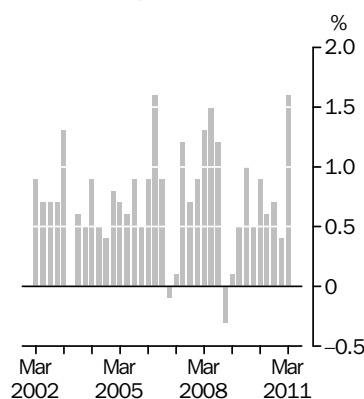


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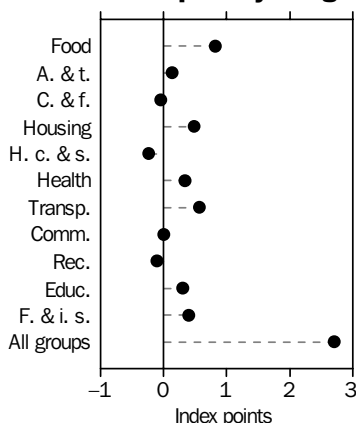
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All Groups
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change



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WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	<i>Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011</i>
	<i>% change</i>	<i>% change</i>
Food	2.9	4.3
Alcohol and tobacco	1.1	11.2
Clothing and footwear	-0.7	-1.3
Housing	1.3	4.8
Household contents and services	-1.6	-0.5
Health	3.9	4.1
Transportation	2.7	3.0
Communication	0.1	-0.2
Recreation	-0.6	-1.5
Education	5.7	5.9
Financial and insurance services	2.6	2.8

All groups

1.6 **3.3**

All groups excluding Housing and
Financial and insurance services

1.5 2.9

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 1.6% in the March quarter 2011, compared with a rise of 0.4% in the December quarter 2010.
- rose 3.3% through the year to the March quarter 2011, compared with a rise of 2.7% through the year to the December quarter 2010.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price rises this quarter were for automotive fuel (+8.8%), vegetables (+16.0%), deposit and loan facilities (+4.6%), fruit (+14.5%) and pharmaceuticals (+12.5%).
- The most significant offsetting price falls were for furniture (-6.2%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-7.2%), milk (-6.2%), overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-1.6%) and motor vehicles (-0.5%).

NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

ISSUE (Quarter)

RELEASE DATE

June 2011	27 July 2011
September 2011	26 October 2011
December 2011	25 January 2012
March 2012	24 April 2012

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OUTCOME OF THE 16TH SERIES CPI REVIEW

The ABS recently completed an extensive review of its CPI and has announced changes to ensure the CPI continues to meet the requirements of the Australian community. An Information Paper: *Introduction of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index* (cat. no. 6467.0) will be published on 22 September 2011 outlining the changes to the CPI.

One outcome of the review is the discontinuation of Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities (cat. no. 6403.0.55.001). The June quarter 2011 release will be the final issue.

The 16th series CPI will be introduced from the September quarter 2011. For more details about changes to the CPI, please refer to Information Paper: Outcome of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review (cat. no. 6469.0), or www.abs.gov.au.

IMPACT OF THE FLOODS AND CYCLONE YASI

ABS price index compilation methodologies and quality assurance processes have ensured that any impact of the floods and cyclone on consumer prices is reflected in the data included in this publication. See page 3 – Impact of the floods and Cyclone Yasi for details.

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
CPI Consumer Price Index
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IMPACT OF THE FLOODS AND CYCLONE YASI

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Extensive flooding began in late December 2010 in Queensland, and intensified in both Queensland and other states in January 2011. In early February 2011, Severe Tropical Cyclone Yasi crossed the north Queensland coast. Gale force winds, flooding rain and storm surges caused significant damage to areas in the storm's path.

Despite some disruptions in Brisbane, all CPI collections for January 2011 were completed for the month and processing for the March quarter 2011 CPI was not affected.

On a quarter to quarter basis the prices of items can be impacted by a number of factors including exchange rates, supply constraints, specialising and seasonal patterns. The impact of events like the Queensland floods and Cyclone Yasi cannot be readily quantified.

ABS price index compilation methodologies and quality assurance processes have ensured that any impacts of the floods and cyclone on consumer prices have been reflected in the data included in this publication.

The floods and Cyclone Yasi caused price increases in some fruit and vegetables:

- Fruit prices increased by 14.5% in the March quarter 2011, compared with a fall of 5.7% in the March quarter 2010. The rise in fruit prices was mainly attributable to an increase of approximately 100% in the price of bananas during the March quarter 2011 due to the floods and Cyclone Yasi. Through the year to the March quarter 2011, fruit prices increased by 24.9%.
- Vegetable prices increased by 16.0% in the March quarter 2011, compared with a rise of 10.3% in the March quarter 2010. The increase in vegetable prices was driven by price rises in cauliflowers, broccoli, lettuce, pumpkin and potatoes due to damage to crops as well as the usual seasonal price rises. Through the year to the March quarter 2011, vegetable prices increased by 18.7%.

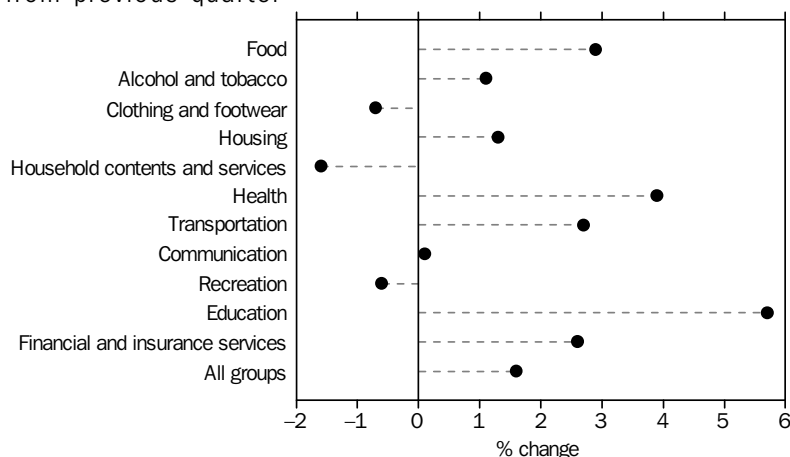
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CPI GROUPS

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

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



FOOD (+2.9%)

The food group recorded an increase in the March quarter 2011. The most significant contributors were vegetables (+16.0%) and fruit (+14.5%). The rise in vegetables was driven by ongoing unfavourable weather conditions in some growing areas, which resulted in lower yields and short supplies for some types of vegetables. The rise in fruit prices was mainly attributable to an increase of approximately 100% in the price of bananas during the March quarter 2011 due to shortages created by Cyclone Yasi in February 2011. Milk (-6.2%) provided the most significant offset, due to discounting across supermarkets.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, seventeen out of the twenty six food categories rose contributing to a 4.3% price rise across the food group. Increases were mainly driven by general price rises in fruit (+24.9%), and vegetables (+18.7%). Milk (-6.2%) recorded the most significant offsetting price movement.

TRANSPORTATION (+2.7%)

The main contributors to the increase in the transportation group in the March quarter 2011 were automotive fuel (+8.8%) and urban transport fares (+1.0%). Motor vehicles (-0.5%) recorded the only offsetting fall.

Automotive fuel rose in October (+2.5%), November (+0.8%), December (+4.2%), January (+2.4%), February (+2.2%) and March (+4.8%).

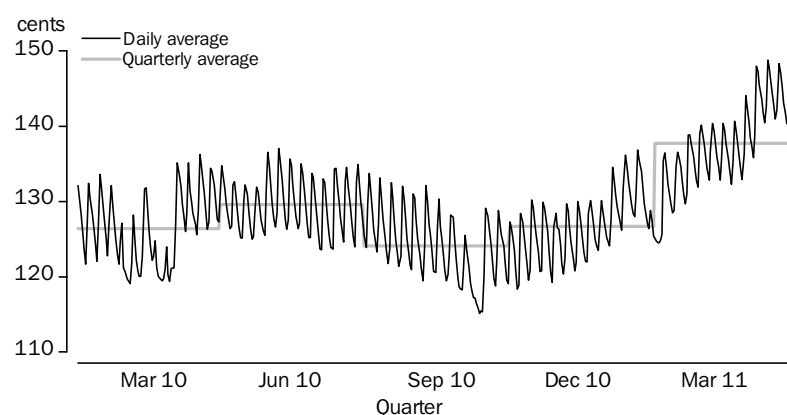
The following graph shows the pattern of the average daily prices for unleaded petrol for the eight capital cities over the last fifteen months.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

TRANSPORTATION

(+2.7%) *continued*

AVERAGE PRICE OF ULP, cents per litre



Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the transportation group rose 3.0% primarily due to increases in automotive fuel (+9.3%) and other motoring charges (+7.6%). Motor vehicles (−1.4%) recorded the only offsetting fall.

HOUSING (+1.3%)

The housing group recorded an increase in the March quarter 2011. The main contributors to the movement were electricity (+5.1%), rents (+1.3%) and house purchase (+0.8%).

Electricity prices rose in the March quarter 2011 mainly due to tariff increases in Adelaide (+19.2%), Melbourne (+12.6%) and Hobart (+9.3%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the housing group rose 4.8% with increases in all categories. The main contributors were rents (+4.5%), electricity (+11.7%), house purchase (+2.6%) and water and sewerage (+12.8%).

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (+2.6%)

The main contributor to the increase in the financial and insurance services group this quarter was deposit and loan facilities (+4.6%), which include both direct fees and prices derived from interest rate margins. The price of services charged by financial institutions varied across the range of products covered in the CPI. There were increases in the prices of services charged on both deposit products and loan products in the March quarter 2011. For more details on calculating prices of financial services, please see the appendix in the June quarter 2008 CPI publication.

