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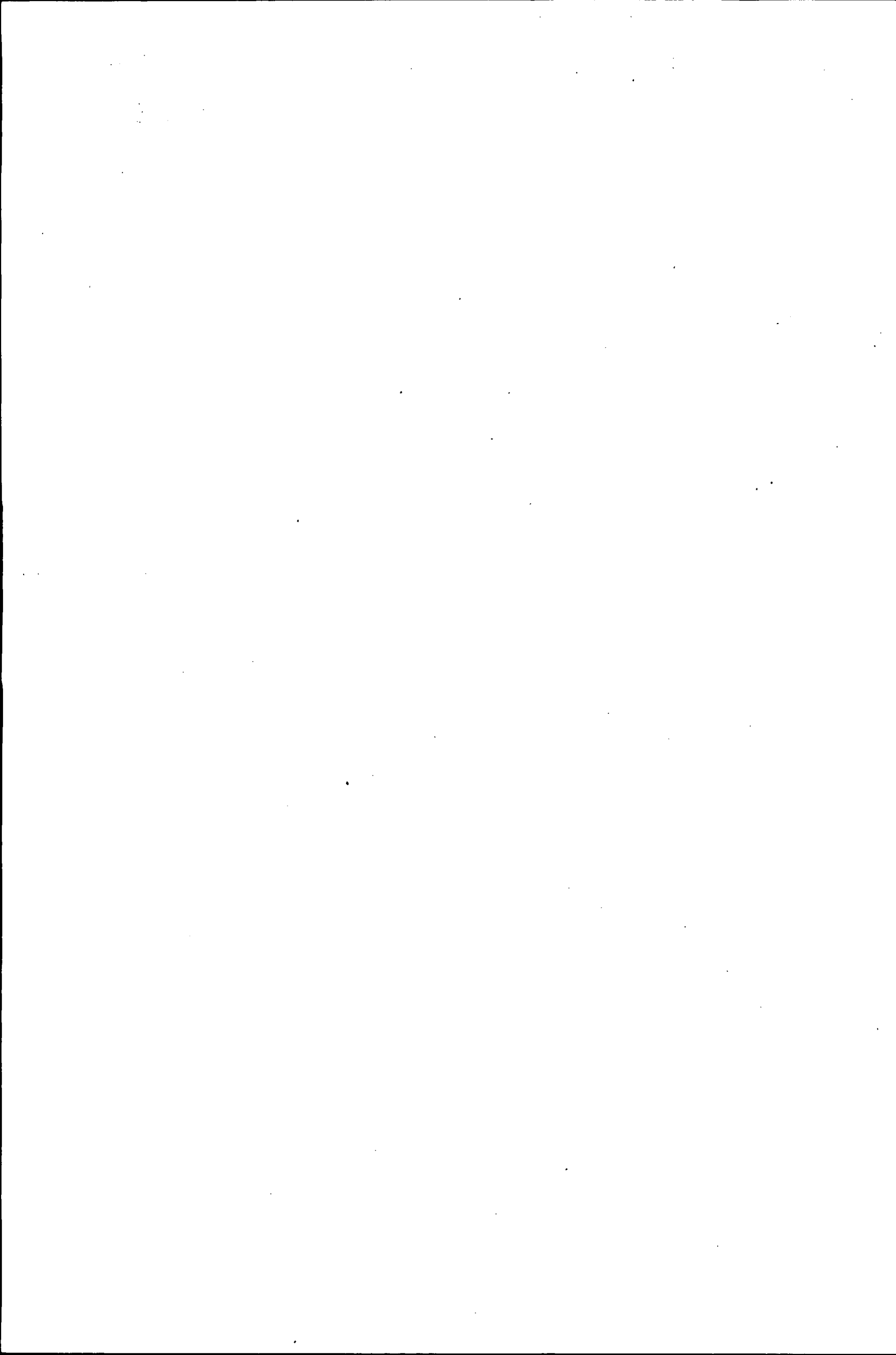
The CPI statistics in the attached publication are incomplete.

Because of an industrial dispute, there have been delays in completing the collection of March quarter prices for Sydney. As a result it is not possible to finish compiling the CPI for Sydney, or the weighted average of the eight capital cities, at this stage.

The collection of prices in the other seven capital cities has not been affected. The attached publication contains the complete range of statistics for those cities. It also includes statistics for Sydney, and the weighted average of the eight capital cities, only for those parts of the CPI that can be completed at this stage.

The CPI publication ( Catalogue No. 6401.0) for the March quarter 1987 will be reissued when all the index numbers for Sydney, and for the weighted average of the eight capital cities, are available.

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NOTE : Beginning with this issue the CPI will be compiled on the basis of a revised list of items and an updated weighting pattern - see explanatory notes paragraphs 1 to 3.

