



### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX—SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1985

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#### MAIN FEATURES

	Change between	
	June qtr 1985 and Sept. qtr 1985 %	Sept. qtr 1984 and Sept. qtr 1985 %
<b>All groups index</b>		
Sydney	+2.1	+7.5
Melbourne	+2.0	+7.7
Brisbane	+2.6	+7.0
Adelaide	+2.1	+8.4
Perth	+2.1	+7.3
Hobart	+2.6	+8.7
Canberra	+2.4	+8.1
Darwin	+3.5	+7.9
Weighted average of eight capital cities	+2.2	+7.6

Main price changes between June quarter 1985 and September quarter 1985 were as follows:

**Food: +1.8%**

Prices of meals out and take-away foods increased in all cities.

Bread prices increased in all cities.

Prices of fresh fruit and vegetables increased in all cities except Perth.

Fish prices increased in all cities.

Prices of soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery increased in all cities.

**Clothing: +1.2%**

Prices of men's and boys' clothing increased in all cities except Perth.

Prices of women's and girls' clothing increased in all cities.

Footwear prices increased in all cities.

**Housing: +2.3%**

House prices increased in all cities.

Privately-owned dwelling rents increased in all cities.

Government-owned dwelling rents increased in Sydney, Melbourne and Darwin.

Local government rates and charges increased in Brisbane.

**Household equipment and operation: +2.0%**

Prices of furniture and floorcoverings increased in all cities.

Prices of household utensils and tools increased in all cities.

Electricity charges increased in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth and Darwin.

Prices of household paper products increased in all cities.

Prices of household cleaning agents increased in all cities except Melbourne.

**Transportation: +2.1%**

Petrol prices increased in all cities except Sydney.

Motor vehicle prices increased in all cities.

Motor vehicle service and repair costs increased in all cities.

Urban transport fares increased in Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Hobart, Canberra and Darwin.

**Tobacco and alcohol: +2.8%**

Beer and cigarette prices increased in all cities.

**Health and personal care: +2.8%**

Prices for pharmaceuticals increased in all cities.

Prices for toiletries and other personal care products increased in all cities.

Medical insurance contributions increased in all cities except Hobart. These increases were partly offset by reductions in net medical charges in Melbourne, Brisbane, Hobart and Darwin, while in Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Canberra, net medical charges increased.

**Recreation and education: +2.8%**

Prices for holiday travel and accommodation, both in Australia and overseas, increased for all cities.

Prices of books, newspapers and magazines increased in all cities.

Prices for other recreational goods increased in all cities.

Entertainment charges increased in all cities except Hobart.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

**Brief description of the CPI**

1. The 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 eight groups: food; clothing; housing; household equipment and operation; transportation; tobacco and alcohol; health and personal care; and recreation and education. Each group is in turn divided into sub-groups. Index numbers at the *group* and *All Groups* levels are published for each State capital city, Canberra, Darwin, and for the weighted average of eight capital cities. Index numbers for *All Groups* are also published for the weighted average of six State capital cities. *Subgroup index numbers* are published for the weighted average of eight 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 a booklet entitled *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index* (6440.0) which is available from the ABS on request. For a more detailed account, *The Australian Consumer Price Index, Concepts, Sources and Methods* (6461.0) describes what the index measures, the goods and services included in it, and how the index is produced; it also describes the problems encountered in compiling the CPI and how those are dealt with.

**Prices**

4. Prices of goods and services included in the CPI are generally collected quarterly. However, some important items are priced monthly or more frequently (e.g. bread, fresh meat and fish, fresh fruit and vegetables, petrol, alcohol and tobacco) and a small number annually (e.g. seasonal clothing, local government rates and charges).

5. The bulk of items for which prices are collected quarterly are priced at the middle of the mid-month of the quarter (i.e. in August, November, February and May), but, to facilitate a more even spread of the field collection workload, some goods and services are priced in the first and third months of each quarter. Items priced in the third month are generally those subject to price changes at discrete points of time (e.g. electricity and postal charges, milk); in these cases information is obtained of any changes in price during the quarter so that a weighted average price for the whole quarter can be calculated.

**Weighting pattern**

6. There are 105 *expenditure classes* (that is, groupings of like items) in the tenth 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 ten series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The tenth series (that is, the current series), which was introduced in the June quarter 1982, has a weighting pattern based, in general, on estimated household expenditure in 1979-80.

**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 eight capital cities*

**Index numbers:**

Sept. quarter 1985:	144.2
Less: June quarter 1985:	141.1
Change in index points:	+3.1

$$\text{Percentage change} = \frac{+3.1}{141.1} \times 100 = +2.2\%$$

The index number of 144.2 for September quarter 1985 indicates an increase of 44.2% since the reference base year (1980-81).

9. Most of the tables in this publication show index numbers or percentage changes calculated from index numbers. However, Table 3 shows the main changes between June quarter 1985 and September quarter 1985, in terms of *All Groups index points*, for each capital city.

