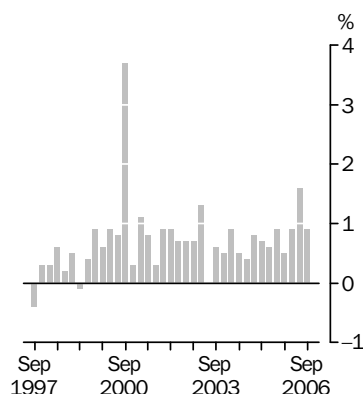


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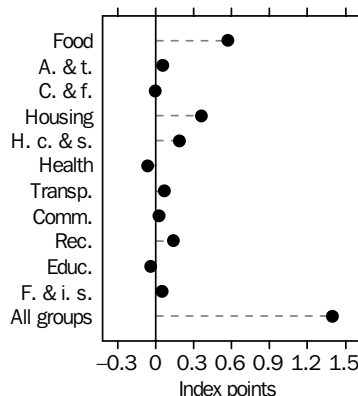
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All Groups Quarterly change
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change
September quarter 2006



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KEY FIGURES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	<i>Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006</i>	<i>Sep Qtr 2005 to Sep Qtr 2006</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
Food	2.3	9.9
Alcohol and tobacco	0.5	3.2
Clothing and footwear	0.1	-1.8
Housing	1.2	3.3
Household contents and services	1.3	2.4
Health	-0.7	5.0
Transportation	0.4	4.6
Communication	0.6	0.5
Recreation	0.8	1.0
Education	-0.8	4.9
Financial and insurance services	0.3	2.4

All groups

0.9 **3.9**

All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services

0.8 4.2

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.9% in the September quarter 2006 compared with 1.6% in the June quarter.
- rose 3.9% through the year to September quarter 2006.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- Contributing most to the increase this quarter were fruit (+20.5%), property rates and charges (+5.6%), rents (+1.0%), water and sewerage (+4.7%), other household supplies (+2.9%), electricity (+2.1%), motor vehicles (+0.8%), insurance services (+2.2%), tobacco (+1.4%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+1.2%).
- The increase in fruit contributed 0.3 percentage points to the September quarter CPI increase.
- The most significant offsetting price falls were vegetables (-5.3%), pharmaceuticals (-5.0%), automotive fuel (-1.1%) and tertiary education (-2.2%).

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ABBREVIATIONS

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CPI Consumer Price Index

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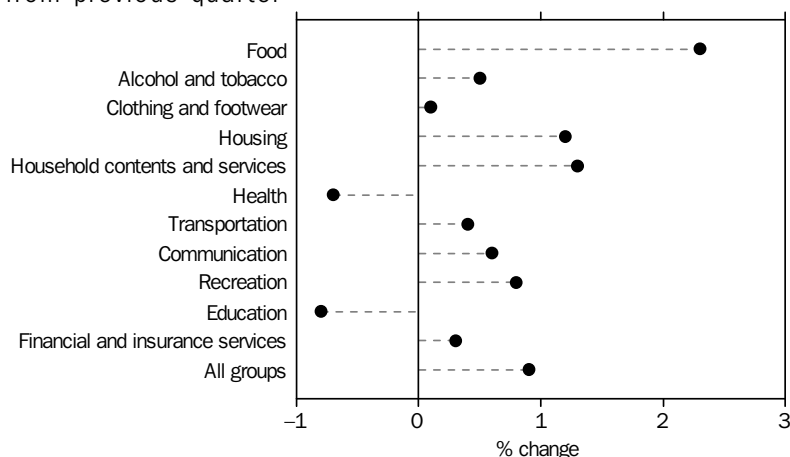
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ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

CPI GROUPS

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES, Percentage change from previous quarter



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).

FOOD (+2.3%)

The rise in food prices was largely due to fruit (+20.5%), soft drinks, waters and juices (+3.2%), take away and fast foods (+0.9%), restaurant meals (+0.9%) and snacks and confectionery (+0.8%). The only offsetting price fall of any significance was in vegetables (-5.3%).

Increases in distribution and packaging costs were again cited by a number of respondents as contributing to price rises in a number of food categories.

The rise in fruit prices reflected strong price increases for a number of fruit. Price rises for bananas, which began following Cyclone Larry, continued with the average price recorded for September quarter being 45% higher than the average recorded for June quarter. Melons, apples and pears also showed rises. The rise in fruit contributed 0.48 index points to the increase in the CPI in the September quarter.

The fall in the price of vegetables was associated with plentiful supplies of salad vegetables and green leafy vegetables.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2006, food prices rose 9.9%. The main contributors to the increase were fruit (+92.1%), vegetables (+9.3%) and takeaway and fast foods (+3.6%). The only offsetting fall was in poultry (-3.3%).

HOUSING (+1.2%)

All categories of housing recorded price rises this quarter. Main contributors to the increases were property rates and charges (+5.6%), rents (+1.0%), water and sewerage (+4.7%) and electricity (+2.1%).

A number of rises were due to the annual review of prices by State and local government authorities and utility providers. Property rates and charges rose in all capital cities with increases ranging from 4.2% in Brisbane to 17.2% in Canberra.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

HOUSING (+1.2%)

continued

All capital cities with the exception of Sydney and Melbourne recorded a rise in house purchase in the September quarter. In Sydney and Melbourne bonuses were offered by project home builders in an attempt to attract buyers.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, the housing group rose 3.3%. This rise was mainly attributable to house purchase (+2.9%), rents (+3.4%) and property rates and charges (+5.6%). Annually, house purchase rose across all cities except Melbourne (-1.6%), with Perth (+14.7%) and Darwin (+13.0%) showing the strongest rises.

HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES (+1.3%)

Household contents and services rose +1.3% this quarter, the largest quarterly rise since June quarter 2001 (+1.7%). With the exception of major household appliances (-1.9%), all categories of household contents and services rose this quarter with other household supplies (+2.9%), furniture (+1.4%) and child care (+3.3%), being the most significant. The rise in other household supplies was largely due to an increase in household paper products (+6.7%). Furniture rose due mostly to price rises in lounge room furniture (+2.1%).

Child care prices are calculated on a net basis, after accounting for government subsidies. General fee rises this quarter, particularly in family day care, exceeded the increase in subsidy, leading to an increase in the net price of child care in most cities. Only Canberra and Hobart showed net falls.

Over the year to September quarter 2006, the household contents and services group rose +2.4% with child care (+14.4%) and other household supplies (+4.7%) being the most significant contributors.

RECREATION (+0.8%)

The rise in the recreation index was mainly due to domestic holiday travel and accommodation (+1.2%), other recreational activities (+2.4%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (+1.4%). The major offsetting price fall was in audio, visual and computing equipment (-1.5%).

The rises in domestic overseas holiday travel and accommodation reflected the impact of sustained higher fuel prices being passed onto consumers. Increased fuel prices also applied to overseas holiday travel and accommodation, along with seasonal demand in USA and Europe.

The fall in audio, visual and computing equipment was mainly due to continuing falls in prices of computers and televisions and strong competition between retailers.

TRANSPORTATION (+0.4%)

With the exception of automotive fuel (-1.1%), all categories in transportation rose this quarter, with motor vehicles (+0.8%), other motoring charges (+2.8%) and urban transport fares (+2.5%) being the most significant.

Automotive fuel prices rose in April (+7.7%), May (+2.4%) and June (+2.5%), then fell in July (-0.5%), August (-0.1%) and September (-8.9%), leading to the overall fall of -1.1% between the June and September quarters 2006. The automotive fuel expenditure class contributed -0.08 index points to the change in the All Groups CPI in June quarter 2006 and +0.66 index points to the through the year change.

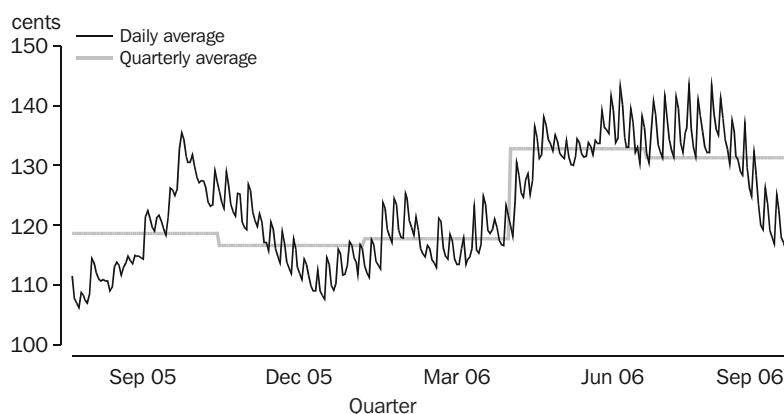
The following graph shows the pattern of the average daily price behaviour for unleaded petrol for the eight capital cities over the last fifteen months.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

TRANSPORTATION

(+0.4%) *continued*

AVERAGE PRICE OF ULP, cents per litre



The rise in motor vehicles was mainly due to the introduction of new models, with little discounting, replacing heavily discounted runout models. Increases to State Government fees and parking fees were the main factors affecting other motoring charges. There were increases to urban transport fares in all cities except Hobart and Darwin, with Adelaide (+8.2%) being the largest.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, the transportation group rose 4.6%, primarily due to a 10.5% rise in automotive fuel.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO

(+0.5%)

Three of the four components in the alcohol and tobacco group rose this quarter with contributions from tobacco (+1.4%), beer (+1.0%), and spirits (+0.9%) being partly offset by wine (-1.4%).

