

Reference No. 9.1

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - JUNE QUARTER 1974

Variations in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra are shown herein.

2. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for June quarter 1974 increased by 4.1% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities, the largest quarterly increase since June quarter 1952. Changes in individual cities were: Sydney +3.9%, Melbourne +4.6%, Brisbane +3.6%, Adelaide +4.3%, Perth +3.5%, Hobart +4.1%, Canberra +3.2%.

3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1971-72 -								
June	+ 0.9	+ 0.9	+ 1.0	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.1	+ 0.9	+ 0.8
1972-73 -								
September	+ 1.4	+ 1.4	+ 1.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.4	+ 1.1	+ 1.4
December	+ 1.2	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 1.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.4	+ 1.5
March	+ 2.1	+ 2.0	+ 2.2	+ 2.2	+ 2.2	+ 2.0	+ 1.9	+ 2.1
June	+ 3.3	+ 3.1	+ 3.5	+ 3.5	+ 3.6	+ 2.8	+ 2.6	+ 3.0
1973-74 -								
September	+3.6	+3.8	+3.4	+4.1	+3.7	+2.3	+3.4	+3.6
December	+3.6	+3.7	+3.7	+3.3	+4.0	+3.1	+4.4	+3.8
March	+2.4	+2.3	+2.3	+2.6	+2.5	+2.5	+2.1	+3.0
June	+4.1	+3.9	+4.6	+3.6	+4.3	+3.5	+4.1	+3.2

4. Recent annual changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Same Quarter of Preceding Year

Quarter	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1971-72 -								
June	+ 6.2	+ 7.3	+ 5.8	+ 5.5	+ 4.9	+ 5.8	+ 6.5	+ 4.6
1972-73 -								
September	+ 5.7	+ 5.7	+ 6.1	+ 4.7	+ 5.6	+ 6.5	+ 5.9	+ 4.6
December	+ 4.5	+ 4.8	+ 4.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.0	+ 4.0	+ 4.3
March	+ 5.7	+ 5.7	+ 5.9	+ 5.5	+ 5.7	+ 4.9	+ 5.5	+ 6.0
June	+8.2	+8.0	+8.5	+8.3	+8.7	+6.7	+7.2	+8.3
1973-74 -								
September	+10.6	+10.6	+10.7	+11.9	+11.0	+7.7	+9.6	+10.6
December	+13.2	+13.2	+13.5	+13.7	+14.2	+10.6	+12.8	+13.1
March	+13.6	+13.5	+13.6	+14.2	+14.5	+11.2	+12.9	+14.1
June	+14.4	+14.3	+14.8	+14.3	+15.3	+11.9	+14.6	+14.3

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

5. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of the index have been as follows:

<i>Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter</i>						
<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Clothing and Drapery</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household Supplies and Equipment</i>	<i>Miscel- laneous</i>	<i>All Groups</i>
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1971-72 –						
June		+ 2.1	+ 1.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	+ 0.9
1972-73 –						
September	+ 2.2	+ 0.7	+ 1.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.1	+ 1.4
December	+ 1.2	+ 1.7	+ 2.0	+ 0.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.2
March	+ 4.4	+ 1.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.2	+ 1.0	+ 2.1
June	+ 5.6	+ 4.3	+ 2.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.6	+ 3.3
1973-74 –						
September	+5.5	+2.9	+2.1	+2.8	+2.9	+3.6
December	+4.0	+4.1	+3.8	+1.7	+3.8	+3.6
March	+3.4	+2.0	+2.2	+2.4	+1.7	+2.4
June	+3.7	+7.3	+5.1	+3.5	+3.1	+4.1

6. The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of goods and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). Seven series for short periods have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.

7. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report No. 57, 1972 (Reference No. 6.7). For periods after December quarter 1973, reference should be made to the appendix of the March quarter 1974 bulletin. This appendix describes the seventh series of the index which was introduced as from December quarter 1973 and is broadly based on the estimated pattern of consumption in 1971-72.