Insurance services recorded an increase of 1.2% in the March quarter 2011, driven mainly by higher premiums for house insurance and household contents insurance.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the financial and insurance services group recorded an increase of 2.8%. This was due to increases in deposit and loan facilities (+3.3%), other financial services (+2.1%), and insurance services (+3.0%).

HEALTH (+3.9%)

The health group recorded an increase in the March quarter 2011 with all capital cities registering a rise. The main contributor was pharmaceuticals (+12.5%). Pharmaceuticals prices rose as a result of the cyclical reduction in the proportion of consumers who qualify for subsidised medications under the Pharmaceuticals Benefit Scheme at the start of each calendar year.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

HEALTH (+3.9%) *continued*

Hospital and medical services (+2.1%) recorded an increase in the March quarter 2011 mainly due to the cyclical reduction in the proportion of consumers who qualify for subsidies for out-of-hospital medical expenses under the Medicare Plus safety net at the start of each calendar year.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the health group rose 4.1% mainly due to increases in hospital and medical services (+6.0%) and dental services (+2.8%).

EDUCATION (+5.7%)

The education group recorded a rise in the March quarter 2011, with the commencement of the new school year. Increases in secondary education (+6.8), tertiary education (+4.9%), and preschool and primary education (+5.4%) drove this movement.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the education group rose 5.9%.

HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES (−1.6%)

The household contents and services group fell in the March quarter 2011, with decreases in furniture (−6.2%) and towels and linen (−5.2%) mainly due to post Christmas sales.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the household contents and services group fell 0.5%. This decrease was predominantly due to falls in furniture (−2.8%) and major household appliances (−5.0%).

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+1.1%)

The alcohol and tobacco group recorded an increase in the March quarter 2011. The main contributor to the rise was tobacco (+2.1%) partially due to the effects of the federal excise tax increase from 1 February 2011.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 11.2% driven by increases in tobacco (+27.5%) which was mainly due to the effect of the 25% increase in federal excise on tobacco implemented on 30 April 2010.

RECREATION (−0.6%)

The fall in the recreation group in the March quarter 2011 was mainly due to decreases in audio, visual and computing equipment (−7.2%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (−1.6%). The most significant offset was recorded in other recreational activities (+2.5%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the recreation group fell 1.5%. The main contributors to the movement were audio, visual and computing equipment (−19.5%) and overseas holiday travel and accommodation (−2.5%). This was partially offset by a rise in other recreational activities (+3.8%).

In the CPI, airfares are collected in advance (at the time of payment), but only used in the CPI in the quarter in which the trip is undertaken. Overseas airfares are collected two months in advance (January for travel in March) and domestic airfares are collected one month in advance (January for February).

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (−0.7%)

The clothing and footwear group recorded a decrease in the March quarter 2011. The main contributors to the movement were children's and infants' clothing (−3.9%) and men's outerwear (−2.7%).

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (−0.7%) *continued*

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the clothing and footwear group fell 1.3%. The main contributor to the movement was women's outerwear (−2.7%). Accessories (+3.0%) recorded the largest offsetting annual movement.

COMMUNICATION (+0.1%)

The communication group recorded a rise in the March quarter 2011 mainly due to a rise in telecommunication (+0.2%).

In the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the communication group recorded a fall of 0.2% due to a decrease in telecommunication (−0.4%).

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The tradables component (see table 8) of the All groups CPI rose 1.8% in the March quarter 2011. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined on the world market. The tradables component represents approximately 42% of the weight of the CPI. The most significant contributors to the 2.0% rise in the tradable goods component were automotive fuel, vegetables, fruit, pharmaceuticals and tobacco. The most significant offsetting falls were in furniture, audio, visual and computing equipment and motor vehicles. The decrease in the tradable services component of 1.6% was driven by overseas holiday travel and accommodation.

The non-tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 1.4% in the March quarter 2011. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined by domestic price pressures. The non-tradables component represents approximately 58% of the CPI. The non-tradable goods component rose 0.9% mainly due to price increases for electricity, house purchase and take away and fast foods. The most significant offsetting movement was in milk. The non-tradable services component rose 1.6%, due to increases in deposit and loan facilities, rents, secondary education, tertiary education and hospital and medical services.

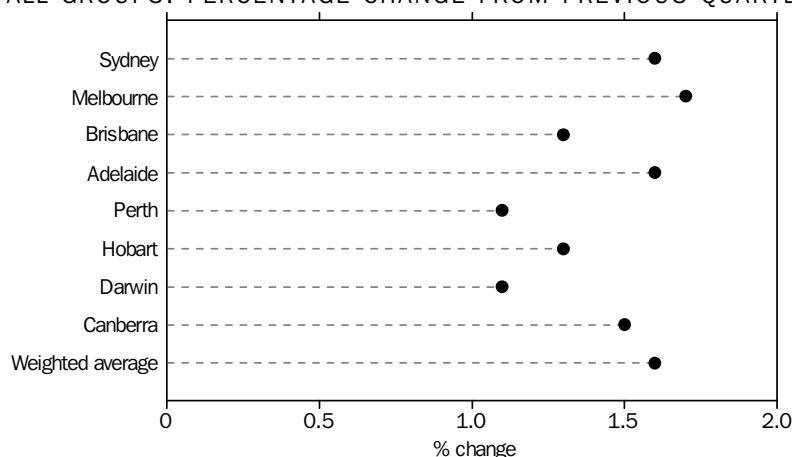
Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the tradables and non-tradables components both rose 3.3%. This compared to tradables rising 1.6% and non-tradables rising 3.4% through the year to December quarter 2010. The main increases in tradables were for tobacco, automotive fuel, fruit and vegetables. The main decreases in tradables were in audio, visual and computer equipment, motor vehicles, furniture and overseas holiday travel and accommodation. The main contributors to non-tradables were rises in rents, electricity, house purchase, hospital and medical services, deposit and loans facilities and water and sewerage. The largest offsetting movements were in milk, domestic holiday travel and accommodation and telecommunication.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

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ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the CPI rose in all capital cities in the March quarter 2011. The highest positive movement was recorded in Melbourne (+1.7%) followed by Sydney (+1.6%) and Adelaide (+1.6%). The remaining four cities increased between 1.1% and 1.5%.

The food group was the most significant positive contributor in all cities with the exception of Melbourne, Adelaide, and Hobart, where the most significant positive contributor was the housing group mainly due to electricity price increases in those cities. The largest increases for the food group were recorded in Canberra (+3.5%), Brisbane (+3.4%), and Sydney (+3.0%) driven by increases in vegetable and fruit prices.

At the eight capital cities level, the transportation group was the second largest positive contributor to the quarterly movement showing increases in all cities. The most significant contributor was the increase in automotive fuel in all capital cities, most notably in Perth (+9.8%) and Sydney (+8.9%).

The household contents and services group was the largest negative contributor to the quarterly movement at the eight capital cities level. The largest decreases for the household contents and services group were recorded in Perth (−1.9%), Sydney (−1.6%) and Melbourne (−1.6%). Darwin (+0.6%) was the only city to record an increase in the March quarter 2011.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2011, the All groups CPI rose in all capital cities. The largest positive movement was recorded in Brisbane (+3.6%) and Adelaide (+3.6%) due to relatively higher increases in alcohol and tobacco and housing respectively. Perth (+2.6%) recorded the smallest positive movement mainly due to relatively smaller rises in food, alcohol and tobacco and housing.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON *continued*

ALL GROUPS *continued*

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	NUMBER(a)		
	Mar Qtr 2011	Mar 2010 to Mar 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011
Sydney	175.9	3.2	1.6
Melbourne	174.4	3.5	1.7
Brisbane	182.3	3.6	1.3
Adelaide	180.0	3.6	1.6
Perth	176.1	2.6	1.1
Hobart	174.9	2.9	1.3
Darwin	173.7	3.0	1.1
Canberra	176.8	3.0	1.5
Weighted average of eight capital cities	176.7	3.3	1.6

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

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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>
2006–07	156.2	154.2	158.3	159.2	156.1	155.7	152.9	156.4	156.1
2007–08	160.9	159.6	164.8	164.4	161.7	160.3	158.3	162.0	161.4
2008–09	165.8	164.1	171.0	169.7	166.6	164.9	163.6	167.5	166.4
2009–10	169.7	167.5	175.5	173.4	170.8	169.3	168.7	171.1	170.3
2007									
March	155.6	153.8	158.0	158.4	155.8	155.4	152.6	155.9	155.6
June	157.4	155.6	160.2	160.3	158.0	157.4	154.7	158.0	157.5
September	158.1	156.9	161.7	161.5	158.9	157.9	156.6	159.2	158.6
December	159.5	158.5	163.4	163.1	160.2	159.2	157.1	160.8	160.1
2008									
March	161.7	160.6	165.6	165.5	162.5	161.3	158.5	163.0	162.2
June	164.1	162.5	168.4	167.6	165.1	162.9	160.8	165.0	164.6
September	165.9	164.4	170.8	169.8	166.7	164.7	163.6	167.5	166.5
December	165.5	163.5	170.4	169.3	166.2	164.4	162.9	166.8	166.0
2009									
March	165.6	163.9	170.8	169.3	166.0	164.8	163.0	167.4	166.2
June	166.3	164.4	171.8	170.3	167.4	165.7	164.8	168.4	167.0
September	168.1	165.4	174.1	172.1	168.7	167.7	168.0	169.9	168.6
December	169.1	166.4	174.7	172.7	169.7	168.7	167.8	170.6	169.5
2010									
March	170.5	168.5	176.0	173.7	171.6	170.0	168.7	171.7	171.0
June	171.1	169.5	177.3	175.0	173.2	170.7	170.1	172.3	172.1
September	172.5	170.5	179.1	176.6	174.0	172.4	171.9	173.4	173.3
December	173.1	171.5	180.0	177.1	174.1	172.6	171.8	174.2	174.0
2011									
March	175.9	174.4	182.3	180.0	176.1	174.9	173.7	176.8	176.7

