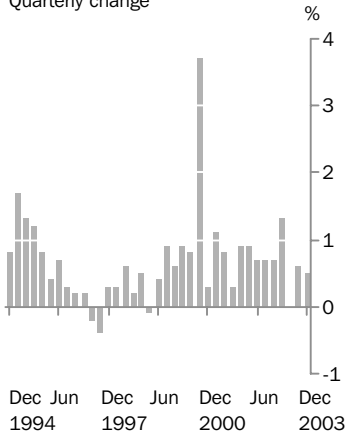


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## All Groups

Quarterly change

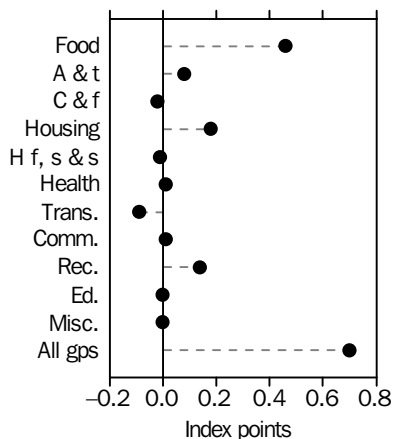


## DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

	<b>% change Sep Qtr 2003 to Dec Qtr 2003</b>	<b>% change Dec Qtr 2002 to Dec Qtr 2003</b>
<b>Weighted average of eight capital cities</b>		
Food	1.8	3.4
Alcohol and tobacco	0.6	4.4
Clothing and footwear	-0.2	-0.8
Housing	0.6	4.7
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-0.1	-0.2
Health	0.2	6.9
Transportation	-0.4	0.3
Communication	0.2	1.4
Recreation	0.8	-0.6
Education	0.0	4.8
Miscellaneous	0.0	2.4
<b>All groups</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>
All groups excluding Housing	0.5	1.8

## Contribution to quarterly change

December quarter 2003



## DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

### THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.5% in the December quarter 2003, compared with 0.6% in the September quarter 2003.
- rose 2.4% between the December quarters 2002 and 2003.

### OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+6.6%), fruit (+12.4%), vegetables (+9.1%), house purchase (+1.0%), hospital and medical services (+1.3%), rents (+0.8%), beer (+1.4%), take away and fast foods (+1.2%) and restaurant meals (+1.1%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.5%), pharmaceuticals (-3.9%), automotive fuel (-0.9%), motor vehicles (-0.8%) and bread (-3.3%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in the cost of house purchase (+6.4%), hospital and medical services (+9.1%), beer (+6.9%), take away and fast foods (+4.6%), tobacco (+4.6%), rents (+2.3%), electricity (+5.1%), property rates and charges (+6.1%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+3.2%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of audio, visual and computing equipment (-21.3%), motor vehicles (-2.6%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-2.3%).

## INQUIRIES

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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March 2004	28 April 2004
June 2004	28 July 2004

## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.

## CHILD CARE COSTS IN THE DECEMBER QUARTER 2003

The zero change in the Child care index this quarter incorporates an adjustment to compensate for an overestimation of the price increase recorded in the September quarter 2003. Darwin and Canberra are the capital cities most affected. At the weighted average of eight capital cities level, the impact on the Child care index is small, while the All groups index is not affected. This treatment accords with internationally accepted standards for compiling CPIs. The treatment means that while the quarterly movements for Child care costs for September and December quarters 2003 are inaccurate, the movements between the June and December quarters 2003 are correct.

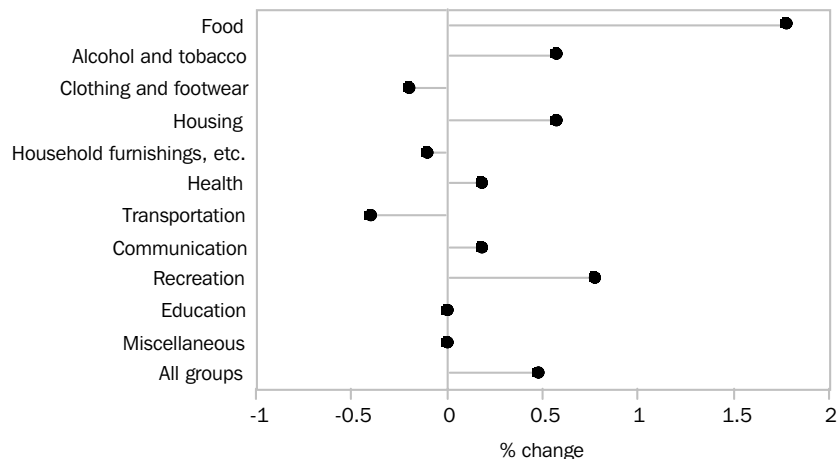
## ROUNDING

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 Tables 6 and 7).

#### FOOD (+1.8%)

The rise in food costs this quarter was mainly attributable to an increase in the price of fruit (+12.4%), vegetables (+9.1%), take away and fast foods (+1.2%), restaurant meals (+1.1%), poultry (+5.0%) and pork (+5.4%). These increases were partially offset by price falls in a number of food categories with bread (-3.3%) being the most significant.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, food costs rose 3.4%.

#### HOUSING (+0.6%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in house purchase (+1.0%) and rents (+0.8%). Partially offsetting these increases was a fall in gas and other household fuels (-1.8%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, housing costs rose 4.7%.

#### RECREATION (+0.8%)

The rise in the cost of recreation this quarter was mainly due to an increase in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+6.6%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.5%), toys, games and hobbies (-3.4%) and pets, pet food and supplies (-3.4%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, the cost of recreation fell 0.6%.

#### TRANSPORTATION (-0.4%)

The fall in transportation costs this quarter was due to decreases in the price of automotive fuel (-0.9%), motor vehicles (-0.8%) and motor vehicle repair and servicing (-0.1%). Petrol prices rose in July (+2.9%) and August (+4.0%), but fell in September (-0.5%), October (-1.5%), November (-0.2%) and December (-0.9%). These decreases were partially offset by increases in motor vehicle parts and accessories (+0.8%) and other motoring charges (+0.6%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, transportation costs rose 0.3%.

## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

### MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

**ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+0.6%)** The rise in the cost of alcohol and tobacco this quarter was due to increases in the price of beer (+1.4%), tobacco (+0.6%) and wine (+0.1%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, the cost of alcohol and tobacco rose 4.4%.

**CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (-0.2%)** The fall in the cost of clothing and footwear this quarter was due to decreases in the price of clothing accessories and jewellery (-2.1%), men's outerwear (-0.6%), women's outerwear (-0.3%) and men's footwear (-2.8%). Partially offsetting these decreases were increases in women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery (+1.7%), children's and infants' clothing (+0.3%), women's footwear (+1.1%) and children's footwear (+1.4%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, the cost of clothing and footwear fell 0.8%.