The rises in tobacco, beer and spirit prices were mainly due to the effect of the increase in Federal excise and customs duty from 1 August. However, competitive pressures resulted in widespread discounting in beer, particularly in the earlier part of the quarter.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 3.2%.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES

(+0.3%)

The rise in financial and insurance services in the September quarter was due to increases in insurance services (+2.2%) and other financial services (+0.8%), offset by falls in deposit and loan facilities (-0.6%).

The rise in insurance services was mainly due to increases in house insurance and house contents insurance, partly offset by a fall in motor vehicle insurance. The rise in other financial services was due to increased stamp duty payments on real estate transfers.

The deposit and loan facilities component aims to measure the total cost of the financial service and therefore covers both those fees and charges levied directly on households and those paid indirectly via differences in interest rates on loans and those on deposits ('interest rate margins'). A small decrease occurred this quarter in home loan products.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, the financial and insurance services group rose 2.4%.

HEALTH (-0.7%)

The fall in health costs in September quarter 2006 was due to a fall in pharmaceuticals (-5.0%) more than offsetting rises in dental services (+1.5%) and the net cost of hospital and medical services (+0.4%).

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

HEALTH (-0.7%) *continued*

The fall in the net cost of pharmaceuticals was due to a combination of small falls in gross prices plus the cyclical effect of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, as the number of people accessing benefits rises throughout the calendar year.

The rise in dental services was due to general price rises in all cities except Hobart.

The small rise in hospital and medical services was due increases in doctors' fees overshadowing the impact of increased Bulk Billing ratios.

Over the year to September quarter 2006, the health group rose +5.0%, primarily due to increases in hospital and medical services (+5.7%) driven by health insurance costs, dental services (+5.8%) and pharmaceuticals (+3.0%).

EDUCATION (-0.8%)

Education fell in the September quarter, due entirely to a fall in tertiary education (-2.2%) reflecting the impact of the removal of compulsory student union fees.

Universities differed in their approach to this change. Some charged an upfront annual fee, while others have chosen to continue to provide these services for the remainder of the current year free of charge. Some universities introduced voluntary fees to cover some or all of the services previously provided for by these fees.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, the education group rose +4.9%, mostly due to a +6.9% rise in secondary education fees.

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The non-tradables component of the CPI, which represents approximately 58% of the CPI and includes goods and services whose prices are largely determined by domestic price pressures, rose 1.0% in the September quarter. Within non-tradables, the services component rose 0.9%, mainly due to property rates and charges, rents, insurance services and domestic holiday travel and accommodation. Offsets were provided by tertiary education and deposit and loan facilities. The non-tradables goods component also rose 0.9% with water and sewerage, and electricity being the main contributors. A fall in poultry provided the only offset.

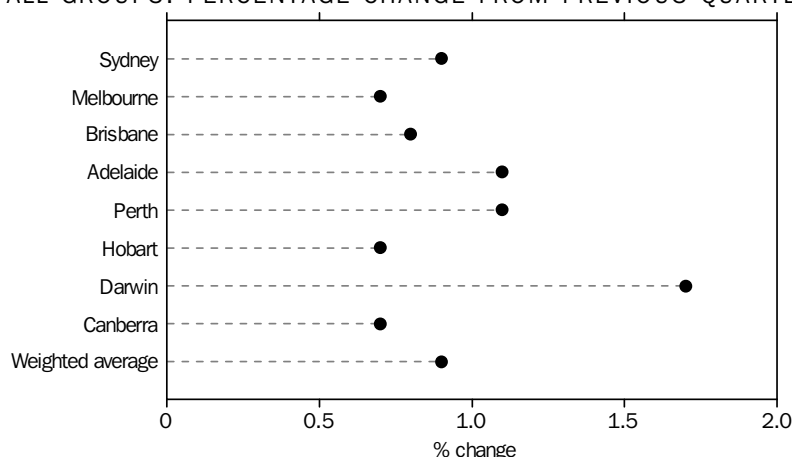
The tradables component (see table 8) of the All groups CPI rose 0.8%. This component includes goods and services whose prices are largely determined on the world market and represents approximately 42% of the weight of the CPI. The main contributors to the increase were fruit, motor vehicles and tobacco. Falls in vegetables, pharmaceuticals and automotive fuel provided the most significant offsets.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, tradables rose 4.4% and non-tradables rose 3.6%. This compares with rises of 4.8% and 3.4%, respectively, for these components through the year to June quarter 2006.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the CPI rose in all capital cities in the September quarter 2006, with the increases ranging from 0.7% in Melbourne, Hobart and Canberra to 1.7% in Darwin.

Melbourne's result was driven mostly by a lower than average increase in housing, combined with falls in health, clothing and footwear. The lower result for Hobart was largely due to that city recording falls in transportation, larger than average falls in education and health, and smaller than average rises in food and housing. Canberra's result was largely due to falls in transportation, combined with larger than average falls in education and health and smaller than average rises in food.

The higher result for Darwin was driven by higher than average rises in recreation, housing and alcohol and tobacco.

Through the year to September quarter 2006, the All groups CPI rose in all capital cities with the increases ranging from 3.3% in Hobart to 4.9% in Darwin. Price increases in Perth were also high (+4.8%). The higher result for Perth was largely due to a 9.3% rise in housing, nearly triple the 3.3% increase for the weighted average of eight capital cities. Darwin also recorded a rise for housing (+8.3%) well above the national average.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

ALL GROUPS *continued*

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	<i>Sep Qtr 2006</i>	<i>Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006</i>	<i>Sep Qtr 2005 to Sep Qtr 2006</i>
Sydney	156.1	0.9	3.7
Melbourne	153.7	0.7	3.4
Brisbane	157.5	0.8	4.4
Adelaide	159.3	1.1	3.8
Perth	154.9	1.1	4.8
Hobart	155.1	0.7	3.3
Darwin	151.8	1.7	4.9
Canberra	156.0	0.7	4.2
Weighted average of eight capital cities	155.7	0.9	3.9

(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>
2002–03	141.1	139.7	140.7	142.7	136.8	139.1	136.8	139.7	140.2
2003–04	144.1	142.8	144.8	147.0	139.6	142.6	138.7	143.4	143.5
2004–05	147.7	145.7	148.5	150.4	144.0	147.1	141.8	146.7	147.0
2005–06	152.1	150.2	153.2	155.2	150.1	151.8	146.5	151.9	151.7
2002									
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
2003									
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
December	143.6	142.1	144.2	146.2	139.2	142.0	138.5	142.9	142.8
2004									
March	145.0	143.5	145.4	147.7	139.6	143.0	139.0	143.9	144.1
June	145.5	143.9	146.3	148.6	141.0	144.3	139.6	144.8	144.8
September	146.2	144.2	146.8	149.0	142.0	145.0	140.8	145.5	145.4
December	147.3	145.3	148.0	150.0	143.3	146.7	141.1	146.3	146.5
2005									
March	148.2	146.4	149.2	150.9	144.4	148.0	141.9	147.0	147.5
June	149.0	146.9	150.0	151.8	146.3	148.8	143.2	147.8	148.4
September	150.5	148.6	150.9	153.4	147.8	150.1	144.7	149.7	149.8
December	151.0	149.2	152.1	154.1	149.0	151.0	145.4	150.9	150.6
2006									
March	152.2	150.5	153.5	155.6	150.5	152.2	146.7	152.2	151.9
June	154.7	152.6	156.2	157.6	153.2	154.0	149.2	154.9	154.3
September	156.1	153.7	157.5	159.3	154.9	155.1	151.8	156.0	155.7

(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)									
2002-03	2.8	3.3	3.2	4.0	2.8	3.3	2.3	3.3	3.1
2003-04	2.1	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.0	2.5	1.4	2.6	2.4
2004-05	2.5	2.0	2.6	2.3	3.2	3.2	2.2	2.3	2.4
2005-06	3.0	3.1	3.2	3.2	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2002									
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
2003									
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
December	2.3	2.2	3.1	3.3	2.1	2.9	1.7	2.7	2.4
2004									
March	2.0	1.8	2.5	2.1	1.6	2.1	1.1	2.3	2.0
June	2.3	2.1	3.2	3.0	2.6	2.5	1.2	2.9	2.5
September	2.7	1.7	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.5	2.3
December	2.6	2.3	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.3	1.9	2.4	2.6
2005									
March	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.2	3.4	3.5	2.1	2.2	2.4
June	2.4	2.1	2.5	2.2	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.1	2.5
September	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.0	4.1	3.5	2.8	2.9	3.0
December	2.5	2.7	2.8	2.7	4.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	2.8
2006									
March	2.7	2.8	2.9	3.1	4.2	2.8	3.4	3.5	3.0
June	3.8	3.9	4.1	3.8	4.7	3.5	4.2	4.8	4.0
September	3.7	3.4	4.4	3.8	4.8	3.3	4.9	4.2	3.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2002									
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
2003									
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
December	0.8	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5
2004									
March	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.9
June	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.5
September	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.4
December	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.8
2005									
March	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.7
June	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.3	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.6
September	1.0	1.2	0.6	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.3	0.9
December	0.3	0.4	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.5
2006									
March	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9
June	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.8	1.6
September	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.1	1.1	0.7	1.7	0.7	0.9