(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)									
2006–07	2.7	2.7	3.3	2.6	4.0	2.6	4.4	3.0	2.9
2007–08	3.0	3.5	4.1	3.3	3.6	3.0	3.5	3.6	3.4
2008–09	3.0	2.8	3.8	3.2	3.0	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.1
2009–10	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.2	2.5	2.7	3.1	2.1	2.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2007									
March	2.2	2.2	2.9	1.8	3.5	2.1	4.0	2.4	2.4
June	1.7	2.0	2.6	1.7	3.1	2.2	3.7	2.0	2.1
September	1.3	2.1	2.7	1.4	2.6	1.8	3.2	2.1	1.9
December	2.4	3.3	3.9	2.7	3.0	2.9	2.9	3.3	3.0
2008									
March	3.9	4.4	4.8	4.5	4.3	3.8	3.9	4.6	4.2
June	4.3	4.4	5.1	4.6	4.5	3.5	3.9	4.4	4.5
September	4.9	4.8	5.6	5.1	4.9	4.3	4.5	5.2	5.0
December	3.8	3.2	4.3	3.8	3.7	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7
2009									
March	2.4	2.1	3.1	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.5
June	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.7	2.5	2.1	1.5
September	1.3	0.6	1.9	1.4	1.2	1.8	2.7	1.4	1.3
December	2.2	1.8	2.5	2.0	2.1	2.6	3.0	2.3	2.1
2010									
March	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.6	3.4	3.2	3.5	2.6	2.9
June	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.2	2.3	3.1
September	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.8	2.3	2.1	2.8
December	2.4	3.1	3.0	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.1	2.7
2011									
March	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.6	2.6	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2007									
March	-0.1	0.2	0.4	-0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.1
June	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2
September	0.4	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.2	0.8	0.7
December	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.9
2008									
March	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.3
June	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.5
September	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.7	1.5	1.2
December	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
2009									
March	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1
June	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.5	1.1	0.6	0.5
September	1.1	0.6	1.3	1.1	0.8	1.2	1.9	0.9	1.0
December	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.5
2010									
March	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.6	1.1	0.8	0.5	0.6	0.9
June	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.6
September	0.8	0.6	1.0	0.9	0.5	1.0	1.1	0.6	0.7
December	0.3	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.5	0.4
2011									
March	1.6	1.7	1.3	1.6	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.6

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 contents and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2006–07	172.4	240.6	108.4	133.7	124.6	223.5
2007–08	177.8	249.8	109.3	140.6	123.4	233.5
2008–09	186.5	263.6	110.2	149.0	125.1	245.4
2009–10	189.5	276.3	109.9	157.6	128.0	257.2
2007						
March	169.9	241.6	107.7	134.2	123.6	225.7
June	172.8	243.6	109.2	135.3	125.5	230.5
September	176.1	245.0	109.6	137.8	122.5	229.3
December	175.9	248.2	109.8	139.3	123.5	226.9
2008						
March	179.6	250.7	107.2	141.9	122.7	236.0
June	179.5	255.4	110.4	143.4	124.7	241.6
September	182.1	259.1	109.6	147.2	123.6	241.0
December	185.8	262.6	110.0	148.3	124.0	238.1
2009						
March	189.9	265.1	109.5	149.7	125.0	248.5
June	188.1	267.4	111.8	150.9	127.7	254.1
September	186.6	269.4	112.1	155.3	128.5	251.6
December	189.3	270.8	112.3	156.5	128.5	249.3
2010						
March	191.3	274.3	107.5	158.8	126.8	261.1
June	190.7	290.6	107.5	159.7	128.0	266.8
September	189.8	299.5	109.0	163.3	129.0	264.8
December	194.0	301.8	106.9	164.3	128.2	261.7
2011						
March	199.6	305.0	106.1	166.4	126.2	271.9

(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>
2006–07	158.0	110.8	133.8	264.6	103.0	156.1
2007–08	165.2	111.2	135.7	275.6	109.4	161.4
2008–09	163.7	112.0	137.1	289.1	111.6	166.4
2009–10	164.9	112.4	137.7	305.4	109.3	170.3
2007						
March	155.8	111.0	133.9	270.9	102.8	155.6
June	160.5	111.2	133.3	271.3	103.7	157.5
September	159.4	111.2	135.1	268.6	105.8	158.6
December	163.3	111.2	136.2	268.6	108.0	160.1
2008						
March	166.4	111.1	135.8	282.5	109.8	162.2
June	171.6	111.2	135.5	282.6	114.0	164.6
September	173.3	111.4	137.3	281.3	115.9	166.5
December	161.3	111.8	138.0	281.4	115.6	166.0
2009						
March	158.8	112.2	136.5	296.7	108.3	166.2
June	161.4	112.5	136.4	296.9	106.5	167.0
September	164.5	112.5	137.4	297.0	107.5	168.6
December	163.2	112.5	139.5	297.2	108.3	169.5
2010						
March	165.3	112.4	138.1	313.7	110.5	171.0
June	166.5	112.3	135.6	313.8	110.7	172.1
September	165.5	112.0	136.5	314.2	111.2	173.3
December	165.9	112.1	136.8	314.2	110.7	174.0
2011						
March	170.3	112.2	136.0	332.2	113.6	176.7

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

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 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 contents and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2006–07	6.2	3.2	–0.7	3.4	2.0	4.7
2007–08	3.1	3.8	0.8	5.2	–1.0	4.5
2008–09	4.9	5.5	0.8	6.0	1.4	5.1
2009–10	1.6	4.8	–0.3	5.8	2.3	4.8
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2007						
March	4.6	3.1	0.2	3.5	1.4	4.4
June	2.2	3.0	0.7	3.6	2.1	4.1
September	1.8	3.1	1.0	4.2	–1.6	4.3
December	1.2	3.6	1.6	4.8	–1.0	4.1
2008						
March	5.7	3.8	–0.5	5.7	–0.7	4.6
June	3.9	4.8	1.1	6.0	–0.6	4.8
September	3.4	5.8	0.0	6.8	0.9	5.1
December	5.6	5.8	0.2	6.5	0.4	4.9
2009						
March	5.7	5.7	2.1	5.5	1.9	5.3
June	4.8	4.7	1.3	5.2	2.4	5.2
September	2.5	4.0	2.3	5.5	4.0	4.4
December	1.9	3.1	2.1	5.5	3.6	4.7
2010						
March	0.7	3.5	–1.8	6.1	1.4	5.1
June	1.4	8.7	–3.8	5.8	0.2	5.0
September	1.7	11.2	–2.8	5.2	0.4	5.2
December	2.5	11.4	–4.8	5.0	–0.2	5.0
2011						
March	4.3	11.2	–1.3	4.8	–0.5	4.1
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2007						
March	–2.3	0.9	–0.4	1.0	–0.9	3.5
June	1.7	0.8	1.4	0.8	1.5	2.1
September	1.9	0.6	0.4	1.8	–2.4	–0.5
December	–0.1	1.3	0.2	1.1	0.8	–1.0
2008						
March	2.1	1.0	–2.4	1.9	–0.6	4.0
June	–0.1	1.9	3.0	1.1	1.6	2.4
September	1.4	1.4	–0.7	2.6	–0.9	–0.2
December	2.0	1.4	0.4	0.7	0.3	–1.2
2009						
March	2.2	1.0	–0.5	0.9	0.8	4.4
June	–0.9	0.9	2.1	0.8	2.2	2.3
September	–0.8	0.7	0.3	2.9	0.6	–1.0
December	1.4	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.0	–0.9
2010						
March	1.1	1.3	–4.3	1.5	–1.3	4.7
June	–0.3	5.9	0.0	0.6	0.9	2.2
September	–0.5	3.1	1.4	2.3	0.8	–0.7
December	2.2	0.8	–1.9	0.6	–0.6	–1.2
2011						
March	2.9	1.1	–0.7	1.3	–1.6	3.9

<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)						
2006–07	1.6	1.2	1.4	4.5	1.8	2.9
2007–08	4.6	0.4	1.4	4.2	6.2	3.4
2008–09	–0.9	0.7	1.0	4.9	2.0	3.1
2009–10	0.7	0.4	0.4	5.6	–2.1	2.3

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2007						
March	0.5	1.4	1.1	4.2	1.8	2.4
June	0.2	1.5	1.0	4.3	1.5	2.1
September	–0.9	0.8	1.6	4.1	3.2	1.9
December	5.6	0.4	1.0	4.1	4.9	3.0
2008						
March	6.8	0.1	1.4	4.3	6.8	4.2
June	6.9	0.0	1.7	4.2	9.9	4.5
September	8.7	0.2	1.6	4.7	9.5	5.0
December	–1.2	0.5	1.3	4.8	7.0	3.7
2009						
March	–4.6	1.0	0.5	5.0	–1.4	2.5
June	–5.9	1.2	0.7	5.1	–6.6	1.5
September	–5.1	1.0	0.1	5.6	–7.2	1.3
December	1.2	0.6	1.1	5.6	–6.3	2.1
2010						
March	4.1	0.2	1.2	5.7	2.0	2.9
June	3.2	–0.2	–0.6	5.7	3.9	3.1
September	0.6	–0.4	–0.7	5.8	3.4	2.8
December	1.7	–0.4	–1.9	5.7	2.2	2.7
2011						
March	3.0	–0.2	–1.5	5.9	2.8	3.3

