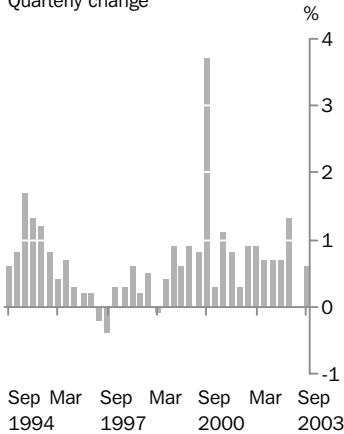


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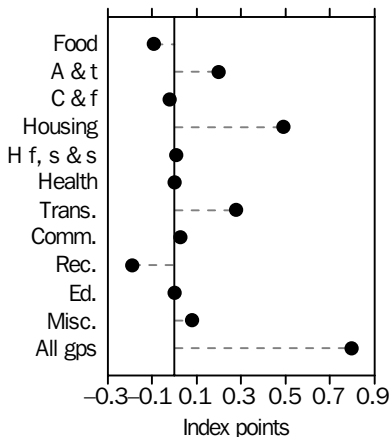
**All Groups**  
Quarterly change



## SEPTEMBER QTR KEY FIGURES

	<b>% change Jun Qtr 2003 to Sep Qtr 2003</b>	<b>% change Sep Qtr 2002 to Sep Qtr 2003</b>
<b>Weighted average of eight capital cities</b>		
Food	-0.3	3.0
Alcohol and tobacco	1.9	3.8
Clothing and footwear	-0.4	0.3
Housing	1.8	4.6
Household furnishings, supplies and services	0.1	0.8
Health	0.0	7.2
Transportation	1.4	1.8
Communication	0.7	1.7
Recreation	-1.1	-1.4
Education	0.1	4.9
Miscellaneous	1.4	2.7
<b>All groups</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>
All groups excluding Housing	0.3	2.1

**Contribution to quarterly change**  
September quarter 2003



## SEPTEMBER QTR KEY POINTS

### THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.6% in the September quarter 2003, compared with no change in the June quarter 2003.
- rose 2.6% between the September quarters 2002 and 2003.

### OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- contributing most to the overall increase this quarter were rises in the cost of house purchase (+1.7%), automotive fuel (+3.0%), beer (+3.7%), property rates and charges (+6.1%), other motoring charges (+4.5%), tobacco (+1.5%), water and sewerage (+4.0%), take away and fast foods (+1.2%) and rents (+0.6%).
- partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of vegetables (-7.8%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-7.3%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-2.9%), pharmaceuticals (-3.6%), motor vehicles (-0.5%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-0.8%).
- contributing most to the annual increase were rises in the cost of house purchase (+6.1%), hospital and medical services (+9.3%), beer (+5.4%), automotive fuel (+3.0%), tobacco (+4.4%), take away and fast foods (+3.9%), electricity (+6.0%) and rents (+1.9%). Partially offsetting these increases were falls in the cost of audio, visual and computing equipment (-20.8%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-2.6%) and motor vehicles (-0.9%).

## INQUIRIES

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# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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## CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

There are no changes in this issue.



## ANALYTICAL LIVING COST INDEXES FOR SELECTED AUSTRALIAN HOUSEHOLD TYPES

Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types are compiled once a year after each June quarter release of this publication. The latest update of these series, to June quarter 2003, was released in the October 2003 issue of the *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0). A link to this article can be found in Related Links at the CPI page of the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.



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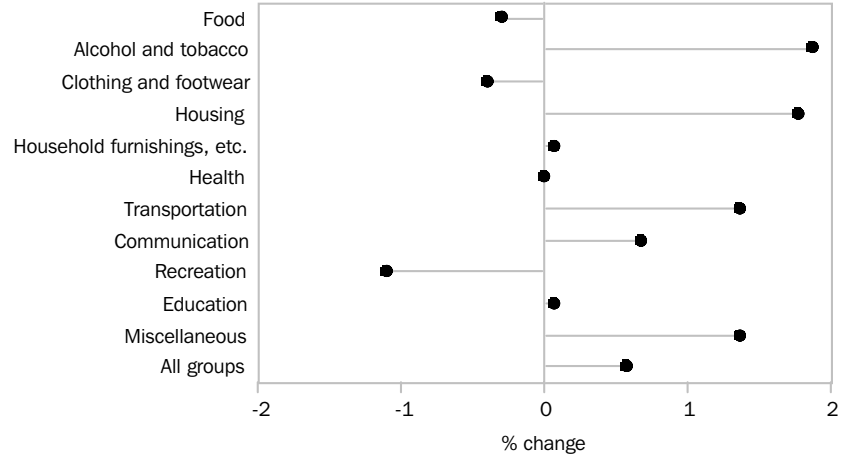
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## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

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).

#### HOUSING (+1.8%)

The rise in housing costs this quarter was mainly due to increases in house purchase (+1.7%), property rates and charges (+6.1%), water and sewerage (+4.0%), rents (+0.6%), electricity (+1.4%) and gas and other household fuels (+3.1%). There were no falls.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, housing costs rose 4.6%.

#### TRANSPORTATION (+1.4%)

The rise in transportation costs was mainly due to an increase in the price of automotive fuel (+3.0%), other motoring charges (+4.5%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+1.2%) and urban transport fares (+2.9%). Petrol prices fell in April (-9.4%), May (-5.6%) and June (-0.7%), rose in July (+2.9%) and August (+4.0%) and fell in September (-0.5%). Partially offsetting these increases was a fall in the price of motor vehicles (-0.5%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, transportation costs rose 1.8%.

#### ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.9%)

The increase in the cost of alcohol and tobacco was due to increases in the price of beer (+3.7%), tobacco (+1.5%), wine (+0.5%) and spirits (+1.0%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, the cost of alcohol and tobacco rose 3.8%.

#### RECREATION (-1.1%)

The fall in the cost of recreation was mainly due to decreases in audio, visual and computing equipment (-7.3%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-2.9%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-0.8%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, the cost of recreation fell 1.4%.

## ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

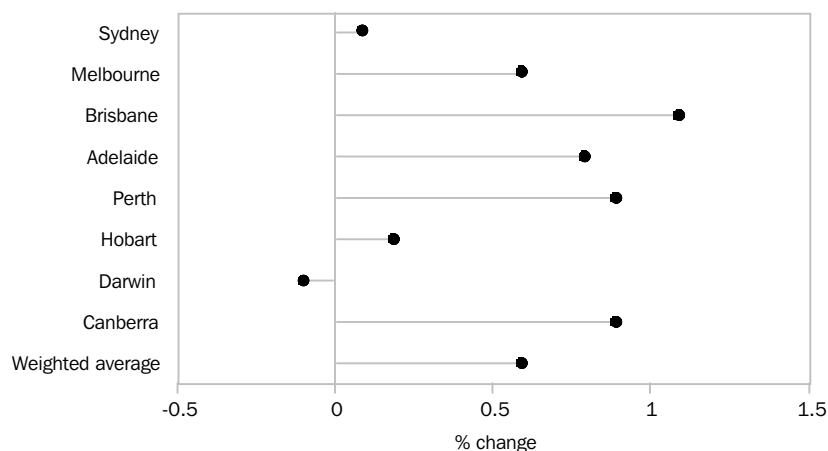
### MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

FOOD (-0.3%)	<p>The fall in food costs this quarter was mainly attributable to a decrease in the price of vegetables (-7.8%) and soft drinks, waters and juices (-1.1%). Partly offsetting these decreases were increases in the cost of take away and fast foods (+1.2%), lamb and mutton (+7.2%) and snacks and confectionery (+1.4%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, food costs rose 3.0%.</p>
MISCELLANEOUS (+1.4%)	<p>The rise in the cost of the miscellaneous group was mainly due to an increase in the cost of insurance services (+1.5%) and child care (+7.3%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, miscellaneous costs rose 2.7%.</p>
COMMUNICATION (+0.7%)	<p>The rise in communication costs was mainly due to an increase in the cost of telecommunication (+0.7%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, the cost of communication rose 1.7%.</p>
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (-0.4%)	<p>The fall in the cost of clothing and footwear was mainly due to decreases in women's outerwear (-0.9%), women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery (-0.7%), men's footwear (-1.9%), women's footwear (-1.5%) and children's footwear (-2.4%). Partly offsetting these decreases were increases in the cost of men's outerwear (+0.2%), clothing accessories and jewellery (+0.8%) and clothing services and shoe repair (+0.4%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, clothing and footwear costs rose 0.3%.</p>
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS, SUPPLIES AND SERVICES (+0.1%)	<p>The rise in the cost of household furnishings, supplies and services was mainly due to an increase in floor and window coverings (+0.9%). Partially offsetting this increase was a fall in the cost of furniture (-0.6%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, household furnishings, supplies and services costs rose 0.8%.</p>
HEALTH (0.0%)	<p>There was no movement in health costs this quarter. An increase in the cost of hospital and medical services (+1.0%), dental services (+1.4%) and optical services (+0.8%) was offset by a decrease in pharmaceuticals (-3.6%).</p> <p>Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, health costs rose 7.2%.</p>

# ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

## CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the September quarter 2003 CPI rose in all capital cities except Darwin where it fell 0.1%. The increases ranged from 0.1% in Sydney to 1.1% in Brisbane. The fall in Darwin was largely due to the removal of a temporary \$90 levy applying to motor vehicle registration, which was introduced around the end of 2001.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2003, the All groups CPI rose in each of the eight capital cities. The increases ranged from 1.8% in Darwin to 3.6% in Adelaide.

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

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN	
		Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2003 and Sep Qtr 2003
Sydney	142.4	0.1	2.0
Melbourne	141.8	0.6	2.9
Brisbane	143.3	1.1	2.9
Adelaide	145.4	0.8	3.6
Perth	138.6	0.9	2.1
Hobart	141.1	0.2	2.6
Darwin	137.8	-0.1	1.8
Canberra	141.9	0.9	2.8
Weighted average of eight capital cities	142.1	0.6	2.6

(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>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>2002-03</b>	141.1	139.7	140.7	142.7	136.8	139.1	136.8	139.7	140.2
<b>1999</b>									
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
June	142.2	140.9	141.8	144.3	137.4	140.8	137.9	140.7	141.3
September	142.4	141.8	143.3	145.4	138.6	141.1	137.8	141.9	142.1

(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>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
<b>2002-03</b>	2.8	3.3	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
<b>1999</b>									
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
June	2.4	2.9	2.7	3.7	2.1	2.8	2.1	2.6	2.7
September	2.0	2.9	2.9	3.6	2.1	2.6	1.8	2.8	2.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
<b>1999</b>									
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
June	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.0
September	0.1	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.9	0.2	-0.1	0.9	0.6

