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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1977**

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This issue contains details, for the first time, for the weighted average of seven capital cities (that is, including Canberra).

**SUMMARY OF RESULTS**

| All Groups<br>index                             | Change between –             |                              | Group indexes –<br>Weighted average of<br>six State capital cities | Change between –             |                              |
|---|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|   | June quarter<br>1977         | Sept. quarter<br>1976        |  | June quarter<br>1977         | Sept. quarter<br>1976        |
|   | and<br>Sept. quarter<br>1977 | and<br>Sept. quarter<br>1977 |  | and<br>Sept. quarter<br>1977 | and<br>Sept. quarter<br>1977 |
|   | %                            | %                            |  | %                            | %                            |
| Weighted average of<br>six State capital cities | +2.0                         | +13.1                        | Food   | +3.8                         | +13.1                        |
| Sydney  | +1.6                         | +11.8                        | Clothing   | +1.7                         | +13.8                        |
| Melbourne                                       | +2.0                         | +14.0                        | Housing  | +2.0                         | +10.7                        |
| Brisbane  | +2.1                         | +12.8                        | Household equipment<br>and operation                               | +1.4                         | + 8.7                        |
| Adelaide  | +2.5                         | +14.7                        | Transportation   | +1.6                         | + 7.9                        |
| Perth   | +2.4                         | +14.4                        | Tobacco and alcohol  | +1.1                         | + 4.4                        |
| Hobart  | +2.3                         | +12.9                        | Health and personal care   | +0.7                         | +90.2                        |
| Canberra  | +2.0                         | +11.3                        | Recreation   | +1.2                         | +10.1                        |
| Weighted average of<br>seven capital cities     | +2.0                         | +13.1                        | All Groups   | +2.0                         | +13.1                        |

**MAIN PRICE CHANGES BETWEEN JUNE QUARTER 1977 AND SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1977**

**Food:**

- Main increases were for fresh fruit and vegetables; meals out, take-away food; soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery; tea and coffee.
- Bread prices rose in Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart.
- Milk prices increased in Melbourne, Adelaide and Canberra.

**Transportation:**

- Main increases were for motor cars and petrol.
- Air fares increased (all cities) and government bus fares rose in Hobart and Canberra.

**Tobacco and alcohol:**

- Beer prices increased in Melbourne and Adelaide.

**Clothing:**

- Higher prices for men's and boys' clothing and for footwear accounted for most of the increase in this group.

**Housing:**

- All sections of the group increased.
- Government dwelling rents rose in Sydney and Adelaide.
- Local government rates and charges increased in Brisbane.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Brief description of the CPI**

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 expenditures by metropolitan wage and salary earner households. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following groups: Food; Clothing; Housing; Household equipment and operation; Transportation; Tobacco and alcohol; Health and personal care; and Recreation. Each group is in turn divided into sub-groups. Index numbers at the *group* and *All Groups* levels are published for each State capital city and Canberra, for the weighted average of six State capital cities and for the weighted average of seven capital cities. This bulletin also contains *sub-group index numbers* for the weighted average of six State capital cities.

2. It is important to note that 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 current series of the CPI is contained in the Appendix to the December quarter 1976 issue of this bulletin. In addition, a document entitled *List of Expenditure Classes and their Percentage Contributions to the Index Aggregate (Ninth Series)* is available from the ABS on request. An up-to-date detailed description of the CPI will be published shortly. *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Ref. No. 6.7) contains information about earlier series of the CPI.

**Prices**

4. Prices of *non-food items* are collected quarterly, usually as at the middle of the mid-month of the quarter. However, to facilitate field collection arrangements, some items (furniture, appliances, television sets, radios, sound equipment, motor vehicle operation, clothing and footwear services and hairdressing) are priced during the first month of each quarter. Items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing are priced annually.

5. The quarterly prices for *food items* used in the index are the averages of prices collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. In the case of some fresh food items (fruit, vegetables and fish) prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices.

**Weighting pattern**

6. There are 105 expenditure classes (that is groupings of like items) within the current 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 in fact comprises nine series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The ninth series (that is, the current series) was introduced as from September quarter 1976 and its weighting pattern is based on estimated expenditures in 1974-75, obtained from the first household expenditure survey conducted by the ABS.

**Index points and percentage changes**

8. 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 six State capital cities*

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| September quarter 1977: | 234.1 |
| less June quarter 1977: | 229.6 |
| Change in index points: | 4.5   |

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{4.5}{229.6} \times 100 = 2.0\%$$

The index number of 234.1 for September quarter 1977 indicates an increase of 134.1% since the reference base year (1966-67).

9. Most of the tables in this bulletin show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. Table 3, on the other hand, shows the main changes between June quarter 1977 and September quarter 1977, in terms of '*All Groups*' index points, for each capital city.

**Special tables**

10. Table 7 provides a *detailed analysis*, for the weighted average of six State capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for sub-groups and for some special groupings. It also shows the *contribution* which each group and sub-group makes to the total index. For instance, the dairy produce sub-group contributed 4.83 index points to the total All Groups index number of 234.1 for September quarter 1977. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and sub-group.

11. The All Groups index includes the effects of unusual changes in prices for hospital and medical services for September and December quarters of 1975 (following the introduction of Medibank) and for December quarter 1976 (following changes to Medibank). To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices

without the effects of these unusual changes Table 5 shows percentage changes for a special grouping "All Groups excluding hospital and medical services", and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.

#### Monthly Food Group Index

12. The ABS publication *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index* (Catalogue No. 6402.0, Previously Ref. No. 9.11) contains monthly index numbers, percentage changes and other data relating to the Food Group of the CPI.