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2007						
March	0.7	0.2	–0.7	5.0	–0.2	0.1
June	3.0	0.2	–0.4	0.1	0.9	1.2
September	–0.7	0.0	1.4	–1.0	2.0	0.7
December	2.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.1	0.9
2008						
March	1.9	–0.1	–0.3	5.2	1.7	1.3
June	3.1	0.1	–0.2	0.0	3.8	1.5
September	1.0	0.2	1.3	–0.5	1.7	1.2
December	–6.9	0.4	0.5	0.0	–0.3	–0.3
2009						
March	–1.5	0.4	–1.1	5.4	–6.3	0.1
June	1.6	0.3	–0.1	0.1	–1.7	0.5
September	1.9	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.9	1.0
December	–0.8	0.0	1.5	0.1	0.7	0.5
2010						
March	1.3	–0.1	–1.0	5.6	2.0	0.9
June	0.7	–0.1	–1.8	0.0	0.2	0.6
September	–0.6	–0.3	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7
December	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	–0.4	0.4
2011						
March	2.7	0.1	–0.6	5.7	2.6	1.6

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD									
2009									
March	189.9	188.3	191.7	198.2	188.0	184.8	183.8	193.6	189.9
June	187.2	186.8	189.7	196.8	187.4	183.1	183.3	191.7	188.1
September	185.4	185.0	188.2	197.1	185.9	183.1	183.0	189.8	186.6
December	189.0	187.5	190.8	199.6	187.4	185.5	183.3	191.8	189.3
2010									
March	191.7	188.6	193.6	201.1	189.5	186.3	185.8	193.0	191.3
June	190.7	188.6	192.3	200.6	189.4	185.7	186.2	191.6	190.7
September	189.9	187.4	191.0	200.7	188.4	186.0	185.2	191.2	189.8
December	194.8	192.0	195.8	203.8	189.5	189.3	186.2	195.6	194.0
2011									
March	200.6	197.0	202.4	209.7	195.0	193.0	191.0	202.4	199.6
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2009									
March	268.0	267.2	261.1	278.6	249.5	249.9	255.6	251.8	265.1
June	270.7	268.9	264.6	281.6	250.2	251.5	260.6	253.9	267.4
September	273.2	270.6	266.6	282.3	251.9	254.3	265.2	256.7	269.4
December	275.3	271.5	267.3	284.2	254.0	253.0	268.1	258.3	270.8
2010									
March	278.4	274.4	270.2	287.2	260.3	257.6	271.0	260.7	274.3
June	293.8	293.3	287.7	304.1	272.5	270.5	284.4	274.0	290.6
September	303.0	302.0	297.3	314.2	280.5	278.5	293.7	280.3	299.5
December	304.7	305.0	300.5	316.8	281.0	280.8	296.1	283.1	301.8
2011									
March	310.1	306.4	303.5	319.8	283.9	284.2	300.2	284.6	305.0
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2009									
March	115.3	110.0	107.0	103.0	95.4	104.5	105.7	115.9	109.5
June	118.0	110.7	108.0	107.0	102.1	106.7	105.8	117.7	111.8
September	120.6	109.9	110.0	105.5	97.5	105.1	107.5	119.7	112.1
December	118.8	111.2	109.9	105.6	101.8	107.1	110.0	117.8	112.3
2010									
March	115.6	105.2	104.7	101.6	93.8	104.7	106.2	116.2	107.5
June	114.9	105.5	103.6	102.4	96.5	104.6	106.5	114.2	107.5
September	117.6	105.9	105.6	104.5	96.6	106.5	105.4	113.1	109.0
December	114.1	105.5	104.4	100.9	94.1	106.2	105.7	111.3	106.9
2011									
March	114.0	103.7	103.2	100.5	93.6	103.4	106.7	112.8	106.1
HOUSING									
2009									
March	153.9	131.4	169.2	146.8	155.8	150.9	180.7	160.7	149.7
June	155.6	132.4	170.4	145.9	157.3	151.5	182.3	161.8	150.9
September	161.5	136.0	174.5	149.0	160.5	157.3	188.9	165.2	155.3
December	162.7	137.3	175.4	150.0	162.6	158.1	190.2	165.8	156.5
2010									
March	164.1	141.5	176.7	152.0	164.1	158.9	193.1	167.0	158.8
June	165.0	142.1	177.5	151.8	166.7	159.7	194.1	168.1	159.7
September	168.8	144.8	182.5	155.4	170.0	164.1	197.9	170.6	163.3
December	170.1	145.8	183.4	156.2	170.5	164.4	199.4	171.3	164.3
2011									
March	171.9	149.2	184.2	160.4	170.8	167.4	200.3	172.7	166.4

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES									
2009									
March	121.1	125.7	130.4	126.3	123.4	133.9	119.7	133.6	125.0
June	123.6	127.8	134.4	129.0	126.2	137.0	123.3	137.1	127.7
September	124.1	128.6	135.5	130.8	126.8	138.1	122.8	136.6	128.5
December	124.5	128.6	135.7	130.1	126.0	137.9	123.0	136.3	128.5
2010									
March	122.1	127.4	133.0	128.4	125.7	137.4	123.8	135.6	126.8
June	123.5	127.6	134.8	130.1	127.4	138.0	123.6	136.6	128.0
September	124.8	129.1	135.4	131.2	127.3	139.3	122.8	138.3	129.0
December	123.6	128.5	135.5	129.2	127.0	137.3	122.0	138.6	128.2
2011									
March	121.6	126.5	133.4	127.8	124.6	136.3	122.7	136.7	126.2
HEALTH									
2009									
March	232.3	261.2	255.0	250.4	240.7	272.8	228.8	248.1	248.5
June	238.0	265.9	258.8	259.3	246.5	280.2	233.2	252.9	254.1
September	235.2	263.6	255.7	256.9	245.1	278.0	232.2	250.6	251.6
December	232.9	261.6	252.1	254.4	243.6	274.2	230.2	249.1	249.3
2010									
March	243.7	275.5	265.7	262.3	254.2	285.3	237.9	261.4	261.1
June	250.2	279.6	271.9	271.5	257.3	292.2	243.4	266.9	266.8
September	248.2	278.7	267.8	270.0	255.3	288.7	243.2	263.8	264.8
December	244.9	275.8	263.2	267.1	253.9	284.3	241.0	261.0	261.7
2011									
March	253.9	287.0	276.0	274.6	263.1	295.0	248.5	275.1	271.9
TRANSPORTATION									
2009									
March	159.3	158.2	160.6	161.7	157.1	151.4	152.0	155.6	158.8
June	161.2	161.5	162.1	164.1	161.5	153.9	153.4	158.6	161.4
September	163.0	164.2	169.4	167.3	164.3	157.2	157.2	162.1	164.5
December	162.0	162.4	167.8	165.9	163.1	157.7	155.3	161.8	163.2
2010									
March	164.2	164.0	171.4	167.8	165.1	158.6	157.1	163.4	165.3
June	164.3	165.8	174.2	168.5	167.0	159.7	156.6	162.4	166.5
September	163.8	164.2	173.6	166.4	165.6	159.5	157.2	162.1	165.5
December	163.8	165.3	174.4	168.0	164.7	157.2	157.5	163.4	165.9
2011									
March	168.6	169.1	178.6	172.5	169.9	160.8	160.6	167.3	170.3
COMMUNICATION									
2009									
March	111.8	111.7	116.1	113.8	110.6	113.4	103.9	111.0	112.2
June	112.1	112.0	116.4	114.1	110.8	113.6	104.1	111.2	112.5
September	112.1	112.0	116.4	114.2	110.9	113.7	104.2	111.3	112.5
December	112.0	112.0	116.4	114.1	110.8	113.6	104.1	111.2	112.5
2010									
March	111.9	111.9	116.2	114.0	110.7	113.5	104.0	111.1	112.4
June	111.9	111.8	116.2	113.9	110.7	113.5	104.1	111.0	112.3
September	111.6	111.4	116.0	113.8	110.6	113.3	104.0	110.7	112.0
December	111.6	111.4	116.0	113.8	110.6	113.4	104.1	110.7	112.1
2011									
March	111.8	111.5	116.2	114.0	110.8	113.6	104.3	110.9	112.2

(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
RECREATION									
2009									
March	138.8	137.6	131.5	137.2	135.6	129.9	108.3	133.3	136.5
June	138.7	136.8	132.3	138.1	134.7	130.4	111.8	134.2	136.4
September	139.5	137.3	133.5	139.5	136.7	129.7	116.7	135.0	137.4
December	141.4	140.1	135.7	141.3	138.3	133.6	113.5	136.8	139.5
2010									
March	140.0	139.3	132.6	139.4	138.8	134.0	108.1	134.0	138.1
June	137.2	136.4	130.4	138.6	136.3	129.7	108.6	133.1	135.6
September	138.7	136.5	132.0	139.5	136.3	129.5	111.8	135.1	136.5
December	138.7	136.3	131.9	141.0	138.1	131.1	108.4	136.0	136.8
2011									
March	137.8	136.8	130.1	139.1	136.2	130.4	106.6	135.0	136.0
EDUCATION									
2009									
March	307.3	277.3	322.1	340.9	295.6	294.7	204.4	276.1	296.7
June	307.3	277.9	322.1	340.9	295.6	294.7	204.4	276.2	296.9
September	307.6	277.9	322.1	341.0	295.6	294.8	204.4	276.1	297.0
December	307.6	278.4	322.1	341.0	295.6	294.8	204.4	276.2	297.2
2010									
March	317.9	299.8	337.3	360.8	318.7	305.2	210.6	288.5	313.7
June	318.0	300.0	337.3	360.8	318.7	305.2	210.6	288.5	313.8
September	317.6	301.5	337.5	360.8	318.7	305.5	210.6	288.5	314.2
December	317.4	301.6	337.5	360.9	318.7	305.6	210.6	288.6	314.2
2011									
March	336.1	320.3	354.4	381.1	335.4	317.2	219.0	303.5	332.2
FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (b)									
2009									
March	108.3	108.8	108.6	106.6	107.8	108.6	104.6	108.6	108.3
June	106.3	106.9	107.3	105.3	106.0	107.3	103.3	107.0	106.5
September	108.0	105.8	108.6	108.1	108.2	109.2	105.2	109.2	107.5
December	109.0	106.6	108.9	108.7	108.5	109.6	105.2	110.5	108.3
2010									
March	111.3	108.8	111.4	110.1	111.3	112.0	108.1	113.1	110.5
June	111.1	109.1	112.0	110.4	111.1	112.2	109.1	113.6	110.7
September	110.9	109.9	113.7	111.7	111.1	113.7	109.8	114.6	111.2
December	110.4	109.7	113.3	111.4	110.3	113.6	109.4	112.4	110.7
2011									
March	113.5	112.5	116.0	114.1	113.1	116.2	112.1	115.3	113.6

