



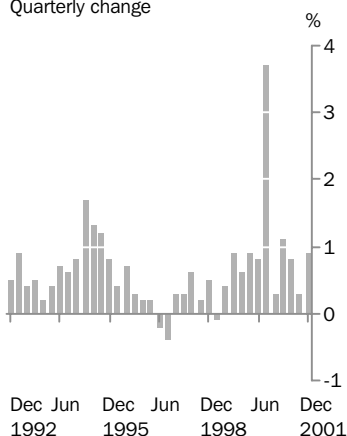
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DECEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

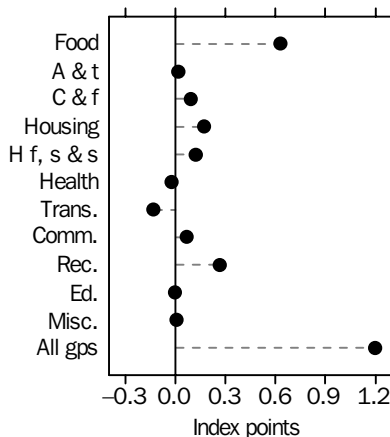
All Groups

Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change

December quarter 2001



| | % change Sep Qtr 2001 to Dec Qtr 2001 | % change Dec Qtr 2000 to Dec Qtr 2001 |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Weighted average of eight capital cities | | |
| Food | 2.6 | 7.5 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 0.1 | 5.0 |
| Clothing and footwear | 1.4 | -0.4 |
| Housing | 0.6 | 2.8 |
| Household furnishings, supplies and services | 1.2 | 3.4 |
| Health | -0.2 | 2.6 |
| Transportation | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| Communication | 1.7 | 0.5 |
| Recreation | 1.7 | 2.3 |
| Education | 0.1 | 4.3 |
| Miscellaneous | 0.1 | 3.4 |
| All groups | 0.9 | 3.1 |
| All groups excluding Housing | 1.0 | 3.2 |

DECEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.9% in the December quarter 2001, compared with an increase of 0.3% in the September quarter 2001.
- rose 3.1% between the December quarters 2000 and 2001.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+7.7%), fruit (15.4%), house purchase (+1.1%), vegetables (+5.6%), women's outerwear (+3.9%), telecommunication (+1.8%), furniture (+1.9%) and take away and fast foods (+1.3%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of automotive fuel (-3.7%), pharmaceuticals (-4.8%), gas and other household fuels (-4.2%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-1.6%) and clothing accessories and jewellery (-3.1%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in the cost of motor vehicles (+4.9%), fruit (+21.6%), tobacco (+8.1%), rents (+3.2%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+8.0%) and house purchase (+1.9%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of automotive fuel (-12.2%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-5.4%) and clothing accessories and jewellery (-3.7%).

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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|--------------|---------------------|
| March 2002 | 24 April 2002 |
| June 2002 | 24 July 2002 |

CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

As foreshadowed in the September quarter 2001 issue, the graphs appearing on the front page of this publication have changed as follows:

- the time period displayed in the graph showing quarterly percentage change in the All Groups index number has been extended;
- a graph has been introduced showing the contribution of each CPI group to the change in the All Groups index number for the current quarter.

TREATMENT OF CHANGES IN THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

The Appendix on pages 29 and 30 describes the treatment of a number of recent changes affecting the airline industry in Australia that have impacted on the airfares component of the Holiday travel and accommodation subgroup.

REDUCTION IN THE FIRST HOME OWNER GRANT – EFFECTS ON MARCH QUARTER 2002

The First Home Owner Grant, which is available to first home owners who enter into a contract to construct or purchase a previously unoccupied new home on or after 9 March 2001, was reduced from \$14,000 to \$10,000 from 1 January 2002. This reduction will be reflected in the March quarter 2002 CPI and will be treated on a basis consistent with that when it was introduced. The \$7,000 grant for established homes is unaffected. For further information refer to the appendix to the June quarter 2000 issue and the note on page 2 of the June quarter 2001 issue of this publication.

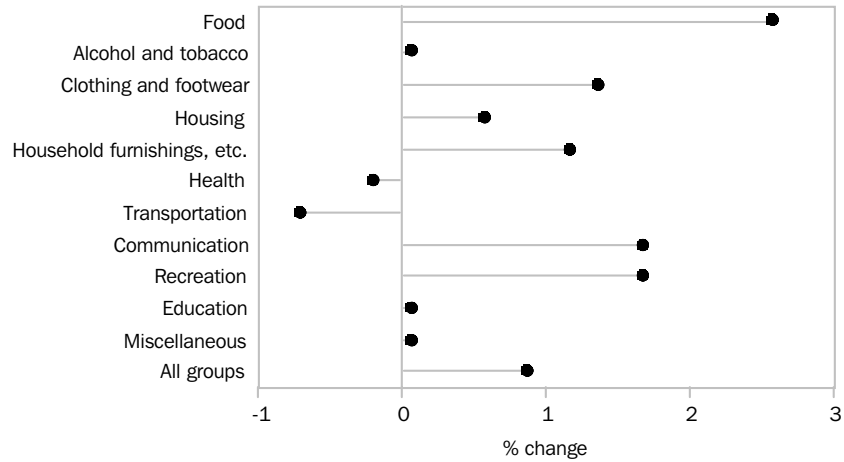
ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding.

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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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



MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

The discussion of the CPI groups below is ordered in terms of their significance to the change in All groups index points (see Table 6).

FOOD (+2.6%)

Significant price rises in perishable food costs both in the September and October months have contributed to the strong increase in the December quarter 2001. Contributing most to the rise in the December quarter were increases in fruit (+15.4%), vegetables (+5.6%), take away and fast foods (+1.3%), beef and veal (+5.5%), milk (+4.0%) and cheese (+7.2%). The increase for fruit was the highest quarterly increase since June quarter 1986 (+18.9%). There was a small fall in bread prices (-0.6%) which partially offset these increases.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, food costs rose 7.5%.

RECREATION (+1.7%)

The rise in recreation costs this quarter was mainly attributable to increases in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+7.7%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+1.5%), newspapers and magazines (+2.0%) and pets, pet foods and supplies (+2.2%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in audio, visual and computing equipment (-1.6%) and audio, visual and computing media and services (-0.7%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, recreation costs rose 2.3%.

HOUSING (+0.6%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly due to increases in house purchase (+1.1%), rents (+0.6%) and house repairs and maintenance (+1.1%). These increases were partially offset by a fall in gas and other household fuels (-4.2%).

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, housing costs rose 2.8%.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

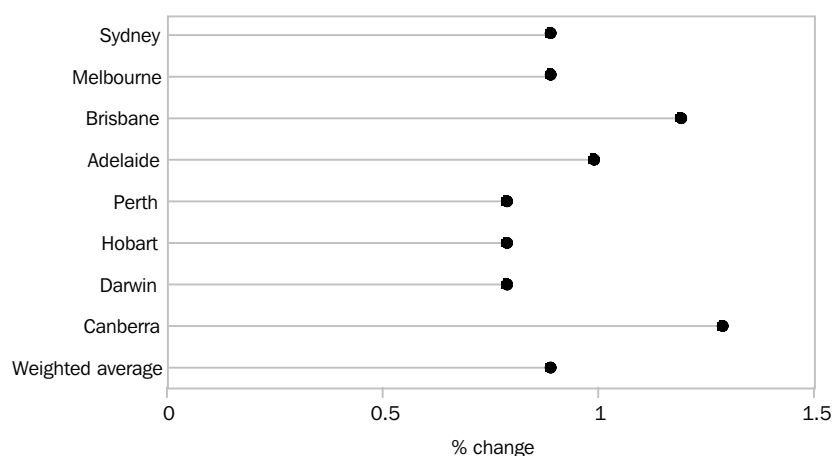
MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

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|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| TRANSPORTATION (-0.7%) | <p>The fall in transportation costs this quarter was solely due to a decrease in the price of automotive fuel (-3.7%). Petrol prices fell in July (-6.3%) and August (-0.1%), rose in September (+5.8%), fell in October (-4.0%) and November (-5.8%), and rose in December (+2.1%). Partially offsetting the fall in automotive fuel were price increases in motor vehicles (+0.6%) and motor vehicle repair and servicing (+0.7%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, transportation costs fell 0.2%.</p> |
| HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (+1.2%) | <p>The rise in household furnishings, supplies and services costs this quarter was mainly attributable to increases in furniture (+1.9%), glassware, tableware and household utensils (+3.5%), other household supplies (+1.1%) and towels and linen (+2.0%). There were no significant falls.</p> <p>Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, household furnishings, supplies and services costs rose 3.4%.</p> |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+1.4%) | <p>The rise in clothing and footwear costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in women's outerwear (+3.9%). This increase was partially offset by a fall in clothing accessories and jewellery (-3.1%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, clothing and footwear costs fell 0.4%.</p> |
| COMMUNICATION (+1.7%) | <p>The rise in communication costs this quarter was due to increases in both telecommunication (+1.8%) and postal charges (+1.5%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, communication costs rose 0.5%.</p> |

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the December quarter 2001 CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 0.8% in Perth, Hobart and Darwin to 1.3% in Canberra.

Canberra recorded the highest increases in food, alcohol and tobacco and housing costs, while Brisbane had an above average increase in food costs and recorded the highest increase in recreation costs. Darwin was the only capital city to record a fall in housing costs.

Over the twelve months to December quarter 2001, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 2.1% in Hobart to 3.3% in Sydney.

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

| | INDEX NUMBER(a) | PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN | |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| | | <i>Dec Qtr 2001</i> | <i>Sep Qtr 2001 and Dec Qtr 2001</i> |
| Sydney | 136.6 | 0.9 | 3.3 |
| Melbourne | 134.8 | 0.9 | 3.1 |
| Brisbane | 135.8 | 1.2 | 3.2 |
| Adelaide | 136.6 | 1.0 | 3.1 |
| Perth | 132.6 | 0.8 | 3.0 |
| Hobart | 133.9 | 0.8 | 2.1 |
| Darwin | 133.5 | 0.8 | 2.2 |
| Canberra | 134.9 | 1.3 | 2.9 |
| Weighted average of eight capital cities | 135.4 | 0.9 | 3.1 |

