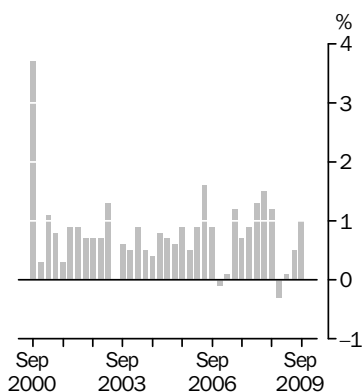


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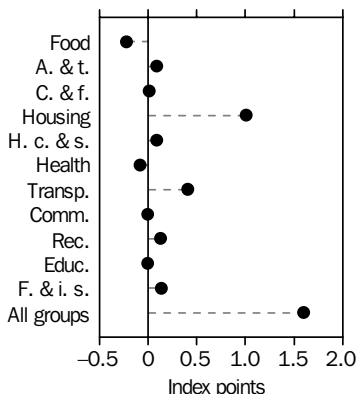
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All Groups
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change
September Quarter 2009



KEY FIGURES

| WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES | <i>Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009</i> % change | <i>Sep Qtr 2008 to Sep Qtr 2009</i> % change |
|---|--|--|
| Food | -0.8 | 2.5 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 0.7 | 4.0 |
| Clothing and footwear | 0.3 | 2.3 |
| Housing | 2.9 | 5.5 |
| Household contents and services | 0.6 | 4.0 |
| Health | -1.0 | 4.4 |
| Transportation | 1.9 | -5.1 |
| Communication | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| Recreation | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| Education | 0.0 | 5.6 |
| Financial and insurance services | 0.9 | -7.2 |
| All groups | 1.0 | 1.3 |
| All groups excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services | 0.4 | 1.2 |

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 1.0% in the September quarter 2009, compared with a rise of 0.5% in the June quarter 2009.
- rose 1.3% through the year to September quarter 2009, compared to an annual rise of 1.5% to June quarter 2009.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price rises this quarter were for electricity (+11.4%), automotive fuel (+4.0%), water and sewerage (+14.1%), deposit and loan facilities (+3.0%) and house purchase (+1.1%).
- The most significant offsetting price falls were for other financial services (-2.3%), vegetables (-5.6%), fruit (-5.4%), pharmaceuticals (-4.4%) and audio, visual and computing equipment (-2.2%).

INQUIRIES

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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

An article describing the treatment of child care services in the Australian Consumer Price Index can be found in the Appendix on page 34 of this issue.

16TH SERIES AUSTRALIAN CPI REVIEW

The CPI is subject to periodic reviews. While an important objective of the reviews is to update item weights, formal reviews also provide an opportunity to examine the scope and coverage of the index and other methodological issues.

An information paper: *Issues to be considered during the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review* (cat.no. 6468.0) will be published on 15 December 2009. It will outline some of the major issues to be considered in the review, as a basis for public consultation. Public seminars will also be held in capital cities in early 2010. The closing date for submissions to the review is 12 March 2010.

ROUNDING

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

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ABBREVIATIONS

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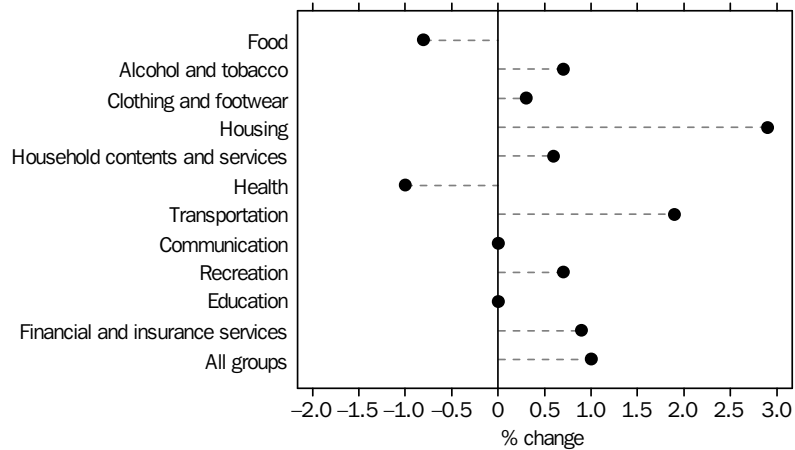
ANALYSES AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

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



HOUSING (+2.9%)

The main contributor to the increase in housing costs this quarter was the increase in the price of electricity (+11.4%) followed by water and sewerage (+14.1%), house purchase (+1.1%), property rates and charges (+5.7%), rents (+1.2%), gas and other household fuels (+2.7%) and house repairs and maintenance (+0.8%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the housing group rose 5.5%, with the main contributors being rents (+6.2%), electricity (+15.6%), water and sewerage (+14.9%) and house purchase (+1.7%).

TRANSPORTATION (+1.9%)

The main contributor to the increase in transportation costs this quarter was the rise in the price of automotive fuel (+4.0%). Other motoring charges (+4.8%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+0.9%), motor vehicles (+0.4%), motor vehicles parts and accessories (+0.9%) and urban transport fares (+0.8%) all recorded increases.

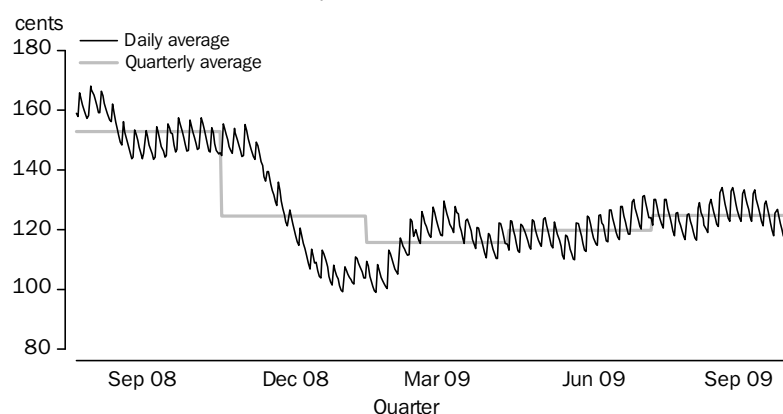
Automotive fuel rose in April (+1.2%), fell in May (-0.2%), rose in June (+4.7%), fell in July (-0.2%), rose in August (+2.7%) and fell in September (-1.9%).

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

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

TRANSPORTATION (+1.9%) *continued*

AVERAGE PRICE OF ULP, cents per litre



Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the transportation group fell 5.1%, with the sole contributor being automotive fuel (-19.0%). Motor vehicle parts and accessories (+7.4%), other motoring charges (+6.1%), urban transport (+4.7%), motor vehicle repair and servicing (+3.8%) and motor vehicles (+0.2%) provided off-setting increases.

FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (+0.9%)

The major contributor to the increase in financial and insurance services this quarter was deposit and loan facilities (+3.0%). Insurance services (+2.8%) was also positive. Other financial services (-2.3%) provided an offsetting decrease.

Deposit and loan facilities showed an increase partly due to increases derived from interest-rate margins. The impact on prices varied across the range of products covered in the CPI. The ABS continues to review the outlets, products and their weights in the CPI basket to ensure they are representative and contemporary.

The decrease in other financial services was due to a fall in stamp duty.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the financial and insurance services group fell 7.2%, driven by a 17.0% fall in deposit and loan facilities and a 0.5% fall in other financial services. This was offset by increases in insurance services (+8.8%).

RECREATION (+0.7%)

The increase in recreation this quarter was mainly due to price rises for pets, pet foods and supplies (+5.4%), sports participation (+2.1%), other recreation activities (+1.7%) and audio, visual and computing media and services (+0.8%). The major offset was provided by audio, visual and computing equipment (-2.2%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the recreation group rose 0.1%. This rise was mainly due to other recreation activities (+5.5%) and pets, pet food and supplies (+14.2%). Overseas holiday travel and accommodation (-5.1%), audio, visual and computing equipment (-8.5%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.6%) provided the major offsets.

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+0.7%)

The alcohol and tobacco group recorded an increase of 0.7% in the September quarter 2009, with rises in beer (+1.4%), spirits (+1.4%) and wine (+0.9%).

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO (+0.7%) *continued*

The rises in beer and spirit prices were mainly due to a rise in the rate of federal excise from August 2009. The rise in wine was largely due to price rises and the cessation of specials. The fall in tobacco (−0.1%) was mainly a result of price reductions and store specials in most cities.

Over the 12 months to September quarter 2009, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 4.0%.

HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES (+0.6%)

The household contents and services group increased 0.6% this quarter with ten of thirteen categories recording rises. The most significant upward contributors were major household appliances (+1.7%) and furniture (+0.5%). Off-setting decreases came from toiletries and personal care products (−0.5%) and towels and linen (−0.4%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the household contents and services group rose 4.0%. This increase was predominantly due to rises in furniture (+4.8%), other household supplies (+5.4%) and floor and window coverings (+6.2%). Only towels and linen (−1.1%) recorded a negative annual movement.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+0.3%)

The rise in clothing and footwear this quarter was due to increases in women's footwear (+3.3%), children's and infants' clothing (+1.7%) and men's underwear, nightwear and socks (+4.1%). Men's outerwear (−0.9%) registered the largest offsetting movement.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the clothing and footwear group rose 2.3%. The increase was mainly due to rises in accessories (+6.7%) and women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery (+10.2%). Women's footwear (−1.2%) recorded the largest offsetting fall.