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

(b) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class									Weighted average of eight capital cities
	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	
Food	0.86	0.74	0.95	0.88	0.77	0.56	0.69	0.93	0.82
Dairy and related products	-0.07	-0.04	-0.10	-0.05	-0.05	-0.10	-0.06	-0.04	-0.06
Milk	-0.06	-0.06	-0.06	-0.08	-0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.05
Cheese	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.02	0.02	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.02	0.01
Bread and cereal products	0.07	-0.04	0.03	0.06	-0.02	0.06	0.04	-0.05	0.01
Bread	0.01	-0.04	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Cakes and biscuits	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.03	-0.01	0.03
Breakfast cereals	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Other cereal products	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Meat and seafoods	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.05
Beef and veal	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Lamb and mutton	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.04
Pork	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Poultry	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Bacon and ham	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01
Fish and other seafood	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Fruit and vegetables	0.65	0.65	0.83	0.58	0.55	0.51	0.40	0.76	0.65
Fruit	0.30	0.27	0.31	0.26	0.28	0.29	0.18	0.47	0.29
Vegetables	0.35	0.38	0.52	0.32	0.27	0.22	0.22	0.29	0.36
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	0.09	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.15	0.00	0.15	0.05	0.09
Soft drinks, waters and juices	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.02	0.08	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.06
Snacks and confectionery	0.04	0.00	-0.01	0.02	0.07	-0.04	0.05	-0.02	0.02
Meals out and take away foods	0.04	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.05	0.10	0.04	0.14	0.05
Restaurant meals	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.02
Take away and fast foods	0.02	0.05	0.01	0.09	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.09	0.04
Other food	0.02	0.03	0.06	0.08	0.01	-0.04	0.06	0.02	0.03
Eggs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tea, coffee and food drinks	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00
Food additives and condiments	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Fats and oils	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food n.e.c.	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.01	-0.01	0.05	0.01	0.02
Alcohol and tobacco	0.21	0.06	0.13	0.16	0.15	0.19	0.24	0.06	0.14
Alcoholic drinks	0.10	-0.08	0.02	0.07	0.03	0.12	0.08	0.02	0.03
Beer	0.04	-0.10	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.06	0.09	-0.01	-0.01
Wine	0.04	0.00	-0.01	0.04	0.02	0.04	-0.02	0.00	0.01
Spirits	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Tobacco	0.11	0.14	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.08	0.16	0.04	0.12
Clothing and footwear	0.00	-0.10	-0.06	-0.03	-0.02	-0.19	0.05	0.09	-0.04
Men's clothing	-0.01	-0.05	0.02	-0.07	0.02	-0.04	0.02	0.05	-0.02
Men's outerwear	-0.02	-0.05	0.02	-0.07	0.02	-0.04	0.01	0.04	-0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Women's clothing	0.04	0.04	-0.06	0.00	-0.09	-0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
Women's outerwear	0.05	0.02	-0.06	0.02	-0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	0.00	0.03	0.00	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00
Children's and infants' clothing	0.00	-0.03	-0.03	-0.05	-0.04	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.02
Footwear	-0.04	-0.08	-0.01	0.04	-0.02	-0.09	0.03	0.05	-0.04
Men's footwear	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.02	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	0.03	-0.01
Women's footwear	-0.01	-0.05	-0.01	0.06	0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.00	-0.01
Children's footwear	-0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.02	-0.01
Accessories and clothing services	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.11	-0.04	0.01	-0.02	0.03
Accessories	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.11	-0.04	0.01	-0.02	0.02
Clothing services and shoe repair	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00

(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	
Housing	0.38	0.82	0.17	0.93	0.07	0.65	0.20	0.31	0.48
Rents	0.22	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.08	0.20	0.14
Utilities	0.00	0.53	0.00	0.78	0.00	0.53	0.01	0.00	0.22
Electricity	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.78	0.00	0.52	0.00	0.00	0.20
Gas and other household fuels	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.03
Water and sewerage	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other housing	0.16	0.18	0.07	0.09	0.01	0.04	0.11	0.10	0.12
House purchase	0.13	0.17	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.03	0.07	0.10	0.11
Property rates and charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
House repairs and maintenance	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.01
Household contents and services	-0.24	-0.22	-0.26	-0.18	-0.31	-0.12	0.09	-0.21	-0.23
Furniture and furnishings	-0.23	-0.25	-0.25	-0.20	-0.20	-0.11	-0.02	-0.17	-0.23
Furniture	-0.19	-0.19	-0.24	-0.14	-0.24	-0.07	-0.02	-0.06	-0.19
Floor and window coverings	-0.03	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.03	0.03	0.01	-0.03	-0.02
Towels and linen	-0.01	-0.05	0.00	-0.06	0.01	-0.07	-0.02	-0.07	-0.03
Household appliances, utensils and tools	0.00	-0.07	-0.04	-0.02	-0.12	-0.09	-0.05	-0.07	-0.04
Major household appliances	0.01	-0.03	0.00	0.01	-0.07	-0.03	-0.06	-0.04	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	-0.01	-0.02	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02
Tools	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.03	-0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01
Household supplies	-0.06	0.06	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.05	0.10	-0.02	0.01
Household cleaning agents	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.00
Toiletries and personal care products	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	-0.03	0.02	0.04	-0.01	0.01
Other household supplies	-0.07	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	-0.02	-0.01
Household services	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.04
Child care	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Other household services	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.06	0.01	0.01
Health	0.34	0.34	0.36	0.24	0.32	0.32	0.20	0.50	0.34
Health services	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.05	0.14	0.09	0.08	0.29	0.13
Hospital and medical services	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.03	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.25	0.11
Optical services	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dental services	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.18	0.23	0.11	0.21	0.21
Transportation	0.60	0.49	0.59	0.60	0.67	0.50	0.36	0.50	0.57
Private motoring	0.61	0.49	0.50	0.60	0.67	0.49	0.36	0.49	0.55
Motor vehicles	0.02	-0.07	-0.14	0.01	-0.03	-0.06	-0.11	-0.06	-0.04
Automotive fuel	0.55	0.59	0.61	0.59	0.67	0.56	0.47	0.53	0.58
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	0.01	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Other motoring charges	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Urban transport fares	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02
Communication	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Postal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telecommunication	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01

(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	-0.12	0.07	-0.21	-0.26	-0.26	-0.11	-0.30	-0.15	-0.10
Audio, visual and computing	-0.11	-0.06	-0.11	-0.10	-0.07	-0.08	-0.12	-0.11	-0.09
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.09	-0.06	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.06	-0.10	-0.06	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing media and services	-0.03	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	0.02	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00
Books	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00
Newspapers and magazines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sport and other recreation	0.05	0.10	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.06	0.05
Sports and recreational equipment	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	-0.04	0.00	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sports participation	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00
Pet services including veterinary	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.00
Other recreational activities	0.04	0.08	0.06	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.05
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.06	0.02	-0.15	-0.18	-0.20	-0.07	-0.25	-0.08	-0.07
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.01	0.05	-0.09	-0.08	-0.13	-0.06	-0.21	-0.05	-0.03
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	-0.05	-0.03	-0.06	-0.10	-0.07	-0.02	-0.05	-0.04	-0.05
Education	0.30	0.37	0.24	0.26	0.23	0.18	0.10	0.25	0.30
Preschool and primary education	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.08	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.05
Secondary education	0.11	0.17	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.10	0.04	0.13	0.13
Tertiary education	0.13	0.16	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.08	0.11
Financial and insurance services	0.47	0.38	0.38	0.32	0.37	0.25	0.28	0.37	0.40
Financial services	0.42	0.36	0.34	0.29	0.32	0.21	0.24	0.34	0.37
Deposit and loan facilities	0.36	0.31	0.30	0.26	0.29	0.21	0.23	0.27	0.31
Other financial services	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.05
Insurance services	0.05	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.03
All groups	2.8	2.9	2.3	2.9	2.0	2.3	1.9	2.6	2.7

