

AUSTRALIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS Canberra

CATALOGUE NO. 6401.0

NOON 23 APRIL 1979

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – MARCH QUARTER 1979

INQUIRIES

If you want to know more about these statistics ring Mr Trevor Travers on Canberra 526251 or our State office, or write to Information Services, ABS, P.O. Box 10, Belconnen, A.C.T. 2616.

For copies of this publication contact Information Services, Canberra 526627 or State offices.

MAIN FEATURES

All Groups index	Change between		Group indexes – Weighted average of six State capital cities	Change between	
	Dec. quarter 1978	Mar. quarter 1978		Dec. quarter 1978	Mar. quarter 1978
	and Mar. quarter 1979	and Mar. quarter 1979		and Mar. quarter 1979	and Mar. quarter 1979
	%	%		%	%
Weighted average of six State capital cities	+1.7	+8.2	Food	+3.0	+12.4
Sydney	+1.9	+8.8	Clothing	+0.7	+6.7
Melbourne	+1.8	+8.0	Housing	+1.3	+6.3
Brisbane	+0.7	+7.8	Household equipment and operation	+1.6	+6.5
Adelaide	+1.7	+7.5	Transportation	+2.3	+9.4
Perth	+1.3	+7.7	Tobacco and alcohol	-0.3	+18.4
Hobart	+2.2	+8.0	Health and personal care	+1.2	-10.2
Canberra	+1.9	+7.9	Recreation	+1.8	+5.9
Weighted average of seven capital cities	+1.7	+8.2	All Groups	+1.7	+8.2

Main price changes between December quarter 1978 and March quarter 1979 were as follows:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Prices of beef and lamb increased significantly in all cities. . Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables fell in all cities. . Prices of meals out and take-away food increased in all cities. <p>Housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Private dwelling rents increased in all cities. . Rents for government owned dwellings increased in Brisbane and Adelaide. <p>Household equipment and operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Electricity charges increased in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Hobart. . Gas charges increased in all cities except Sydney and Perth. | <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Motor vehicle and petrol prices increased in all cities. . Taxi fares increased in all cities and public transport fares increased in Adelaide. <p>Tobacco and alcohol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Beer prices fell significantly in Brisbane following the end of an industrial dispute which had resulted in abnormally high prices in the previous quarter. <p>Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Main price increases were for entertainment and sporting services. |
|---|---|

R. J. CAMERON
Australian Statistician

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Brief description of the CPI

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 expenditures by metropolitan wage and salary earner households. This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following groups: Food; Clothing; Housing; Household equipment and operation; Transportation; Tobacco and alcohol; Health and personal care; and Recreation. Each group is in turn divided into subgroups. Index numbers at the *group* and *All Groups* levels are published for each State capital city and Canberra, for the weighted average of six State capital cities and for the weighted average of seven capital cities. This bulletin also contains *subgroup index numbers* for the weighted average of six State capital cities.

2. It is important to note that the capital city indexes measure price movements over time in *each city individually*. They do not measure differences in retail price levels between cities.

3. Further information about the CPI is contained in the booklet entitled *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index* which is available from the ABS on request.

Prices

4. Prices of *non-food items* are collected quarterly, usually as at the middle of the mid-month of the quarter. However, to facilitate field collection arrangements, some items (furniture, appliances, television sets, radios, sound equipment, motor vehicle operation, clothing and footwear services and hairdressing) are priced during the first month of each quarter. Items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing are priced annually.

5. The quarterly prices for *food items* used in the index are the averages of prices collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. In the case of some fresh food items (fruit, vegetables and fish) prices are collected more frequently and averaged to obtain monthly prices.

Weighting pattern

6. There are 105 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) within the current 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 in fact comprises nine series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The ninth series (that is, the current series) was introduced as from September quarter 1976 and its weighting pattern is based on estimated expenditures in 1974-75, obtained from the first household expenditure survey conducted by the ABS.