8. The quarterly prices for food items used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. However, for potatoes and for onions from December quarter 1968, weekly prices are averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices of all non-food items are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor car) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.

9. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.

10. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1962-63 to 1973-74 and for each quarter from December quarter 1967. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows Group Index numbers quarterly from June quarter 1971 to June quarter 1974.

11. Table 3 on page 8 shows monthly Food Group index numbers for each month from January 1971. In Table 4 information of contributions by the Food Group to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points is shown for both March quarter 1974 and June quarter 1974 and each of the three months of this quarter, i.e. April, May and June 1974. A more detailed presentation of information on monthly food price movements can be found in the monthly bulletin *Consumer Price Index, Food Group Index Numbers* (Reference No. 9.11). Since the food group is the only group of the index for which prices are collected monthly, it is not possible to provide monthly indexes for other groups.

12. Table 5 on page 9 shows index numbers for March quarter 1974 and June quarter 1974 for groups and sub-groups of the index and for some special groupings. It also contains information of contributions by index sub-groups to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points for these two quarters. Users of these figures should bear in mind that the Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the proportionate change in retail prices as combined in the five major groups and more particularly the total of the groups. For sub-groups or particular items, the index does not necessarily provide comprehensive and valid measures of price changes in those particular fields. Nor does it necessarily measure the relative influences of those classes of items in aggregate variations in prices. The Consumer Price Index is essentially a combination of selected items under various headings and not a dissection of total household expenditure into its component parts.

13. Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the 'index points' because 'index point' changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 2-5. However, the analysis in paragraph 14 shows movements in terms of All Groups 'index points'. This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the five groups to movements in the total indexes. Table 5 on page 9 shows movements expressed as both percentage changes and changes in 'index points'. The following example illustrates the computation of 'index point' and percentage changes :

**All Groups : Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities**

<i>Index Point Change</i>		<i>Percentage Change</i>
June quarter 1974 CPI (1966-67 = 100.0)	154.1	Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period $\frac{154.1 - 148.1}{148.1} \times 100 = 4.1\%$
less March quarter 1974 CPI	148.1	
Index points difference	6.0	

14. The following analysis and Table 5 on page 9 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from March quarter 1974 to June quarter 1974.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
Movements from March Quarter 1974 to June Quarter 1974.  
Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)

<i>Group</i>	<i>Six Capitals (c)</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>
<b>INDEX POINTS (a)</b>								
Food -								
Meat, butcher's	..	-0.1	..	-0.2	+0.2	+0.3	..	..
Processed meat	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3
Potatoes	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4	+0.6	+0.2	..	+0.2
Cereal products	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Dairy produce	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1
Other	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.5	+0.7	+0.5	+0.6	+0.6
Clothing and Drapery	+1.3	+1.2	+1.3	+1.3	+1.4	+1.2	+1.3	+1.2
Housing -								
House price	+0.4	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2
Repairs and maintenance	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1
Rates	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	..	..	..	..	..
Rents	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Household Supplies and Equipment -								
Fuel and light	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	..	..	..	+0.1	..
Other	+0.4	+0.4	+0.5	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4
Miscellaneous -								
Motoring	+0.5	+0.3	+0.7	+0.5	+0.7	+0.3	+0.3	+0.8
Beer	+0.5	+0.6	+0.5	+0.6	..	+0.4	+0.9	..
Health Services	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.4	+0.7	..
Other	+0.4	+0.5	+0.4	+0.4	+0.3	+0.2	..	+0.4
<b>Total Change (Index Points)</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>+5.9</b>	<b>+6.7</b>	<b>+5.3</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>+5.0</b>	<b>+5.9</b>	<b>+4.6</b>

(a) See explanation in paragraph 13. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base. (c) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

15. A summary of the movements of the various group indexes, together with the *main quarterly* price changes which affected the index between March quarter 1974 and June quarter 1974 is shown below:

**Food Group.** Changes in meat and potato prices are frequently the major cause of movements in the total index and of disparate movements between cities. The effects of changes in the prices of these items in each city for this quarter are shown in the table above. The price of bread increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Canberra, the price of eggs in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart and the price of milk in Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 3.7%.

