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**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1976**

Variations in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra are shown herein.

2. This shall be the last quarter compiled on the basis of the eighth of the short term series of this index, which will therefore have operated between September quarter 1974 and September quarter 1976 (see paragraphs 8 and 9 on page 2). The ninth series, which shall be introduced in the next bulletin, will measure price change from September quarter 1976 forwards on the basis of a list of items and weighting pattern incorporating results of the first Household Expenditure Survey (1974-75). This full-scale recasting will mean that the C.P.I. for the December quarter 1976 will be published up to three weeks later than usual.

3. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for September quarter 1976 increased by 2.2% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in individual cities were : Sydney +1.7%; Melbourne +2.5%; Brisbane +2.5%; Adelaide +2.5%; Perth +2.5%; Hobart +2.4%; Canberra +2.1%. An analysis of these changes is given in the table on page 4 and in paragraph 17.

4. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index are shown below. Paragraph 7 on page 2 contains corresponding details for All Groups excluding hospital and medical services (six capitals).

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

| Quarter       | Six Capitals (a) | Sydney   | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth    | Hobart   | Canberra |
|---------------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|               | Per cent         | Per cent | Per cent  | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| 1974-75 –     |                  |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September     | +5.1             | +5.2     | +4.9      | +5.4     | +5.1     | +4.9     | +5.0     | +5.2     |
| December      | +3.8             | +3.6     | +3.3      | +3.2     | +4.4     | +6.0     | +5.1     | +3.4     |
| March         | +3.6             | +3.4     | +3.8      | +2.7     | +4.4     | +3.8     | +2.3     | +2.3     |
| June          | +3.5             | +3.7     | +3.5      | +2.6     | +3.2     | +4.1     | +3.1     | +4.1     |
| 1975-76 –     |                  |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September (b) | +0.8             | +1.5     | +0.6      | +1.6     | -0.6     | -0.1     | +0.7     | -0.1     |
| December (b)  | +5.6             | +4.6     | +6.0      | +6.3     | +5.8     | +6.3     | +7.5     | +8.0     |
| March         | +3.0             | +3.1     | +2.7      | +3.2     | +3.2     | +3.3     | +2.7     | +2.5     |
| June          | +2.5             | +2.2     | +2.5      | +2.3     | +3.0     | +3.4     | +3.3     | +3.2     |
| 1976-77 –     |                  |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September     | +2.2             | +1.7     | +2.5      | +2.5     | +2.5     | +2.5     | +2.4     | +2.1     |

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (b) Includes effects of price decreases in health services with the introduction of Medibank.

5. Recent annual changes in the All Groups index are shown below. Paragraph 7 on page 2 contains corresponding details for All Groups excluding hospital and medical services (six capitals).

Percentage Change from Same Quarter of Preceding Year

| Quarter   | Six Capitals (a) | Sydney   | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth    | Hobart   | Canberra |
|-----------|------------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | Per cent         | Per cent | Per cent  | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| 1974-75 – |                  |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September | +16.0            | +15.9    | +16.5     | +15.8    | +16.8    | +14.8    | +16.4    | +16.1    |
| December  | +16.3            | +15.8    | +16.0     | +15.7    | +17.3    | +18.0    | +17.3    | +15.6    |
| March     | +17.6            | +17.0    | +17.6     | +15.8    | +19.5    | +19.5    | +17.6    | +14.8    |
| June      | +16.9            | +16.9    | +16.3     | +14.7    | +18.2    | +20.1    | +16.5    | +15.8    |
| 1975-76 – |                  |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September | +12.1            | +12.7    | +11.5     | +10.5    | +11.8    | +14.4    | +11.8    | + 9.9    |
| December  | +14.0            | +13.8    | +14.5     | +13.8    | +13.3    | +14.7    | +14.3    | +14.9    |
| March     | +13.4            | +13.6    | +13.2     | +14.3    | +12.0    | +14.2    | +14.7    | +15.1    |
| June      | +12.3            | +11.9    | +12.2     | +14.0    | +11.8    | +13.4    | +14.9    | +14.1    |
| 1976-77 – |                  |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September | +13.9            | +12.2    | +14.4     | +15.0    | +15.3    | +16.4    | +16.8    | +16.7    |

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

NOTE. Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Canberra by telephoning Mr Trevor Travers on 52 7911 extension 6251 or, in each State capital, by telephoning the office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

6. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of the index have been as follows :

| <i>Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities</i> |             |                             |                |   |                      |                   |
|---|-------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---|----------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter</i>     |             |                             |                |   |                      |                   |
| <i>Quarter</i>                                      | <i>Food</i> | <i>Clothing and Drapery</i> | <i>Housing</i> | <i>Household Supplies and Equipment</i> | <i>Miscellaneous</i> | <i>All Groups</i> |
|   | Per cent    | Per cent                    | Per cent       | Per cent                                | Per cent             | Per cent          |
| 1974-75 -   |             |                             |                |   |                      |                   |
| September   | +2.7        | +4.9                        | +4.7           | +6.6                                    | +7.0                 | +5.1              |
| December  | -0.2        | +7.3                        | +5.4           | +3.5                                    | +5.0                 | +3.8              |
| March   | +1.1        | +1.4                        | +3.2           | +3.8                                    | +6.3                 | +3.6              |
| June  | +3.4        | +4.4                        | +5.3           | +3.5                                    | +2.6                 | +3.5              |
| 1975-76 -   |             |                             |                |   |                      |                   |
| September   | +1.6        | +2.3                        | +3.6           | +2.4                                    | (a)-2.0              | (a)+0.8           |
| December  | +3.1        | +6.9                        | +5.3           | +3.0                                    | (a)+8.0              | (a)+5.6           |
| March   | +5.0        | +1.3                        | +2.8           | +2.2                                    | +2.5                 | +3.0              |
| June  | +0.5        | +5.8                        | +4.1           | +2.5                                    | +2.2                 | +2.5              |
| 1976-77 -   |             |                             |                |   |                      |                   |
| September   | +3.1        | +1.7                        | +3.1           | +1.9                                    | +1.4                 | +2.2              |

(a) Includes effects of price decreases in health services with the introduction of Medibank.