Index points and percentage changes

8. Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as percentage changes, or as changes in 'index points'. The difference between these two methods of describing movements in indexes is shown by the following example:

All Groups CPI : Weighted average of six State capital cities

Index numbers :

March quarter 1979 :	262.6
Less : December quarter 1978:	258.2
Change in index points :	+4.4

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+4.4}{258.2} \times 100 = +1.7\%$$

The index number of 262.6 for March quarter 1979 indicates an increase of 162.6% since the reference base year (1966-67).

9. Most of the tables in this bulletin show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. Table 3, on the other hand, shows the main changes between December quarter 1978 and March quarter 1979, in terms of '*All Groups*' index points, for each capital city.

Special tables

10. Table 7 provides a *detailed analysis*, for the weighted average of six State capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for subgroups and for some special groupings. It also shows the *contribution* which each group and subgroup makes to the total index. For instance, the dairy produce subgroup contributed 5.47 index points to the total All Groups index number of 262.6 for March quarter 1979. The final column shows contributions to the *change in All Groups index points* by each group and subgroup.

11. The All Groups index includes the effects of changes in prices for hospital and medical services, for September and December quarters of 1975 (following the introduction of Medibank), for December quarter 1976 (following changes to Medibank) and for December quarter 1978 (following further changes in health insurance arrangements). To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices without the effects of these changes, Table 5 shows percentage changes for a special series "All Groups excluding hospital and medical services", and compares these with changes in the All Groups index. For further information see the Supplements to the December quarter 1975 and December quarter 1976 issues and the Appendix to the December quarter 1978 issue of this bulletin.

Monthly food group index

12. The ABS publication *Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (6402.0) contains monthly index numbers, percentage changes and other data relating to the Food Group of the CPI.

Symbols and other usages

— Nil or less than half the final digit shown.

NOTE. Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this publication are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by subgroup or group index numbers in Table 7 do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.

TABLE 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
1975-76	+13.0	+13.0	+12.9	+13.2	+12.3	+14.1	+14.0	+13.6	+13.0
1976-77	+13.8	+12.3	+14.3	+14.2	+15.5	+15.7	+14.6	+13.7	+13.8
1977-78	+ 9.5	+ 8.9	+10.0	+ 9.4	+ 9.9	+10.8	+ 9.8	+ 9.1	+ 9.5
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
1976-77									
March	+13.6	+12.0	+14.3	+13.8	+15.5	+15.5	+14.0	+13.0	+13.6
June	+13.4	+11.9	+14.5	+13.2	+14.8	+14.4	+13.0	+11.4	+13.3
1977-78									
September	+13.1	+11.8	+14.0	+12.8	+14.6	+14.4	+12.9	+11.3	+13.1
December	+ 9.3	+ 8.5	+ 9.9	+ 8.5	+ 9.5	+10.7	+ 9.6	+ 8.9	+ 9.3
March	+ 8.2	+ 7.8	+ 8.2	+ 8.1	+ 8.2	+ 9.5	+ 8.8	+ 8.2	+ 8.2
June	+ 7.9	+ 7.5	+ 8.0	+ 8.2	+ 7.6	+ 8.9	+ 8.3	+ 8.1	+ 7.9
1978-79									
September	+ 7.9	+ 8.1	+ 7.8	+ 8.0	+ 7.2	+ 8.4	+ 7.5	+ 8.0	+ 7.9
December	+ 7.8	+ 8.2	+ 7.3	+ 9.0	+ 6.6	+ 7.5	+ 6.9	+ 7.0	+ 7.7
March	+ 8.2	+ 8.8	+ 8.0	+ 7.8	+ 7.5	+ 7.7	+ 8.0	+ 7.9	+ 8.2
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
1976-77									
March	+2.3	+2.1	+2.6	+2.2	+2.1	+2.3	+1.9	+1.6	+2.3
June	+2.4	+2.2	+2.7	+1.8	+2.4	+2.4	+2.4	+1.8	+2.3
1977-78									
September	+2.0	+1.6	+2.0	+2.1	+2.4	+2.4	+2.3	+2.0	+2.0
December	+2.3	+2.5	+2.2	+2.2	+2.3	+3.2	+2.6	+3.2	+2.4
March	+1.3	+1.4	+1.1	+1.8	+0.9	+1.2	+1.1	+1.0	+1.3
June	+2.1	+1.9	+2.5	+1.9	+1.9	+1.8	+2.0	+1.7	+2.1
1978-79									
September	+1.9	+2.1	+1.8	+1.9	+2.0	+2.0	+1.5	+1.9	+1.9
December	+2.3	+2.6	+1.7	+3.1	+1.7	+2.4	+2.1	+2.3	+2.2
March	+1.7	+1.9	+1.8	+0.7	+1.7	+1.3	+2.2	+1.9	+1.7

