126.4	2.4	1.7	1.83	1.87	0.04
Household services	158.0	177.0	178.9	1.1	13.2	0.85	0.86	0.01
Health	156.5	162.1	161.9	-0.1	3.5	5.95	5.94	-0.01
Health services	162.7	166.9	168.6	1.0	3.6	4.52	4.56	0.04
Hospital and medical services	167.5	170.6	172.6	1.2	3.0	3.43	3.47	0.04
Optical services	125.8	133.5	133.8	0.2	6.4	0.21	0.21	—
Dental services	157.6	165.9	166.9	0.6	5.9	0.88	0.89	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	126.6	135.4	130.5	-3.6	3.1	1.43	1.38	-0.05
Transportation	126.4	135.6	136.4	0.6	7.9	19.75	19.86	0.11
Private motoring	124.1	133.0	133.8	0.6	7.8	18.59	18.70	0.11
Motor vehicles	104.1	102.0	101.6	-0.4	-2.4	7.20	7.17	-0.03
Automotive fuel	127.6	156.7	158.8	1.3	24.5	5.93	6.01	0.08
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	119.4	121.9	123.5	1.3	3.4	2.83	2.86	0.03
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	107.9	102.3	103.3	1.0	-4.3	1.22	1.23	0.01
Other motoring charges	162.9	169.7	170.0	0.2	4.4	1.42	1.42	—
Urban transport fares	163.8	178.3	179.9	0.9	9.8	1.15	1.16	0.01
Communication	97.3	105.6	104.9	-0.7	7.8	3.89	3.86	-0.03
Postal	115.9	119.3	119.3	—	2.9	0.20	0.20	—
Telecommunication	95.4	104.0	103.2	-0.8	8.2	3.69	3.66	-0.03

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
	1999	2000	2000	2000 and	1999 and	2000	2000	Sep Qtr 2000 and Dec Qtr 2000
Recreation	121.0	124.8	124.6	-0.2	3.0	16.12	16.10	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing	73.9	70.2	70.4	0.3	-4.7	3.31	3.32	0.01
Audio, visual and computing equipment	57.6	53.5	53.7	0.4	-6.8	1.56	1.57	0.01
Audio, visual and computing media and services	105.7	102.3	102.8	0.5	-2.7	1.74	1.75	0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	166.3	182.5	181.7	-0.4	9.3	1.48	1.47	-0.01
Books(b)	103.9	113.7	112.1	-1.4	7.9	0.67	0.66	-0.01
Newspapers and magazines(b)	107.7	118.6	119.0	0.3	10.5	0.81	0.82	0.01
Sport and other recreation	136.3	145.0	144.6	-0.3	6.1	5.47	5.45	-0.02
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	99.3	96.3	95.1	-1.2	-4.2	0.81	0.80	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	94.8	92.8	92.5	-0.3	-2.4	0.63	0.63	—
Sports participation(b)	105.6	119.7	121.6	1.6	15.2	1.11	1.13	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	127.1	121.5	118.1	-2.8	-7.1	0.53	0.52	-0.01
Pet services including veterinary	151.4	170.7	171.1	0.2	13.0	0.46	0.46	—
Other recreational activities(b)	106.1	118.7	118.1	-0.5	11.3	1.93	1.92	-0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	115.2	117.7	117.5	-0.2	2.0	5.87	5.86	-0.01
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	120.1	127.8	127.7	-0.1	6.3	3.33	3.32	-0.01
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	109.2	105.7	105.6	-0.1	-3.3	2.54	2.54	—
Education	177.8	187.3	187.5	0.1	5.5	3.40	3.40	—
Preschool and primary education(c)	..	100.0	100.4	0.4	..	0.64	0.64	—
Secondary education(c)	..	100.0	100.0	—	..	1.18	1.18	—
Tertiary education(c)	..	100.3	100.3	—	..	1.58	1.58	—
Miscellaneous	150.2	163.5	165.0	0.9	9.9	5.20	5.25	0.05
Insurance services	170.2	212.0	213.7	0.8	25.6	1.93	1.95	0.02
Personal care	134.0	140.6	141.6	0.7	5.7	2.80	2.82	0.02
Hairdressing and personal care services	137.7	154.3	155.1	0.5	12.6	1.03	1.04	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	131.6	133.0	134.1	0.8	1.9	1.77	1.78	0.01
Child care	145.1	127.7	130.7	2.3	-9.9	0.47	0.48	0.01
All groups	124.1	130.9	131.3	0.3	5.8	130.9	131.3	0.4

(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.