#### Other related publications

13. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request:

. *Average Retail Prices of Selected Food and Grocery Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (Catalogue No. 6403.0, Previously Ref. No. 9.3)

. *Price Index of Materials Used in Manufacturing Industry* (Catalogue No. 6411.0, Previously Ref. No. 9.13)

. *Price Index of Articles Produced by Manufacturing Industry* (Catalogue No. 6412.0, Previously Ref. No. 9.14)

. *Average Weekly Earnings* (Catalogue No. 6302.0, Previously Ref. No. 6.18)

14. All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (Catalogue No. 1101.0, Previously Ref. No. 1.8) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS  
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

|   | Weighted<br>average of<br>six State<br>capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra | Weighted<br>average of<br>seven capital<br>cities |
|---|---|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|---|
|   | %   | %      | %         | %        | %        | %     | %      | %        | %   |
| <i>Change from previous year -</i>                          |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1974-75   | +16.7   | +16.4  | +16.6     | +15.5    | +17.9    | +18.1 | +16.9  | +15.5    | +16.6   |
| 1975-76   | +13.0   | +13.0  | +12.9     | +13.2    | +12.3    | +14.1 | +14.0  | +13.6    | +13.0   |
| 1976-77   | +13.8   | +12.3  | +14.3     | +14.2    | +15.5    | +15.7 | +14.6  | +13.7    | +13.8   |
| <i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year -</i> |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1975-76   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        | + 9.9    | +12.0   |
| September   | +12.1   | +12.7  | +11.5     | +10.5    | +11.8    | +14.4 | +11.8  | +14.9    | +14.1   |
| December  | +14.0   | +13.8  | +14.5     | +13.8    | +13.3    | +14.7 | +14.3  | +15.1    | +13.4   |
| March   | +13.4   | +13.6  | +13.2     | +14.3    | +12.0    | +14.2 | +14.7  | +14.1    | +12.4   |
| June  | +12.3   | +11.9  | +12.2     | +14.0    | +11.8    | +13.4 | +14.9  |          |   |
| 1976-77   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        | +16.7    | +13.9   |
| September   | +13.9   | +12.2  | +14.4     | +15.0    | +15.3    | +16.4 | +16.8  | +14.0    | +14.3   |
| December  | +14.4   | +13.2  | +14.3     | +14.9    | +16.6    | +16.7 | +14.9  | +13.0    | +13.6   |
| March   | +13.6   | +12.0  | +14.3     | +13.8    | +15.5    | +15.5 | +14.0  | +11.4    | +13.3   |
| June  | +13.4   | +11.9  | +14.5     | +13.2    | +14.8    | +14.4 | +13.0  |          |   |
| 1977-78   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        | +11.3    | +13.1   |
| September   | +13.1   | +11.8  | +14.0     | +12.8    | +14.7    | +14.4 | +12.9  |          |   |
| <i>Change from previous quarter -</i>                       |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1975-76   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        | -0.1     | +0.8  |
| September   | +0.8  | +1.5   | +0.6      | +1.6     | -0.6     | -0.1  | +0.7   | +8.0     | +5.6  |
| December  | +5.6  | +4.6   | +6.0      | +6.3     | +5.8     | +6.3  | +7.5   | +2.5     | +3.0  |
| March   | +3.0  | +3.1   | +2.7      | +3.2     | +3.2     | +3.3  | +2.7   | +3.2     | +2.5  |
| June  | +2.5  | +2.2   | +2.5      | +2.3     | +3.0     | +3.4  | +3.3   |          |   |
| 1976-77   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        | +2.1     | +2.2  |
| September   | +2.2  | +1.7   | +2.5      | +2.5     | +2.5     | +2.5  | +2.4   | +5.5     | +6.0  |
| December  | +6.0  | +5.5   | +6.0      | +6.2     | +7.1     | +6.6  | +5.7   | +1.6     | +2.3  |
| March   | +2.3  | +2.1   | +2.6      | +2.2     | +2.1     | +2.3  | +1.9   | +1.8     | +2.3  |
| June  | +2.4  | +2.2   | +2.7      | +1.8     | +2.4     | +2.4  | +2.4   |          |   |
| 1977-78   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        | +2.0     | +2.0  |
| September   | +2.0  | +1.6   | +2.0      | +2.1     | +2.5     | +2.4  | +2.3   |          |   |

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS  
INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