7. In recent quarters the All Groups index has included the effects of unusual changes in prices for the hospital and medical services components of the index. This was particularly evident in the September and December quarters of 1975 following the introduction of Medibank, and the recent changes to Medibank will affect the index for December quarter 1976. In order to facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices excluding these unusual changes a special grouping "All Groups excluding hospital and medical services" has been published in each bulletin since September quarter 1975. The table below compares movements in this measure with those in the All Groups index.

| <i>Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities</i> |   |                   |  |                   |
|---|---|-------------------|--|-------------------|
| <i>Quarter</i>                                      | <i>Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter</i>           |                   | <i>Percentage Change from Same Quarter of Preceding 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> |
|   | Per cent  | Per cent          | Per cent   | Per cent          |
| 1974-75 -   |   |                   |  |                   |
| September   | +5.1  | +5.1              | +16.2  | +16.0             |
| December  | +3.6  | +3.8              | +16.2  | +16.3             |
| March   | +2.9  | +3.6              | +16.7  | +17.6             |
| June  | +3.7  | +3.5              | +16.2  | +16.9             |
| 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             |

8. The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of goods and services as affecting a high proportion of the expenditure of wage-earner households in the aggregate. Changes in the pattern of this expenditure since 1950 have been such as to render it necessary to construct the index with additional items and changes in weighting patterns at intervals (rather than on the basis of a list of items and set of weights which remained unchanged throughout the period). *Eight series* for short periods have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.

9. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in *Labour Report* No. 58, 1973 (Reference No. 6.7) which describes the sixth and seventh series of the index. The *eighth series* differs only because of the deletion of the item "radio and television licences" as from September quarter 1974.

10. The quarterly prices for food items used in the index are the averages of prices normally collected as at the middle of each of the three months of the quarter. However, for potatoes and for onions from December quarter 1968, prices have been collected at weekly intervals and averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices of all non-food items are collected at regular quarterly intervals (or at annual intervals with items such as local government rates and seasonal clothing) normally as at the middle of the mid-month of each quarter. However, for furniture, major household appliances and motoring items (other than motor car) the collection is made during the first month of each quarter to facilitate field collection arrangements.

11. The indexes measure price movements in each city individually. They do not provide a comparison of the retail price level in any city with the retail price level of any other city.

12. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1964-65 to 1975-76 and for each quarter from September quarter 1969. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows group index numbers quarterly from September quarter 1973 to September quarter 1976.

13. Table 3 on page 8 shows monthly Food Group index numbers for each month from January 1973. In Table 4 information of contributions by the Food Group to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points is shown for both June quarter 1976 and September quarter 1976 and each of the three months of this quarter, i.e. July, August and September 1976. A more detailed presentation of information on monthly food price movements can be found in the monthly bulletin *Consumer Price Index, Food Group Index Numbers* (Reference No. 9.11). Since the food group is the only group of the index for which prices are collected monthly, it is not possible to provide monthly indexes for other groups.

14. Table 5 on page 9 shows index numbers for June quarter 1976 and September quarter 1976 for groups and sub-groups of the index and for some special groupings. It also contains information of contributions by index sub-groups to the total index in terms of All Groups Index Points for these two quarters. Users of these figures should bear in mind that the Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the proportionate change in retail prices as combined in the five major groups and more particularly the total of the groups. For sub-groups or particular items, the index does not necessarily provide comprehensive and valid measures of price changes in those particular fields. Nor does it necessarily measure the relative influences of those classes of items in aggregate variations in prices. The Consumer Price Index is essentially a combination of selected items under various headings and not a dissection of total household expenditure into its component parts.

15. Movements of the indexes from one date to another are usually expressed as percentage changes rather than changes in the 'index points' because 'index point' changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percentage changes are not. In this bulletin details are given in terms of percentage changes in paragraphs 3-7. However, the analysis in paragraph 16 shows movements in terms of All Groups 'index points'. This analysis shows the contribution of selected items and of the five groups to movements in the total indexes. Table 5 on page 9 shows movements expressed as both percentage changes and changes in 'index points'. The following example illustrates the computation of 'index point' and percentage changes :

**All Groups : Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities**

| <u>Index Point Change</u>                |       | <u>Percentage Change</u>  |
|--|-------|---|
| Sept. quarter 1976 CPI (1966-67 = 100.0) | 206.9 | Index points difference divided by the<br>index for the previous period<br>$\frac{206.9 - 202.4}{202.4} \times 100 = 2.2\%$ |
| less June quarter 1976 CPI               | 202.4 |   |
| Index points difference                  | 4.5   |   |

16. The following analysis and Table 5 on page 9 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from June quarter 1976 to September quarter 1976.

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
**Movements from June Quarter 1976 to September Quarter 1976**  
**Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)**

| Group                                       | Six<br>Capitals (c) | Sydney      | Melbourne   | Brisbane    | Adelaide    | Perth       | Hobart      | Canberra    |
|---|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>INDEX POINTS (a)</b>                     |                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Food –                                      |                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Meat  | +0.7                | +0.5        | +0.8        | +0.4        | +1.1        | +0.6        | +1.3        | +0.4        |
| Soft drinks, ice cream<br>and confectionery | +0.2                | +0.3        | +0.2        | +0.3        | +0.2        | +0.1        | +0.3        | +0.3        |
| Potatoes                                    | +0.2                | +0.2        | +0.2        | ..          | +0.3        | ..          | +0.1        | +0.1        |
| Dairy produce                               | +0.1                | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.2        | +0.2        | +0.1        | +0.1        |
| Other                                       | +0.4                | +0.3        | +0.4        | +0.4        | +0.7        | +0.5        | +0.4        | +0.4        |
| Clothing and drapery                        | +0.5                | +0.5        | +0.4        | +0.4        | +0.4        | +0.5        | +0.4        | +0.4        |
| Housing –                                   |                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Rent, private                               | +0.4                | +0.5        | +0.5        | +0.4        | +0.3        | +0.2        | +0.2        | +0.2        |
| Rent, government                            | +0.2                | +0.3        | ..          | +0.5        | ..          | ..          | ..          | +0.1        |
| House price, repairs<br>and maintenance     | +0.3                | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.4        | +0.4        | +0.6        | +0.4        | +0.2        |
| Local government rates<br>and charges       | +0.1                | ..          | ..          | +0.5        | ..          | ..          | ..          | ..          |
| Household supplies, and<br>equipment –      |                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Furniture and floor<br>coverings            | +0.1                | +0.1        | +0.2        | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.1        |
| Other                                       | +0.3                | +0.2        | +0.4        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.4        | +0.3        |
| Miscellaneous –                             |                     |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Fares                                       | -0.1                | -0.8        | +0.4        | ..          | ..          | +0.5        | ..          | ..          |
| Motor car                                   | +0.3                | +0.3        | +0.2        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.2        | +0.3        |
| Other motoring                              | +0.4                | +0.4        | +0.5        | +0.5        | +0.4        | +0.5        | +0.7        | +0.4        |
| Health services                             | +0.1                | +0.2        | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.1        | +0.1        | ..          | +0.1        |
| Beer  | ..                  | ..          | -0.2        | +0.1        | ..          | +0.2        | ..          | +0.6        |
| Other                                       | +0.3                | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.3        | +0.2        |
| <b>Total Change<br/>(Index Points) (d)</b>  | <b>+4.5</b>         | <b>+3.5</b> | <b>+4.9</b> | <b>+5.0</b> | <b>+5.1</b> | <b>+5.0</b> | <b>+4.9</b> | <b>+4.2</b> |