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

ALL GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Sydney</i> | <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Darwin</i> | <i>Canberra</i> | <i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i> |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1997-1998 | 120.5 | 119.8 | 121.6 | 121.6 | 118.0 | 121.3 | 121.3 | 120.4 | 120.3 |
| 1998-1999 | 122.5 | 120.9 | 122.9 | 123.2 | 120.1 | 122.5 | 122.4 | 121.5 | 121.8 |
| 1999-2000 | 125.4 | 124.1 | 125.0 | 126.3 | 122.9 | 124.8 | 124.2 | 124.2 | 124.7 |
| 2000-2001 | 133.2 | 131.6 | 132.4 | 133.5 | 129.6 | 132.0 | 130.9 | 131.9 | 132.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 120.1 | 119.8 | 121.4 | 121.2 | 117.6 | 121.2 | 120.8 | 119.8 | 120.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.7 | 119.6 | 121.9 | 121.7 | 118.0 | 121.5 | 121.5 | 120.6 | 120.3 |
| June | 121.4 | 120.3 | 122.3 | 122.4 | 118.9 | 122.0 | 121.8 | 121.2 | 121.0 |
| September | 121.9 | 120.4 | 122.5 | 123.0 | 119.6 | 122.8 | 122.1 | 121.3 | 121.3 |
| December | 122.4 | 120.8 | 123.0 | 123.6 | 120.2 | 122.7 | 122.7 | 121.7 | 121.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 122.6 | 121.0 | 122.8 | 122.7 | 119.8 | 122.1 | 122.1 | 121.4 | 121.8 |
| June | 123.0 | 121.5 | 123.1 | 123.6 | 120.8 | 122.5 | 122.7 | 121.5 | 122.3 |
| September | 124.1 | 122.7 | 124.0 | 125.1 | 121.9 | 123.3 | 122.9 | 122.4 | 123.4 |
| December | 124.7 | 123.5 | 124.1 | 125.7 | 122.7 | 124.0 | 123.6 | 123.7 | 124.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 125.8 | 124.7 | 125.5 | 126.8 | 123.1 | 125.3 | 124.4 | 124.9 | 125.2 |
| June | 127.0 | 125.6 | 126.4 | 127.6 | 124.0 | 126.5 | 125.7 | 125.9 | 126.2 |
| September | 131.6 | 130.4 | 131.3 | 132.3 | 128.6 | 131.3 | 130.0 | 130.7 | 130.9 |
| December | 132.2 | 130.8 | 131.6 | 132.5 | 128.8 | 131.2 | 130.6 | 131.1 | 131.3 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 134.0 | 132.2 | 132.7 | 134.1 | 129.6 | 132.1 | 130.7 | 132.2 | 132.7 |
| June | 135.0 | 133.0 | 134.0 | 135.1 | 131.4 | 133.4 | 132.2 | 133.4 | 133.8 |
| September | 135.4 | 133.6 | 134.2 | 135.3 | 131.5 | 132.8 | 132.5 | 133.2 | 134.2 |
| December | 136.6 | 134.8 | 135.8 | 136.6 | 132.6 | 133.9 | 133.5 | 134.9 | 135.4 |

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

ALL GROUPS, Percentage Changes

| Period | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Darwin | Canberra | Weighted average of eight capital cities |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997-1998 | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.2 | -0.7 | 0.0 |
| 1998-1999 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| 2000-2001 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 5.5 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 6.2 | 6.0 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | -0.2 | -0.1 | 0.5 | -1.1 | -0.7 | -0.1 | -0.7 | -1.3 | -0.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.3 | -0.7 | -0.2 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.7 | -0.2 |
| June | 1.0 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| September | 1.8 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 1.3 |
| December | 1.9 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.6 | 1.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 1.2 |
| June | 1.3 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 1.1 |
| September | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| December | 1.9 | 2.2 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2.6 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 3.3 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| June | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 3.2 |
| September | 6.0 | 6.3 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 6.8 | 6.1 |
| December | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 6.5 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 6.0 |
| June | 6.3 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| September | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.5 |
| December | 3.3 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 2.9 | 3.1 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.5 | -0.2 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.3 |
| June | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| September | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| December | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.2 | -0.7 | -0.3 | -0.5 | -0.5 | -0.2 | -0.1 |
| June | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.4 |
| September | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.9 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 0.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| June | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| September | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.9 | 3.7 | 3.7 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.8 | 3.7 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 1.1 |
| June | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| September | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | -0.4 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| December | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 1.3 | 0.9 |

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Index Numbers(a)

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Food</i> | <i>Alcohol and tobacco</i> | <i>Clothing and footwear</i> | <i>Housing</i> | <i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i> | <i>Health</i> |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1997-1998 | 121.8 | 164.6 | 107.4 | 94.5 | 113.8 | 165.4 |
| 1998-1999 | 126.5 | 168.7 | 106.7 | 95.8 | 113.7 | 163.4 |
| 1999-2000 | 129.2 | 175.2 | 105.5 | 99.9 | 113.3 | 158.7 |
| 2000-2001 | 135.6 | 194.7 | 112.5 | 107.9 | 117.3 | 164.3 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 121.1 | 164.3 | 107.8 | 94.2 | 113.8 | 164.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 122.1 | 165.4 | 107.4 | 93.4 | 113.8 | 167.1 |
| June | 123.1 | 166.7 | 107.3 | 94.5 | 114.0 | 171.4 |
| September | 124.7 | 167.5 | 107.0 | 94.8 | 113.9 | 172.4 |
| December | 126.0 | 167.9 | 106.9 | 95.5 | 114.1 | 171.3 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 127.5 | 169.2 | 106.3 | 96.2 | 113.0 | 154.6 |
| June | 127.8 | 170.3 | 106.7 | 96.6 | 113.6 | 155.2 |
| September | 128.5 | 170.8 | 106.2 | 98.1 | 113.0 | 156.8 |
| December | 128.9 | 174.2 | 105.2 | 99.6 | 113.3 | 156.5 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| March | 129.1 | 177.1 | 104.8 | 100.7 | 112.8 | 160.2 |
| June | 130.2 | 178.6 | 105.7 | 101.2 | 114.1 | 161.3 |
| September | 132.4 | 190.2 | 113.5 | 107.4 | 116.4 | 162.1 |
| December | 133.4 | 192.1 | 113.1 | 107.7 | 116.3 | 161.9 |
| 2001 | | | | | | |
| March | 137.6 | 197.1 | 110.7 | 108.2 | 117.2 | 166.4 |
| June | 138.8 | 199.4 | 112.5 | 108.4 | 119.3 | 166.7 |
| September | 139.8 | 201.5 | 111.1 | 110.0 | 118.9 | 166.5 |
| December | 143.4 | 201.8 | 112.7 | 110.7 | 120.3 | 166.1 |

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

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Communication</i> | <i>Recreation</i> | <i>Education</i> | <i>Miscellaneous</i> | <i>All groups</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1997-1998 | 123.5 | 106.6 | 117.8 | 165.6 | 138.5 | 120.3 |
| 1998-1999 | 122.1 | 102.9 | 119.4 | 174.1 | 143.5 | 121.8 |
| 1999-2000 | 128.9 | 97.8 | 120.4 | 182.4 | 153.2 | 124.7 |
| 2000-2001 | 137.0 | 104.7 | 124.6 | 191.4 | 166.0 | 132.2 |
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 124.0 | 106.8 | 117.1 | 160.8 | 138.1 | 120.0 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 122.9 | 106.8 | 118.6 | 170.3 | 138.8 | 120.3 |
| June | 122.8 | 106.1 | 118.7 | 170.3 | 140.0 | 121.0 |
| September | 122.3 | 105.2 | 118.1 | 170.3 | 142.1 | 121.3 |
| December | 121.9 | 104.1 | 119.3 | 170.3 | 143.0 | 121.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 121.2 | 101.2 | 120.2 | 177.8 | 144.0 | 121.8 |
| June | 122.9 | 100.9 | 119.8 | 177.8 | 145.0 | 122.3 |
| September | 126.9 | 97.7 | 120.4 | 177.8 | 147.1 | 123.4 |
| December | 126.4 | 97.3 | 121.0 | 177.8 | 150.2 | 124.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| March | 130.1 | 97.5 | 120.2 | 187.0 | 155.3 | 125.2 |
| June | 132.1 | 98.8 | 120.0 | 187.0 | 160.3 | 126.2 |
| September | 135.6 | 105.6 | 124.8 | 187.3 | 163.5 | 130.9 |
| December | 136.4 | 104.9 | 124.6 | 187.5 | 165.0 | 131.3 |
| 2001 | | | | | | |
| March | 136.7 | 104.4 | 124.5 | 195.4 | 166.7 | 132.7 |
| June | 139.4 | 103.8 | 124.3 | 195.4 | 168.7 | 133.8 |
| September | 137.0 | 103.6 | 125.4 | 195.4 | 170.4 | 134.2 |
| December | 136.1 | 105.4 | 127.5 | 195.5 | 170.6 | 135.4 |

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

CPI GROUPS, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities—Percentage Changes

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Food</i> | <i>Alcohol and tobacco</i> | <i>Clothing and footwear</i> | <i>Housing</i> | <i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i> | <i>Health</i> |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
|---------------|-------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1997-1998 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 0.1 | -7.0 | 0.3 | 3.6 |
| 1998-1999 | 3.9 | 2.5 | -0.7 | 1.4 | -0.1 | -1.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 2.1 | 3.9 | -1.1 | 4.3 | -0.4 | -2.9 |
| 2000-2001 | 5.0 | 11.1 | 6.6 | 8.0 | 3.5 | 3.5 |

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 1.4 | 1.9 | 0.3 | -8.7 | 0.2 | 5.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 1.6 | 2.3 | 0.4 | -6.8 | 0.3 | 3.3 |
| June | 1.9 | 2.8 | 0.0 | -2.5 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| September | 3.2 | 3.5 | -0.1 | -1.1 | 0.4 | 8.8 |
| December | 4.0 | 2.2 | -0.8 | 1.4 | 0.3 | 4.1 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 4.4 | 2.3 | -1.0 | 3.0 | -0.7 | -7.5 |
| June | 3.8 | 2.2 | -0.6 | 2.2 | -0.4 | -9.5 |
| September | 3.0 | 2.0 | -0.7 | 3.5 | -0.8 | -9.0 |
| December | 2.3 | 3.8 | -1.6 | 4.3 | -0.7 | -8.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| March | 1.3 | 4.7 | -1.4 | 4.7 | -0.2 | 3.6 |
| June | 1.9 | 4.9 | -0.9 | 4.8 | 0.4 | 3.9 |
| September | 3.0 | 11.4 | 6.9 | 9.5 | 3.0 | 3.4 |
| December | 3.5 | 10.3 | 7.5 | 8.1 | 2.6 | 3.5 |
| 2001 | | | | | | |
| March | 6.6 | 11.3 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 3.9 | 3.9 |
| June | 6.6 | 11.6 | 6.4 | 7.1 | 4.6 | 3.3 |
| September | 5.6 | 5.9 | -2.1 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| December | 7.5 | 5.0 | -0.4 | 2.8 | 3.4 | 2.6 |

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|------|
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.7 | -1.8 | 0.4 | 3.8 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | 0.8 | 0.7 | -0.4 | -0.8 | 0.0 | 1.5 |
| June | 0.8 | 0.8 | -0.1 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 2.6 |
| September | 1.3 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.6 |
| December | 1.0 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.7 | 0.2 | -0.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | 1.2 | 0.8 | -0.6 | 0.7 | -1.0 | -9.7 |
| June | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.4 |
| September | 0.5 | 0.3 | -0.5 | 1.6 | -0.5 | 1.0 |
| December | 0.3 | 2.0 | -0.9 | 1.5 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| March | 0.2 | 1.7 | -0.4 | 1.1 | -0.4 | 2.4 |
| June | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.2 | 0.7 |
| September | 1.7 | 6.5 | 7.4 | 6.1 | 2.0 | 0.5 |
| December | 0.8 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 0.3 | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| 2001 | | | | | | |
| March | 3.1 | 2.6 | -2.1 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 2.8 |
| June | 0.9 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.2 | 1.8 | 0.2 |
| September | 0.7 | 1.1 | -1.2 | 1.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| December | 2.6 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 0.6 | 1.2 | -0.2 |

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Communication</i> | <i>Recreation</i> | <i>Education</i> | <i>Miscellaneous</i> | <i>All groups</i> |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1997-1998 | -0.6 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 6.2 | 3.8 | 0.0 |
| 1998-1999 | -1.1 | -3.5 | 1.4 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 1.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 5.6 | -5.0 | 0.8 | 4.8 | 6.8 | 2.4 |
| 2000-2001 | 6.3 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 8.4 | 6.0 |