FOOD (−0.8%)

The food group fell 0.8% in the September quarter 2009. The two most significant food group contributors were vegetables (−5.6%) and fruit (−5.4%), both of which benefited from peak growing seasons and favourable weather patterns. The most significant off-setting price rises came from take away and fast foods (+0.8%), food additives and condiments (+1.4%) and poultry (+1.4%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, eighteen of the twenty six food categories rose to create a 2.5% rise across the food group. Increases were mainly driven by general price rises in take away and fast foods (+5.1%), restaurant meals (+3.2%), snacks and confectionery (+4.2%) and soft drinks waters and juices (+3.9%). Vegetables (−3.8%) and fruit (−2.6%) recorded the most significant negative price movements.

HEALTH (−1.0%)

The major contributors to the fall in health costs this quarter were pharmaceuticals (−4.4%) and hospital and medical services (−0.1%). Dental services (+0.7%) provided the main offset.

The net cost of pharmaceuticals fell mainly due to the cyclical effect of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme safety net, with a greater proportion of consumers exceeding the PBS safety net and receiving subsidised prescription pharmaceuticals this quarter.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

HEALTH (-1.0%) *continued*

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the health group rose 4.4% due to increases in hospital and medical services (+5.4%), dental services (+4.2%) and pharmaceuticals (+2.3%).

COMMUNICATION (+0.0%)

There was no significant movement this quarter for telecommunication. A small rise was recorded in postal (+1.8%).

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the communication group rose 1.0%.

EDUCATION GROUP (+0.0%)

At the total group level, the education group reported no change in the September quarter 2009. The only component movement was an increase in preschool and primary education (+0.1%). The movement was not enough to influence the group level figure.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the education group rose 5.6%.

TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The tradables component (see table 8) of the All groups CPI rose 0.2% in the September quarter 2009. 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 rise in the tradable goods component was driven by increases in automotive fuel, pets, pet food and supplies, women's footwear, major household appliances, spirits and wine. The most significant offsetting falls were in vegetables and fruit. The only tradable services component, overseas holiday travel and accommodation, rose 0.7%.

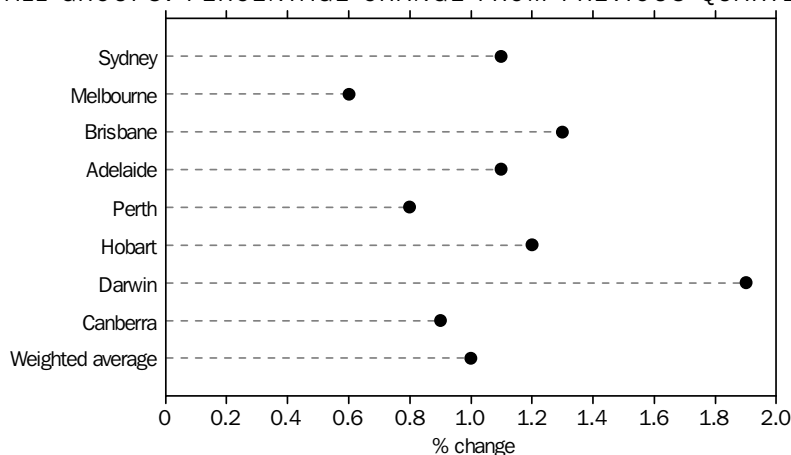
The non-tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 1.5% in the September quarter 2009. Prices for the goods and services in this component are largely determined by domestic price pressures. The non-tradables component represents approximately 58% of the CPI. Within non-tradables, the services component rose 0.9%, due to deposit and loan facilities, property rates and charges and rents. The most significant offsetting movement was other financial services. The non-tradable goods component rose 2.6% mainly due to price increases for electricity, water and sewerage and house purchase. The most significant offsetting movement was cakes and biscuits.

Through the year to September quarter 2009, non-tradables rose 2.3% and tradables showed a fall of 0.5%. This compares to non-tradables rising 2.4% and tradables showing zero percentage change, respectively, for these components through the year to June quarter 2009. The main drivers in non-tradables were rents, electricity, hospital and medical services, take away and fast foods, insurance services, water and sewerage and house purchase. The largest offsetting movement was in deposit and loan facilities. Automotive fuel and overseas holiday travel and accommodation were the main contributors to the decrease in tradables. Increases for tobacco and furniture provided partial offsets.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

ALL GROUPS

ALL GROUPS: PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS QUARTER



At the All groups level, the CPI rose in all capital cities this quarter. Among the cities recording a positive movement, Darwin registered the highest increase with a rise of 1.9%, while all other cities were in the range of 0.6% to 1.3%.

The housing group recorded the largest positive contribution due to strong rises for all expenditure classes. The most significant contributor was the increase in electricity prices across seven capital cities, most notably in Sydney and Darwin.

Transportation was also a significant contributor to the quarterly movement showing increases in all cities. This was mainly due to automotive fuel which recorded strong rises in all cities particularly in Brisbane, due to the removal of the Queensland state government subsidy.

The health group was the largest negative contributor with drops in all cities. The biggest drop was in Sydney which recorded the largest fall for pharmaceuticals (-5.0%). The smallest drop was in Darwin (-2.7%).

The food group was the second largest negative contributor with drops in six cities ranging from -0.2% in Darwin to -1.0% in Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra. Adelaide recorded a small rise of 0.2% and Hobart had a flat movement. All cities recorded falls for fruit and vegetables. Adelaide recorded a much lower than average drop for fruit and vegetables and this combined with some rises for other food expenditure classes gave Adelaide an overall rise.

The relatively larger quarterly increase for Darwin compared to other cities was mainly due to the increase in the housing group, where it was the most significant positive mover, showing a 3.6% increase. Recreation also increased significantly more than in other cities, as did alcohol and tobacco. In addition, Darwin registered a significantly smaller offset in health and food prices.

Over the twelve months to September quarter 2009, the All groups CPI rose in all capital cities with the increases ranging from 0.6% in Melbourne to 2.7% in Darwin. The higher result in Darwin is largely due to stronger than average rises in housing, food, alcohol and tobacco, health and household contents and services.

ANALYSES AND COMMENTS *continued*

ALL GROUPS *continued*

CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

| | INDEX | PERCENTAGE CHANGE | |
|--|-----------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | NUMBER(a) | | |
| | | | |
| | Sep Qtr 2009 | Sep 2008 to Sep 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 |
| Sydney | 168.1 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Melbourne | 165.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Brisbane | 174.1 | 1.9 | 1.3 |
| Adelaide | 172.1 | 1.4 | 1.1 |
| Perth | 168.7 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Hobart | 167.7 | 1.8 | 1.2 |
| Darwin | 168.0 | 2.7 | 1.9 |
| Canberra | 169.9 | 1.4 | 0.9 |
| Weighted average of eight capital cities | 168.6 | 1.3 | 1.0 |

(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> |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| 2005-06 | 152.1 | 150.2 | 153.2 | 155.2 | 150.1 | 151.8 | 146.5 | 151.9 | 151.7 |
| 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 |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 155.8 | 153.5 | 157.3 | 158.8 | 155.5 | 154.7 | 152.6 | 155.6 | 155.5 |
| 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 |

(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) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 |
| 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 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 3.2 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 5.0 | 3.1 | 3.3 |
| 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 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | -0.2 | -0.1 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.4 | -0.3 | 0.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 |
| 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 |

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> |
|----------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|
| 2005-06 | 162.3 | 233.1 | 109.2 | 129.3 | 122.2 | 213.5 |
| 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 |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 173.9 | 239.5 | 108.1 | 132.9 | 124.7 | 218.0 |
| 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 |

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

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

| <i>Period</i> | <i>Transportation</i> | <i>Communication</i> | <i>Recreation</i> | <i>Education</i> | <i>Financial and insurance services(b)</i> | <i>All groups</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|--|-------------------|
| 2005-06 | 155.5 | 109.5 | 132.0 | 253.2 | 101.2 | 151.7 |
| 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 |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 154.7 | 110.8 | 134.8 | 258.0 | 103.0 | 155.5 |
| 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 |

(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) | | | | | | |
| 2005–06 | 4.8 | 3.4 | -1.4 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 4.5 |
| 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 |

| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 8.6 | 3.5 | -2.0 | 3.2 | 1.9 | 5.3 |
| 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 |

| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | |
|---|------|-----|------|-----|------|------|
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.8 | -0.4 | 0.5 | 0.2 | -0.8 |
| 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 |

| <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) | | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 5.9 | -1.4 | 1.0 | 6.1 | .. | 3.2 |
| 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 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | 1.1 | 1.7 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 1.4 | 3.3 |
| 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 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | |
| 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 |
| December | -3.8 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.5 | -0.1 |
| 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 |