CPI GROUPS, Weighted average of eight capital cities—Index numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household contents and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2002–03	147.9	208.9	113.3	115.1	121.0	181.5
2003–04	152.3	217.8	112.7	120.2	121.1	193.9
2004–05	154.8	225.4	110.8	124.8	120.7	204.3
2005–06	162.3	233.1	109.2	129.3	122.2	213.5
2002						
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
2003						
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
December	152.0	216.5	113.1	119.6	121.4	189.4
2004						
March	154.7	218.8	111.5	120.7	120.7	195.5
June	153.3	220.5	112.7	121.5	120.7	201.6
September	152.4	222.5	112.5	123.2	120.6	200.1
December	154.6	224.0	110.9	124.3	121.3	198.8
2005						
March	156.0	226.9	109.4	125.5	119.7	206.7
June	156.2	228.1	110.3	126.2	121.2	211.6
September	157.4	230.3	110.5	128.0	121.6	209.3
December	160.2	231.4	110.3	128.8	122.4	207.1
2006						
March	162.5	234.3	107.5	129.6	121.9	216.2
June	169.1	236.4	108.4	130.6	122.9	221.4
September	173.0	237.7	108.5	132.2	124.5	219.8

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Financial and insurance services(b)</i>	<i>All groups</i>
2002-03	140.6	108.5	131.9	210.0	. .	140.2
2003-04	142.0	110.0	130.0	223.3	. .	143.5
2004-05	146.8	111.1	130.7	238.7	. .	147.0
2005-06	155.5	109.5	132.0	253.2	101.2	151.7
2002						
September	138.8	107.9	131.8	205.0	. .	138.5
December	140.3	108.4	131.9	205.3	. .	139.5
2003						
March	143.7	108.8	132.4	214.7	. .	141.3
June	139.4	108.9	131.5	214.8	. .	141.3
September	141.3	109.7	130.0	215.1	. .	142.1
December	140.7	109.9	131.1	215.1	. .	142.8
2004						
March	141.7	110.0	129.7	231.4	. .	144.1
June	144.1	110.4	129.3	231.5	. .	144.8
September	145.2	110.9	129.9	231.5	. .	145.4
December	147.2	111.2	130.9	231.7	. .	146.5
2005						
March	145.8	111.6	131.8	245.7	. .	147.5
June	148.8	110.6	130.1	245.9	100.0	148.4
September	153.7	109.8	131.7	246.0	100.1	149.8
December	153.0	109.0	131.7	246.3	101.6	150.6
2006						
March	155.0	109.5	132.5	260.1	101.0	151.9
June	160.2	109.6	132.0	260.2	102.2	154.3
September	160.8	110.3	133.0	258.0	102.5	155.7

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(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

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

CPI GROUPS, Weighted average of eight capital cities—Percentage changes

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Household contents and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
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PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)

2002-03	3.6	2.9	0.8	3.6	1.1	6.8
2003-04	3.0	4.3	-0.5	4.4	0.1	6.8
2004-05	1.6	3.5	-1.7	3.8	-0.3	5.4
2005-06	4.8	3.4	-1.4	3.6	1.2	4.5

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PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

2002						
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
2003						
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
December	3.4	4.4	-0.8	4.7	-0.2	6.9
2004						
March	3.3	4.2	-0.8	4.3	0.2	6.5
June	2.3	4.4	-0.9	4.0	-0.6	6.6
September	2.1	3.4	-0.7	3.6	-0.7	5.8
December	1.7	3.5	-1.9	3.9	-0.1	5.0
2005						
March	0.8	3.7	-1.9	4.0	-0.8	5.7
June	1.9	3.4	-2.1	3.9	0.4	5.0
September	3.3	3.5	-1.8	3.9	0.8	4.6
December	3.6	3.3	-0.5	3.6	0.9	4.2
2006						
March	4.2	3.3	-1.7	3.3	1.8	4.6
June	8.3	3.6	-1.7	3.5	1.4	4.6
September	9.9	3.2	-1.8	3.3	2.4	5.0

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PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

2002						
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
2003						
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
December	1.8	0.6	-0.2	0.6	-0.1	0.2
2004						
March	1.8	1.1	-1.4	0.9	-0.6	3.2
June	-0.9	0.8	1.1	0.7	0.0	3.1
September	-0.6	0.9	-0.2	1.4	-0.1	-0.7
December	1.4	0.7	-1.4	0.9	0.6	-0.6
2005						
March	0.9	1.3	-1.4	1.0	-1.3	4.0
June	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.3	2.4
September	0.8	1.0	0.2	1.4	0.3	-1.1
December	1.8	0.5	-0.2	0.6	0.7	-1.1
2006						
March	1.4	1.3	-2.5	0.6	-0.4	4.4
June	4.1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	2.4
September	2.3	0.5	0.1	1.2	1.3	-0.7

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Transportation</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Financial and insurance services</i>	<i>All groups</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2002-03	2.4	3.1	2.6	5.0	..	3.1
2003-04	1.0	1.4	-1.4	6.3	..	2.4
2004-05	3.4	1.0	0.5	6.9	..	2.4
2005-06	5.9	-1.4	1.0	6.1	..	3.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2002						
September	1.3	4.2	5.1	4.9	..	3.2
December	3.1	2.8	3.5	5.0	..	3.0
2003						
March	5.0	3.1	1.5	4.9	..	3.4
June	0.1	2.4	0.3	5.0	..	2.7
September	1.8	1.7	-1.4	4.9	..	2.6
December	0.3	1.4	-0.6	4.8	..	2.4
2004						
March	-1.4	1.1	-2.0	7.8	..	2.0
June	3.4	1.4	-1.7	7.8	..	2.5
September	2.8	1.1	-0.1	7.6	..	2.3
December	4.6	1.2	-0.2	7.7	..	2.6
2005						
March	2.9	1.5	1.6	6.2	..	2.4
June	3.3	0.2	0.6	6.2	..	2.5
September	5.9	-1.0	1.4	6.3	..	3.0
December	3.9	-2.0	0.6	6.3	..	2.8
2006						
March	6.3	-1.9	0.5	5.9	..	3.0
June	7.7	-0.9	1.5	5.8	2.2	4.0
September	4.6	0.5	1.0	4.9	2.4	3.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2002						
September	-0.4	1.5	0.5	0.2	..	0.7
December	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	..	0.7
2003						
March	2.4	0.4	0.4	4.6	..	1.3
June	-3.0	0.1	-0.7	0.0	..	0.0
September	1.4	0.7	-1.1	0.1	..	0.6
December	-0.4	0.2	0.8	0.0	..	0.5
2004						
March	0.7	0.1	-1.1	7.6	..	0.9
June	1.7	0.4	-0.3	0.0	..	0.5
September	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.0	..	0.4
December	1.4	0.3	0.8	0.1	..	0.8
2005						
March	-1.0	0.4	0.7	6.0	..	0.7
June	2.1	-0.9	-1.3	0.1	..	0.6
September	3.3	-0.7	1.2	0.0	0.1	0.9
December	-0.5	-0.7	0.0	0.1	1.5	0.5
2006						
March	1.3	0.5	0.6	5.6	-0.6	0.9
June	3.4	0.1	-0.4	0.0	1.2	1.6
September	0.4	0.6	0.8	-0.8	0.3	0.9