## 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>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>2002-03</b>	147.9	208.9	113.3	115.1	121.0	181.5
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	149.8	211.2	113.7	116.8	121.4	189.1
September	149.3	215.2	113.3	118.9	121.5	189.1



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>
<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>2002-03</b>	140.6	108.5	131.9	210.0	178.6	140.2
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	139.4	108.9	131.5	214.8	179.6	141.3
September	141.3	109.7	130.0	215.1	182.2	142.1

(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>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
<b>2002-03</b>	3.6	2.9	0.8	3.6	1.1	6.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	4.4	3.0	0.0	4.1	0.9	7.5
September	3.0	3.8	0.3	4.6	0.8	7.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
<b>1999</b>						
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
June	0.0	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.8	3.1
September	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.8	0.1	0.0

<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>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
<b>2002-03</b>	2.4	3.1	2.6	5.0	4.0	3.1

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

<b>1999</b>						
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
June	0.1	2.4	0.3	5.0	3.5	2.7
September	1.8	1.7	-1.4	4.9	2.7	2.6

## PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

<b>1999</b>						
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
June	-3.0	0.1	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.0
September	1.4	0.7	-1.1	0.1	1.4	0.6

## CPI GROUPS, Index Numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	150.3	149.1	151.1	151.9	148.7	146.5	145.5	152.1	149.8
September	148.9	149.0	150.5	152.8	148.7	146.4	146.0	152.2	149.3
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	215.1	212.2	208.2	216.8	200.0	203.3	205.5	199.5	211.2
September	219.5	217.2	211.3	220.0	202.8	206.5	206.5	201.5	215.2
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	117.4	114.2	106.3	113.5	108.3	110.1	106.7	116.1	113.7
September	115.4	115.1	107.4	111.4	110.3	103.3	107.8	116.0	113.3
HOUSING									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	123.3	108.4	122.9	117.8	107.8	116.9	128.8	119.9	116.8
September	125.1	109.6	126.6	120.2	110.4	118.3	129.3	124.0	118.9

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>									
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
June	120.7	121.7	122.7	122.9	118.5	128.8	110.6	124.7	121.4
September	121.0	121.8	122.7	122.2	118.5	128.4	110.4	124.7	121.5
<b>HEALTH</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	175.9	202.3	189.9	194.0	181.1	209.1	171.3	185.1	189.1
September	175.8	201.8	190.7	193.9	181.4	207.8	172.3	188.5	189.1
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	141.1	139.4	137.3	137.4	139.0	134.3	140.8	139.0	139.4
September	143.2	140.9	139.3	140.7	140.9	136.7	136.9	140.2	141.3
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	108.6	108.7	112.3	110.1	107.2	109.8	101.0	107.7	108.9
September	109.3	109.5	113.2	111.0	108.0	110.6	101.6	108.4	109.7

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	135.1	131.3	129.1	131.7	126.8	125.0	111.4	128.6	131.5
September	131.9	130.8	129.3	130.7	125.7	124.5	110.5	126.9	130.0
EDUCATION									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	214.8	207.6	236.2	251.5	205.5	233.4	161.4	202.0	214.8
September	215.5	207.9	236.3	251.8	205.5	233.6	161.4	202.2	215.1
MISCELLANEOUS									
<b>2001</b>									
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
June	185.0	169.3	189.7	172.2	183.7	177.6	175.3	203.8	179.6
September	185.3	173.6	190.6	176.5	187.4	178.8	180.0	209.8	182.2

(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>	-0.23	-0.01	-0.11	0.17	-0.01	-0.01	0.10	0.02	-0.09
Dairy and related products	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Milk	-0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	—
Cheese	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	—
Ice cream and other dairy products	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	—
Bread and cereal products	-0.05	-0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.08	0.01	-0.02	-0.02
Bread	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	0.06	0.01	—	—
Cakes and biscuits	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	—	-0.03	-0.01
Breakfast cereals	-0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—	0.02	—
Other cereal products	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.01
Meat and seafoods	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.08	0.05
Beef and veal	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01
Lamb and mutton	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04
Pork	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	-0.01
Poultry	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	—	-0.01	—
Bacon and ham	—	-0.02	0.01	—	—	-0.02	-0.01	—	—
Other fresh and processed meat	0.01	0.02	-0.01	—	—	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01
Fish and other seafood	—	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	—	—	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	-0.23	-0.10	-0.20	-0.06	-0.13	-0.12	-0.08	-0.09	-0.16
Fruit	-0.04	0.04	0.03	-0.01	-0.06	-0.05	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
Vegetables	-0.21	-0.13	-0.23	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.06	-0.15
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	—	0.03	—	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01
Soft drinks, waters and juices	-0.02	-0.02	—	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02
Snacks and confectionery	0.02	0.05	—	0.02	0.02	—	0.02	0.03	0.03
Meals out and take away foods	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.18	0.07	0.03	0.10	0.05	0.06
Restaurant meals	—	0.01	-0.01	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.05	—	0.01
Take away and fast foods	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.05
Other food	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.03	0.03	—	-0.01
Eggs	—	0.01	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	-0.02	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	—	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—
Fats and oils	0.01	—	—	—	—	-0.01	0.01	—	—
Food n.e.c.	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	0.22	0.26	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.20	0.08	0.12	0.20
Alcoholic drinks	0.18	0.18	0.13	0.10	0.09	0.15	0.05	0.09	0.16
Beer	0.16	0.16	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.02	0.09	0.13
Wine	—	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	—	-0.01	-0.03	0.01
Spirits	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01
Tobacco	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.06
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	-0.12	0.06	0.07	-0.16	0.12	-0.44	0.05	-0.01	-0.02
Men's clothing	-0.02	0.03	-0.02	-0.02	0.04	-0.03	—	0.02	0.01
Men's outerwear	-0.02	0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.03	-0.02	—	0.02	0.01
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	-0.01	—	0.01	—
Women's clothing	-0.05	-0.01	0.06	-0.13	0.05	-0.24	0.04	-0.02	-0.02
Women's outerwear	-0.04	—	0.07	-0.12	0.05	-0.23	0.03	-0.02	-0.02
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	—	0.02	—	—	—	-0.06	0.03	—	—
Footwear	-0.06	0.02	-0.02	-0.04	—	-0.10	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02
Men's footwear	-0.02	0.01	—	0.01	-0.02	-0.06	-0.01	—	-0.01
Women's footwear	-0.04	0.03	-0.02	-0.03	0.02	-0.02	—	—	-0.01
Children's footwear	—	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	—	-0.02	-0.01
Clothing accessories, supplies and services	—	-0.01	0.02	0.02	0.04	-0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery	—	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.03	—	0.01	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	0.01	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	0.01