**Clothing and Drapery Group.** There were widespread increases in all sections with approximately two thirds of the total group increase being contributed by winter seasonal items. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capitals cities showed a quarterly increase of 7.3%, the largest June quarter increase since 1951.

**Housing Group.** Local government rates and charges increased in Sydney and Melbourne. There were increases in all other sections of the group, in particular house price, repairs and maintenance and private dwelling rents. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 5.1%, the largest quarterly increase ever shown for this group of the index.

**Household Supplies and Equipment.** Prices of electricity and gas increased in Sydney and Melbourne. There were increases in all other sections of the group. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 3.5%.

**Miscellaneous Group.** There were increases in the prices of the motor car and motor repairs items in all cities, in third party insurance in Melbourne and Adelaide; and in petrol in Melbourne, Perth and Canberra. Beer prices increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Hobart. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 3.1%.

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TABLE 1.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
(Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
Year -								
1962-63	89.8	90.4	89.7	88.7	89.1	88.7	90.7	91.8
1963-64	90.6	91.4	90.4	89.6	90.2	89.8	91.7	92.5
1964-65	94.0	94.5	94.0	93.0	93.9	92.6	94.6	95.3
1965-66	97.4	97.7	97.5	97.5	97.0	96.1	98.0	98.1
1966-67	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1967-68	103.3	103.2	103.7	103.3	102.9	102.9	104.6	102.6
1968-69	106.0	106.2	106.2	105.5	105.3	105.5	106.1	104.4
1969-70	109.4	110.6	108.7	108.4	108.2	109.4	108.5	107.4
1970-71	114.6	116.8	113.1	114.2	112.5	114.1	112.6	113.0
1971-72	122.4	126.3	119.7	121.6	119.2	120.7	119.9	119.4
1972-73	129.8	133.9	127.2	128.6	126.5	127.3	126.7	126.3
1973-74	146.6	151.3	144.0	146.1	143.9	140.6	142.6	142.8
Quarter -								
1967-68 -								
December	103.0	102.9	103.3	103.0	102.1	102.5	105.0	102.4
March	103.4	103.2	103.8	103.7	102.6	103.1	104.6	102.6
June	104.2	104.0	104.8	103.7	104.2	104.0	104.6	103.2
1968-69 -								
September	104.6	104.4	105.1	104.7	104.2	104.3	105.0	103.5
December	105.7	105.9	106.0	105.3	105.2	104.9	105.8	103.9
March	106.4	106.7	106.6	105.8	105.5	105.6	106.5	104.8
June	107.2	107.6	107.2	106.3	106.4	107.0	107.0	105.2
1969-70 -								
September	107.8	108.4	107.6	107.2	106.9	107.7	107.4	106.0
December	108.7	109.6	108.3	107.9	107.3	108.7	108.1	106.7
March	109.8	111.3	108.9	108.9	108.4	109.9	108.9	108.0
June	111.2	112.9	110.1	109.7	110.0	111.4	109.6	109.0
1970-71 -								
September	111.9	113.9	110.7	111.1	109.9	111.6	110.2	109.7
December	114.0	116.2	112.6	113.3	111.8	113.5	112.4	113.2
March	115.2	117.4	113.7	115.1	112.9	114.8	113.2	113.6
June	117.2	119.8	115.2	117.2	115.4	116.4	114.6	115.6
1971-72 -								
September	119.4	123.3	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	116.5	117.2
December	122.2	126.0	119.7	121.3	119.1	120.5	120.3	119.4
March	123.4	127.3	120.7	122.6	120.2	121.8	120.9	119.9
June	124.5	128.5	121.9	123.6	121.1	123.1	122.0	120.9
1972-73 -								
September	126.2	130.3	123.6	124.6	123.0	124.8	123.4	122.6
December	127.7	132.0	125.0	126.6	124.3	125.3	125.1	124.5
March	130.4	134.6	127.8	129.4	127.0	127.8	127.5	127.1
June	134.7	138.8	132.3	133.9	131.6	131.4	130.8	130.9
1973-74 -								
September	139.6	144.1	136.8	139.4	136.5	134.4	135.2	135.6
December	144.6	149.4	141.9	144.0	141.9	138.6	141.1	140.8
March	148.1	152.8	145.2	147.8	145.4	142.1	144.0	145.0
June	154.1	158.7	151.9	153.1	151.7	147.1	149.9	149.6