|           | Weighted<br>average of<br>six State<br>capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra | Weighted<br>average of<br>seven capital<br>cities |
|-----------|---|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|---|
| 1973-74   | 146.6   | 151.3  | 144.0     | 146.1    | 143.9    | 140.6 | 142.6  | 142.8    | 146.6   |
| 1974-75   | 171.1   | 176.1  | 167.9     | 168.7    | 169.7    | 166.1 | 166.7  | 164.9    | 171.0   |
| 1975-76   | 193.3   | 199.0  | 189.5     | 190.9    | 190.5    | 189.6 | 190.0  | 187.3    | 193.3   |
| 1976-77   | 220.0   | 223.4  | 216.6     | 218.0    | 220.1    | 219.4 | 217.7  | 212.9    | 219.9   |
| Quarter   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1973-74   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September | 139.6   | 144.1  | 136.8     | 139.4    | 136.5    | 134.4 | 135.2  | 135.6    | 139.5   |
| December  | 144.6   | 149.4  | 141.9     | 144.0    | 141.9    | 138.6 | 141.1  | 140.8    | 144.6   |
| March     | 148.1   | 152.8  | 145.2     | 147.8    | 145.4    | 142.1 | 144.0  | 145.0    | 148.0   |
| June      | 154.1   | 158.7  | 151.9     | 153.1    | 151.7    | 147.1 | 149.9  | 149.6    | 154.1   |
| 1974-75   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September | 162.0   | 167.0  | 159.4     | 161.4    | 159.4    | 154.3 | 157.4  | 157.4    | 162.0   |
| December  | 168.1   | 173.0  | 164.6     | 166.6    | 166.4    | 163.6 | 165.5  | 162.7    | 168.0   |
| March     | 174.1   | 178.8  | 170.8     | 171.1    | 173.8    | 169.8 | 169.3  | 166.4    | 174.0   |
| June      | 180.2   | 185.5  | 176.7     | 175.6    | 179.3    | 176.7 | 174.6  | 173.2    | 180.1   |
| 1975-76   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September | 181.6   | 188.2  | 177.7     | 178.4    | 178.2    | 176.5 | 175.9  | 173.0    | 181.5   |
| December  | 191.7   | 196.9  | 188.4     | 189.6    | 188.6    | 187.7 | 189.1  | 186.9    | 191.7   |
| March     | 197.4   | 203.1  | 193.4     | 195.6    | 194.6    | 193.9 | 194.2  | 191.6    | 197.4   |
| June      | 202.4   | 207.6  | 198.3     | 200.1    | 200.4    | 200.4 | 200.6  | 197.7    | 202.4   |
| 1976-77   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September | 206.9   | 211.1  | 203.2     | 205.1    | 205.5    | 205.4 | 205.5  | 201.9    | 206.8   |
| December  | 219.3   | 222.8  | 215.3     | 217.8    | 220.0    | 219.0 | 217.2  | 213.0    | 219.2   |
| March     | 224.3   | 227.4  | 221.0     | 222.5    | 224.7    | 224.0 | 221.4  | 216.5    | 224.2   |
| June      | 229.6   | 232.3  | 227.0     | 226.6    | 230.1    | 229.3 | 226.7  | 220.3    | 229.4   |
| 1977-78   |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September | 234.1   | 236.0  | 231.6     | 231.3    | 235.8    | 234.9 | 232.0  | 224.8    | 233.9   |

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN JUNE QUARTER 1977 AND SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1977 (a)

|   | Weighted<br>average of<br>six State<br>capital<br>cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra | Weighted<br>average<br>of seven<br>capital<br>cities |
|---|--|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|--|
| Food -                                      |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| Fruit and vegetables                        | +0.5   | +0.2   | +0.7      | +0.1     | +0.7     | +0.7  | +0.5   | ..       | +0.5   |
| Meals out, take-away food                   | +0.3   | +0.3   | +0.3      | +0.2     | +0.5     | +0.4  | +0.3   | +0.3     | +0.3   |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery | +0.2   | +0.3   | +0.2      | +0.3     | +0.3     | +0.2  | +0.2   | +0.2     | +0.2   |
| Cereal products                             | +0.1   | +0.1   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.2     | +0.1  | +0.2   | +0.1     | +0.1   |
| Meat and seafoods                           | +0.1   | ..     | +0.1      | +0.2     | ..       | +0.7  | +0.3   | +0.3     | +0.1   |
| Other                                       | +0.6   | +0.6   | +0.6      | +0.7     | +0.5     | +0.6  | +0.6   | +0.8     | +0.6   |
| Clothing -                                  |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| Men's and boys'                             | +0.2   | +0.2   | +0.2      | +0.2     | +0.2     | +0.2  | +0.2   | +0.1     | +0.2   |
| Women's and girls'                          | +0.1   | ..     | +0.1      | +0.1     | ..       | +0.1  | +0.1   | ..       | +0.1   |
| Footwear                                    | +0.1   | +0.1   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.1     | +0.1  | +0.1   | ..       | +0.1   |
| Other                                       | +0.1   | ..     | +0.1      | ..       | +0.1     | ..    | +0.1   | ..       | ..   |
| Housing -                                   |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| House price, repairs and<br>maintenance     | +0.3   | +0.3   | +0.3      | +0.4     | +0.3     | +0.4  | +0.4   | ..       | +0.3   |
| Rents, private                              | +0.2   | +0.3   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.1     | +0.1  | +0.2   | +0.1     | +0.2   |
| Rents, government                           | +0.1   | +0.2   | ..        | ..       | +0.1     | ..    | ..     | ..       | +0.1   |
| Local government rates<br>and charges       | ..   | ..     | ..        | +0.3     | ..       | ..    | ..     | ..       | ..   |
| Household equipment and<br>operation -      |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| Household supplies and<br>services          | +0.2   | +0.2   | +0.2      | +0.3     | +0.2     | +0.2  | +0.1   | +0.1     | +0.2   |
| Household utensils and tools                | +0.1   | +0.1   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.3     | +0.1  | +0.2   | +0.1     | +0.1   |
| Furniture and floor coverings               | ..   | +0.1   | -0.1      | +0.1     | +0.3     | +0.1  | +0.1   | +0.1     | +0.1   |
| Fuel and light                              | ..   | ..     | +0.1      | ..       | ..       | +0.2  | +0.1   | +0.4     | ..   |
| Other                                       | +0.1   | +0.1   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.1     | +0.1  | +0.1   | ..       | +0.1   |
| Transportation -                            |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| Motor vehicle purchase                      | +0.3   | +0.3   | +0.3      | +0.3     | +0.5     | +0.3  | +0.3   | +0.3     | +0.3   |
| Motor vehicle operation                     | +0.3   | +0.1   | +0.3      | +0.3     | +0.6     | +0.4  | +0.4   | +0.6     | +0.3   |
| Public transport fares                      | +0.1   | ..     | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.1     | +0.1  | +0.5   | +0.3     | +0.1   |
| Tobacco and alcohol -                       |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| Alcoholic beverages                         | +0.2   | ..     | +0.4      | +0.1     | +0.3     | +0.2  | +0.1   | +0.2     | +0.2   |
| Cigarettes and tobacco                      | ..   | ..     | +0.1      | +0.1     | ..       | +0.1  | +0.1   | +0.1     | ..   |
| Health and personal care -                  | +0.1   | +0.1   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.2     | +0.1  | +0.2   | +0.1     | +0.1   |
| Recreation -                                |  |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |  |
| Holiday accommodation                       | +0.1   | +0.1   | +0.1      | +0.3     | +0.1     | +0.1  | ..     | +0.1     | +0.1   |
| Other                                       | +0.1   | +0.2   | +0.1      | +0.1     | +0.1     | +0.1  | ..     | +0.2     | +0.1   |
| Total change (b)                            | +4.5   | +3.7   | +4.6      | +4.7     | +5.7     | +5.6  | +5.3   | +4.5     | +4.5   |