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : ALL GROUPS
INDEX NUMBERS
(Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
1974-75	171.1	176.1	167.9	168.7	169.7	166.1	166.7	164.9	171.0
1975-76	193.3	199.0	189.5	190.9	190.5	189.6	190.0	187.3	193.3
1976-77	220.0	223.4	216.6	218.0	220.1	219.4	217.7	212.9	219.9
1977-78	241.0	243.2	238.2	238.4	241.8	243.1	239.1	232.3	240.9
Quarter									
1974-75									
March	174.1	178.8	170.8	171.1	173.8	169.8	169.3	166.4	174.0
June	180.2	185.5	176.7	175.6	179.3	176.7	174.6	173.2	180.1
1975-76									
September	181.6	188.2	177.7	178.4	178.2	176.5	175.9	173.0	181.5
December	191.7	196.9	188.4	189.6	188.6	187.7	189.1	186.9	191.7
March	197.4	203.1	193.4	195.6	194.6	193.9	194.2	191.6	197.4
June	202.4	207.6	198.3	200.1	200.4	200.4	200.6	197.7	202.4
1976-77									
September	206.9	211.1	203.2	205.1	205.5	205.4	205.5	201.9	206.8
December	219.3	222.8	215.3	217.8	220.0	219.0	217.2	213.0	219.2
March	224.3	227.4	221.0	222.5	224.7	224.0	221.4	216.5	224.2
June	229.6	232.3	227.0	226.6	230.1	229.3	226.7	220.3	229.4
1977-78									
September	234.1	236.0	231.6	231.3	235.6	234.9	232.0	224.8	233.9
December	239.6	241.8	236.6	236.3	241.0	242.5	238.1	231.9	239.5
March	242.7	245.1	239.2	240.6	243.1	245.3	240.8	234.2	242.5
June	247.7	249.8	245.2	245.2	247.6	249.8	245.5	238.1	247.6
1978-79									
September	252.5	255.0	249.6	249.8	252.6	254.7	249.3	242.7	252.4
December	258.2	261.6	253.9	257.6	256.9	260.8	254.5	248.2	258.0
March	262.6	266.7	258.4	259.3	261.3	264.3	260.0	252.8	262.4

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
CHANGE IN INDEX POINTS BETWEEN DECEMBER QUARTER 1978 AND MARCH QUARTER 1979 (a)

	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
Food									
Beef and veal	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0	+1.3	+0.9	+0.8	+1.1	+1.1	+1.0
Lamb and mutton	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3
Meals out and take-away food	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.5	+0.2	+0.3
Cereal products	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1
Fresh fruit and vegetables	-0.4	-0.3	-0.6	-0.3	-0.6	-0.5	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Other	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.5	+0.3	+0.4	+0.4
Clothing									
Clothing group	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
Housing									
Rent, privately owned dwellings	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-	-	+0.2
Rent, government owned dwellings	+0.1	-	-	+0.3	+0.3	-	-	-	+0.1
House price, repairs and maintenance	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2
Household equipment and operation									
Fuel and light	+0.3	+0.1	+0.5	-	+0.5	-	+0.4	+0.2	+0.3
Household supplies and services	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	-	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2
Transportation									
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3
Petrol	+0.3	+0.6	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	-	+0.7	+0.6	+0.3
Vehicle service, repairs, parts	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
Public transport fares	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Other	+0.1	+0.3	+0.2	-	-	-	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2
Tobacco and alcohol									
Beer	-0.2	+0.1	+0.2	-2.7	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-0.2
Other	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Health and personal care									
Health and personal care group	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.3	+0.3	+0.1	+0.2
Recreation									
Entertainment	+0.2	+0.3	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
Other	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
Total change	+4.4	+5.1	+4.5	+1.7	+4.4	+3.5	+5.5	+4.6	+4.4

(a) See notes about changes in index points in paragraphs 8 and 9.