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
2004									
September	152.8	151.5	152.5	155.8	151.8	148.4	148.0	156.4	152.4
December	155.3	153.3	155.5	158.8	152.8	150.7	149.6	158.4	154.6
2005									
March	156.9	154.1	157.5	159.9	154.4	152.9	151.9	160.0	156.0
June	156.4	154.5	157.4	160.3	156.5	153.1	151.4	159.6	156.2
September	158.0	156.0	157.2	161.9	157.4	153.4	152.4	159.4	157.4
December	161.0	158.1	160.8	165.5	159.7	156.1	154.4	164.3	160.2
2006									
March	163.1	160.6	164.7	167.7	160.9	157.8	158.4	165.8	162.5
June	170.3	167.0	171.1	174.7	166.4	161.9	162.3	173.0	169.1
September	174.8	170.7	175.1	179.3	169.3	165.1	165.5	174.0	173.0
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2004									
September	229.1	222.3	219.8	228.3	207.4	213.9	215.0	209.9	222.5
December	231.4	224.3	219.8	228.6	208.8	214.5	214.5	209.9	224.0
2005									
March	234.5	226.5	222.7	232.1	212.2	215.9	216.4	212.5	226.9
June	235.0	227.5	224.5	234.4	214.1	217.5	218.9	213.6	228.1
September	237.7	230.1	225.5	237.7	215.2	217.7	222.7	215.2	230.3
December	238.0	231.5	227.8	238.7	215.9	220.5	224.3	217.3	231.4
2006									
March	240.2	235.3	230.1	241.9	219.1	221.8	226.1	219.9	234.3
June	243.5	237.3	231.1	243.4	220.3	222.6	227.3	221.7	236.4
September	244.2	238.2	232.1	245.7	223.5	224.4	230.7	223.7	237.7
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2004									
September	115.5	113.4	106.5	111.7	107.4	105.2	105.4	114.6	112.5
December	113.4	112.4	105.2	110.5	105.6	103.5	105.2	112.3	110.9
2005									
March	112.6	110.3	102.1	109.5	104.1	103.5	103.4	112.4	109.4
June	112.5	111.7	104.1	111.1	105.6	104.1	103.6	112.7	110.3
September	113.2	110.9	105.0	111.0	105.4	105.5	103.6	113.9	110.5
December	112.5	111.8	104.6	110.5	104.5	105.0	104.9	113.3	110.3
2006									
March	110.8	108.8	98.9	109.1	100.5	103.5	102.8	113.0	107.5
June	111.5	109.5	101.0	109.3	101.7	104.3	104.1	113.4	108.4
September	111.5	109.0	103.1	109.3	101.6	104.2	105.1	113.1	108.5
HOUSING									
2004									
September	129.4	112.0	133.5	124.2	116.5	124.5	135.8	129.0	123.2
December	130.5	112.5	135.0	125.1	118.7	126.9	136.5	129.5	124.3
2005									
March	131.1	114.0	135.7	126.8	121.6	128.5	138.6	130.0	125.5
June	132.0	113.9	136.6	126.2	124.1	129.4	140.5	131.1	126.2
September	133.6	115.5	138.3	127.3	126.9	130.9	142.0	133.5	128.0
December	134.4	115.6	139.7	127.9	129.7	131.4	143.7	134.4	128.8
2006									
March	134.7	115.9	140.6	129.4	132.2	133.6	146.5	135.2	129.6
June	135.4	116.1	142.2	129.4	135.2	134.8	149.6	136.7	130.6
September	137.2	116.4	143.9	131.2	138.7	135.8	153.8	140.2	132.2

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

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES									
2004									
September	119.7	121.0	123.0	120.2	117.7	128.5	111.0	125.3	120.6
December	120.7	122.0	123.1	120.8	117.8	129.4	112.1	125.9	121.3
2005									
March	118.7	120.9	123.3	118.2	114.7	129.2	111.5	124.1	119.7
June	120.0	121.4	124.2	120.7	118.3	129.8	113.0	126.7	121.2
September	120.3	122.3	123.5	121.6	119.0	130.7	113.1	127.8	121.6
December	120.9	123.3	124.8	121.9	119.3	131.5	114.3	129.3	122.4
2006									
March	120.4	122.7	124.5	122.1	118.5	130.9	114.3	129.7	121.9
June	121.2	123.5	126.0	122.7	119.4	131.4	115.0	131.5	122.9
September	122.6	125.6	127.4	124.9	120.9	131.8	115.6	131.7	124.5
HEALTH									
2004									
September	185.9	213.2	202.6	205.5	191.9	221.3	186.4	197.4	200.1
December	184.5	212.0	200.5	204.8	190.9	218.5	185.7	196.4	198.8
2005									
March	192.1	220.5	209.1	211.3	197.7	226.8	191.6	205.5	206.7
June	197.7	224.4	214.4	218.2	200.5	234.2	196.2	209.1	211.6
September	195.3	221.9	211.2	215.5	199.3	230.8	194.8	208.9	209.3
December	193.0	219.8	207.5	214.4	198.7	228.2	193.6	205.7	207.1
2006									
March	201.9	229.2	219.7	221.7	204.8	238.2	199.2	216.2	216.2
June	206.8	233.7	225.9	228.6	210.4	245.0	205.0	219.7	221.4
September	206.1	231.4	223.1	226.4	209.6	241.3	202.9	217.3	219.8
TRANSPORTATION									
2004									
September	146.8	144.7	143.4	147.4	144.3	141.5	139.0	143.3	145.2
December	148.8	146.7	145.0	149.4	146.6	144.1	140.2	144.9	147.2
2005									
March	147.5	145.4	144.3	147.8	144.6	142.3	139.5	143.4	145.8
June	150.7	148.3	147.2	151.5	147.3	145.1	141.6	145.8	148.8
September	154.7	153.9	152.0	157.4	152.1	150.0	144.3	151.6	153.7
December	153.6	153.1	151.4	156.5	152.1	150.1	146.7	152.1	153.0
2006									
March	155.6	155.5	153.3	158.1	154.0	150.2	148.2	153.2	155.0
June	160.9	160.8	158.6	163.2	158.9	155.0	152.2	159.5	160.2
September	161.3	161.3	159.5	163.9	159.8	154.7	153.6	159.3	160.8
COMMUNICATION									
2004									
September	110.5	110.7	114.4	112.3	109.2	111.9	102.6	109.6	110.9
December	110.7	111.0	114.7	112.6	109.5	112.1	102.9	109.8	111.2
2005									
March	111.1	111.4	115.1	113.0	109.9	112.5	103.2	110.2	111.6
June	110.1	110.4	114.1	112.0	108.9	111.5	102.3	109.2	110.6
September	109.3	109.6	113.3	111.2	108.1	110.8	101.6	108.5	109.8
December	108.5	108.8	112.4	110.4	107.3	110.0	100.8	107.7	109.0
2006									
March	109.0	109.3	112.9	110.9	107.8	110.4	101.3	108.2	109.5
June	109.1	109.4	113.0	111.0	107.9	110.5	101.4	108.3	109.6
September	109.8	110.0	113.8	111.7	108.6	111.3	102.0	108.9	110.3

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

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
RECREATION									
2004									
September	133.0	129.8	126.5	131.6	125.8	125.0	110.3	127.3	129.9
December	134.3	131.1	126.9	131.8	127.3	128.0	108.2	128.4	130.9
2005									
March	134.5	132.7	128.1	132.0	127.9	129.5	106.6	128.9	131.8
June	133.3	130.4	125.7	130.7	127.1	126.9	107.3	127.2	130.1
September	134.7	132.0	126.7	132.1	129.0	128.7	111.1	129.5	131.7
December	134.7	132.0	127.6	132.1	129.2	129.1	108.3	128.9	131.7
2006									
March	135.2	133.3	128.7	132.5	130.3	130.2	106.7	129.8	132.5
June	134.8	132.2	128.4	131.7	130.3	129.1	108.6	130.1	132.0
September	135.7	133.3	129.1	133.2	130.6	132.4	112.9	131.4	133.0
EDUCATION									
2004									
September	239.3	221.7	248.9	266.5	214.9	241.5	167.0	213.6	231.5
December	239.6	221.7	249.0	266.6	214.9	241.6	167.0	213.7	231.7
2005									
March	254.5	234.4	265.8	282.9	227.9	249.9	173.9	227.1	245.7
June	254.7	234.7	265.9	283.0	227.9	250.0	174.1	227.2	245.9
September	254.6	234.8	266.6	283.2	227.9	250.0	174.3	227.2	246.0
December	254.7	235.3	266.7	283.4	227.9	250.4	174.3	227.6	246.3
2006									
March	271.8	246.4	279.5	299.9	241.6	259.7	180.8	241.7	260.1
June	272.0	246.4	279.8	300.1	241.6	259.7	180.8	241.8	260.2
September	270.9	245.7	270.9	295.9	241.2	254.0	174.8	234.1	258.0
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (b)									
2004									
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2005									
March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.8	100.2	99.4	99.3	98.7	99.9	98.9	100.1	100.1
December	101.9	102.2	100.9	100.5	100.5	101.4	99.4	102.2	101.6
2006									
March	101.2	101.5	100.4	100.3	100.3	100.3	98.4	101.3	101.0
June	102.4	102.8	101.4	100.8	102.1	100.7	99.3	102.4	102.2
September	102.8	103.5	101.5	101.3	101.8	100.8	99.5	102.8	102.5

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(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