**HEALTH (+0.2%)**

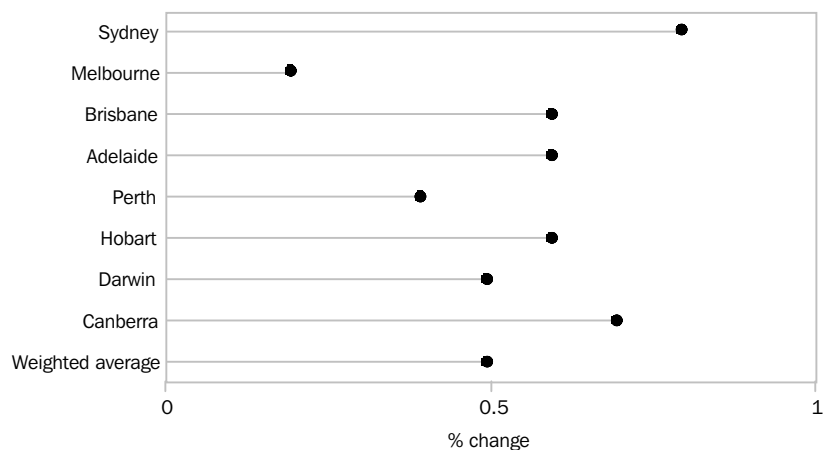
The rise in health costs this quarter was due to increases in hospital and medical services (+1.3%) and dental services (+1.3%). These increases were partially offset by a decrease in the net cost of pharmaceuticals (-3.9%), mainly due to the increased effect of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net in the December quarter.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, health costs rose 6.9%.

# ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

## CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the December quarter 2003 CPI rose in all capital cities. The increases ranged from 0.2% in Melbourne to 0.8% in Sydney. The low result in Melbourne was largely due to that city recording a decrease in housing costs during the quarter, driven by falls in the cost of gas and other household fuels and house purchase, compared with an increase in each of the other capital cities.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2003, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 1.7% in Darwin to 3.3% in Adelaide.

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

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
		<i>Sep Qtr 2003 and Dec Qtr 2003</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2002 and Dec Qtr 2003</i>
Sydney	143.6	0.8	2.3
Melbourne	142.1	0.2	2.2
Brisbane	144.2	0.6	3.1
Adelaide	146.2	0.6	3.3
Perth	139.2	0.4	2.1
Hobart	142.0	0.6	2.9
Darwin	138.5	0.5	1.7
Canberra	142.9	0.7	2.7
Weighted average of eight capital cities	142.8	0.5	2.4

(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>1999-2000</b>	125.4	124.1	125.0	126.3	122.9	124.8	124.2	124.2	124.7
<b>2000-01</b>	133.2	131.6	132.4	133.5	129.6	132.0	130.9	131.9	132.2
<b>2001-02</b>	137.2	135.3	136.3	137.2	133.1	134.7	133.7	135.2	136.0
<b>2002-03</b>	141.1	139.7	140.7	142.7	136.8	139.1	136.8	139.7	140.2
<b>1999</b>									
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
June	138.8	136.9	138.1	139.1	134.6	137.0	135.0	137.2	137.6
September	139.6	137.8	139.2	140.3	135.8	137.5	135.4	138.1	138.5
December	140.4	139.0	139.9	141.5	136.4	138.0	136.2	139.2	139.5
<b>2003</b>									
March	142.1	140.9	141.8	144.6	137.4	140.0	137.5	140.7	141.3
June	142.2	140.9	141.8	144.3	137.4	140.8	137.9	140.7	141.3
September	142.4	141.8	143.3	145.4	138.6	141.1	137.8	141.9	142.1
December	143.6	142.1	144.2	146.2	139.2	142.0	138.5	142.9	142.8

(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)									
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4
<b>2000-01</b>	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.0
<b>2001-02</b>	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.9
<b>2002-03</b>	2.8	3.3	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>1999</b>									
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
June	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.8
September	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5	2.2	3.7	3.2
December	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.0	3.2	3.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	3.0	3.6	3.4	5.0	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.8	3.4
June	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.7	2.1	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.7
September	2.0	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.1	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.6
December	2.3	2.2	3.1	3.3	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.7	2.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>1999</b>									
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
June	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.7
September	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7
December	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7
<b>2003</b>									
March	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.3
June	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0
September	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.9	0.6
December	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5

## 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>1999-2000</b>	129.2	175.2	105.5	99.9	113.3	158.7
<b>2000-01</b>	135.6	194.7	112.5	107.9	117.3	164.3
<b>2001-02</b>	142.7	203.1	112.4	111.1	119.7	169.9
<b>2002-03</b>	147.9	208.9	113.3	115.1	121.0	181.5
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	143.5	205.0	113.7	112.2	120.3	175.9
September	145.0	207.3	113.0	113.7	120.5	176.4
December	147.0	207.3	114.0	114.2	121.6	177.1
<b>2003</b>						
March	149.8	209.9	112.4	115.7	120.4	183.5
June	149.8	211.2	113.7	116.8	121.4	189.1
September	149.3	215.2	113.3	118.9	121.5	189.1
December	152.0	216.5	113.1	119.6	121.4	189.4



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>1999-2000</b>	128.9	97.8	120.4	182.4	153.2	124.7
<b>2000-01</b>	137.0	104.7	124.6	191.4	166.0	132.2
<b>2001-02</b>	137.3	105.2	128.6	200.0	171.8	136.0
<b>2002-03</b>	140.6	108.5	131.9	210.0	178.6	140.2
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	139.3	106.3	131.1	204.6	173.5	137.6
September	138.8	107.9	131.8	205.0	177.4	138.5
December	140.3	108.4	131.9	205.3	178.0	139.5
<b>2003</b>						
March	143.7	108.8	132.4	214.7	179.2	141.3
June	139.4	108.9	131.5	214.8	179.6	141.3
September	141.3	109.7	130.0	215.1	182.2	142.1
December	140.7	109.9	131.1	215.1	182.2	142.8