TABLE 4. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX : GROUP INDEXES
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES
PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Food %	Clothing %	Housing %	Household equipment and operation %	Transporta- tion %	Tobacco and alcohol %	Health and personal care (a) %	Recreation %	All Groups (a) %
<i>Change from previous year</i>									
1975-76	+9.9	+16.2	+18.0	+15.9	+17.8	+23.9	-18.7	(b)	+13.0
1976-77	+11.7	+15.7	+13.9	+10.1	+8.9	+8.9	+75.3	(b)	+13.8
1977-78	+10.9	+10.7	+9.1	+8.3	+8.2	+4.4	+19.8	+8.9	+9.5
<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>									
1976-77									
March	+9.5	+16.3	+13.5	+9.3	+7.8	+4.4	+101.4	(b)	+13.6
June	+12.2	+13.9	+11.8	+9.1	+8.3	+3.4	+94.3	(b)	+13.4
1977-78									
September	+13.1	+13.8	+10.6	+8.7	+7.9	+4.4	+90.2	+10.1	+13.1
December	+11.3	+10.5	+9.5	+9.7	+9.4	+4.4	+5.3	+10.8	+9.3
March	+9.9	+10.1	+8.6	+7.5	+8.0	+5.0	+5.5	+8.6	+8.2
June	+9.7	+8.8	+7.7	+7.3	+7.5	+4.0	+10.6	+6.6	+7.9
1978-79									
September	+8.8	+8.4	+6.9	+7.1	+8.1	+3.9	+14.0	+6.8	+7.9
December	+9.9	+7.1	+6.3	+5.9	+8.6	+20.2	-9.4	+6.1	+7.8
March	+12.4	+6.7	+6.3	+6.5	+9.4	+18.4	-10.2	+5.9	+8.2
<i>Change from previous quarter</i>									
1976-77									
March	+1.9	+1.5	+2.2	+3.1	+2.9	+0.5	+2.0	+4.1	+2.3
June	+2.9	+3.6	+2.6	+2.3	+1.6	+1.3	+1.2	+2.8	+2.4
1977-78									
September	+3.8	+1.7	+1.9	+1.4	+1.6	+1.1	+0.7	+1.2	+2.0
December	+2.2	+3.3	+2.4	+2.6	+3.0	+1.4	+1.3	+2.3	+2.3
March	+0.6	+1.1	+1.4	+1.0	+1.6	+1.1	+2.2	+2.0	+1.3
June	+2.8	+2.4	+1.7	+2.1	+1.2	+0.4	+6.1	+1.0	+2.1
1978-79									
September	+3.0	+1.3	+1.2	+1.3	+2.2	+1.0	+3.8	+1.4	+1.9
December	+3.1	+2.2	+1.9	+1.4	+3.4	+17.2	-19.5	+1.6	+2.3
March	+3.0	+0.7	+1.3	+1.6	+2.3	-0.3	+1.2	+1.8	+1.7

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 11. (b) New grouping not compiled for quarters prior to September quarter 1976.

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
COMPARISON OF 'ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES' AND ALL GROUPS INDEX
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES : PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	<i>Change from previous quarter</i>		<i>Change from corresponding quarter of previous year</i>	
	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>	<i>All Groups excluding hospital and medical services</i>	<i>All Groups</i>
	%	%	%	%
1975-76				
September	+2.9	+0.8	+13.7	+12.1
December	+6.3	+5.6	+16.7	+14.0
March	+2.9	+3.0	+16.8	+13.4
June	+2.5	+2.5	+15.4	+12.3
1976-77				
September	+2.2	+2.2	+14.6	+13.9
December	+2.8	+6.0	+10.8	+14.4
March	+2.4	+2.3	+10.2	+13.6
June	+2.4	+2.4	+10.2	+13.4
1977-78				
September	+2.1	+2.0	+10.1	+13.1
December	+2.5	+2.3	+ 9.6	+ 9.3
March	+1.2	+1.3	+ 8.4	+ 8.2
June	+1.8	+2.1	+ 7.8	+ 7.9
1978-79				
September	+1.8	+1.9	+ 7.5	+ 7.9
December	+3.8	+2.3	+ 9.0	+ 7.8
March	+1.7	+1.7	+ 9.5	+ 8.2