(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
	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Mar Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011
Food	191.3	194.0	199.6	2.9	4.3	28.46	29.28	0.82
Dairy and related products	206.2	208.1	202.5	-2.7	-1.8	2.17	2.11	-0.06
Milk	216.4	216.2	202.9	-6.2	-6.2	0.96	0.91	-0.05
Cheese	193.6	196.8	195.9	-0.5	1.2	0.65	0.64	-0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	192.1	195.5	196.9	0.7	2.5	0.56	0.57	0.01
Bread and cereal products	210.1	209.1	210.0	0.4	0.0	3.24	3.25	0.01
Bread	249.4	249.3	247.4	-0.8	-0.8	1.28	1.27	-0.01
Cakes and biscuits	193.8	192.5	196.9	2.3	1.6	1.31	1.34	0.03
Breakfast cereals	156.6	158.3	154.3	-2.5	-1.5	0.33	0.32	-0.01
Other cereal products	180.3	175.1	176.0	0.5	-2.4	0.33	0.33	0.00
Meat and seafoods	165.8	167.3	169.0	1.0	1.9	4.14	4.19	0.05
Beef and veal	171.2	165.9	165.0	-0.5	-3.6	0.76	0.76	0.00
Lamb and mutton	247.2	258.9	276.2	6.7	11.7	0.49	0.53	0.04
Pork	193.4	199.7	198.5	-0.6	2.6	0.29	0.29	0.00
Poultry	105.8	108.3	108.6	0.3	2.6	0.76	0.76	0.00
Bacon and ham	153.0	153.2	156.2	2.0	2.1	0.38	0.39	0.01
Other fresh and processed meat	183.0	186.8	189.1	1.2	3.3	0.69	0.70	0.01
Fish and other seafood	155.3	155.0	154.5	-0.3	-0.5	0.76	0.76	0.00
Fruit and vegetables	180.2	189.8	218.9	15.3	21.5	4.31	4.96	0.65
Fruit	193.7	211.4	242.0	14.5	24.9	2.02	2.31	0.29
Vegetables	172.6	176.5	204.8	16.0	18.7	2.29	2.65	0.36
Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food	197.7	199.3	203.9	2.3	3.1	3.60	3.69	0.09
Soft drinks, waters and juices	179.5	180.2	186.9	3.7	4.1	1.70	1.76	0.06
Snacks and confectionery	221.3	223.9	226.3	1.1	2.3	1.91	1.93	0.02
Meals out and take away foods	200.2	203.5	204.9	0.7	2.3	8.34	8.39	0.05
Restaurant meals	201.2	203.5	204.4	0.4	1.6	3.57	3.59	0.02
Take away and fast foods	201.6	205.8	207.4	0.8	2.9	4.77	4.81	0.04
Other food	176.4	174.1	176.0	1.1	-0.2	2.65	2.68	0.03
Eggs	198.9	199.3	199.6	0.2	0.4	0.17	0.17	0.00
Jams, honey and sandwich spreads	216.0	209.7	209.7	0.0	-2.9	0.26	0.26	0.00
Tea, coffee and food drinks	163.0	161.6	163.3	1.1	0.2	0.43	0.43	0.00
Food additives and condiments	155.5	154.8	157.5	1.7	1.3	0.48	0.49	0.01
Fats and oils	196.1	195.5	196.1	0.3	0.0	0.36	0.36	0.00
Food n.e.c.	173.3	169.5	172.3	1.7	-0.6	0.94	0.96	0.02
Alcohol and tobacco	274.3	301.8	305.0	1.1	11.2	13.33	13.47	0.14
Alcoholic drinks	200.1	203.5	204.2	0.3	2.0	7.89	7.92	0.03
Beer	227.0	232.3	231.8	-0.2	2.1	3.69	3.68	-0.01
Wine	154.1	155.6	156.7	0.7	1.7	2.45	2.46	0.01
Spirits	219.2	222.4	224.9	1.1	2.6	1.75	1.77	0.02
Tobacco	482.1	601.8	614.5	2.1	27.5	5.44	5.56	0.12
Clothing and footwear	107.5	106.9	106.1	-0.7	-1.3	5.63	5.59	-0.04
Men's clothing	102.9	103.5	101.9	-1.5	-1.0	1.06	1.04	-0.02
Men's outerwear	99.0	100.5	97.8	-2.7	-1.2	0.89	0.87	-0.02
Men's underwear, nightwear and socks	125.4	120.9	126.6	4.7	1.0	0.16	0.17	0.01
Women's clothing	106.7	103.6	104.0	0.4	-2.5	1.92	1.93	0.01
Women's outerwear	96.4	93.5	93.8	0.3	-2.7	1.48	1.49	0.01
Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery	153.7	149.8	150.9	0.7	-1.8	0.44	0.44	0.00
Children's and infants' clothing	106.6	108.8	104.6	-3.9	-1.9	0.55	0.53	-0.02
Footwear	93.9	93.6	89.9	-4.0	-4.3	0.92	0.88	-0.04
Men's footwear	88.2	87.0	84.1	-3.3	-4.6	0.25	0.24	-0.01
Women's footwear	96.8	97.0	94.1	-3.0	-2.8	0.48	0.47	-0.01
Children's footwear	98.1	98.1	90.9	-7.3	-7.3	0.18	0.17	-0.01
Accessories and clothing services(b)	117.1	118.2	120.5	1.9	2.9	1.18	1.21	0.03
Accessories(b)	98.9	99.4	101.9	2.5	3.0	0.90	0.92	0.02
Clothing services and shoe repair	204.9	209.1	209.9	0.4	2.4	0.29	0.29	0.00

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

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Mar Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011
Housing	158.8	164.3	166.4	1.3	4.8	37.72	38.20	0.48
Rents	184.7	190.5	193.0	1.3	4.5	10.29	10.43	0.14
Utilities	231.6	248.6	256.1	3.0	10.6	7.31	7.53	0.22
Electricity	225.8	240.0	252.3	5.1	11.7	3.87	4.07	0.20
Gas and other household fuels	241.3	249.6	253.5	1.6	5.1	1.47	1.50	0.03
Water and sewerage(b)	191.6	216.2	216.2	0.0	12.8	1.97	1.97	0.00
Other housing	143.0	146.3	147.2	0.6	2.9	20.12	20.24	0.12
House purchase(b)	171.8	174.8	176.2	0.8	2.6	13.97	14.08	0.11
Property rates and charges(b)	183.1	194.4	194.4	0.0	6.2	2.37	2.37	0.00
House repairs and maintenance	180.9	184.2	184.9	0.4	2.2	3.78	3.79	0.01
Household contents and services	126.8	128.2	126.2	-1.6	-0.5	15.08	14.85	-0.23
Furniture and furnishings	131.2	134.5	128.2	-4.7	-2.3	4.86	4.63	-0.23
Furniture	131.7	136.4	128.0	-6.2	-2.8	3.07	2.88	-0.19
Floor and window coverings	155.9	156.1	154.5	-1.0	-0.9	1.28	1.26	-0.02
Towels and linen	92.6	94.8	89.9	-5.2	-2.9	0.51	0.48	-0.03
Household appliances, utensils and tools	102.6	102.1	100.3	-1.8	-2.2	2.55	2.51	-0.04
Major household appliances	105.0	101.4	99.7	-1.7	-5.0	0.92	0.91	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	94.6	95.5	95.0	-0.5	0.4	0.39	0.39	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	90.1	92.9	90.1	-3.0	0.0	0.67	0.65	-0.02
Tools	119.8	118.5	117.3	-1.0	-2.1	0.56	0.55	-0.01
Household supplies	144.8	144.2	144.3	0.1	-0.3	4.65	4.66	0.01
Household cleaning agents	137.7	133.4	133.4	0.0	-3.1	0.51	0.51	0.00
Toiletries and personal care products	146.0	144.9	145.4	0.3	-0.4	1.78	1.79	0.01
Other household supplies	155.6	156.2	156.0	-0.1	0.3	2.36	2.35	-0.01
Household services	228.6	234.8	237.6	1.2	3.9	3.02	3.06	0.04
Child care	156.0	162.0	166.7	2.9	6.9	0.54	0.55	0.01
Hairdressing and personal care services	206.8	210.7	212.3	0.8	2.7	1.34	1.35	0.01
Other household services	258.7	266.9	269.3	0.9	4.1	1.15	1.16	0.01
Health	261.1	261.7	271.9	3.9	4.1	8.62	8.96	0.34
Health services	285.9	295.5	300.9	1.8	5.2	6.94	7.07	0.13
Hospital and medical services	303.2	314.9	321.5	2.1	6.0	5.49	5.60	0.11
Optical services	152.7	151.8	152.8	0.7	0.1	0.19	0.19	0.00
Dental services	263.6	268.7	271.1	0.9	2.8	1.27	1.28	0.01
Pharmaceuticals	177.4	157.8	177.5	12.5	0.1	1.68	1.89	0.21
Transportation	165.3	165.9	170.3	2.7	3.0	21.68	22.25	0.57
Private motoring	160.7	161.4	165.8	2.7	3.2	20.37	20.92	0.55
Motor vehicles	97.0	96.1	95.6	-0.5	-1.4	7.05	7.01	-0.04
Automotive fuel	216.1	217.1	236.1	8.8	9.3	6.68	7.26	0.58
Motor vehicle repair and servicing	166.8	166.1	166.8	0.4	0.0	3.37	3.38	0.01
Motor vehicle parts and accessories	142.6	143.2	142.8	-0.3	0.1	1.25	1.25	0.00
Other motoring charges	249.8	267.9	268.8	0.3	7.6	2.02	2.03	0.01
Urban transport fares	252.7	250.7	253.2	1.0	0.2	1.31	1.33	0.02
Communication	112.4	112.1	112.2	0.1	-0.2	4.98	4.99	0.01
Postal	155.4	165.4	165.4	0.0	6.4	0.20	0.20	0.00
Telecommunication	109.6	109.0	109.2	0.2	-0.4	4.78	4.79	0.01