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TABLE 2.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
FOOD GROUP								
1970-71 -								
June	114.3	115.1	113.7	116.8	111.5	114.9	110.2	112.4
1971-72 -								
September	115.6	116.5	115.2	118.1	112.7	114.6	111.3	114.4
December	116.7	117.7	116.6	118.3	113.2	115.5	113.0	114.8
March	117.5	118.0	117.5	119.7	114.5	117.0	113.5	115.0
June	117.5	117.7	117.7	119.7	114.1	118.5	113.9	115.2
1972-73 -								
September	120.1	120.8	119.8	120.6	117.5	121.2	115.9	118.1
December	121.6	122.5	121.1	123.8	118.7	120.6	117.9	119.9
March	126.9	127.6	127.3	129.2	123.9	124.8	121.4	125.7
June	134.0	133.6	135.3	136.2	132.1	131.5	124.9	132.0
1973-74 -								
September	141.4	142.6	141.1	144.7	140.7	135.1	131.9	140.1
December	147.0	150.0	145.9	150.0	145.1	137.0	139.7	146.0
March	152.0	154.3	150.8	155.7	149.7	144.8	144.2	151.6
June	157.6	159.0	157.2	159.7	157.8	149.7	149.7	156.7
CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP								
1970-71 -								
June	115.1	115.3	114.6	114.7	115.8	115.7	115.0	114.9
1971-72 -								
September	115.7	116.0	115.1	115.1	116.4	116.4	115.9	115.2
December	118.0	118.2	117.4	117.7	119.2	118.3	118.2	117.7
March	118.8	119.1	118.3	118.5	119.8	119.2	118.7	118.7
June	121.3	121.5	120.9	120.6	122.5	121.6	121.1	121.2
1972-73 -								
September	122.2	122.4	121.9	121.6	123.3	122.4	121.8	122.0
December	124.3	124.4	123.7	124.0	125.6	124.6	124.6	124.1
March	125.7	125.7	125.3	125.4	126.9	126.2	125.5	125.4
June	131.1	131.1	130.8	130.2	132.8	131.1	130.4	130.7
1973-74 -								
September	134.9	135.3	134.6	133.9	135.9	134.8	134.2	134.1
December	140.4	140.8	139.6	139.5	141.6	140.9	139.8	139.6
March	143.2	144.1	142.2	142.1	144.2	143.8	142.7	143.0
June	153.6	154.1	152.9	152.5	155.0	153.7	152.9	152.7
HOUSING GROUP								
1970-71 -								
June	126.8	135.6	120.6	121.4	118.5	127.6	119.2	120.0
1971-72 -								
September	128.8	138.0	121.8	125.8	120.0	128.4	120.4	118.8
December	132.4	142.3	124.4	128.0	123.9	134.4	124.1	122.1
March	134.1	144.6	125.6	129.6	125.8	135.4	125.3	122.7
June	136.6	147.8	127.9	131.7	127.8	136.7	126.8	124.0
1972-73 -								
September	138.5	150.0	129.5	133.6	129.7	137.4	128.3	124.7
December	141.3	153.4	132.0	135.6	132.5	139.4	131.6	128.5
March	143.1	155.5	133.8	137.2	134.2	140.4	132.7	129.7
June	146.7	160.5	137.0	140.2	136.6	141.7	134.4	130.8
1973-74 -								
September	149.8	164.0	139.5	143.3	140.6	143.9	137.1	133.0
December	155.5	168.8	146.2	148.1	148.1	147.8	146.8	140.5
March	158.9	172.0	149.7	151.9	152.7	149.8	149.8	142.2
June	167.0	181.3	157.8	157.7	161.0	155.0	153.9	145.1

