

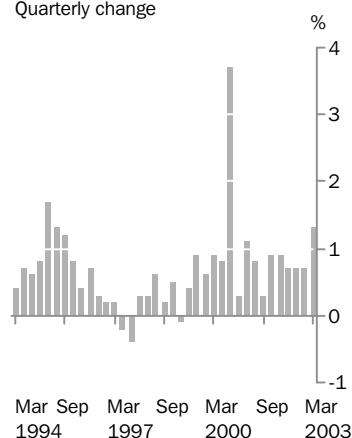


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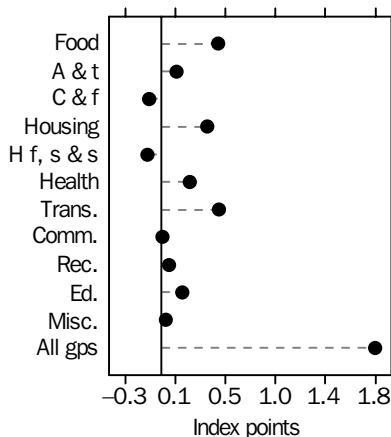
## All Groups

Quarterly change



## Contribution to quarterly change

March quarter 2003



## MARCH QTR KEY FIGURES

	<b>% change Dec Qtr 2002 to Mar Qtr 2003</b>	<b>% change Mar Qtr 2002 to Mar Qtr 2003</b>
<b>Weighted average of eight capital cities</b>		
Food	1.9	3.9
Alcohol and tobacco	1.3	2.9
Clothing and footwear	-1.4	0.2
Housing	1.3	3.8
Household furnishings, supplies and services	-1.0	0.8
Health	3.6	7.2
Transportation	2.4	5.0
Communication	0.4	3.1
Recreation	0.4	1.5
Education	4.6	4.9
Miscellaneous	0.7	3.7
<b>All groups</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>
All groups excluding Housing	1.3	3.3

## MARCH QTR KEY POINTS

### THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 1.3% in the March quarter 2003, up from 0.7% in the December quarter 2002. Apart from the September quarter 2000, which was affected by the introduction of The New Tax System, this was the largest quarterly increase since the June quarter 1995.
- rose 3.4% between the March quarters 2002 and 2003.

### OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of automotive fuel (+8.6%), vegetables (+11.7%), pharmaceuticals (+11.8%), house purchase (+1.6%), electricity (+5.2%), secondary education fees (+6.9%), gas and other household fuels (+4.9%), snacks and confectionery (+4.1%), domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+1.5%), hospital and medical services (+1.4%) and take away and fast foods (+1.3%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of furniture (-2.4%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-4.4%), women's outerwear (-2.0%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-1.2%).
- contributing most to the annual increases were rises in the cost of automotive fuel (+17.4%), house purchase (+4.3%), vegetables (+25.1%), hospital and medical services (+10.0%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+5.9%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of audio, visual and computing equipment (-13.1%), fruit (-8.6%) and motor vehicles (-1.4%).

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# NOTES

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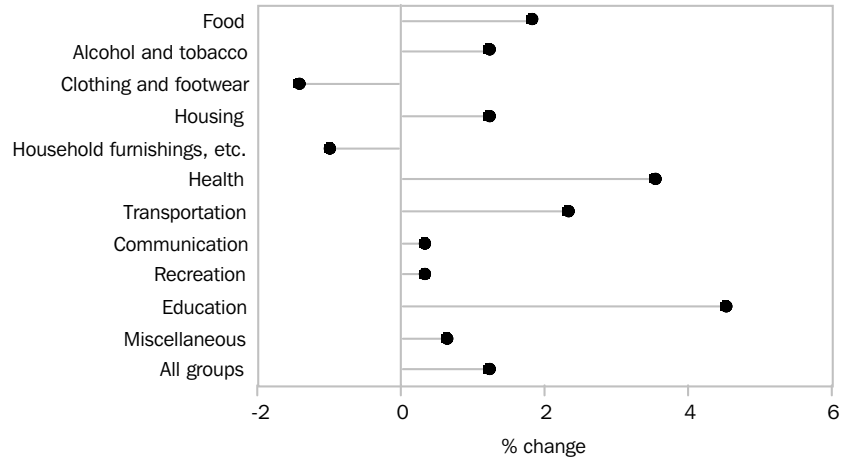
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## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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



### MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

The discussion of the CPI groups below is ordered in terms of their significance to the change in All groups index points (see Tables 6 and 7).

#### TRANSPORTATION (+2.4%)

The rise in transportation costs was mainly due to an increase in the price of automotive fuel (+8.6%) and motor vehicle repair and servicing (+1.0%). Petrol prices rose in October (+2.8%), fell in November (-2.4%) and December (-1.2%) 2002, and rose in January (+5.7%), February (+4.7%) and March (+3.7%) 2003. Partially offsetting these increases was a fall in the price of motor vehicles (-0.5%).

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, transportation costs rose 5.0%.

#### FOOD (+1.9%)

The rise in food costs this quarter was mainly attributable to an increase in the price of vegetables (+11.7%), snacks and confectionery (+4.1%) and take away and fast foods (+1.3%). Bread (+2.0%), cakes and biscuits (+2.2%), lamb and mutton (+4.5%), eggs (+13.9%) and food additives and condiments (+2.6%) also contributed to the quarterly movement. Partly offsetting these increases was a decrease in the price of fruit (-0.8%).

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, food costs rose 3.9%.

#### HOUSING (+1.3%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly attributable to increases in house purchase (+1.6%), electricity (+5.2%), gas and other household fuels (+4.9%) and rents (+0.3%). There were no decreases in housing costs this quarter.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, housing costs rose 3.8%.

#### HEALTH (+3.6%)

The rise in health costs this quarter was mainly due to an increase in pharmaceuticals (+11.8%) and hospital and medical services (+1.4%). The increase in pharmaceuticals was largely due to a reduction in the negative effect on prices of the Pharmaceuticals Benefit Scheme's safety net that occurs at the start of each calendar year. There were no falls.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, health costs rose 7.2%.

## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

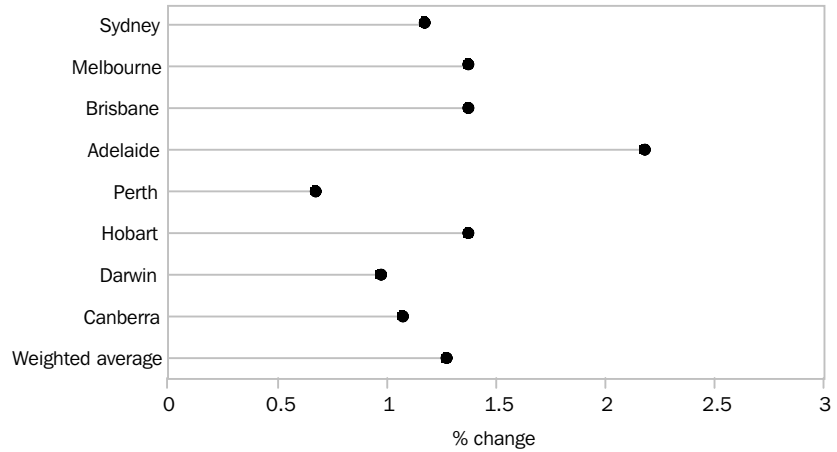
### MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

- EDUCATION (+4.6%) All levels of education recorded increases normally associated with the commencement of the new school year in the March quarter. Secondary education rose 6.9%, preschool and primary education rose 5.5% and tertiary education rose 2.5%.  
Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, the cost of education rose 4.9%.
- ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.3%) The increase in the cost of alcohol and tobacco was due to increases in the price of beer (+1.3%), tobacco (+1.5%), wine (+1.0%) and spirits (+1.2%).  
Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, the cost of alcohol and tobacco rose 2.9%.
- HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS,  
SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (-1.0%) The fall in the cost of household furnishings, supplies and services was mainly due to decreases in furniture (-2.4%) and glassware, tableware and household utensils (-2.3%). Partially offsetting these decreases was a rise in the cost of household services (+1.3%).  
Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, household furnishings, supplies and services costs rose 0.8%.
- CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (-1.4%) The fall in the cost of clothing and footwear was mainly due to decreases in women's outerwear (-2.0%), men's outerwear (-2.6%), children's and infants' clothing (-3.3%) and women's footwear (-4.0%).  
Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, clothing and footwear costs rose 0.2%.
- RECREATION (+0.4%) The rise in the cost of recreation was mainly due to increases in domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+1.5%), pets, pet foods and supplies (+5.6%) and other recreational activities (+1.3%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in audio, visual and computing equipment (-4.4%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-1.2%).  
Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, the cost of recreation rose 1.5%.

# ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

## CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the March quarter 2003 CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 0.7% in Perth to 2.2% in Adelaide.

The large increase in Adelaide came as a result of that capital city having increases in housing and transportation costs that were well above the weighted average of eight capital cities for those two groups.

Over the twelve months to March quarter 2003, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 2.8% in Perth and Darwin to 5.0% in Adelaide.

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

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
		<i>Mar Qtr 2003</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2002 and Mar Qtr 2003</i> <i>Mar Qtr 2002 and Mar Qtr 2003</i>
Sydney	142.1	1.2	3.0
Melbourne	140.9	1.4	3.6
Brisbane	141.8	1.4	3.4
Adelaide	144.6	2.2	5.0
Perth	137.4	0.7	2.8
Hobart	140.0	1.4	3.6
Darwin	137.5	1.0	2.8
Canberra	140.7	1.1	3.8
Weighted average of eight capital cities	141.3	1.3	3.4

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

## ALL GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
<b>1998-99</b>	122.5	120.9	122.9	123.2	120.1	122.5	122.4	121.5	121.8
<b>1999-2000</b>	125.4	124.1	125.0	126.3	122.9	124.8	124.2	124.2	124.7
<b>2000-01</b>	133.2	131.6	132.4	133.5	129.6	132.0	130.9	131.9	132.2
<b>2001-02</b>	137.2	135.3	136.3	137.2	133.1	134.7	133.7	135.2	136.0
<b>1999</b>									
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
<b>2000</b>									
March	125.8	124.7	125.5	126.8	123.1	125.3	124.4	124.9	125.2
June	127.0	125.6	126.4	127.6	124.0	126.5	125.7	125.9	126.2
September	131.6	130.4	131.3	132.3	128.6	131.3	130.0	130.7	130.9
December	132.2	130.8	131.6	132.5	128.8	131.2	130.6	131.1	131.3
<b>2001</b>									
March	134.0	132.2	132.7	134.1	129.6	132.1	130.7	132.2	132.7
June	135.0	133.0	134.0	135.1	131.4	133.4	132.2	133.4	133.8
September	135.4	133.6	134.2	135.3	131.5	132.8	132.5	133.2	134.2
December	136.6	134.8	135.8	136.6	132.6	133.9	133.5	134.9	135.4
<b>2002</b>									
March	137.9	136.0	137.1	137.7	133.7	135.2	133.8	135.6	136.6
June	138.8	136.9	138.1	139.1	134.6	137.0	135.0	137.2	137.6
September	139.6	137.8	139.2	140.3	135.8	137.5	135.4	138.1	138.5
December	140.4	139.0	139.9	141.5	136.4	138.0	136.2	139.2	139.5
<b>2003</b>									
March	142.1	140.9	141.8	144.6	137.4	140.0	137.5	140.7	141.3

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

## ALL GROUPS, Percentage Changes

<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>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
<b>1998-99</b>	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.4	2.6	1.7	2.5	2.3	1.9	1.5	2.2	2.4
<b>2000-01</b>	6.2	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.5	5.8	5.4	6.2	6.0
<b>2001-02</b>	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.0	2.1	2.5	2.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>1999</b>									
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
<b>2000</b>									
March	2.6	3.1	2.2	3.3	2.8	2.6	1.9	2.9	2.8
June	3.3	3.4	2.7	3.2	2.6	3.3	2.4	3.6	3.2
September	6.0	6.3	5.9	5.8	5.5	6.5	5.8	6.8	6.1
December	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.4	5.0	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.8
<b>2001</b>									
March	6.5	6.0	5.7	5.8	5.3	5.4	5.1	5.8	6.0
June	6.3	5.9	6.0	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.2	6.0	6.0
September	2.9	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.3	1.1	1.9	1.9	2.5
December	3.3	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.1
<b>2002</b>									
March	2.9	2.9	3.3	2.7	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	2.9
June	2.8	2.9	3.1	3.0	2.4	2.7	2.1	2.8	2.8
September	3.1	3.1	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.5	2.2	3.7	3.2
December	2.8	3.1	3.0	3.6	2.9	3.1	2.0	3.2	3.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	3.0	3.6	3.4	5.0	2.8	3.6	2.8	3.8	3.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>1999</b>									
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
<b>2000</b>									
March	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.3	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.9
June	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.8
September	3.6	3.8	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.8	3.4	3.8	3.7
December	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	-0.1	0.5	0.3	0.3
<b>2001</b>									
March	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.2	0.6	0.7	0.1	0.8	1.1
June	0.7	0.6	1.0	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	0.9	0.8
September	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.4	0.2	-0.1	0.3
December	0.9	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	1.3	0.9
<b>2002</b>									
March	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.2	0.5	0.9
June	0.7	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.7	1.3	0.9	1.2	0.7
September	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.7	0.7
December	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.7
<b>2003</b>									
March	1.2	1.4	1.4	2.2	0.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.3