(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>1999-2000</b>	2.1	3.9	-1.1	4.3	-0.4	-2.9
<b>2000-01</b>	5.0	11.1	6.6	8.0	3.5	3.5
<b>2001-02</b>	5.2	4.3	-0.1	3.0	2.0	3.4
<b>2002-03</b>	3.6	2.9	0.8	3.6	1.1	6.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	3.4	2.8	1.1	3.5	0.8	5.5
September	3.7	2.9	1.7	3.4	1.3	5.9
December	2.5	2.7	1.2	3.2	1.1	6.6
<b>2003</b>						
March	3.9	2.9	0.2	3.8	0.8	7.2
June	4.4	3.0	0.0	4.1	0.9	7.5
September	3.0	3.8	0.3	4.6	0.8	7.2
December	3.4	4.4	-0.8	4.7	-0.2	6.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	-0.5	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.8	2.8
September	1.0	1.1	-0.6	1.3	0.2	0.3
December	1.4	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.4
<b>2003</b>						
March	1.9	1.3	-1.4	1.3	-1.0	3.6
June	0.0	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	3.1
September	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.8	0.1	0.0
December	1.8	0.6	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.2

<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>1999-2000</b>	5.6	-5.0	0.8	4.8	6.8	2.4
<b>2000-01</b>	6.3	7.1	3.5	4.9	8.4	6.0
<b>2001-02</b>	0.2	0.5	3.2	4.5	3.5	2.9
<b>2002-03</b>	2.4	3.1	2.6	5.0	4.0	3.1

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

<b>1999</b>						
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
June	-0.1	2.4	5.5	4.7	2.8	2.8
September	1.3	4.2	5.1	4.9	4.1	3.2
December	3.1	2.8	3.5	5.0	4.3	3.0
<b>2003</b>						
March	5.0	3.1	1.5	4.9	3.7	3.4
June	0.1	2.4	0.3	5.0	3.5	2.7
September	1.8	1.7	-1.4	4.9	2.7	2.6
December	0.3	1.4	-0.6	4.8	2.4	2.4

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

<b>1999</b>						
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
June	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.7
September	-0.4	1.5	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.7
December	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7
<b>2003</b>						
March	2.4	0.4	0.4	4.6	0.7	1.3
June	-3.0	0.1	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
September	1.4	0.7	-1.1	0.1	1.4	0.6
December	-0.4	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5

## CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	143.8	142.6	145.1	143.6	143.4	141.1	139.3	147.0	143.5
September	144.8	145.1	146.1	145.4	144.9	142.0	139.4	147.7	145.0
December	147.7	146.7	147.1	148.1	145.5	143.0	140.6	150.9	147.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	150.4	148.9	151.9	151.9	147.8	146.0	144.5	152.1	149.8
June	150.3	149.1	151.1	151.9	148.7	146.5	145.5	152.1	149.8
September	148.9	149.0	150.5	152.8	148.7	146.4	146.0	152.2	149.3
December	152.6	151.8	153.0	153.8	149.2	147.7	147.1	155.0	152.0
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	209.7	204.1	204.9	210.0	194.2	193.0	196.6	194.7	205.0
September	211.6	207.4	206.8	210.4	196.6	195.5	200.3	196.3	207.3
December	210.4	208.7	206.0	213.3	196.4	196.3	201.7	195.6	207.3
<b>2003</b>									
March	213.7	210.8	208.1	216.0	198.8	198.9	202.3	197.5	209.9
June	215.1	212.2	208.2	216.8	200.0	203.3	205.5	199.5	211.2
September	219.5	217.2	211.3	220.0	202.8	206.5	206.5	201.5	215.2
December	221.4	217.6	212.4	222.3	204.2	208.9	208.0	203.4	216.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	116.5	114.2	106.6	113.0	110.5	113.3	108.2	116.7	113.7
September	115.0	113.7	107.6	111.5	110.5	107.4	107.1	117.5	113.0
December	116.5	114.9	107.5	112.2	111.0	108.3	108.8	118.5	114.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	114.6	114.5	105.0	111.9	108.1	104.3	103.8	115.8	112.4
June	117.4	114.2	106.3	113.5	108.3	110.1	106.7	116.1	113.7
September	115.4	115.1	107.4	111.4	110.3	103.3	107.8	116.0	113.3
December	115.4	114.9	105.5	112.3	109.4	106.8	109.3	116.2	113.1
HOUSING									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	120.3	103.5	116.3	109.5	104.0	110.3	125.6	114.0	112.2
September	121.7	104.8	118.5	112.1	105.0	112.4	126.7	115.6	113.7
December	122.0	105.0	119.4	113.0	105.7	113.0	127.0	116.4	114.2
<b>2003</b>									
March	122.6	107.4	120.5	117.9	106.3	115.2	128.6	117.8	115.7
June	123.3	108.4	122.9	117.8	107.8	116.9	128.8	119.9	116.8
September	125.1	109.6	126.6	120.2	110.4	118.3	129.3	124.0	118.9
December	125.6	109.3	129.2	121.6	111.7	119.3	131.1	125.3	119.6

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	119.1	121.0	122.4	120.9	117.0	127.4	111.8	123.7	120.3
September	119.4	120.6	122.7	121.4	118.0	127.7	111.9	124.6	120.5
December	120.3	122.4	123.7	123.2	118.7	127.8	111.7	124.4	121.6
<b>2003</b>									
March	119.4	120.7	121.7	122.5	117.4	127.5	110.8	124.1	120.4
June	120.7	121.7	122.7	122.9	118.5	128.8	110.6	124.7	121.4
September	121.0	121.8	122.7	122.2	118.5	128.4	110.4	124.7	121.5
December	120.4	121.9	122.5	123.1	118.7	128.1	111.3	125.1	121.4
<b>HEALTH</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	165.2	186.5	173.6	178.0	171.5	193.6	162.1	173.3	175.9
September	165.6	187.0	175.2	178.1	172.0	193.4	162.4	173.7	176.4
December	165.3	189.4	176.4	178.1	171.8	192.9	163.8	173.5	177.1
<b>2003</b>									
March	171.5	196.3	183.2	183.2	177.8	200.7	168.4	181.2	183.5
June	175.9	202.3	189.9	194.0	181.1	209.1	171.3	185.1	189.1
September	175.8	201.8	190.7	193.9	181.4	207.8	172.3	188.5	189.1
December	176.0	202.6	190.6	193.3	181.7	207.4	175.9	187.9	189.4
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	140.2	139.2	138.6	138.4	138.8	135.9	138.8	139.4	139.3
September	140.2	138.0	138.0	138.0	139.6	134.9	137.9	138.2	138.8
December	141.6	139.9	139.3	138.8	140.5	136.3	139.3	140.9	140.3
<b>2003</b>									
March	145.1	143.1	142.4	144.0	143.6	139.0	141.6	143.6	143.7
June	141.1	139.4	137.3	137.4	139.0	134.3	140.8	139.0	139.4
September	143.2	140.9	139.3	140.7	140.9	136.7	136.9	140.2	141.3
December	143.2	139.7	138.6	139.9	140.3	136.3	135.8	140.2	140.7
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	105.9	106.2	109.5	107.3	104.6	106.9	98.4	105.0	106.3
September	107.5	107.8	111.2	109.2	106.3	108.6	99.8	106.5	107.9
December	108.1	108.3	111.8	109.6	106.7	109.2	100.5	107.2	108.4
<b>2003</b>									
March	108.4	108.6	112.1	109.9	107.0	109.6	100.8	107.5	108.8
June	108.6	108.7	112.3	110.1	107.2	109.8	101.0	107.7	108.9
September	109.3	109.5	113.2	111.0	108.0	110.6	101.6	108.4	109.7
December	109.5	109.7	113.4	111.2	108.3	110.8	101.8	108.7	109.9