### MAIN FEATURES

All groups index	Change between	
	Dec. qtr 1986 and Mar. qtr 1987	Mar. qtr 1986 and Mar. qtr 1987
	%	%
Sydney	n.y.a	n.y.a
Melbourne	+1.9	+9.4
Brisbane	+2.1	+8.7
Adelaide	+1.7	+9.4
Perth	+1.9	+10.3
Hobart	+2.1	+10.6
Canberra	+1.7	+8.3
Darwin	+1.8	+9.5
Weighted average of eight capital cities	n.y.a	n.y.a

Main price changes between December quarter 1986 and March quarter 1987 were as follows:

Note : Except where Sydney is specifically mentioned in the following notes 'all cities' means all capital cities except Sydney.

#### FOOD

Prices of cheese increased in all cities (including Sydney).  
Bread prices increased in all cities.  
Lamb prices increased in all cities except Hobart where they fell.  
Poultry prices increased in Brisbane, Perth, Hobart and Canberra and fell in Adelaide and Darwin.  
Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables fell in all cities (including Sydney) except Brisbane where they rose.  
Soft drink and cordial prices increased in all cities except Sydney where they fell.  
Prices of meals out and take away foods increased in all cities (including Sydney).

#### CLOTHING : + 0.6%

Prices of men's and boys' clothing increased in Sydney, Perth, Hobart and Darwin and fell in Brisbane and Canberra.

#### HOUSING

Rents of privately-owned dwellings increased in all cities (including Sydney) except Darwin.  
Mortgage interest charges increased in all cities mainly reflecting higher prices for houses and land.

#### HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION

Electricity charges increased in Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra.  
Furniture prices increased in Brisbane, Perth, Hobart and Darwin and fell in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra.  
Prices of kitchen and cooking utensils increased in all cities (including Sydney) except Hobart.  
Prices of tools increased in all cities except Sydney where they fell.  
Consumer credit charges increased in all cities mainly reflecting higher prices for goods and services purchased on credit.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.  
Petrol prices increased in all cities.  
Motor vehicle insurance costs increased in all cities.  
Motor vehicle servicing and repair costs increased in all cities.

#### TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL

Prices of beer, wine and spirits increased in all cities.  
Cigarette and tobacco prices increased in all cities.

#### HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE

Health insurance contributions increased in all cities except Darwin.  
Prices of toiletries and personal products increased in all cities (including Sydney).

#### RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Prices for books, newspapers and magazines rose in all cities.  
Prices of video and sound equipment increased in all cities (including Sydney).  
Prices of sporting and photographic equipment and toys increased in all cities (including Sydney) except Brisbane where prices were unchanged.  
Prices for holiday travel and accommodation in Australia increased for Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Darwin and fell for the other cities.  
Prices for overseas holiday travel and accommodation increased for all cities.  
Entertainment charges increased in all cities (including Sydney).  
Education fees increased in all cities.

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

## REVIEW OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1. A major review of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) has just been completed and its results are incorporated in the eleventh CPI series which is introduced in this issue.
2. The main changes arising from this review are :
  - . the weighting pattern has been revised to reflect, in general, household consumption expenditure in 1984.
  - . the home ownership sub-group has been changed by deleting the expenditure class 'house purchase including alterations' and including a new expenditure class 'mortgage interest charges'.
  - . four other new expenditure classes have been included :
    - consumer credit charges
    - optical services
    - watches and clocks
    - veterinary services
  - . the range of fresh fruit and vegetables priced has been expanded to include items not available at all times of the year.
3. More detailed information about the new CPI is contained in the ABS Information Paper : Review of the Consumer Price Index (Catalogue No. 6450.0). Details of changed treatment of home ownership costs appear in the ABS Information Paper : The Australian Consumer Price Index - Treatment of Home Ownership Costs (Catalogue No 6441.0). Copies of these publications are available from the ABS on request.
4. Publication of index numbers for the weighted average of six State capital cities has ceased, but these index numbers will continue to be available from the ABS on request.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

5. The CPI measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditures by the CPI population group (ie metropolitan wage and salary earner households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eight groups : food; clothing; housing; household equipment and operation; transportation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. Pensioners and other social welfare recipients are not included in the CPI population group and the index does not reflect concessional prices paid by these people such as subsidised government dwelling rents, public transport fares and the like.
6. The capital city indexes measure price movements over time in each city individually. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.
7. Further information about the CPI is contained in a booklet entitled A Guide to the Consumer Price Index (Catalogue No. 6440.0) which is available from the ABS on request. A more detailed account is contained in The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods (Catalogue No. 6461.0).

## PRICES

8. Prices of goods and services included in the CPI are generally collected quarterly. However, some important items are priced monthly or more frequently (e.g. bread, fresh meat and fish, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco) and a small number annually (e.g. seasonal clothing, local government rates and charges).
9. In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload the bulk of the items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced in the first two months of each quarter (ie July/August, October/November, January/February, April/May). With a few exceptions items priced in the third month are those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges, milk); in these cases information is obtained of any changes in price during the quarter so that an average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

## WEIGHTING PATTERN

10. There are 107 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the eleventh 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.
11. 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 eleven series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series.

## ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

12. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as percentage changes or as changes in 'index points'. The difference between these two methods of describing movements in indexes is shown by the following example:

All Groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities

Index numbers:		
	December quarter 1986:	161.5
	Less: September quarter 1986:	157.0
	Change in index points:	+4.5
		+4.5
	Percentage change = $\frac{\text{Change in index points}}{\text{Index number}} \times 100$	= $\frac{4.5}{157.0} \times 100 = +2.9\%$

The index number of 161.5 for December quarter 1986 indicates an increase of 61.5% since the reference base year (1980-81).

13. The All Groups index includes the effects of changes in prices for hospital and medical services. To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices without the effects of these changes, Table 5 shows index numbers and percentage changes for a special series All Groups excluding hospital and medical services and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.
14. 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 subgroups and for selected expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each group and subgroup makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy products subgroup contributed 2.48 index points to the total All Groups index number of 161.5 for December quarter 1986. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group and subgroup.
15. Table 8 provides summary information about a range of special series in a similar format to that provided in Table 7.
16. Information on the impact of changes in selected State and local government charges on the CPI is included in Tables 3 and 8. Table 3 shows the contribution made by changes in these charges to the CPI for each capital city, while Table 8 shows index numbers for two special series 'Selected State and local government charges' and 'All Groups excluding selected State and local government charges'. An explanation of the derivation and limitations of these figures was published in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

## Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- n.y.a not yet available
- r revised

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

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0)

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
1982-83	123.4	122.8	122.9	123.5	122.5	121.8	124.0	123.1	123.1
1983-84	130.9	132.1	131.7	132.3	131.0	129.9	132.3	130.2	131.6
1984-85	136.0	138.1	137.9	138.7	136.1	136.1	138.8	135.1	137.2
1985-86	147.5	149.8	149.0	150.2	147.1	147.9	150.8	146.2	148.7
Quarter -									
1982-83									
March	125.1	124.0	125.0	125.2	123.7	123.5	125.9	124.6	124.7
June	127.4	127.4	126.6	128.5	125.9	125.9	128.0	126.9	127.3
1983-84									
September	129.2	129.5	129.3	130.3	129.4	127.5	129.8	128.6	129.4
December	131.8	133.3	132.0	132.9	132.3	130.4	133.0	130.3	132.5
March	131.2	132.6	132.3	132.9	131.1	130.7	133.1	131.0	132.0
June	131.2	133.0	133.3	133.1	131.1	130.9	133.3	130.9	132.3
1984-85									
September	132.8	134.9	135.2	134.7	133.2	132.3	135.3	132.7	134.0
December	134.7	136.6	136.5	137.5	134.7	134.9	137.4	134.0	135.9
March	136.8	138.3	138.7	139.4	136.7	137.1	139.6	135.2	137.8
June	139.7	142.4	141.1	143.0	139.9	140.2	142.8	138.4	141.1
1985-86									
September	142.7	145.3	144.7	146.0	142.9	143.8	146.2	143.2	144.2
December	145.9	147.8	147.5	149.1	146.1	146.7	149.3	144.8	147.1
March	149.4	151.8	151.0	151.4	148.5	149.0	152.5	147.4	150.5
June	152.0	154.2	152.7	154.4	150.8	152.2	155.1	149.4	153.0
1986-87									
September	155.8	158.2	156.4	158.9	155.9	156.3	158.4	153.3	157.0
December	160.1	162.9	160.7	162.9	160.7	161.4	162.3	158.6	161.5
March	n.y.a	166.0	164.1	165.7	163.8	164.8	165.1	161.4	n.y.a