(a) See explanation in paragraph 15. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base. (c) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (d) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components are due to rounding.

17. A summary of the various group indexes, together with the *main quarterly* price changes which affected the index between the pricing dates (see paragraph 10) for June quarter 1976 and September quarter 1976 is shown below :

**Food Group.** Meat prices increased in all cities, while potato prices increased in all cities except Brisbane and Perth. The price of bread increased in Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart and Canberra while the price of milk increased in Perth. The group index increased by 3.1% for the quarter.

**Clothing and Drapery Group.** The group index increased by 1.7% for the quarter.

**Housing Group.** There were increases in all sections of the group. Government house rents increased in Sydney and Brisbane and local government rates and charges increased in Brisbane. The group index increased by 3.1% for the quarter.

**Household Supplies and Equipment Group.** There were increases in most sections of this group with the main increases being for furniture and floor coverings. The group index showed a quarterly increase of 1.9%.

**Miscellaneous Group.** Increases in motoring costs, particularly motor car prices, were responsible for nearly three-quarters of the group increase. Public transport fares fell in Sydney but increased in Melbourne and Perth. Prices of beer increased in Perth and Canberra and those for packaged beer decreased in Melbourne. The group index increased by 1.4% for the quarter.

#### Related Publications

18. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request :

*Consumer Price Index, Monthly Food Group Index Numbers* (Ref. No. 9.11)

*Average Retail Prices of Selected Food and Grocery Items, Six State Capital Cities and Canberra* (Ref. No. 9.3)

*Labour Report* (Ref. No. 6.7). Chapter 1 contains a detailed description of the C.P.I., together with long term price index series.

TABLE 1.  
 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
 ALL GROUPS - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
 (Base of Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Period    | Six<br>Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| Year -    |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1964-65   | 94.0                | 94.5   | 94.0      | 93.0     | 93.9     | 92.6  | 94.6   | 95.3     |
| 1965-66   | 97.4                | 97.7   | 97.5      | 97.5     | 97.0     | 96.1  | 98.0   | 98.1     |
| 1966-67   | 100.0               | 100.0  | 100.0     | 100.0    | 100.0    | 100.0 | 100.0  | 100.0    |
| 1967-68   | 103.3               | 103.2  | 103.7     | 103.3    | 102.9    | 102.9 | 104.6  | 102.6    |
| 1968-69   | 106.0               | 106.2  | 106.2     | 105.5    | 105.3    | 105.5 | 106.1  | 104.4    |
| 1969-70   | 109.4               | 110.6  | 108.7     | 108.4    | 108.2    | 109.4 | 108.5  | 107.4    |
| 1970-71   | 114.6               | 116.8  | 113.1     | 114.2    | 112.5    | 114.1 | 112.6  | 113.0    |
| 1971-72   | 122.4               | 126.3  | 119.7     | 121.6    | 119.2    | 120.7 | 119.9  | 119.4    |
| 1972-73   | 129.8               | 133.9  | 127.2     | 128.6    | 126.5    | 127.3 | 126.7  | 126.3    |
| 1973-74   | 146.6               | 151.3  | 144.0     | 146.1    | 143.9    | 140.6 | 142.6  | 142.8    |
| 1974-75   | 171.1               | 176.1  | 167.9     | 168.7    | 169.7    | 166.1 | 166.7  | 164.9    |
| 1975-76   | 193.3               | 199.0  | 189.5     | 190.9    | 190.5    | 189.6 | 190.0  | 187.3    |
| Quarter - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1969-70 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 107.8               | 108.4  | 107.6     | 107.2    | 106.9    | 107.7 | 107.4  | 106.0    |
| December  | 108.7               | 109.6  | 108.3     | 107.9    | 107.3    | 108.7 | 108.1  | 106.7    |
| March     | 109.8               | 111.3  | 108.9     | 108.9    | 108.4    | 109.9 | 108.9  | 108.0    |
| June      | 111.2               | 112.9  | 110.1     | 109.7    | 110.0    | 111.4 | 109.6  | 109.0    |
| 1970-71 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 111.9               | 113.9  | 110.7     | 111.1    | 109.9    | 111.6 | 110.2  | 109.7    |
| December  | 114.0               | 116.2  | 112.6     | 113.3    | 111.8    | 113.5 | 112.4  | 113.2    |
| March     | 115.2               | 117.4  | 113.7     | 115.1    | 112.9    | 114.8 | 113.2  | 113.6    |
| June      | 117.2               | 119.8  | 115.2     | 117.2    | 115.4    | 116.4 | 114.6  | 115.6    |
| 1971-72 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 119.4               | 123.3  | 116.5     | 119.0    | 116.5    | 117.2 | 116.5  | 117.2    |
| December  | 122.2               | 126.0  | 119.7     | 121.3    | 119.1    | 120.5 | 120.3  | 119.4    |
| March     | 123.4               | 127.3  | 120.7     | 122.6    | 120.2    | 121.8 | 120.9  | 119.9    |
| June      | 124.5               | 128.5  | 121.9     | 123.6    | 121.1    | 123.1 | 122.0  | 120.9    |
| 1972-73 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 126.2               | 130.3  | 123.6     | 124.6    | 123.0    | 124.8 | 123.4  | 122.6    |
| December  | 127.7               | 132.0  | 125.0     | 126.6    | 124.3    | 125.3 | 125.1  | 124.5    |
| March     | 130.4               | 134.6  | 127.8     | 129.4    | 127.0    | 127.8 | 127.5  | 127.1    |
| June      | 134.7               | 138.8  | 132.3     | 133.9    | 131.6    | 131.4 | 130.8  | 130.9    |
| 1973-74 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 139.6               | 144.1  | 136.8     | 139.4    | 136.5    | 134.4 | 135.2  | 135.6    |
| December  | 144.6               | 149.4  | 141.9     | 144.0    | 141.9    | 138.6 | 141.1  | 140.8    |
| March     | 148.1               | 152.8  | 145.2     | 147.8    | 145.4    | 142.1 | 144.0  | 145.0    |
| June      | 154.1               | 158.7  | 151.9     | 153.1    | 151.7    | 147.1 | 149.9  | 149.6    |
| 1974-75 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 162.0               | 167.0  | 159.4     | 161.4    | 159.4    | 154.3 | 157.4  | 157.4    |
| December  | 168.1               | 173.0  | 164.6     | 166.6    | 166.4    | 163.6 | 165.5  | 162.7    |
| March     | 174.1               | 178.8  | 170.8     | 171.1    | 173.8    | 169.8 | 169.3  | 166.4    |
| June      | 180.2               | 185.5  | 176.7     | 175.6    | 179.3    | 176.7 | 174.6  | 173.2    |
| 1975-76 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 181.6               | 188.2  | 177.7     | 178.4    | 178.2    | 176.5 | 175.9  | 173.0    |
| December  | 191.7               | 196.9  | 188.4     | 189.6    | 188.6    | 187.7 | 189.1  | 186.9    |
| March     | 197.4               | 203.1  | 193.4     | 195.6    | 194.6    | 193.9 | 194.2  | 191.6    |
| June      | 202.4               | 207.6  | 198.3     | 200.1    | 200.4    | 200.4 | 200.6  | 197.7    |
| 1976-77 - |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 206.9               | 211.1  | 203.2     | 205.1    | 205.5    | 205.4 | 205.5  | 201.9    |