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

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES(a)—Sep Qtr 2006

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Food	0.67	0.54	0.58	0.67	0.41	0.50	0.47	0.14	0.57
Dairy and related products	—	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.03	0.01
Milk	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	—	0.01
Cheese	—	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	—	0.01	0.02	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.03	0.01	—
Bread and cereal products	0.03	—	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.02
Bread	0.02	—	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01
Cakes and biscuits	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.04	—	0.01	—
Breakfast cereals	—	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	—	—	-0.01	—
Other cereal products	—	—	—	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—
Meat and seafoods	-0.02	0.01	-0.08	0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.06	-0.01
Beef and veal	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	—
Lamb and mutton	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	-0.01	—
Pork	—	0.02	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	—
Poultry	-0.01	-0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Bacon and ham	—	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	—
Other fresh and processed meat	-0.01	—	-0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.02	—	—
Fish and other seafood	—	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—
Fruit and vegetables	0.47	0.33	0.45	0.39	0.20	0.35	0.28	0.12	0.37
Fruit	0.60	0.38	0.60	0.40	0.31	0.40	0.31	0.31	0.48
Vegetables	-0.13	-0.05	-0.15	-0.01	-0.13	-0.05	-0.03	-0.20	-0.11
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.06
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04
Snacks and confectionery	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.05	—	-0.01	—	0.02
Meals out and take away foods	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.07	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.06
Restaurant meals	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.04	—	0.01	0.02
Take away and fast foods	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.04	—	0.04
Other food	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.04	-0.01	0.05
Eggs	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	—	—
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	0.01	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	—	—	—	0.01
Tea, coffee and food drinks	—	0.02	-0.01	—	0.01	—	—	-0.01	0.01
Food additives and condiments	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01
Fats and oils	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Food n.e.c.	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	—	—	0.02	-0.01	0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.11	0.16	0.11	0.21	0.09	0.06
Alcoholic drinks	-0.03	-0.02	0.01	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.13	0.06	0.01
Beer	-0.01	0.02	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.04	0.03
Wine	-0.02	-0.06	-0.04	-0.03	—	-0.02	—	—	-0.03
Spirits	—	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Tobacco	0.05	0.06	0.02	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.08	0.03	0.05
Clothing and footwear	—	-0.03	0.12	—	-0.01	-0.01	0.05	-0.02	—
Men's clothing	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.04	-0.01	-0.04	0.02	—	—
Men's outerwear	—	-0.02	0.01	0.03	-0.02	-0.03	0.02	0.01	-0.01
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	—	—	—	0.01	0.02	—	—	-0.01	—
Women's clothing	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.03	0.01	-0.02	—
Women's outerwear	—	-0.01	—	-0.02	-0.01	0.03	—	-0.03	—
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	-0.01	0.01	0.02	—	-0.01	—	0.01	-0.01	—
Children's and infants' clothing	—	-0.01	0.03	—	0.01	—	-0.01	—	0.01
Footwear	—	—	0.03	—	0.03	0.03	—	0.01	0.01
Men's footwear	—	—	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.02	—	—	—
Women's footwear	—	—	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.01	—	0.01	0.01
Children's footwear	—	-0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accessories and clothing services	—	0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	0.02	-0.01	—
Accessories	—	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	0.02	-0.01	—
Clothing services and shoe repair	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
Housing	0.38	0.08	0.38	0.41	0.82	0.22	0.92	0.82	0.36
Rents	0.08	0.05	0.12	0.04	0.13	0.06	0.22	0.03	0.08
Utilities	0.18	0.06	0.16	0.19	0.08	0.04	0.14	0.39	0.14
Electricity	0.14	-0.05	0.07	0.09	—	—	0.10	0.11	0.06
Gas and other household fuels	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.05	0.03	-0.02	0.01	0.05	0.02
Water and sewerage	0.03	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.02	0.22	0.06
Other housing	0.12	-0.03	0.12	0.17	0.61	0.11	0.56	0.39	0.15
House purchase	0.01	-0.16	0.04	0.07	0.44	0.03	0.49	0.11	0.03
Property rates and charges	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.27	0.11
House repairs and maintenance	—	0.03	-0.01	—	0.07	—	—	0.01	0.01
Household contents and services	0.16	0.22	0.19	0.28	0.20	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.19
Furniture and furnishings	0.05	0.08	0.06	0.03	0.10	0.04	0.07	0.02	0.06
Furniture	0.04	0.07	—	-0.01	0.06	—	0.03	—	0.04
Floor and window coverings	—	—	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.01
Towels and linen	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	-0.03	0.02
Household appliances, utensils and tools	-0.03	—	—	0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.04	—
Major household appliances	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.05	-0.02	-0.04	-0.03	-0.02
Small electric household appliances	—	—	0.01	—	0.01	—	—	0.01	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	0.01
Tools	—	0.01	-0.01	—	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—
Household supplies	0.09	0.11	—	0.08	0.06	0.01	—	0.02	0.07
Household cleaning agents	0.01	—	—	-0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—
Toiletries and personal care products	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	—	0.01
Other household supplies	0.07	0.09	—	0.06	0.04	—	-0.03	0.01	0.06
Household services	0.03	0.04	0.13	0.15	0.04	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.06
Child care	0.01	—	0.08	0.07	0.02	—	0.03	-0.02	0.03
Hairdressing and personal care services	—	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—	0.01
Other household services	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.02	—	-0.02	0.04	0.02
Health	-0.02	-0.08	-0.08	-0.07	-0.03	-0.11	-0.05	-0.08	-0.06
Health services	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.04	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	0.03
Hospital and medical services	0.04	0.01	—	—	—	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	0.01
Optical services	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	0.01	—
Dental services	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.04	—	0.01	0.02	0.02
Pharmaceuticals	-0.09	-0.09	-0.09	-0.08	-0.06	-0.09	-0.04	-0.10	-0.09
Transportation	0.06	0.05	0.13	0.10	0.12	-0.04	0.17	-0.02	0.07
Private motoring	0.02	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.11	-0.03	0.17	-0.05	0.05
Motor vehicles	0.10	0.01	0.08	0.01	0.09	0.07	0.04	-0.04	0.06
Automotive fuel	-0.09	-0.04	-0.07	-0.08	-0.14	-0.16	0.07	-0.09	-0.08
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	—	-0.01	0.04	0.02	0.10	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.02
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	—	0.01	—	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Other motoring charges	—	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.04
Urban transport fares	0.04	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.01	—	—	0.02	0.03
Communication	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03
Postal	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Telecommunication	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03

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(a) All groups index points.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted average of eight capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Recreation	0.11	0.15	0.08	0.21	0.05	0.45	0.75	0.20	0.14
Audio, visual and computing	-0.04	-0.03	-0.06	-0.03	-0.12	-0.05	—	-0.08	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.04	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	-0.05	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing media and services	—	-0.01	—	-0.01	-0.08	-0.03	0.03	-0.04	-0.02
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.01
Books	0.01	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	—
Newspapers and magazines	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Sport and other recreation	0.10	0.11	0.04	0.10	0.06	0.09	0.17	0.12	0.09
Sports and recreational equipment	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	0.05	-0.01	0.01
Toys, games and hobbies	—	-0.01	-0.01	—	—	-0.02	—	0.01	-0.01
Sports participation	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.04	—	0.05	0.01	0.06	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.06	—	0.02
Pet services including veterinary	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	—	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.01
Other recreational activities	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.04
Holiday travel and accommodation	0.04	0.05	0.11	0.13	0.12	0.41	0.58	0.15	0.08
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.02	0.08	0.35	0.46	0.06	0.05
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.12	0.04	0.06	0.12	0.09	0.03
Education	-0.02	-0.02	-0.13	-0.05	-0.01	-0.09	-0.07	-0.13	-0.04
Preschool and primary education	—	0.02	0.02	—	—	—	—	—	—
Secondary education	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tertiary education	-0.02	-0.03	-0.14	-0.05	—	-0.08	-0.07	-0.12	-0.05
Financial and insurance services	0.06	0.09	0.01	0.07	-0.03	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.05
Financial services	-0.01	—	0.01	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	—	—
Deposit and loan facilities	-0.04	-0.05	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	—	-0.03	-0.03	-0.04
Other financial services	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.03	0.03
Insurance services	0.07	0.09	—	0.07	-0.04	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.05
All groups	1.4	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.1	2.6	1.1	1.4

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(a) All groups index points.

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS, weighted average of eight capital cities