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	134.2	130.7	129.3	129.9	129.3	125.8	112.9	127.8	131.1
September	134.9	131.2	130.0	131.5	129.4	125.9	112.4	128.6	131.8
December	134.7	131.7	129.4	131.5	130.2	125.1	112.9	128.3	131.9
<b>2003</b>									
March	135.9	132.1	129.9	132.4	128.6	126.3	112.3	129.6	132.4
June	135.1	131.3	129.1	131.7	126.8	125.0	111.4	128.6	131.5
September	131.9	130.8	129.3	130.7	125.7	124.5	110.5	126.9	130.0
December	134.1	131.0	129.5	131.2	127.0	125.6	110.8	127.4	131.1
EDUCATION									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	204.1	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
September	204.6	197.6	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.0
December	204.6	198.3	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.3
<b>2003</b>									
March	214.8	207.7	236.0	251.5	205.5	233.2	161.4	202.0	214.7
June	214.8	207.6	236.2	251.5	205.5	233.4	161.4	202.0	214.8
September	215.5	207.9	236.3	251.8	205.5	233.6	161.4	202.2	215.1
December	215.5	208.0	236.3	251.8	205.5	233.6	161.4	202.2	215.1
MISCELLANEOUS									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	181.0	163.1	182.5	167.0	173.2	168.8	167.2	194.3	173.5
September	183.2	167.7	184.0	171.2	182.2	173.1	168.9	199.0	177.4
December	182.6	168.5	186.7	170.9	183.8	174.0	169.7	202.2	178.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	184.6	169.1	188.2	171.6	184.1	176.5	172.8	203.0	179.2
June	185.0	169.3	189.7	172.2	183.7	177.6	175.3	203.8	179.6
September	185.3	173.6	190.6	176.5	187.4	178.8	180.0	209.8	182.2
December	186.2	172.2	191.7	176.7	187.5	179.5	175.9	209.6	182.2

(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>	0.64	0.50	0.43	0.16	0.09	0.24	0.18	0.44	0.46
Dairy and related products	-0.02	—	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.02	-0.03	—	0.01
Milk	—	0.01	—	0.02	0.03	—	-0.02	—	—
Cheese	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ice cream and other dairy products	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.01
Bread and cereal products	0.03	-0.07	-0.06	-0.06	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	—	-0.02
Bread	-0.03	-0.06	-0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.06	-0.02	-0.01	-0.04
Cakes and biscuits	0.03	0.01	-0.04	-0.01	0.01	0.05	-0.01	0.01	0.01
Breakfast cereals	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other cereal products	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—
Meat and seafoods	0.08	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.01	0.08	0.02	0.01	0.06
Beef and veal	—	-0.01	0.03	0.01	-0.02	0.04	-0.02	0.02	0.01
Lamb and mutton	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	—	-0.01
Pork	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02
Poultry	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.01	—	—	0.02	0.03	0.03
Bacon and ham	-0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	—	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	—
Other fresh and processed meat	0.03	0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	—
Fish and other seafood	—	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	—	—	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	0.43	0.41	0.31	0.18	0.06	0.22	0.24	0.35	0.34
Fruit	0.21	0.23	0.11	0.07	0.11	0.09	0.06	0.17	0.18
Vegetables	0.23	0.17	0.20	0.12	-0.05	0.13	0.18	0.18	0.16
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.10	-0.07	-0.05	-0.01
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.02	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.03	-0.04	—	—
Snacks and confectionery	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.07	-0.04	-0.05	-0.01
Meals out and take away foods	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.01	0.03	0.07	0.08	0.16	0.09
Restaurant meals	0.02	0.07	0.06	—	0.02	—	—	0.09	0.04
Take away and fast foods	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.05
Other food	0.02	—	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03	-0.01
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	—	0.01	-0.01	—	—
Food additives and condiments	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Fats and oils	—	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—
Food n.e.c.	0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	—
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	0.09	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.09	0.16	0.12	0.11	0.08
Alcoholic drinks	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.09	0.12	—	0.11	0.05
Beer	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.10	—	0.09	0.05
Wine	0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.02	0.02	-0.03	0.03	0.01
Spirits	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.04	-0.01	—
Tobacco	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.11	0.01	0.02
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	-0.01	-0.02	-0.11	0.06	-0.06	0.22	0.07	0.02	-0.02
Men's clothing	—	-0.02	—	0.01	-0.02	—	0.03	—	-0.01
Men's outerwear	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.02	-0.02	0.01	0.03	—	-0.01
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Women's clothing	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.06	-0.02	0.16	-0.06	0.01	—
Women's outerwear	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03	0.07	-0.01	0.14	-0.07	0.01	-0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	—	0.03	—	-0.01	—	0.02	0.02	—	0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
Footwear	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.02	0.03	—	—
Men's footwear	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.03	—	—	-0.01
Women's footwear	0.03	-0.02	—	0.01	—	—	0.02	—	0.01
Children's footwear	—	0.02	—	—	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	-0.02	0.01	-0.04	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.06	0.02	-0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery	-0.02	—	-0.06	-0.01	—	0.02	0.06	—	-0.02
Fabrics and knitting wool	-0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—