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TABLE 2.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
(Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Quarter                    | Six<br>Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| FOOD GROUP                 |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1973-74 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 141.4               | 142.6  | 141.1     | 144.7    | 140.7    | 135.1 | 131.9  | 140.1    |
| December                   | 147.0               | 150.0  | 145.9     | 150.0    | 145.1    | 137.0 | 139.7  | 146.0    |
| March                      | 152.0               | 154.3  | 150.8     | 155.7    | 149.7    | 144.8 | 144.2  | 151.6    |
| June                       | 157.6               | 159.0  | 157.2     | 159.7    | 157.8    | 149.7 | 149.7  | 156.7    |
| 1974-75 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 161.9               | 164.3  | 161.1     | 165.1    | 160.3    | 152.2 | 155.1  | 160.6    |
| December                   | 161.6               | 164.5  | 159.6     | 161.4    | 161.2    | 156.1 | 158.0  | 158.1    |
| March                      | 163.4               | 166.2  | 159.8     | 163.9    | 163.4    | 164.2 | 158.1  | 160.5    |
| June                       | 168.9               | 170.3  | 166.2     | 168.7    | 170.0    | 171.2 | 163.1  | 167.7    |
| 1975-76 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 171.6               | 173.1  | 170.1     | 170.4    | 171.5    | 171.9 | 168.8  | 171.1    |
| December                   | 176.9               | 179.0  | 175.1     | 176.6    | 176.0    | 175.4 | 174.8  | 178.8    |
| March                      | 185.7               | 187.7  | 182.8     | 187.9    | 185.9    | 183.8 | 181.6  | 187.5    |
| June                       | 186.6               | 187.2  | 183.3     | 188.1    | 189.0    | 189.6 | 184.7  | 187.9    |
| 1976-77 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 192.3               | 191.9  | 189.9     | 192.1    | 197.4    | 194.6 | 192.0  | 193.0    |
| CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1973-74 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 134.9               | 135.3  | 134.6     | 133.9    | 135.9    | 134.8 | 134.2  | 134.1    |
| December                   | 140.4               | 140.8  | 139.6     | 139.5    | 141.6    | 140.9 | 139.8  | 139.6    |
| March                      | 143.2               | 144.1  | 142.2     | 142.1    | 144.2    | 143.8 | 142.7  | 143.0    |
| June                       | 153.6               | 154.1  | 152.9     | 152.5    | 155.0    | 153.7 | 152.9  | 152.7    |
| 1974-75 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 161.1               | 162.4  | 160.0     | 159.3    | 161.8    | 162.2 | 160.3  | 160.1    |
| December                   | 172.8               | 174.0  | 171.5     | 171.7    | 173.4    | 174.0 | 171.6  | 172.4    |
| March                      | 175.2               | 176.2  | 174.1     | 173.7    | 176.2    | 176.5 | 174.0  | 174.3    |
| June                       | 182.9               | 183.6  | 182.2     | 181.2    | 183.9    | 184.1 | 181.3  | 182.2    |
| 1975-76 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 187.1               | 187.4  | 186.2     | 185.6    | 189.6    | 188.5 | 186.1  | 185.7    |
| December                   | 200.0               | 200.3  | 199.0     | 198.7    | 202.2    | 201.1 | 199.7  | 200.1    |
| March                      | 202.6               | 202.6  | 201.9     | 201.8    | 205.0    | 203.8 | 202.4  | 202.7    |
| June                       | 214.4               | 213.5  | 214.3     | 213.9    | 217.4    | 215.9 | 215.2  | 215.1    |
| 1976-77 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 218.1               | 217.6  | 217.7     | 217.1    | 220.7    | 219.8 | 218.5  | 218.3    |
| HOUSING GROUP              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1973-74 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 149.8               | 164.0  | 139.5     | 143.3    | 140.6    | 143.9 | 137.1  | 133.0    |
| December                   | 155.5               | 168.8  | 146.2     | 148.1    | 148.1    | 147.8 | 146.8  | 140.5    |
| March                      | 158.9               | 172.0  | 149.7     | 151.9    | 152.7    | 149.8 | 149.8  | 142.2    |
| June                       | 167.0               | 181.3  | 157.8     | 157.7    | 161.0    | 155.0 | 153.9  | 145.1    |
| 1974-75 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 174.8               | 187.9  | 166.7     | 167.5    | 169.9    | 160.5 | 163.6  | 157.1    |
| December                   | 184.3               | 195.5  | 176.9     | 175.5    | 181.6    | 173.4 | 179.8  | 162.8    |
| March                      | 190.2               | 200.1  | 184.2     | 179.2    | 191.3    | 178.4 | 186.0  | 165.0    |
| June                       | 200.3               | 213.2  | 194.7     | 183.4    | 198.2    | 184.6 | 194.2  | 168.2    |
| 1975-76 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 207.5               | 220.5  | 201.4     | 193.7    | 204.0    | 191.2 | 199.7  | 172.3    |
| December                   | 218.4               | 230.9  | 210.5     | 200.9    | 221.3    | 207.5 | 214.5  | 194.3    |
| March                      | 224.6               | 236.2  | 217.5     | 205.5    | 228.0    | 215.8 | 221.4  | 198.5    |
| June                       | 233.9               | 247.3  | 226.6     | 211.3    | 235.0    | 224.4 | 230.1  | 211.2    |
| 1976-77 -                  |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                  | 241.1               | 254.5  | 232.4     | 225.2    | 241.3    | 230.9 | 235.5  | 214.7    |