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 GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
 (Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Quarter	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP								
1970-71 -								
June	109.8	112.4	107.4	110.6	108.1	109.7	111.6	106.0
1971-72 -								
September	110.0	112.9	107.2	111.0	108.1	109.9	112.4	106.4
December	111.3	113.8	108.9	112.4	109.2	111.4	117.4	107.6
March	112.5	115.5	109.3	113.2	109.6	114.9	117.7	107.7
June	113.0	116.1	110.0	114.1	110.0	114.7	118.1	108.3
1972-73 -								
September	113.7	116.6	110.6	114.8	110.9	115.5	118.9	109.5
December	114.5	117.5	111.2	116.4	111.6	116.2	119.6	110.6
March	115.9	118.9	112.4	117.6	113.4	117.9	120.3	111.5
June	117.6	120.5	114.0	118.9	116.0	120.0	122.5	115.9
1973-74 -								
September	120.9	123.8	117.9	123.3	117.6	121.8	125.5	117.7
December	122.9	125.9	119.6	125.0	119.6	124.8	126.7	118.8
March	125.9	129.3	122.5	127.2	123.6	126.9	128.4	120.3
June	130.3	133.7	128.1	130.9	126.6	129.4	132.5	123.3
MISCELLANEOUS GROUP								
1970-71 -								
June	120.7	123.1	118.7	120.3	121.9	116.9	119.4	122.5
1971-72 -								
September	125.7	132.6	121.1	122.9	123.6	119.0	123.8	126.7
December	131.2	137.1	127.7	127.8	128.6	125.4	130.3	130.5
March	132.8	139.3	129.2	129.4	129.7	126.3	130.8	131.6
June	134.1	140.7	130.3	130.6	131.2	127.1	132.1	132.7
1972-73 -								
September	135.6	141.8	132.5	131.3	132.4	129.0	133.5	134.0
December	136.5	142.8	133.6	131.9	132.8	129.4	134.0	135.4
March	137.8	144.0	134.8	133.7	134.0	131.1	137.7	136.5
June	140.0	146.2	136.9	137.2	135.6	132.1	141.0	137.5
1973-74 -								
September	144.0	149.8	141.8	141.9	139.3	134.9	144.2	141.9
December	149.5	154.2	148.1	146.2	146.1	141.5	148.6	146.9
March	152.1	157.0	150.5	149.7	148.6	142.9	150.7	152.6
June	156.8	161.6	155.8	154.4	152.1	146.9	156.6	156.2
ALL GROUPS								
1970-71 -								
June	117.2	119.8	115.2	117.2	115.4	116.4	114.6	115.6
1971-72 -								
September	119.4	123.3	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	116.5	117.2
December	122.2	126.0	119.7	121.3	119.1	120.5	120.3	119.4
March	123.4	127.3	120.7	122.6	120.2	121.8	120.9	119.9
June	124.5	128.5	121.9	123.6	121.1	123.1	122.0	120.9
1972-73 -								
September	126.2	130.3	123.6	124.6	123.0	124.8	123.4	122.6
December	127.7	132.0	125.0	126.6	124.3	125.3	125.1	124.5
March	130.4	134.6	127.8	129.4	127.0	127.8	127.5	127.1
June	134.7	138.8	132.3	133.9	131.6	131.4	130.8	130.9
1973-74 -								
September	139.6	144.1	136.8	139.4	136.5	134.4	135.2	135.6
December	144.6	149.4	141.9	144.0	141.9	138.6	141.1	140.8
March	148.1	152.8	145.2	147.8	145.4	142.1	144.0	145.0
June	154.1	158.7	151.9	153.1	151.7	147.1	149.9	149.6