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|------|
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | -0.4 | 0.5 | 2.1 | 6.4 | 4.3 | -0.2 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | -1.8 | 0.4 | 2.4 | 5.9 | 3.4 | -0.2 |
| June | -0.9 | -0.3 | 2.8 | 5.9 | 3.0 | 0.7 |
| September | -1.7 | -1.2 | 1.2 | 5.9 | 3.7 | 1.3 |
| December | -1.7 | -2.5 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 3.5 | 1.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | -1.4 | -5.2 | 1.3 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 1.2 |
| June | 0.1 | -4.9 | 0.9 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 1.1 |
| September | 3.8 | -7.1 | 1.9 | 4.4 | 3.5 | 1.7 |
| December | 3.7 | -6.5 | 1.4 | 4.4 | 5.0 | 1.8 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| March | 7.3 | -3.7 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 2.8 |
| June | 7.5 | -2.1 | 0.2 | 5.2 | 10.6 | 3.2 |
| September | 6.9 | 8.1 | 3.7 | 5.3 | 11.1 | 6.1 |
| December | 7.9 | 7.8 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 9.9 | 5.8 |
| 2001 | | | | | | |
| March | 5.1 | 7.1 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 7.3 | 6.0 |
| June | 5.5 | 5.1 | 3.6 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.0 |
| September | 1.0 | -1.9 | 0.5 | 4.3 | 4.2 | 2.5 |
| December | -0.2 | 0.5 | 2.3 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 3.1 |

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| 1997 | | | | | | |
| December | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | |
| March | -0.9 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 5.9 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| June | -0.1 | -0.7 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.6 |
| September | -0.4 | -0.8 | -0.5 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.2 |
| December | -0.3 | -1.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | |
| March | -0.6 | -2.8 | 0.8 | 4.4 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| June | 1.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.4 |
| September | 3.3 | -3.2 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| December | -0.4 | -0.4 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 2.1 | 0.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | |
| March | 2.9 | 0.2 | -0.7 | 5.2 | 3.4 | 0.9 |
| June | 1.5 | 1.3 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.8 |
| September | 2.6 | 6.9 | 4.0 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 3.7 |
| December | 0.6 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.3 |
| 2001 | | | | | | |
| March | 0.2 | -0.5 | -0.1 | 4.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| June | 2.0 | -0.6 | -0.2 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| September | -1.7 | -0.2 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.3 |
| December | -0.7 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 |

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

| Quarters | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Darwin | Canberra | Weighted average of eight capital cities |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| FOOD | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 129.6 | 128.6 | 126.4 | 130.4 | 129.3 | 127.5 | 125.9 | 130.9 | 128.9 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 129.6 | 128.3 | 127.5 | 131.2 | 130.4 | 127.8 | 127.4 | 130.6 | 129.1 |
| June | 130.7 | 130.0 | 129.1 | 131.9 | 129.7 | 129.1 | 130.0 | 131.1 | 130.2 |
| September | 133.4 | 131.6 | 131.4 | 133.8 | 132.9 | 130.9 | 131.1 | 134.1 | 132.4 |
| December | 134.6 | 132.8 | 131.9 | 134.2 | 132.7 | 132.0 | 132.5 | 135.9 | 133.4 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 139.2 | 136.8 | 137.1 | 139.4 | 135.2 | 134.3 | 134.8 | 139.4 | 137.6 |
| June | 139.3 | 138.8 | 138.5 | 139.4 | 138.1 | 136.0 | 137.0 | 141.0 | 138.8 |
| September | 139.9 | 140.1 | 139.7 | 140.5 | 139.1 | 135.7 | 136.2 | 141.6 | 139.8 |
| December | 144.0 | 143.1 | 144.1 | 143.8 | 142.7 | 138.2 | 139.2 | 147.7 | 143.4 |
| ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 178.5 | 173.7 | 173.4 | 177.8 | 164.6 | 163.3 | 166.6 | 165.1 | 174.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 181.3 | 176.5 | 176.8 | 181.6 | 166.9 | 167.2 | 169.6 | 169.5 | 177.1 |
| June | 183.2 | 177.3 | 177.8 | 182.5 | 169.5 | 169.9 | 171.5 | 170.3 | 178.6 |
| September | 195.9 | 187.6 | 190.8 | 193.4 | 179.8 | 179.8 | 182.6 | 182.3 | 190.2 |
| December | 198.2 | 189.1 | 192.0 | 196.0 | 182.7 | 181.6 | 183.2 | 183.7 | 192.1 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 203.3 | 194.8 | 195.5 | 200.5 | 187.7 | 185.4 | 186.8 | 187.6 | 197.1 |
| June | 204.9 | 198.0 | 198.9 | 203.3 | 188.7 | 188.6 | 190.6 | 189.1 | 199.4 |
| September | 206.8 | 200.7 | 200.2 | 205.9 | 190.7 | 189.4 | 192.1 | 190.1 | 201.5 |
| December | 207.0 | 201.2 | 200.8 | 205.5 | 191.2 | 189.5 | 193.0 | 191.3 | 201.8 |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 105.2 | 107.1 | 103.2 | 102.5 | 103.6 | 103.9 | 103.0 | 106.2 | 105.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 105.0 | 106.9 | 102.6 | 101.9 | 102.5 | 104.9 | 101.1 | 105.5 | 104.8 |
| June | 106.0 | 106.9 | 102.9 | 104.0 | 105.6 | 105.0 | 102.0 | 106.9 | 105.7 |
| September | 112.5 | 116.2 | 110.4 | 113.6 | 112.7 | 112.8 | 108.4 | 113.7 | 113.5 |
| December | 113.3 | 115.4 | 109.7 | 111.2 | 111.0 | 112.9 | 108.0 | 114.0 | 113.1 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 112.3 | 112.5 | 102.9 | 110.5 | 108.6 | 110.7 | 103.6 | 112.9 | 110.7 |
| June | 114.0 | 113.2 | 107.0 | 112.3 | 111.2 | 112.2 | 105.4 | 114.5 | 112.5 |
| September | 113.1 | 112.7 | 105.8 | 108.4 | 107.8 | 109.3 | 107.2 | 112.9 | 111.1 |
| December | 114.3 | 112.9 | 108.0 | 112.2 | 110.5 | 113.9 | 109.4 | 115.2 | 112.7 |
| HOUSING | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 107.3 | 90.4 | 103.9 | 96.9 | 95.1 | 97.4 | 117.8 | 97.2 | 99.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 108.6 | 91.7 | 105.1 | 97.9 | 95.1 | 98.8 | 117.5 | 99.0 | 100.7 |
| June | 109.6 | 91.7 | 105.4 | 98.3 | 95.4 | 99.2 | 118.2 | 100.6 | 101.2 |
| September | 115.8 | 97.8 | 112.0 | 103.9 | 101.3 | 105.5 | 123.9 | 106.7 | 107.4 |
| December | 116.1 | 98.3 | 112.7 | 103.9 | 101.3 | 105.8 | 123.9 | 107.1 | 107.7 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 116.5 | 99.1 | 112.8 | 104.4 | 101.1 | 106.9 | 123.3 | 108.0 | 108.2 |
| June | 117.1 | 98.8 | 112.6 | 104.9 | 101.6 | 107.2 | 122.4 | 108.9 | 108.4 |
| September | 118.2 | 101.4 | 113.6 | 106.8 | 102.5 | 107.4 | 123.2 | 110.7 | 110.0 |
| December | 118.9 | 102.1 | 114.1 | 107.9 | 103.1 | 107.8 | 123.1 | 112.0 | 110.7 |

| Quarters | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Darwin | Canberra | Weighted average of eight capital cities |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 111.2 | 114.4 | 114.9 | 112.7 | 113.5 | 119.1 | 106.7 | 116.9 | 113.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 110.5 | 114.3 | 114.4 | 112.9 | 112.4 | 120.2 | 106.8 | 116.0 | 112.8 |
| June | 112.0 | 115.7 | 115.6 | 113.4 | 113.6 | 121.2 | 107.5 | 117.7 | 114.1 |
| September | 114.0 | 117.9 | 119.0 | 116.0 | 114.7 | 124.5 | 109.5 | 120.9 | 116.4 |
| December | 114.3 | 117.1 | 119.4 | 115.8 | 115.3 | 124.6 | 110.4 | 120.3 | 116.3 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 115.5 | 117.8 | 120.7 | 117.4 | 114.5 | 125.6 | 110.6 | 121.7 | 117.2 |
| June | 117.9 | 119.5 | 122.3 | 119.3 | 117.2 | 126.6 | 110.6 | 123.0 | 119.3 |
| September | 117.5 | 119.0 | 121.8 | 120.6 | 116.2 | 127.3 | 112.0 | 122.8 | 118.9 |
| December | 118.6 | 121.0 | 122.8 | 120.9 | 118.3 | 126.9 | 112.2 | 123.6 | 120.3 |
| HEALTH | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 148.0 | 165.9 | 150.5 | 163.7 | 150.5 | 172.0 | 145.8 | 152.0 | 156.5 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 152.0 | 170.2 | 153.9 | 166.3 | 153.5 | 175.1 | 147.7 | 155.9 | 160.2 |
| June | 152.7 | 170.9 | 155.0 | 167.9 | 154.8 | 177.7 | 149.5 | 157.9 | 161.3 |
| September | 153.4 | 171.9 | 156.0 | 168.5 | 155.5 | 178.0 | 151.3 | 158.1 | 162.1 |
| December | 153.0 | 172.8 | 155.7 | 167.6 | 154.7 | 177.4 | 152.4 | 157.1 | 161.9 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 157.2 | 177.8 | 160.4 | 170.7 | 158.7 | 181.5 | 154.9 | 162.5 | 166.4 |
| June | 157.7 | 177.7 | 161.3 | 171.3 | 158.9 | 181.4 | 155.1 | 163.1 | 166.7 |
| September | 157.0 | 177.9 | 161.5 | 170.9 | 158.9 | 180.3 | 154.4 | 162.9 | 166.5 |
| December | 157.1 | 177.7 | 160.7 | 169.3 | 158.2 | 180.5 | 153.8 | 162.0 | 166.1 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 127.3 | 125.2 | 124.8 | 127.4 | 127.0 | 123.8 | 123.2 | 131.4 | 126.4 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 131.1 | 129.2 | 128.5 | 130.4 | 130.4 | 126.6 | 126.2 | 135.3 | 130.1 |
| June | 133.5 | 131.2 | 130.5 | 131.9 | 131.7 | 129.3 | 129.3 | 136.4 | 132.1 |
| September | 136.7 | 134.5 | 134.6 | 136.8 | 136.0 | 133.3 | 130.6 | 138.6 | 135.6 |
| December | 138.0 | 135.6 | 134.1 | 137.6 | 136.3 | 130.4 | 131.1 | 139.3 | 136.4 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 138.4 | 136.2 | 134.5 | 137.0 | 136.0 | 131.4 | 131.9 | 138.8 | 136.7 |
| June | 140.8 | 138.6 | 137.3 | 140.4 | 139.6 | 134.6 | 135.4 | 142.6 | 139.4 |
| September | 139.1 | 135.6 | 136.1 | 136.4 | 136.8 | 131.5 | 132.1 | 138.2 | 137.0 |
| December | 137.5 | 135.8 | 136.2 | 134.4 | 135.2 | 130.4 | 131.5 | 136.4 | 136.1 |
| COMMUNICATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 97.3 | 97.1 | 99.9 | 97.2 | 96.0 | 97.9 | 91.1 | 97.0 | 97.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 97.7 | 97.2 | 100.2 | 97.0 | 95.8 | 98.0 | 91.1 | 97.2 | 97.5 |
| June | 98.9 | 98.5 | 101.5 | 98.7 | 97.1 | 99.5 | 92.0 | 98.3 | 98.8 |
| September | 105.8 | 105.4 | 108.6 | 105.5 | 103.7 | 106.3 | 98.3 | 105.1 | 105.6 |
| December | 105.1 | 104.6 | 108.0 | 105.0 | 102.8 | 105.8 | 97.6 | 104.4 | 104.9 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 104.5 | 104.3 | 107.4 | 104.3 | 102.2 | 105.2 | 97.1 | 103.9 | 104.4 |
| June | 103.6 | 103.7 | 107.0 | 103.9 | 102.0 | 104.7 | 96.6 | 103.3 | 103.8 |
| September | 103.5 | 103.5 | 106.7 | 103.6 | 101.8 | 104.1 | 96.5 | 102.6 | 103.6 |
| December | 105.2 | 105.3 | 108.6 | 106.0 | 103.7 | 106.1 | 98.0 | 104.3 | 105.4 |