**Special tables and groupings**

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 subgroups and for some special series. It also shows the *contribution* which each group and subgroup makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy produce subgroup contributed 2.72 index points to the total All Groups index number of 144.2 for September quarter 1985. 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. To facilitate analysis of trends in retail prices without the effects of these changes, Table 5 shows index numbers and percentage changes for a special series *All Groups excluding hospital and medical services*, and compares these with changes in the All Groups index.

**State and local government charges**

12. Information on the impact of changes in selected State and local government charges on the CPI is included in Tables 3 and 7. Table 3 shows the contribution made by changes in these charges to the CPI for each capital city, while Table 7 shows index numbers for two special groupings 'Selected State and local government charges' and 'All Groups excluding selected State and local government charges'. For information on the derivation and limitations of these figures, see the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

**Symbols and other usages**

- nil or rounded to zero
- n.a. not available

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 INDEX NUMBERS  
(Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0)

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
1981-82	110.4	110.2	110.4	110.7	110.5	111.2	110.0	110.7	111.1	110.4
1982-83	123.1	123.4	122.8	122.9	123.5	122.5	121.8	124.0	123.1	123.1
1983-84	131.6	130.9	132.1	131.7	132.3	131.0	129.9	132.3	130.2	131.6
1984-85	137.2	136.0	138.1	137.9	138.7	136.1	136.1	138.8	135.1	137.2
Quarter - 1981-82										
September	105.5	105.1	105.5	106.0	105.8	106.5	105.7	105.7	105.0	105.5
December	109.9	109.4	110.1	110.1	110.0	111.2	109.7	110.0	111.3	109.9
March	111.8	111.5	111.6	112.5	111.7	112.4	111.3	111.8	113.0	111.8
June	114.5	114.6	114.3	114.1	114.4	114.6	113.4	115.2	115.0	114.5
1982-83										
September	118.5	118.7	118.3	118.0	118.6	118.6	116.9	118.7	118.8	118.5
December	121.9	122.4	121.3	121.9	121.8	121.8	121.0	123.3	122.1	122.0
March	124.6	125.1	124.0	125.0	125.2	123.7	123.5	125.9	124.6	124.7
June	127.3	127.4	127.4	126.6	128.5	125.9	125.9	128.0	126.9	127.3
1983-84										
September	129.5	129.2	129.5	129.3	130.3	129.4	127.5	129.8	128.6	129.4
December	132.5	131.8	133.3	132.0	132.9	132.3	130.4	133.0	130.3	132.5
March	132.0	131.2	132.6	132.3	132.9	131.1	130.7	133.1	131.0	132.0
June	132.2	131.2	133.0	133.3	133.1	131.1	130.9	133.3	130.9	132.3
1984-85										
September	134.0	132.8	134.9	135.2	134.7	133.2	132.3	135.3	132.7	134.0
December	135.8	134.7	136.6	136.5	137.5	134.7	134.9	137.4	134.0	135.9
March	137.8	136.8	138.3	138.7	139.4	136.7	137.1	139.6	135.2	137.8
June	141.1	139.7	142.4	141.1	143.0	139.9	140.2	142.8	138.4	141.1
1985-86										
September	144.2	142.7	145.3	144.7	146.0	142.9	143.8	146.2	143.2	144.2

TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX: ALL GROUPS PERCENTAGE CHANGES

	Weighted average of six State capital cities %	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities %
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Change from previous year										
1982-83	+11.5	+12.0	+11.2	+11.0	+11.8	+10.2	+10.7	+12.0	+10.8	+11.5
1983-84	+6.9	+6.1	+7.6	+7.2	+7.1	+6.9	+6.7	+6.7	+5.8	+6.9
1984-85	+4.3	+3.9	+4.5	+4.7	+4.8	+3.9	+4.8	+4.9	+3.8	+4.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year										
1983-84										
September	+9.3	+8.8	+9.5	+9.6	+9.9	+9.1	+9.1	+9.4	+8.2	+9.2
December	+8.7	+7.7	+9.9	+8.3	+9.1	+8.6	+7.8	+7.9	+6.7	+8.6
March	+5.9	+4.9	+6.9	+5.8	+6.2	+6.0	+5.8	+5.7	+5.1	+5.9
June	+3.8	+3.0	+4.4	+5.3	+3.6	+4.1	+4.0	+4.1	+3.2	+3.9
1984-85										
September	+3.5	+2.8	+4.2	+4.6	+3.4	+2.9	+3.8	+4.2	+3.2	+3.6
December	+2.5	+2.2	+2.5	+3.4	+3.5	+1.8	+3.5	+3.3	+2.8	+2.6
March	+4.4	+4.3	+4.3	+4.8	+4.9	+4.3	+4.9	+4.9	+3.2	+4.4
June	+6.7	+6.5	+7.1	+5.9	+7.4	+6.7	+7.1	+7.1	+5.7	+6.7
1985-86										
September	+7.6	+7.5	+7.7	+7.0	+8.4	+7.3	+8.7	+8.1	+7.9	+7.6
Change from previous quarter										
1983-84										
September	+1.7	+1.4	+1.6	+2.1	+1.4	+2.8	+1.3	+1.4	+1.3	+1.6
December	+2.3	+2.0	+2.9	+2.1	+2.0	+2.2	+2.3	+2.5	+1.3	+2.4
March	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5	+0.2	-	-0.9	+0.2	+0.1	+0.5	-0.4
June	+0.2	-	+0.3	+0.8	+0.2	-	+0.2	+0.2	-0.1	+0.2
1984-85										
September	+1.4	+1.2	+1.4	+1.4	+1.2	+1.6	+1.1	+1.5	+1.4	+1.3
December	+1.3	+1.4	+1.3	+1.0	+2.1	+1.1	+2.0	+1.6	+1.0	+1.4
March	+1.5	+1.6	+1.2	+1.6	+1.4	+1.5	+1.6	+1.6	+0.9	+1.4
June	+2.4	+2.1	+3.0	+1.7	+2.6	+2.3	+2.3	+2.3	+2.4	+2.4
1985-86										
September	+2.2	+2.1	+2.0	+2.6	+2.1	+2.1	+2.6	+2.4	+3.5	+2.2