TABLE 6.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Weighted average of seven capital cities
FOOD (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	203.4	202.1	200.8	205.9	207.6	208.2	204.0	203.8	203.4
June	209.4	207.1	207.7	209.1	214.4	217.3	209.7	207.4	209.4
1977-78									
September	217.4	213.2	216.6	215.7	224.3	229.4	218.9	215.3	217.4
December	222.1	218.9	220.8	219.9	228.0	233.2	223.3	219.0	222.0
March	223.5	221.5	219.6	225.1	229.7	235.1	225.5	223.1	223.5
June	229.8	226.7	226.6	229.6	236.9	244.7	229.5	229.1	229.8
1978-79									
September	236.6	234.6	233.3	233.7	242.7	250.4	238.4	235.7	236.6
December	244.0	243.0	241.1	240.4	248.7	254.4	245.0	241.7	243.9
March	251.3	250.2	248.5	249.6	254.8	260.5	254.7	251.0	251.3
CLOTHING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	235.6	234.7	235.6	233.6	240.7	235.5	235.4	235.1	235.6
June	244.1	244.1	243.8	240.7	248.6	243.5	244.1	243.9	244.1
1977-78									
September	248.2	247.7	247.9	245.8	252.0	249.2	248.5	246.4	248.2
December	256.5	255.8	256.1	254.5	260.2	258.7	255.9	254.1	256.4
March	259.3	257.7	260.4	256.3	262.6	260.7	258.4	251.9	259.2
June	265.6	264.4	266.4	261.8	269.9	265.7	265.5	262.3	265.5
1978-79									
September	269.0	268.0	269.9	263.9	273.2	269.3	269.7	265.5	268.9
December	274.8	274.1	274.4	271.7	280.2	275.8	275.2	270.9	274.7
March	276.6	274.8	276.7	273.9	283.3	277.5	277.3	272.3	276.5
HOUSING (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	255.0	267.4	245.4	239.4	258.1	249.3	247.7	226.6	254.6
June	261.6	273.8	253.3	244.2	263.3	254.8	252.5	228.4	261.1
1977-78									
September	266.7	279.9	257.1	251.1	268.0	259.1	257.3	229.6	266.1
December	273.2	286.5	261.6	258.1	275.7	270.8	264.0	243.2	272.8
March	276.9	290.5	264.8	265.4	277.4	273.0	267.0	244.1	276.4
June	281.7	297.8	268.8	268.9	279.1	274.9	270.2	244.5	281.1
1978-79									
September	285.2	302.9	271.6	272.4	279.6	276.5	272.0	246.4	284.6
December	290.5	309.3	274.9	276.8	288.3	282.7	277.3	249.1	289.8
March	294.3	315.6	276.4	281.3	291.3	284.4	280.4	251.2	293.5
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	198.9	207.7	191.2	199.9	192.7	200.7	203.3	185.6	198.7
June	203.5	212.8	195.9	203.7	196.2	205.3	209.3	190.1	203.3
1977-78									
September	206.4	215.3	197.8	207.8	201.0	209.2	212.8	193.9	206.2
December	211.7	219.7	203.3	211.4	206.8	218.5	223.2	199.0	211.5
March	213.8	222.0	205.3	214.4	208.1	220.1	224.6	201.0	213.6
June	218.3	225.7	210.4	221.6	211.9	223.6	227.3	202.9	218.0
1978-79									
September	221.1	227.8	213.1	225.9	214.4	228.3	228.8	206.3	220.8
December	224.2	230.9	216.2	228.0	217.2	232.4	233.4	213.1	224.0
March	227.8	233.5	221.2	229.6	222.2	235.3	238.5	215.3	227.7

TABLE 6.
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - GROUP INDEXES - *continued*