<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>
<b>Housing</b>	0.12	-0.07	0.64	0.33	0.33	0.23	0.36	0.27	0.18
Rents	0.03	0.04	0.14	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.07	0.17	0.06
Utilities	—	-0.07	—	0.06	—	0.04	—	—	-0.02
Electricity	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gas and other household fuels	—	-0.08	—	0.01	—	0.04	—	—	-0.02
Water and sewerage	—	—	—	0.06	—	—	—	—	0.01
Other housing	0.07	-0.03	0.50	0.22	0.28	0.10	0.30	0.11	0.14
House purchase	0.08	-0.04	0.45	0.22	0.25	0.09	0.26	0.11	0.12
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	—	0.02	0.04	—	0.01	0.01	0.03	—	0.01
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	-0.06	—	-0.01	0.09	0.02	-0.03	0.08	0.04	-0.01
Furniture and furnishings	-0.06	0.03	-0.05	0.01	0.02	-0.04	0.07	0.06	-0.01
Furniture	-0.02	0.03	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.08	—
Floor and window coverings	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—	-0.02	0.05	0.01	—
Towels and linen	-0.02	—	-0.07	0.02	—	-0.04	0.01	-0.04	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.01	—	—	0.02	-0.09	-0.04	0.03	-0.03	-0.01
Major household appliances	0.01	—	0.05	0.03	-0.03	—	0.02	—	0.01
Small electric household appliances	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	—	—	-0.02	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.02	—	-0.02	0.01	-0.05	-0.03	—	-0.02	-0.02
Tools	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.01	—
Household supplies	-0.02	-0.03	0.04	0.07	0.09	0.04	-0.01	-0.02	0.01
Household cleaning agents	—	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Other household supplies	-0.02	-0.02	0.05	0.07	0.09	0.05	—	-0.01	0.01
Household services	0.03	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	0.03	0.01
<b>Health</b>	0.01	0.03	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.11	-0.02	0.01
Health services	0.07	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.14	0.05	0.07
Hospital and medical services	0.05	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.13	0.03	0.06
Optical services	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dental services	0.02	0.02	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	-0.06	-0.06	-0.06	-0.07	-0.05	-0.08	-0.03	-0.07	-0.06
<b>Transportation</b>	0.01	-0.19	-0.10	-0.10	-0.09	-0.04	-0.16	0.01	-0.09
Private motoring	0.01	-0.19	-0.12	-0.10	-0.09	-0.05	-0.17	0.01	-0.09
Motor vehicles	-0.03	-0.11	-0.03	0.01	-0.04	—	-0.08	-0.08	-0.05
Automotive fuel	—	-0.08	-0.09	-0.10	-0.09	-0.08	-0.03	0.06	-0.06
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.01	-0.03	—	—	0.03	—	-0.03	—	-0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	—	0.03	—	—	0.01	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.01
Other motoring charges	0.02	—	—	—	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.01
Urban transport fares	—	—	0.02	—	—	—	0.01	—	—
<b>Communication</b>	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01
Postal	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	—
Telecommunication	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—



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<b>Recreation</b>	0.28	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.16	0.15	0.05	0.08	0.14
Audio, visual and computing	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.09	-0.07	-0.08	-0.07	-0.10	-0.07
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.06	-0.06	-0.07	-0.08	-0.06	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing media and services	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	0.02	—	0.02	—
Books	0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	—
Newspapers and magazines	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.02	—
Sport and other recreation	—	-0.05	-0.05	-0.04	-0.02	-0.06	-0.03	0.07	-0.03
Sports and recreational equipment	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.04	0.01	0.01	-0.04	0.01	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	—	-0.06	-0.02	—	0.07	-0.02
Sports participation	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.04	—	-0.04	-0.02
Pet services including veterinary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other recreational activities	0.03	—	0.02	0.01	0.03	—	—	0.02	0.02
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.33	0.15	0.13	0.19	0.26	0.28	0.15	0.09	0.23
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.24	0.21	0.24	0.19	0.16	0.35	0.03	0.18	0.22
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.09	-0.06	-0.11	—	0.10	-0.07	0.12	-0.08	0.01
<b>Education</b>	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Preschool and primary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.02	-0.04	0.03	—	0.01	0.02	-0.14	—	—
Insurance services	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.01	—
Personal care	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	0.02	0.01	—	—	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.03	—	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	—	0.04	0.02
Toiletries and personal care products	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.04	-0.02
Child care	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	-0.12	-0.02	—
<b>All groups</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>

(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
	2002	2003	2003	2003 and	2002 and	2003	2003	Sep Qtr 2003 and Dec Qtr 2003
<b>Food</b>	147.0	149.3	152.0	1.8	3.4	25.64	26.10	0.46
Dairy and related products	157.7	158.3	158.6	0.2	0.6	2.08	2.09	0.01
Milk	169.2	171.9	173.1	0.7	2.3	1.09	1.09	—
Cheese	132.1	131.4	132.0	0.5	-0.1	0.50	0.50	—
Ice cream and other dairy products	160.9	159.0	157.1	-1.2	-2.4	0.50	0.49	-0.01
Bread and cereal products	160.3	164.6	163.4	-0.7	1.9	3.16	3.14	-0.02
Bread	183.2	189.5	183.3	-3.3	0.1	1.17	1.13	-0.04
Cakes and biscuits	149.7	150.9	152.3	0.9	1.7	1.28	1.29	0.01
Breakfast cereals	136.1	140.4	142.4	1.4	4.6	0.36	0.36	—
Other cereal products	132.9	142.1	140.9	-0.8	6.0	0.36	0.36	—
Meat and seafoods	134.4	138.9	141.2	1.7	5.1	3.97	4.03	0.06
Beef and veal	139.7	147.5	147.8	0.2	5.8	0.88	0.89	0.01
Lamb and mutton	171.4	201.4	198.1	-1.6	15.6	0.52	0.51	-0.01
Pork	145.7	143.3	151.0	5.4	3.6	0.29	0.31	0.02
Poultry	96.5	98.7	103.6	5.0	7.4	0.64	0.67	0.03
Bacon and ham	131.9	134.7	136.4	1.3	3.4	0.38	0.38	—
Other fresh and processed meat	147.6	148.5	150.0	1.0	1.6	0.66	0.66	—
Fish and other seafood	125.4	122.5	124.9	2.0	-0.4	0.60	0.61	0.01
Fruit and vegetables	135.3	129.7	143.4	10.6	6.0	3.22	3.56	0.34
Fruit	148.0	140.8	158.3	12.4	7.0	1.43	1.61	0.18
Vegetables	127.8	123.3	134.5	9.1	5.2	1.79	1.95	0.16
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	147.5	151.3	151.2	-0.1	2.5	3.38	3.37	-0.01
Soft drinks, waters and juices	133.5	134.0	134.3	0.2	0.6	1.66	1.66	—
Snacks and confectionery	165.3	173.3	172.7	-0.3	4.5	1.72	1.71	-0.01
Meals out and take away foods	151.8	156.0	157.8	1.2	4.0	7.46	7.55	0.09
Restaurant meals	155.2	158.1	159.9	1.1	3.0	3.06	3.10	0.04
Take away and fast foods	150.9	156.0	157.8	1.2	4.6	4.40	4.45	0.05
Other food	141.9	143.7	143.1	-0.4	0.8	2.37	2.36	-0.01
Eggs	158.0	183.6	178.5	-2.8	13.0	0.19	0.18	-0.01
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	172.6	176.5	175.9	-0.3	1.9	0.27	0.27	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	142.2	137.2	138.7	1.1	-2.5	0.42	0.42	—
Food additives and condiments	128.4	131.7	128.9	-2.1	0.4	0.45	0.44	-0.01
Fats and oils	134.3	137.5	136.7	-0.6	1.8	0.31	0.31	—
Food n.e.c.	140.7	139.8	140.3	0.4	-0.3	0.74	0.74	—
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	207.3	215.2	216.5	0.6	4.4	11.26	11.34	0.08
Alcoholic drinks	153.4	158.9	160.0	0.7	4.3	7.44	7.49	0.05
Beer	158.9	167.6	169.9	1.4	6.9	3.60	3.65	0.05
Wine	142.1	143.9	144.1	0.1	1.4	2.36	2.37	0.01
Spirits	153.8	158.7	158.4	-0.2	3.0	1.47	1.47	—
Tobacco	355.2	369.5	371.6	0.6	4.6	3.83	3.85	0.02
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	114.0	113.3	113.1	-0.2	-0.8	7.02	7.00	-0.02
Men's clothing	112.8	111.6	110.8	-0.7	-1.8	1.29	1.28	-0.01
Men's outerwear	111.2	109.3	108.6	-0.6	-2.3	1.07	1.06	-0.01
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	121.5	124.0	123.2	-0.6	1.4	0.22	0.22	—
Women's clothing	118.0	117.1	117.2	0.1	-0.7	2.45	2.45	—
Women's outerwear	113.1	112.0	111.7	-0.3	-1.2	1.93	1.92	-0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	136.7	136.9	139.2	1.7	1.8	0.52	0.53	0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	120.5	119.6	120.0	0.3	-0.4	0.66	0.67	0.01
Footwear	102.4	99.1	99.1	—	-3.2	1.10	1.10	—
Men's footwear	98.2	96.6	93.9	-2.8	-4.4	0.34	0.33	-0.01
Women's footwear	106.3	102.1	103.2	1.1	-2.9	0.51	0.52	0.01
Children's footwear	102.0	98.5	99.9	1.4	-2.1	0.24	0.25	0.01
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	105.8	108.0	107.2	-0.7	1.3	1.51	1.50	-0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	94.4	97.3	95.3	-2.1	1.0	0.80	0.78	-0.02
Fabrics and knitting wool	115.4	112.9	113.6	0.6	-1.6	0.16	0.16	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	164.1	167.6	168.6	0.6	2.7	0.56	0.56	—