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
<b>1998-99</b>	126.5	168.7	106.7	95.8	113.7	163.4
<b>1999-2000</b>	129.2	175.2	105.5	99.9	113.3	158.7
<b>2000-01</b>	135.6	194.7	112.5	107.9	117.3	164.3
<b>2001-02</b>	142.7	203.1	112.4	111.1	119.7	169.9
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March	129.1	177.1	104.8	100.7	112.8	160.2
June	130.2	178.6	105.7	101.2	114.1	161.3
September	132.4	190.2	113.5	107.4	116.4	162.1
December	133.4	192.1	113.1	107.7	116.3	161.9
<b>2001</b>						
March	137.6	197.1	110.7	108.2	117.2	166.4
June	138.8	199.4	112.5	108.4	119.3	166.7
September	139.8	201.5	111.1	110.0	118.9	166.5
December	143.4	201.8	112.7	110.7	120.3	166.1
<b>2002</b>						
March	144.2	203.9	112.2	111.5	119.4	171.1
June	143.5	205.0	113.7	112.2	120.3	175.9
September	145.0	207.3	113.0	113.7	120.5	176.4
December	147.0	207.3	114.0	114.2	121.6	177.1
<b>2003</b>						
March	149.8	209.9	112.4	115.7	120.4	183.5



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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
<b>1998-99</b>	122.1	102.9	119.4	174.1	143.5	121.8
<b>1999-2000</b>	128.9	97.8	120.4	182.4	153.2	124.7
<b>2000-01</b>	137.0	104.7	124.6	191.4	166.0	132.2
<b>2001-02</b>	137.3	105.2	128.6	200.0	171.8	136.0
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March	130.1	97.5	120.2	187.0	155.3	125.2
June	132.1	98.8	120.0	187.0	160.3	126.2
September	135.6	105.6	124.8	187.3	163.5	130.9
December	136.4	104.9	124.6	187.5	165.0	131.3
<b>2001</b>						
March	136.7	104.4	124.5	195.4	166.7	132.7
June	139.4	103.8	124.3	195.4	168.7	133.8
September	137.0	103.6	125.4	195.4	170.4	134.2
December	136.1	105.4	127.5	195.5	170.6	135.4
<b>2002</b>						
March	136.8	105.5	130.4	204.6	172.8	136.6
June	139.3	106.3	131.1	204.6	173.5	137.6
September	138.8	107.9	131.8	205.0	177.4	138.5
December	140.3	108.4	131.9	205.3	178.0	139.5
<b>2003</b>						
March	143.7	108.8	132.4	214.7	179.2	141.3

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

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household furnishings, supplies and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
<b>1998-99</b>	3.9	2.5	-0.7	1.4	-0.1	-1.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.1	3.9	-1.1	4.3	-0.4	-2.9
<b>2000-01</b>	5.0	11.1	6.6	8.0	3.5	3.5
<b>2001-02</b>	5.2	4.3	-0.1	3.0	2.0	3.4

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March	1.3	4.7	-1.4	4.7	-0.2	3.6
June	1.9	4.9	-0.9	4.8	0.4	3.9
September	3.0	11.4	6.9	9.5	3.0	3.4
December	3.5	10.3	7.5	8.1	2.6	3.5
<b>2001</b>						
March	6.6	11.3	5.6	7.4	3.9	3.9
June	6.6	11.6	6.4	7.1	4.6	3.3
September	5.6	5.9	-2.1	2.4	2.1	2.7
December	7.5	5.0	-0.4	2.8	3.4	2.6
<b>2002</b>						
March	4.8	3.5	1.4	3.0	1.9	2.8
June	3.4	2.8	1.1	3.5	0.8	5.5
September	3.7	2.9	1.7	3.4	1.3	5.9
December	2.5	2.7	1.2	3.2	1.1	6.6
<b>2003</b>						
March	3.9	2.9	0.2	3.8	0.8	7.2

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March	0.2	1.7	-0.4	1.1	-0.4	2.4
June	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.5	1.2	0.7
September	1.7	6.5	7.4	6.1	2.0	0.5
December	0.8	1.0	-0.4	0.3	-0.1	-0.1
<b>2001</b>						
March	3.1	2.6	-2.1	0.5	0.8	2.8
June	0.9	1.2	1.6	0.2	1.8	0.2
September	0.7	1.1	-1.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.1
December	2.6	0.1	1.4	0.6	1.2	-0.2
<b>2002</b>						
March	0.6	1.0	-0.4	0.7	-0.7	3.0
June	-0.5	0.5	1.3	0.6	0.8	2.8
September	1.0	1.1	-0.6	1.3	0.2	0.3
December	1.4	0.0	0.9	0.4	0.9	0.4
<b>2003</b>						
March	1.9	1.3	-1.4	1.3	-1.0	3.6

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Miscellaneous</i>	<i>All groups</i>
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## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)

<b>1998-99</b>	-1.1	-3.5	1.4	5.1	3.6	1.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	5.6	-5.0	0.8	4.8	6.8	2.4
<b>2000-01</b>	6.3	7.1	3.5	4.9	8.4	6.0
<b>2001-02</b>	0.2	0.5	3.2	4.5	3.5	2.9

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

<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March	7.3	-3.7	0.0	5.2	7.8	2.8
June	7.5	-2.1	0.2	5.2	10.6	3.2
September	6.9	8.1	3.7	5.3	11.1	6.1
December	7.9	7.8	3.0	5.5	9.9	5.8
<b>2001</b>						
March	5.1	7.1	3.6	4.5	7.3	6.0
June	5.5	5.1	3.6	4.5	5.2	6.0
September	1.0	-1.9	0.5	4.3	4.2	2.5
December	-0.2	0.5	2.3	4.3	3.4	3.1
<b>2002</b>						
March	0.1	1.1	4.7	4.7	3.7	2.9
June	-0.1	2.4	5.5	4.7	2.8	2.8
September	1.3	4.2	5.1	4.9	4.1	3.2
December	3.1	2.8	3.5	5.0	4.3	3.0
<b>2003</b>						
March	5.0	3.1	1.5	4.9	3.7	3.4

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

<b>1999</b>						
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
<b>2000</b>						
March	2.9	0.2	-0.7	5.2	3.4	0.9
June	1.5	1.3	-0.2	0.0	3.2	0.8
September	2.6	6.9	4.0	0.2	2.0	3.7
December	0.6	-0.7	-0.2	0.1	0.9	0.3
<b>2001</b>						
March	0.2	-0.5	-0.1	4.2	1.0	1.1
June	2.0	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	1.2	0.8
September	-1.7	-0.2	0.9	0.0	1.0	0.3
December	-0.7	1.7	1.7	0.1	0.1	0.9
<b>2002</b>						
March	0.5	0.1	2.3	4.7	1.3	0.9
June	1.8	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.7
September	-0.4	1.5	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.7
December	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.7
<b>2003</b>						
March	2.4	0.4	0.4	4.6	0.7	1.3

## CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	144.6	143.2	145.3	144.6	145.1	140.4	140.3	146.5	144.2
June	143.8	142.6	145.1	143.6	143.4	141.1	139.3	147.0	143.5
September	144.8	145.1	146.1	145.4	144.9	142.0	139.4	147.7	145.0
December	147.7	146.7	147.1	148.1	145.5	143.0	140.6	150.9	147.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	150.4	148.9	151.9	151.9	147.8	146.0	144.5	152.1	149.8
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	208.9	203.5	203.2	207.8	193.2	191.5	194.3	192.9	203.9
June	209.7	204.1	204.9	210.0	194.2	193.0	196.6	194.7	205.0
September	211.6	207.4	206.8	210.4	196.6	195.5	200.3	196.3	207.3
December	210.4	208.7	206.0	213.3	196.4	196.3	201.7	195.6	207.3
<b>2003</b>									
March	213.7	210.8	208.1	216.0	198.8	198.9	202.3	197.5	209.9
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	114.9	113.4	105.4	110.6	108.1	110.9	106.3	116.0	112.2
June	116.5	114.2	106.6	113.0	110.5	113.3	108.2	116.7	113.7
September	115.0	113.7	107.6	111.5	110.5	107.4	107.1	117.5	113.0
December	116.5	114.9	107.5	112.2	111.0	108.3	108.8	118.5	114.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	114.6	114.5	105.0	111.9	108.1	104.3	103.8	115.8	112.4
HOUSING									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	119.4	103.2	115.1	108.6	103.8	109.0	124.2	112.7	111.5
June	120.3	103.5	116.3	109.5	104.0	110.3	125.6	114.0	112.2
September	121.7	104.8	118.5	112.1	105.0	112.4	126.7	115.6	113.7
December	122.0	105.0	119.4	113.0	105.7	113.0	127.0	116.4	114.2
<b>2003</b>									
March	122.6	107.4	120.5	117.9	106.3	115.2	128.6	117.8	115.7

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	117.5	120.3	122.3	120.0	117.1	127.6	110.7	122.7	119.4
June	119.1	121.0	122.4	120.9	117.0	127.4	111.8	123.7	120.3
September	119.4	120.6	122.7	121.4	118.0	127.7	111.9	124.6	120.5
December	120.3	122.4	123.7	123.2	118.7	127.8	111.7	124.4	121.6
<b>2003</b>									
March	119.4	120.7	121.7	122.5	117.4	127.5	110.8	124.1	120.4
<b>HEALTH</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	161.7	183.2	166.1	173.7	162.5	185.8	157.7	168.9	171.1
June	165.2	186.5	173.6	178.0	171.5	193.6	162.1	173.3	175.9
September	165.6	187.0	175.2	178.1	172.0	193.4	162.4	173.7	176.4
December	165.3	189.4	176.4	178.1	171.8	192.9	163.8	173.5	177.1
<b>2003</b>									
March	171.5	196.3	183.2	183.2	177.8	200.7	168.4	181.2	183.5
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	138.2	136.4	136.6	133.9	136.4	131.3	135.6	136.2	136.8
June	140.2	139.2	138.6	138.4	138.8	135.9	138.8	139.4	139.3
September	140.2	138.0	138.0	138.0	139.6	134.9	137.9	138.2	138.8
December	141.6	139.9	139.3	138.8	140.5	136.3	139.3	140.9	140.3
<b>2003</b>									
March	145.1	143.1	142.4	144.0	143.6	139.0	141.6	143.6	143.7
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	105.1	105.4	108.6	106.2	103.8	106.0	97.8	104.2	105.5
June	105.9	106.2	109.5	107.3	104.6	106.9	98.4	105.0	106.3
September	107.5	107.8	111.2	109.2	106.3	108.6	99.8	106.5	107.9
December	108.1	108.3	111.8	109.6	106.7	109.2	100.5	107.2	108.4
<b>2003</b>									
March	108.4	108.6	112.1	109.9	107.0	109.6	100.8	107.5	108.8

CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a) *continued*

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	133.8	129.9	129.5	129.0	127.6	124.5	112.8	125.5	130.4
June	134.2	130.7	129.3	129.9	129.3	125.8	112.9	127.8	131.1
September	134.9	131.2	130.0	131.5	129.4	125.9	112.4	128.6	131.8
December	134.7	131.7	129.4	131.5	130.2	125.1	112.9	128.3	131.9
<b>2003</b>									
March	135.9	132.1	129.9	132.4	128.6	126.3	112.3	129.6	132.4
EDUCATION									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	204.0	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
June	204.1	197.1	226.3	240.6	197.5	221.9	159.5	194.0	204.6
September	204.6	197.6	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.0
December	204.6	198.3	226.6	240.7	197.5	222.7	159.5	194.2	205.3
<b>2003</b>									
March	214.8	207.7	236.0	251.5	205.5	233.2	161.4	202.0	214.7
MISCELLANEOUS									
<b>2001</b>									
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
<b>2002</b>									
March	180.3	162.6	180.3	166.0	173.0	167.7	164.2	194.5	172.8
June	181.0	163.1	182.5	167.0	173.2	168.8	167.2	194.3	173.5
September	183.2	167.7	184.0	171.2	182.2	173.1	168.9	199.0	177.4
December	182.6	168.5	186.7	170.9	183.8	174.0	169.7	202.2	178.0
<b>2003</b>									
March	184.6	169.1	188.2	171.6	184.1	176.5	172.8	203.0	179.2

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

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>Food</b>	0.44	0.38	0.82	0.66	0.37	0.52	0.66	0.19	0.48
Dairy and related products	—	0.02	0.03	0.02	-0.02	—	-0.01	—	0.01
Milk	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cheese	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	-0.01	0.01	0.03	—	-0.03	—	-0.02	0.01	—
Bread and cereal products	0.05	0.05	0.11	0.08	0.05	0.19	0.09	—	0.06
Bread	0.03	—	0.05	0.05	0.01	0.10	0.04	0.02	0.02
Cakes and biscuits	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.09	0.04	0.01	0.02
Breakfast cereals	—	—	0.01	0.03	0.02	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	—
Other cereal products	-0.01	0.02	0.02	—	—	—	0.01	—	—
Meat and seafoods	0.03	0.06	0.07	—	0.01	—	0.07	0.05	0.03
Beef and veal	0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—
Lamb and mutton	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	—	—	0.02	0.02
Pork	—	—	—	—	—	-0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Poultry	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.06	0.01	0.01
Bacon and ham	0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.02	0.02	0.02	—	—
Other fresh and processed meat	-0.02	—	0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Fish and other seafood	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—
Fruit and vegetables	0.19	0.12	0.46	0.20	0.19	0.24	0.38	0.12	0.21
Fruit	-0.03	-0.05	0.07	0.02	—	0.02	0.04	-0.02	-0.02
Vegetables	0.22	0.16	0.39	0.17	0.19	0.22	0.34	0.14	0.21
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.20	0.06	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.08
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.01	—	0.01	0.08	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.06
Meals out and take away foods	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.13	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.02	0.07
Restaurant meals	—	0.02	—	0.02	0.02	—	0.06	0.01	0.01
Take away and fast foods	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.06
Other food	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	-0.01	0.03
Eggs	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.02
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	—	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.03	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02	—	0.01	0.02
Fats and oils	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.01
Food n.e.c.	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	0.17	0.10	0.10	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.05	0.12	0.13
Alcoholic drinks	0.10	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.11	-0.03	0.05	0.08
Beer	0.08	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.06	-0.03	0.02	0.05
Wine	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.03	—	0.03	0.03
Spirits	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	—	—	0.02
Tobacco	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.05
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	-0.12	-0.03	-0.15	-0.02	-0.18	-0.26	-0.22	-0.16	-0.10
Men's clothing	-0.02	—	-0.04	-0.04	-0.06	-0.12	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02
Men's outerwear	-0.02	—	-0.05	-0.04	-0.06	-0.12	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Women's clothing	-0.08	0.04	-0.06	0.02	-0.08	-0.13	-0.16	-0.07	-0.04
Women's outerwear	-0.09	0.04	-0.06	0.02	-0.08	-0.10	-0.17	-0.08	-0.04
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	0.01	—	—	0.01	—	-0.03	0.01	—	—
Children's and infants' clothing	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02
Footwear	-0.02	-0.04	-0.03	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.03
Men's footwear	—	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	—
Women's footwear	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	—	0.03	—	-0.01	-0.02
Children's footwear	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.02	—	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	0.03	—	—	—	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery	0.03	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	—	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.02	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.01