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>Housing</b>	0.43	0.30	0.90	0.57	0.64	0.31	0.11	0.87	0.49
Rents	0.08	0.01	0.08	0.02	0.02	0.09	0.02	0.09	0.05
Utilities	0.14	0.02	0.16	0.27	0.07	0.04	—	0.43	0.12
Electricity	0.07	-0.07	0.10	0.12	—	—	—	0.31	0.03
Gas and other household fuels	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.03	—	—	0.06	0.03
Water and sewerage	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.03	0.04	—	0.06	0.05
Other housing	0.21	0.27	0.66	0.27	0.55	0.19	0.09	0.35	0.33
House purchase	0.13	0.04	0.57	0.16	0.39	0.04	0.03	0.30	0.20
Property rates and charges	0.06	0.16	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.11
House repairs and maintenance	0.01	0.06	0.03	—	0.01	0.07	—	—	0.02
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	0.03	0.01	-0.01	-0.07	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	0.01
Furniture and furnishings	0.02	-0.04	0.02	-0.04	0.02	0.02	0.01	-0.03	-0.01
Furniture	—	-0.04	—	-0.03	0.02	—	-0.01	-0.05	-0.02
Floor and window coverings	0.03	—	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Towels and linen	—	0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.01	0.04	0.03	0.02	—
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.01	0.01	-0.03	-0.03	0.02	-0.04	-0.05	0.04	-0.01
Major household appliances	—	—	-0.02	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	-0.01	0.04	—
Small electric household appliances	-0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	—
Tools	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	-0.02	—	—
Household supplies	0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.02	—	-0.02	—
Household cleaning agents	0.01	—	0.02	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	—
Other household supplies	0.01	0.04	-0.03	-0.01	-0.06	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	—
Household services	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—
<b>Health</b>	-0.01	-0.02	0.03	—	—	-0.05	0.03	0.12	—
Health services	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.19	0.06
Hospital and medical services	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.17	0.04
Optical services	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Dental services	0.02	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	—	0.01	0.02	0.02
Pharmaceuticals	-0.06	-0.06	-0.05	-0.05	-0.04	-0.07	-0.03	-0.07	-0.05
<b>Transportation</b>	0.29	0.24	0.30	0.40	0.28	0.31	-0.54	0.17	0.28
Private motoring	0.20	0.23	0.28	0.37	0.27	0.30	-0.54	0.14	0.24
Motor vehicles	0.02	-0.05	-0.14	—	-0.06	-0.02	-0.09	-0.11	-0.04
Automotive fuel	0.13	0.11	0.29	0.28	0.18	0.26	-0.07	0.18	0.17
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.01	0.07	0.04	0.02	0.06	-0.01	0.04	—	0.04
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	—	-0.03	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	—
Other motoring charges	0.04	0.12	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	-0.42	0.06	0.07
Urban transport fares	0.08	—	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.02	—	0.03	0.04
<b>Communication</b>	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecommunication	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03