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION	
	Sep Qtr 2005	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2005 to Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006	
Food	157.4	169.1	173.0	2.3	9.9	24.81	25.38	0.57	
Dairy and related products	168.7	175.2	176.7	0.9	4.7	1.83	1.84	0.01	
Milk	183.6	190.2	191.8	0.8	4.5	0.85	0.86	0.01	
Cheese	146.6	153.7	155.6	1.2	6.1	0.50	0.51	0.01	
Ice cream and other dairy products	160.3	165.6	166.4	0.5	3.8	0.48	0.48	—	
Bread and cereal products	166.4	173.7	175.1	0.8	5.2	2.69	2.71	0.02	
Bread	186.6	198.1	201.5	1.7	8.0	1.02	1.03	0.01	
Cakes and biscuits	155.8	161.8	162.3	0.3	4.2	1.10	1.10	—	
Breakfast cereals	143.4	150.3	151.0	0.5	5.3	0.31	0.31	—	
Other cereal products	142.9	142.4	142.0	-0.3	-0.6	0.27	0.27	—	
Meat and seafoods	144.9	148.1	147.6	-0.3	1.9	3.67	3.66	-0.01	
Beef and veal	159.8	166.0	165.5	-0.3	3.6	0.76	0.76	—	
Lamb and mutton	214.6	215.1	216.2	0.5	0.7	0.41	0.41	—	
Pork	168.6	164.5	168.4	2.4	-0.1	0.24	0.24	—	
Poultry	98.3	97.3	95.1	-2.3	-3.3	0.68	0.67	-0.01	
Bacon and ham	134.6	138.7	137.9	-0.6	2.5	0.35	0.35	—	
Other fresh and processed meat	152.0	158.1	157.9	-0.1	3.9	0.58	0.58	—	
Fish and other seafood	124.1	130.2	130.2	0.0	4.9	0.64	0.64	—	
Fruit and vegetables	139.8	189.7	206.1	8.6	47.4	4.30	4.67	0.37	
Fruit	152.7	243.5	293.4	20.5	92.1	2.32	2.80	0.48	
Vegetables	132.2	152.6	144.5	-5.3	9.3	1.98	1.87	-0.11	
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	161.4	167.5	170.7	1.9	5.8	3.03	3.09	0.06	
Soft drinks, waters and juices	143.3	148.3	153.0	3.2	6.8	1.40	1.44	0.04	
Snacks and confectionery	184.3	191.8	193.4	0.8	4.9	1.63	1.65	0.02	
Meals out and take away foods	166.8	170.9	172.4	0.9	3.4	7.00	7.06	0.06	
Restaurant meals	171.7	175.4	176.9	0.9	3.0	3.08	3.10	0.02	
Take away and fast foods	164.9	169.3	170.8	0.9	3.6	3.92	3.96	0.04	
Other food	146.5	150.4	153.9	2.3	5.1	2.29	2.34	0.05	
Eggs	173.4	182.4	184.7	1.3	6.5	0.16	0.16	—	
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	183.9	182.5	189.9	4.1	3.3	0.23	0.24	0.01	
Tea, coffee and food drinks	135.7	141.4	144.1	1.9	6.2	0.37	0.38	0.01	
Food additives and condiments	131.9	131.8	134.4	2.0	1.9	0.41	0.42	0.01	
Fats and oils	147.3	155.8	162.2	4.1	10.1	0.29	0.30	0.01	
Food n.e.c.	145.2	149.1	152.0	1.9	4.7	0.83	0.84	0.01	
Alcohol and tobacco	230.3	236.4	237.7	0.5	3.2	10.44	10.50	0.06	
Alcoholic drinks	169.2	173.2	173.4	0.1	2.5	6.71	6.72	0.01	
Beer	183.7	188.9	190.7	1.0	3.8	3.00	3.03	0.03	
Wine	148.6	150.3	148.2	-1.4	-0.3	2.36	2.33	-0.03	
Spirits	165.7	171.3	172.8	0.9	4.3	1.35	1.36	0.01	
Tobacco	399.6	412.3	418.0	1.4	4.6	3.73	3.78	0.05	
Clothing and footwear	110.5	108.4	108.5	0.1	-1.8	5.71	5.71	—	
Men's clothing	107.7	106.7	106.3	-0.4	-1.3	1.09	1.09	—	
Men's outerwear	105.1	104.3	103.5	-0.8	-1.5	0.93	0.92	-0.01	
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	121.9	120.2	121.8	1.3	-0.1	0.16	0.16	—	
Women's clothing	113.1	108.8	108.6	-0.2	-4.0	2.01	2.01	—	
Women's outerwear	106.4	101.9	101.5	-0.4	-4.6	1.61	1.61	—	
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	140.1	137.6	138.3	0.5	-1.3	0.40	0.40	—	
Children's and infants' clothing	117.4	114.7	115.7	0.9	-1.4	0.58	0.59	0.01	
Footwear	97.1	97.3	98.2	0.9	1.1	0.95	0.96	0.01	
Men's footwear	91.5	90.8	91.5	0.8	0.0	0.26	0.26	—	
Women's footwear	100.8	102.0	103.6	1.6	2.8	0.51	0.52	0.01	
Children's footwear	99.3	98.3	97.6	-0.7	-1.7	0.18	0.18	—	
Accessories and clothing services(b)	107.1	106.5	106.5	0.0	-0.6	1.07	1.07	—	
Accessories(b)	92.1	90.7	90.3	-0.4	-2.0	0.82	0.82	—	
Clothing services and shoe repair	175.9	180.8	183.8	1.7	4.5	0.25	0.25	—	

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Sep Qtr 2005	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2005 to Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	
Housing	128.0	130.6	132.2	1.2	3.3	29.98	30.34	0.36
Rents	144.1	147.5	149.0	1.0	3.4	7.97	8.05	0.08
Utilities	159.8	162.7	167.4	2.9	4.8	4.78	4.92	0.14
Electricity	152.6	154.1	157.4	2.1	3.1	2.48	2.54	0.06
Gas and other household fuels	179.7	183.9	188.6	2.6	5.0	1.09	1.11	0.02
Water and sewerage(b)	129.5	133.4	139.7	4.7	7.9	1.21	1.27	0.06
Other housing	122.8	125.2	126.3	0.9	2.9	17.22	17.37	0.15
House purchase(b)	148.0	151.4	151.7	0.2	2.5	12.09	12.12	0.03
Property rates and charges(b)	147.9	147.9	156.2	5.6	5.6	1.80	1.91	0.11
House repairs and maintenance	159.0	162.3	163.1	0.5	2.6	3.33	3.34	0.01
Household contents and services	121.6	122.9	124.5	1.3	2.4	14.45	14.64	0.19
Furniture and furnishings	129.2	128.0	129.7	1.3	0.4	4.62	4.68	0.06
Furniture	130.0	128.1	129.9	1.4	-0.1	2.89	2.93	0.04
Floor and window coverings	142.1	143.6	144.5	0.6	1.7	1.17	1.18	0.01
Towels and linen	106.8	104.4	107.3	2.8	0.5	0.56	0.58	0.02
Household appliances, utensils and tools	105.3	103.9	103.6	-0.3	-1.6	2.59	2.59	—
Major household appliances	111.0	108.9	106.8	-1.9	-3.8	0.99	0.97	-0.02
Small electric household appliances	95.5	93.3	93.5	0.2	-2.1	0.38	0.38	—
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	97.5	96.7	97.9	1.2	0.4	0.70	0.71	0.01
Tools	110.2	110.0	110.3	0.3	0.1	0.52	0.52	—
Household supplies	133.4	136.1	138.5	1.8	3.8	4.40	4.47	0.07
Household cleaning agents	126.4	129.1	130.0	0.7	2.8	0.50	0.50	—
Toiletries and personal care products	142.2	145.5	146.4	0.6	3.0	1.79	1.80	0.01
Other household supplies	137.2	139.7	143.7	2.9	4.7	2.11	2.17	0.06
Household services	210.3	221.0	225.4	2.0	7.2	2.84	2.90	0.06
Child care	204.4	226.5	233.9	3.3	14.4	0.75	0.78	0.03
Hairdressing and personal care services	177.9	182.9	184.9	1.1	3.9	1.16	1.17	0.01
Other household services	209.4	216.7	221.6	2.3	5.8	0.93	0.95	0.02
Health	209.3	221.4	219.8	-0.7	5.0	7.30	7.24	-0.06
Health services	225.2	236.5	237.9	0.6	5.6	5.56	5.59	0.03
Hospital and medical services	235.6	248.1	249.1	0.4	5.7	4.33	4.34	0.01
Optical services	143.2	146.0	146.5	0.3	2.3	0.18	0.18	—
Dental services	213.8	222.9	226.2	1.5	5.8	1.05	1.07	0.02
Pharmaceuticals	150.9	163.6	155.5	-5.0	3.0	1.74	1.65	-0.09
Transportation	153.7	160.2	160.8	0.4	4.6	20.94	21.01	0.07
Private motoring	150.6	157.1	157.5	0.3	4.6	19.82	19.87	0.05
Motor vehicles	99.0	98.3	99.1	0.8	0.1	7.21	7.27	0.06
Automotive fuel	203.7	227.6	225.0	-1.1	10.5	7.00	6.92	-0.08
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	144.5	148.8	149.8	0.7	3.7	3.02	3.04	0.02
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	116.9	120.0	120.8	0.7	3.3	1.05	1.06	0.01
Other motoring charges	202.0	205.1	210.8	2.8	4.4	1.55	1.59	0.04
Urban transport fares	207.4	212.1	217.3	2.5	4.8	1.11	1.14	0.03
Communication	109.8	109.6	110.3	0.6	0.5	4.87	4.90	0.03
Postal	134.7	137.0	137.5	0.4	2.1	0.17	0.17	—
Telecommunication	107.6	107.3	108.0	0.7	0.4	4.70	4.73	0.03