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| <i>Quarters</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> |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| FOOD | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 175.9 | 175.8 | 178.3 | 182.3 | 173.5 | 169.4 | 169.8 | 176.7 | 176.1 |
| December | 175.2 | 175.5 | 177.2 | 182.7 | 174.2 | 171.0 | 171.0 | 178.0 | 175.9 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 179.6 | 177.4 | 180.5 | 188.3 | 179.4 | 173.6 | 173.2 | 183.4 | 179.6 |
| June | 178.8 | 177.6 | 181.3 | 187.5 | 180.8 | 174.3 | 174.4 | 182.2 | 179.5 |
| September | 181.3 | 181.0 | 182.9 | 190.6 | 181.6 | 176.7 | 176.6 | 185.4 | 182.1 |
| December | 185.5 | 184.3 | 187.8 | 194.1 | 183.7 | 181.2 | 180.2 | 189.0 | 185.8 |
| 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 |
| ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 249.1 | 247.3 | 240.1 | 253.6 | 231.4 | 231.3 | 235.4 | 230.5 | 245.0 |
| December | 252.3 | 251.5 | 241.4 | 257.9 | 232.8 | 234.3 | 240.3 | 234.6 | 248.2 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 255.0 | 254.2 | 243.7 | 259.7 | 235.3 | 236.5 | 242.1 | 239.1 | 250.7 |
| June | 259.3 | 259.1 | 249.2 | 264.2 | 239.1 | 241.7 | 246.4 | 244.3 | 255.4 |
| September | 262.6 | 260.8 | 255.4 | 269.5 | 244.3 | 244.2 | 251.7 | 247.2 | 259.1 |
| December | 265.2 | 265.5 | 258.2 | 275.5 | 247.4 | 246.4 | 253.3 | 248.5 | 262.6 |
| 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 |
| CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 111.5 | 111.1 | 106.7 | 108.0 | 101.8 | 102.8 | 104.4 | 114.7 | 109.6 |
| December | 111.5 | 111.3 | 107.2 | 108.9 | 102.2 | 102.6 | 104.9 | 114.5 | 109.8 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 110.8 | 106.7 | 104.8 | 105.2 | 98.9 | 102.1 | 103.4 | 113.4 | 107.2 |
| June | 114.1 | 110.3 | 107.2 | 109.0 | 102.0 | 102.8 | 103.9 | 115.3 | 110.4 |
| September | 114.2 | 108.9 | 107.3 | 107.0 | 99.7 | 103.7 | 105.5 | 115.2 | 109.6 |
| December | 114.8 | 109.9 | 106.6 | 106.8 | 100.8 | 104.0 | 106.6 | 112.8 | 110.0 |
| 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 |
| HOUSING | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 142.3 | 120.5 | 153.8 | 134.4 | 145.1 | 141.9 | 164.6 | 147.4 | 137.8 |
| December | 143.4 | 122.2 | 156.7 | 135.7 | 146.3 | 142.8 | 166.3 | 148.9 | 139.3 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 145.4 | 125.9 | 159.0 | 139.2 | 147.7 | 145.9 | 168.3 | 150.1 | 141.9 |
| June | 147.6 | 126.4 | 161.3 | 139.5 | 149.7 | 147.3 | 170.1 | 152.0 | 143.4 |
| September | 151.2 | 129.2 | 166.5 | 143.4 | 153.7 | 150.2 | 174.2 | 158.2 | 147.2 |
| December | 152.8 | 129.3 | 168.6 | 144.9 | 155.0 | 150.4 | 177.5 | 159.4 | 148.3 |
| 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 |

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| <i>Quarters</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> |
|---------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| HOUSEHOLD CONTENTS AND SERVICES | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 119.7 | 123.9 | 125.3 | 123.0 | 121.0 | 129.5 | 116.2 | 129.0 | 122.5 |
| December | 121.0 | 124.2 | 127.1 | 123.8 | 121.2 | 132.3 | 116.7 | 130.1 | 123.5 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 119.4 | 124.1 | 126.5 | 123.2 | 120.2 | 131.7 | 116.7 | 131.2 | 122.7 |
| June | 121.9 | 125.6 | 129.3 | 125.7 | 121.4 | 130.9 | 117.7 | 133.0 | 124.7 |
| September | 120.2 | 124.4 | 127.7 | 125.0 | 121.7 | 131.6 | 116.9 | 132.0 | 123.6 |
| December | 120.5 | 124.3 | 128.3 | 126.3 | 123.0 | 133.3 | 117.9 | 132.4 | 124.0 |
| 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 |
| HEALTH | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 213.8 | 242.2 | 233.2 | 234.4 | 221.0 | 251.7 | 213.6 | 227.0 | 229.3 |
| December | 211.3 | 239.8 | 230.1 | 232.7 | 219.9 | 248.4 | 211.1 | 224.2 | 226.9 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 220.5 | 247.8 | 241.4 | 239.8 | 228.8 | 258.0 | 219.0 | 234.8 | 236.0 |
| June | 225.9 | 253.7 | 246.9 | 247.3 | 232.7 | 266.6 | 222.4 | 239.9 | 241.6 |
| September | 225.0 | 254.2 | 245.4 | 246.3 | 232.3 | 265.7 | 221.2 | 238.7 | 241.0 |
| December | 222.4 | 250.3 | 242.3 | 243.8 | 231.0 | 261.7 | 218.6 | 236.2 | 238.1 |
| 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 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 159.3 | 159.7 | 158.7 | 162.6 | 160.4 | 153.3 | 153.2 | 157.3 | 159.4 |
| December | 163.4 | 163.9 | 162.3 | 166.9 | 162.9 | 155.1 | 156.3 | 161.2 | 163.3 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 166.8 | 166.5 | 166.1 | 169.3 | 166.7 | 159.1 | 158.8 | 163.6 | 166.4 |
| June | 171.0 | 171.8 | 172.1 | 175.5 | 172.0 | 164.4 | 163.7 | 169.7 | 171.6 |
| September | 172.1 | 174.2 | 174.8 | 177.3 | 172.6 | 166.7 | 167.2 | 170.5 | 173.3 |
| December | 160.5 | 161.7 | 162.9 | 164.2 | 161.3 | 155.8 | 157.0 | 158.0 | 161.3 |
| 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 |
| COMMUNICATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 110.7 | 110.7 | 114.9 | 112.6 | 109.5 | 112.2 | 102.8 | 109.9 | 111.2 |
| December | 110.8 | 110.8 | 114.9 | 112.7 | 109.5 | 112.2 | 102.9 | 109.9 | 111.2 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 110.7 | 110.7 | 114.8 | 112.6 | 109.5 | 112.1 | 102.8 | 109.8 | 111.1 |
| June | 110.8 | 110.8 | 114.9 | 112.7 | 109.6 | 112.2 | 102.9 | 109.9 | 111.2 |
| September | 111.0 | 111.0 | 115.2 | 113.0 | 109.8 | 112.5 | 103.1 | 110.2 | 111.4 |
| December | 111.4 | 111.3 | 115.7 | 113.4 | 110.2 | 113.0 | 103.5 | 110.6 | 111.8 |
| 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 |

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| <i>Quarters</i> | <i>Sydney</i> | <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Darwin</i> | <i>Canberra</i> | <i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| RECREATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 137.7 | 135.5 | 130.4 | 135.3 | 133.3 | 133.0 | 116.7 | 133.7 | 135.1 |
| December | 138.8 | 136.6 | 132.0 | 136.7 | 135.2 | 132.5 | 111.2 | 134.6 | 136.2 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 138.0 | 136.5 | 130.6 | 136.7 | 135.9 | 131.9 | 110.2 | 132.8 | 135.8 |
| June | 138.3 | 135.4 | 131.6 | 136.2 | 134.5 | 128.9 | 111.6 | 131.7 | 135.5 |
| September | 140.3 | 137.2 | 133.5 | 138.5 | 135.1 | 129.0 | 116.3 | 133.9 | 137.3 |
| December | 140.9 | 138.3 | 133.7 | 138.9 | 136.3 | 129.9 | 111.5 | 135.8 | 138.0 |
| 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 |
| EDUCATION | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 280.0 | 253.6 | 286.9 | 307.4 | 260.3 | 261.0 | 184.8 | 246.4 | 268.6 |
| December | 280.0 | 253.7 | 287.0 | 307.5 | 260.3 | 261.0 | 184.8 | 246.5 | 268.6 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 293.9 | 265.2 | 303.0 | 322.7 | 280.6 | 272.7 | 192.4 | 261.2 | 282.5 |
| June | 294.0 | 265.3 | 303.1 | 322.7 | 280.6 | 272.7 | 192.6 | 261.3 | 282.6 |
| September | 291.8 | 264.2 | 301.9 | 322.0 | 280.5 | 271.8 | 192.6 | 259.9 | 281.3 |
| December | 292.0 | 264.2 | 301.9 | 322.1 | 280.6 | 271.8 | 192.6 | 260.0 | 281.4 |
| 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 |
| FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE SERVICES (b) | | | | | | | | | |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 105.5 | 107.2 | 105.5 | 104.3 | 104.5 | 105.5 | 103.5 | 106.1 | 105.8 |
| December | 107.7 | 109.8 | 107.6 | 106.3 | 106.3 | 108.0 | 105.7 | 108.3 | 108.0 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 109.5 | 111.7 | 109.8 | 108.0 | 107.6 | 109.2 | 107.4 | 110.3 | 109.8 |
| June | 114.4 | 115.1 | 112.1 | 111.5 | 114.2 | 113.3 | 111.6 | 113.5 | 114.0 |
| September | 116.5 | 117.1 | 114.1 | 113.4 | 115.2 | 115.7 | 112.4 | 116.0 | 115.9 |
| December | 116.1 | 116.5 | 114.5 | 113.1 | 114.5 | 115.9 | 111.7 | 115.5 | 115.6 |
| 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 |