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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Mar Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011
Recreation	138.1	136.8	136.0	-0.6	-1.5	18.02	17.92	-0.10
Audio, visual and computing	41.0	39.0	37.9	-2.8	-7.6	3.16	3.07	-0.09
Audio, visual and computing equipment	15.9	13.8	12.8	-7.2	-19.5	1.09	1.01	-0.08
Audio, visual and computing media and services	99.2	99.2	98.5	-0.7	-0.7	2.07	2.06	-0.01
Books, newspapers and magazines	224.7	226.8	227.5	0.3	1.2	1.39	1.39	0.00
Books(b)	132.2	132.5	133.1	0.5	0.7	0.70	0.70	0.00
Newspapers and magazines(b)	153.8	156.5	156.7	0.1	1.9	0.69	0.69	0.00
Sport and other recreation	191.3	192.3	193.9	0.8	1.4	6.56	6.61	0.05
Sports and recreational equipment(b)	89.4	84.8	83.4	-1.7	-6.7	0.78	0.77	-0.01
Toys, games and hobbies(b)	95.1	94.1	93.8	-0.3	-1.4	0.73	0.73	0.00
Sports participation(b)	175.5	180.7	182.5	1.0	4.0	1.35	1.36	0.01
Pets, pet foods and supplies	191.5	190.5	190.4	-0.1	-0.6	0.82	0.82	0.00
Pet services including veterinary	237.2	244.0	246.0	0.8	3.7	0.82	0.82	0.00
Other recreational activities(b)	172.5	174.7	179.0	2.5	3.8	2.07	2.12	0.05
Holiday travel and accommodation	151.2	150.1	148.4	-1.1	-1.9	6.91	6.84	-0.07
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	158.7	157.7	156.6	-0.7	-1.3	3.89	3.86	-0.03
Overseas holiday travel and accommodation	141.8	140.5	138.2	-1.6	-2.5	3.02	2.97	-0.05
Education	313.7	314.2	332.2	5.7	5.9	5.18	5.48	0.30
Preschool and primary education(c)	175.6	177.0	186.6	5.4	6.3	1.01	1.06	0.05
Secondary education(c)	191.9	191.9	205.0	6.8	6.8	1.95	2.08	0.13
Tertiary education(c)	147.6	147.6	154.9	4.9	4.9	2.23	2.34	0.11
Financial and insurance services(d)	110.5	110.7	113.6	2.6	2.8	15.29	15.69	0.40
Financial services(d)	106.7	106.4	109.6	3.0	2.7	12.32	12.69	0.37
Deposit and loan facilities(d)	103.3	102.0	106.7	4.6	3.3	6.76	7.07	0.31
Other financial services(d)	111.1	112.3	113.4	1.0	2.1	5.57	5.62	0.05
Insurance services	325.2	331.2	335.1	1.2	3.0	2.97	3.00	0.03
All groups	171.0	174.0	176.7	1.6	3.3	174.0	176.7	2.7

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(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

(d) Base: June quarter 2005 = 100.0.

	INDEX NUMBERS(b)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr 2010	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Mar Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010	Mar Qtr 2011	Dec Qtr 2010 to Mar Qtr 2011
All groups	171.0	174.0	176.7	1.6	3.3	174.0	176.7	2.7
Selected components								
Goods component	167.1	170.4	173.1	1.6	3.6	100.43	102.05	1.62
Services component	178.1	180.7	183.3	1.4	2.9	73.55	74.62	1.07
Tradables component(c)	123.1	124.9	127.2	1.8	3.3	68.26	69.51	1.25
Non-tradables component(c)	157.5	160.5	162.7	1.4	3.3	105.73	107.16	1.43
All groups excluding								
Food	167.2	170.2	172.3	1.2	3.1	145.53	147.39	1.86
Alcohol and tobacco	164.1	165.8	168.5	1.6	2.7	160.66	163.20	2.54
Clothing and footwear	175.1	178.3	181.2	1.6	3.5	168.36	171.08	2.72
Housing	170.8	173.0	175.8	1.6	2.9	136.27	138.47	2.20
Household contents and services	177.5	180.7	184.0	1.8	3.7	158.91	161.82	2.91
Health	167.0	170.0	172.4	1.4	3.2	165.37	167.71	2.34
Transportation	172.0	175.3	177.7	1.4	3.3	152.31	154.42	2.11
Communication	172.6	175.7	178.4	1.5	3.4	169.01	171.68	2.67
Recreation	175.9	179.5	182.7	1.8	3.9	155.96	158.75	2.79
Education	169.1	172.1	174.5	1.4	3.2	168.81	171.19	2.38
Financial and insurance services	179.0	182.4	185.0	1.4	3.4	158.70	160.98	2.28
Housing and Financial and insurance services	171.5	173.8	176.4	1.5	2.9	120.99	122.78	1.79
Hospital and medical services	167.8	170.6	173.2	1.5	3.2	168.50	171.07	2.57

(a) Refer to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index numbers(a)(b)

Period				MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING 'VOLATILE ITEMS'				
	All groups	All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services	All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables(c)	Non-tradables(c)
2006-07	156.1	159.8	161.7	148.2	170.0	154.6	118.5	138.6
2007-08	161.4	163.8	167.2	151.8	177.8	159.7	120.7	144.9
2008-09	166.4	167.8	173.2	156.2	184.3	164.9	122.3	151.1
2009-10	170.3	171.1	177.8	159.5	186.7	167.8	123.3	156.2
2007								
March	155.6	159.0	162.1	148.3	170.3	154.8	116.9	139.2
June	157.5	161.2	163.3	149.5	171.3	155.9	119.2	140.2
September	158.6	161.5	164.4	149.9	174.1	157.2	119.4	141.7
December	160.1	162.7	166.0	151.3	176.7	159.0	119.8	143.6
2008								
March	162.2	164.5	168.0	152.1	178.6	160.2	120.8	146.1
June	164.6	166.6	170.2	153.9	181.7	162.4	122.6	148.1
September	166.5	167.7	172.0	154.7	184.9	164.1	123.4	150.4
December	166.0	166.6	172.8	155.3	186.3	165.0	121.2	151.3
2009								
March	166.2	167.9	173.4	156.7	183.0	164.7	121.8	151.1
June	167.0	169.0	174.4	158.2	182.9	165.6	122.6	151.7
September	168.6	169.7	176.1	159.0	184.4	166.6	122.8	153.9
December	169.5	170.4	177.0	159.3	186.5	167.6	122.9	155.2
2010								
March	171.0	171.5	178.4	158.9	187.9	167.9	123.1	157.5
June	172.1	172.6	179.5	160.7	187.8	168.9	124.3	158.0
September	173.3	173.1	181.3	161.9	189.1	170.1	124.5	159.8
December	174.0	173.8	181.4	161.7	189.7	170.2	124.9	160.5
2011								
March	176.7	176.4	183.0	161.6	191.7	170.9	127.2	162.7

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

(c) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(b) Refer to paragraphs 11-13 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'					RBA CONSUMER PRICE MEASURES	
	All groups		All groups excluding 'volatile items'	Goods	Services	Total	Tradables	Non-tradables	Weighted median	Trimmed mean
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)										
2006-07	2.9	3.0	2.6	1.8	2.9	2.2	2.2	3.5	2.8	2.8
2007-08	3.4	2.5	3.4	2.4	4.6	3.3	1.9	4.5	3.8	3.7
2008-09	3.1	2.4	3.6	2.9	3.7	3.3	1.3	4.3	4.5	4.1
2009-10	2.3	2.0	2.7	2.1	1.3	1.8	0.8	3.4	3.3	3.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)										
2007										
March	2.4	2.3	2.5	1.8	2.8	2.2	1.0	3.5	r2.8	2.7
June	2.1	1.8	2.6	2.1	2.7	2.4	0.3	3.4	r2.8	2.7
September	1.9	1.1	2.6	1.8	3.5	2.5	-0.3	3.5	r3.0	2.9
December	3.0	2.2	3.0	2.4	3.9	3.0	1.4	4.1	3.6	3.4
2008										
March	4.2	3.5	3.6	2.6	4.9	3.5	3.3	5.0	r4.2	r4.0
June	4.5	3.3	4.2	2.9	6.1	4.2	2.9	5.6	4.4	r4.3
September	5.0	3.8	4.6	3.2	6.2	4.4	3.4	6.1	4.8	4.7
December	3.7	2.4	4.1	2.6	5.4	3.8	1.2	5.4	4.5	4.2
2009										
March	2.5	2.1	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.8	0.8	3.4	r4.4	4.0
June	1.5	1.4	2.5	2.8	0.7	2.0	0.0	2.4	r4.2	3.6
September	1.3	1.2	2.4	2.8	-0.3	1.5	-0.5	2.3	r3.7	3.2
December	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	0.1	1.6	1.4	2.6	r3.5	3.2
2010										
March	2.9	2.1	2.9	1.4	2.7	1.9	1.1	4.2	3.1	3.0
June	3.1	2.1	2.9	1.6	2.7	2.0	1.4	4.2	2.7	r2.6
September	2.8	2.0	3.0	1.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	3.8	2.4	r2.4
December	2.7	2.0	2.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	1.6	3.4	r2.2	2.2
2011										
March	3.3	2.9	2.6	1.7	2.0	1.8	3.3	3.3	2.2	2.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)										
2007										
March	0.1	-0.1	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.3	-1.0	0.9	r0.7	0.6
June	1.2	1.4	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.9	0.9
September	0.7	0.2	0.7	0.3	1.6	0.8	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.8
December	0.9	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.1	0.3	1.3	r1.1	1.1
2008										
March	1.3	1.1	1.2	0.5	1.1	0.8	0.8	1.7	1.3	1.2
June	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.7	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.2
September	1.2	0.7	1.1	0.5	1.8	1.0	0.7	1.6	1.2	1.1
December	-0.3	-0.7	0.5	0.4	0.8	0.5	-1.8	0.6	0.9	0.6
2009										
March	0.1	0.8	0.3	0.9	-1.8	-0.2	0.5	-0.1	1.2	1.0
June	0.5	0.7	0.6	1.0	-0.1	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.9
September	1.0	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.6	0.2	1.5	0.8	0.7
December	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.2	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.6	0.6
2010										
March	0.9	0.6	0.8	-0.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	1.5	0.8	0.8
June	0.6	0.6	0.6	1.1	-0.1	0.6	1.0	0.3	0.5	0.5
September	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.2	1.1	0.5	0.6
December	0.4	0.4	0.1	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3
2011										
March	1.6	1.5	0.9	-0.1	1.1	0.4	1.8	1.4	0.8	0.9