(a) See notes about changes in index points in paragraphs 8 and 9. (b) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : GROUP INDEXES  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES  
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

|   | Food  | Clothing | Housing | Household<br>equipment<br>and<br>operation | Transporta-<br>tion | Tobacco<br>and<br>alcohol | Health<br>and<br>personal<br>care (a) | Recreation | All<br>Groups (a) |
|---|-------|----------|---------|--|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
|   | %     | %        | %       | %  | %                   | %                         | %                                     | %          | %                 |
| <i>Change from previous year -</i>                          |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| 1974-75   | +9.7  | +21.0    | +18.8   | +18.7                                      | +19.4               | +17.4                     | +25.2                                 | (b)        | +16.7             |
| 1975-76   | +9.9  | +16.2    | +18.0   | +15.9                                      | +17.8               | +23.9                     | -18.7                                 | (b)        | +13.0             |
| 1976-77   | +11.7 | +15.7    | +13.9   | +10.1                                      | +8.9                | +8.9                      | +75.3                                 | (b)        | +13.8             |
| <i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year -</i> |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| 1975-76   |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| September   | +6.0  | +16.1    | +18.7   | +16.0                                      | +18.8               | +11.6                     | -7.1                                  | (b)        | +12.1             |
| December  | +9.5  | +15.7    | +18.5   | +17.5                                      | +19.5               | +30.1                     | -18.3                                 | (b)        | +14.0             |
| March   | +13.6 | +15.6    | +18.1   | +15.6                                      | +17.8               | +26.4                     | -25.0                                 | (b)        | +13.4             |
| June  | +10.5 | +17.2    | +16.8   | +14.8                                      | +15.5               | +26.9                     | -22.5                                 | (b)        | +12.3             |
| 1976-77   |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| September   | +12.1 | +16.6    | +16.2   | +14.1                                      | +11.9               | +24.4                     | +3.8                                  | (b)        | +13.9             |
| December  | +12.8 | +16.1    | +14.2   | +8.2                                       | +7.7                | +6.1                      | +104.7                                | (b)        | +14.4             |
| March   | +9.5  | +16.3    | +13.5   | +9.3                                       | +7.8                | +4.4                      | +101.4                                | (b)        | +13.6             |
| June  | +12.2 | +13.9    | +11.8   | +9.1                                       | +8.3                | +3.4                      | +94.3                                 | (b)        | +13.4             |
| 1977-78   |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| September   | +13.1 | +13.8    | +10.7   | +8.7                                       | +7.9                | +4.4                      | +90.2                                 | +10.1      | +13.1             |
| <i>Change from previous quarter -</i>                       |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| 1975-76   |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| September   | +1.6  | +2.3     | +3.6    | +2.5                                       | +5.1                | +2.1                      | -23.1                                 | (b)        | +0.8              |
| December  | +3.1  | +6.9     | +5.3    | +7.2                                       | +5.6                | +18.9                     | -7.3                                  | (b)        | +5.6              |
| March   | +5.0  | +1.3     | +2.8    | +2.0                                       | +2.8                | +2.1                      | +3.7                                  | (b)        | +3.0              |
| June  | +0.5  | +5.8     | +4.1    | +2.5                                       | +1.2                | +2.4                      | +4.9                                  | (b)        | +2.5              |
| 1976-77   |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| September   | +3.1  | +1.7     | +3.1    | +1.8                                       | +1.9                | +0.1                      | +2.9                                  | (b)        | +2.2              |
| December  | +3.8  | +6.4     | +3.4    | +1.6                                       | +1.6                | +1.4                      | +82.9                                 | +1.6       | +6.0              |
| March   | +1.9  | +1.5     | +2.2    | +3.1                                       | +2.9                | +0.5                      | +2.0                                  | +4.1       | +2.3              |
| June  | +2.9  | +3.6     | +2.6    | +2.3                                       | +1.6                | +1.3                      | +1.2                                  | +2.8       | +2.4              |
| 1977-78   |       |          |         |  |                     |                           |                                       |            |                   |
| September   | +3.8  | +1.7     | +2.0    | +1.4                                       | +1.6                | +1.1                      | +0.7                                  | +1.2       | +2.0              |

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 11. (b) New grouping not compiled for quarters prior to September quarter 1976.