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Sydney %	Melbourne %	Brisbane %	Adelaide %	Perth %	Hobart %	Canberra %	Darwin %	Weighted average of eight capital cities %
Change from previous year									
1983-84	+6.1	+7.6	+7.2	+7.1	+6.9	+6.7	+6.7	+5.8	+6.9
1984-85	+3.9	+4.5	+4.7	+4.8	+3.9	+4.8	+4.9	+3.8	+4.3
1985-86	+8.5	+8.5	+8.0	+8.3	+8.1	+8.7	+8.6	+8.2	+8.4
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year									
1984-85									
March	+4.3	+4.3	+4.8	+4.9	+4.3	+4.9	+4.9	+3.2	+4.4
June	+6.5	+7.1	+5.9	+7.4	+6.7	+7.1	+7.1	+5.7	+6.7
1985-86									
September	+7.5	+7.7	+7.0	+8.4	+7.3	+8.7	+8.1	+7.9	+7.6
December	+8.3	+8.2	+8.1	+8.4	+8.5	+8.7	+8.7	+8.1	+8.2
March	+9.2	+9.8	+8.9	+8.6	+8.6	+8.7	+9.2	+9.0	+9.2
June	+8.8	+8.3	+8.2	+8.0	+7.8	+8.6	+8.6	+7.9	+8.4
1986-87									
September	+9.2	+8.9	+8.1	+8.8	+9.1	+8.7	+8.3	+7.1	+8.9
December	+9.7	+10.2	+8.9	+9.3	+10.0	+10.0	+8.7	+9.5	+9.8
March	n.y.a	+9.4	+8.7	+9.4	+10.3	+10.6	+8.3	+9.5	n.y.a
Change from previous quarter									
1984-85									
March	+1.6	+1.2	+1.6	+1.4	+1.5	+1.6	+1.6	+0.9	+1.4
June	+2.1	+3.0	+1.7	+2.6	+2.3	+2.3	+2.3	+2.4	+2.4
1985-86									
September	+2.1	+2.0	+2.6	+2.1	+2.1	+2.6	+2.4	+3.5	+2.2
December	+2.2	+1.7	+1.9	+2.1	+2.2	+2.0	+2.1	+1.1	+2.0
March	+2.4	+2.7	+2.4	+1.5	+1.6	+1.6	+2.1	+1.8	+2.3
June	+1.7	+1.6	+1.1	+2.0	+1.5	+2.1	+1.7	+1.4	+1.7
1986-87									
September	+2.5	+2.6	+2.4	+2.9	+3.4	+2.7	+2.1	+2.6	+2.6
December	+2.8	+3.0	+2.7	+2.5	+3.1	+3.3	+2.5	+3.5	+2.9
March	n.y.a	+1.9	+2.1	+1.7	+1.9	+2.1	+1.7	+1.8	n.y.a

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : CHANGE BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1986 AND MARCH QUARTER 1987  
MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS

	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>FOOD</b>	n.y.a	+0.26	+0.57	+0.27	+0.29	+0.46	+0.25	+0.16	n.y.a
Cheese	-	+0.07	+0.07	+0.01	+0.01	+0.06	+0.02	+0.02	+0.03
Bread	n.y.a	+0.03	+0.01	+0.06	+0.08	+0.04	+0.01	+0.02	n.y.a
Lamb and mutton	n.y.a	+0.03	+0.01	+0.09	+0.07	-0.01	+0.07	+0.03	n.y.a
Poultry	n.y.a	-	+0.02	-0.01	+0.05	+0.02	+0.02	-0.01	n.y.a
Fresh fruit and vegetables	-0.05	-0.15	+0.03	-0.26	-0.23	-0.11	-0.20	-0.06	-0.11
Soft drinks and cordials	-0.01	+0.09	+0.06	+0.08	+0.02	+0.01	+0.01	+0.04	+0.04
Meals out and take away foods	+0.15	+0.14	+0.19	+0.13	+0.12	+0.21	+0.12	+0.11	+0.15
<b>CLOTHING</b>	+0.08	+0.04	+0.04	+0.10	+0.15	+0.05	-0.01	-0.04	+0.07
Men's and boys' clothing	+0.02	-	-0.01	-	+0.12	+0.02	-0.01	+0.02	+0.02
Women's and girls' clothing	+0.02	+0.02	-	+0.03	+0.01	-	-	-0.07	+0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	+0.02	+0.01	+0.02	+0.05	+0.03	+0.01	+0.01	-	+0.02
<b>HOUSING</b>	n.y.a	+0.38	+0.19	+0.25	+0.49	+0.30	+0.15	+0.17	n.y.a
Privately-owned dwelling rents	+0.25	+0.12	+0.08	+0.08	+0.16	+0.08	+0.02	-	+0.16
Mortgage interest charges	n.y.a	+0.22	+0.05	+0.10	+0.22	+0.23	+0.12	+0.14	n.y.a
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	n.y.a	+0.30	+0.50	+0.33	+0.52	+0.70	+0.51	+0.59	n.y.a
Electricity	n.y.a	-	+0.05	+0.06	-	+0.15	+0.12	-	n.y.a
Furniture	-0.15	-0.05	+0.01	-0.24	+0.11	+0.07	-0.13	+0.11	-0.08
Kitchen and cooking utensils	+0.06	+0.04	+0.05	+0.08	+0.05	-	+0.01	+0.02	+0.05
Tools	-0.01	+0.03	+0.09	+0.12	+0.09	+0.06	+0.17	+0.05	+0.04
Consumer credit charges	n.y.a	+0.13	+0.18	+0.10	+0.17	+0.16	+0.16	+0.23	n.y.a
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	n.y.a	+0.91	+0.87	+0.56	+0.51	+0.77	+0.84	+0.70	n.y.a
Motor vehicles	n.y.a	+0.27	+0.36	+0.23	+0.37	+0.33	+0.36	+0.41	n.y.a
Automotive fuel	n.y.a	+0.29	+0.14	+0.06	+0.01	+0.15	+0.28	+0.03	n.y.a
Vehicle insurance	n.y.a	+0.20	+0.15	+0.10	+0.02	+0.12	+0.04	+0.05	n.y.a
Vehicle servicing, repairs and parts	n.y.a	+0.13	+0.17	+0.17	+0.11	+0.16	+0.16	+0.18	n.y.a
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	n.y.a	+0.31	+0.37	+0.33	+0.40	+0.50	+0.31	+0.55	n.y.a
Beer	n.y.a	+0.14	+0.21	+0.14	+0.20	+0.32	+0.15	+0.31	n.y.a
Wine	n.y.a	+0.05	+0.01	+0.06	+0.06	+0.05	+0.02	+0.05	n.y.a
Spirits	n.y.a	+0.02	+0.07	+0.04	+0.05	+0.05	+0.02	+0.08	n.y.a
Cigarettes and tobacco	n.y.a	+0.11	+0.07	+0.09	+0.10	+0.10	+0.12	+0.12	n.y.a
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	n.y.a	+0.26	+0.20	+0.38	+0.29	+0.26	+0.32	+0.13	n.y.a
Hospital and medical services	n.y.a	+0.08	+0.04	+0.29	+0.14	+0.06	+0.18	+0.02	n.y.a
Dental services	n.y.a	+0.05	+0.03	+0.02	+0.02	+0.04	+0.02	+0.05	n.y.a
Toiletries and personal products	+0.06	+0.07	+0.04	+0.03	+0.05	+0.04	+0.02	+0.02	+0.06
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>	n.y.a	+0.63	+0.60	+0.60	+0.50	+0.31	+0.36	+0.58	n.y.a
Books, newspapers and magazines	n.y.a	+0.03	+0.08	+0.04	+0.08	+0.08	+0.05	+0.04	n.y.a
Video and sound equipment	+0.06	+0.06	+0.03	+0.07	+0.06	+0.05	+0.05	+0.09	+0.06
Sports & photographic equipment & toys	+0.12	+0.06	-	+0.06	+0.11	+0.04	+0.05	+0.08	+0.09
Holiday travel & accommodation in Aust.	n.y.a	+0.02	+0.10	+0.01	-0.02	-0.08	-0.02	+0.03	n.y.a
Holiday travel & accommodation overseas	n.y.a	+0.12	+0.10	+0.10	+0.03	+0.02	+0.02	+0.04	n.y.a
Entertainment	+0.08	+0.07	+0.14	+0.14	+0.07	+0.11	+0.05	+0.04	+0.09
Education fees	n.y.a	+0.23	+0.10	+0.15	+0.10	+0.10	+0.11	+0.29	n.y.a
<b>Total change</b>	n.y.a	+3.1	+3.4	+2.8	+3.1	+3.4	+2.8	+2.8	n.y.a
<b>Contribution of selected State and local government charges(a) to total change</b>	n.y.a	+0.22	+0.06	+0.12	-	+0.24	+0.12	-0.01	n.y.a