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 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
 GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
 (Base of Each Group Index for Each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Quarter                                | Six<br>Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|--|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1973-74 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 120.9               | 123.8  | 117.9     | 123.3    | 117.6    | 121.8 | 125.5  | 117.7    |
| December                               | 122.9               | 125.9  | 119.6     | 125.0    | 119.6    | 124.8 | 126.7  | 118.8    |
| March                                  | 125.9               | 129.3  | 122.5     | 127.2    | 123.6    | 126.9 | 128.4  | 120.3    |
| June                                   | 130.3               | 133.7  | 128.1     | 130.9    | 126.6    | 129.4 | 132.5  | 123.3    |
| 1974-75 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 138.9               | 143.9  | 134.5     | 142.4    | 135.2    | 137.1 | 139.1  | 130.0    |
| December                               | 143.7               | 147.8  | 138.9     | 149.5    | 140.2    | 143.8 | 148.3  | 138.9    |
| March                                  | 149.2               | 153.6  | 144.8     | 152.0    | 146.0    | 149.6 | 153.2  | 141.6    |
| June                                   | 154.4               | 160.8  | 148.8     | 155.1    | 148.7    | 156.8 | 156.0  | 145.1    |
| 1975-76 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 158.1               | 162.9  | 152.1     | 162.5    | 152.3    | 164.5 | 160.1  | 147.9    |
| December                               | 162.9               | 167.2  | 157.0     | 166.2    | 159.1    | 168.9 | 171.8  | 152.9    |
| March                                  | 166.5               | 171.5  | 160.3     | 169.9    | 162.9    | 171.2 | 174.1  | 155.8    |
| June                                   | 170.6               | 176.8  | 163.9     | 172.5    | 166.6    | 174.2 | 177.5  | 162.0    |
| 1976-77 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 173.8               | 178.9  | 168.2     | 175.7    | 169.3    | 177.8 | 181.2  | 165.1    |
| MISCELLANEOUS GROUP                    |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1973-74 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 144.0               | 149.8  | 141.8     | 141.9    | 139.3    | 134.9 | 144.2  | 141.9    |
| December                               | 149.5               | 154.2  | 148.1     | 146.2    | 146.1    | 141.5 | 148.6  | 146.9    |
| March                                  | 152.1               | 157.0  | 150.5     | 149.7    | 148.6    | 142.9 | 150.7  | 152.6    |
| June                                   | 156.8               | 161.6  | 155.8     | 154.4    | 152.1    | 146.9 | 156.6  | 156.2    |
| 1974-75 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 167.7               | 172.7  | 166.6     | 164.2    | 163.9    | 158.1 | 165.8  | 166.3    |
| December                               | 176.1               | 181.6  | 173.2     | 172.3    | 173.5    | 170.7 | 174.2  | 173.8    |
| March                                  | 187.2               | 192.9  | 185.5     | 180.8    | 187.0    | 177.6 | 180.4  | 180.5    |
| June                                   | 192.1               | 198.8  | 189.2     | 184.2    | 191.3    | 184.1 | 185.2  | 189.6    |
| 1975-76 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 188.2               | 199.3  | 183.2     | 182.6    | 181.0    | 175.7 | 178.3  | 181.8    |
| December                               | 203.2               | 209.8  | 201.0     | 202.0    | 194.9    | 193.7 | 198.1  | 200.9    |
| March                                  | 208.2               | 216.4  | 204.5     | 206.0    | 199.4    | 199.8 | 203.2  | 204.1    |
| June                                   | 212.7               | 219.7  | 209.3     | 211.4    | 205.2    | 205.5 | 210.5  | 209.7    |
| 1976-77 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 215.7               | 220.9  | 213.2     | 215.1    | 208.6    | 211.1 | 214.2  | 214.4    |
| ALL GROUPS                             |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| 1973-74 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 139.6               | 144.1  | 136.8     | 139.4    | 136.5    | 134.4 | 135.2  | 135.6    |
| December                               | 144.6               | 149.4  | 141.9     | 144.0    | 141.9    | 138.6 | 141.1  | 140.8    |
| March                                  | 148.1               | 152.8  | 145.2     | 147.8    | 145.4    | 142.1 | 144.0  | 145.0    |
| June                                   | 154.1               | 158.7  | 151.9     | 153.1    | 151.7    | 147.1 | 149.9  | 149.6    |
| 1974-75 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 162.0               | 167.0  | 159.4     | 161.4    | 159.4    | 154.3 | 157.4  | 157.4    |
| December                               | 168.1               | 173.0  | 164.6     | 166.6    | 166.4    | 163.6 | 165.5  | 162.7    |
| March                                  | 174.1               | 178.8  | 170.8     | 171.1    | 173.8    | 169.8 | 169.3  | 166.4    |
| June                                   | 180.2               | 185.5  | 176.7     | 175.6    | 179.3    | 176.7 | 174.6  | 173.2    |
| 1975-76 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 181.6               | 188.2  | 177.7     | 178.4    | 178.2    | 176.5 | 175.9  | 173.0    |
| December                               | 191.7               | 196.9  | 188.4     | 189.6    | 188.6    | 187.7 | 189.1  | 186.9    |
| March                                  | 197.4               | 203.1  | 193.4     | 195.6    | 194.6    | 193.9 | 194.2  | 191.6    |
| June                                   | 202.4               | 207.6  | 198.3     | 200.1    | 200.4    | 200.4 | 200.6  | 197.7    |
| 1976-77 -                              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September                              | 206.9               | 211.1  | 203.2     | 205.1    | 205.5    | 205.4 | 205.5  | 201.9    |