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
CHANGE BETWEEN JUNE QUARTER 1985 AND SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1985 IN TERMS OF ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS

	Weighted average of six State capital cities	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
<b>FOOD</b>	+0.56	+0.41	+0.65	+0.53	+0.82	+0.59	+0.69	+0.40	+0.61	+0.55
Meals out, take away food	+0.16	+0.10	+0.24	+0.11	+0.14	+0.15	+0.17	+0.10	+0.20	+0.16
Cereal products	+0.09	+0.09	+0.09	+0.10	+0.09	+0.12	+0.06	+0.10	+0.10	+0.10
Fresh fruit and vegetables	+0.07	+0.07	+0.10	+0.01	+0.21	-0.16	+0.08	+0.04	+0.02	+0.06
Fish	+0.05	+0.06	+0.04	+0.07	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.05	+0.04	+0.05
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	+0.06	+0.02	+0.04	+0.12	+0.14	+0.07	+0.06	+0.03	+0.02	+0.05
Meat and mutton	-0.01	-0.05	+0.02	+0.01	-	+0.03	+0.03	+0.01	+0.01	-0.01
Poultry	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	+0.02	-	+0.01	-	-	+0.01	-0.01
<b>CLOTHING</b>	+0.13	+0.13	+0.15	+0.13	+0.11	+0.10	+0.16	+0.08	+0.12	+0.13
Men's and boys' clothing	+0.05	+0.05	+0.04	+0.06	+0.06	-	+0.04	+0.05	+0.05	+0.05
Women's and girls' clothing	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.01	+0.02	+0.02	+0.03	+0.02	+0.03	+0.03
Footwear	+0.03	+0.02	+0.05	+0.01	+0.01	+0.01	+0.05	+0.01	+0.01	+0.03
<b>HOUSING</b>	+0.44	+0.60	+0.42	+0.25	+0.27	+0.30	+0.51	+0.57	+0.87	+0.44
House purchase	+0.19	+0.23	+0.24	+0.10	+0.09	+0.13	+0.36	+0.19	+0.10	+0.20
Privately-owned dwelling rents	+0.14	+0.19	+0.12	+0.03	+0.12	+0.10	+0.08	+0.25	+0.04	+0.14
Government-owned dwelling rents	+0.05	+0.12	+0.03	-	-	-	-	-	+0.68	+0.05
Local government rates and charges	-	-	-	+0.06	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	+0.39	+0.34	+0.39	+0.55	+0.32	+0.48	+0.32	+0.51	+0.88	+0.39
Furniture and floor coverings	+0.14	+0.14	+0.12	+0.15	+0.13	+0.12	+0.10	+0.15	+0.09	+0.13
Household utensils and tools	+0.07	+0.08	+0.07	+0.05	+0.05	+0.05	+0.03	+0.03	+0.09	+0.07
Electricity	+0.05	-	+0.04	+0.26	-	+0.12	-	-	+0.45	+0.05
Household paper products	+0.04	+0.05	+0.06	+0.02	+0.01	+0.03	+0.03	+0.02	+0.02	+0.04
Household cleaning agents	+0.03	+0.05	-0.01	+0.08	+0.04	+0.01	+0.05	+0.01	+0.05	+0.03
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	+0.53	+0.41	+0.42	+1.01	+0.58	+0.65	+0.76	+0.64	+0.52	+0.53
Automotive fuel	+0.19	-	+0.23	+0.48	+0.23	+0.33	+0.50	+0.20	+0.15	+0.19
Motor vehicle purchase	+0.13	+0.12	+0.10	+0.22	+0.13	+0.13	+0.04	+0.12	+0.25	+0.13
Vehicle servicing, repairs and parts	+0.08	+0.09	+0.04	+0.06	+0.15	+0.12	+0.09	+0.08	+0.03	+0.08
Urban transport fares	+0.06	+0.10	-	+0.16	+0.01	-	+0.09	+0.04	+0.08	+0.06
Vehicle insurance	+0.02	+0.01	+0.04	+0.07	+0.02	+0.03	+0.03	+0.18	+0.01	+0.04
Motoring charges	+0.03	+0.08	-	+0.02	-	+0.03	-	+0.03	-	+0.04
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	+0.37	+0.40	+0.34	+0.42	+0.32	+0.39	+0.41	+0.43	+0.92	+0.38
Beer	+0.18	+0.15	+0.18	+0.22	+0.17	+0.22	+0.21	+0.17	+0.37	+0.18
Cigarettes and tobacco	+0.14	+0.16	+0.11	+0.16	+0.16	+0.15	+0.15	+0.24	+0.49	+0.15
Wine	+0.02	+0.05	+0.01	+0.01	-0.01	-	+0.03	+0.01	+0.02	+0.02
Spirits	+0.03	+0.03	+0.03	+0.02	-	+0.02	+0.03	+0.01	+0.05	+0.02
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	+0.23	+0.23	+0.23	+0.22	+0.18	+0.24	+0.12	+0.26	+0.16	+0.22
Pharmaceuticals	+0.09	+0.09	+0.09	+0.12	+0.04	+0.08	+0.10	+0.12	+0.08	+0.09
Toiletries and other personal products	+0.05	+0.05	+0.06	+0.05	+0.03	+0.06	+0.03	+0.05	+0.05	+0.05
Hospital and medical services	+0.05	+0.06	+0.04	+0.02	+0.09	+0.06	-0.01	+0.04	+0.02	+0.05
Dental services	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.02	+0.01	+0.01	+0.01	+0.02
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION</b>	+0.43	+0.45	+0.36	+0.52	+0.49	+0.28	+0.63	+0.64	+0.71	+0.43
Holiday travel and accommodation	+0.18	+0.16	+0.18	+0.25	+0.19	+0.14	+0.47	+0.26	+0.39	+0.19
Other recreational goods	+0.09	+0.10	+0.08	+0.14	+0.09	+0.07	+0.10	+0.08	+0.08	+0.09
Books, newspapers, magazines	+0.07	+0.09	+0.04	+0.07	+0.13	+0.06	+0.04	+0.15	+0.11	+0.08
Entertainment	+0.06	+0.09	+0.04	+0.03	+0.03	+0.01	-	+0.09	+0.07	+0.05
<b>Total change</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+3.6</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	<b>+3.6</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>+3.1</b>
<b>Contribution of selected State and local government charges(a) to total change</b>	<b>+0.20</b>	<b>+0.26</b>	<b>+0.11</b>	<b>+0.49</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+0.13</b>	<b>+0.09</b>	<b>+0.05</b>	<b>+1.20</b>	<b>+0.21</b>