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
COMPARISON OF 'ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES' AND ALL GROUPS INDEX  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES : PERCENTAGE CHANGES

|           | <i>Change from previous quarter</i>                               |                   | <i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>         |                   |
|-----------|---|-------------------|---|-------------------|
|           | <i>All Groups excluding<br/>hospital and medical<br/>services</i> | <i>All Groups</i> | <i>All Groups excluding<br/>hospital and medical<br/>services</i> | <i>All Groups</i> |
|           | %   | %                 | %   | %                 |
| 1975-76   |   |                   |   |                   |
| September | +2.9  | +0.8              | +13.7   | +12.1             |
| December  | +6.3  | +5.6              | +16.7   | +14.0             |
| March     | +2.9  | +3.0              | +16.8   | +13.4             |
| June      | +2.5  | +2.5              | +15.4   | +12.3             |
| 1976-77   |   |                   |   |                   |
| September | +2.2  | +2.2              | +14.6   | +13.9             |
| December  | +2.8  | +6.0              | +10.8   | +14.4             |
| March     | +2.4  | +2.3              | +10.2   | +13.6             |
| June      | +2.4  | +2.4              | +10.2   | +13.4             |
| 1977-78   |   |                   |   |                   |
| September | +2.1  | +2.0              | +10.1   | +13.1             |

TABLE 6.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES

| <i>Quarter</i>  | <i>Weighted<br/>average of<br/>six State<br/>capital cities</i> | <i>Sydney</i> | <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Canberra</i> | <i>Weighted<br/>average of<br/>seven<br/>capital cities</i> |
|---|---|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>FOOD</b><br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)                              |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| 1975-76   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 171.6   | 173.1         | 170.1            | 170.4           | 171.5           | 171.9        | 168.8         | 171.1           | 171.6   |
| December  | 176.9   | 179.0         | 175.1            | 176.6           | 176.0           | 175.4        | 174.8         | 178.8           | 177.0   |
| March   | 185.7   | 187.7         | 182.8            | 187.9           | 185.9           | 183.8        | 181.6         | 187.5           | 185.7   |
| June  | 186.6   | 187.2         | 183.3            | 188.1           | 189.0           | 189.6        | 184.7         | 187.9           | 186.6   |
| 1976-77   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 192.3   | 191.9         | 189.9            | 192.1           | 197.4           | 194.6        | 192.0         | 193.0           | 192.3   |
| December  | 199.6   | 199.5         | 197.0            | 199.8           | 203.8           | 201.8        | 200.4         | 201.8           | 199.6   |
| March   | 203.4   | 202.1         | 200.8            | 205.9           | 207.6           | 208.2        | 204.0         | 203.8           | 203.4   |
| June  | 209.4   | 207.1         | 207.7            | 209.1           | 214.4           | 217.3        | 209.7         | 207.4           | 209.4   |
| 1977-78   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 217.4   | 213.2         | 216.6            | 215.7           | 224.3           | 229.4        | 218.9         | 215.3           | 217.4   |
| <b>CLOTHING</b><br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)                          |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| 1975-76   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 187.1   | 187.4         | 186.2            | 185.6           | 189.6           | 188.5        | 186.1         | 185.7           | 187.1   |
| December  | 200.0   | 200.3         | 199.0            | 198.7           | 202.2           | 201.1        | 199.7         | 200.1           | 200.0   |
| March   | 202.6   | 202.6         | 201.9            | 201.8           | 205.0           | 203.8        | 202.4         | 202.7           | 202.6   |
| June  | 214.4   | 213.5         | 214.3            | 213.9           | 217.4           | 215.9        | 215.2         | 215.1           | 214.5   |
| 1976-77   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 218.1   | 217.6         | 217.7            | 217.1           | 220.7           | 219.8        | 218.5         | 218.3           | 218.1   |
| December  | 232.1   | 231.3         | 232.3            | 230.0           | 235.8           | 232.7        | 231.8         | 232.2           | 232.1   |
| March   | 235.6   | 234.7         | 235.6            | 233.6           | 240.7           | 235.5        | 235.4         | 235.1           | 235.6   |
| June  | 244.1   | 244.1         | 243.8            | 240.7           | 248.6           | 243.5        | 244.1         | 243.9           | 244.1   |
| 1977-78   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 248.2   | 247.7         | 247.9            | 245.8           | 252.0           | 249.2        | 248.5         | 246.4           | 248.2   |
| <b>HOUSING</b><br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)                           |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| 1975-76   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 207.5   | 220.5         | 201.4            | 193.7           | 204.0           | 191.2        | 199.7         | 172.3           | 207.0   |
| December  | 218.4   | 230.9         | 210.5            | 200.9           | 221.3           | 207.5        | 214.5         | 194.3           | 218.0   |
| March   | 224.6   | 236.2         | 217.5            | 205.5           | 228.0           | 215.8        | 221.4         | 198.5           | 224.2   |
| June  | 233.9   | 247.3         | 226.6            | 211.3           | 235.0           | 224.4        | 230.1         | 211.2           | 233.6   |
| 1976-77   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 241.1   | 254.5         | 232.4            | 225.2           | 241.3           | 230.9        | 235.5         | 214.7           | 240.8   |
| December  | 249.4   | 262.3         | 239.1            | 235.1           | 252.5           | 242.9        | 244.0         | 226.4           | 249.2   |
| March   | 255.0   | 267.4         | 245.4            | 239.4           | 258.1           | 249.3        | 247.7         | 226.6           | 254.6   |
| June  | 261.6   | 273.8         | 253.3            | 244.2           | 263.3           | 254.8        | 252.5         | 228.4           | 261.1   |
| 1977-78   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 266.8   | 279.9         | 257.1            | 251.1           | 269.2           | 259.1        | 257.3         | 229.6           | 266.2   |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b><br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| 1975-76   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 166.4   | 174.1         | 158.2            | 170.1           | 159.9           | 173.4        | 167.1         | 154.6           | 166.2   |
| December  | 178.4   | 185.9         | 169.6            | 181.7           | 173.9           | 185.3        | 186.8         | 165.9           | 178.2   |
| March   | 181.9   | 189.8         | 173.1            | 185.5           | 177.2           | 187.1        | 188.7         | 168.7           | 181.7   |
| June  | 186.5   | 196.0         | 176.9            | 189.3           | 181.4           | 190.5        | 192.8         | 175.3           | 186.4   |
| 1976-77   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 189.9   | 198.7         | 181.0            | 192.4           | 184.2           | 194.2        | 196.2         | 178.4           | 189.7   |
| December  | 193.0   | 202.7         | 184.0            | 194.8           | 187.0           | 195.3        | 198.5         | 181.5           | 192.8   |
| March   | 198.9   | 207.7         | 191.2            | 199.9           | 192.7           | 200.7        | 203.3         | 185.6           | 198.7   |
| June  | 203.5   | 212.8         | 195.9            | 203.7           | 196.2           | 205.3        | 209.3         | 190.1           | 203.3   |
| 1977-78   |   |               |                  |                 |                 |              |               |                 |   |
| September   | 206.4   | 215.3         | 197.8            | 207.8           | 201.0           | 209.2        | 212.8         | 193.9           | 206.2   |