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TABLE 3.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
INDEX NUMBERS - MONTHLY - FOOD GROUP - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
(Base of Index for each City and for Six State Capital Cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Period         | Six<br>Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|----------------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| 1973 - January | 122.2               | 122.6  | 121.5     | 125.7    | 119.8    | 122.4 | 118.4  | 120.5    |
| February       | 127.9               | 129.3  | 127.8     | 130.1    | 125.0    | 124.6 | 122.3  | 127.8    |
| March          | 130.6               | 130.8  | 132.5     | 131.7    | 126.9    | 127.5 | 123.6  | 128.7    |
| April          | 132.8               | 132.6  | 134.6     | 135.1    | 129.7    | 128.8 | 124.4  | 131.2    |
| May            | 133.8               | 133.6  | 134.9     | 136.4    | 132.2    | 131.7 | 124.6  | 132.1    |
| June           | 135.3               | 134.5  | 136.5     | 137.3    | 134.4    | 134.1 | 125.6  | 132.5    |
| July           | 137.6               | 138.3  | 137.6     | 140.4    | 136.5    | 134.4 | 128.0  | 136.5    |
| August         | 141.5               | 142.5  | 141.4     | 145.4    | 140.5    | 134.8 | 132.0  | 139.9    |
| September      | 145.1               | 146.9  | 144.4     | 148.3    | 145.0    | 136.2 | 135.8  | 144.0    |
| October        | 145.9               | 148.7  | 144.7     | 149.3    | 144.8    | 137.1 | 136.3  | 144.5    |
| November       | 147.1               | 150.1  | 146.2     | 149.8    | 145.0    | 136.3 | 141.6  | 145.9    |
| December       | 147.9               | 151.1  | 146.7     | 150.9    | 145.5    | 137.7 | 141.2  | 147.6    |
| 1974 - January | 150.4               | 153.4  | 149.0     | 154.3    | 147.2    | 142.0 | 143.0  | 150.1    |
| February       | 152.0               | 154.1  | 150.8     | 155.3    | 150.4    | 145.2 | 144.7  | 152.1    |
| March          | 153.5               | 155.4  | 152.5     | 157.4    | 151.4    | 147.3 | 145.0  | 152.7    |
| April          | 155.2               | 156.7  | 154.9     | 157.5    | 154.5    | 147.9 | 147.4  | 154.2    |
| May            | 158.1               | 159.3  | 157.8     | 160.5    | 159.3    | 149.8 | 149.6  | 157.1    |
| June           | 159.4               | 161.0  | 158.9     | 161.1    | 159.7    | 151.5 | 152.1  | 158.8    |
| July           | 158.6               | 160.4  | 158.2     | 160.8    | 158.6    | 149.9 | 152.6  | 158.4    |
| August         | 163.0               | 165.7  | 162.4     | 166.3    | 160.6    | 152.4 | 155.1  | 161.3    |
| September      | 164.0               | 166.8  | 162.6     | 168.1    | 161.6    | 154.4 | 157.7  | 162.3    |
| October        | 163.5               | 166.2  | 162.2     | 165.0    | 162.8    | 154.9 | 159.3  | 161.1    |
| November       | 160.9               | 163.8  | 158.8     | 160.3    | 161.1    | 155.7 | 157.7  | 157.9    |
| December       | 160.3               | 163.5  | 157.7     | 158.9    | 159.8    | 157.8 | 156.9  | 155.4    |
| 1975 - January | 162.1               | 165.0  | 158.7     | 162.2    | 161.9    | 161.3 | 157.7  | 158.3    |
| February       | 163.0               | 165.6  | 159.7     | 163.1    | 163.2    | 163.7 | 157.8  | 159.9    |
| March          | 165.2               | 168.1  | 161.0     | 166.4    | 165.1    | 167.5 | 158.9  | 163.2    |
| April          | 167.9               | 169.5  | 164.8     | 168.9    | 169.1    | 169.9 | 161.4  | 167.1    |
| May            | 169.0               | 170.7  | 166.0     | 168.5    | 170.0    | 171.2 | 163.4  | 168.1    |
| June           | 169.7               | 170.7  | 167.7     | 168.8    | 170.8    | 172.5 | 164.5  | 167.8    |
| July           | 170.2               | 171.8  | 168.2     | 169.7    | 170.7    | 170.8 | 166.0  | 169.4    |
| August         | 171.4               | 172.7  | 169.7     | 170.3    | 171.4    | 172.1 | 169.4  | 171.2    |
| September      | 173.3               | 174.7  | 172.4     | 171.3    | 172.5    | 172.8 | 171.0  | 172.6    |
| October        | 175.5               | 178.0  | 173.7     | 174.0    | 174.3    | 173.7 | 173.5  | 177.0    |
| November       | 176.7               | 178.5  | 174.9     | 176.7    | 175.8    | 175.6 | 174.2  | 178.7    |
| December       | 178.6               | 180.5  | 176.7     | 179.1    | 177.9    | 176.9 | 176.7  | 180.7    |
| 1976 - January | 183.9               | 186.0  | 181.2     | 186.9    | 183.4    | 181.1 | 179.5  | 185.4    |
| February       | 186.9               | 189.2  | 184.3     | 189.0    | 186.9    | 183.9 | 182.3  | 188.4    |
| March          | 186.2               | 187.8  | 183.0     | 187.9    | 187.4    | 186.5 | 182.9  | 188.7    |
| April          | 185.7               | 187.1  | 182.4     | 187.4    | 187.1    | 186.7 | 183.7  | 187.4    |
| May            | 186.6               | 187.1  | 183.5     | 188.6    | 188.8    | 189.8 | 184.3  | 187.8    |
| June           | 187.4               | 187.5  | 183.9     | 188.3    | 191.1    | 192.4 | 186.0  | 188.6    |
| July           | 189.4               | 189.3  | 186.5     | 188.9    | 194.8    | 193.0 | 187.9  | 189.0    |
| August         | 192.1               | 191.4  | 190.0     | 191.9    | 197.0    | 195.0 | 190.8  | 193.9    |
| September      | 195.3               | 195.1  | 193.1     | 195.6    | 200.4    | 195.8 | 197.2  | 196.0    |