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a) *continued*

| Quarters | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Darwin | Canberra | Weighted average of eight capital cities |
|---------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| RECREATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 121.0 | 122.6 | 121.5 | 119.7 | 119.5 | 119.0 | 109.2 | 118.9 | 121.0 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.7 | 122.7 | 121.0 | 118.5 | 116.2 | 118.6 | 108.3 | 118.2 | 120.2 |
| June | 119.7 | 122.4 | 120.3 | 118.6 | 117.4 | 118.5 | 107.3 | 117.9 | 120.0 |
| September | 124.7 | 127.8 | 124.6 | 122.7 | 120.9 | 124.1 | 112.7 | 122.9 | 124.8 |
| December | 124.2 | 127.4 | 124.9 | 123.4 | 121.1 | 123.3 | 113.9 | 122.0 | 124.6 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 125.2 | 126.1 | 124.5 | 123.0 | 122.0 | 120.9 | 110.2 | 120.3 | 124.5 |
| June | 125.3 | 125.1 | 124.8 | 122.5 | 123.1 | 121.5 | 112.1 | 120.0 | 124.3 |
| September | 126.9 | 125.7 | 124.4 | 123.1 | 125.2 | 121.2 | 115.5 | 121.1 | 125.4 |
| December | 129.5 | 127.1 | 127.5 | 125.6 | 126.4 | 123.9 | 116.7 | 123.4 | 127.5 |
| EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 174.1 | 171.5 | 196.4 | 210.8 | 176.4 | 198.8 | 148.1 | 175.7 | 177.8 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 184.9 | 179.4 | 205.5 | 220.7 | 187.5 | 206.2 | 153.1 | 181.5 | 187.0 |
| June | 184.9 | 179.4 | 205.5 | 220.7 | 187.5 | 206.2 | 153.1 | 181.5 | 187.0 |
| September | 185.3 | 179.7 | 205.8 | 220.9 | 187.5 | 206.5 | 153.1 | 181.8 | 187.3 |
| December | 185.6 | 179.8 | 205.8 | 220.9 | 187.5 | 206.5 | 153.1 | 181.8 | 187.5 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 194.2 | 187.6 | 213.2 | 230.9 | 193.5 | 215.1 | 157.2 | 188.4 | 195.4 |
| June | 194.2 | 187.6 | 213.2 | 230.9 | 193.5 | 215.1 | 157.2 | 188.4 | 195.4 |
| September | 194.3 | 187.7 | 213.3 | 231.0 | 193.5 | 215.0 | 157.2 | 188.4 | 195.4 |
| December | 194.4 | 187.8 | 213.4 | 231.1 | 193.5 | 215.0 | 157.2 | 188.4 | 195.5 |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 152.9 | 143.3 | 156.7 | 147.4 | 154.0 | 150.7 | 142.8 | 172.1 | 150.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 159.1 | 147.8 | 163.0 | 150.6 | 157.2 | 153.6 | 145.8 | 178.2 | 155.3 |
| June | 165.0 | 153.4 | 167.2 | 153.9 | 160.6 | 157.4 | 149.2 | 182.1 | 160.3 |
| September | 167.3 | 159.3 | 166.6 | 157.8 | 161.7 | 162.4 | 154.7 | 188.6 | 163.5 |
| December | 169.4 | 159.4 | 168.1 | 158.3 | 164.7 | 163.6 | 156.9 | 192.7 | 165.0 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 172.3 | 160.2 | 168.4 | 159.9 | 166.8 | 164.5 | 159.0 | 194.8 | 166.7 |
| June | 176.7 | 159.9 | 171.6 | 161.2 | 168.4 | 165.1 | 162.0 | 193.6 | 168.7 |
| September | 178.7 | 161.4 | 173.6 | 163.5 | 170.4 | 164.2 | 160.2 | 191.2 | 170.4 |
| December | 178.0 | 160.9 | 176.4 | 163.8 | 172.0 | 165.3 | 162.8 | 191.6 | 170.6 |

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

| Group, sub-group and expenditure class | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Darwin | Canberra | Weighted average of eight capital cities |
|---------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|--------|----------|------------------------------------------|
| Food | 0.68 | 0.53 | 0.76 | 0.57 | 0.59 | 0.44 | 0.50 | 0.96 | 0.63 |
| Dairy and related products | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.07 |
| Milk | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Cheese | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.02 | — | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Ice cream and other dairy products | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02 | — | — |
| Bread and cereal products | -0.05 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| Bread | -0.03 | 0.01 | — | — | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | -0.01 |
| Cakes and biscuits | -0.02 | 0.02 | — | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.04 | 0.02 | — |
| Breakfast cereals | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | — | 0.02 | 0.02 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Other cereal products | -0.01 | 0.03 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — |
| Meat and seafoods | 0.17 | -0.01 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.20 | 0.09 |
| Beef and veal | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.04 |
| Lamb and mutton | 0.03 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Pork | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Poultry | 0.03 | -0.03 | — | — | — | 0.02 | — | 0.05 | — |
| Bacon and ham | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.03 | 0.02 | — |
| Other fresh and processed meat | 0.02 | — | — | 0.02 | 0.02 | — | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Fish and other seafood | 0.02 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | -0.01 | — | — | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Fruit and vegetables | 0.40 | 0.25 | 0.30 | 0.20 | 0.26 | 0.12 | 0.17 | 0.50 | 0.31 |
| Fruit | 0.26 | 0.22 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.34 | 0.22 |
| Vegetables | 0.13 | 0.04 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.10 |
| Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.08 | -0.02 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 |
| Soft drinks, waters and juices | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | -0.05 | — | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | 0.01 |
| Snacks and confectionery | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 |
| Meals out and take away foods | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.06 |
| Restaurant meals | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | — | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | — |
| Take away and fast foods | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.05 |
| Other food | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.02 | — | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| Eggs | — | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | — |
| Jams, honey and sandwich spreads | 0.01 | — | — | — | — | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | — |
| Tea, coffee and food drinks | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Food additives and condiments | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.01 | — |
| Fats and oils | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Food n.e.c. | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.03 | -0.03 | 0.03 | — | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.02 |
| Alcoholic drinks | — | 0.01 | 0.02 | -0.04 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.06 | — |
| Beer | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | — | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Wine | -0.03 | — | — | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | — | 0.04 | -0.01 |
| Spirits | — | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | — |
| Tobacco | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Clothing and footwear | 0.08 | 0.02 | 0.12 | 0.28 | 0.17 | 0.29 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.09 |
| Men's clothing | — | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.03 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Men's outerwear | — | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.03 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Men's underwear, nightwear and socks | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | -0.01 | — | — | — |
| Women's clothing | 0.10 | -0.03 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.08 | 0.22 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.07 |
| Women's outerwear | 0.09 | -0.03 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 0.21 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.07 |
| Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery | — | — | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | — | — |
| Children's and infants' clothing | — | 0.02 | — | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.05 | -0.01 | — | 0.01 |
| Footwear | 0.01 | 0.02 | -0.05 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Men's footwear | — | 0.01 | -0.02 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | — | — |
| Women's footwear | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 | — | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Children's footwear | — | — | -0.01 | — | 0.01 | — | — | 0.01 | — |
| Clothing accessories, supplies and services | -0.04 | — | -0.05 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.02 |
| Clothing accessories and jewellery | -0.04 | -0.01 | -0.04 | — | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | -0.03 |
| Fabrics and knitting wool | — | — | — | — | 0.01 | — | — | — | — |
| Clothing services and shoe repair | — | — | -0.01 | -0.01 | — | 0.01 | — | — | — |

| <i>Group, sub-group and expenditure class</i> | <i>Sydney</i> | <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Darwin</i> | <i>Canberra</i> | <i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Housing | 0.16 | 0.18 | 0.12 | 0.26 | 0.16 | 0.07 | -0.02 | 0.28 | 0.17 |
| Rents | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.05 | -0.02 | 0.15 | 0.04 |
| Utilities | 0.03 | -0.08 | — | 0.02 | — | -0.04 | — | -0.04 | -0.01 |
| Electricity | — | 0.07 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.02 |
| Gas and other household fuels | — | -0.15 | — | 0.02 | — | -0.05 | — | -0.05 | -0.04 |
| Water and sewerage | 0.03 | 0.01 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.01 |
| Other housing | 0.09 | 0.20 | 0.07 | 0.20 | 0.12 | 0.06 | — | 0.17 | 0.13 |
| House purchase | 0.07 | 0.20 | 0.02 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.11 |
| Property rates and charges | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| House repairs and maintenance | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.03 | -0.07 | 0.04 | 0.03 |
| Household furnishings, supplies and services | 0.10 | 0.16 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.18 | -0.03 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.12 |
| Furniture and furnishings | 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.08 | -0.04 | 0.04 | 0.07 | 0.07 |
| Furniture | 0.04 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.05 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| Floor and window coverings | — | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Towels and linen | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.01 | — | 0.02 |
| Household appliances, utensils and tools | — | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.04 | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.02 | 0.02 |
| Major household appliances | — | 0.02 | -0.01 | — | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.04 | -0.01 | — |
| Small electric household appliances | — | 0.01 | — | — | — | 0.01 | — | -0.01 | — |
| Glassware, tableware and household utensils | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.04 | -0.01 | 0.02 | — | 0.02 |
| Tools | — | 0.01 | — | — | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | -0.01 | — |
| Household supplies | 0.03 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.03 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Household cleaning agents | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | — | 0.01 | -0.01 | — | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Other household supplies | 0.03 | 0.02 | — | -0.03 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Household services | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | — | — | — |
| Health | — | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.07 | -0.03 | — | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.02 |
| Health services | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
| Hospital and medical services | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.10 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Optical services | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 0.01 | — |
| Dental services | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | — | — | 0.01 | — | — | 0.01 |
| Pharmaceuticals | -0.07 | -0.07 | -0.06 | -0.09 | -0.06 | -0.11 | -0.04 | -0.07 | -0.07 |
| Transportation | -0.23 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -0.23 | -0.24 | -0.16 | -0.08 | -0.26 | -0.13 |
| Private motoring | -0.24 | 0.04 | — | -0.25 | -0.24 | -0.15 | -0.08 | -0.20 | -0.13 |
| Motor vehicles | 0.01 | 0.14 | 0.04 | 0.02 | -0.04 | -0.06 | 0.09 | -0.03 | 0.04 |
| Automotive fuel | -0.25 | -0.13 | -0.14 | -0.28 | -0.25 | -0.13 | -0.25 | -0.19 | -0.19 |
| Motor vehicle repair and servicing | — | 0.01 | 0.07 | — | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.02 |
| Motor vehicle parts and accessories | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | — | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | — | 0.01 |
| Other motoring charges | — | — | 0.01 | — | — | 0.02 | — | — | — |
| Urban transport fares | — | — | — | 0.01 | — | — | — | -0.07 | — |
| Communication | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.07 |
| Postal | — | — | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | — | — |
| Telecommunication | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.07 |