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<b>Housing</b>	0.15	0.61	0.27	1.16	0.16	0.48	0.33	0.31	0.39
Rents	-0.01	0.02	0.08	0.03	0.02	0.05	-0.01	0.12	0.02
Utilities	—	0.34	—	1.04	—	0.16	0.03	—	0.19
Electricity	—	0.16	—	1.03	—	0.13	—	—	0.13
Gas and other household fuels	—	0.17	—	—	-0.01	0.03	—	0.01	0.06
Water and sewerage	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	—
Other housing	0.16	0.25	0.19	0.11	0.14	0.28	0.32	0.20	0.19
House purchase	0.14	0.26	0.17	0.09	0.14	0.31	0.29	0.17	0.17
Property rates and charges	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
House repairs and maintenance	0.02	—	0.03	0.02	—	-0.04	0.03	0.03	0.01
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	-0.08	-0.13	-0.19	-0.06	-0.12	-0.03	-0.08	-0.02	-0.11
Furniture and furnishings	-0.09	-0.08	-0.11	-0.04	-0.08	-0.06	-0.07	-0.02	-0.08
Furniture	-0.12	-0.03	-0.11	-0.01	-0.08	-0.01	-0.06	-0.06	-0.08
Floor and window coverings	0.02	-0.01	—	-0.02	—	0.01	0.02	0.03	—
Towels and linen	0.03	-0.05	—	-0.02	—	-0.06	-0.03	0.01	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.04	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04	-0.06	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.04
Major household appliances	-0.02	-0.01	—	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	—	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.03	0.01	—	0.02	-0.02
Tools	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Household supplies	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	-0.02	—
Household cleaning agents	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	—
Other household supplies	—	-0.01	-0.04	—	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.01	—
Household services	0.03	—	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01
<b>Health</b>	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.21	0.21	0.32	0.14	0.27	0.24
Health services	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.05	0.09	0.07
Hospital and medical services	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.03	0.08	0.06
Optical services	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—
Dental services	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.16	0.14	0.21	0.08	0.18	0.17
<b>Transportation</b>	0.49	0.51	0.46	0.63	0.46	0.36	0.33	0.41	0.49
Private motoring	0.49	0.48	0.46	0.62	0.46	0.36	0.33	0.40	0.48
Motor vehicles	-0.03	-0.07	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.01	-0.03
Automotive fuel	0.49	0.49	0.46	0.62	0.49	0.35	0.22	0.33	0.49
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	—	0.09	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.08	0.04	0.03
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	—	-0.02	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—
Other motoring charges	0.02	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.02	0.01
Urban transport fares	—	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01
<b>Communication</b>	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Postal	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Telecommunication	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01



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<b>Recreation</b>	0.15	0.04	0.06	0.13	-0.19	0.19	-0.10	0.20	0.07
Audio, visual and computing	-0.05	-0.02	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.06	-0.11	-0.08	-0.04
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06	-0.08	-0.06	-0.06	-0.09	-0.09	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing media and services	—	0.03	—	—	0.01	—	-0.02	—	0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
Books	0.01	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Newspapers and magazines	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Sport and other recreation	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.05	0.12	0.08
Sports and recreational equipment	-0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	—	0.02	-0.01	—
Toys, games and hobbies	0.01	0.02	0.02	-0.02	0.03	—	—	0.07	0.01
Sports participation	—	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	0.03	0.03	0.06	0.02	—	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04
Pet services including veterinary	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	0.03	—	—
Other recreational activities	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.02	—	0.05	0.02
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.09	-0.05	—	0.14	-0.16	0.18	-0.06	0.13	0.02
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.07	0.05	0.12	0.02	-0.02	0.10	-0.04	0.08	0.06
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.02	-0.10	-0.11	0.12	-0.14	0.08	-0.02	0.04	-0.04
<b>Education</b>	0.19	0.19	0.17	0.18	0.12	0.15	0.03	0.11	0.18
Preschool and primary education	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04
Secondary education	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.05	0.06	0.01	0.08	0.10
Tertiary education	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.07	0.01	0.02	0.04
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.11	0.03	0.04
Insurance services	0.01	-0.02	0.04	-0.03	-0.01	0.05	0.04	0.01	—
Personal care	0.04	0.02	—	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.05	-0.01	0.03
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	0.04	—	—	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02	-0.03	0.02
Child care	0.02	0.02	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.02	0.02
<b>All groups</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>