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	Dec Qtr 2002	Sep Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003 and	Dec Qtr 2002 and	Sep Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2003	Change between Sep Qtr 2003 and Dec Qtr 2003
				Dec Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2003			
<b>Housing</b>	114.2	118.9	119.6	0.6	4.7	29.25	29.43	0.18
Rents	135.4	137.4	138.5	0.8	2.3	7.65	7.71	0.06
Utilities	141.8	149.9	149.4	-0.3	5.4	5.00	4.98	-0.02
Electricity	138.5	145.5	145.5	—	5.1	2.61	2.61	—
Gas and other household fuels	149.6	163.3	160.3	-1.8	7.2	1.14	1.12	-0.02
Water and sewerage(b)	116.1	120.8	121.3	0.4	4.5	1.24	1.25	0.01
Other housing	107.1	112.4	113.3	0.8	5.8	16.61	16.75	0.14
House purchase(b)	127.7	134.5	135.9	1.0	6.4	11.93	12.05	0.12
Property rates and charges(b)	126.2	133.9	133.9	—	6.1	1.87	1.87	—
House repairs and maintenance	147.0	150.8	151.4	0.4	3.0	2.81	2.82	0.01
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	121.6	121.5	121.4	-0.1	-0.2	10.87	10.86	-0.01
Furniture and furnishings	130.8	130.9	130.6	-0.2	-0.2	4.88	4.87	-0.01
Furniture	133.9	132.6	132.9	0.2	-0.7	3.12	3.12	—
Floor and window coverings	132.0	136.5	136.2	-0.2	3.2	1.09	1.09	—
Towels and linen	115.3	115.3	112.5	-2.4	-2.4	0.67	0.66	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	108.1	107.0	106.4	-0.6	-1.6	2.50	2.49	-0.01
Major household appliances	108.3	107.0	107.7	0.7	-0.6	1.12	1.13	0.01
Small electric household appliances	107.2	105.7	102.3	-3.2	-4.6	0.36	0.35	-0.01
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	103.7	103.5	101.3	-2.1	-2.3	0.61	0.59	-0.02
Tools	113.4	111.7	112.7	0.9	-0.6	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	131.7	130.8	131.1	0.2	-0.5	2.54	2.55	0.01
Household cleaning agents	121.1	123.5	122.3	-1.0	1.0	0.55	0.54	-0.01
Other household supplies	136.3	134.4	135.1	0.5	-0.9	1.99	2.00	0.01
Household services	191.1	196.1	198.2	1.1	3.7	0.94	0.95	0.01
<b>Health</b>	177.1	189.1	189.4	0.2	6.9	6.94	6.95	0.01
Health services	188.3	201.0	203.5	1.2	8.1	5.44	5.51	0.07
Hospital and medical services	194.2	209.1	211.9	1.3	9.1	4.20	4.26	0.06
Optical services	137.7	138.7	138.8	0.1	0.8	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	183.9	191.9	194.4	1.3	5.7	1.02	1.03	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	132.7	142.0	136.5	-3.9	2.9	1.50	1.44	-0.06
<b>Transportation</b>	140.3	141.3	140.7	-0.4	0.3	20.58	20.49	-0.09
Private motoring	137.4	138.1	137.5	-0.4	0.1	19.30	19.21	-0.09
Motor vehicles	106.6	104.6	103.8	-0.8	-2.6	7.38	7.33	-0.05
Automotive fuel	150.8	152.5	151.1	-0.9	0.2	5.77	5.71	-0.06
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	134.1	137.9	137.8	-0.1	2.8	3.20	3.19	-0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	112.4	112.8	113.7	0.8	1.2	1.35	1.36	0.01
Other motoring charges	182.2	191.9	193.1	0.6	6.0	1.61	1.62	0.01
Urban transport fares	190.3	197.9	198.4	0.3	4.3	1.28	1.28	—
<b>Communication</b>	108.4	109.7	109.9	0.2	1.4	4.04	4.05	0.01
Postal	124.0	131.0	132.7	1.3	7.0	0.22	0.22	—
Telecommunication	106.6	107.6	107.8	0.2	1.1	3.82	3.82	—