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TABLE 3.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
INDEX NUMBERS - MONTHLY - FOOD GROUP - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
(Base of Index for each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
1971 - January	111.9	112.4	111.8	112.9	109.4	111.6	110.1	109.6
February	112.6	113.2	112.3	114.4	109.5	113.0	109.1	110.2
March	112.6	113.3	112.2	114.3	109.2	113.6	109.4	110.5
April	113.7	114.5	112.8	116.4	110.8	114.7	110.0	111.4
May	114.7	115.3	114.1	117.0	112.3	115.2	110.6	112.6
June	114.7	115.5	114.1	116.9	111.4	115.0	109.9	113.2
July	114.5	115.2	114.2	117.1	111.6	114.2	109.8	113.1
August	115.8	116.7	115.5	117.7	112.9	114.7	111.6	114.7
September	116.6	117.7	115.9	119.4	113.7	114.8	112.6	115.4
October	116.7	117.8	116.3	118.9	113.1	115.5	113.3	115.2
November	116.5	117.5	116.6	117.6	113.3	115.1	113.4	114.9
December	116.8	117.8	116.7	118.4	113.2	115.9	112.3	114.4
1972 - January	117.5	118.2	117.7	119.6	113.7	116.6	113.0	114.5
February	117.6	118.2	117.4	119.7	114.7	116.9	113.8	115.6
March	117.5	117.6	117.6	119.7	115.1	117.5	113.6	114.8
April	117.2	117.1	117.7	119.7	114.0	117.6	113.4	114.3
May	117.5	118.0	117.6	119.7	113.8	118.3	114.1	115.7
June	117.7	117.9	117.8	119.6	114.3	119.6	114.4	115.7
July	118.9	119.5	118.6	119.8	116.4	120.2	115.1	116.2
August	120.2	120.9	120.1	120.5	117.3	121.8	115.9	118.5
September	121.1	122.1	120.7	121.4	118.7	121.4	116.6	119.5
October	121.6	122.8	120.8	122.9	119.0	121.1	117.6	120.0
November	121.7	122.6	121.3	124.3	119.0	120.3	117.9	119.7
December	121.4	122.1	121.2	124.1	118.0	120.3	118.3	119.9
1973 - January	122.2	122.6	121.5	125.7	119.8	122.4	118.4	120.5
February	127.9	129.3	127.8	130.1	125.0	124.6	122.3	127.8
March	130.6	130.8	132.5	131.7	126.9	127.5	123.6	128.7
April	132.8	132.6	134.6	135.1	129.7	128.8	124.4	131.2
May	133.8	133.6	134.9	136.4	132.2	131.7	124.6	132.1
June	135.3	134.5	136.5	137.3	134.4	134.1	125.6	132.5
July	137.6	138.3	137.6	140.4	136.5	134.4	128.0	136.5
August	141.5	142.5	141.4	145.4	140.5	134.8	132.0	139.9
September	145.1	146.9	144.4	148.3	145.0	136.2	135.8	144.0
October	145.9	148.7	144.7	149.3	144.8	137.1	136.3	144.5
November	147.1	150.1	146.2	149.8	145.0	136.3	141.6	145.9
December	147.9	151.1	146.7	150.9	145.5	137.7	141.2	147.6
1974 - January	150.4	153.4	149.0	154.3	147.2	142.0	143.0	150.1
February	152.0	154.1	150.8	155.3	150.4	145.2	144.7	152.1
March	153.5	155.4	152.5	157.4	151.4	147.3	145.0	152.7
April	155.2	156.7	154.9	157.5	154.5	147.9	147.4	154.2
May	158.1	159.3	157.8	160.5	159.3	149.8	149.6	157.1
June	159.4	161.0	158.9	161.1	159.7	151.5	152.1	158.8

TABLE 4.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
POINTS CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS INDEX  
FOOD GROUP: (IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)

NOTE. These figures are on the basis of the current linked series and are not comparable with index points contributions published for previous periods.