| <i>Group, sub-group and expenditure class</i> | <i>Sydney</i> | <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Darwin</i> | <i>Canberra</i> | <i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i> |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Recreation | 0.32 | 0.18 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.16 | 0.38 | 0.20 | 0.35 | 0.27 |
| Audio, visual and computing | -0.01 | -0.07 | -0.03 | -0.05 | -0.03 | -0.07 | -0.05 | -0.09 | -0.04 |
| Audio, visual and computing equipment | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.02 | — | -0.04 | -0.04 | -0.06 | -0.03 |
| Audio, visual and computing media and services | 0.01 | -0.04 | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.04 | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.02 |
| Books, newspapers and magazines | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Books | — | — | 0.01 | -0.02 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — |
| Newspapers and magazines | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.02 |
| Sport and other recreation | — | — | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| Sports and recreational equipment | — | — | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | — | 0.03 | -0.01 | — |
| Toys, games and hobbies | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.02 | — | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | -0.01 |
| Sports participation | — | — | — | 0.01 | 0.02 | — | — | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Pets, pet foods and supplies | — | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 |
| Pet services including veterinary | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | — | — | — |
| Other recreational activities | — | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | — | — | — |
| Holiday travel and accommodation | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.12 | 0.42 | 0.17 | 0.36 | 0.28 |
| Domestic holiday travel and accommodation | 0.31 | 0.19 | 0.33 | 0.28 | 0.01 | 0.35 | 0.09 | 0.29 | 0.24 |
| Overseas holiday travel and accommodation | — | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.04 |
| Education | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Preschool and primary education | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Secondary education | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Tertiary education | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Miscellaneous | -0.02 | -0.02 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Insurance services | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.08 | -0.01 | — |
| Personal care | -0.01 | — | 0.02 | — | — | -0.01 | — | 0.01 | — |
| Hairdressing and personal care services | — | 0.01 | 0.02 | — | 0.02 | — | — | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Toiletries and personal care products | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | — | -0.02 | -0.01 | — | — | -0.01 |
| Child care | 0.01 | 0.01 | — | 0.01 | 0.02 | — | — | — | 0.01 |
| All groups | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.7 | 1.2 |

(a) All groups index points.

| Group, sub-group and expenditure class | INDEX NUMBERS(a)..... | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN..... | | CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS) | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Change between |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 and | 2000 and | 2001 | 2001 | Sep Qtr 2001 and Dec Qtr 2001 |
| Food | 133.4 | 139.8 | 143.4 | 2.6 | 7.5 | 24.00 | 24.63 | 0.63 |
| Dairy and related products | 141.1 | 146.6 | 152.3 | 3.9 | 7.9 | 1.93 | 2.00 | 0.07 |
| Milk | 153.3 | 156.2 | 162.4 | 4.0 | 5.9 | 0.99 | 1.03 | 0.04 |
| Cheese | 115.7 | 121.9 | 130.7 | 7.2 | 13.0 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.04 |
| Ice cream and other dairy products | 143.4 | 153.0 | 153.5 | 0.3 | 7.0 | 0.48 | 0.48 | — |
| Bread and cereal products | 146.8 | 154.4 | 154.9 | 0.3 | 5.5 | 2.96 | 2.98 | 0.02 |
| Bread | 170.8 | 181.7 | 180.7 | -0.6 | 5.8 | 1.12 | 1.11 | -0.01 |
| Cakes and biscuits | 136.5 | 141.7 | 142.1 | 0.3 | 4.1 | 1.20 | 1.20 | — |
| Breakfast cereals | 119.0 | 125.4 | 129.2 | 3.0 | 8.6 | 0.32 | 0.33 | 0.01 |
| Other cereal products | 121.9 | 129.1 | 130.6 | 1.2 | 7.1 | 0.33 | 0.33 | — |
| Meat and seafoods | 115.7 | 129.5 | 132.8 | 2.5 | 14.8 | 3.70 | 3.79 | 0.09 |
| Beef and veal | 112.9 | 133.0 | 140.3 | 5.5 | 24.3 | 0.80 | 0.84 | 0.04 |
| Lamb and mutton | 124.9 | 156.7 | 160.9 | 2.7 | 28.8 | 0.40 | 0.41 | 0.01 |
| Pork | 121.8 | 138.3 | 145.2 | 5.0 | 19.2 | 0.28 | 0.29 | 0.01 |
| Poultry | 92.3 | 97.7 | 98.0 | 0.3 | 6.2 | 0.63 | 0.63 | — |
| Bacon and ham | 117.7 | 132.0 | 131.4 | -0.5 | 11.6 | 0.37 | 0.37 | — |
| Other fresh and processed meat | 125.0 | 139.8 | 143.4 | 2.6 | 14.7 | 0.62 | 0.64 | 0.02 |
| Fish and other seafood | 117.9 | 121.1 | 123.3 | 1.8 | 4.6 | 0.60 | 0.61 | 0.01 |
| Fruit and vegetables | 116.3 | 122.0 | 134.5 | 10.2 | 15.6 | 3.03 | 3.34 | 0.31 |
| Fruit | 132.3 | 139.4 | 160.9 | 15.4 | 21.6 | 1.42 | 1.64 | 0.22 |
| Vegetables | 106.3 | 111.2 | 117.4 | 5.6 | 10.4 | 1.61 | 1.71 | 0.10 |
| Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food | 136.8 | 141.1 | 142.8 | 1.2 | 4.4 | 3.15 | 3.19 | 0.04 |
| Soft drinks, waters and juices | 123.6 | 129.0 | 130.1 | 0.9 | 5.3 | 1.60 | 1.61 | 0.01 |
| Snacks and confectionery | 153.6 | 156.5 | 159.1 | 1.7 | 3.6 | 1.55 | 1.58 | 0.03 |
| Meals out and take away foods | 142.5 | 146.1 | 147.4 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 6.99 | 7.05 | 0.06 |
| Restaurant meals | 145.3 | 148.9 | 149.1 | 0.1 | 2.6 | 2.89 | 2.89 | — |
| Take away and fast foods | 141.9 | 145.6 | 147.5 | 1.3 | 3.9 | 4.11 | 4.16 | 0.05 |
| Other food | 131.2 | 135.8 | 138.5 | 2.0 | 5.6 | 2.24 | 2.28 | 0.04 |
| Eggs | 147.9 | 162.6 | 165.0 | 1.5 | 11.6 | 0.17 | 0.17 | — |
| Jams, honey and sandwich spreads | 140.5 | 148.3 | 149.9 | 1.1 | 6.7 | 0.23 | 0.23 | — |
| Tea, coffee and food drinks | 136.3 | 138.3 | 143.9 | 4.0 | 5.6 | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.02 |
| Food additives and condiments | 124.6 | 131.5 | 128.9 | -2.0 | 3.5 | 0.44 | 0.44 | — |
| Fats and oils | 118.5 | 121.5 | 124.2 | 2.2 | 4.8 | 0.27 | 0.28 | 0.01 |
| Food n.e.c. | 131.3 | 133.6 | 138.5 | 3.7 | 5.5 | 0.70 | 0.73 | 0.03 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 192.1 | 201.5 | 201.8 | 0.1 | 5.0 | 10.55 | 10.57 | 0.02 |
| Alcoholic drinks | 145.5 | 150.6 | 150.7 | 0.1 | 3.6 | 7.05 | 7.05 | — |
| Beer | 150.0 | 154.3 | 155.0 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 3.31 | 3.33 | 0.02 |
| Wine | 136.0 | 141.8 | 141.4 | -0.3 | 4.0 | 2.33 | 2.32 | -0.01 |
| Spirits | 145.5 | 150.9 | 150.9 | — | 3.7 | 1.40 | 1.40 | — |
| Tobacco | 313.9 | 338.3 | 339.2 | 0.3 | 8.1 | 3.50 | 3.51 | 0.01 |
| Clothing and footwear | 113.1 | 111.1 | 112.7 | 1.4 | -0.4 | 6.88 | 6.97 | 0.09 |
| Men's clothing | 113.4 | 110.7 | 111.9 | 1.1 | -1.3 | 1.28 | 1.29 | 0.01 |
| Men's outerwear | 111.8 | 108.2 | 109.9 | 1.6 | -1.7 | 1.06 | 1.07 | 0.01 |
| Men's underwear, nightwear and socks | 122.3 | 123.8 | 122.6 | -1.0 | 0.2 | 0.22 | 0.22 | — |
| Women's clothing | 117.9 | 113.6 | 117.2 | 3.2 | -0.6 | 2.38 | 2.45 | 0.07 |
| Women's outerwear | 113.8 | 108.1 | 112.3 | 3.9 | -1.3 | 1.86 | 1.93 | 0.07 |
| Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery | 132.8 | 135.1 | 136.1 | 0.7 | 2.5 | 0.52 | 0.52 | — |
| Children's and infants' clothing | 117.2 | 113.2 | 115.8 | 2.3 | -1.2 | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.01 |
| Footwear | 100.8 | 101.5 | 102.7 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 1.13 | 1.14 | 0.01 |
| Men's footwear | 96.9 | 97.4 | 98.5 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 0.35 | 0.35 | — |
| Women's footwear | 105.6 | 105.5 | 107.5 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 0.53 | 0.54 | 0.01 |
| Children's footwear | 98.3 | 100.9 | 100.6 | -0.3 | 2.3 | 0.25 | 0.25 | — |
| Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b) | 104.1 | 105.0 | 103.4 | -1.5 | -0.7 | 1.47 | 1.45 | -0.02 |
| Clothing accessories and jewellery(b) | 96.6 | 96.0 | 93.0 | -3.1 | -3.7 | 0.79 | 0.76 | -0.03 |
| Fabrics and knitting wool | 105.5 | 112.8 | 114.5 | 1.5 | 8.5 | 0.16 | 0.16 | — |
| Clothing services and shoe repair | 155.5 | 157.8 | 157.8 | — | 1.5 | 0.52 | 0.52 | — |