(a) Selected charges comprise: government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares (government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne, council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin). The derivation and limitation of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

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

	Food %	Clothing %	Housing %	Household equipment and operation %	Trans- portation %	Tobacco and alcohol %	Health and personal care (a) %	Recreation and education %	All Groups (a) %
Change from previous year									
1982-83	+9.1	+6.6	+10.5	+11.9	+12.6	+13.6	+23.3	..	+11.5
1983-84	+7.8	+5.9	+7.1	+7.1	+8.5	+12.5	-4.4	+6.3	+6.9
1984-85	+5.2	+6.2	+7.5	+4.8	+6.4	+8.4	-16.9	+3.8	+4.3
Change from corresponding quarter of previous year									
1983-84									
September	+10.2	+5.9	+7.1	+8.4	+8.1	+11.2	+15.0	+9.6	+9.2
December	+8.9	+3.9	+6.7	+7.4	+9.6	+12.5	+11.0	+7.4	+8.6
March	+8.7	+6.1	+6.8	+6.5	+7.2	+12.9	-13.9	+5.6	+5.9
June	+3.7	+5.6	+7.5	+6.1	+9.3	+13.2	-26.6	+3.0	+3.9
1984-85									
September	+4.8	+6.0	+8.2	+5.5	+6.7	+12.4	-28.1	+3.1	+3.6
December	+5.0	+6.4	+7.4	+3.6	+4.8	+7.9	-28.1	+3.0	+2.6
March	+4.4	+6.2	+7.2	+4.5	+5.8	+7.3	-9.2	+3.1	+4.4
June	+6.7	+6.1	+7.3	+5.4	+8.4	+6.3	+5.8	+6.2	+6.7
1985-86									
September	+6.3	+7.0	+7.8	+6.5	+9.4	+7.8	+8.7	+7.9	+7.6
Change from previous quarter									
1983-84									
September	+1.1	-	+1.1	+1.6	+3.6	+2.1	+2.1	+1.1	+1.6
December	+1.3	+2.2	+2.4	+2.9	+2.8	+6.3	+2.1	+0.3	+2.4
March	+1.6	+0.4	+1.6	+0.7	+0.7	+1.8	-19.3	+2.1	-0.4
June	-0.3	+2.9	+2.2	+0.8	+1.9	+2.5	-12.8	-0.4	+0.2
1984-85									
September	+2.2	+0.4	+1.8	+1.0	+1.2	+1.4	-	+1.1	+1.3
December	+1.4	+2.6	+1.7	+1.0	+0.9	+2.0	+2.2	+0.2	+1.4
March	+1.0	+0.2	+1.4	+1.5	+1.8	+1.3	+1.9	+2.2	+1.4
June	+1.9	+2.8	+2.3	+1.7	+4.4	+1.4	+1.5	+2.5	+2.4
1985-86									
September	+1.8	+1.2	+2.3	+2.0	+2.1	+2.8	+2.8	+2.8	+2.2