(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 | cities |
| Food | -0.27 | -0.26 | -0.22 | 0.05 | -0.21 | 0.00 | -0.04 | -0.26 | -0.22 |
| Dairy and related products | -0.03 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | -0.01 |
| Milk | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 |
| Cheese | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 |
| Ice cream and other dairy products | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Bread and cereal products | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.01 | -0.06 | 0.02 | -0.03 | 0.00 |
| Bread | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Cakes and biscuits | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.02 | 0.03 | 0.00 | -0.02 | 0.03 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| Breakfast cereals | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.03 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 |
| Other cereal products | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 |
| Meat and seafoods | -0.03 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.03 | -0.01 | 0.05 | -0.03 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Beef and veal | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.00 | -0.01 |
| Lamb and mutton | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Pork | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Poultry | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Bacon and ham | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 |
| Other fresh and processed meat | 0.00 | 0.01 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Fish and other seafood | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.01 |
| Fruit and vegetables | -0.23 | -0.25 | -0.29 | -0.02 | -0.20 | -0.13 | -0.08 | -0.10 | -0.22 |
| Fruit | -0.13 | -0.07 | -0.14 | 0.00 | -0.09 | -0.04 | -0.09 | -0.04 | -0.10 |
| Vegetables | -0.10 | -0.18 | -0.15 | -0.02 | -0.11 | -0.08 | 0.00 | -0.06 | -0.11 |
| Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.01 | -0.07 | 0.05 | 0.01 | -0.08 | -0.01 |
| Soft drinks, waters and juices | 0.00 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | -0.07 | 0.00 |
| Snacks and confectionery | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.08 | 0.04 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| Meals out and take away foods | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.06 | -0.06 | 0.05 |
| Restaurant meals | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.01 | -0.04 | 0.01 |
| Take away and fast foods | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.06 | -0.01 | 0.04 |
| Other food | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.02 | -0.02 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.00 |
| Eggs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Jams, honey and sandwich spreads | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tea, coffee and food drinks | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.02 | -0.03 | -0.03 | -0.01 |
| Food additives and condiments | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Fats and oils | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Food n.e.c. | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 0.10 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.17 | 0.27 | 0.11 | 0.09 |
| Alcoholic drinks | 0.09 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0.15 | 0.24 | 0.12 | 0.10 |
| Beer | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.17 | 0.06 | 0.05 |
| Wine | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Spirits | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.02 |
| Tobacco | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.04 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Clothing and footwear | 0.12 | -0.04 | 0.11 | -0.10 | -0.21 | -0.10 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.01 |
| Men's clothing | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03 | -0.04 | -0.10 | 0.00 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| Men's outerwear | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.04 | -0.03 | -0.10 | -0.01 | 0.07 | 0.03 | -0.01 |
| Men's underwear, nightwear and socks | 0.02 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Women's clothing | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.03 | -0.05 | -0.06 | -0.02 | 0.04 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| Women's outerwear | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.05 | -0.04 | -0.07 | -0.02 | 0.05 | -0.02 | 0.00 |
| Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery | 0.00 | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Children's and infants' clothing | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.05 | -0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Footwear | 0.03 | -0.04 | 0.06 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.03 | 0.05 | 0.01 |
| Men's footwear | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 |
| Women's footwear | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.06 | 0.02 |
| Children's footwear | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Accessories and clothing services | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.02 | -0.03 | -0.06 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Accessories | 0.02 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.03 | -0.07 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Clothing services and shoe repair | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

(a) All groups index points.

| <i>Group, sub-group and expenditure class</i> | <i>Sydney</i> | <i>Melbourne</i> | <i>Brisbane</i> | <i>Adelaide</i> | <i>Perth</i> | <i>Hobart</i> | <i>Darwin</i> | <i>Canberra</i> | <i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i> |
|---|---------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---|
| Housing | 1.30 | 0.88 | 0.96 | 0.69 | 0.76 | 1.25 | 1.45 | 0.80 | 1.01 |
| Rents | 0.17 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.27 | 0.09 | 0.11 |
| Utilities | 0.92 | 0.28 | 0.74 | 0.38 | 0.44 | 0.44 | 1.05 | 0.50 | 0.61 |
| Electricity | 0.67 | -0.04 | 0.48 | 0.13 | 0.36 | 0.28 | 0.82 | 0.24 | 0.35 |
| Gas and other household fuels | 0.06 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.14 | 0.04 |
| Water and sewerage | 0.19 | 0.30 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 0.08 | 0.14 | 0.23 | 0.11 | 0.21 |
| Other housing | 0.21 | 0.54 | 0.09 | 0.25 | 0.23 | 0.77 | 0.13 | 0.22 | 0.30 |
| House purchase | 0.08 | 0.35 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.50 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.15 |
| Property rates and charges | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.16 | 0.28 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.13 |
| House repairs and maintenance | 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Household contents and services | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.14 | 0.23 | 0.07 | 0.13 | -0.06 | -0.06 | 0.09 |
| Furniture and furnishings | -0.03 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 0.05 | -0.07 | -0.04 | 0.02 |
| Furniture | -0.04 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.07 | -0.02 | 0.03 | 0.02 |
| Floor and window coverings | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Towels and linen | 0.02 | 0.00 | -0.03 | 0.02 | -0.04 | -0.09 | -0.06 | -0.08 | -0.01 |
| Household appliances, utensils and tools | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.04 | -0.05 | -0.02 | 0.04 |
| Major household appliances | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.00 | -0.05 | 0.00 | 0.02 |
| Small electric household appliances | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Glassware, tableware and household utensils | 0.02 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.10 | -0.03 | 0.03 | 0.00 | -0.03 | 0.01 |
| Tools | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Household supplies | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | -0.05 | -0.03 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Household cleaning agents | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Toiletries and personal care products | -0.02 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.01 | -0.03 | -0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 |
| Other household supplies | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Household services | 0.04 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.06 | -0.01 | 0.03 |
| Child care | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.01 |
| Hairdressing and personal care services | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Other household services | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Health | -0.11 | -0.08 | -0.09 | -0.08 | -0.05 | -0.07 | -0.02 | -0.09 | -0.08 |
| Health services | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.02 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hospital and medical services | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.03 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | -0.01 | -0.02 | 0.00 |
| Optical services | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 |
| Dental services | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 |
| Pharmaceuticals | -0.10 | -0.08 | -0.08 | -0.08 | -0.06 | -0.09 | -0.04 | -0.08 | -0.08 |
| Transportation | 0.23 | 0.36 | 1.03 | 0.43 | 0.36 | 0.45 | 0.47 | 0.45 | 0.41 |
| Private motoring | 0.21 | 0.36 | 1.03 | 0.39 | 0.35 | 0.47 | 0.46 | 0.40 | 0.40 |
| Motor vehicles | -0.05 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| Automotive fuel | 0.17 | 0.25 | 0.65 | 0.16 | 0.09 | 0.25 | 0.22 | 0.26 | 0.25 |
| Motor vehicle repair and servicing | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.03 | -0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.02 | 0.02 |
| Motor vehicle parts and accessories | 0.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.01 |
| Other motoring charges | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.30 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.08 | 0.08 |
| Urban transport fares | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.01 |
| Communication | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Postal | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Telecommunication | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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 | |
| Recreation | 0.10 | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.20 | 0.26 | -0.09 | 0.86 | 0.13 | 0.13 |
| Audio, visual and computing | -0.04 | 0.01 | -0.02 | 0.00 | 0.04 | -0.07 | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.01 |
| Audio, visual and computing equipment | -0.03 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.04 | -0.05 | -0.01 | -0.03 |
| Audio, visual and computing media and services | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.06 | -0.04 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.02 |
| Books, newspapers and magazines | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.00 |
| Books | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.00 |
| Newspapers and magazines | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Sport and other recreation | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.18 | 0.11 | 0.12 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.12 |
| Sports and recreational equipment | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Toys, games and hobbies | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.00 | -0.01 | 0.01 |
| Sports participation | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 0.03 |
| Pets, pet foods and supplies | 0.04 | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.04 |
| Pet services including veterinary | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Other recreational activities | 0.04 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.00 | 0.03 |
| Holiday travel and accommodation | 0.01 | -0.04 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.11 | -0.15 | 0.78 | 0.07 | 0.02 |
| Domestic holiday travel and accommodation | -0.02 | -0.05 | 0.05 | 0.10 | -0.01 | -0.14 | 0.76 | 0.01 | 0.00 |
| Overseas holiday travel and accommodation | 0.03 | 0.01 | 0.00 | -0.07 | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.02 |
| Education | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Preschool and primary education | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Secondary education | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Tertiary education | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Financial and insurance services | 0.26 | -0.15 | 0.17 | 0.33 | 0.29 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.27 | 0.14 |
| Financial services | 0.17 | -0.19 | 0.08 | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.14 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.06 |
| Deposit and loan facilities | 0.22 | 0.19 | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.18 | 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.17 | 0.20 |
| Other financial services | -0.05 | -0.37 | -0.10 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.13 |
| Insurance services | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.08 |
| All groups | 1.8 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 2.0 | 3.2 | 1.5 | 1.6 |

(a) All groups index points.