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	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Sep Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Change between</i>
	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2000 and</i>	<i>1999 and</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Sep Qtr 2000</i>
			<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>				<i>and</i>
			<i>2000</i>	<i>2000</i>				<i>Dec Qtr 2000</i>
All groups	124.1	130.9	131.3	0.3	5.8	130.9	131.3	0.4
Selected components								
Goods component(b)	126.3	132.7	133.0	0.2	5.3	85.42	85.65	0.23
Services component(b)	120.8	128.3	128.9	0.5	6.7	45.45	45.65	0.20
Tradables component(b)(c)	101.5	105.2	105.4	0.2	3.8	60.92	61.02	0.10
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	103.5	110.9	111.4	0.5	7.6	69.95	70.28	0.33
All groups excluding								
Food	123.0	130.5	130.8	0.2	6.3	108.13	108.39	0.26
Alcohol and tobacco	120.3	126.5	126.9	0.3	5.5	120.92	121.24	0.32
Clothing and footwear	125.4	132.1	132.6	0.4	5.7	123.84	124.29	0.45
Housing	128.6	134.9	135.4	0.4	5.3	104.44	104.78	0.34
Household furnishings, supplies and services	126.3	133.6	134.1	0.4	6.2	120.46	120.89	0.43
Health	122.3	129.1	129.6	0.4	6.0	124.93	125.36	0.43
Transportation	123.7	130.1	130.5	0.3	5.5	111.12	111.43	0.31
Communication	124.5	131.2	131.7	0.4	5.8	126.98	127.43	0.45
Recreation	124.5	131.7	132.2	0.4	6.2	114.75	115.20	0.45
Education	123.4	130.3	130.7	0.3	5.9	127.47	127.89	0.42
Miscellaneous	122.9	129.5	129.9	0.3	5.7	125.67	126.05	0.38
Hospital and medical services	122.8	129.6	130.0	0.3	5.9	127.44	127.83	0.39

(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.

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>
1996-1997	120.3	123.9	125.2	122.5	122.1	122.4	..	..
1997-1998	120.3	125.4	127.2	123.5	126.1	124.2	..	..
1998-1999	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
1996								
December	120.3	123.6	124.8	122.5	121.6	122.3	..	..
1997								
March	120.5	124.5	125.6	122.6	122.8	122.7	..	..
June	120.2	124.8	126.1	122.8	123.4	123.0	..	..
September	119.7	124.4	126.1	122.8	124.7	123.3	..	..
December	120.0	125.2	126.9	123.3	125.6	123.9	..	..
1998								
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
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

(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)								
1996-1997	1.3	2.3	2.3	1.6	3.0	1.9	..	..
1997-1998	0.0	1.2	1.6	0.8	3.3	1.5	..	..
1998-1999	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
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
1996								
December	1.5	2.3	2.2	1.8	2.7	2.0	..	..
1997								
March	1.3	2.5	2.3	1.5	2.6	1.8	..	..
June	0.3	2.0	2.1	0.7	3.2	1.4	..	..
September	-0.3	1.4	1.6	0.5	3.6	1.3	..	..
December	-0.2	1.3	1.7	0.7	3.3	1.3	..	..
1998								
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	..	..
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
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
1996								
December	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.2	1.0	0.5	..	..
1997								
March	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.1	1.0	0.3	..	..
June	-0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	..	..
September	-0.4	-0.3	0.0	0.0	1.1	0.2	..	..
December	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.7	0.5	..	..
1998								
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
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

(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
1996-1997	123.9	113.7	166.8	174.1	108.2	151.3	118.1	125.7	118.8	124.3	118.2	131.5
1997-1998	125.4	114.9	173.0	232.7	112.4	162.1	119.4	127.2	120.6	125.8	120.3	134.6
1998-1999	126.9	116.9	171.2	368.3	112.4	169.0	118.5	128.2	122.0	127.2	120.7	137.2
1999-2000	129.4	118.7	165.8	367.1	111.6	172.1	120.7	129.3	125.0	130.9	121.8	139.3
1996												
December	123.6	113.8	166.6	173.1	107.5	149.5	117.7	126.3	118.5	124.1	117.5	131.2
1997												
March	124.5	113.9	167.2	177.1	107.2	152.4	118.4	124.7	119.2	124.7	118.7	131.6
June	124.8	114.1	169.8	177.7	110.7	153.8	118.8	125.7	119.8	125.1	118.8	132.8
September	124.4	114.5	171.2	183.3	112.3	155.4	119.9	127.6	120.3	125.3	120.3	133.5
December	125.2	114.9	172.8	195.7	112.5	157.9	120.0	125.7	120.1	125.9	119.9	134.3
1998												
March	125.7	115.0	172.9	254.5	112.0	167.3	119.1	127.1	120.9	125.6	120.2	134.5
June	126.3	115.3	175.1	297.4	112.6	167.7	118.7	128.2	121.2	126.3	120.7	136.1
September	126.6	116.4	174.3	360.6	111.9	167.8	118.3	128.0	121.4	126.4	121.0	136.1
December	127.1	116.5	172.8	363.2	113.2	168.9	117.8	129.9	121.4	126.8	120.5	136.9
1999												
March	126.7	117.1	169.2	377.9	111.9	169.2	118.4	127.5	121.7	127.1	120.4	137.1
June	127.3	117.6	168.5	371.3	112.4	169.9	119.3	127.5	123.4	128.4	120.9	138.6
September	128.3	117.8	166.8	360.3	111.9	170.1	120.2	128.4	124.4	129.2	121.3	138.4
December	128.6	118.2	166.5	367.5	111.9	172.3	120.2	129.6	124.5	130.2	121.2	139.1
2000												
March	129.7	118.9	164.6	370.7	111.1	172.9	121.2	128.9	124.9	131.3	122.2	139.1
June	130.8	119.8	165.1	369.7	111.4	172.9	121.0	130.3	126.2	132.8	122.4	140.7
September	134.9	121.8	164.8	376.7	111.0	176.1	122.2	131.3	127.3	133.7	123.2	140.5
December	135.4	123.4	n.y.a.	403.3	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	132.4	127.5	134.6	123.0	141.2