(a) Series includes effects of price changes in hospital and medical services; see paragraph 11.

TABLE 5. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX:  
COMPARISON OF 'ALL GROUPS' AND 'ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES' INDEXES:  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	Index Numbers		Percentage Changes			
	(Base of each index: 1980-81=100.0)		From previous quarter		From corresponding quarter of previous year	
	All Groups	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services	All groups %	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services %	All groups %	All Groups excluding hospital and medical services %
1981-82						
March	111.8	110.6	+1.7	+1.7	+10.6	+9.4
June	114.5	113.3	+2.4	+2.4	+10.7	+9.6
1982-83						
September	118.5	117.0	+3.5	+3.3	+12.3	+10.7
December	122.0	120.2	+3.0	+2.7	+11.0	+10.5
March	124.7	122.7	+2.2	+2.1	+11.5	+10.9
June	127.3	125.3	+2.1	+2.1	+11.2	+10.6
1983-84						
September	129.4	127.4	+1.6	+1.7	+9.2	+8.9
December	132.5	130.4	+2.4	+2.4	+8.6	+8.5
March	132.0	132.0	-0.4	+1.2	+5.9	+7.6
June	132.3	133.5	+0.2	+1.1	+3.9	+6.5
1984-85						
September	134.0	135.4	+1.3	+1.4	+3.6	+6.3
December	135.9	137.3	+1.4	+1.4	+2.6	+5.3
March	137.8	139.2	+1.4	+1.4	+4.4	+5.5
June	141.1	142.6	+2.4	+2.4	+6.7	+6.8
1985-86						
September	144.2	145.8	+2.2	+2.2	+7.6	+7.7

TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUP INDEXES

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	124.0	126.8	126.9	125.9	126.2	125.3	124.2	125.1	125.6
December	125.7	128.6	128.3	126.0	128.5	127.8	126.4	126.2	127.2
March	128.0	130.2	129.9	128.4	130.2	129.0	129.5	129.5	129.2
June	127.2	129.8	129.6	128.6	130.7	130.5	128.2	129.2	128.8
1984-85									
September	129.6	133.0	132.1	131.6	134.0	133.7	130.5	130.5	131.6
December	132.3	134.4	133.6	134.0	134.6	135.4	132.9	131.1	133.5
March	133.8	135.3	136.3	134.6	137.0	136.0	135.7	132.1	134.9
June	135.5	138.8	137.5	137.9	139.3	139.1	135.7	135.4	137.4
1985-86									
September	137.5	141.8	139.9	141.7	142.0	142.2	137.6	137.8	139.9
CLOTHING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	117.6	117.2	119.5	119.0	116.9	116.6	118.7	120.6	117.8
December	120.9	119.4	122.2	119.9	120.6	118.7	120.9	121.6	120.4
March	121.4	119.6	123.0	121.3	121.2	119.6	120.9	122.1	120.9
June	124.7	123.3	125.6	124.9	125.0	123.1	124.8	124.2	124.4
1984-85									
September	125.3	124.0	125.6	125.8	124.6	124.0	126.2	125.3	124.9
December	128.2	127.2	128.7	129.0	128.3	126.9	129.4	127.7	128.1
March	128.4	127.4	129.1	129.3	129.5	127.8	129.5	127.5	128.4
June	132.0	131.1	132.0	133.5	132.8	131.7	133.4	130.0	132.0
1985-86									
September	133.6	132.9	133.8	134.8	134.0	133.3	134.6	132.5	133.6
HOUSING (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	124.8	130.4	132.4	129.2	121.3	120.0	130.3	127.8	127.4
December	126.9	134.3	135.8	134.3	123.7	122.9	134.7	129.2	130.5
March	127.8	137.5	137.2	138.8	124.6	125.3	137.7	129.5	132.6
June	130.1	141.8	138.1	142.5	126.7	127.3	141.8	130.4	135.5
1984-85									
September	131.8	144.9	141.5	145.0	128.9	130.3	145.3	134.0	137.9
December	132.8	148.0	143.1	150.0	130.8	134.5	149.3	134.7	140.2
March	134.6	150.7	144.3	152.3	132.4	136.7	152.1	135.1	142.2
June	138.0	154.8	145.6	154.6	134.1	139.1	156.5	135.4	145.4
1985-86									
September	142.1	158.0	147.5	156.8	136.5	143.2	161.0	142.7	148.7
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	130.8	128.1	128.8	128.3	127.0	128.3	128.6	127.5	129.1
December	135.1	132.4	130.4	131.6	128.7	132.1	132.8	129.8	132.8
March	134.9	133.4	132.2	134.8	129.7	134.6	133.2	132.4	133.7
June	135.3	134.8	133.9	136.4	131.1	136.1	134.7	133.6	134.8
1984-85									
September	136.7	136.1	137.0	136.8	132.9	136.7	135.2	134.9	136.2
December	138.1	137.9	137.1	139.5	133.6	138.5	135.9	134.2	137.6
March	141.0	139.4	139.2	142.0	134.7	140.3	136.8	136.0	139.7
June	142.6	142.1	141.9	144.8	137.6	142.6	140.6	139.3	142.1
1985-86									
September	145.2	144.9	146.3	147.1	141.2	145.1	142.8	146.8	145.0

TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX-GROUP INDEXES-continued

Quarter	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Canberra	Darwin	Weighted average of eight capital cities
TRANSPORTATION (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	133.1	127.4	132.4	132.9	130.4	133.5	134.0	126.0	130.9
December	136.3	130.7	137.6	137.2	133.8	136.3	137.2	128.1	134.5
March	137.3	131.7	137.7	138.0	135.0	139.0	138.7	130.1	135.5
June	140.4	134.5	141.8	138.8	136.4	138.0	139.9	131.7	138.1
1984-85									
September	142.8	135.2	143.2	140.3	138.9	138.9	142.2	132.8	139.7
December	144.3	135.7	143.2	142.9	140.6	141.0	143.1	133.6	140.9
March	147.4	137.5	145.9	145.9	142.8	144.9	145.9	136.1	143.4
June	153.2	144.8	150.7	152.1	148.8	150.7	153.2	143.6	149.7
1985-86									
September	155.9	147.4	156.2	155.3	152.5	155.7	157.2	146.8	152.9
TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	133.5	128.2	128.7	131.4	134.9	129.7	129.8	134.0	131.2
December	140.5	140.8	134.4	138.6	140.3	136.4	135.6	139.6	139.5
March	143.2	142.7	136.5	142.2	142.7	141.3	138.6	143.4	142.0
June	146.5	146.0	140.5	146.3	146.2	143.7	142.2	146.2	145.5
1984-85									
September	148.8	147.8	142.0	148.3	148.3	143.9	144.6	150.3	147.5
December	151.6	150.7	143.9	151.9	151.9	150.5	148.2	158.0	150.5
March	153.9	151.6	145.0	154.1	155.3	154.6	150.8	159.7	152.4
June	156.2	154.1	147.1	155.6	157.4	156.0	153.0	162.5	154.6
1985-86									
September	160.5	158.4	151.6	160.0	161.7	160.7	157.8	170.8	159.0
HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	158.7	174.0	143.3	168.9	177.0	147.4	160.7	170.1	164.5
December	160.0	181.1	144.4	170.0	183.7	148.0	162.0	170.9	167.9
March	130.1	142.7	127.9	134.8	144.1	122.0	132.1	139.6	135.5
June	114.1	122.7	118.4	115.4	122.7	108.4	115.8	123.9	118.2
1984-85									
September	113.2	123.5	117.8	115.8	123.6	108.5	116.3	124.4	118.2
December	115.7	126.8	121.1	118.2	124.6	110.0	119.1	124.9	120.8
March	117.7	129.8	123.4	119.9	126.4	111.1	120.4	125.1	123.1
June	118.9	132.9	125.1	122.1	128.1	113.0	122.5	126.2	125.0
1985-86									
September	122.2	136.7	128.8	124.7	132.1	114.8	126.7	129.7	128.5
RECREATION AND EDUCATION (Base of each index: March quarter 1982=100.0)									
1983-84									
September	113.7	113.7	112.6	111.5	111.1	114.9	114.1	112.0	113.2
December	113.3	114.6	112.8	112.2	111.8	116.3	115.9	111.8	113.5
March	116.1	117.3	114.3	114.8	112.3	118.8	118.1	112.7	115.9
June	115.3	116.9	114.4	114.6	111.8	119.0	117.9	111.9	115.4
1984-85									
September	116.1	118.5	116.1	115.4	113.1	119.1	119.5	112.8	116.7
December	116.3	118.3	117.4	116.0	113.7	120.6	120.2	112.9	116.9
March	119.1	120.8	120.0	118.8	115.0	123.6	122.8	113.5	119.5
June	121.9	124.3	121.9	121.9	118.7	125.9	125.1	115.7	122.5
1985-86									
September	125.5	127.1	126.1	126.0	120.9	130.7	129.3	120.2	125.9