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<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>
2006–07	159.8	139.6	164.7	700.5	106.4	215.4	127.8	138.4	143.8	155.6	135.0	157.6
2007–08	163.8	143.2	171.2	763.5	107.3	223.2	134.2	144.4	145.8	161.8	138.7	162.4
2008–09	167.8	147.7	173.1	831.7	107.9	233.0	137.0	146.6	147.6	163.7	140.1	168.6
2009–10	171.1	150.5	175.5	862.2	105.9	238.8	138.6	146.6	149.5	166.0	141.2	175.4
2007												
March	159.0	139.3	164.8	710.7	105.8	215.7	127.7	137.2	143.7	154.8	135.1	157.7
June	161.2	140.6	165.7	710.8	106.4	218.1	128.4	140.3	145.9	158.5	136.5	159.6
September	161.5	140.8	167.4	728.9	106.6	219.5	131.1	141.3	145.4	158.5	137.3	159.2
December	162.7	142.7	169.4	747.1	107.2	220.9	133.2	146.2	144.7	160.1	138.3	161.2
2008												
March	164.5	143.5	172.9	773.7	107.1	223.8	135.5	143.9	145.0	161.9	139.1	162.6
June	166.6	145.8	175.1	804.4	108.1	228.7	137.1	146.2	148.2	166.7	139.9	166.5
September	167.7	148.2	175.8	827.9	109.4	231.8	137.7	148.9	149.5	169.2	140.9	168.6
December	166.6	147.0	172.9	832.6	108.4	231.2	138.6	149.0	146.5	162.2	139.8	168.1
2009												
March	167.9	147.4	172.0	833.9	106.8	233.2	136.5	143.7	146.0	160.6	139.6	167.4
June	169.0	148.3	171.6	832.4	106.8	235.7	135.1	144.7	148.4	162.8	140.2	170.2
September	169.7	150.4	172.3	850.8	106.5	236.9	136.6	146.9	148.8	164.4	140.7	171.7
December	170.4	150.2	174.9	854.6	105.9	237.1	138.0	146.9	149.0	165.4	141.0	173.9
2010												
March	171.5	150.7	177.0	864.2	105.5	239.5	138.9	146.0	149.7	166.5	141.2	176.1
June	172.6	150.8	177.8	879.0	105.8	241.8	140.7	146.5	150.5	167.6	141.7	179.8
September	173.1	152.5	178.4	905.1	105.6	243.9	142.1	147.1	151.1	167.7	142.2	180.3
December	173.8	156.3	180.5	921.2	106.1	246.0	143.1	148.8	152.2	168.4	142.7	182.9
2011												
March	176.4	157.8	nya	926.7	nya	250.4	nya	nya	nya	171.2	143.6	186.9

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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)												
2006-07	3.0	2.0	1.3	8.3	0.3	2.4	0.7	0.1	1.1	2.0	1.4	3.1
2007-08	2.5	2.6	3.9	9.0	0.8	3.6	5.0	4.3	1.4	4.0	2.7	3.0
2008-09	2.4	3.1	1.1	8.9	0.6	4.4	2.1	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.0	3.8
2009-10	2.0	1.9	1.4	3.7	-1.9	2.5	1.2	0.0	1.3	1.4	0.8	4.0

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)												
2007												
March	2.3	1.9	1.6	6.3	-0.1	2.0	0.4	0.9	1.3	1.6	1.7	3.4
June	1.8	1.2	1.4	5.6	-0.1	2.6	1.0	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.1	3.0
September	1.1	1.0	1.0	7.0	-0.2	2.4	3.0	1.7	1.5	1.8	2.3	2.1
December	2.2	2.8	3.1	7.1	0.6	3.4	4.1	5.8	1.8	4.4	3.1	2.6
2008												
March	3.5	3.0	4.9	8.9	1.2	3.8	6.1	4.9	0.9	4.6	3.0	3.1
June	3.3	3.8	5.7	13.2	1.6	4.9	6.8	4.2	1.6	5.2	2.5	4.3
September	3.8	5.2	5.0	13.6	2.6	5.6	5.0	5.4	2.8	6.8	2.6	5.9
December	2.4	3.0	2.1	11.4	1.2	4.7	4.1	1.9	1.2	1.3	1.1	4.3
2009												
March	2.1	2.7	-0.5	7.8	-0.2	4.2	0.7	-0.1	0.7	-0.8	0.4	3.0
June	1.4	1.7	-2.0	3.5	-1.2	3.1	-1.5	-1.0	0.1	-2.3	0.2	2.2
September	1.2	1.5	-2.0	2.8	-2.7	2.2	-0.8	-1.3	-0.5	-2.8	-0.1	1.8
December	2.3	2.2	1.2	2.7	-2.3	2.6	-0.4	-1.4	1.7	2.0	0.9	3.5
2010												
March	2.1	2.3	2.9	3.6	-1.2	2.7	1.8	1.6	2.5	3.7	1.1	5.2
June	2.1	1.7	3.6	5.6	-0.9	2.6	4.1	1.2	1.4	2.9	1.1	5.6
September	2.0	1.4	3.5	6.4	-0.8	3.0	4.0	0.1	1.5	2.0	1.1	5.0
December	2.0	4.1	3.2	7.8	0.2	3.8	3.7	1.3	2.1	1.8	1.2	5.2
2011												
March	2.9	4.7	nya	7.2	nya	4.6	nya	nya	nya	2.8	1.7	6.1

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)												
2007												
March	-0.1	0.4	0.3	1.9	-0.7	1.0	-0.2	-0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.4
June	1.4	0.9	0.5	0.0	0.6	1.1	0.5	2.3	1.5	2.4	1.0	1.2
September	0.2	0.2	1.0	2.6	0.2	0.6	2.1	1.6	-0.3	0.0	0.6	-0.3
December	0.7	1.3	1.2	2.5	0.5	0.6	1.6	3.4	-0.5	1.0	0.7	1.3
2008												
March	1.1	0.6	2.1	3.6	-0.1	1.3	1.7	-1.6	0.2	1.1	0.6	0.9
June	1.3	1.6	1.3	4.0	1.0	2.2	1.2	1.6	2.2	3.0	0.6	2.4
September	0.7	1.6	0.4	2.9	1.2	1.4	0.4	1.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.3
December	-0.7	-0.8	-1.6	0.6	-0.9	-0.3	0.7	0.1	-2.0	-4.1	-0.8	-0.3
2009												
March	0.8	0.3	-0.5	0.2	-1.5	0.9	-1.5	-3.6	-0.3	-1.0	-0.1	-0.4
June	0.7	0.7	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	1.1	-1.0	0.7	1.6	1.4	0.4	1.7
September	0.4	1.4	0.4	2.2	-0.3	0.5	1.1	1.5	0.3	1.0	0.4	0.9
December	0.4	-0.2	1.5	0.5	-0.6	0.1	1.0	0.0	0.1	0.6	0.2	1.3
2010												
March	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.1	-0.4	1.0	0.7	-0.6	0.5	0.7	0.1	1.3
June	0.6	0.1	0.5	1.7	0.3	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	2.1
September	0.3	1.1	0.3	3.0	-0.2	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3
December	0.4	2.5	1.2	1.8	0.5	0.9	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.4	1.4
2011												
March	1.5	1.0	nya	0.6	nya	1.8	nya	nya	nya	1.7	0.6	2.2

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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 Capital city indexes used by the CPI are based on the 2006 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) statistical divisions. 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, 2009* (cat. no. 6461.0) which is available on the ABS website <<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 and historical weighting patterns for the CPI for the weighted average of the eight capital cities is published in *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2005)* (cat. no. 6431). 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

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WEIGHTING PATTERN *continued*

Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue) (cat. no. 6430.0) (electronic publication). Both publications are available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

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:
June Quarter 2010	172.1 (see table 1)
less June Quarter 2009	167.0 (see table 1)
Change in index points	5.1

Percentage change $5.1/167.0 \times 100 = 3.1\%$ (see table 2)

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 2.17 index points to the total All groups index number of 172.1 for June Quarter 2010. 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.
- *RBA measures 'Weighted median' and 'Trimmed mean'*: These measures are calculated following the methodology adopted by the Reserve Bank of Australia. The 'Trimmed mean' is calculated by ordering the CPI expenditure class components by their price change in the quarter and taking the expenditure weighted average of the middle 70 per cent of these price changes. The 'Weighted median' is the price change of the component in the middle of this ordering. For calculating the 'Weighted median' and 'Trimmed mean' series, where CPI components are identified as having a seasonal pattern, quarterly price changes are estimated on a seasonally adjusted basis. Seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using the history of price changes up to the current quarter CPI and are revised each quarter. These revisions to the seasonal adjustment factors lead to revisions in the 'Weighted median' and 'Trimmed mean' series. Movements in the series from one period to another are expressed as percentage changes (see paragraph 9).

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

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INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS *continued*

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 12). 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.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

19 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily *Release Advice* on the website which details products to be released in the week ahead.

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

- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 15th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Information Paper: Outcome of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review, Australia* (cat. no. 6469.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 15th Series Australian Consumer Price Index 2005 (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6462.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6430.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2005)* (cat. no. 6431.0)
- *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2009* (cat. no. 6461.0)
- *Information Paper: Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services* (cat. no. 6413.0)
- *Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers* (cat. no. 6458.0)
- *Information Paper: Consumer Price Index with Reserve Bank of Australia Consumer Price Measures, Australia, 2007* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.002)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concordance with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia* (cat. no. 6446.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: Issues to be considered during the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review, Dec 2009* (cat. no. 6468.0)
- *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6403.0.55.001)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types* (cat. no. 6463.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, Australia, 2009* (cat. no. 6466.0)
- *Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index* (cat. no. 6467.0)

DATA AVAILABLE

21 As well as the statistics included in this publication, there is more detailed data for each capital city available on the ABS website. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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