TABLE 4.  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
POINTS CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS INDEX  
FOOD GROUP : (IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)

| Period                 | Six<br>Capitals (b) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| June quarter 1976      | 52.17               | 52.38  | 50.04     | 53.97    | 54.37    | 53.65 | 54.33  | 52.01    |
| July 1976              | 52.97               | 52.97  | 50.93     | 54.20    | 56.02    | 54.60 | 55.28  | 52.31    |
| August 1976            | 53.71               | 53.55  | 51.89     | 55.07    | 56.66    | 55.17 | 56.14  | 53.65    |
| September 1976         | 54.62               | 54.57  | 52.73     | 56.13    | 57.65    | 55.40 | 58.01  | 54.26    |
| September quarter 1976 | 53.77               | 53.70  | 51.85     | 55.13    | 56.78    | 55.06 | 56.48  | 53.41    |

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TABLE 5. — CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
 PARTICULARS FOR GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SPECIAL GROUPINGS, JUNE QUARTER 1976 AND SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1976  
 Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : Base — Year 1966-67 = 100.0

| Group and sub-group                                   | Index Numbers<br>(Base of each Index :<br>Year 1966-67 = 100.0<br>unless otherwise noted) (a) |                          |   | All Groups Index Points (contributed by<br>Sub-Groups, etc. to Total) (c) |                          |   |
|---|---|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|
|   | June<br>qtr<br>1976   | September<br>qtr<br>1976 | Percentage<br>change<br>since June<br>qtr (d) | June<br>qtr<br>1976   | September<br>qtr<br>1976 | Change in All Groups<br>Index Points<br>since June<br>qtr (d) |
| <b>FOOD GROUP</b>                                     |   |                          |   |   |                          |   |
| Cereal products                                       | 222.0   | 225.0                    | +1.4  | 6.57  | 6.66                     | +0.09   |
| Dairy produce   | 172.7   | 174.8                    | +1.2  | 9.13  | 9.25                     | +0.12   |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables                        | 166.1   | 170.6                    | +2.7  | 2.44  | 2.50                     | +0.06   |
| Potatoes and onions                                   | 250.4   | 272.2                    | +8.7  | 2.01  | 2.19                     | +0.18   |
| Potatoes  | 261.0   | 286.2                    | +9.7  | 1.69  | 1.86                     | +0.17   |
| Onions  | 202.5   | 210.3                    | +3.9  | 0.31  | 0.32                     | +0.01   |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery           | 226.0   | 232.3                    | +2.8  | 8.48  | 8.72                     | +0.24   |
| Meat  | 172.1   | 179.0                    | +4.0  | 16.76   | 17.44                    | +0.68   |
| Beef  | 144.7   | 151.6                    | +4.8  | 5.59  | 5.86                     | +0.27   |
| Mutton  | 168.3   | 179.7                    | +6.8  | 0.61  | 0.65                     | +0.04   |
| Lamb  | 179.7   | 198.2                    | +10.3   | 3.24  | 3.57                     | +0.33   |
| Pork  | 205.0   | 205.7                    | +0.3  | 1.75  | 1.76                     | +0.01   |
| Processed meat (e)                                    | 172.0   | 172.8                    | +0.5  | 5.58  | 5.61                     | +0.03   |
| Snacks, take away food (f)(g)                         | (143.5)   | (145.7)                  | +1.5  | 1.90  | 1.93                     | +0.03   |
| Other food  | 159.7   | 166.6                    | +4.3  | 4.87  | 5.08                     | +0.21   |
| <i>Food Group</i>                                     | <i>186.6</i>  | <i>192.3</i>             | <i>+3.1</i>                                   | <i>52.17</i>  | <i>53.77</i>             | <i>+1.60</i>  |
| <b>CLOTHING AND DRAPERY<br/>GROUP</b>                 |   |                          |   |   |                          |   |
| Predominantly summer<br>seasonal (h)                  | 233.9   | 233.9                    | ..  | 5.56  | 5.56                     | ..  |
| Predominantly winter<br>seasonal (i)                  | 233.0   | 233.0                    | ..  | 5.57  | 5.57                     | ..  |
| Predominantly non-seasonal                            | 189.3   | 194.3                    | +2.6  | 10.59   | 10.87                    | +0.28   |
| Footwear  | 245.3   | 254.0                    | +3.5  | 5.08  | 5.26                     | +0.18   |
| <i>Clothing and Drapery Group</i>                     | <i>214.4</i>  | <i>218.1</i>             | <i>+1.7</i>                                   | <i>26.80</i>  | <i>27.26</i>             | <i>+0.46</i>  |
| <b>HOUSING GROUP</b>                                  |   |                          |   |   |                          |   |
| Rent, privately owned<br>dwellings (j)                | 219.4   | 226.8                    | +3.4  | 12.58   | 13.00                    | +0.42   |
| Rent, government owned houses                         | 234.2   | 262.0                    | +11.9   | 1.32  | 1.48                     | +0.16   |
| Home ownership (k)                                    | 247.6   | 253.2                    | +2.3  | 17.45   | 17.85                    | +0.40   |
| House price and repairs and<br>maintenance            | 232.6   | 239.2                    | +2.8  | 12.03   | 12.37                    | +0.34   |
| Local government rates and<br>charges                 | 281.9   | 284.5                    | +0.9  | 5.43  | 5.48                     | +0.05   |
| <i>Housing Group</i>                                  | <i>233.9</i>  | <i>241.1</i>             | <i>+3.1</i>                                   | <i>31.35</i>  | <i>32.32</i>             | <i>+0.97</i>  |
| <b>HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND<br/>EQUIPMENT GROUP</b>     |   |                          |   |   |                          |   |
| Fuel and light  | 168.3   | 169.5                    | +0.7  | 6.09  | 6.13                     | +0.04   |
| Electricity   | 165.0   | 165.0                    | ..  | 3.96  | 3.96                     | ..  |
| Gas   | 161.6   | 163.0                    | +0.9  | 1.43  | 1.44                     | +0.01   |
| Other (l)   | 207.0   | 216.0                    | +4.3  | 0.70  | 0.73                     | +0.03   |
| Household appliances                                  | 121.1   | 121.7                    | +0.5  | 3.72  | 3.74                     | +0.02   |
| Furniture and floor coverings                         | 220.2   | 226.7                    | +3.0  | 4.31  | 4.44                     | +0.13   |
| Other household utensils,<br>sundries and stationery  | 181.6   | 187.7                    | +3.4  | 4.02  | 4.15                     | +0.13   |
| Personal requisites and<br>proprietary medicines      | 190.0   | 194.2                    | +2.2  | 4.63  | 4.73                     | +0.10   |
| <i>Household Supplies and<br/>Equipment Group</i>     | <i>170.6</i>  | <i>173.8</i>             | <i>+1.9</i>                                   | <i>22.77</i>  | <i>23.20</i>             | <i>+0.43</i>  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS GROUP</b>                            |   |                          |   |   |                          |   |
| Fares (m)   | 218.6   | 210.7                    | -3.6  | 3.46  | 3.34                     | -0.12   |
| Motoring  | 205.1   | 210.4                    | +2.6  | 27.95   | 28.67                    | +0.72   |
| Goods (n)   | 176.0   | 181.3                    | +3.0  | 20.11   | 20.71                    | +0.60   |
| Services and charges (o)                              | 300.5   | 304.9                    | +1.5  | 7.84  | 7.95                     | +0.11   |
| Cigarettes and tobacco                                | 234.0   | 235.7                    | +0.7  | 7.99  | 8.05                     | +0.06   |
| Beer  | 219.2   | 218.2                    | -0.5  | 10.23   | 10.18                    | -0.05   |
| Wines and spirits (f)                                 | (150.7)   | (151.4)                  | +0.5  | 2.70  | 2.72                     | +0.02   |
| Postal and telephone services                         | 242.5   | 242.4                    | ..  | 3.23  | 3.23                     | ..  |
| Newspapers and magazines                              | 247.5   | 250.4                    | +1.2  | 2.38  | 2.41                     | +0.03   |
| Recreational goods<br>and services (f)(p)             | (132.7)   | (135.8)                  | +2.3  | 3.27  | 3.35                     | +0.08   |
| Health services (q)                                   | (109.1)   | (112.4)                  | +3.0  | 4.23  | 4.35                     | +0.12   |
| Other services (s)                                    | 321.7   | 332.5                    | +3.4  | 3.91  | 4.04                     | +0.13   |
| <i>Miscellaneous Group</i>                            | <i>212.7</i>  | <i>215.7</i>             | <i>+1.4</i>                                   | <i>69.34</i>  | <i>70.32</i>             | <i>+0.98</i>  |
| <b>All Groups</b>                                     | <b>202.4</b>  | <b>206.9</b>             | <b>+2.2</b>                                   | <b>(c)202.4</b>   | <b>(c)206.9</b>          | <b>(c)+4.5</b>  |
| <b>SPECIAL GROUPINGS</b>                              |   |                          |   |   |                          |   |
| All Groups excluding food group                       | 208.4   | 212.3                    | +1.9  | 150.27  | 153.11                   | +2.84   |
| All Groups excluding<br>housing group                 | 197.6   | 201.6                    | +2.0  | 171.09  | 174.55                   | +3.46   |
| All Groups excluding hospital<br>and medical services | 206.3   | 210.8                    | +2.2  | 200.40  | 204.78                   | +4.38   |
| Goods component (t)                                   | 195.9   | 200.3                    | +2.2  | 156.39  | 159.88                   | +3.49   |
| Services component (u)                                | 229.3   | 234.1                    | +2.1  | 46.05   | 47.00                    | +0.95   |