| 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 2008 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2008 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Food | 182.1 | 188.1 | 186.6 | -0.8 | 2.5 | 27.59 | 27.37 | -0.22 |
| Dairy and related products | 207.6 | 208.3 | 206.5 | -0.9 | -0.5 | 2.17 | 2.16 | -0.01 |
| Milk | 224.3 | 216.8 | 215.8 | -0.5 | -3.8 | 0.97 | 0.96 | -0.01 |
| Cheese | 192.3 | 196.2 | 193.4 | -1.4 | 0.6 | 0.64 | 0.63 | -0.01 |
| Ice cream and other dairy products | 186.4 | 195.9 | 194.3 | -0.8 | 4.2 | 0.56 | 0.56 | 0.00 |
| Bread and cereal products | 202.7 | 206.0 | 205.7 | -0.1 | 1.5 | 3.19 | 3.19 | 0.00 |
| Bread | 241.0 | 243.7 | 246.3 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 1.25 | 1.26 | 0.01 |
| Cakes and biscuits | 185.3 | 188.7 | 186.3 | -1.3 | 0.5 | 1.28 | 1.27 | -0.01 |
| Breakfast cereals | 156.5 | 157.5 | 154.7 | -1.8 | -1.2 | 0.32 | 0.32 | 0.00 |
| Other cereal products | 173.0 | 179.4 | 181.7 | 1.3 | 5.0 | 0.34 | 0.34 | 0.00 |
| Meat and seafoods | 157.3 | 165.3 | 164.9 | -0.2 | 4.8 | 4.09 | 4.09 | 0.00 |
| Beef and veal | 166.8 | 171.9 | 170.3 | -0.9 | 2.1 | 0.79 | 0.78 | -0.01 |
| Lamb and mutton | 223.0 | 244.8 | 244.0 | -0.3 | 9.4 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.00 |
| Pork | 180.8 | 197.2 | 192.8 | -2.2 | 6.6 | 0.29 | 0.28 | -0.01 |
| Poultry | 107.4 | 106.1 | 107.6 | 1.4 | 0.2 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.01 |
| Bacon and ham | 137.5 | 151.6 | 150.6 | -0.7 | 9.5 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 0.00 |
| Other fresh and processed meat | 169.9 | 182.0 | 180.2 | -1.0 | 6.1 | 0.67 | 0.66 | -0.01 |
| Fish and other seafood | 145.3 | 152.9 | 154.0 | 0.7 | 6.0 | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.01 |
| Fruit and vegetables | 167.7 | 171.8 | 162.3 | -5.5 | -3.2 | 3.90 | 3.68 | -0.22 |
| Fruit | 182.0 | 187.5 | 177.3 | -5.4 | -2.6 | 1.79 | 1.69 | -0.10 |
| Vegetables | 159.4 | 162.5 | 153.4 | -5.6 | -3.8 | 2.10 | 1.99 | -0.11 |
| Non-alcoholic drinks and snack food | 185.7 | 194.0 | 193.3 | -0.4 | 4.1 | 3.51 | 3.50 | -0.01 |
| Soft drinks, waters and juices | 168.6 | 174.9 | 175.1 | 0.1 | 3.9 | 1.65 | 1.65 | 0.00 |
| Snacks and confectionery | 208.0 | 218.6 | 216.8 | -0.8 | 4.2 | 1.86 | 1.85 | -0.01 |
| Meals out and take away foods | 189.6 | 196.4 | 197.6 | 0.6 | 4.2 | 8.05 | 8.10 | 0.05 |
| Restaurant meals | 191.7 | 197.1 | 197.8 | 0.4 | 3.2 | 3.46 | 3.47 | 0.01 |
| Take away and fast foods | 190.0 | 198.1 | 199.7 | 0.8 | 5.1 | 4.59 | 4.63 | 0.04 |
| Other food | 168.8 | 175.6 | 175.1 | -0.3 | 3.7 | 2.67 | 2.67 | 0.00 |
| Eggs | 207.8 | 208.3 | 205.7 | -1.2 | -1.0 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.00 |
| Jams, honey and sandwich spreads | 205.0 | 217.4 | 215.9 | -0.7 | 5.3 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.00 |
| Tea, coffee and food drinks | 155.4 | 165.5 | 161.9 | -2.2 | 4.2 | 0.44 | 0.43 | -0.01 |
| Food additives and condiments | 147.3 | 152.3 | 154.4 | 1.4 | 4.8 | 0.47 | 0.48 | 0.01 |
| Fats and oils | 192.0 | 197.7 | 195.8 | -1.0 | 2.0 | 0.37 | 0.36 | -0.01 |
| Food n.e.c. | 163.2 | 169.6 | 170.0 | 0.2 | 4.2 | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.00 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 259.1 | 267.4 | 269.4 | 0.7 | 4.0 | 11.81 | 11.90 | 0.09 |
| Alcoholic drinks | 189.6 | 193.9 | 196.3 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 7.51 | 7.61 | 0.10 |
| Beer | 209.4 | 216.7 | 219.8 | 1.4 | 5.0 | 3.44 | 3.49 | 0.05 |
| Wine | 153.3 | 152.3 | 153.7 | 0.9 | 0.3 | 2.40 | 2.42 | 0.02 |
| Spirits | 204.8 | 213.1 | 216.0 | 1.4 | 5.5 | 1.68 | 1.70 | 0.02 |
| Tobacco | 452.6 | 474.9 | 474.3 | -0.1 | 4.8 | 4.30 | 4.29 | -0.01 |
| Clothing and footwear | 109.6 | 111.8 | 112.1 | 0.3 | 2.3 | 5.89 | 5.90 | 0.01 |
| Men's clothing | 106.2 | 108.6 | 108.4 | -0.2 | 2.1 | 1.11 | 1.11 | 0.00 |
| Men's outerwear | 103.7 | 105.9 | 104.9 | -0.9 | 1.2 | 0.94 | 0.93 | -0.01 |
| Men's underwear, nightwear and socks | 119.8 | 123.2 | 128.2 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.00 |
| Women's clothing | 109.1 | 111.2 | 111.0 | -0.2 | 1.7 | 2.06 | 2.05 | -0.01 |
| Women's outerwear | 100.9 | 100.6 | 100.4 | -0.2 | -0.5 | 1.59 | 1.59 | 0.00 |
| Women's underwear, nightwear and hosiery | 144.8 | 160.1 | 159.5 | -0.4 | 10.2 | 0.47 | 0.47 | 0.00 |
| Children's and infants' clothing | 114.0 | 115.6 | 117.6 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 0.59 | 0.60 | 0.01 |
| Footwear | 96.8 | 94.8 | 95.9 | 1.2 | -0.9 | 0.93 | 0.94 | 0.01 |
| Men's footwear | 88.8 | 89.2 | 86.7 | -2.8 | -2.4 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.00 |
| Women's footwear | 101.5 | 97.1 | 100.3 | 3.3 | -1.2 | 0.48 | 0.50 | 0.02 |
| Children's footwear | 100.1 | 100.9 | 101.9 | 1.0 | 1.8 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.00 |
| Accessories and clothing services(b) | 113.4 | 119.8 | 120.1 | 0.3 | 5.9 | 1.20 | 1.20 | 0.00 |
| Accessories(b) | 96.3 | 102.6 | 102.8 | 0.2 | 6.7 | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.00 |
| Clothing services and shoe repair | 194.2 | 199.7 | 200.6 | 0.5 | 3.3 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.00 |

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

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

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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 2008 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2008 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | 147.2 | 150.9 | 155.3 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 34.64 | 35.65 | 1.01 |
| Rents | 170.5 | 179.0 | 181.1 | 1.2 | 6.2 | 9.67 | 9.78 | 0.11 |
| Utilities | 195.1 | 200.8 | 221.2 | 10.2 | 13.4 | 5.90 | 6.51 | 0.61 |
| Electricity | 183.0 | 189.9 | 211.6 | 11.4 | 15.6 | 3.06 | 3.41 | 0.35 |
| Gas and other household fuels | 214.9 | 222.4 | 228.4 | 2.7 | 6.3 | 1.31 | 1.35 | 0.04 |
| Water and sewerage(b) | 166.8 | 168.0 | 191.7 | 14.1 | 14.9 | 1.53 | 1.74 | 0.21 |
| Other housing | 137.0 | 138.6 | 140.8 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 19.06 | 19.36 | 0.30 |
| House purchase(b) | 165.4 | 166.3 | 168.2 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 13.29 | 13.44 | 0.15 |
| Property rates and charges(b) | 173.2 | 173.2 | 183.1 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 2.11 | 2.24 | 0.13 |
| House repairs and maintenance | 171.2 | 178.3 | 179.7 | 0.8 | 5.0 | 3.66 | 3.69 | 0.03 |
| Household contents and services | 123.6 | 127.7 | 128.5 | 0.6 | 4.0 | 15.02 | 15.11 | 0.09 |
| Furniture and furnishings | 129.6 | 134.9 | 135.4 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 4.87 | 4.89 | 0.02 |
| Furniture | 129.9 | 135.5 | 136.2 | 0.5 | 4.8 | 3.05 | 3.07 | 0.02 |
| Floor and window coverings | 148.1 | 156.6 | 157.3 | 0.4 | 6.2 | 1.28 | 1.29 | 0.01 |
| Towels and linen | 100.8 | 100.1 | 99.7 | -0.4 | -1.1 | 0.54 | 0.53 | -0.01 |
| Household appliances, utensils and tools | 102.8 | 104.7 | 106.3 | 1.5 | 3.4 | 2.62 | 2.66 | 0.04 |
| Major household appliances | 105.9 | 106.7 | 108.5 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 0.97 | 0.99 | 0.02 |
| Small electric household appliances | 93.3 | 96.3 | 98.0 | 1.8 | 5.0 | 0.40 | 0.40 | 0.00 |
| Glassware, tableware and household utensils | 95.9 | 96.1 | 97.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 | 0.70 | 0.71 | 0.01 |
| Tools | 110.9 | 116.9 | 117.6 | 0.6 | 6.0 | 0.55 | 0.55 | 0.00 |
| Household supplies | 140.3 | 145.1 | 145.2 | 0.1 | 3.5 | 4.68 | 4.69 | 0.01 |
| Household cleaning agents | 132.9 | 133.0 | 132.7 | -0.2 | -0.2 | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0.00 |
| Toiletries and personal care products | 144.4 | 148.4 | 147.6 | -0.5 | 2.2 | 1.82 | 1.81 | -0.01 |
| Other household supplies | 148.5 | 155.5 | 156.5 | 0.6 | 5.4 | 2.35 | 2.36 | 0.01 |
| Household services | 214.6 | 221.7 | 223.9 | 1.0 | 4.3 | 2.85 | 2.88 | 0.03 |
| Child care | 140.5 | 148.2 | 149.5 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 0.49 | 0.50 | 0.01 |
| Hairdressing and personal care services | 196.9 | 202.0 | 203.3 | 0.6 | 3.3 | 1.28 | 1.29 | 0.01 |
| Other household services | 243.4 | 251.3 | 255.0 | 1.5 | 4.8 | 1.08 | 1.09 | 0.01 |
| Health | 241.0 | 254.1 | 251.6 | -1.0 | 4.4 | 8.37 | 8.29 | -0.08 |
| Health services | 264.8 | 278.0 | 278.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 6.53 | 6.53 | 0.00 |
| Hospital and medical services | 279.5 | 294.9 | 294.6 | -0.1 | 5.4 | 5.14 | 5.14 | 0.00 |
| Optical services | 150.1 | 149.6 | 146.7 | -1.9 | -2.3 | 0.18 | 0.18 | 0.00 |
| Dental services | 247.1 | 255.6 | 257.4 | 0.7 | 4.2 | 1.21 | 1.22 | 0.01 |
| Pharmaceuticals | 161.7 | 173.1 | 165.4 | -4.4 | 2.3 | 1.84 | 1.76 | -0.08 |
| Transportation | 173.3 | 161.4 | 164.5 | 1.9 | -5.1 | 21.08 | 21.49 | 0.41 |
| Private motoring | 169.8 | 157.0 | 160.2 | 2.0 | -5.7 | 19.81 | 20.21 | 0.40 |
| Motor vehicles | 97.7 | 97.5 | 97.9 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 7.15 | 7.17 | 0.02 |
| Automotive fuel | 263.3 | 205.1 | 213.3 | 4.0 | -19.0 | 6.31 | 6.56 | 0.25 |
| Motor vehicle repair and servicing | 160.0 | 164.6 | 166.0 | 0.9 | 3.8 | 3.34 | 3.36 | 0.02 |
| Motor vehicle parts and accessories | 133.3 | 141.9 | 143.2 | 0.9 | 7.4 | 1.24 | 1.25 | 0.01 |
| Other motoring charges | 232.4 | 235.1 | 246.5 | 4.8 | 6.1 | 1.78 | 1.86 | 0.08 |
| Urban transport fares | 233.5 | 242.5 | 244.5 | 0.8 | 4.7 | 1.27 | 1.28 | 0.01 |
| Communication | 111.4 | 112.5 | 112.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 5.00 | 5.00 | 0.00 |
| Postal | 147.3 | 152.6 | 155.4 | 1.8 | 5.5 | 0.19 | 0.19 | 0.00 |
| Telecommunication | 108.9 | 109.8 | 109.8 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 4.81 | 4.81 | 0.00 |