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	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Sep Qtr	Dec Qtr	Change between
	2002	2003	2003	2003 and	2002 and	2003	2003	Sep Qtr 2003 and Dec Qtr 2003
<b>Recreation</b>	131.9	130.0	131.1	0.8	-0.6	16.80	16.94	0.14
Audio, visual and computing	65.1	60.5	59.0	-2.5	-9.4	2.85	2.78	-0.07
Audio, visual and computing equipment	45.6	38.0	35.9	-5.5	-21.3	1.11	1.05	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing media and services	101.9	102.2	101.8	-0.4	-0.1	1.74	1.73	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	195.2	199.6	200.2	0.3	2.6	1.62	1.62	—
Books(b)	119.4	121.3	121.1	-0.2	1.4	0.71	0.71	—
Newspapers and magazines(b)	128.7	132.3	133.1	0.6	3.4	0.91	0.91	—
Sport and other recreation	153.0	156.4	155.8	-0.4	1.8	5.90	5.87	-0.03
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	94.3	93.1	91.8	-1.4	-2.7	0.78	0.77	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	97.0	97.6	94.3	-3.4	-2.8	0.66	0.64	-0.02
Sports participation(b)	130.7	135.4	136.2	0.6	4.2	1.26	1.27	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	131.5	135.6	131.0	-3.4	-0.4	0.59	0.57	-0.02
Pet services including veterinary	183.4	187.4	188.2	0.4	2.6	0.50	0.50	—
Other recreational activities(b)	125.4	129.3	130.4	0.9	4.0	2.10	2.12	0.02
Holiday travel and accommodation	132.8	129.0	133.6	3.6	0.6	6.43	6.66	0.23
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	133.1	128.8	137.3	6.6	3.2	3.35	3.57	0.22
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	131.4	128.1	128.4	0.2	-2.3	3.08	3.09	0.01
<b>Education</b>	205.3	215.1	215.1	—	4.8	3.90	3.90	—
Preschool and primary education(c)	112.8	120.1	120.1	—	6.5	0.76	0.76	—
Secondary education(c)	113.1	120.9	120.9	—	6.9	1.43	1.43	—
Tertiary education(c)	106.0	108.6	108.6	—	2.5	1.71	1.71	—
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	178.0	182.2	182.2	—	2.4	5.79	5.79	—
Insurance services	237.5	240.8	240.6	-0.1	1.3	2.20	2.20	—
Personal care	147.2	149.4	149.5	0.1	1.6	2.97	2.98	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	161.5	165.5	168.8	2.0	4.5	1.11	1.13	0.02
Toiletries and personal care products	139.4	140.6	139.0	-1.1	-0.3	1.87	1.85	-0.02
Child care	153.7	169.9	169.9	—	10.5	0.62	0.62	—
<b>All groups</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>0.7</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)		
	Dec Qtr 2002	Sep Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003 and	Dec Qtr 2002 and	Sep Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2003	Change between Sep Qtr 2003 and Dec Qtr 2003
				Dec Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2003			
<b>All groups</b>	139.5	142.1	142.8	0.5	2.4	142.1	142.8	0.7
<b>Selected components</b>								
Goods component(b)	139.9	142.1	142.5	0.3	1.9	91.51	91.78	0.27
Services component(b)	139.4	142.8	144.2	1.0	3.4	50.58	51.06	0.48
Tradables component(b)(c)	111.1	111.1	111.1	0.0	0.0	64.31	64.36	0.05
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	119.2	123.3	124.4	0.9	4.4	77.78	78.48	0.70
<b>All groups excluding</b>								
Food	137.9	140.5	140.9	0.3	2.2	116.45	116.74	0.29
Alcohol and tobacco	134.6	136.9	137.6	0.5	2.2	130.83	131.51	0.68
Clothing and footwear	141.2	144.1	144.9	0.6	2.6	135.07	135.84	0.77
Housing	143.9	145.8	146.5	0.5	1.8	112.84	113.41	0.57
Household furnishings, supplies and services	142.6	145.5	146.4	0.6	2.7	131.22	131.98	0.76
Health	137.5	139.7	140.5	0.6	2.2	135.15	135.90	0.75
Transportation	139.4	142.3	143.3	0.7	2.8	121.51	122.35	0.84
Communication	140.0	142.6	143.4	0.6	2.4	138.05	138.80	0.75
Recreation	140.5	143.8	144.5	0.5	2.8	125.29	125.91	0.62
Education	138.8	141.3	142.0	0.5	2.3	138.19	138.94	0.75
Miscellaneous	137.9	140.5	141.3	0.6	2.5	136.30	137.05	0.75
Hospital and medical services	137.9	140.2	140.9	0.5	2.2	137.89	138.58	0.69

(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>
<b>1999-2000</b>	124.7	129.4	131.5	127.1	133.8	128.9	102.1	104.0
<b>2000-01</b>	132.2	136.4	138.7	132.9	144.1	136.0	106.5	111.8
<b>2001-02</b>	136.0	140.4	143.3	137.1	149.3	140.5	109.1	115.5
<b>2002-03</b>	140.2	144.5	147.4	139.6	154.7	143.8	111.3	120.0
<b>1999</b>								
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
June	137.6	142.1	145.0	138.2	151.8	142.0	110.3	116.9
September	138.5	142.8	146.0	138.4	153.5	142.7	110.3	118.4
December	139.5	143.9	146.8	139.2	154.5	143.5	111.1	119.2
<b>2003</b>								
March	141.3	145.7	148.0	139.9	155.2	144.2	112.4	120.8
June	141.3	145.4	148.9	140.8	155.6	144.9	111.4	121.7
September	142.1	145.8	149.8	141.3	156.2	145.5	111.1	123.3
December	142.8	146.5	150.3	141.4	157.9	146.1	111.1	124.4

(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)								
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	3.0
<b>2000-01</b>	6.0	5.4	5.5	4.6	7.7	5.5	4.3	7.5
<b>2001-02</b>	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	3.3
<b>2002-03</b>	3.1	2.9	2.9	1.8	3.6	2.3	2.0	3.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
<b>1999</b>								
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
June	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.4	4.7	3.1	1.8	3.8
September	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.0	4.8	3.0	2.3	4.0
December	3.0	2.9	2.9	1.6	4.1	2.4	2.2	3.7
<b>2003</b>								
March	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	3.1	2.1	2.7	4.0
June	2.7	2.3	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.0	1.0	4.1
September	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.0	0.7	4.1
December	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.6	2.2	1.8	0.0	4.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
<b>1999</b>								
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
June	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.6
September	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	1.3
December	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
<b>2003</b>								
March	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.3
June	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	-0.9	0.7
September	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.3	1.3
December	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.9