Period	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra
March Quarter 1974	42.36	43.03	41.05	44.51	42.91	40.83	42.28	41.84
April 1974	43.25	43.70	42.16	45.05	44.27	41.69	43.21	42.56
May 1974	44.06	44.43	42.95	45.90	45.66	42.24	43.86	43.34
June 1974	44.42	44.90	43.25	46.06	45.77	42.72	44.59	43.82
June Quarter 1974	43.91	44.34	42.79	45.67	45.23	42.22	43.89	43.24

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TABLE 5. — CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
 PARTICULARS FOR GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SPECIAL GROUPINGS MARCH QUARTER 1974 AND JUNE QUARTER 1974  
 Weighted Average of Six Special Capital Cities : Base — Year 1966-67 = 100.0

Group and sub-Group	Index Numbers (Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted) (a)			All Groups Index Points Contributed by Sub-Groups, etc. to Total (c)		
	Mar. qtr 1974	June qtr 1974	Percentage change since Mar. qtr (d)	Mar. qtr 1974	June qtr 1974	Change in All Groups Index Points since Mar. qtr (d)
<b>FOOD GROUP</b>						
Cereal products	150.2	156.6	+4.3	4.43	4.62	+0.19
Dairy produce	128.1	132.0	+3.0	6.75	6.96	+0.21
Preserved fruit and vegetables	115.4	123.2	+6.8	1.69	1.80	+0.11
Potatoes and onions	237.3	283.2	+19.3	1.90	2.27	+0.37
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	156.7	162.0	+3.4	5.86	6.06	+0.20
Meat	172.4	175.0	+1.5	16.74	16.99	+0.25
Beef	171.0	168.5	-1.5	6.58	6.49	-0.09
Mutton	204.9	206.4	+0.7	0.74	0.75	+0.01
Lamb	192.9	194.5	+0.8	3.46	3.49	+0.03
Pork	155.4	163.0	+4.9	1.33	1.39	+0.06
Processed meat (e)	143.2	150.9	+5.4	4.63	4.88	+0.25
Snacks, take away food (f)(g)	(104.2)	(108.7)	+4.3	1.37	1.43	+0.06
Other food	119.0	124.3	+4.5	3.61	3.78	+0.17
Food Group	152.0	157.6	+3.7	42.36	43.91	+1.55
<b>CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP</b>						
Predominantly summer seasonal (h)	151.7	151.7	..	3.59	3.59	..
Predominantly winter seasonal (i)	135.3	169.5	+25.3	3.23	4.04	+0.81
Predominantly non-seasonal	136.7	143.1	+4.7	7.62	7.98	+0.36
Footwear	164.6	170.4	+3.5	3.40	3.52	+0.12
Clothing and Drapery Group	143.2	153.6	+7.3	17.84	19.13	+1.29
<b>HOUSING GROUP</b>						
Rent, privately owned dwellings (j)	161.5	166.3	+3.0	9.23	9.51	+0.28
Rent, government owned houses	146.0	147.3	+0.9	0.82	0.83	+0.01
Home ownership (k)	159.2	170.5	+7.1	11.18	11.98	+0.80
House price and repairs and maintenance	152.4	164.1	+7.7	7.86	8.46	+0.60
Local government rates and charges	173.4	183.4	+5.8	3.33	3.52	+0.19
Housing Group	158.9	167.0	+5.1	21.23	22.31	+1.08
<b>HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP</b>						
Fuel and light	121.1	126.1	+4.1	4.37	4.55	+0.18
Electricity	122.5	126.9	+3.6	2.93	3.04	+0.11
Gas	115.0	123.2	+7.1	1.01	1.08	+0.07
Other (l)	125.1	125.8	+0.6	0.42	0.43	+0.01
Household appliances	103.4	104.6	+1.2	3.17	3.20	+0.03
Furniture and floor coverings	150.7	159.1	+5.6	2.94	3.11	+0.17
Other household utensils, sundries and stationery	131.6	136.0	+3.3	2.90	3.00	+0.10
Personal requisites and proprietary medicines	139.0	143.4	+3.2	3.38	3.49	+0.11
Household Supplies and Equipment Group	125.9	130.3	+3.5	16.76	17.34	+0.58
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GROUP</b>						
Fares (m)	164.2	166.3	+1.3	2.59	2.62	+0.03
Motoring	141.1	144.6	+2.5	19.16	19.64	+0.48
Goods (n)	129.1	130.9	+1.4	14.70	14.91	+0.21
Services and charges (o)	171.3	181.8	+6.1	4.46	4.73	+0.27
Cigarettes and tobacco	151.2	152.9	+1.1	5.15	5.20	+0.05
Beer	139.2	150.4	+8.0	6.47	6.99	+0.52
Wines and spirits (f)	(101.8)	(106.1)	+4.2	1.82	1.90	+0.08
Postal and telephone services	141.1	141.1	..	1.87	1.87	..
Newspapers and magazines	166.5	166.5	..	1.60	1.60	..
Recreational goods and services (f)(p)	(102.1)	(106.1)	+3.9	2.98	3.10	+0.12
Health services (q)	155.0	159.1	+2.6	5.98	6.14	+0.16
Other services (s)	186.2	195.7	+5.1	2.25	2.37	+0.12
Miscellaneous Group	152.1	156.8	+3.1	49.88	51.43	+1.55
All Groups	148.1	154.1	+4.1	(c)148.1	(c)154.1	(c)+6.0
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>						
Excluding food group	146.4	152.7	+4.3	105.72	110.22	+4.50
Excluding housing group	146.4	152.1	+3.9	126.84	131.82	+4.98
Goods component (t)	143.7	149.7	+4.2	114.32	119.09	+4.77
Services component (t)	166.3	172.6	+3.8	33.75	35.04	+1.29