(a) Composition of this category is described in footnote (d) Table B, page 10.



TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	133.8	135.3	136.3	134.6	137.0	136.0	135.7	132.1	134.9
June	135.5	138.8	137.5	137.9	139.3	139.1	135.7	135.4	137.4
1985-86									
September	137.5	141.8	139.9	141.7	142.0	142.2	137.6	137.8	139.9
December	141.8	144.2	143.4	144.0	145.7	144.8	141.1	137.7	143.2
March	144.9	147.2	147.3	145.5	147.1	145.7	144.3	141.3	146.1
June	146.4	152.0	150.6	150.3	150.5	150.6	146.8	145.0	149.4
1986-87									
September	150.8	156.1	154.2	155.1	153.7	154.7	149.9	147.8	153.5
December	153.7	158.9	156.5	156.6	156.8	157.9	149.6	151.2	156.0
March	n.y.a	160.2	159.5	157.9	158.3	160.3	150.9	152.1	n.y.a
CLOTHING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	128.4	127.4	129.1	129.3	129.5	127.8	129.5	127.5	128.4
June	132.0	131.1	132.0	133.5	132.8	131.7	133.4	130.0	132.0
1985-86									
September	133.6	132.9	133.8	134.8	134.0	133.3	134.6	132.5	133.6
December	137.4	137.9	139.2	139.1	139.3	137.1	138.8	133.3	138.1
March	138.8	138.1	140.5	139.6	140.5	137.9	138.8	132.7	139.0
June	145.1	144.6	146.1	146.9	147.2	144.8	145.9	132.6	145.4
1986-87									
September	145.0	145.9	147.1	149.0	147.2	146.9	147.5	134.9	146.1
December	151.9	151.3	153.2	154.1	153.8	151.6	153.1	140.8	152.2
March	152.9	151.8	153.8	155.6	156.1	152.2	153.1	139.8	153.1
HOUSING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	134.6	150.7	144.3	152.3	132.4	136.7	152.1	135.1	142.2
June	138.0	154.8	145.6	154.6	134.1	139.1	156.5	135.4	145.4
1985-86									
September	142.1	158.0	147.5	156.8	136.5	143.2	161.0	142.7	148.7
December	145.0	161.8	149.5	162.2	140.8	148.8	165.0	145.4	152.2
March	148.2	164.8	151.6	163.5	143.1	151.1	167.4	145.9	155.0
June	151.3	168.6	152.7	164.2	146.2	153.0	172.5	145.8	157.8
1986-87									
September	154.4	171.3	154.3	166.4	149.5	153.7	173.7	147.2	160.5
December	156.9	173.9	156.1	168.6	153.3	156.8	176.3	150.3	163.1
March	n.y.a	176.9	157.5	170.6	156.5	159.0	177.5	151.4	n.y.a
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	141.0	139.4	139.2	142.0	134.7	140.3	136.8	136.0	139.7
June	142.6	142.1	141.9	144.8	137.6	142.6	140.6	139.3	142.1
1985-86									
September	145.2	144.9	146.3	147.1	141.2	145.1	142.8	146.8	145.0
December	149.5	149.2	151.0	151.6	144.7	148.1	146.5	147.7	149.3
March	152.5	152.3	154.2	153.0	146.5	149.7	150.7	150.0	152.1
June	154.9	153.7	157.1	155.9	150.2	152.1	151.1	152.2	154.3
1986-87									
September	156.9	156.8	158.7	157.8	154.8	156.5	153.4	155.0	156.9
December	159.7	161.3	161.4	161.4	157.7	159.1	155.4	160.0	160.3
March	n.y.a	163.0	164.1	163.0	160.4	163.0	157.9	163.3	n.y.a



TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUP INDEXES-continued

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	147.4	137.5	145.9	145.9	142.8	144.9	145.9	136.1	143.4
June	133.2	144.8	150.7	152.1	148.8	150.7	153.2	143.6	149.7
1985-86									
September	155.9	147.4	156.2	155.3	152.5	155.7	157.2	146.8	152.9
December	158.0	146.5	157.4	158.5	152.1	157.0	157.9	148.5	153.8
March	162.8	153.8	161.6	161.7	156.3	160.0	161.8	151.9	159.0
June	161.4	149.6	158.4	160.2	153.8	158.3	160.8	149.7	156.4
1986-87									
September	169.9	156.8	165.6	169.3	163.0	166.2	166.8	156.8	164.4
December	176.2	164.5	173.8	175.9	172.5	176.4	175.4	170.4	171.9
March	n.y.a	169.9	178.7	179.3	175.6	181.1	180.3	174.8	n.y.a
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	153.9	151.6	145.0	154.1	155.3	154.6	150.8	159.7	152.4
June	156.2	154.1	147.1	155.6	157.4	156.0	153.0	162.5	154.6
1985-86									
September	160.5	158.4	151.6	160.0	161.7	160.7	157.8	170.8	159.0
December	165.3	160.7	154.1	162.4	167.4	163.4	165.2	174.4	162.8
March	170.8	165.1	157.9	166.8	171.3	169.6	170.8	178.1	167.5
June	174.7	168.1	160.6	170.5	174.5	174.2	174.4	181.3	171.0
1986-87									
September	178.5	171.8	163.7	174.3	181.4	179.1	177.4	184.9	174.9
December	185.1	176.8	167.1	177.4	185.5	185.6	183.5	189.7	180.2
March	n.y.a	181.2	172.1	181.5	190.9	192.8	188.3	195.2	n.y.a
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	117.7	129.8	123.4	119.9	126.4	111.1	120.4	125.1	123.1
June	118.9	132.9	125.1	122.1	128.1	113.0	122.5	126.2	125.0
1985-86									
September	122.2	136.7	128.8	124.7	132.1	114.8	126.7	129.7	128.5
December	123.5	138.6	130.3	126.5	134.8	115.0	127.8	131.9	130.2
March	126.1	142.4	135.1	130.9	137.5	117.8	129.4	134.9	133.5
June	133.2	147.4	141.7	138.6	139.1	124.1	137.2	145.1	139.6
1986-87									
September	135.7	151.4	143.4	143.7	148.0	126.7	141.1	148.9	143.3
December	145.1	164.1	153.5	155.0	152.9	138.6	150.8	152.8	153.6
March	n.y.a	168.5	157.1	161.2	158.4	142.6	157.0	155.8	n.y.a
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Base of each index: March quarter 1982=100.0)									
1984-85									
March	119.1	120.8	120.0	118.8	115.0	123.6	122.8	113.5	119.5
June	121.9	124.3	121.9	121.9	118.7	125.9	125.1	115.7	122.5
1985-86									
September	125.5	127.1	126.1	126.0	120.9	130.7	129.3	120.2	125.9
December	126.9	129.2	128.2	126.5	123.1	134.5	130.8	122.2	127.6
March	130.3	134.1	131.1	129.0	125.2	136.7	133.1	124.0	131.2
June	133.0	136.8	131.9	131.3	126.5	139.0	134.5	126.4	133.4
1986-87									
September	136.2	139.8	136.7	135.4	131.2	142.8	138.6	131.5	137.0
December	137.6	142.1	140.0	137.8	133.9	145.6	141.5	133.7	139.1
March	n.y.a	146.8	144.7	142.8	137.7	148.0	144.0	137.8	n.y.a