| Group, sub-group and expenditure class | INDEX NUMBERS(a)..... | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN..... | | CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS) | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Change between |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 and | 2000 and | 2001 | 2001 | Sep Qtr 2001 and Dec Qtr 2001 |
| Housing | 107.7 | 110.0 | 110.7 | 0.6 | 2.8 | 27.07 | 27.24 | 0.17 |
| Rents | 128.6 | 131.9 | 132.7 | 0.6 | 3.2 | 7.34 | 7.38 | 0.04 |
| Utilities | 132.9 | 137.2 | 136.8 | -0.3 | 2.9 | 4.57 | 4.56 | -0.01 |
| Electricity | 130.3 | 133.8 | 134.9 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 2.40 | 2.42 | 0.02 |
| Gas and other household fuels | 139.8 | 147.7 | 141.5 | -4.2 | 1.2 | 1.03 | 0.99 | -0.04 |
| Water and sewerage(b) | 108.2 | 110.9 | 111.9 | 0.9 | 3.4 | 1.14 | 1.15 | 0.01 |
| Other housing | 101.0 | 102.6 | 103.5 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 15.16 | 15.29 | 0.13 |
| House purchase(b) | 121.1 | 122.1 | 123.4 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 10.83 | 10.94 | 0.11 |
| Property rates and charges(b) | 114.2 | 119.0 | 119.0 | — | 4.2 | 1.66 | 1.66 | — |
| House repairs and maintenance | 138.7 | 142.8 | 144.3 | 1.1 | 4.0 | 2.66 | 2.69 | 0.03 |
| Household furnishings, supplies and services | 116.3 | 118.9 | 120.3 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 10.64 | 10.76 | 0.12 |
| Furniture and furnishings | 124.8 | 126.6 | 128.5 | 1.5 | 3.0 | 4.72 | 4.79 | 0.07 |
| Furniture | 127.6 | 129.1 | 131.5 | 1.9 | 3.1 | 3.04 | 3.09 | 0.05 |
| Floor and window coverings | 120.6 | 125.3 | 125.6 | 0.2 | 4.1 | 1.00 | 1.01 | 0.01 |
| Towels and linen | 118.2 | 117.2 | 119.5 | 2.0 | 1.1 | 0.68 | 0.70 | 0.02 |
| Household appliances, utensils and tools | 107.5 | 109.3 | 110.3 | 0.9 | 2.6 | 2.56 | 2.58 | 0.02 |
| Major household appliances | 108.7 | 110.5 | 110.5 | — | 1.7 | 1.15 | 1.15 | — |
| Small electric household appliances | 106.1 | 107.6 | 108.5 | 0.8 | 2.3 | 0.37 | 0.37 | — |
| Glassware, tableware and household utensils | 104.2 | 104.3 | 107.9 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 0.61 | 0.63 | 0.02 |
| Tools | 108.9 | 113.5 | 113.5 | — | 4.2 | 0.42 | 0.42 | — |
| Household supplies | 122.4 | 127.8 | 128.7 | 0.7 | 5.1 | 2.48 | 2.50 | 0.02 |
| Household cleaning agents | 113.4 | 118.3 | 117.7 | -0.5 | 3.8 | 0.53 | 0.52 | -0.01 |
| Other household supplies | 126.4 | 132.0 | 133.4 | 1.1 | 5.5 | 1.96 | 1.98 | 0.02 |
| Household services | 178.9 | 183.3 | 184.2 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 0.88 | 0.88 | — |
| Health | 161.9 | 166.5 | 166.1 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 6.11 | 6.09 | -0.02 |
| Health services | 168.6 | 172.5 | 174.5 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 4.67 | 4.72 | 0.05 |
| Hospital and medical services | 172.6 | 176.0 | 178.1 | 1.2 | 3.2 | 3.54 | 3.58 | 0.04 |
| Optical services | 133.8 | 135.7 | 136.4 | 0.5 | 1.9 | 0.21 | 0.21 | — |
| Dental services | 166.9 | 173.2 | 175.1 | 1.1 | 4.9 | 0.92 | 0.93 | 0.01 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 130.5 | 136.4 | 129.9 | -4.8 | -0.5 | 1.44 | 1.37 | -0.07 |
| Transportation | 136.4 | 137.0 | 136.1 | -0.7 | -0.2 | 19.95 | 19.82 | -0.13 |
| Private motoring | 133.8 | 134.1 | 133.2 | -0.7 | -0.4 | 18.74 | 18.61 | -0.13 |
| Motor vehicles | 101.6 | 106.0 | 106.6 | 0.6 | 4.9 | 7.48 | 7.52 | 0.04 |
| Automotive fuel | 158.8 | 144.8 | 139.5 | -3.7 | -12.2 | 5.47 | 5.28 | -0.19 |
| Motor vehicle repair and servicing | 123.5 | 130.0 | 130.9 | 0.7 | 6.0 | 3.01 | 3.03 | 0.02 |
| Motor vehicle parts and accessories | 103.3 | 109.7 | 110.6 | 0.8 | 7.1 | 1.31 | 1.32 | 0.01 |
| Other motoring charges | 170.0 | 173.9 | 174.0 | 0.1 | 2.4 | 1.46 | 1.46 | — |
| Urban transport fares | 179.9 | 187.3 | 187.3 | — | 4.1 | 1.21 | 1.21 | — |
| Communication | 104.9 | 103.6 | 105.4 | 1.7 | 0.5 | 3.81 | 3.88 | 0.07 |
| Postal | 119.3 | 119.3 | 121.1 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.20 | 0.20 | — |
| Telecommunication | 103.2 | 101.8 | 103.6 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 3.61 | 3.68 | 0.07 |

| Group, sub-group and expenditure class | INDEX NUMBERS(a)..... | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN..... | | CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS) | | |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Sep Qtr | Dec Qtr | Change between |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2001 | 2001 and | 2000 and | 2001 | 2001 | Sep Qtr 2001 and Dec Qtr 2001 |
| Recreation | 124.6 | 125.4 | 127.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 16.20 | 16.47 | 0.27 |
| Audio, visual and computing | 70.4 | 69.7 | 68.9 | -1.1 | -2.1 | 3.28 | 3.24 | -0.04 |
| Audio, visual and computing equipment | 53.7 | 51.6 | 50.8 | -1.6 | -5.4 | 1.51 | 1.48 | -0.03 |
| Audio, visual and computing media and services | 102.8 | 104.3 | 103.6 | -0.7 | 0.8 | 1.78 | 1.76 | -0.02 |
| Books, newspapers and magazines | 181.7 | 187.1 | 189.2 | 1.1 | 4.1 | 1.52 | 1.53 | 0.01 |
| Books(b) | 112.1 | 117.4 | 117.5 | 0.1 | 4.8 | 0.69 | 0.69 | — |
| Newspapers and magazines(b) | 119.0 | 120.8 | 123.2 | 2.0 | 3.5 | 0.83 | 0.85 | 0.02 |
| Sport and other recreation | 144.6 | 148.9 | 149.3 | 0.3 | 3.3 | 5.61 | 5.63 | 0.02 |
| Sports and recreational equipment(b) | 95.1 | 97.0 | 96.9 | -0.1 | 1.9 | 0.81 | 0.81 | — |
| Toys, games and hobbies(b) | 92.5 | 97.0 | 96.7 | -0.3 | 4.5 | 0.66 | 0.65 | -0.01 |
| Sports participation(b) | 121.6 | 124.6 | 125.3 | 0.6 | 3.0 | 1.16 | 1.17 | 0.01 |
| Pets, pet foods and supplies | 118.1 | 126.5 | 129.3 | 2.2 | 9.5 | 0.55 | 0.57 | 0.02 |
| Pet services including veterinary | 171.1 | 175.5 | 176.8 | 0.7 | 3.3 | 0.47 | 0.47 | — |
| Other recreational activities(b) | 118.1 | 120.6 | 120.4 | -0.2 | 1.9 | 1.96 | 1.96 | — |
| Holiday travel and accommodation | 117.5 | 116.0 | 121.6 | 4.8 | 3.5 | 5.79 | 6.07 | 0.28 |
| Domestic holiday travel and accommodation | 127.7 | 118.5 | 127.6 | 7.7 | -0.1 | 3.08 | 3.32 | 0.24 |
| Overseas holiday travel and accommodation | 105.6 | 112.4 | 114.1 | 1.5 | 8.0 | 2.70 | 2.74 | 0.04 |
| Education | 187.5 | 195.4 | 195.5 | 0.1 | 4.3 | 3.55 | 3.55 | — |
| Preschool and primary education(c) | 100.4 | 105.0 | 105.3 | 0.3 | 4.9 | 0.67 | 0.67 | — |
| Secondary education(c) | 100.0 | 106.3 | 106.3 | — | 6.3 | 1.25 | 1.25 | — |
| Tertiary education(c) | 100.3 | 102.9 | 102.9 | — | 2.6 | 1.62 | 1.62 | — |
| Miscellaneous | 165.0 | 170.4 | 170.6 | 0.1 | 3.4 | 5.42 | 5.43 | 0.01 |
| Insurance services | 213.7 | 226.9 | 226.6 | -0.1 | 6.0 | 2.07 | 2.07 | — |
| Personal care | 141.6 | 144.6 | 144.7 | 0.1 | 2.2 | 2.88 | 2.88 | — |
| Hairdressing and personal care services | 155.1 | 157.2 | 158.3 | 0.7 | 2.1 | 1.05 | 1.06 | 0.01 |
| Toiletries and personal care products | 134.1 | 137.6 | 137.1 | -0.4 | 2.2 | 1.83 | 1.82 | -0.01 |
| Child care | 130.7 | 128.5 | 130.7 | 1.7 | — | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.01 |
| All groups | 131.3 | 134.2 | 135.4 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 134.2 | 135.4 | 1.2 |

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0. (b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

SPECIAL SERIES, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities

| | INDEX NUMBERS(a)..... | | | PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN..... | | CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS) | | |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| | Dec Qtr 2000 | Sep Qtr 2001 | Dec Qtr 2001 | Sep Qtr 2001 and | Dec Qtr 2000 and | Sep Qtr 2001 | Dec Qtr 2001 | Change between Sep Qtr 2001 and Dec Qtr 2001 |
| | | | | Dec Qtr 2001 | Dec Qtr 2001 | | | |
| All groups | 131.3 | 134.2 | 135.4 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 134.2 | 135.4 | 1.2 |
| Selected components | | | | | | | | |
| Goods component(b) | 133.0 | 136.0 | 137.1 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 87.54 | 88.26 | 0.72 |
| Services component(b) | 128.9 | 131.7 | 133.1 | 1.1 | 3.3 | 46.63 | 47.16 | 0.53 |
| Tradables component(b)(c) | 105.4 | 107.8 | 108.7 | 0.8 | 3.1 | 62.39 | 62.94 | 0.55 |
| Non-tradables component(b)(c) | 111.4 | 113.8 | 114.9 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 71.78 | 72.48 | 0.70 |
| All groups excluding | | | | | | | | |
| Food | 130.8 | 133.0 | 133.7 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 110.17 | 110.78 | 0.61 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 126.9 | 129.4 | 130.6 | 0.9 | 2.9 | 123.62 | 124.85 | 1.23 |
| Clothing and footwear | 132.6 | 135.8 | 137.0 | 0.9 | 3.3 | 127.29 | 128.44 | 1.15 |
| Housing | 135.4 | 138.4 | 139.8 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 107.10 | 108.18 | 1.08 |
| Household furnishings, supplies and services | 134.1 | 137.0 | 138.2 | 0.9 | 3.1 | 123.53 | 124.65 | 1.12 |
| Health | 129.6 | 132.4 | 133.7 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 128.07 | 129.32 | 1.25 |
| Transportation | 130.5 | 133.7 | 135.3 | 1.2 | 3.7 | 114.22 | 115.59 | 1.37 |
| Communication | 131.7 | 134.7 | 135.9 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 130.36 | 131.53 | 1.17 |
| Recreation | 132.2 | 135.4 | 136.5 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 117.97 | 118.94 | 0.97 |
| Education | 130.7 | 133.5 | 134.8 | 1.0 | 3.1 | 130.63 | 131.87 | 1.24 |
| Miscellaneous | 129.9 | 132.7 | 134.0 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 128.75 | 129.99 | 1.24 |
| Hospital and medical services | 130.0 | 132.9 | 134.1 | 0.9 | 3.2 | 130.64 | 131.83 | 1.19 |

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index:
1989-90 = 100.0

(b) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of this series.