TABLE 6. - *continued*  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES

| Quarter  | Weighted<br>average of<br>six State<br>capital cities | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra | Weighted<br>average of<br>seven capital<br>cities |
|--|---|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|---|
| TRANSPORTATION<br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)                    |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1975-76  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 192.3   | 207.1  | 184.3     | 185.0    | 188.5    | 172.7 | 181.2  | 181.1    | 192.2   |
| December   | 203.0   | 218.1  | 194.6     | 199.6    | 194.6    | 183.5 | 193.6  | 197.5    | 203.0   |
| March  | 208.7   | 228.2  | 196.7     | 204.1    | 198.7    | 188.1 | 202.8  | 201.8    | 208.7   |
| June   | 211.2   | 226.4  | 200.8     | 210.1    | 203.1    | 195.3 | 209.1  | 207.0    | 211.3   |
| 1976-77  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 215.2   | 225.9  | 207.9     | 214.9    | 207.6    | 203.4 | 215.2  | 211.3    | 215.3   |
| December   | 218.6   | 228.0  | 212.5     | 217.6    | 213.5    | 204.9 | 217.7  | 214.0    | 218.7   |
| March  | 225.0   | 235.3  | 220.7     | 221.3    | 217.7    | 207.2 | 223.3  | 219.1    | 225.0   |
| June   | 228.7   | 237.5  | 226.0     | 224.5    | 223.0    | 209.4 | 226.6  | 222.1    | 228.7   |
| 1977-78  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 232.3   | 240.0  | 229.7     | 228.0    | 228.4    | 213.5 | 233.2  | 228.1    | 232.3   |
| TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL<br>(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)               |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1975-76  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 181.7   | 178.7  | 185.9     | 178.5    | 182.9    | 180.4 | 182.8  | 173.3    | 181.6   |
| December   | 216.1   | 222.3  | 217.4     | 205.8    | 208.5    | 208.2 | 212.0  | 199.6    | 215.8   |
| March  | 220.6   | 224.1  | 224.5     | 207.8    | 214.2    | 217.3 | 212.2  | 200.8    | 220.3   |
| June   | 225.8   | 232.0  | 228.1     | 211.4    | 219.2    | 219.8 | 218.2  | 203.3    | 225.4   |
| 1976-77  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 226.1   | 232.9  | 225.7     | 213.4    | 220.7    | 223.1 | 218.9  | 210.3    | 225.8   |
| December   | 229.2   | 236.4  | 228.4     | 216.6    | 224.7    | 225.1 | 220.9  | 212.0    | 228.9   |
| March  | 230.3   | 236.6  | 230.5     | 217.9    | 225.5    | 227.5 | 220.5  | 214.8    | 230.1   |
| June   | 233.4   | 240.4  | 232.7     | 221.8    | 227.6    | 229.5 | 227.6  | 215.2    | 233.0   |
| 1977-78  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 236.0   | 240.6  | 238.2     | 223.5    | 231.4    | 232.6 | 229.2  | 218.1    | 235.7   |
| HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE<br>(Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0) |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1975-76  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 155.6   | 177.3  | 141.7     | 155.0    | 136.3    | 143.4 | 125.5  | 147.1    | 155.4   |
| December   | 144.3   | 136.7  | 147.5     | 160.7    | 141.2    | 154.1 | 136.9  | 155.1    | 144.5   |
| March  | 149.6   | 144.2  | 149.9     | 167.5    | 145.2    | 161.2 | 141.0  | 159.2    | 149.8   |
| June   | 156.9   | 150.9  | 157.9     | 173.3    | 153.4    | 167.5 | 150.4  | 166.3    | 157.0   |
| 1976-77  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 161.5   | 154.9  | 163.7     | 178.5    | 156.7    | 172.3 | 153.4  | 169.6    | 161.6   |
| December   | 295.4   | 272.1  | 295.0     | 329.8    | 310.2    | 348.0 | 277.0  | 289.4    | 295.1   |
| March  | 301.3   | 278.6  | 300.5     | 335.4    | 313.9    | 356.3 | 283.4  | 294.6    | 301.0   |
| June   | 304.9   | 281.4  | 305.3     | 340.7    | 318.0    | 355.8 | 287.3  | 299.4    | 304.6   |
| 1977-78  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 307.1   | 282.8  | 308.0     | 343.6    | 320.8    | 358.0 | 292.1  | 302.2    | 306.9   |
| RECREATION<br>(Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)              |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| 1976-77  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 100.0   | 100.0  | 100.0     | 100.0    | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0    | 100.0   |
| December   | 101.6   | 102.0  | 101.2     | 102.0    | 101.0    | 101.4 | 102.1  | 102.8    | 101.6   |
| March  | 105.8   | 106.5  | 105.1     | 106.2    | 105.0    | 105.9 | 105.4  | 105.8    | 105.8   |
| June   | 108.8   | 109.2  | 108.3     | 108.2    | 109.0    | 109.9 | 106.9  | 108.5    | 108.8   |
| 1977-78  |   |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |   |
| September  | 110.1   | 110.8  | 109.3     | 110.5    | 109.7    | 111.0 | 107.3  | 110.1    | 110.1   |



TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
INDEX NUMBERS AND INDEX POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

|  | Index numbers<br>(Base of each index<br>year 1966-67 = 100.0) |                          | Change<br>between<br>June qtr<br>1977<br>and<br>Sept. qtr<br>1977<br>(%) | Contribution to total CPI (expressed<br>as All Groups index points) (a) |                          |  |
|--|---|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|--|
|  | June<br>quarter<br>1977                                       | Sept.<br>quarter<br>1977 |  | June<br>quarter<br>1977   | Sept.<br>quarter<br>1977 | Change between<br>June qtr. 1977<br>and<br>Sept. qtr. 1977 |
| <b>FOOD GROUP</b>                                      | <b>209.4</b>  | <b>217.4</b>             | <b>+3.8</b>  | <b>47.37</b>  | <b>49.19</b>             | <b>+1.82</b>   |
| Dairy produce  | 187.2   | 191.1                    | +2.1   | 4.74  | 4.83                     | +0.09  |
| Cereal products  | 238.3   | 244.0                    | +2.4   | 5.22  | 5.35                     | +0.13  |
| Meat and seafoods                                      | 199.4   | 201.0                    | +0.8   | 11.42   | 11.51                    | +0.09  |
| Beef and veal  | 165.5   | 165.8                    | +0.2   | 4.58  | 4.59                     | +0.01  |
| Lamb and mutton  | 237.9   | 237.1                    | -0.3   | 2.19  | 2.18                     | -0.01  |
| Pork   | 217.7   | 219.5                    | +0.8   | 0.55  | 0.56                     | +0.01  |
| Poultry (b)  | (168.7)   | (172.2)                  | +2.1   | 1.18  | 1.21                     | +0.03  |
| Other meat   | 192.9   | 197.1                    | +2.2   | 1.85  | 1.89                     | +0.04  |
| Fish (c)   | (122.8)   | (125.8)                  | +2.4   | 1.07  | 1.09                     | +0.02  |
| Fruit and vegetables (c)                               | (105.1)   | (112.8)                  | +7.3   | 6.32  | 6.78                     | +0.46  |
| Fresh fruit and vegetables (c)                         | (105.1)   | (115.4)                  | +9.8   | 4.38  | 4.82                     | +0.44  |
| Processed fruit and vegetables                         | 179.5   | 182.1                    | +1.4   | 1.93  | 1.96                     | +0.03  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery            | 247.6   | 259.8                    | +4.9   | 4.59  | 4.81                     | +0.22  |
| Meals out, take-away food (c)                          | (109.2)   | (112.7)                  | +3.2   | 9.94  | 10.26                    | +0.32  |
| Other food   | 192.1   | 210.5                    | +9.6   | 5.15  | 5.64                     | +0.49  |
| <b>CLOTHING GROUP</b>                                  | <b>244.1</b>  | <b>248.2</b>             | <b>+1.7</b>  | <b>23.48</b>  | <b>23.87</b>             | <b>+0.39</b>   |
| Men's and boys'  | 235.5   | 242.1                    | +2.8   | 6.87  | 7.06                     | +0.19  |
| Women's and girls'                                     | 243.0   | 244.4                    | +0.6   | 10.49   | 10.55                    | +0.06  |
| Piecegoods and other clothing                          | 199.0   | 200.9                    | +1.0   | 1.22  | 1.24                     | +0.02  |
| Footwear   | 275.4   | 282.9                    | +2.7   | 3.70  | 3.80                     | +0.10  |
| Clothing and footwear services (d)                     | 314.3   | 321.1                    | +2.2   | 1.20  | 1.23                     | +0.03  |
| <b>HOUSING GROUP</b>                                   | <b>261.6</b>  | <b>266.8</b>             | <b>+2.0</b>  | <b>30.39</b>  | <b>31.00</b>             | <b>+0.61</b>   |
| Rent   | 245.8   | 251.3                    | +2.2   | 11.69   | 11.95                    | +0.26  |
| Privately-owned dwellings                              | 243.6   | 248.0                    | +1.8   | 10.62   | 10.81                    | +0.19  |
| Government-owned dwellings                             | 288.6   | 307.7                    | +6.6   | 1.07  | 1.14                     | +0.07  |
| Home ownership (e)                                     | 275.9   | 281.0                    | +1.8   | 18.71   | 19.05                    | +0.34  |
| Local government rates and<br>charges (f)              | 317.6   | 320.1                    | +0.8   | 4.06  | 4.09                     | +0.03  |
| House price, repairs and<br>maintenance                | 258.9   | 264.5                    | +2.2   | 14.64   | 14.96                    | +0.32  |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND<br/>OPERATION GROUP</b>     | <b>203.5</b>  | <b>206.4</b>             | <b>+1.4</b>  | <b>32.73</b>  | <b>33.19</b>             | <b>+0.46</b>   |
| Fuel and light   | 181.7   | 183.1                    | +0.8   | 4.96  | 4.99                     | +0.03  |
| Furniture and floor coverings                          | 250.2   | 251.9                    | +0.7   | 7.36  | 7.40                     | +0.04  |
| Appliances   | 127.0   | 126.9                    | -0.1   | 4.12  | 4.12                     | ..   |
| Drapery  | 262.7   | 270.3                    | +2.9   | 2.54  | 2.62                     | +0.08  |
| Household utensils and tools                           | 206.1   | 213.3                    | +3.5   | 3.28  | 3.40                     | +0.12  |
| Household supplies and services (g)                    | 192.4   | 197.2                    | +2.5   | 7.36  | 7.54                     | +0.18  |
| Postal and telephone services                          | 244.7   | 244.7                    | ..   | 3.12  | 3.12                     | ..   |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION GROUP</b>                            | <b>228.7</b>  | <b>232.3</b>             | <b>+1.6</b>  | <b>40.57</b>  | <b>41.20</b>             | <b>+0.63</b>   |
| Private transport                                      | 225.1   | 228.5                    | +1.5   | 36.10   | 36.64                    | +0.54  |
| Motor vehicle purchase                                 | 206.3   | 211.1                    | +2.3   | 12.32   | 12.61                    | +0.29  |
| Motor vehicle operation (h)                            | 217.0   | 239.6                    | +1.1   | 23.77   | 24.03                    | +0.26  |
| Public transport fares (i)                             | 212.7   | 216.5                    | +1.8   | 4.48  | 4.56                     | +0.08  |
| <b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL GROUP</b>                       | <b>233.4</b>  | <b>236.0</b>             | <b>+1.1</b>  | <b>21.88</b>  | <b>22.13</b>             | <b>+0.25</b>   |
| Alcoholic beverages                                    | 223.3   | 226.4                    | +1.4   | 14.94   | 15.15                    | +0.21  |
| Beer   | 226.0   | 229.3                    | +1.5   | 10.22   | 10.37                    | +0.15  |
| Wine and spirits (j)                                   | (154.8)   | (156.8)                  | +1.3   | 4.72  | 4.78                     | +0.06  |
| Cigarettes and tobacco                                 | 243.6   | 245.0                    | +0.6   | 6.94  | 6.98                     | +0.04  |
| <b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL<br/>CARE GROUP (b)</b>          | <b>(304.9)</b>  | <b>(307.1)</b>           | <b>+0.7</b>  | <b>15.42</b>  | <b>15.54</b>             | <b>+0.12</b>   |
| Health services (b)(k)                                 | (361.6)   | (362.3)                  | +0.2   | 9.87  | 9.89                     | +0.02  |
| Personal care products (l)                             | 209.1   | 210.8                    | +0.8   | 4.01  | 4.04                     | +0.03  |
| Personal care services (m)                             | 421.4   | 437.8                    | +3.9   | 1.54  | 1.60                     | +0.06  |
| <b>RECREATION GROUP (c)</b>                            | <b>(108.8)</b>  | <b>(110.1)</b>           | <b>+1.2</b>  | <b>17.73</b>  | <b>17.95</b>             | <b>+0.22</b>   |
| Books, newspapers, magazines (c)                       | (110.4)   | (113.3)                  | +2.6   | 3.26  | 3.35                     | +0.09  |
| Other recreation goods (c)(n)                          | (107.0)   | (106.6)                  | -0.4   | 7.12  | 7.09                     | -0.03  |
| Holiday accommodation (c)                              | (108.3)   | (113.8)                  | +5.1   | 2.06  | 2.17                     | +0.11  |
| Other recreation services (c)(o)                       | (110.4)   | (111.6)                  | +1.1   | 5.28  | 5.34                     | +0.06  |
| <b>ALL GROUPS</b>                                      | <b>229.6</b>  | <b>234.1</b>             | <b>+2.0</b>  | <b>229.6</b>  | <b>234.1</b>             | <b>+4.5</b>  |
| <b>SPECIAL GROUPINGS</b>                               |   |                          |  |   |                          |  |
| All groups, excluding food group                       | 236.8   | 240.3                    | +1.5   | 182.22  | 184.88                   | +2.66  |
| All groups, excluding housing group                    | 224.5   | 228.8                    | +1.9   | 199.20  | 203.07                   | +3.87  |
| All groups, excluding hospital<br>and medical services | 227.3   | 232.0                    | +2.1   | 221.08  | 225.59                   | +4.51  |
| All groups, goods component (p)                        | 215.6   | 220.1                    | +2.1   | 168.82  | 172.31                   | +3.49  |
| All groups, services component (p)                     | 284.0   | 288.7                    | +1.7   | 60.77   | 61.76                    | +0.99  |