<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>
<b>Recreation</b>	-0.39	-0.07	0.03	-0.14	-0.14	-0.06	-0.15	-0.25	-0.19
Audio, visual and computing	-0.10	-0.09	-0.10	-0.11	-0.09	-0.13	-0.14	-0.10	-0.10
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.08	-0.07	-0.10	-0.10	-0.08	-0.10	-0.11	-0.09	-0.09
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.02	-0.02	—	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.01	—	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.02
Books	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Newspapers and magazines	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.01
Sport and other recreation	—	0.04	0.04	0.06	-0.02	0.09	-0.08	-0.04	0.02
Sports and recreational equipment	—	-0.01	0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	—
Toys, games and hobbies	-0.02	-0.02	—	-0.02	—	—	-0.01	-0.09	-0.01
Sports participation	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.03	—	0.03	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	—	—	—	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.02	—
Pet services including veterinary	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Other recreational activities	—	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.06	-0.01	0.02	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.30	-0.02	0.09	-0.11	-0.06	-0.07	0.04	-0.14	-0.12
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.08	-0.02	0.06	-0.05	0.05	-0.05	0.02	-0.18	-0.03
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	-0.23	—	0.02	-0.06	-0.10	-0.01	0.02	0.05	-0.09
<b>Education</b>	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—
Preschool and primary education	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.01	—
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	0.01	0.13	0.02	0.15	0.12	0.04	0.16	0.19	0.08
Insurance services	—	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.06	-0.01	0.06	0.04	0.04
Personal care	-0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.05	-0.01	—	-0.08	0.04	—
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.01	0.02	—	0.02	0.01	—	-0.06	0.03	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	-0.02	0.01	-0.02	0.03	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	—
Child care	0.02	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.17	0.11	0.04
<b>All groups</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</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)		
	Sep Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Change between
	2002	2003	2003	2003 and	2002 and	2003	2003	Jun Qtr 2003 and Sep Qtr 2003
<b>Food</b>	145.0	149.8	149.3	-0.3	3.0	25.73	25.64	-0.09
Dairy and related products	154.5	158.8	158.3	-0.3	2.5	2.09	2.08	-0.01
Milk	165.0	172.5	171.9	-0.3	4.2	1.09	1.09	—
Cheese	130.2	132.1	131.4	-0.5	0.9	0.50	0.50	—
Ice cream and other dairy products	158.2	159.1	159.0	-0.1	0.5	0.50	0.50	—
Bread and cereal products	156.9	165.7	164.6	-0.7	4.9	3.18	3.16	-0.02
Bread	180.4	189.7	189.5	-0.1	5.0	1.17	1.17	—
Cakes and biscuits	145.6	152.1	150.9	-0.8	3.6	1.29	1.28	-0.01
Breakfast cereals	133.0	141.8	140.4	-1.0	5.6	0.36	0.36	—
Other cereal products	130.4	144.2	142.1	-1.5	9.0	0.37	0.36	-0.01
Meat and seafoods	133.7	137.4	138.9	1.1	3.9	3.92	3.97	0.05
Beef and veal	137.7	144.3	147.5	2.2	7.1	0.87	0.88	0.01
Lamb and mutton	171.1	187.8	201.4	7.2	17.7	0.48	0.52	0.04
Pork	146.0	146.1	143.3	-1.9	-1.8	0.30	0.29	-0.01
Poultry	97.5	98.2	98.7	0.5	1.2	0.64	0.64	—
Bacon and ham	135.3	135.9	134.7	-0.9	-0.4	0.38	0.38	—
Other fresh and processed meat	146.1	146.9	148.5	1.1	1.6	0.65	0.66	0.01
Fish and other seafood	121.9	124.6	122.5	-1.7	0.5	0.61	0.60	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	129.9	136.0	129.7	-4.6	-0.2	3.38	3.22	-0.16
Fruit	144.4	141.3	140.8	-0.4	-2.5	1.44	1.43	-0.01
Vegetables	121.1	133.8	123.3	-7.8	1.8	1.94	1.79	-0.15
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	145.6	151.1	151.3	0.1	3.9	3.37	3.38	0.01
Soft drinks, waters and juices	132.2	135.5	134.0	-1.1	1.4	1.68	1.66	-0.02
Snacks and confectionery	162.6	170.9	173.3	1.4	6.6	1.69	1.72	0.03
Meals out and take away foods	150.8	154.7	156.0	0.8	3.4	7.40	7.46	0.06
Restaurant meals	153.7	157.5	158.1	0.4	2.9	3.05	3.06	0.01
Take away and fast foods	150.2	154.1	156.0	1.2	3.9	4.35	4.40	0.05
Other food	142.1	144.6	143.7	-0.6	1.1	2.38	2.37	-0.01
Eggs	165.7	184.8	183.6	-0.6	10.8	0.19	0.19	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	162.0	177.0	176.5	-0.3	9.0	0.27	0.27	—
Tea, coffee and food drinks	144.0	141.2	137.2	-2.8	-4.7	0.43	0.42	-0.01
Food additives and condiments	130.6	132.2	131.7	-0.4	0.8	0.45	0.45	—
Fats and oils	136.6	136.6	137.5	0.7	0.7	0.31	0.31	—
Food n.e.c.	139.6	139.9	139.8	-0.1	0.1	0.74	0.74	—
<b>Alcohol and tobacco</b>	207.3	211.2	215.2	1.9	3.8	11.06	11.26	0.20
Alcoholic drinks	153.6	155.6	158.9	2.1	3.5	7.28	7.44	0.16
Beer	159.0	161.6	167.6	3.7	5.4	3.47	3.60	0.13
Wine	142.7	143.2	143.9	0.5	0.8	2.35	2.36	0.01
Spirits	153.6	157.2	158.7	1.0	3.3	1.46	1.47	0.01
Tobacco	354.0	364.2	369.5	1.5	4.4	3.77	3.83	0.06
<b>Clothing and footwear</b>	113.0	113.7	113.3	-0.4	0.3	7.04	7.02	-0.02
Men's clothing	110.7	111.3	111.6	0.3	0.8	1.28	1.29	0.01
Men's outerwear	108.5	109.1	109.3	0.2	0.7	1.06	1.07	0.01
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	122.9	123.3	124.0	0.6	0.9	0.22	0.22	—
Women's clothing	116.0	118.1	117.1	-0.8	0.9	2.47	2.45	-0.02
Women's outerwear	110.5	113.0	112.0	-0.9	1.4	1.95	1.93	-0.02
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	137.7	137.9	136.9	-0.7	-0.6	0.53	0.52	-0.01
Children's and infants' clothing	117.2	118.4	119.6	1.0	2.0	0.66	0.66	—
Footwear	103.6	101.0	99.1	-1.9	-4.3	1.12	1.10	-0.02
Men's footwear	100.3	98.5	96.6	-1.9	-3.7	0.35	0.34	-0.01
Women's footwear	107.8	103.7	102.1	-1.5	-5.3	0.52	0.51	-0.01
Children's footwear	101.5	100.9	98.5	-2.4	-3.0	0.25	0.24	-0.01
Clothing accessories, supplies and services(b)	106.2	107.4	108.0	0.6	1.7	1.50	1.51	0.01
Clothing accessories and jewellery(b)	95.7	96.5	97.3	0.8	1.7	0.79	0.80	0.01
Fabrics and knitting wool	113.8	113.1	112.9	-0.2	-0.8	0.16	0.16	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	163.3	166.9	167.6	0.4	2.6	0.55	0.56	0.01