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	Sep Qtr 2005	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2005 to Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006
Recreation	131.7	132.0	133.0	0.8	1.0	17.39	17.53	0.14
Audio, visual and computing	53.0	50.9	50.3	-1.2	-5.1	4.13	4.08	-0.05
Audio, visual and computing equipment	28.3	26.3	25.9	-1.5	-8.5	2.08	2.05	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing media and services	98.6	97.9	97.3	-0.6	-1.3	2.05	2.03	-0.02
Books, newspapers and magazines	206.7	208.7	209.9	0.6	1.5	1.28	1.29	0.01
Books(b)	124.4	124.3	125.4	0.9	0.8	0.66	0.66	—
Newspapers and magazines(b)	138.3	141.1	141.4	0.2	2.2	0.62	0.62	—
Sport and other recreation	163.8	165.8	168.5	1.6	2.9	5.66	5.75	0.09
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	89.2	86.1	86.6	0.6	-2.9	0.79	0.80	0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	97.7	96.0	95.4	-0.6	-2.4	0.75	0.74	-0.01
Sports participation(b)	148.2	150.4	153.0	1.7	3.2	1.12	1.14	0.02
Pets, pet foods and supplies	142.8	146.7	152.1	3.7	6.5	0.63	0.65	0.02
Pet services including veterinary	200.0	204.9	207.4	1.2	3.7	0.68	0.69	0.01
Other recreational activities(b)	137.0	142.2	145.6	2.4	6.3	1.68	1.72	0.04
Holiday travel and accommodation	134.5	137.5	139.2	1.2	3.5	6.33	6.41	0.08
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	141.3	146.2	147.9	1.2	4.7	3.60	3.65	0.05
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	126.0	126.7	128.5	1.4	2.0	2.73	2.76	0.03
Education	246.0	260.2	258.0	-0.8	4.9	4.29	4.25	-0.04
Preschool and primary education(c)	137.9	146.5	147.7	0.8	7.1	0.84	0.84	—
Secondary education(c)	138.3	147.8	147.8	0.0	6.9	1.50	1.50	—
Tertiary education(c)	123.9	129.8	126.9	-2.2	2.4	1.96	1.91	-0.05
Financial and insurance services(d)	100.1	102.2	102.5	0.3	2.4	14.11	14.16	0.05
Financial services(d)	99.8	101.9	101.9	0.0	2.1	11.80	11.80	—
Deposit and loan facilities(d)	99.3	101.0	100.4	-0.6	1.1	6.69	6.65	-0.04
Other financial services(d)	100.6	103.0	103.8	0.8	3.2	5.11	5.14	0.03
Insurance services	251.6	257.8	263.4	2.2	4.7	2.31	2.36	0.05
All groups	149.8	154.3	155.7	0.9	3.9	154.3	155.7	1.4

— nil or rounded to zero (including null cells)

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(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

(d) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

SPECIAL SERIES, Weighted average of eight capital cities(a)

	INDEX NUMBERS(b)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Sep Qtr 2005	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2005 to Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006	Sep Qtr 2006	Jun Qtr 2006 to Sep Qtr 2006
All groups	149.80	154.3	155.7	0.9	3.9	154.3	155.7	1.4
Selected components								
Goods component	149.0	153.9	155.2	0.8	4.2	90.70	91.48	0.78
Services component	152.2	156.2	157.6	0.9	3.5	63.59	64.19	0.60
Tradables component(c)	114.8	118.8	119.8	0.8	4.4	64.93	65.50	0.57
Non-tradables component(c)	132.2	135.6	136.9	1.0	3.6	89.36	90.17	0.81
All groups excluding								
Food	148.2	151.4	152.3	0.6	2.8	129.48	130.29	0.81
Alcohol and tobacco	144.2	148.5	149.9	0.9	4.0	143.84	145.17	1.33
Clothing and footwear	152.5	157.3	158.8	1.0	4.1	148.58	149.95	1.37
Housing	152.9	157.8	159.1	0.8	4.1	124.31	125.33	1.02
Household contents and services	154.1	159.0	160.4	0.9	4.1	139.83	141.03	1.20
Health	146.9	151.1	152.6	1.0	3.9	146.99	148.43	1.44
Transportation	149.3	153.4	154.9	1.0	3.8	133.35	134.66	1.31
Communication	150.7	155.3	156.7	0.9	4.0	149.41	150.77	1.36
Recreation	152.4	157.5	158.9	0.9	4.3	136.89	138.14	1.25
Education	148.6	152.9	154.3	0.9	3.8	149.99	151.41	1.42
Financial and insurance services	156.3	161.1	162.6	0.9	4.0	140.18	141.51	1.33
Housing and Financial and insurance services	153.2	158.4	159.7	0.8	4.2	110.20	111.17	0.97
Hospital and medical services	147.6	151.8	153.2	0.9	3.8	149.96	151.33	1.37

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(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index numbers(a)(b)

Period	All groups	All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'					Tradables(c)	Non-tradables(c)
				Goods	Services	Total				
2002-03	140.2	144.6	147.4	139.6	154.7	143.8			111.3	120.0
2003-04	143.5	147.3	150.8	141.6	157.7	146.1			111.5	125.1
2004-05	147.0	150.3	154.0	143.2	161.5	148.4			112.6	129.6
2005-06	151.7	155.2	157.6	145.6	165.2	151.2			116.0	133.9
2002										
September	138.5	142.8	146.0	138.4	153.5	142.7			110.3	118.4
December	139.5	144.0	146.8	139.2	154.5	143.5			111.1	119.2
2003										
March	141.3	145.9	148.0	139.9	155.2	144.2			112.4	120.8
June	141.3	145.5	148.9	140.8	155.6	144.9			111.4	121.7
September	142.1	145.9	149.8	141.3	156.2	145.5			111.1	123.3
December	142.8	146.6	150.3	141.4	157.9	146.1			111.1	124.4
2004										
March	144.1	147.9	151.1	141.5	158.0	146.1			111.8	125.8
June	144.8	148.6	151.8	142.0	158.6	146.7			112.0	126.7
September	145.4	148.8	152.5	142.2	159.9	147.2			111.9	127.8
December	146.5	149.9	153.4	143.1	161.2	148.2			112.6	128.8
2005										
March	147.5	150.8	154.7	143.4	162.5	148.8			112.5	130.5
June	148.4	151.7	155.3	144.2	162.4	149.3			113.4	131.1
September	149.8	153.2	156.2	144.9	163.4	150.2			114.8	132.2
December	150.6	153.7	156.9	145.3	164.8	150.9			114.8	133.3
2006										
March	151.9	155.4	158.1	145.7	165.6	151.4			115.7	134.5
June	154.3	158.4	159.1	146.4	166.8	152.3			118.8	135.6
September	155.7	159.7	160.3	147.3	168.2	153.4			119.8	136.9

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(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

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

Period	All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services			MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'				
	All groups		All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)								
2002-03	3.1	3.0	2.9	1.8	3.6	2.3	2.0	3.9
2003-04	2.4	1.9	2.3	1.4	1.9	1.6	0.2	4.3
2004-05	2.4	2.0	2.1	1.1	2.4	1.6	1.0	3.6
2005-06	3.2	3.3	2.3	1.7	2.3	1.9	3.0	3.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)								
2002								
September	3.2	3.1	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
2003								
March	3.4	3.4	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	2.2	2.6	2.1	1.8	2.0	0.7	4.1
December	2.4	1.8	2.4	1.6	2.2	1.8	0.0	4.4
2004								
March	2.0	1.4	2.1	1.1	1.8	1.3	-0.5	4.1
June	2.5	2.1	1.9	0.9	1.9	1.2	0.5	4.1
September	2.3	2.0	1.8	0.6	2.4	1.2	0.7	3.6
December	2.6	2.3	2.1	1.2	2.1	1.4	1.4	3.5
2005								
March	2.4	2.0	2.4	1.3	2.8	1.8	0.6	3.7
June	2.5	2.1	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.8	1.3	3.5
September	3.0	3.0	2.4	1.9	2.2	2.0	2.6	3.4
December	2.8	2.5	2.3	1.5	2.2	1.8	2.0	3.5
2006								
March	3.0	3.1	2.2	1.6	1.9	1.7	2.8	3.1
June	4.0	4.4	2.4	1.5	2.7	2.0	4.8	3.4
September	3.9	4.2	2.6	1.7	2.9	2.1	4.4	3.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)								
2002								
September	0.7	0.4	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
2003								
March	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.2	1.3
June	0.0	-0.3	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
December	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.0	0.9
2004								
March	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.6	1.1
June	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.7
September	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.8	0.3	-0.1	0.9
December	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.8
2005								
March	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.4	-0.1	1.3
June	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0.5
September	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.8
December	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.8
2006								
March	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.9
June	1.6	1.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6	2.7	0.8
September	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	1.0