(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>1999-2000</b>	129.4	118.7	166.6	367.1	111.6	172.1	120.7	129.3	125.0	130.9	122.2	139.3
<b>2000-01</b>	136.4	123.5	164.8	402.6	111.0	179.2	123.0	130.9	128.1	135.3	123.7	141.4
<b>2001-02</b>	140.4	127.0	162.5	458.3	107.7	185.0	122.7	130.6	130.3	136.4	126.0	143.5
<b>2002-03</b>	144.5	129.5	159.2	495.8	106.4	190.9	123.1	130.5	135.2	138.9	127.4	145.8
<b>1999</b>												
December	128.6	118.2	167.2	367.5	111.9	172.3	120.2	129.6	124.5	130.2	121.8	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	122.5	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	122.9	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	123.7	140.9
June	138.4	125.1	164.4	424.4	110.8	182.5	123.3	129.9	129.8	137.1	125.2	143.0
September	138.4	125.8	164.0	435.3	108.8	183.7	123.3	130.4	130.1	136.7	125.4	142.9
December	139.8	126.5	163.4	453.8	108.3	183.3	122.5	131.6	128.7	135.8	125.2	143.2
<b>2002</b>												
March	141.1	127.1	161.4	470.1	107.0	185.1	122.3	130.1	129.9	135.7	126.6	143.4
June	142.1	128.5	161.2	473.8	106.8	187.7	122.8	130.4	132.5	137.3	126.8	144.6
September	142.8	129.0	160.4	480.5	106.6	188.2	122.9	130.5	134.1	137.7	127.1	144.5
December	143.9	129.6	160.0	498.6	106.5	189.1	122.9	131.1	134.5	138.2	126.8	145.4
<b>2003</b>												
March	145.7	129.8	158.5	500.9	106.0	192.7	123.5	130.1	136.2	139.7	127.9	146.0
June	145.4	129.5	157.9	503.3	106.5	193.7	123.2	130.3	135.8	140.1	127.7	147.1
September	145.8	129.5	157.1	509.8	106.3	194.0	123.8	129.4	136.2	140.6	128.1	147.1
December	146.5	130.0	158.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	195.8	n.y.a.	131.1	136.0	140.6	128.1	147.7

(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>1999-2000</b>	2.0	1.5	-3.1	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.6	1.5
<b>2000-01</b>	5.4	4.0	-1.1	9.7	-0.5	4.1	1.9	1.2	2.5	3.4	1.2	1.5
<b>2001-02</b>	2.9	2.8	-1.4	13.8	-3.0	3.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	0.8	1.9	1.5
<b>2002-03</b>	2.9	2.0	-2.0	8.2	-1.2	3.2	0.3	-0.1	3.8	1.8	1.1	1.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
<b>1999</b>												
December	1.2	1.5	-3.6	1.2	-1.1	2.0	2.0	-0.2	2.6	2.7	0.5	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	1.1	1.5
June	2.7	1.9	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	1.8	1.4	2.2	2.3	3.4	0.7	1.5
September	5.1	3.4	-1.4	4.6	-0.8	3.5	1.7	2.3	2.3	3.5	0.8	1.5
December	5.3	4.4	-1.0	9.7	-0.6	3.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	3.4	1.0	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	1.0	1.3
June	5.8	4.4	-0.9	14.8	-0.5	5.6	1.9	-0.3	2.9	3.2	2.3	1.6
September	2.6	3.3	-0.8	15.6	-2.0	4.3	0.9	-0.7	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.7
December	3.2	2.5	-1.3	12.5	-2.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.4
<b>2002</b>												
March	3.0	2.7	-1.4	15.8	-3.5	2.5	-1.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	2.3	1.8
June	2.7	2.7	-1.9	11.6	-3.6	2.8	-0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	1.3	1.1
September	3.2	2.5	-2.2	10.4	-2.0	2.4	-0.3	0.1	3.1	0.7	1.4	1.1
December	2.9	2.5	-2.1	9.9	-1.7	3.2	0.4	-0.4	4.5	1.8	1.3	1.5
<b>2003</b>												
March	3.3	2.1	-1.8	6.6	-0.9	4.1	1.0	0.0	4.8	2.9	1.0	1.8
June	2.3	0.8	-2.0	6.2	-0.3	3.2	0.4	-0.1	2.5	2.0	0.7	1.7
September	2.1	0.4	-2.1	6.1	-0.3	3.1	0.7	-0.8	1.6	2.1	0.8	1.8
December	1.8	0.3	-1.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3.5	n.y.a.	0.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
<b>1999</b>												
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	0.6	0.0
June	0.8	0.8	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	-0.1	1.2
September	3.1	1.7	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.4	-0.1
December	0.4	1.3	0.1	7.1	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.1	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	0.6	-0.2
June	1.0	1.1	0.4	4.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.1	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.5
September	0.0	0.6	-0.2	2.6	-1.8	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
December	1.0	0.6	-0.4	4.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	-0.7	-0.2	0.2
<b>2002</b>												
March	0.9	0.5	-1.2	3.6	-1.2	1.0	-0.2	-1.1	0.9	-0.1	1.1	0.1
June	0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	1.4	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.8
September	0.5	0.4	-0.5	1.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1
December	0.8	0.5	-0.2	3.8	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.6
<b>2003</b>												
March	1.3	0.2	-0.9	0.5	-0.5	1.9	0.5	-0.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.4
June	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.8
September	0.3	0.0	-0.5	1.3	-0.2	0.2	0.4	-0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0
December	0.5	0.4	0.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	0.9	n.y.a.	1.3	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4

(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 *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0) which is available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

### 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 number of items for which prices are collected quarterly is distributed roughly equally across each month of each quarter. In all cases, however, individual items are priced in the same month of each quarter. For example, items for which prices are collected in the first month of the September quarter, July, are also priced in the first month of subsequent quarters, namely October, January and April.

### WEIGHTING PATTERN

**6** There are 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) and *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0) which are available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

## 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 2003	142.8	(see Table 1)
less September Quarter 2003	142.1	(see Table 1)
Change in index points	0.7	
Percentage change = $\frac{0.7}{142.1} \times 100 = 0.5\%$		

**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 2.09 index points to the total All groups index number of 142.8 for December Quarter 2003. 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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### SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

—	nil or rounded to zero
. .	not applicable
n.a.	not available
n.y.a.	not yet available
r	revised
n.e.c.	not elsewhere classified







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