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Sep Qtr 2002	Jun Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2003 and	Sep Qtr 2002 and	Jun Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003	Change between Jun Qtr 2003 and Sep Qtr 2003
				Sep Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003			
<b>Housing</b>	113.7	116.8	118.9	1.8	4.6	28.76	29.25	0.49
Rents	134.9	136.6	137.4	0.6	1.9	7.60	7.65	0.05
Utilities	142.2	146.3	149.9	2.5	5.4	4.88	5.00	0.12
Electricity	137.3	143.5	145.5	1.4	6.0	2.58	2.61	0.03
Gas and other household fuels	155.7	158.4	163.3	3.1	4.9	1.11	1.14	0.03
Water and sewerage(b)	115.4	116.1	120.8	4.0	4.7	1.19	1.24	0.05
Other housing	106.4	110.1	112.4	2.1	5.6	16.28	16.61	0.33
House purchase(b)	126.8	132.3	134.5	1.7	6.1	11.73	11.93	0.20
Property rates and charges(b)	126.2	126.2	133.9	6.1	6.1	1.76	1.87	0.11
House repairs and maintenance	145.9	149.3	150.8	1.0	3.4	2.79	2.81	0.02
<b>Household furnishings, supplies and services</b>	120.5	121.4	121.5	0.1	0.8	10.86	10.87	0.01
Furniture and furnishings	128.0	130.9	130.9	—	2.3	4.89	4.88	-0.01
Furniture	130.8	133.4	132.6	-0.6	1.4	3.14	3.12	-0.02
Floor and window coverings	130.1	135.3	136.5	0.9	4.9	1.08	1.09	0.01
Towels and linen	112.9	114.2	115.3	1.0	2.1	0.67	0.67	—
Household appliances, utensils and tools	108.0	107.1	107.0	-0.1	-0.9	2.51	2.50	-0.01
Major household appliances	108.2	106.7	107.0	0.3	-1.1	1.12	1.12	—
Small electric household appliances	106.9	105.5	105.7	0.2	-1.1	0.36	0.36	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	103.7	104.7	103.5	-1.1	-0.2	0.61	0.61	—
Tools	113.6	112.0	111.7	-0.3	-1.7	0.42	0.42	—
Household supplies	132.3	130.6	130.8	0.2	-1.1	2.54	2.54	—
Household cleaning agents	121.8	122.7	123.5	0.7	1.4	0.55	0.55	—
Other household supplies	136.9	134.3	134.4	0.1	-1.8	1.99	1.99	—
Household services	188.5	194.8	196.1	0.7	4.0	0.94	0.94	—
<b>Health</b>	176.4	189.1	189.1	—	7.2	6.94	6.94	—
Health services	185.8	198.9	201.0	1.1	8.2	5.38	5.44	0.06
Hospital and medical services	191.3	207.1	209.1	1.0	9.3	4.16	4.20	0.04
Optical services	137.7	137.6	138.7	0.8	0.7	0.22	0.22	—
Dental services	182.2	189.3	191.9	1.4	5.3	1.00	1.02	0.02
Pharmaceuticals	136.6	147.3	142.0	-3.6	4.0	1.55	1.50	-0.05
<b>Transportation</b>	138.8	139.4	141.3	1.4	1.8	20.30	20.58	0.28
Private motoring	135.9	136.4	138.1	1.2	1.6	19.06	19.30	0.24
Motor vehicles	105.6	105.1	104.6	-0.5	-0.9	7.42	7.38	-0.04
Automotive fuel	148.1	148.0	152.5	3.0	3.0	5.60	5.77	0.17
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	134.4	136.2	137.9	1.2	2.6	3.16	3.20	0.04
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	109.2	113.1	112.8	-0.3	3.3	1.35	1.35	—
Other motoring charges	181.2	183.6	191.9	4.5	5.9	1.54	1.61	0.07
Urban transport fares	190.2	192.4	197.9	2.9	4.0	1.24	1.28	0.04
<b>Communication</b>	107.9	108.9	109.7	0.7	1.7	4.01	4.04	0.03
Postal	124.0	130.3	131.0	0.5	5.6	0.22	0.22	—
Telecommunication	106.1	106.8	107.6	0.7	1.4	3.79	3.82	0.03