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES
EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE
ITEMS'.....

| <i>Period</i> | <i>All groups</i> | <i>All groups excluding Housing</i> | <i>All groups excluding 'volatile items'</i> | <i>Goods</i> | <i>Services</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>Tradables(c)</i> | <i>Non-tradables(c)</i> |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1997-1998 | 120.3 | 125.4 | 127.2 | 123.5 | 126.1 | 124.2 | .. | .. |
| 1998-1999 | 121.8 | 126.9 | 129.0 | 124.9 | 129.4 | 126.1 | 100.4 | 101.0 |
| 1999-2000 | 124.7 | 129.4 | 131.5 | 127.1 | 133.8 | 128.9 | 102.1 | 104.0 |
| 2000-2001 | 132.2 | 136.4 | 138.7 | 132.9 | 144.1 | 136.0 | 106.5 | 111.8 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 120.0 | 125.2 | 126.9 | 123.3 | 125.6 | 123.9 | .. | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 120.3 | 125.7 | 127.6 | 123.8 | 126.7 | 124.5 | .. | .. |
| June | 121.0 | 126.3 | 128.2 | 124.0 | 127.4 | 124.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| September | 121.3 | 126.6 | 128.6 | 124.3 | 127.7 | 125.2 | 100.1 | 100.5 |
| December | 121.9 | 127.1 | 129.0 | 124.5 | 129.0 | 125.7 | 100.2 | 101.2 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 121.8 | 126.7 | 129.0 | 125.1 | 130.1 | 126.4 | 100.2 | 101.0 |
| June | 122.3 | 127.3 | 129.4 | 125.7 | 130.6 | 126.9 | 101.0 | 101.2 |
| September | 123.4 | 128.3 | 130.2 | 126.1 | 132.1 | 127.7 | 101.7 | 102.3 |
| December | 124.1 | 128.6 | 131.0 | 126.8 | 133.4 | 128.5 | 101.5 | 103.5 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 125.2 | 129.7 | 131.9 | 127.4 | 134.1 | 129.2 | 102.0 | 104.8 |
| June | 126.2 | 130.8 | 132.7 | 128.0 | 135.5 | 130.0 | 103.0 | 105.5 |
| September | 130.9 | 134.9 | 137.4 | 131.5 | 143.3 | 134.8 | 105.2 | 110.9 |
| December | 131.3 | 135.4 | 137.7 | 131.9 | 143.8 | 135.2 | 105.4 | 111.4 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 132.7 | 137.0 | 139.1 | 133.3 | 144.2 | 136.3 | 106.9 | 112.2 |
| June | 133.8 | 138.4 | 140.4 | 135.0 | 145.0 | 137.7 | 108.4 | 112.6 |
| September | 134.2 | 138.4 | 141.4 | 135.7 | 146.4 | 138.6 | 107.8 | 113.8 |
| December | 135.4 | 139.8 | 142.7 | 137.0 | 148.4 | 140.1 | 108.7 | 114.9 |

(a) Unless otherwise specified, base of each index: 1989-90 = 100.0.

(b) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Percentage Changes(a)

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES
EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE
ITEMS'.....

| Period | All groups | All groups excluding Housing | All groups excluding 'volatile items' | Goods | Services | Total | Tradables | Non-tradables |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|-----------|---------------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year) | | | | | | | | |
| 1997-1998 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 3.3 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| 1998-1999 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| 1999-2000 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 3.0 |
| 2000-2001 | 6.0 | 5.4 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 7.5 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| December | -0.2 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 0.7 | 3.3 | 1.3 | .. | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | -0.2 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| June | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| September | 1.3 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| December | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.2 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 2.7 | 1.5 | .. | .. |
| June | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
| September | 1.7 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| December | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 2.3 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2.8 | 2.4 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 3.8 |
| June | 3.2 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 3.8 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 4.2 |
| September | 6.1 | 5.1 | 5.5 | 4.3 | 8.5 | 5.6 | 3.4 | 8.4 |
| December | 5.8 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 4.0 | 7.8 | 5.2 | 3.8 | 7.6 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.5 | 4.6 | 7.5 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 7.1 |
| June | 6.0 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 7.0 | 5.9 | 5.2 | 6.7 |
| September | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.2 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| December | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| December | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.5 | .. | .. |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.9 | 0.5 | .. | .. |
| June | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.3 | .. | .. |
| September | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.5 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | |
| March | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| June | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.2 |
| September | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 |
| December | 0.6 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.6 | -0.2 | 1.2 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| June | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 0.7 |
| September | 3.7 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 5.1 |
| December | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 0.7 |
| June | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.3 | 0.6 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 0.4 |
| September | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 0.7 | -0.6 | 1.1 |
| December | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 |

(a) Refer to paragraph 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All Groups Excluding Housing—Index Numbers(a)(b)

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Australia</i> | <i>New Zealand</i> | <i>Hong Kong</i> | <i>Indonesia</i> | <i>Japan</i> | <i>Korea, Republic of</i> | <i>Singapore</i> | <i>Taiwan</i> | <i>Canada</i> | <i>United States of America</i> | <i>Germany</i> | <i>United Kingdom</i> |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 1997-1998 | 125.4 | 114.9 | 173.9 | 232.7 | 112.4 | 162.1 | 119.4 | 127.2 | 120.6 | 125.8 | 120.3 | 134.6 |
| 1998-1999 | 126.9 | 116.9 | 172.0 | 368.3 | 112.4 | 169.0 | 118.5 | 128.2 | 122.0 | 127.2 | 120.7 | 137.2 |
| 1999-2000 | 129.4 | 118.7 | 166.6 | 367.1 | 111.6 | 172.1 | 120.7 | 129.3 | 125.0 | 130.9 | 121.8 | 139.3 |
| 2000-2001 | 136.4 | 123.5 | 164.8 | 402.6 | 111.0 | 179.2 | 123.0 | 130.9 | 128.1 | 135.3 | 124.2 | 141.4 |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 125.2 | 114.9 | 173.7 | 195.7 | 112.5 | 157.9 | 120.0 | 125.7 | 120.1 | 125.9 | 119.9 | 134.3 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 125.7 | 115.0 | 173.7 | 254.5 | 112.0 | 167.3 | 119.1 | 127.1 | 120.9 | 125.6 | 120.2 | 134.5 |
| June | 126.3 | 115.3 | 175.8 | 297.4 | 112.6 | 167.7 | 118.7 | 128.2 | 121.2 | 126.3 | 120.7 | 136.1 |
| September | 126.6 | 116.4 | 175.1 | 360.6 | 111.9 | 167.8 | 118.3 | 128.0 | 121.4 | 126.4 | 121.0 | 136.1 |
| December | 127.1 | 116.5 | 173.5 | 363.2 | 113.2 | 168.9 | 117.8 | 129.9 | 121.4 | 126.8 | 120.5 | 136.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 126.7 | 117.1 | 170.2 | 377.9 | 111.9 | 169.2 | 118.4 | 127.5 | 121.7 | 127.1 | 120.4 | 137.1 |
| June | 127.3 | 117.6 | 169.3 | 371.3 | 112.4 | 169.9 | 119.3 | 127.5 | 123.4 | 128.4 | 120.9 | 138.6 |
| September | 128.3 | 117.8 | 167.7 | 360.3 | 111.9 | 170.1 | 120.2 | 128.4 | 124.4 | 129.2 | 121.3 | 138.4 |
| December | 128.6 | 118.2 | 167.2 | 367.5 | 111.9 | 172.3 | 120.2 | 129.6 | 124.5 | 130.2 | 121.2 | 139.1 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 129.7 | 118.9 | 165.7 | 370.7 | 111.1 | 172.9 | 121.2 | 128.9 | 124.9 | 131.3 | 122.2 | 139.1 |
| June | 130.8 | 119.8 | 165.9 | 369.7 | 111.4 | 172.9 | 121.0 | 130.3 | 126.2 | 132.8 | 122.4 | 140.7 |
| September | 134.9 | 121.8 | 165.4 | 376.7 | 111.0 | 176.1 | 122.2 | 131.3 | 127.3 | 133.7 | 123.2 | 140.5 |
| December | 135.4 | 123.4 | 165.5 | 403.3 | 111.2 | 177.6 | 122.8 | 132.4 | 127.5 | 134.6 | 123.0 | 141.2 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 137.0 | 123.8 | 163.7 | 406.1 | 110.9 | 180.6 | 123.5 | 129.8 | 127.9 | 135.7 | 124.5 | 140.9 |
| June | 138.4 | 125.1 | 164.4 | 424.4 | 110.8 | 182.5 | 123.3 | 129.9 | 129.8 | 137.1 | 125.9 | 143.0 |
| September | 138.4 | 125.8 | 164.0 | 435.3 | 108.8 | 183.7 | 123.3 | 130.4 | 130.1 | 136.7 | 126.0 | 142.9 |
| December | 139.8 | 126.5 | n.y.a. | 453.8 | n.y.a. | 183.3 | n.y.a. | 131.6 | n.y.a. | 135.8 | 125.4 | 143.2 |

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

(b) Refer to paragraphs 14–16 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS, All Groups Excluding Housing-Percentage Changes(a)