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>Weighted average of six State capital cities</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of seven capital cities</i>
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	225.0	235.3	220.7	221.3	217.7	207.2	223.3	219.1	225.0
June	228.7	237.5	226.0	224.5	223.0	209.4	226.6	222.1	228.7
1977-78									
September	232.3	240.0	229.7	228.0	228.4	213.5	233.2	228.1	232.3
December	239.2	247.8	235.3	232.9	234.2	225.1	240.6	237.1	239.3
March	243.0	251.9	239.6	235.4	236.4	229.0	244.5	238.8	243.1
June	245.9	254.6	242.2	238.7	240.3	231.8	247.9	241.0	245.9
1978-79									
September	251.2	260.4	245.8	245.9	246.5	239.3	247.0	246.4	251.2
December	259.7	268.7	254.5	255.1	253.9	248.0	252.4	252.1	259.7
March	265.8	278.2	259.3	258.9	259.2	250.9	258.7	258.3	265.8
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	230.3	236.6	230.5	217.9	225.5	227.5	220.5	214.8	230.1
June	233.4	240.4	232.7	221.8	227.6	229.5	227.6	215.2	233.0
1977-78									
September	236.0	240.6	238.2	223.5	231.4	232.6	229.2	218.1	235.7
December	239.2	245.6	240.1	226.0	233.1	235.6	230.6	225.8	239.0
March	241.9	247.3	243.5	229.1	234.7	240.3	233.2	226.3	241.6
June	242.8	247.2	244.8	231.4	236.1	241.9	235.7	227.7	242.6
1978-79									
September	245.3	250.6	247.1	232.3	237.6	244.3	238.8	228.7	245.1
December	287.5	290.3	284.8	301.9	272.8	286.4	276.0	262.5	287.0
March	286.5	291.7	288.5	275.7	273.4	288.0	278.1	264.0	286.1
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index : December quarter 1968 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	301.3	278.6	300.5	335.4	313.9	356.3	283.4	294.6	301.0
June	304.9	281.4	305.3	340.7	318.0	355.8	287.3	299.4	304.6
1977-78									
September	307.1	282.8	308.0	343.6	320.8	358.0	292.1	302.2	306.9
December	311.0	285.6	312.3	348.4	324.1	364.4	295.1	306.7	310.7
March	317.8	297.0	316.6	353.1	328.2	367.8	298.9	319.7	317.7
June	337.3	313.2	349.2	369.2	332.3	372.5	324.1	338.6	337.2
1978-79									
September	350.2	323.0	364.3	379.2	354.7	382.9	331.3	350.3	350.1
December	281.9	270.7	284.6	289.0	282.1	316.5	274.2	294.6	282.0
March	285.4	273.0	288.3	294.9	285.3	322.1	280.5	297.1	285.5
RECREATION (Base of each index : September quarter 1976 = 100.0)									
1976-77									
March	105.8	106.5	105.1	106.2	105.0	105.9	105.4	105.8	105.8
June	108.8	109.2	108.3	108.2	109.0	109.9	106.9	108.5	108.8
1977-78									
September	110.1	110.8	109.3	110.5	109.7	111.0	107.3	110.1	110.1
December	112.6	113.1	111.7	113.8	112.6	112.9	109.6	112.8	112.6
March	114.9	114.7	114.7	117.2	114.9	114.5	111.4	114.1	114.9
June	116.0	115.4	116.3	117.6	116.6	115.6	112.6	114.5	116.0
1978-79									
September	117.6	117.0	117.4	120.3	118.6	117.1	115.4	117.2	117.6
December	119.5	118.2	119.5	122.4	121.6	119.4	117.7	119.4	119.5
March	121.7	120.9	121.4	124.1	123.6	122.1	119.6	121.9	121.7