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## FOOTNOTES TO TABLE 7

- (a) 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.
- (b) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0.
- (c) Base : September quarter 1976 = 100.0.
- (d) Dry cleaning and shoe repairs.
- (e) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchase.
- (f) Local government (council) and water and sewerage authority rates and charges.
- (g) Household cleaning agents and paper products, gardening supplies, stationery, pet food, travel goods, umbrellas, insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods.
- (h) Petrol, tyres, tubes, parts, repairs, motor vehicle insurance, registration, driver's licence, motoring organisation fees.
- (i) Bus, tram, rail, taxi and air fares.
- (j) Base : December quarter 1973 = 100.0.
- (k) Medical practitioners' fees (net), hospital charges (net), dental charges, and hospital and medical insurance contributions.
- (l) Pharmaceuticals, toiletries, cosmetics.
- (m) Hairdressing services.
- (n) Television sets, radios, sound equipment, photographic goods, sunglasses, records, cassettes, tapes, sports equipment, bicycles, toys, games, caravans.
- (o) Cinema and live theatre admission, other entertainment and recreation, spectator admission to sports, other sports services, television hire, photographic services and repairs to television sets.
- (p) The special grouping "All groups, goods component" comprises: the Food group except meals out; Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house price; house repair materials; motor vehicle purchase; petrol, tyres, tubes, vehicle replacement parts; personal care products; books, newspapers, magazines; other recreation goods; replacement parts for television sets. The remaining items are classified as "Services".