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

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

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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 2008 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2008 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Recreation | 137.3 | 136.4 | 137.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 17.97 | 18.10 | 0.13 |
| Audio, visual and computing | 44.3 | 43.5 | 43.4 | -0.2 | -2.0 | 3.53 | 3.52 | -0.01 |
| Audio, visual and computing equipment | 19.9 | 18.6 | 18.2 | -2.2 | -8.5 | 1.47 | 1.44 | -0.03 |
| Audio, visual and computing media and services | 96.9 | 98.6 | 99.4 | 0.8 | 2.6 | 2.06 | 2.08 | 0.02 |
| Books, newspapers and magazines | 219.3 | 222.7 | 223.6 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 1.37 | 1.37 | 0.00 |
| Books(b) | 128.5 | 130.0 | 130.7 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 0.69 | 0.69 | 0.00 |
| Newspapers and magazines(b) | 150.8 | 153.8 | 154.1 | 0.2 | 2.2 | 0.68 | 0.68 | 0.00 |
| Sport and other recreation | 179.8 | 185.9 | 189.3 | 1.8 | 5.3 | 6.34 | 6.46 | 0.12 |
| Sports and recreational equipment(b) | 85.4 | 90.5 | 90.5 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 0.83 | 0.83 | 0.00 |
| Toys, games and hobbies(b) | 94.5 | 95.2 | 95.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.74 | 0.75 | 0.01 |
| Sports participation(b) | 169.2 | 169.8 | 173.4 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 1.26 | 1.29 | 0.03 |
| Pets, pet foods and supplies | 163.4 | 177.1 | 186.6 | 5.4 | 14.2 | 0.76 | 0.80 | 0.04 |
| Pet services including veterinary | 224.0 | 230.0 | 233.3 | 1.4 | 4.2 | 0.77 | 0.78 | 0.01 |
| Other recreational activities(b) | 160.9 | 167.0 | 169.8 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 1.98 | 2.01 | 0.03 |
| Holiday travel and accommodation | 152.2 | 146.1 | 146.5 | 0.3 | -3.7 | 6.73 | 6.75 | 0.02 |
| Domestic holiday travel and accommodation | 156.4 | 152.4 | 152.4 | 0.0 | -2.6 | 3.76 | 3.76 | 0.00 |
| Overseas holiday travel and accommodation | 146.5 | 138.1 | 139.0 | 0.7 | -5.1 | 2.97 | 2.99 | 0.02 |
| Education | 281.3 | 296.9 | 297.0 | 0.0 | 5.6 | 4.90 | 4.90 | 0.00 |
| Preschool and primary education(c) | 156.2 | 167.3 | 167.5 | 0.1 | 7.2 | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.01 |
| Secondary education(c) | 168.7 | 181.5 | 181.5 | 0.0 | 7.6 | 1.84 | 1.84 | 0.00 |
| Tertiary education(c) | 135.1 | 139.4 | 139.4 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 2.10 | 2.10 | 0.00 |
| Financial and insurance services(d) | 115.9 | 106.5 | 107.5 | 0.9 | -7.2 | 14.70 | 14.84 | 0.14 |
| Financial services(d) | 115.8 | 103.2 | 103.7 | 0.5 | -10.4 | 11.95 | 12.01 | 0.06 |
| Deposit and loan facilities(d) | 120.4 | 97.0 | 99.9 | 3.0 | -17.0 | 6.42 | 6.62 | 0.20 |
| Other financial services(d) | 109.5 | 111.5 | 108.9 | -2.3 | -0.5 | 5.53 | 5.40 | -0.13 |
| Insurance services | 290.5 | 307.5 | 316.0 | 2.8 | 8.8 | 2.75 | 2.83 | 0.08 |
| All groups | 166.5 | 167.0 | 168.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 167.0 | 168.6 | 1.6 |

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

(b) Base: June quarter 1998 = 100.0.

(c) Base: June quarter 2000 = 100.0.

(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 2008 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2008 to Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 | Sep Qtr 2009 | Jun Qtr 2009 to Sep Qtr 2009 |
| All groups | 166.5 | 167.0 | 168.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 167.0 | 168.6 | 1.6 |
| Selected components | | | | | | | | |
| Goods component | 163.4 | 164.0 | 165.6 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 96.68 | 97.62 | 0.94 |
| Services component | 172.4 | 172.6 | 174.2 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 70.28 | 70.94 | 0.66 |
| Tradables component(c) | 123.4 | 122.6 | 122.8 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 67.03 | 67.15 | 0.12 |
| Non-tradables component(c) | 150.4 | 151.7 | 153.9 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 99.94 | 101.41 | 1.47 |
| All groups excluding | | | | | | | | |
| Food | 163.5 | 163.0 | 165.1 | 1.3 | 1.0 | 139.38 | 141.19 | 1.81 |
| Alcohol and tobacco | 160.1 | 160.2 | 161.7 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 155.15 | 156.66 | 1.51 |
| Clothing and footwear | 170.2 | 170.6 | 172.2 | 0.9 | 1.2 | 161.08 | 162.65 | 1.57 |
| Housing | 168.5 | 168.0 | 168.7 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 132.33 | 132.91 | 0.58 |
| Household contents and services | 172.8 | 172.8 | 174.5 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 151.94 | 153.44 | 1.50 |
| Health | 163.0 | 163.0 | 164.7 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 158.59 | 160.27 | 1.68 |
| Transportation | 165.5 | 167.9 | 169.2 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 145.88 | 147.06 | 1.18 |
| Communication | 167.9 | 168.3 | 170.0 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 161.96 | 163.55 | 1.59 |
| Recreation | 170.8 | 171.4 | 173.1 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 149.00 | 150.46 | 1.46 |
| Education | 165.0 | 165.2 | 166.8 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 162.06 | 163.66 | 1.60 |
| Financial and insurance services | 172.9 | 175.0 | 176.6 | 0.9 | 2.1 | 152.26 | 153.71 | 1.45 |
| Housing and Financial and insurance services | 167.7 | 169.0 | 169.7 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 117.62 | 118.07 | 0.45 |
| Hospital and medical services | 163.7 | 163.9 | 165.5 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 161.82 | 163.42 | 1.60 |

(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 | 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 | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 151.7 | 155.2 | 157.6 | 145.6 | 165.2 | 151.2 | 116.0 | 133.9 | | |
| 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 | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | |
| December | 155.5 | 159.2 | 161.1 | 147.8 | 170.1 | 154.4 | 118.1 | 138.0 | | |
| 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 | | |