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - INDEX NUMBERS AND INDEX POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between December qtr 1978 and March qtr 1979 %		Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			Change between December qtr 1978 and March qtr 1979	
		December quarter 1978	March quarter 1979	December qtr 1978	March qtr 1979	December quarter 1978	March quarter 1979	December qtr 1978	March qtr 1979	
FOOD										
Dairy produce	1966-67 = 100.0	244.0	251.3	+3.0	55.19	56.85	+1.66	+1.66	+0.05	
Cereal products	"	214.4	216.2	+0.8	5.42	5.47	+0.05	+0.05	+0.13	
Meat and seafoods	"	265.7	271.5	+2.2	5.82	5.95	+0.13	+0.13	+1.50	
Beef and veal	"	233.9	260.2	+11.2	13.40	14.90	6.62	6.62	+0.98	
Lamb and mutton	"	203.7	239.1	+17.4			2.82	2.82	+0.34	
Pork	"	269.6	306.3	+13.6		5.64	0.69	0.69	+0.05	
Poultry	"	253.3	271.0	+7.0		2.48	1.27	1.27	+0.02	
Other meat	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	178.2	180.9	+1.5		1.25	2.27	2.27	+0.13	
Fish	1966-67 = 100.0	224.1	237.2	+5.8		2.14	1.24	1.24	-	
Fruit and vegetables	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	143.2	142.9	-0.2	8.29	7.87	-0.42	-0.42	-0.44	
Fresh fruit and vegetables	"	137.9	130.9	-5.1			5.71	5.71	+0.02	
Processed fruit and vegetables	"	147.3	136.8	-7.1			2.16	2.16		
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	1966-67 = 100.0	198.7	200.6	+1.0	5.40	5.47	+0.07	+0.07	+0.29	
Meals out and take-away food	"	291.6	295.4	+1.3	11.24	11.53	+0.29	+0.29	+0.04	
Other food	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	123.4	126.6	+2.6	5.62	5.66	+0.04	+0.04		
	1966-67 = 100.0	209.6	211.4	+0.9						
CLOTHING										
Men's and boys'	"	274.8	276.6	+0.7	26.43	26.60	+0.17	+0.17		
Women's and girls'	"	258.6	260.0	+0.5	7.54	7.58	+0.04	+0.04	+0.21	
Piecegoods and other clothing	"	277.1	277.5	+0.1	11.96	11.97	+0.01	+0.01	+0.07	
Footwear	"	236.2	245.1	+3.8	1.45	1.51	+0.06	+0.06	+0.03	
Clothing and footwear services (a)	"	306.7	308.7	+0.7	4.12	4.15	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	
	"	354.9	363.4	+2.4	1.36	1.39	+0.03	+0.03		
HOUSING										
Rent	"	290.5	294.3	+1.3	33.75	34.19	+0.44	+0.44	+0.27	
Privately-owned dwellings	"	278.2	283.9	+2.0	13.23	13.50	+0.27	+0.27		
Government-owned dwellings	"	270.2	275.0	+1.8			11.99	11.99	+0.21	
Home ownership (b)	"	391.1	408.2	+4.4			1.44	1.51	+0.07	
Local government rates and charges (c)	"	302.8	305.3	+0.8	20.53	20.70	+0.17	+0.17		
House price, repairs and maintenance	"	370.2	370.2	-	4.73	4.73	-	-	+0.17	
	"	279.3	282.3	+1.1	15.79	15.96	+0.17	+0.17		
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION										
Fuel and light	"	224.2	227.8	+1.6	36.05	36.64	+0.59	+0.59	+0.25	
Furniture and floor coverings	"	207.8	217.2	+4.5	5.67	5.92	+0.25	+0.25	+0.05	
Appliances	"	269.0	270.6	+0.6	7.91	7.96	+0.05	+0.05	+0.04	
Drapery	"	133.6	134.9	+1.0	4.34	4.38	+0.04	+0.04	+0.05	
Household utensils and tools	"	300.6	305.8	+1.7	2.91	2.96	+0.05	+0.05	+0.06	
Household supplies and services (d)	"	238.8	242.6	+1.6	3.80	3.86	+0.06	+0.06	+0.16	
Postal and telephone services	"	213.6	217.9	+2.0	8.17	8.33	+0.16	+0.16	-0.03	
	"	255.8	253.7	-0.8	3.26	3.23	-0.03	-0.03	+1.09	
TRANSPORTATION										
Private transport	"	259.7	265.8	+2.3	46.06	47.15	+1.09	+1.09	+0.94	
Motor vehicle purchase	"	256.0	261.8	+2.3	41.06	42.00	+0.94	+0.94	+0.32	
Motor vehicle operation (e)	"	224.4	229.8	+2.4	13.41	13.73	+0.32	+0.32	+0.62	
Public transport fares (f)	"	275.7	281.8	+2.2	27.65	28.27	+0.62	+0.62	+0.15	
	"	237.8	244.8	+2.9	5.00	5.15	+0.15	+0.15		