## FOOTNOTES TO TABLES

- (a) Figures appearing after the decimal point possess little significance for general statistical purposes. They are inserted to avoid the distortions that would occur in rounding off the figures to the nearest whole number.
- (b) Weighted average of six State capital cities.
- (c) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons quarterly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points.
- (d) See paragraph 15 on page 3.
- (e) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968 and sausages as from December quarter 1973 (previously included in Beef sub-group).
- (f) Base : December quarter 1973 = 100.0.
- (g) Includes cooked chicken, meat pies, hamburgers and sandwiches.
- (h) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' summerweight outerwear and women's and girls' summerweight underwear.
- (i) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' winterweight outerwear and underwear, and blankets.
- (j) Includes flats as from December quarter 1968.
- (k) Does not include cost of land or interest charges on house purchase.
- (l) Firewood and kerosene. Includes heating oil and briquettes as from December quarter 1968.
- (m) City and suburban rail, bus and tram.
- (n) Motor car, petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, tyre retreading, battery and motor vehicle replacement parts.
- (o) Registration, third party insurance, driver's licence and motor vehicle repairs (labour component only).
- (p) Includes cameras, film, film processing, phonograph records, television maintenance and cinema admission. Radio and television licences excluded as from September quarter 1974.
- (q) Base : December quarter 1968 = 100.0.
- (s) Hairdressing, drycleaning and shoe repairs.
- (t) The special grouping "All Groups - Goods Component" comprises the Food Group; Clothing and Drapery Group; Household Supplies and Equipment Group; and the items : house price; house repair materials used by home-owners; motoring goods; motor vehicle replacement parts; cigarettes and tobacco; beer; wines and spirits; newspapers and magazines; photographic goods; phonograph records; and television replacement parts.
- (u) The special grouping "All Groups - Services Component" comprises the items : dwelling rents; house repairs carried out by tradesmen; local government rates and charges; fares; motor vehicle repairs (labour component only); motor vehicle registration; motor vehicle third party insurance; driver's licence; postal and telephone services; film processing; television maintenance (labour and contract charges only); cinema admission; health services; hairdressing; dry cleaning; and shoe repairs.