(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) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 3.2 | 3.3 | 2.3 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| 2006-07 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.2 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| 2007-08 | 3.4 | 2.5 | 3.4 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 4.0 | 3.7 |
| 2008-09 | 3.1 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 2.9 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 4.5 | 4.1 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 3.0 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 1.9 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 2.6 | 3.4 | r2.5 | 2.6 |
| December | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 1.5 | 2.2 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 3.5 | r2.5 | 2.3 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 3.0 | 3.1 | 2.2 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.7 | 2.6 |
| June | 4.0 | 4.4 | 2.4 | 1.5 | 2.7 | 2.0 | 4.8 | 3.4 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| September | 3.9 | 4.2 | 2.6 | 1.7 | 2.9 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.0 | 2.8 |
| December | 3.3 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 1.7 | 3.2 | 2.3 | 2.9 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| 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 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| September | 1.9 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 3.5 | 2.5 | -0.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| December | 3.0 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 2.4 | 3.9 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 4.1 | r3.9 | 3.5 |
| 2008 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 4.2 | 3.5 | 3.6 | 2.6 | 4.9 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| June | 4.5 | 3.3 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 6.1 | 4.2 | 2.9 | 5.6 | 4.4 | 4.3 |
| September | 5.0 | 3.8 | 4.6 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 4.4 | 3.4 | 6.1 | r4.8 | r4.7 |
| 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 | 4.4 | 3.9 |
| June | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 3.6 |
| September | 1.3 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 2.8 | -0.3 | 1.5 | -0.5 | 2.3 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| December | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| June | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| September | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| December | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.5 | 0.3 | 1.1 | 0.7 | -1.4 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 0.1 | -0.1 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.3 | -1.0 | 0.9 | 0.7 | 0.6 |
| June | 1.2 | 1.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 2.0 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| September | 0.7 | 0.2 | 0.7 | 0.3 | 1.6 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 0.8 |
| December | 0.9 | 0.7 | 1.0 | 0.9 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 | 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 | 1.3 | r1.1 |
| 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 | 0.8 |
| September | 1.0 | 0.4 | 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.6 | 0.2 | 1.5 | 0.8 | 0.8 |

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(a) Refer to paragraphs 11-13 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

| <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> |
|----------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| 2005-06 | 155.2 | 136.8 | 162.6 | 646.6 | 106.1 | 210.4 | 126.9 | 138.2 | 142.2 | 152.6 | 133.1 | 152.8 |
| 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 | nya | 831.7 | 107.8 | 233.0 | 137.0 | 146.6 | 147.6 | 163.7 | 140.1 | 168.6 |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 136.1 | 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 | 105.9 | 211.4 | 127.2 | 136.0 | 141.9 | 152.4 | 132.8 | 152.5 |
| June | 158.4 | 138.9 | 163.4 | 673.3 | 106.5 | 212.5 | 127.1 | 138.6 | 143.6 | 155.2 | 133.7 | 154.9 |
| September | 159.7 | 139.5 | 164.0 | 681.5 | 106.8 | 214.3 | 127.3 | 138.5 | 143.3 | 155.7 | 134.2 | 156.0 |
| December | 159.2 | 138.8 | 164.3 | 698.8 | 106.5 | 213.6 | 127.9 | 137.7 | 142.2 | 153.4 | 134.2 | 157.1 |
| 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 | nya | 832.4 | 106.7 | 235.7 | 135.1 | 144.7 | 148.4 | 162.8 | 140.2 | 170.2 |
| September | 169.7 | 150.4 | nya | nya | nya | nya | nya | 146.9 | 148.8 | 164.4 | 140.7 | 171.7 |

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

| <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> |
|--|------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2005-06 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 0.9 | 15.4 | -0.1 | 2.7 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 2.1 |
| 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 | nya | 8.9 | 0.5 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 3.8 |

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| September | 3.0 | 2.6 | 1.3 | 9.3 | -0.4 | 2.7 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 2.5 | 4.6 | 1.7 | 1.9 |
| December | 2.5 | 2.5 | 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 | 0.3 | 2.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 4.2 | 1.2 | 1.9 |
| June | 4.4 | 3.7 | 0.9 | 16.7 | 0.4 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 2.1 | 4.4 | 1.4 | 2.5 |
| September | 4.2 | 3.1 | 1.2 | 15.6 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 0.8 | -0.9 | 1.0 | 3.2 | 1.1 | 3.0 |
| December | 3.6 | 1.9 | 1.0 | 6.5 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 0.6 | -0.6 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 3.2 |
| 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 | nya | 3.5 | -1.3 | 3.1 | -1.5 | -1.0 | 0.1 | -2.3 | 0.2 | 2.2 |
| September | 1.2 | 1.5 | nya | nya | nya | nya | nya | -1.3 | -0.5 | -2.8 | -0.1 | 1.8 |

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | 0.6 | 0.3 | 11.1 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | -0.9 | -0.3 | 0.7 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 1.1 | 0.4 | -0.2 | 2.1 | -0.2 | 1.2 | 0.1 | -1.8 | 0.3 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| June | 1.9 | 1.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 | -0.1 | 1.9 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 1.6 |
| September | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | 0.3 | 0.8 | 0.2 | -0.1 | -0.2 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| December | -0.3 | -0.5 | 0.2 | 2.4 | -0.3 | -0.3 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.8 | -1.5 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| 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 | nya | -0.2 | -0.1 | 1.1 | -1.0 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 0.4 | 1.7 |
| September | 0.4 | 1.4 | nya | nya | nya | nya | nya | 1.5 | 0.3 | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.9 |

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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 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 *Consumer Price Index: 15th Series Weighting Pattern (Reissue)* (cat. no. 6430.0)

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

WEIGHTING PATTERN *continued*

(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: |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| September Quarter 2009 | 168.6 (see table 1) |
| less June Quarter 2009 | 167.0 (see table 1) |
| Change in index points | 1.6 |

Percentage change $1.6/167.0 \times 100 = 1.0\%$ (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 2.16 index points to the total All groups index number of 168.6 for September Quarter 2009. 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.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SPECIAL SERIES *continued*

- *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.
- *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.

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.

ROUNDING

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

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 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 in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The Catalogue is available from any ABS office or 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:

- *Average Retail Prices of Selected Items, Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6403.0.55.001)
- *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)
- *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)
- *Information Paper: Consumer Price Index with Reserve Bank of Australia Consumer Price Measures, Australia, 2007* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.002)
- *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2005)* (cat. no. 6431.0).
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index, Australia, 2009* (cat. no. 6466.0)

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 or to Lee Taylor on (02) 6252 6251.

APPENDIX CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE CPI

TREATMENT OF CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE AUSTRALIAN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this article is to describe how the costs of child care services are treated in the Australian Consumer Price Index (CPI). It provides an outline of the methodology for pricing child care in the CPI and describes the current and previous treatments of the rebates and subsidies, referred to as child care "benefits", provided by the federal government. This includes the Child Care Rebate (CCR) and Child Care Benefit (CCB).

CHILDCARE IN CPI

2. As part of calculating the CPI, the ABS seeks to measure the rate at which the price of child care changes from quarter to quarter. Child care is one of the items in the set, or "basket", of consumer products that the ABS uses to produce the CPI. The CPI is calculated as a weighted average of the percentage price changes of these items. The composition and weights are determined based on information gathered via the Household Expenditure Survey (HES), a sample survey conducted periodically by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) to determine the expenditure patterns of private households.

3. Weights are assigned to each item to reflect their relative importance to household consumption in Australia. The 15th series CPI weighting structure, currently in use, was determined according to the 2003–04 HES, and assigns average household expenditure on child care a weighting of 0.45%. This percentage might appear low to some, but it represents the average outlay across all households, not just those with children.

4. Child care is one of many components that go into the production of the CPI, an important and useful measure of the change in consumer prices over time. The CPI measures the price inflation experienced by households and informs the community about changes to the real purchasing power of consumers' incomes. The CPI assists governmental economists in conducting general economic policy, especially monetary policy, and is also widely used for indexation arrangements in both private and public sectors.

METHODOLOGY FOR MEASURING CHILD CARE

5. In regard to timing, consumption of child care is recognised at the time when the child care service is provided, rather than at the time of payment. This is consistent with the "acquisitions" approach and the concept that "a service is acquired at the time that the producer provides it" explained in the para 1.151, *Consumer Price Index Manual: Theory and Practice*, International Labour Organization, 2004.

6. The price of child care in the CPI is equal to the gross fee payable by the parents, less the amount of subsidies directly related to child care services that they receive. It is measured on an out-of-pocket expenses basis as follows: Net Child Care Fees = Gross Child Care Fees – Child Care Benefit – Child Care Rebate.

BENEFITS, SUBSIDIES AND REBATES IN THE CPI

7. Subsidies directly related to child care services are in scope of the CPI, to ensure a symmetrical treatment with taxes on products. The ABS follows the advice that "subsidies should be taken into account, being treated as negative taxes on products" (para 3.135, *Consumer Price Index Manual: Theory and Practice*, International Labour Organization, 2004).

8. Following from the acquisitions approach, child care subsidies are in scope of the CPI only where "they are tied to the level of consumption" of child care services (para 5.7, *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2005* (cat. no. 6461.0)).

9. For inclusion in the CPI the ABS also requires that the benefit is not an integral component of the income tax system and is available to non-taxpayers as well as taxpayers. The term "taxpayer" refers to households that are paying income tax.

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CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES PROVIDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

CHILD CARE BENEFIT (CCB)

10. The federal government subsidises some of the costs of child care. Two such payment types are discussed below, the CCB and the CCR.

11. CCB is a payment to assist families with children in registered and approved child care, administered by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and delivered by the Families Assistance Office (FAO). Families can claim up to 24 hours of care per child per week, and up to 50 hours if the parent(s) are studying, working or looking for work.

12. As of January 2005 grandparents, who have the primary responsibility for raising a grandchild, can claim up to 50 hours of care per child per week and are eligible to have the full cost of fees covered. This is referred to as the Grandparent Child Care Benefit (GCCB). Eligibility depends upon the grandparent carer receiving an income support payment from Centrelink or Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA).

13. CCB payments depends upon the family's income, the amount of care the family uses, the reason for using care, the number of children in care and the type of care used (approved or registered). As of 1 July 2009 the maximum rate of CCB for one child in full-time approved child care is \$180.00 per week. For families using registered care the rates of CCB are significantly lower, limited to \$30.10 per week. Payments are based on the family's annual income, and CCB rates reduce on a sliding scale depending on income and the number of children in care. CCB is not available to high income families whose combined income exceeds a certain limit, for example the income limit is \$131,560 for a family with one child in care.