| Period | Australia | New Zealand | Hong Kong | Indonesia | Japan | Korea, Republic of | Singapore | Taiwan | Canada | United States of America | Germany | United Kingdom |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------------------------|---------|----------------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997-1998 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 3.8 | 33.7 | 3.9 | 7.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.4 |
| 1998-1999 | 1.2 | 1.7 | -1.1 | 58.3 | 0.0 | 4.3 | -0.8 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.9 |
| 1999-2000 | 2.0 | 1.5 | -3.1 | -0.3 | -0.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 0.9 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| 2000-2001 | 5.4 | 4.0 | -1.1 | 9.7 | -0.5 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 2.0 | 1.5 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 1.3 | 1.0 | 3.8 | 13.1 | 4.7 | 5.6 | 2.0 | -0.5 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.4 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.0 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 43.7 | 4.5 | 9.8 | 0.6 | 1.9 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 1.3 | 2.2 |
| June | 1.2 | 1.1 | 3.0 | 67.4 | 1.7 | 9.0 | -0.1 | 2.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 2.5 |
| September | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.7 | 96.7 | -0.4 | 8.0 | -1.3 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.6 | 1.9 |
| December | 1.5 | 1.4 | -0.1 | 85.6 | 0.6 | 7.0 | -1.8 | 3.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 1.9 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.8 | 1.8 | -2.0 | 48.5 | -0.1 | 1.1 | -0.6 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| June | 0.8 | 2.0 | -3.7 | 24.8 | -0.2 | 1.3 | 0.5 | -0.5 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 0.2 | 1.8 |
| September | 1.3 | 1.2 | -4.2 | -0.1 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.3 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 0.2 | 1.7 |
| December | 1.2 | 1.5 | -3.6 | 1.2 | -1.1 | 2.0 | 2.0 | -0.2 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 0.6 | 1.6 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2.4 | 1.5 | -2.6 | -1.9 | -0.7 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 3.3 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| June | 2.7 | 1.9 | -2.0 | -0.4 | -0.9 | 1.8 | 1.4 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 3.4 | 1.2 | 1.5 |
| September | 5.1 | 3.4 | -1.4 | 4.6 | -0.8 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 3.5 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| December | 5.3 | 4.4 | -1.0 | 9.7 | -0.6 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 5.6 | 4.1 | -1.2 | 9.5 | -0.2 | 4.5 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 2.4 | 3.4 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| June | 5.8 | 4.4 | -0.9 | 14.8 | -0.5 | 5.6 | 1.9 | -0.3 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 2.9 | 1.6 |
| September | 2.6 | 3.3 | -0.8 | 15.6 | -2.0 | 4.3 | 0.9 | -0.7 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 2.3 | 1.7 |
| December | 3.2 | 2.5 | n.y.a. | 12.5 | n.y.a. | 3.2 | n.y.a. | -0.6 | n.y.a. | 0.9 | 2.0 | 1.4 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| December | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 6.8 | 0.2 | 1.6 | 0.1 | -1.5 | -0.2 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 30.0 | -0.4 | 6.0 | -0.8 | 1.1 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.1 |
| June | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.2 | 16.9 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.9 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| September | 0.2 | 1.0 | -0.4 | 21.3 | -0.6 | 0.1 | -0.3 | -0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| December | 0.4 | 0.1 | -0.9 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 0.7 | -0.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.3 | -0.4 | 0.6 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | -0.3 | 0.5 | -1.9 | 4.0 | -1.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 | -1.8 | 0.2 | 0.2 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| June | 0.5 | 0.4 | -0.5 | -1.7 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| September | 0.8 | 0.2 | -0.9 | -3.0 | -0.4 | 0.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| December | 0.2 | 0.3 | -0.3 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.8 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.9 | 0.6 | -0.9 | 0.9 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 0.9 | -0.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| June | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.1 | -0.3 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.2 | 1.2 |
| September | 3.1 | 1.7 | -0.3 | 1.9 | -0.4 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.7 | -0.1 |
| December | 0.4 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 7.1 | 0.2 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 0.7 | -0.2 | 0.5 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.2 | 0.3 | -1.1 | 0.7 | -0.3 | 1.7 | 0.5 | -2.0 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 1.2 | -0.2 |
| June | 1.0 | 1.1 | 0.4 | 4.5 | -0.1 | 1.1 | -0.2 | 0.1 | 1.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 |
| September | 0.0 | 0.6 | -0.2 | 2.6 | -1.8 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| December | 1.0 | 0.6 | n.y.a. | 4.2 | n.y.a. | -0.2 | n.y.a. | 0.9 | n.y.a. | -0.7 | -0.5 | 0.2 |

(a) Refer to paragraphs 14-16 of the Explanatory Notes for further information.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by the CPI population group (i.e. metropolitan households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eleven groups:

- food
- alcohol and tobacco
- clothing and footwear
- housing
- household furnishings, supplies and services
- health
- transportation
- communication
- recreation
- education
- miscellaneous.

2 The capital city indexes measure price movements over time in each city individually. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.

3 Further information about the CPI is contained in the booklet *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (Cat. no. 6440.0) which is available on the ABS Website at www.abs.gov.au, or from the ABS on request.

PRICES

4 The frequency of price collection by item varies as necessary to obtain reliable price measures. Prices of some items are volatile (i.e. their prices may vary many times each quarter) and for these items frequent price observations are necessary to obtain a reliable measure of the average price for the quarter. Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for goods such as milk, bread, fresh meat and seafood, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco and holiday travel and accommodation. For most other items, price volatility is not a problem and prices are collected once a quarter. There are a few items where prices are changed at infrequent intervals, for example education fees where prices are set once a year. In these cases, the frequency of price collection is modified accordingly.

5 In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload the bulk of the items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced in the first two months of each quarter (i.e. July/August, October/November, January/February, April/May). With a few exceptions items priced in the third month are those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges); in these cases information about any changes in price during the quarter is obtained so that an average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 89 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the fourteenth series CPI and each expenditure class has its own weight, or measure of relative importance. In calculating the index, price changes for the various expenditure classes are combined using these weights.

7 Changes in the weighting pattern have been made at approximately five-yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI now comprises fourteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current weighting pattern for the CPI is given in *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (Cat. no. 6440.0).

EXPLANATORY NOTES

ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

8 Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in index points or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods:

All groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities.

Index numbers:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------|
| December Quarter 2001 | 135.4 | (see Table 1) |
| <i>less</i> September Quarter 2001 | 134.2 | (see Table 1) |
| Change in index points | 1.2 | |

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{1.2}{134.2} \times 100 = 0.9\%$$

9 Percentage changes are calculated to illustrate three different kinds of movements in index numbers:

- movements between consecutive financial years (where the index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the quarterly index numbers),
- movements between corresponding quarters of consecutive years, and
- movements between consecutive quarters.

10 Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related products sub-group contributed 2.00 index points to the total All groups index number of 135.4 for December Quarter 2001. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

SPECIAL SERIES

11 Various series are presented in Tables 8, 9 and 10 in this publication which are helpful for analytical purposes. These series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket. (A complete list of CPI groups, subgroups and expenditure classes is contained in Tables 6 and 7.)

12 Some of the compiled series are self explanatory, such as 'All groups excluding Food'. Other series and their composition are described below:

All groups, goods component: comprises the Food group (except Restaurant meals), Alcohol and tobacco group, Clothing and footwear group (except Clothing services and shoe repair) and Household furnishings, supplies and services group (except Household services); the Utilities, Audio, visual and computing and Books, newspapers and magazines sub-groups; and the House purchase, Pharmaceuticals, Motor vehicles, Automotive fuel, Motor vehicle parts and accessories, Sports and recreational equipment, Toys, games and hobbies, Pets, pet foods and supplies and Toiletries and personal care products expenditure classes.

All groups, services component: comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'.

All groups, tradables component: comprises all items whose prices are largely determined on the world market.

All groups, non-tradables component: comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, tradables component'.

All groups excluding 'volatile items': comprises the All groups CPI excluding Fruit and vegetables and Automotive fuel.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items': in addition to the items excluded from the series "All groups excluding 'volatile items'", also excludes: Utilities, Property rates and charges, Health, Other motoring charges, Urban transport fares, Postal, Education and Child care.

13 A detailed description of the special and analytical series was published in Appendix 1 to the September quarter 2000 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (Cat. no. 6401.0). The ABS is grateful for the assistance of the Reserve Bank of Australia for specifying the items included in the "All groups excluding 'volatile items'" and "Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'". The Reserve Bank of Australia does not accord any special policy status to these series.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

14 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, due to the many differences in the structure of the housing sector in different countries and in the way that housing is treated in their CPIs, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the Fourteenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'provide for dissemination at the international level of an index which excludes shelter, in addition to the all-items index'.

15 Table 11 presents indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and broadly comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing'. To facilitate comparisons all indexes in this table have been converted, where necessary, to a quarterly basis and re-referenced to a base of 1989–90 = 100.0.

16 In producing Table 11, the ABS is grateful for the assistance of the relevant national statistical agencies which have either directly supplied indexes for all items excluding shelter or data to enable their derivation.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

17 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the Catalogue of Publications and Products, Australia (Cat. no. 1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a Release Advice (Cat. no. 1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Release Advice are available from any ABS office.

18 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications:

- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (Cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6403.0)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (Cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Information Paper: Price Indexes and the New Tax System* (Cat. no. 6425.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 14th Series Australian Consumer Price Index* (Cat. no. 6456.0).

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19 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request. Inquiries should be made to Steve Whennan on 02 6252 6251 or to the National Information Service on 1300 135 070.

SYMBOLS AND OTHER USAGES

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

TREATMENT OF RECENT CHANGES AFFECTING THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

INTRODUCTION

The Australian CPI is constructed using the *acquisitions* approach, which means the prices used are those that would have been paid for goods and services acquired during the quarter. For the majority of items included in the CPI, obtaining these acquisition prices is relatively straightforward. However, obtaining acquisition prices is more complex for items such as holiday travel and accommodation, for which advance booking and payment are common.

The procedure followed in the Australian CPI is designed to approximate the purchasing behaviour of households. In the case of airfares, it is common for households to book and commit to purchase airfares well in advance of the date of travel (the date at which the service is acquired). Accordingly, the ABS has opted to include in the CPI the prices paid for airfares two months in advance of the month of travel (these prices are collected monthly). The month to which the prices are allocated in the CPI is the actual month of travel. For example, the prices included for the September month would be those collected in July for travel in September.

A number of recent changes to the airline industry in Australia have impacted on the airfares component of the Holiday travel and accommodation subgroup of the CPI. The treatment of these changes is as follows.

DOMESTIC AIRFARES

The collapse of Ansett in mid September 2001 meant that a number of domestic travellers were unable to use their advance-purchased tickets for Ansett flights. In order to travel, those Ansett customers would have had to purchase replacement tickets either at the special prices offered to Ansett customers by the other airlines or at prices not reflecting discounts for advance-purchased tickets.

In addition, the Federal Government introduced on 1 October 2001 a \$10 Air Passenger Ticket Levy to fund Ansett workers entitlements and, on 5 October 2001, all domestic carriers introduced an Insurance Levy to cover the increased costs of airline insurance following the events of 11 September 2001. Both these levies apply to tickets *purchased* on or after the respective dates rather than to trips made on or after those dates. Existing charges such as the Sydney Airport Noise Levy were unaffected by these changes and continue to be included in the ticket prices.

These events have been reflected in the airfares component of domestic holiday travel and accommodation in the December quarter 2001 CPI as follows:

- for travel in October, a combination of prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in August and the special price tickets for Ansett ticket holders purchased in September following the collapse of Ansett, without either of the new levies included;
- for travel in November, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in September, without either of the two levies included;
- for travel in December, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in October, with the two levies included.

In the absence of any further significant changes in the airline industry, prices in the March quarter 2002 will be compiled on a basis consistent with those for the December 2001 month.

TREATMENT OF RECENT CHANGES AFFECTING THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY

INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES

International airfares were also subject to three new charges in the December quarter 2001. The Sydney Airports Corporation introduced, from 10 September 2001, a Passenger Service Charge on each international departure and arrival through Sydney airport. In addition, the Air Passenger Ticket Levy and the new Insurance Levy described above also apply to tickets purchased for international travel. Existing charges such as the Federal Government's Passenger Movement Charge, the Sydney Airport Noise Levy and a number of Safety and Security Charges applied at various airports were unaffected and continue to be included in the ticket prices.

The new charges have been reflected in the airfares component of overseas holiday travel and accommodation as follows:

- for travel in October, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in August, without any of the new levies included;
- for travel in November, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in September, with the Sydney Airport Passenger Service Charge included but the Air Passenger Ticket Levy and the Insurance Levy excluded;
- for travel in December, the prices of advance-purchased tickets bought in October, with all three new levies included.

In the absence of any further changes in taxes and levies on international airline travel, prices in the March quarter 2002 will be compiled on a basis consistent with those for the December 2001 month.

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