TABLE 7. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - INDEX NUMBERS AND INDEX POINTS CONTRIBUTIONS : WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES - continued

	Reference base period	Index numbers		Change between December qtr 1978 and March qtr 1979 %		Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			Change between December qtr 1978 and March qtr 1979		
		December quarter 1978	March quarter 1979	December qtr 1978	March qtr 1979	December quarter 1978	March quarter 1979	December qtr 1978	March qtr 1979		
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL											
Alcoholic beverages	1966-67 = 100.0	287.5	286.5	-0.3		26.96	26.87	-0.09			
Beer	"	279.7	278.1	-0.6		18.72	18.61	-0.11			
Wine and spirits	Dec. qtr 1973 = 100.0	282.0	278.3	-1.3		12.75	12.59				-0.16
Cigarettes and tobacco	1966-67 = 100.0	195.6	197.5	+1.0		5.96	6.02				+0.06
		289.3	289.8	+0.2		8.24	8.26				+0.02
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE											
Health services (g)	Dec. qtr 1968 = 100.0	281.9	285.4	+1.2		14.26	14.44				+0.18
Personal care products (h)	"	291.9	293.8	+0.7		7.97	8.02				+0.05
Personal care services (i)	1966-67 = 100.0	231.6	235.2	+1.6		4.44	4.51				+0.07
		505.3	521.1	+3.1		1.85	1.91				+0.06
RECREATION											
Books, newspapers, magazines	Sept. qtr 1976 = 100.0	119.5	121.7	+1.8		19.48	19.84				+0.36
Other recreational goods (j)	"	127.7	130.1	+1.9		3.77	3.84				+0.07
Holiday accommodation	"	112.0	113.2	+1.1		7.45	7.53				+0.08
Other recreational services (k)	"	126.6	127.0	+0.3		2.41	2.42				+0.01
	"	122.0	126.5	+3.7		5.84	6.05				+0.21
ALL GROUPS	1966-67 = 100.0	258.2	262.6	+1.7		258.2	262.6				+4.4
SPECIAL GROUPINGS											
All groups, excluding food group	"	263.8	267.4	+1.4		203.00	205.73				+2.73
All groups, excluding housing group and medical services	"	252.9	257.4	+1.8		224.43	228.39				+3.96
All groups, goods component (l)	"	259.0	263.5	+1.7		251.85	256.23				+4.38
All groups, services component (l)	"	246.9	251.0	+1.7		193.31	196.54				+3.23
	"	303.2	308.7	+1.8		64.88	66.04				+1.16

(a) Dry cleaning and shoe repairs. (b) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchases. (c) Local government (council) and water and sewerage authority rates and charges. (d) Household cleaning agents and paper products, gardening supplies, stationery, pet food, travel goods, umbrellas, insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods. (e) Petrol, tyres, tubes, parts, repairs, motor vehicle insurance, registration, driver's licence, motoring organisation fees. (f) Bus, tram, rail, taxi and air fares. (g) Medical practitioners' fees (net), hospital charges (net), dental charges, and hospital and medical insurance contributions. (h) Pharmaceuticals, toiletries, cosmetics. (i) Television sets, radios, sound equipment, photographic goods, sunglasses, records, cassettes, tapes, sports equipment, bicycles, toys, games, caravans. (k) Cinema and live theatre admission, other entertainment and recreation, spectator admission to sports, other sports services, television hire, photographic services and repairs to television sets. (l) The special grouping "All groups, goods component" comprises: the Food group except meals out; Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except insurance of dwellings and contents, repairs to household goods and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house price; house repair materials; motor vehicle purchase; petrol, tyres, tubes, vehicle replacement parts; personal care products; books, newspapers, magazines; other recreational goods; replacement parts for television sets. The remaining items are classified as "Services".