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SELECTED EXPENDITURE CLASSES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

Group, Sub-group and Expenditure class	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
	Mar 1986	Dec 1986	Mar 1987	Mar 1987	Dec 1986 and 1987	Mar 1987 and 1987	Dec 1986 and 1987	Mar 1987 and 1987	Dec 1986 and 1987	Mar 1987 and 1987	Dec 1986 and 1987	Mar 1987 and 1987
	qtr	qtr	qtr	qtr	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>FOOD</b>	146.1	156.0			30.70							
Dairy products	144.3	149.5			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Cereal products	165.0	171.2			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Meat and seafoods	124.7	132.7			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Beef and veal	127.4	133.5			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Lamb and mutton	106.8	122.5			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Pork	131.5	137.9			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Poultry	127.5	126.7			DATA NOT AVAILABLE							DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Bacon and ham (a)	129.9	132.9	129.4	-0.4	-2.6	-0.4		0.57	-0.02			n.y.a
Processed meat (a)	125.5	130.3	n.y.a	n.y.a	n.y.a	n.y.a		1.10	n.y.a			n.y.a
Fish	143.9	168.5	171.1	+18.9	+1.5	+18.9	0.74	0.75	+0.01			+0.01
Fresh fruit and vegetables	142.7	176.8	170.5	-3.6	-3.6	+19.5		2.99	-0.11			
Processed fruit and vegetables	150.4	158.0	158.8	+0.5	+0.5	+5.6		1.38	+0.06			
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	162.1	171.1	173.4	+7.0	+1.3	+7.0		4.63	+0.15			
Meals out and take away foods	156.5	165.9	169.1	+8.1	+1.9	+8.1		7.69	+0.15			
Other food	147.4	154.3	157.2	+6.6	+1.9	+6.6		2.85	+0.06			
<b>CLOTHING</b>	139.0	152.2	153.1	+0.6	+0.6	+10.1		11.21	+0.07			
Men's and boys' clothing	135.6	146.7	147.6	+0.6	+0.6	+8.8		3.17	+0.02			
Women's and girls' clothing	138.7	152.4	152.8	+0.3	+0.3	+10.2		5.02	+0.01			
Fabrics and knitting wool (b)	147.8	166.2	170.9	+2.8	+2.8	+15.6		0.83	+0.02			
Footwear	139.3	155.0	155.4	+0.3	+0.3	+11.6		1.79				
Dry cleaning and shoe repairs (b)	149.0	156.8	159.7	+1.8	+1.8	+7.2		0.39	+0.01			
<b>HOUSING</b>	155.0	163.1			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			22.71	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Rents	156.7	168.9			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			7.19	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Privately-owned dwelling rents	154.7	166.5	170.5	+2.4	+2.4	+10.2		6.55	+0.16			
Government-owned dwelling rents	171.9	186.5			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			0.63	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Home ownership (c)	154.5	160.7			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			15.52	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Mortgage interest charges (d)	100.0	100.0			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			9.63	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Local government rates and charges	166.1	177.6	177.6		-	+6.9		2.90				
House repairs and maintenance (e)	152.0	154.2	155.9	+1.1	+1.1	+2.6		2.35	+0.02			
House insurance (e)	154.4	161.4			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			0.65	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	152.1	160.3			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			29.76	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Fuel and light	174.4	180.9			DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			3.94	DATA NOT YET AVAILABLE			
Furniture and floor coverings	152.1	160.7	159.2	-0.9	-0.9	+4.7		6.59	-0.06			
Appliances	122.2	127.8	129.2	+1.1	+1.1	+5.7		2.51	+0.03			
Household textiles (b)	144.4	156.2	156.6	+0.3	+0.3	+8.4		1.11	+0.01			
Household utensils and tools	153.3	170.3	175.1	+2.8	+2.8	+14.2		2.82	+0.08			
Household supplies and services	157.6	164.9	162.0	-1.8	-1.8	+2.8		6.33	-0.12			
Postal and telephone services	141.3	145.5	146.5	+0.7	+0.7	+3.7		2.40	+0.01			
Consumer credit charges (d)	100.0	100.0	n.y.a	n.y.a	n.y.a	n.y.a		4.04	n.y.a			n.y.a

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TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SELECTED EXPENDITURE CLASSES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES-CONT.