(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Change between
	2002	2002	2003	2002 and	2002 and	2002	2003	Dec Qtr 2002 and Mar Qtr 2003
<b>Food</b>	144.2	147.0	149.8	1.9	3.9	25.24	25.72	0.48
Dairy and related products	152.5	157.7	158.2	0.3	3.7	2.07	2.08	0.01
Milk	163.1	169.2	171.2	1.2	5.0	1.07	1.08	0.01
Cheese	129.3	132.1	130.5	-1.2	0.9	0.50	0.49	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	154.7	160.9	161.1	0.1	4.1	0.50	0.50	—
Bread and cereal products	157.3	160.3	163.4	1.9	3.9	3.08	3.14	0.06
Bread	181.5	183.2	186.8	2.0	2.9	1.13	1.15	0.02
Cakes and biscuits	147.5	149.7	153.0	2.2	3.7	1.27	1.29	0.02
Breakfast cereals	127.2	136.1	137.2	0.8	7.9	0.35	0.35	—
Other cereal products	130.2	132.9	135.8	2.2	4.3	0.34	0.34	—
Meat and seafoods	135.2	134.4	135.7	1.0	0.4	3.84	3.87	0.03
Beef and veal	140.9	139.7	140.6	0.6	-0.2	0.84	0.84	—
Lamb and mutton	168.0	171.4	179.1	4.5	6.6	0.44	0.46	0.02
Pork	150.5	145.7	146.6	0.6	-2.6	0.29	0.30	0.01
Poultry	101.5	96.5	98.3	1.9	-3.2	0.63	0.64	0.01
Bacon and ham	137.0	131.9	133.1	0.9	-2.8	0.37	0.37	—
Other fresh and processed meat	145.3	147.6	146.8	-0.5	1.0	0.65	0.65	—
Fish and other seafood	121.0	125.4	125.1	-0.2	3.4	0.62	0.62	—
Fruit and vegetables	132.4	135.3	143.5	6.1	8.4	3.36	3.57	0.21
Fruit	160.6	148.0	146.8	-0.8	-8.6	1.51	1.49	-0.02
Vegetables	114.1	127.8	142.7	11.7	25.1	1.86	2.07	0.21
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	141.7	147.5	150.8	2.2	6.4	3.29	3.37	0.08
Soft drinks, waters and juices	127.7	133.5	134.2	0.5	5.1	1.65	1.66	0.01
Snacks and confectionery	159.5	165.3	172.0	4.1	7.8	1.64	1.70	0.06
Meals out and take away foods	148.7	151.8	153.2	0.9	3.0	7.26	7.33	0.07
Restaurant meals	150.9	155.2	155.7	0.3	3.2	3.01	3.02	0.01
Take away and fast foods	148.5	150.9	152.8	1.3	2.9	4.25	4.31	0.06
Other food	139.8	141.9	143.7	1.3	2.8	2.34	2.37	0.03
Eggs	164.9	158.0	180.0	13.9	9.2	0.16	0.18	0.02
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	147.1	172.6	174.6	1.2	18.7	0.27	0.27	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	145.1	142.2	137.7	-3.2	-5.1	0.43	0.42	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	130.4	128.4	131.8	2.6	1.1	0.43	0.45	0.02
Fats and oils	128.8	134.3	136.1	1.3	5.7	0.30	0.31	0.01
Food n.e.c.	139.6	140.7	141.3	0.4	1.2	0.74	0.74	—
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	203.9	207.3	209.9	1.3	2.9	10.86	10.99	0.13
Alcoholic drinks	151.5	153.4	155.1	1.1	2.4	7.18	7.26	0.08
Beer	155.7	158.9	160.9	1.3	3.3	3.41	3.46	0.05
Wine	141.8	142.1	143.5	1.0	1.2	2.33	2.36	0.03
Spirits	152.4	153.8	155.6	1.2	2.1	1.43	1.45	0.02
Tobacco	346.4	355.2	360.4	1.5	4.0	3.68	3.73	0.05
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	112.2	114.0	112.4	-1.4	0.2	7.06	6.96	-0.10
Men's clothing	112.1	112.8	110.5	-2.0	-1.4	1.30	1.28	-0.02
Men's outerwear	109.4	111.2	108.3	-2.6	-1.0	1.08	1.06	-0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	126.8	121.5	122.9	1.2	-3.1	0.22	0.22	—
Women's clothing	115.8	118.0	116.2	-1.5	0.3	2.47	2.43	-0.04
Women's outerwear	110.4	113.1	110.8	-2.0	0.4	1.95	1.91	-0.04
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	136.6	136.7	137.4	0.5	0.6	0.52	0.52	—
Children's and infants' clothing	114.3	120.5	116.5	-3.3	1.9	0.67	0.65	-0.02
Footwear	102.8	102.4	100.3	-2.1	-2.4	1.14	1.11	-0.03
Men's footwear	98.2	98.2	98.2	—	—	0.35	0.35	—
Women's footwear	108.2	106.3	102.1	-4.0	-5.6	0.53	0.51	-0.02
Children's footwear	100.3	102.0	101.4	-0.6	1.1	0.25	0.25	—
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	104.0	105.8	106.3	0.5	2.2	1.48	1.49	0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	93.8	94.4	95.6	1.3	1.9	0.78	0.79	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	113.8	115.4	111.6	-3.3	-1.9	0.16	0.16	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	158.7	164.1	165.1	0.6	4.0	0.54	0.55	0.01

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	Mar Qtr 2002	Dec Qtr 2002	Mar Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2002 and	Mar Qtr 2002 and	Dec Qtr 2002	Mar Qtr 2003	Change between Dec Qtr 2002 and Mar Qtr 2003
				Mar Qtr 2003	Mar Qtr 2003			
<b>Housing</b>	111.5	114.2	115.7	1.3	3.8	28.09	28.48	0.39
Rents	133.3	135.4	135.8	0.3	1.9	7.54	7.56	0.02
Utilities	139.3	141.8	147.2	3.8	5.7	4.72	4.91	0.19
Electricity	136.9	138.5	145.7	5.2	6.4	2.49	2.62	0.13
Gas and other household fuels	147.8	149.6	157.0	4.9	6.2	1.04	1.10	0.06
Water and sewerage(b)	112.1	116.1	116.1	—	3.6	1.19	1.19	—
Other housing	104.0	107.1	108.4	1.2	4.2	15.83	16.02	0.19
House purchase(b)	124.3	127.7	129.7	1.6	4.3	11.33	11.50	0.17
Property rates and charges(b)	119.0	126.2	126.2	—	6.1	1.76	1.76	—
House repairs and maintenance	143.9	147.0	147.5	0.3	2.5	2.74	2.75	0.01
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	119.4	121.6	120.4	-1.0	0.8	10.88	10.77	-0.11
Furniture and furnishings	127.2	130.8	128.5	-1.8	1.0	4.88	4.80	-0.08
Furniture	129.7	133.9	130.7	-2.4	0.8	3.15	3.07	-0.08
Floor and window coverings	126.0	132.0	132.5	0.4	5.2	1.06	1.06	—
Towels and linen	117.6	115.3	113.6	-1.5	-3.4	0.67	0.66	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	108.3	108.1	106.4	-1.6	-1.8	2.53	2.49	-0.04
Major household appliances	108.6	108.3	106.7	-1.5	-1.7	1.13	1.12	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	106.8	107.2	106.3	-0.8	-0.5	0.36	0.36	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	104.6	103.7	101.3	-2.3	-3.2	0.61	0.59	-0.02
Tools	113.2	113.4	111.9	-1.3	-1.1	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	129.0	131.7	131.6	-0.1	2.0	2.56	2.56	—
Household cleaning agents	120.0	121.1	122.0	0.7	1.7	0.54	0.54	—
Other household supplies	133.1	136.3	135.9	-0.3	2.1	2.02	2.02	—
Household services	186.3	191.1	193.5	1.3	3.9	0.92	0.93	0.01
<b>Health</b>	171.1	177.1	183.5	3.6	7.2	6.49	6.73	0.24
Health services	175.5	188.3	190.9	1.4	8.8	5.09	5.16	0.07
Hospital and medical services	179.0	194.2	196.9	1.4	10.0	3.90	3.96	0.06
Optical services	136.8	137.7	138.0	0.2	0.9	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	176.8	183.9	186.7	1.5	5.6	0.98	0.99	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	144.7	132.7	148.4	11.8	2.6	1.40	1.57	0.17
<b>Transportation</b>	136.8	140.3	143.7	2.4	5.0	20.44	20.93	0.49
Private motoring	133.8	137.4	140.9	2.5	5.3	19.21	19.69	0.48
Motor vehicles	107.6	106.6	106.1	-0.5	-1.4	7.52	7.49	-0.03
Automotive fuel	139.4	150.8	163.7	8.6	17.4	5.70	6.19	0.49
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	131.2	134.1	135.5	1.0	3.3	3.11	3.14	0.03
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	110.5	112.4	111.8	-0.5	1.2	1.34	1.34	—
Other motoring charges	175.8	182.2	183.3	0.6	4.3	1.53	1.54	0.01
Urban transport fares	188.6	190.3	191.5	0.6	1.5	1.23	1.24	0.01
<b>Communication</b>	105.5	108.4	108.8	0.4	3.1	3.99	4.00	0.01
Postal	121.1	124.0	129.5	4.4	6.9	0.21	0.22	0.01
Telecommunication	103.7	106.6	106.7	0.1	2.9	3.78	3.79	0.01