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a).....			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTIONS TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Sep Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Jun Qtr	Sep Qtr	Change between
	2002	2003	2003	2003 and	2002 and	2003	2003	Jun Qtr 2003 and Sep Qtr 2003
<b>Recreation</b>	131.8	131.5	130.0	-1.1	-1.4	16.99	16.80	-0.19
Audio, visual and computing	66.8	62.7	60.5	-3.5	-9.4	2.95	2.85	-0.10
Audio, visual and computing equipment	48.0	41.0	38.0	-7.3	-20.8	1.20	1.11	-0.09
Audio, visual and computing media and services	102.2	103.0	102.2	-0.8	—	1.75	1.74	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	193.6	198.0	199.6	0.8	3.1	1.60	1.62	0.02
Books(b)	118.9	120.7	121.3	0.5	2.0	0.71	0.71	—
Newspapers and magazines(b)	127.2	130.9	132.3	1.1	4.0	0.90	0.91	0.01
Sport and other recreation	153.4	155.9	156.4	0.3	2.0	5.88	5.90	0.02
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	94.9	93.4	93.1	-0.3	-1.9	0.78	0.78	—
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	100.2	99.8	97.6	-2.2	-2.6	0.67	0.66	-0.01
Sports participation(b)	129.8	133.2	135.4	1.7	4.3	1.24	1.26	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	132.0	136.0	135.6	-0.3	2.7	0.59	0.59	—
Pet services including veterinary	182.7	185.8	187.4	0.9	2.6	0.50	0.50	—
Other recreational activities(b)	125.1	128.5	129.3	0.6	3.4	2.09	2.10	0.01
Holiday travel and accommodation	131.0	131.4	129.0	-1.8	-1.5	6.55	6.43	-0.12
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	129.6	129.9	128.8	-0.8	-0.6	3.38	3.35	-0.03
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	131.5	131.9	128.1	-2.9	-2.6	3.17	3.08	-0.09
<b>Education</b>	205.0	214.8	215.1	0.1	4.9	3.90	3.90	—
Preschool and primary education(c)	112.2	119.1	120.1	0.8	7.0	0.76	0.76	—
Secondary education(c)	113.1	120.9	120.9	—	6.9	1.43	1.43	—
Tertiary education(c)	106.0	108.6	108.6	—	2.5	1.71	1.71	—
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	177.4	179.6	182.2	1.4	2.7	5.71	5.79	0.08
Insurance services	236.9	237.2	240.8	1.5	1.6	2.16	2.20	0.04
Personal care	147.1	149.1	149.4	0.2	1.6	2.97	2.97	—
Hairdressing and personal care services	160.5	163.7	165.5	1.1	3.1	1.10	1.11	0.01
Toiletries and personal care products	139.6	141.1	140.6	-0.4	0.7	1.87	1.87	—
Child care	151.1	158.4	169.9	7.3	12.4	0.58	0.62	0.04
<b>All groups</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>141.3</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>141.3</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>0.8</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)		
	Sep Qtr 2002	Jun Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003	Jun Qtr 2003 and	Sep Qtr 2002 and	Jun Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003	Change between Jun Qtr 2003 and Sep Qtr 2003
				Sep Qtr 2003	Sep Qtr 2003			
<b>All groups</b>	138.5	141.3	142.1	0.6	2.6	141.3	142.1	0.8
<b>Selected components</b>								
Goods component(b)	139.0	141.6	142.1	0.4	2.2	91.15	91.51	0.36
Services component(b)	138.5	141.6	142.8	0.8	3.1	50.13	50.58	0.45
Tradables component(b)(c)	110.3	111.4	111.1	-0.3	0.7	64.52	64.31	-0.21
Non-tradables component(b)(c)	118.4	121.7	123.3	1.3	4.1	76.77	77.78	1.01
<b>All groups excluding</b>								
Food	137.2	139.5	140.5	0.7	2.4	115.56	116.45	0.89
Alcohol and tobacco	133.6	136.3	136.9	0.4	2.5	130.23	130.83	0.60
Clothing and footwear	140.3	143.2	144.1	0.6	2.7	134.25	135.07	0.82
Housing	142.8	145.4	145.8	0.3	2.1	112.53	112.84	0.31
Household furnishings, supplies and services	141.7	144.6	145.5	0.6	2.7	130.42	131.22	0.80
Health	136.5	138.9	139.7	0.6	2.3	134.35	135.15	0.80
Transportation	138.6	141.7	142.3	0.4	2.7	120.98	121.51	0.53
Communication	139.0	141.8	142.6	0.6	2.6	137.28	138.05	0.77
Recreation	139.5	142.7	143.8	0.8	3.1	124.30	125.29	0.99
Education	137.8	140.4	141.3	0.6	2.5	137.39	138.19	0.80
Miscellaneous	137.0	139.8	140.5	0.5	2.6	135.57	136.30	0.73
Hospital and medical services	137.0	139.5	140.2	0.5	2.3	137.13	137.89	0.76

(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>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>2002-03</b>	140.2	144.5	147.4	139.6	154.7	143.8	111.3	120.0
<b>1999</b>								
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
June	141.3	145.4	148.9	140.8	155.6	144.9	111.4	121.7
September	142.1	145.8	149.8	141.3	156.2	145.5	111.1	123.3

(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>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
<b>2002-03</b>	3.1	2.9	2.9	1.8	3.6	2.3	2.0	3.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
<b>1999</b>								
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
June	2.7	2.3	2.7	1.9	2.5	2.0	1.0	4.1
September	2.6	2.1	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.0	0.7	4.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
<b>1999</b>								
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
June	0.0	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.5	-0.9	0.7
September	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	-0.3	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)