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## FOOTNOTES TO TABLES

- (a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities.
- (c) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.
- (d) See paragraph 13 on page 3.
- (e) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968 and sausages as from December quarter 1973 (previously included in Beef sub-group)
- (f) Base : December quarter 1973 = 100.0.
- (g) Includes fried chicken, meat pies, hamburgers and sandwiches.
- (h) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' summerweight outerwear and women's and girls' summerweight underwear.
- (i) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' winterweight outerwear and underwear, and blankets.
- (j) Includes flats as from December quarter 1968.
- (k) Does not include cost of land or interest charges on house purchase.
- (l) Firewood and kerosene. Includes heating oil and briquettes as from December quarter 1968.
- (m) City and suburban rail, bus and tram.
- (n) Motor car, petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, tyre retreading and battery.
- (o) Repairs, registration, third party insurance and driver's licence.
- (p) Includes cameras, film, film processing, phonograph records, radio and television operation and cinema admission.
- (q) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0.
- (s) Hairdressing, drycleaning and shoe repairs.
- (t) The Special grouping "Goods" is composed of the Food Group; Clothing Group; Household Supplies and Equipment Group, house price and maintenance, motoring goods, cigarettes and tobacco, beer, wines and spirits, photographic goods, records, newspapers and magazines and television replacement parts. The remaining items are classified as "Services". Figures published in the preceding bulletin for these special groupings have been revised. The new figures for March quarter 1974 are shown in Table 5. Those for December quarter 1973 are:

	Index Number	Index Points
Goods	140.1	111.46
Services	163.4	33.16