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	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Change between
	2002	2002	2003	2002 and	2002 and	2002	2003	Dec Qtr 2002 and Mar Qtr 2003
<b>Recreation</b>	130.4	131.9	132.4	0.4	1.5	17.04	17.11	0.07
Audio, visual and computing	68.6	65.1	64.1	-1.5	-6.6	3.06	3.02	-0.04
Audio, visual and computing equipment	50.2	45.6	43.6	-4.4	-13.1	1.33	1.27	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing media and services	103.4	101.9	102.4	0.5	-1.0	1.73	1.74	0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	191.7	195.2	197.4	1.1	3.0	1.58	1.60	0.02
Books(b)	118.4	119.4	120.6	1.0	1.9	0.70	0.71	0.01
Newspapers and magazines(b)	125.4	128.7	130.2	1.2	3.8	0.88	0.89	0.01
Sport and other recreation	151.8	153.0	155.2	1.4	2.2	5.77	5.85	0.08
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	96.4	94.3	93.6	-0.7	-2.9	0.79	0.79	—
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	100.9	97.0	99.5	2.6	-1.4	0.66	0.67	0.01
Sports participation(b)	127.0	130.7	131.8	0.8	3.8	1.22	1.23	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	132.9	131.5	138.8	5.6	4.4	0.57	0.61	0.04
Pet services including veterinary	178.4	183.4	184.8	0.8	3.6	0.49	0.49	—
Other recreational activities(b)	122.5	125.4	127.0	1.3	3.7	2.04	2.06	0.02
Holiday travel and accommodation	127.3	132.8	133.1	0.2	4.6	6.62	6.64	0.02
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	130.7	133.1	135.1	1.5	3.4	3.46	3.52	0.06
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	122.6	131.4	129.8	-1.2	5.9	3.16	3.12	-0.04
<b>Education</b>	204.6	205.3	214.7	4.6	4.9	3.72	3.90	0.18
Preschool and primary education(c)	111.0	112.8	119.0	5.5	7.2	0.72	0.76	0.04
Secondary education(c)	113.1	113.1	120.9	6.9	6.9	1.33	1.43	0.10
Tertiary education(c)	106.0	106.0	108.6	2.5	2.5	1.67	1.71	0.04
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	172.8	178.0	179.2	0.7	3.7	5.66	5.70	0.04
Insurance services	232.6	237.5	237.4	—	2.1	2.17	2.17	—
Personal care	144.5	147.2	148.5	0.9	2.8	2.93	2.96	0.03
Hairdressing and personal care services	159.1	161.5	162.9	0.9	2.4	1.08	1.09	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	136.5	139.4	140.6	0.9	3.0	1.85	1.87	0.02
Child care	135.0	153.7	157.4	2.4	16.6	0.56	0.58	0.02
<b>All groups</b>	<b>136.6</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>141.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>141.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>

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

(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

## SPECIAL SERIES, Weighted Average of Eight Capital Cities

	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Mar Qtr 2002	Dec Qtr 2002	Mar Qtr 2003	Dec Qtr 2002 and	Mar Qtr 2002 and	Dec Qtr 2002	Mar Qtr 2003	Change between Dec Qtr 2002 and Mar Qtr 2003
				Mar Qtr 2003	Mar Qtr 2003			
<b>All groups</b>	136.6	139.5	141.3	1.3	3.4	139.5	141.3	1.8
<b>Selected components</b>								
Goods component(b)	137.8	139.9	142.1	1.6	3.1	90.11	91.48	1.37
Services component(b)	135.2	139.4	140.6	0.9	4.0	49.37	49.80	0.43
Tradables component(b)(c)	109.4	111.1	112.4	1.2	2.7	64.31	65.09	0.78
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	116.2	119.2	120.8	1.3	4.0	75.16	76.20	1.04
<b>All groups excluding</b>								
Food	135.0	137.9	139.5	1.2	3.3	114.24	115.57	1.33
Alcohol and tobacco	131.8	134.6	136.3	1.3	3.4	128.62	130.30	1.68
Clothing and footwear	138.3	141.2	143.3	1.5	3.6	132.42	134.33	1.91
Housing	141.1	143.9	145.7	1.3	3.3	111.38	112.80	1.42
Household furnishings, supplies and services	139.7	142.6	144.7	1.5	3.6	128.59	130.52	1.93
Health	134.7	137.5	139.1	1.2	3.3	132.98	134.56	1.58
Transportation	136.7	139.4	140.9	1.1	3.1	119.04	120.36	1.32
Communication	137.2	140.0	141.8	1.3	3.4	135.48	137.28	1.80
Recreation	137.5	140.5	142.5	1.4	3.6	122.44	124.18	1.74
Education	135.9	138.8	140.4	1.2	3.3	135.75	137.39	1.64
Miscellaneous	135.2	137.9	139.8	1.4	3.4	133.81	135.59	1.78
Hospital and medical services	135.3	137.9	139.7	1.3	3.3	135.57	137.33	1.76

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

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>All groups</i>	<i>All groups excluding Housing</i>	<i>All groups excluding 'volatile items'</i>	<i>Goods</i>	<i>Services</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Tradables(c)</i>	<i>Non-tradables(c)</i>
<b>1998-99</b>	121.8	126.9	129.0	124.9	129.4	126.1	100.4	101.0
<b>1999-2000</b>	124.7	129.4	131.5	127.1	133.8	128.9	102.1	104.0
<b>2000-01</b>	132.2	136.4	138.7	132.9	144.1	136.0	106.5	111.8
<b>2001-02</b>	136.0	140.4	143.3	137.1	149.3	140.5	109.1	115.5
<b>1999</b>								
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
<b>2000</b>								
March	125.2	129.7	131.9	127.4	134.1	129.2	102.0	104.8
June	126.2	130.8	132.7	128.0	135.5	130.0	103.0	105.5
September	130.9	134.9	137.4	131.5	143.3	134.8	105.2	110.9
December	131.3	135.4	137.7	131.9	143.8	135.2	105.4	111.4
<b>2001</b>								
March	132.7	137.0	139.1	133.3	144.2	136.3	106.9	112.2
June	133.8	138.4	140.4	135.0	145.0	137.7	108.4	112.6
September	134.2	138.4	141.4	135.7	146.4	138.6	107.8	113.8
December	135.4	139.8	142.7	137.0	148.4	140.1	108.7	114.9
<b>2002</b>								
March	136.6	141.1	144.1	137.6	150.5	141.2	109.4	116.2
June	137.6	142.1	145.0	138.2	151.8	142.0	110.3	116.9
September	138.5	142.8	146.0	138.4	153.5	142.7	110.3	118.4
December	139.5	143.9	146.8	139.2	154.5	143.5	111.1	119.2
<b>2003</b>								
March	141.3	145.7	148.0	139.9	155.2	144.2	112.4	120.8