Group, Sub-group and Expenditure class	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between		Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
	Mar 1986		Mar 1987		Dec 1986	Mar 1987	Dec 1986	Mar 1987	Dec 1986	Mar 1987
	qtr	1986	qtr	1987	and	and	qtr	qtr	qtr	qtr
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	159.0	171.9	DATA NOT	DATA NOT	27.49	DATA NOT	27.49	DATA NOT	27.49	DATA NOT
Private motoring	157.9	170.6	180.2	180.2	YET	25.95	25.95	9.04	YET	YET
Motor vehicles (b)	156.7	180.2	162.7	162.7	YET	25.95	25.95	7.74	YET	YET
Automotive fuel	161.7	162.7	189.1	189.1	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	3.16	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Vehicle insurance (f)	164.7	189.1	169.3	169.3	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE	1.35	AVAILABLE	AVAILABLE
Motoring charges (f)	160.0	169.3	138.8	138.8	139.8	+0.7	+5.7	0.38	0.38	0.38
Tyres and tubes (f)	132.3	138.8	166.2	166.2	166.2	166.2	166.2	4.28	4.28	4.28
Vehicle servicing, repairs & parts (f)	154.0	166.2	181.0	181.0	181.0	181.0	181.0	1.54	1.54	1.54
Urban transport fares	166.3	181.0	180.2	180.2	180.2	180.2	180.2	13.20	13.20	13.20
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	167.5	180.2	169.1	169.1	169.1	169.1	169.1	9.62	9.62	9.62
Alcoholic drinks (b)	157.5	169.1	176.3	176.3	176.3	176.3	176.3	5.82	5.82	5.82
Beer	164.4	176.3	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	147.9	1.97	1.97	1.97
Wine (g)	137.2	147.9	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	160.4	1.82	1.82	1.82
Spirits (g)	149.1	160.4	207.9	207.9	207.9	207.9	207.9	3.58	3.58	3.58
Cigarettes and tobacco	192.8	207.9	153.6	153.6	153.6	153.6	153.6	9.04	9.04	9.04
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	133.5	153.6	138.4	138.4	138.4	138.4	138.4	4.83	4.83	4.83
Health services	113.0	138.4	176.6	176.6	176.6	176.6	176.6	3.14	3.14	3.14
Personal care products	162.0	176.6	162.0	162.0	162.0	162.0	162.0	1.07	1.07	1.07
Hairdressing services (b)	153.9	162.0	139.1	139.1	139.1	139.1	139.1	17.45	17.45	17.45
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION (h)</b>	131.2	139.1	187.9	187.9	187.9	187.9	187.9	1.98	1.98	1.98
Books, newspapers and magazines	170.2	187.9	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	4.65	4.65	4.65
Recreational goods (b)	111.2	118.0	143.2	143.2	143.2	143.2	143.2	5.06	5.06	5.06
Holiday travel and accommodation (h)	135.0	143.2	170.4	170.4	170.4	170.4	170.4	3.72	3.72	3.72
Recreational services (b)	158.2	166.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	152.0	2.03	2.03	2.03
Education and child care (h)	147.9	152.0	161.5	161.5	161.5	161.5	161.5	161.5	161.5	161.5
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	150.5	161.5	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3.25	3.25	3.25
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	1.08	1.08	1.08
			163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	163.4	3		

TABLE 8. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - SPECIAL SERIES : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	Index numbers				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)				
	(Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Dec qtr 1986 and Mar qtr 1987				Dec qtr 1986 and Mar qtr 1987				
	Mar qtr 1986	Dec qtr 1986	Mar qtr 1987	%	Dec qtr 1986	Mar qtr 1987	%	Dec qtr 1986	Mar qtr 1987	%	Dec qtr 1986	Mar qtr 1987	%
ALL GROUPS	150.5	161.5	161.5		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
SPECIAL SERIES													
All groups, excluding food	151.8	163.0	163.0		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups, excluding housing	149.8	161.2	161.2		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups, excluding home ownership	150.1	161.6	161.6		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Mortgage interest and consumer credit charges (a)		100.0	100.0		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups excluding mortgage interest and consumer credit charges (a)		100.0	100.0		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups, excluding hospital and medical services	152.1	162.6	162.6		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups, goods component (b)	150.4	160.8	160.8		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups, services component (c)	152.0	164.5	164.5		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
Selected State and local government charges (d)	180.0	192.5	192.5		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE
All groups, excluding selected State and local government charges (d)	148.5	159.3	159.3		130.77	138.77		130.77	138.77		145.95		DATA NOT AVAILABLE

(a) Base: December quarter 1986=100.0. (b) The special series 'All groups, goods component' comprises the Food group (except meals out); Clothing group (except dry cleaning and shoe repairs); Household equipment and operation group (except contents insurance, repairs to appliances and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; materials used in house repairs and maintenance; motor vehicles; automotive fuel; tyres and tubes; parts used in vehicle service and repairs; personal care products; books, newspapers and magazines; and recreational goods. (c) The 'All groups, services component' comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'. (d) Selected State and local government charges comprises government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin). The derivation and limitations of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.