<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>
<b>1999-2000</b>	129.4	118.7	166.6	367.1	111.6	172.1	120.7	129.3	125.0	130.9	122.2	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	123.7	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	126.0	143.5
<b>2002-03</b>	144.5	129.5	159.2	495.8	106.4	190.9	123.1	130.5	135.2	138.9	127.4	145.8
<b>1999</b>												
September	128.3	117.8	167.7	360.3	111.9	170.1	120.2	128.4	124.4	129.2	121.9	138.4
December	128.6	118.2	167.2	367.5	111.9	172.3	120.2	129.6	124.5	130.2	121.8	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	122.5	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	122.9	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	123.7	140.9
June	138.4	125.1	164.4	424.4	110.8	182.5	123.3	129.9	129.8	137.1	125.2	143.0
September	138.4	125.8	164.0	435.3	108.8	183.7	123.3	130.4	130.1	136.7	125.4	142.9
December	139.8	126.5	163.4	453.8	108.3	183.3	122.5	131.6	128.7	135.8	125.2	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	126.6	143.4
June	142.1	128.5	161.2	473.8	106.8	187.7	122.8	130.4	132.5	137.3	126.8	144.6
September	142.8	129.0	160.4	480.5	106.6	188.2	122.9	130.5	134.1	137.7	127.1	144.5
December	143.9	129.6	160.0	498.6	106.5	189.1	122.9	131.1	134.5	138.2	126.8	145.4
<b>2003</b>												
March	145.7	129.8	158.5	500.9	106.0	192.7	123.5	130.1	136.2	139.7	127.9	146.0
June	145.4	129.5	157.9	503.3	106.5	193.7	123.2	130.3	135.8	140.1	127.7	147.1
September	145.8	129.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	194.0	n.y.a.	129.4	n.y.a.	140.6	128.1	147.1

(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>1999-2000</b>	2.0	1.5	-3.1	-0.3	-0.7	1.8	1.9	0.9	2.5	2.9	0.6	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	1.2	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
<b>2002-03</b>	2.9	2.0	-2.0	8.2	-1.2	3.2	0.3	-0.1	3.8	1.8	1.1	1.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
<b>1999</b>												
September	1.3	1.2	-4.2	-0.1	0.0	1.4	1.6	0.3	2.5	2.2	0.1	1.7
December	1.2	1.5	-3.6	1.2	-1.1	2.0	2.0	-0.2	2.6	2.7	0.5	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	1.1	1.5
June	2.7	1.9	-2.0	-0.4	-0.9	1.8	1.4	2.2	2.3	3.4	0.7	1.5
September	5.1	3.4	-1.4	4.6	-0.8	3.5	1.7	2.3	2.3	3.5	0.8	1.5
December	5.3	4.4	-1.0	9.7	-0.6	3.1	2.2	2.2	2.4	3.4	1.0	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	1.0	1.3
June	5.8	4.4	-0.9	14.8	-0.5	5.6	1.9	-0.3	2.9	3.2	2.3	1.6
September	2.6	3.3	-0.8	15.6	-2.0	4.3	0.9	-0.7	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.7
December	3.2	2.5	-1.3	12.5	-2.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	0.9	1.8	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	2.3	1.8
June	2.7	2.7	-1.9	11.6	-3.6	2.8	-0.4	0.4	2.1	0.1	1.3	1.1
September	3.2	2.5	-2.2	10.4	-2.0	2.4	-0.3	0.1	3.1	0.7	1.4	1.1
December	2.9	2.5	-2.1	9.9	-1.7	3.2	0.4	-0.4	4.5	1.8	1.3	1.5
<b>2003</b>												
March	3.3	2.1	-1.8	6.6	-0.9	4.1	1.0	0.0	4.8	2.9	1.0	1.8
June	2.3	0.8	-2.0	6.2	-0.3	3.2	0.4	-0.1	2.5	2.0	0.7	1.7
September	2.1	0.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	3.1	n.y.a.	-0.8	n.y.a.	2.1	0.8	1.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
<b>1999</b>												
September	0.8	0.2	-0.9	-3.0	-0.4	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.2	-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	0.6	0.0
June	0.8	0.8	0.1	-0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.2	1.1	1.0	1.1	-0.1	1.2
September	3.1	1.7	-0.3	1.9	-0.4	1.9	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.4	-0.1
December	0.4	1.3	0.1	7.1	0.2	0.9	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.1	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	0.6	-0.2
June	1.0	1.1	0.4	4.5	-0.1	1.1	-0.2	0.1	1.5	1.0	1.2	1.5
September	0.0	0.6	-0.2	2.6	-1.8	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.2	-0.3	0.2	-0.1
December	1.0	0.6	-0.4	4.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.6	0.9	-1.1	-0.7	-0.2	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	1.1	0.1
June	0.7	1.1	-0.1	0.8	-0.2	1.4	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.8
September	0.5	0.4	-0.5	1.4	-0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	1.2	0.3	0.2	-0.1
December	0.8	0.5	-0.2	3.8	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.3	0.4	-0.2	0.6
<b>2003</b>												
March	1.3	0.2	-0.9	0.5	-0.5	1.9	0.5	-0.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.4
June	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	-0.2	0.2	-0.3	0.3	-0.2	0.8
September	0.3	0.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	0.2	n.y.a.	-0.7	n.y.a.	0.4	0.3	0.0

(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 *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0) which is available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

### 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) and *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0) which are available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

## 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:	
September Quarter 2003	142.1	(see Table 1)
<i>less</i> June Quarter 2003	141.3	(see Table 1)
Change in index points	0.8	
Percentage change = $\frac{0.8}{141.3} \times 100 = 0.6\%$		

**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 142.1 for September 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:

- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 14th Series*, cat. no. 6440.0
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- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities*, cat. no. 6416.0
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- *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods*, cat. no. 6461.0.

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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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