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

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

## ANALYTICAL SERIES, Percentage Changes(a)

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

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)								
<b>1998-99</b>	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	2.6	1.5	..	..
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.4	2.0	1.9	1.8	3.4	2.2	1.7	3.0
<b>2000-01</b>	6.0	5.4	5.5	4.6	7.7	5.5	4.3	7.5
<b>2001-02</b>	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	3.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
<b>1999</b>								
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
<b>2000</b>								
March	2.8	2.4	2.2	1.8	3.1	2.2	1.8	3.8
June	3.2	2.7	2.6	1.8	3.8	2.4	2.0	4.2
September	6.1	5.1	5.5	4.3	8.5	5.6	3.4	8.4
December	5.8	5.3	5.1	4.0	7.8	5.2	3.8	7.6
<b>2001</b>								
March	6.0	5.6	5.5	4.6	7.5	5.5	4.8	7.1
June	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.9	5.2	6.7
September	2.5	2.6	2.9	3.2	2.2	2.8	2.5	2.6
December	3.1	3.2	3.6	3.9	3.2	3.6	3.1	3.1
<b>2002</b>								
March	2.9	3.0	3.6	3.2	4.4	3.6	2.3	3.6
June	2.8	2.7	3.3	2.4	4.7	3.1	1.8	3.8
September	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.0	4.8	3.0	2.3	4.0
December	3.0	2.9	2.9	1.6	4.1	2.4	2.2	3.7
<b>2003</b>								
March	3.4	3.3	2.7	1.7	3.1	2.1	2.7	4.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
<b>1999</b>								
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
<b>2000</b>								
March	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.3
June	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.6	1.0	0.7
September	3.7	3.1	3.5	2.7	5.8	3.7	2.1	5.1
December	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
<b>2001</b>								
March	1.1	1.2	1.0	1.1	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.7
June	0.8	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.4
September	0.3	0.0	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.7	-0.6	1.1
December	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.1	0.8	1.0
<b>2002</b>								
March	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.6	1.1
June	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.6
September	0.7	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.1	0.5	0.0	1.3
December	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7
<b>2003</b>								
March	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.3

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

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

Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germany	United Kingdom
<b>1998-99</b>	126.9	116.9	172.0	368.3	112.4	169.0	118.5	128.2	122.0	127.2	120.7	137.2
<b>1999-2000</b>	129.4	118.7	166.6	367.1	111.6	172.1	120.7	129.3	125.0	130.9	121.8	139.3
<b>2000-01</b>	136.4	123.5	164.8	402.6	111.0	179.2	123.0	130.9	128.1	135.3	124.2	141.4
<b>2001-02</b>	140.4	127.0	162.5	458.3	107.7	185.0	122.7	130.6	130.3	136.4	126.6	143.5
<b>1999</b>												
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
<b>2000</b>												
March	129.7	118.9	165.7	370.7	111.1	172.9	121.2	128.9	124.9	131.3	122.2	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
<b>2001</b>												
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	163.4	453.8	108.3	183.3	122.5	131.6	128.7	135.8	125.4	143.2
<b>2002</b>												
March	141.1	127.1	161.4	470.1	107.0	185.1	122.3	130.1	129.9	135.7	127.3	143.4
June	142.1	128.5	161.2	473.8	106.8	187.7	122.8	130.4	132.5	137.3	127.7	144.6
September	142.8	129.0	160.4	480.5	106.6	188.2	122.9	130.5	134.1	137.7	127.7	144.5
December	143.9	129.6	160.0	498.6	106.5	189.1	122.9	131.1	134.5	138.2	127.1	145.4
<b>2003</b>												
March	145.7	129.8	n.y.a.	500.9	n.y.a.	192.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	139.7	127.1	146.0

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

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



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

Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germany	United Kingdom
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)												
<b>1998-99</b>	1.2	1.7	-1.1	58.3	0.0	4.3	-0.8	0.8	1.2	1.1	0.3	1.9
<b>1999-2000</b>	2.0	1.5	-3.1	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.9	1.5
<b>2000-01</b>	5.4	4.0	-1.1	9.7	-0.5	4.1	1.9	1.2	2.5	3.4	2.0	1.5
<b>2001-02</b>	2.9	2.8	-1.4	13.8	-3.0	3.2	-0.2	-0.2	1.7	0.8	1.9	1.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
<b>1999</b>												
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
<b>2000</b>												
March	2.4	1.5	-2.6	-1.9	-0.7	2.2	2.4	1.1	2.6	3.3	1.5	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
<b>2001</b>												
March	5.6	4.1	-1.2	9.5	-0.2	4.5	1.8	0.7	2.4	3.4	1.9	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	-1.3	12.5	-2.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.9	2.0	1.4
<b>2002</b>												
March	3.0	2.7	-1.4	15.8	-3.5	2.5	-1.0	0.2	1.6	0.0	2.2	1.8
June	2.7	2.7	-1.9	11.6	-3.6	2.8	-0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	1.4	1.1
September	3.2	2.5	-2.2	10.4	-2.0	2.4	-0.3	0.1	3.1	0.7	1.3	1.1
December	2.9	2.5	-2.1	9.9	-1.7	3.2	0.4	-0.4	4.5	1.8	1.4	1.5
<b>2003</b>												
March	3.3	2.1	n.y.a.	6.6	n.y.a.	4.1	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	2.9	-0.2	1.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
<b>1999</b>												
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
<b>2000</b>												
March	0.9	0.6	-0.9	0.9	-0.7	0.3	0.9	-0.5	0.3	0.8	0.8	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
<b>2001</b>												
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	-0.4	4.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	-0.7	-0.5	0.2
<b>2002</b>												
March	0.9	0.5	-1.2	3.6	-1.2	1.0	-0.2	-1.1	0.9	-0.1	1.5	0.1
June	0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	1.4	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.3	0.8
September	0.5	0.4	-0.5	1.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.0	-0.1
December	0.8	0.5	-0.2	3.8	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.5	0.6
<b>2003</b>												
March	1.3	0.2	n.y.a.	0.5	n.y.a.	1.9	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	1.1	0.0	0.4

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

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

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

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

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

**3** Further information about the CPI is contained in the booklet *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0) which is available on the ABS website <<http://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:

March Quarter 2003	141.3 (see Table 1)
<i>less</i> December Quarter 2002	139.5 (see Table 1)
Change in index points	1.8

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{1.8}{139.5} \times 100 = 1.3\%$$

**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 2.08 index points to the total All groups index number of 141.3 for March Quarter 2003. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

### SPECIAL SERIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

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

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

### INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

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

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

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

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

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- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities*, cat. no. 6416.0
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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







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