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

	Index numbers (Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)			
	June		Sept		June		Sept		June		Sept	
	1984	1985	1984	1985	1985	1985	1985	1985	1985	1985	1985	1985
<b>FOOD</b>	131.6	137.4	139.9	143.8	+1.8	+6.3	29.98	30.53	+0.55			
Dairy produce	134.3	139.2	140.1	143.8	+0.6	+4.3	2.70	2.72	+0.02			
Cereal products	144.2	150.3	154.4	147.7	+7.1	+7.1	3.30	3.40	+0.10			
Meat and seafoods	117.6	122.8	123.8	143.8	+0.8	+5.3	6.64	6.70	+0.06			
Beef and veal	121.4	126.3	126.6	143.8	+0.2	+4.3	2.85	2.86	+0.01			
Lamb and mutton	113.2	112.3	111.5	143.8	-0.7	-1.5	0.95	0.94	-0.01			
Pork	121.2	126.7	128.4	143.8	+1.3	+5.9	0.29	0.30	+0.01			
Poultry	116.9	124.2	122.6	143.8	-1.3	+4.9	0.76	0.75	-0.01			
Other meat	119.1	124.4	125.9	143.8	+1.2	+5.7	1.19	1.20	+0.01			
Fish	115.4	129.6	139.5	143.8	+7.6	+20.9	0.60	0.65	+0.05			
Fresh fruit and vegetables	126.3	121.1	124.6	143.8	+2.9	-1.3	2.19	2.25	+0.06			
Processed fruit and vegetables	137.8	144.8	147.7	143.8	+2.0	+7.2	1.29	1.31	+0.02			
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery	144.7	152.3	154.4	143.8	+1.4	+6.7	4.02	4.07	+0.05			
Meals out, take away food	137.1	145.8	149.1	143.8	+2.3	+8.8	6.76	6.92	+0.16			
Other food	131.2	139.5	143.8	143.8	+3.1	+9.6	3.08	3.17	+0.09			
<b>CLOTHING</b>	124.9	132.0	133.6	143.8	+1.2	+7.0	10.75	10.88	+0.13			
Men's and boys' clothing	124.8	130.6	132.5	143.8	+1.5	+6.2	3.20	3.25	+0.05			
Women's and girls' clothing	121.5	130.8	131.5	143.8	+0.5	+8.2	4.47	4.50	+0.03			
Piecegoods and other clothing	128.3	133.3	136.8	143.8	+2.6	+6.6	0.63	0.65	+0.02			
Footwear	127.0	134.0	136.0	143.8	+1.5	+7.1	1.87	1.90	+0.03			
Clothing and footwear services	142.8	141.3	145.0	143.8	+2.6	+1.5	0.57	0.59	+0.02			
<b>HOUSING</b>	137.9	145.4	148.7	143.8	+2.3	+7.8	19.57	20.01	+0.44			
Rent	137.4	145.4	150.0	143.8	+3.2	+9.2	6.14	6.33	+0.19			
Privately-owned dwelling rents	135.5	143.6	147.3	143.8	+2.6	+8.7	5.37	5.51	+0.14			
Government-owned dwelling rents	151.5	158.2	170.0	143.8	+7.5	+12.2	0.77	0.82	+0.05			
Home ownership (a)	138.5	145.7	148.5	143.8	+1.9	+7.2	13.43	13.68	+0.25			
Local government rates and charges	151.5	161.3	161.6	143.8	+0.2	+6.7	2.97	2.97	-			
Other home ownership	135.2	141.8	145.2	143.8	+2.4	+7.4	10.46	10.71	+0.25			
<b>HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION</b>	136.2	142.1	145.0	143.8	+2.0	+6.5	19.33	19.72	+0.39			
Fuel and light	156.7	166.4	168.9	143.8	+1.5	+7.8	4.03	4.09	+0.06			
Furniture and floor coverings	133.1	139.4	143.8	143.8	+3.9	+8.0	3.40	3.53	+0.13			
Appliances	114.1	114.5	114.7	143.8	+0.2	+0.5	1.96	1.96	-			
Drapery	130.6	134.4	136.6	143.8	+1.6	+4.6	1.25	1.27	+0.02			
Household utensils and tools	135.7	140.2	144.9	143.8	+3.4	+6.8	1.99	2.06	+0.07			
Household supplies and services	139.4	146.6	149.8	143.8	+2.2	+7.5	4.88	4.98	+0.10			
Postal and telephone services	130.6	137.6	137.6	143.8	-	+5.4	1.83	1.83	-			
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	139.7	149.7	152.9	143.8	+2.1	+9.4	24.62	25.15	+0.53			
Private motoring	138.3	148.7	151.8	143.8	+2.1	+9.8	22.55	23.02	+0.47			
Motor vehicle purchase	131.7	141.9	145.0	143.8	+2.2	+10.1	6.08	6.21	+0.13			
Automotive fuel	144.0	159.7	163.6	143.8	+2.4	+13.6	7.62	7.81	+0.19			
Other motoring costs	138.6	145.0	147.5	143.8	+1.7	+6.4	8.85	9.00	+0.15			
Urban transport fares	151.1	155.7	159.9	143.8	+2.7	+5.8	2.07	2.13	+0.06			

For footnotes see page 9.