(a) Base of each index: 1989-1990 = 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)												
1996-1997	2.3	1.6	4.6	6.4	0.8	4.8	1.8	2.6	2.4	2.8	1.0	2.5
1997-1998	1.2	1.1	3.7	33.7	3.9	7.1	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.2	1.8	2.4
1998-1999	1.2	1.7	-1.0	58.3	0.0	4.3	-0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.3	1.9
1999-2000	2.0	1.5	-3.2	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.9	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
1996												
December	2.3	2.0	5.0	7.1	0.2	5.1	1.8	3.5	2.8	3.2	1.0	2.7
1997												
March	2.5	1.7	5.0	6.0	0.3	5.0	1.8	2.0	2.8	2.9	1.3	2.4
June	2.0	1.2	4.3	5.7	2.7	3.8	1.7	1.1	2.1	2.0	1.0	2.2
September	1.4	1.3	4.6	8.8	4.7	3.9	2.2	1.2	2.4	1.8	2.0	2.5
December	1.3	1.0	3.7	13.1	4.7	5.6	2.0	-0.5	1.4	1.5	2.0	2.4
1998												
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	3.1	67.4	1.7	9.0	-0.1	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.6	2.5
September	1.8	1.7	1.8	96.7	-0.4	8.0	-1.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.9
December	1.5	1.4	0.0	85.6	0.6	7.0	-1.8	3.3	1.1	0.7	0.5	1.9
1999												
March	0.8	1.8	-2.1	48.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.6	0.3	0.7	1.2	0.2	1.9
June	0.8	2.0	-3.8	24.8	-0.2	1.3	0.5	-0.5	1.8	1.7	0.2	1.8
September	1.3	1.2	-4.3	-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	-2.7	-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	-1.2	4.6	-0.8	3.5	1.7	2.3	2.3	3.5	1.6	1.5
December	5.3	4.4	n.y.a.	9.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2.2	2.4	3.4	1.5	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
1996												
December	0.7	0.7	1.8	2.7	0.2	-0.1	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.8	-0.3	0.7
1997												
March	0.7	0.1	0.4	2.3	-0.3	1.9	0.6	-1.3	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.3
June	0.2	0.2	1.6	0.3	3.3	0.9	0.3	0.8	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.9
September	-0.3	0.4	0.8	3.2	1.4	1.0	0.9	1.5	0.4	0.2	1.3	0.5
December	0.6	0.3	0.9	6.8	0.2	1.6	0.1	-1.5	-0.2	0.5	-0.3	0.6
1998												
March	0.4	0.1	0.1	30.0	-0.4	6.0	-0.8	1.1	0.7	-0.2	0.3	0.1
June	0.5	0.3	1.3	16.9	0.5	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.2
September	0.2	1.0	-0.5	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
1999												
March	-0.3	0.5	-2.1	4.0	-1.1	0.2	0.5	-1.8	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.1
June	0.5	0.4	-0.4	-1.7	0.4	0.4	0.8	0.0	1.4	1.0	0.4	1.1
September	0.8	0.2	-1.0	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.3	-0.1
December	0.2	0.3	-0.2	2.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.8	-0.1	0.5
2000												
March	0.9	0.6	-1.1	0.9	-0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.0
June	0.8	0.8	0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.2	1.2
September	3.1	1.7	-0.2	1.9	-0.4	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.7	-0.1
December	0.4	1.3	n.y.a.	7.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	0.8	0.2	0.7	-0.2	0.5

(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, 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 2000	131.3	(see Table 1)
<i>less</i> September Quarter 2000	130.9	(see Table 1)
Change in index points	0.4	

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{0.4}{130.9} \times 100 = 0.3\%$$

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 1.86 index points to the total All groups index number of 131.3 for December Quarter 2000. 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 comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing'. To facilitate comparisons all indexes in this table have, where necessary, been converted 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 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)

UNPUBLISHED STATISTICS

19 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. 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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