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Hong Kong(b)</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>
2002-03	144.6	129.8	159.0	495.8	106.4	190.9	122.4	130.5	135.2	138.9	127.4	145.8
2003-04	147.3	130.4	158.5	524.4	106.1	197.4	124.2	131.1	136.9	141.8	128.9	147.9
2004-05	150.3	132.9	161.2	560.2	106.2	204.9	125.6	134.7	139.3	146.2	131.1	149.7
2005-06	155.2	136.7	162.6	646.6	106.2	210.4	126.9	138.2	142.2	152.6	133.1	152.8
2002												
September	142.8	129.2	160.1	480.5	106.6	188.2	122.2	130.5	134.1	137.7	127.1	144.5
December	144.0	129.9	159.8	498.6	106.5	189.1	122.2	131.1	134.5	138.2	126.8	145.4
2003												
March	145.9	130.1	158.4	500.9	106.0	192.7	122.7	130.1	136.2	139.7	127.9	146.0
June	145.5	129.8	157.7	503.3	106.5	193.7	122.4	130.3	135.8	140.1	127.7	147.1
September	145.9	129.6	156.9	509.8	106.3	194.0	123.0	129.4	136.2	140.6	128.1	147.1
December	146.6	130.1	158.2	523.2	106.1	195.8	123.3	131.1	136.0	140.6	128.1	147.7
2004												
March	147.9	130.5	159.0	526.4	105.8	199.1	125.1	131.2	136.9	141.8	129.2	147.9
June	148.6	131.2	160.0	538.3	106.2	200.5	125.3	132.6	138.6	144.0	130.2	148.9
September	148.8	131.6	160.0	539.1	106.2	203.2	125.7	134.5	138.5	144.3	130.6	148.6
December	149.9	132.8	161.6	553.0	106.8	203.0	125.6	134.2	138.9	145.7	130.6	149.5
2005												
March	150.8	133.1	161.4	571.4	105.6	206.0	125.4	133.9	139.2	146.2	131.2	149.7
June	151.7	133.9	161.9	577.1	106.1	207.3	125.6	136.2	140.6	148.6	131.8	151.1
September	153.2	135.3	162.1	589.5	105.8	208.7	126.3	139.8	141.9	150.9	132.8	151.4
December	153.7	136.0	162.6	655.1	106.1	208.8	127.1	138.5	141.5	152.0	132.9	152.3
2006												
March	155.4	136.7	162.2	668.6	106.0	211.4	127.2	136.0	141.9	152.4	132.8	152.5
June	158.4	138.9	163.4	673.3	106.9	212.5	127.1	138.6	143.6	155.2	133.7	154.9
September	159.7	nya	nya	nya	nya	214.3	nya	138.5	nya	155.7	134.2	156.0

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(b) Series revised, see Changes in this Issue on page 2.

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

Period	Australia	New Zealand	Hong Kong(a)	Indonesia	Japan	Korea, Republic of	Singapore	Taiwan	Canada	United States of America	Germany	United Kingdom
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)												
2002–03	3.0	2.0	–2.0	8.2	–1.2	3.2	0.4	–0.1	3.8	1.8	1.1	1.6
2003–04	1.9	0.5	–0.3	5.8	–0.3	3.4	1.5	0.5	1.3	2.1	1.2	1.4
2004–05	2.0	1.9	1.7	6.8	0.1	3.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	3.1	1.7	1.2
2005–06	3.3	2.9	0.9	15.4	0.0	2.7	1.0	2.6	2.1	4.4	1.5	2.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
2002												
September	3.1	2.5	–2.3	10.4	–2.0	2.4	–0.2	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
2003												
March	3.4	2.1	–1.7	6.6	–0.9	4.1	1.0	0.0	4.8	2.9	1.0	1.8
June	2.3	0.8	–2.1	6.2	–0.3	3.2	0.3	–0.1	2.5	2.0	0.7	1.7
September	2.2	0.3	–2.0	6.1	–0.3	3.1	0.7	–0.8	1.6	2.1	0.8	1.8
December	1.8	0.2	–1.0	4.9	–0.4	3.5	0.9	0.0	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.6
2004												
March	1.4	0.3	0.4	5.1	–0.2	3.3	2.0	0.8	0.5	1.5	1.0	1.3
June	2.1	1.1	1.5	7.0	–0.3	3.5	2.4	1.8	2.1	2.8	2.0	1.2
September	2.0	1.5	2.0	5.7	–0.1	4.7	2.2	3.9	1.7	2.6	2.0	1.0
December	2.3	2.1	2.1	5.7	0.7	3.7	1.9	2.4	2.1	3.6	2.0	1.2
2005												
March	2.0	2.0	1.5	8.5	–0.2	3.5	0.2	2.1	1.7	3.1	1.5	1.2
June	2.1	2.1	1.2	7.2	–0.1	3.4	0.2	2.7	1.4	3.2	1.2	1.5
September	3.0	2.8	1.3	9.3	–0.4	2.7	0.5	3.9	2.5	4.6	1.7	1.9
December	2.5	2.4	0.6	18.5	–0.7	2.9	1.2	3.2	1.9	4.3	1.8	1.9
2006												
March	3.1	2.7	0.5	17.0	0.4	2.6	1.4	1.6	1.9	4.2	1.2	1.9
June	4.4	3.7	0.9	16.7	0.8	2.5	1.2	1.8	2.1	4.4	1.4	2.5
September	4.2	nya	nya	nya	nya	2.7	nya	–0.9	nya	3.2	1.1	3.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
2002												
September	0.4	0.3	–0.6	1.4	–0.2	0.3	0.2	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
2003												
March	1.3	0.2	–0.9	0.5	–0.5	1.9	0.4	–0.8	1.3	1.1	0.9	0.4
June	–0.3	–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	–0.2	–0.5	1.3	–0.2	0.2	0.5	–0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.0
December	0.5	0.4	0.8	2.6	–0.2	0.9	0.2	1.3	–0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
2004												
March	0.9	0.3	0.5	0.6	–0.3	1.7	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.1
June	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.3	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.1	1.2	1.6	0.8	0.7
September	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	1.3	0.3	1.4	–0.1	0.2	0.3	–0.2
December	0.7	0.9	1.0	2.6	0.6	–0.1	–0.1	–0.2	0.3	1.0	0.0	0.6
2005												
March	0.6	0.2	–0.1	3.3	–1.1	1.5	–0.2	–0.2	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.1
June	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.5	0.6	0.2	1.7	1.0	1.6	0.5	0.9
September	1.0	1.0	0.1	2.1	–0.3	0.7	0.6	2.6	0.9	1.5	0.8	0.2
December	0.3	0.5	0.3	11.1	0.3	0.0	0.6	–0.9	–0.3	0.7	0.1	0.6
2006												
March	1.1	0.5	–0.2	2.1	–0.1	1.2	0.1	–1.8	0.3	0.3	–0.1	0.1
June	1.9	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.5	–0.1	1.9	1.2	1.8	0.7	1.6
September	0.8	nya	nya	nya	nya	0.8	nya	–0.1	nya	0.3	0.4	0.7

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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 contents and services
health
transportation
communication
recreation
education
financial and insurance services.

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, 2005* (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, alcohol, tobacco, women's outerwear, project homes, motor vehicles, petrol 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 number of items for which prices are collected quarterly is distributed roughly equally across each month of each quarter. In all cases, however, individual items are priced in the same month of each quarter. For example, items for which prices are collected in the first month of the September quarter, July, are also priced in the first month of subsequent quarters, namely October, January and April.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 90 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the fifteenth 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 fifteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current weighting pattern for the CPI for the weighted average of the eight capital cities is published in *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 15th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0). The 15th series weighting pattern for the weighted average of eight capital cities and for each of the eight capital cities, as well as each city's percentage contribution to the weighted average, are also published in the *Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6430.0) (electronic publication). Both publications are available on the ABS web site <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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:
Sept Quarter 2006	155.7 (see table 1)
less June Quarter 2006	154.3 (see table 1)
Change in index points	1.4
Percentage change	$1.4/154.3 \times 100 = 0.9\%$

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

- movements between consecutive financial years (where the index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the quarterly index numbers)
- movements between corresponding quarters of consecutive years
- 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 1.84 index points to the total All groups index number of 155.7 for September Quarter 2006. 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, sub-groups 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 excluding Financial and insurance services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from September quarter 1989 to June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and mortgage interest charges and consumer credit charges; from September quarter 1998 to June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from September quarter 2000 to June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding insurance services; from September quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Financial and insurance services.
- *All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from September quarter 1989 to June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and consumer credit charges; from September quarter 1998 to June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from September quarter 2000 to June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and insurance services; from September quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services.

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SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

- *All groups, goods component*: comprises the Food group (except Restaurant meals expenditure class), Alcohol and tobacco group, Clothing and footwear group (except Clothing services and shoe repair expenditure class) and Household contents and services group (except Household services sub-group); 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 and Pets, pet foods and supplies 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.

13 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, Child care, Health, Other motoring charges, Urban transport fares, Postal, and Education. A detailed description of the special and analytical series was published in Appendix 1 to the September quarter 2005 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6401.0).

14 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.

ROUNDING

15 The CPI uses a hierarchy of rounding procedures to ensure consistency between published index numbers and percentage changes. However, rounding differences can arise in the "points contributions" published in tables 6, 7 and 8 because of the different levels of precision required in those data.

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

16 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate because of the different measurement approaches used by countries for certain products, particularly housing and financial and insurance services. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the Seventeenth International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'if possible, compile and provide for dissemination to the international community an index that excludes housing and financial services' in addition to the all-items index.

17 Table 11 aims to present indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing and Financial services' (see paragraph 13). However, other than Australia and New Zealand, the countries represented in this table are yet to develop indexes on this basis, so the indexes presented here are consistent with the series previously published for 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.

18 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 housing and financial services or data to enable their derivation.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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20 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications and other data products that are available free of charge from the ABS web site:

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- *Information Paper: Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services* (cat. no. 6413.0)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6430.0)
- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 15th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concordance with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia* (cat. no. 6446.0.55.001)
- *Consumer Price Index Standard Data Report: Capital Cities Index Numbers by Expenditure Class* (cat. no. 6455.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers* (cat. no. 6458.0)
- *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005* (cat. no. 6461.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 15th Series Australian Consumer Price Index 2005 (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6462.0).

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