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

	Index numbers				Change between				Contribution to total CPI (expressed as All Groups index points)				
	(Base of each index: Year 1980-81=100.0)				June qtr 1985 and Sept qtr 1985 %				June qtr 1985 and Sept qtr 1985				
	1984	June qtr 1985	Sept qtr 1985	1985 %	1985	June qtr 1985	Sept qtr 1985	%	1985	June qtr 1985	Sept qtr 1985	1985	%
<b>TOBACCO AND ALCOHOL</b>	147.5	154.6	159.0	+2.8	+7.8	13.24	13.62	+0.38	9.00	6.36	6.54	+0.18	
Alcoholic beverages	141.0	147.3	151.0	+2.5	+7.1	9.00	9.23	+0.23					
Beer	145.7	152.5	156.8	+2.8	+7.6	6.36	6.54	+0.18					
Wine and spirits	130.7	136.1	138.5	+1.8	+6.0	2.64	2.69	+0.05					
Cigarettes and tobacco	163.9	173.0	179.1	+3.5	+9.3	4.24	4.39	+0.15					
<b>HEALTH AND PERSONAL CARE</b>	118.2	125.0	128.5	+2.8	+8.7	7.99	8.21	+0.22	3.85	3.92	3.92	+0.07	
Health services	101.1	106.1	108.0	+1.8	+6.8	3.15	3.29	+0.14					
Personal care products	140.7	150.4	157.1	+4.5	+11.7	0.99	1.01	+0.02					
Personal care services	138.9	146.8	149.2	+1.6	+7.4								
<b>RECREATION AND EDUCATION(b)</b>	116.7	122.5	125.9	+2.8	+7.9	15.63	16.06	+0.43	2.21	2.29	2.29	+0.08	
Books, newspapers, magazines	144.6	152.7	157.8	+3.3	+9.1	2.99	3.08	+0.09					
Other recreational goods	105.0	105.7	109.0	+3.1	+3.8	5.15	5.34	+0.19					
Holiday travel and accommodation(b)	117.9	127.5	132.1	+3.6	+12.0	3.37	3.44	+0.07					
Other recreational services	143.1	148.4	151.6	+2.2	+5.9	1.91	1.92	+0.01					
Education and child care(b)	128.6	135.1	135.9	+0.6	+5.7	141.1	144.2	+3.1					
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	134.0	141.1	144.2	+2.2	+7.6	111.14	113.67	+2.53	137.95	140.19	140.19	+3.03	
<b>SPECIAL SERIES</b>													
All groups, excluding food group	134.8	142.2	145.4	+2.3	+7.9	101.45	103.72	+2.27	39.66	40.48	40.48	+0.82	
All groups, excluding housing group	133.4	140.3	143.5	+2.1	+7.6	10.60	10.81	+0.21					
All groups, excl hosp. and med. services	135.4	142.6	145.8	+2.2	+7.7	130.51	133.39	+2.88					
All groups, goods component(c)	133.9	140.9	144.0	+2.2	+7.5								
All groups, services component(d)	135.4	142.7	145.7	+2.1	+7.6								
Selected State and local gov. charges(e)	162.6	171.2	174.5	+1.9	+7.3								
All groups, excluding selected State and government charges(e)	132.1	139.0	142.1	+2.2	+7.6								

(a) Does not include cost of land and interest charges on house purchase. (b) Base: March quarter 1982=100.0. (c) The special series 'All groups, goods component' comprises the Food group (except meals out), Clothing group (except clothing and footwear services); Household equipment and operation group (except contents insurance, repairs to appliances and postal and telephone services); Tobacco and alcohol group; house purchase; house repairs and maintenance; goods; motor vehicle purchase; automotive fuel; tyres and tubes; vehicle service and repairs; goods; personal care products; books, newspapers and magazines; and other recreational goods. (d) The 'All groups, services component' comprises all items not included in the 'All groups, goods component'. (e) Selected State and local government charges comprise: government-owned dwelling rents; water and sewerage rates; council property rates and charges; electricity prices; gas prices (Melbourne and Perth only); motor vehicle third party insurance premiums (except Canberra); motor vehicle registration fees; drivers' licence fees; urban bus fares; government fares only in Sydney and Melbourne; council fares only in Brisbane); urban rail and tram fares (not applicable in Hobart, Canberra and Darwin). The derivation and limitations of these figures was described in the Appendix to the December quarter 1982 issue of this publication.