14. The CCB is considered in scope of the CPI, and has been include in the calculation of child care expenses since the September quarter 2000.

CHILD CARE REBATE (CCR)

15. The CCR was introduced by the federal government in 2004–05 to assist working families with the cost of child care. One important distinction between the CCB and the CCR is that the CCR is not means tested. The CCR scheme provides assistance to families using approved child care for work, training or study-related purposes. Families who use registered care are not eligible to receive CCR.

16. In the initial design the government offered to pay 30% of out-of-pocket child care expenses, defined as total child care costs minus any Child Care Benefit received. The CCR was initially delivered as a tax offset and fell outside the scope of the CPI according to criteria set out in *Australian Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods* (cat. no. 6461.0). The original form of the CCR prevented non-taxpayers from accessing the benefit. Legislation stipulated the CCR was a non-refundable tax offset and could only be claimed in the tax return of the following year (Tax Laws Amendment (2005 Measures No. 4) Bill 2005). The ABS viewed this mechanism as being integral to the income tax system and therefore out of scope.

17. The CCR was brought into scope of the CPI on 1 July 2007 due a change to the administration of CCR which enabled non-taxpayers to access the benefit. The new design meant that the FAO would pay the CCR payment directly into the bank account of eligible families, after the family's tax returns had been lodged but regardless of tax liability. Consequently, the CCR has been included in the calculation of child care expenses from the September quarter 2007. At that stage $CCR = (Gross\ Child\ Care\ Fees - CCB) \times 30\%$.

18. On 1 July 2008 the CCR was raised to cover 50% of out-of-pocket expenses up to a threshold of \$7,500. Now the CPI calculates the CCR as $(Gross\ Child\ Care\ Fees - CCB) \times 50\%$. The latest changes mean that CCR payments are now made to eligible families at the end of each quarter, rather than at the end of the financial year. Annual indexing of

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CHILD CARE REBATE (CCR)

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the threshold has increased the upper limit of CCR claims to \$7,778 per child, per year as of 1 July 2009.

NET CHILD CARE FEE CALCULATION

19. The ABS calculates net child care fees after calculating the two components, gross fees and child care benefits, separately. To produce an estimate of an average household's gross child care fees payable, the ABS collects prices from a sample of child care centres, including family day-care, and private and community child care centres, in each capital city.

20. The ABS models the value of the average household's CCB and CCR entitlements using a random sample of family profiles from the population of families that receive CCB and CCR. These profiles include a range of attributes such as income, number of children and hours in care for each child, that are necessary to generate the estimate. The incomes of the sampled families are indexed quarterly in line with a four-quarter moving average of the wage price index from *Labour Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6345.0). The ABS updates the model annually as new CCB and CCR rates and limits apply from 1 July each year.

EXAMPLE OF HOW NET CHILD CARE RATES ARE CALCULATED IN THE CPI

21. The following examples illustrate how the CPI measures the changes in a family's out-of-pocket expenses when either the child care fees increase and/or the family receives a pay rise. In the examples below the family has a combined annual income of \$65,000. The maximum CCB that can be claimed is \$180.00 per week for one child in full-time care. Families earning \$65,000 per year are entitled to 71.11% of the maximum child care benefit. The CCR is 50% of the difference between the child care fees incurred and the CCB.

EXAMPLE 1 – THE FAMILY RECEIVES A 4% PAY RISE

| | <i>Period 1</i> | <i>Period 2</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Combined household income | \$65,000 per annum | \$67,600 per annum |
| (% change) | | 4.0 |
| Gross child care fee | \$240.00 per week | \$240.00 per week |
| (% change) | | 0.0 |
| Eligible child care benefit | \$128.00 per week | \$123.00 per week |
| Eligible child care rebate | \$56.00 per week | \$58.50 per week |
| Net child care fee | \$56.00 per week | \$58.50 per week |
| (% change) | | 4.5 |

EXAMPLE 2 – THE CHILD CARE FEES INCREASE BY \$10 PER WEEK

| | <i>Period 1</i> | <i>Period 2</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Combined household income | \$65,000 per annum | \$65,000 per annum |
| (% change) | | 0.0 |
| Gross child care fee | \$240.00 per week | \$250.00 per week |
| (% change) | | 4.2 |
| Eligible child care benefit | \$128.00 per week | \$128.00 per week |
| Eligible child care rebate | \$56.00 per week | \$61.00 per week |
| Net child care | \$56.00 per week | \$61.00 per week |
| (% change) | | 8.9 |

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EXAMPLE OF HOW NET CHILD CARE RATES ARE CALCULATED IN THE CPI
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EXAMPLE 3 – THE FAMILY RECEIVES A 4% PAY RISE AND THE CHILD CARE FEES INCREASE BY \$10 PER WEEK

| | Period 1 | Period 2 |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Combined household income (\$) | \$65,000 per annum | \$67,600 per annum |
| (% change) | | 4.0 |
| Gross child care fee (\$) | \$240.00 per week | \$250.00 per week |
| (% change) | | 4.2 |
| Eligible child care benefit (\$) | \$128.00 per week | \$123.00 per week |
| Eligible child care rebate (\$) | \$56.00 per week | \$63.50 per week |
| Net child care (\$) | \$56.00 per week | \$63.50 per week |
| (% change) | | 13.4 |

GROSS VERSUS NET PRICES

22. The table below compares the price indexes for gross and net child care fees over the period from September quarter 2005 to September quarter 2009. It should be noted that the gross index has only been prepared from the September quarter 2005 and has a different reference base from the CPI net child care index.

23. From the table it can be seen that many components impact on this net index. In the September quarter 2007 the net index showed a reduction in "out-of-pocket expenses" with the impact of the inclusion of the CCR as a rebate for the first time and an additional 10% indexation of the CCB rates on top of the usual annual CPI indexation. The net index showed another reduction in September quarter 2008 due to the increase in CCR from 30% to 50%.

24. The net index generally rises more rapidly than the gross prices charged by the child care providers. This is because over recent years, the Labour Price Index has been rising at a faster rate than the CPI and so family incomes are increasing faster than the income thresholds used in calculating CCB. As a result, the subsidy paid under the CCB becomes a smaller proportion of the overall costs of child care. The CCR does take up some of this gap. The exception to this pattern is in September quarter of each year, which is the time that fee increases usually take effect.

25. In other words, the out-of-pocket expenses (prices after CCB and CCR rebates are taken into account) that form the basis of the net prices recorded in the CPI generally rise more rapidly than the gross prices charged by the child care providers.

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GROSS VERSUS NET PRICES
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CHILD CARE TIME SERIES TABLE

| | NET CHILD CARE | | | GROSS CHILD CARE (NOT INCLUDED IN CPI) | | |
|----------|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Index Numbers (a) | Percentage Change from previous quarter | Percentage Change from corresponding quarter of previous year | Index Numbers (b) | Percentage Change from previous quarter | Percentage Change from corresponding quarter of previous year |
| Sep 2003 | 169.9 | 7.3 | 12.4 | na | na | na |
| Dec 2003 | 169.9 | 0.0 | 10.5 | na | na | na |
| Mar 2004 | 177.4 | 4.4 | 12.7 | na | na | na |
| Jun 2004 | 179.2 | 1.0 | 13.1 | na | na | na |
| Sep 2004 | 187.4 | 4.6 | 10.3 | na | na | na |
| Dec 2004 | 192.2 | 2.6 | 13.1 | na | na | na |
| Mar 2005 | 198.7 | 3.4 | 12.0 | na | na | na |
| Jun 2005 | 201.5 | 1.4 | 12.4 | 100.0 | na | na |
| Sep 2005 | 204.4 | 1.4 | 9.1 | 103.2 | 3.2 | na |
| Dec 2005 | 211.8 | 3.6 | 10.2 | 104.3 | 1.0 | na |
| Mar 2006 | 222.5 | 5.1 | 12.0 | 106.3 | 1.9 | na |
| Jun 2006 | 226.5 | 1.8 | 12.4 | 106.8 | 0.5 | 6.8 |
| Sep 2006 | 233.9 | 3.3 | 14.4 | 110.8 | 3.7 | 7.3 |
| Dec 2006 | 238.5 | 2.0 | 12.6 | 111.5 | 0.6 | 6.9 |
| Mar 2007 | 251.3 | 5.4 | 12.9 | 113.9 | 2.2 | 7.1 |
| Jun 2007 | 255.6 | 1.7 | 12.8 | 114.3 | 0.4 | 7.0 |
| Sep 2007 | 170.2 | -33.4 | -27.2 | 119.4 | 4.4 | 7.8 |
| Dec 2007 | 172.3 | 1.2 | -27.8 | 119.9 | 0.4 | 7.5 |
| Mar 2008 | 180.1 | 4.5 | -28.3 | 122.5 | 2.2 | 7.6 |
| Jun 2008 | 182.3 | 1.2 | -28.7 | 123.0 | 0.4 | 7.7 |
| Sep 2008 | 140.5 | -22.9 | -17.5 | 128.1 | 4.1 | 7.3 |
| Dec 2008 | 142.5 | 1.4 | 17.3 | 128.8 | 0.5 | 7.4 |
| Mar 2009 | 146.8 | 3.0 | 18.5 | 130.7 | 1.5 | 6.7 |
| Jun 2009 | 148.2 | 1.0 | 18.7 | 131.1 | 0.3 | 6.5 |
| Sep 2009 | 149.5 | 0.9 | 6.4 | 134.9 | 2.9 | 5.3 |

na not available

(a) Base 1989 – 90 = 100.0

(b) Base June quarter 2005 = 100.0

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