

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1971

Reference No. 9 1

Variations in retail prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for the six State capital cities and Canberra are shown herein. The "Supplement to the Consumer Price Index - Particulars for Sub-groups and Special Groupings", previously published under Reference Number 9.7, has been incorporated in this bulletin from this quarter onwards - see Table 3.

2. Compared with the previous quarter, the All Groups Consumer Price Index for September Quarter 1971 increased by 1.7% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in individual cities were: Sydney +2.6%, Melbourne +1.1%, Brisbane +1.5%, Adelaide +1.0%, Perth +0.7%, Hobart +1.1%, Canberra +1.0%

3. Recent quarterly changes in the All Groups index have been as follows:

Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter

Quarter	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							Canberra
	Six Capitals (a)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1969-70 -								
September	+0.6	+0.7	+0.4	+0.8	+0.5	+0.7	+0.4	+0.8
December	+0.8	+1.1	+0.7	+0.7	+0.4	+0.9	+0.7	+0.7
March	+1.0	+1.6	+0.6	+0.9	+1.0	+1.1	+0.7	+1.2
June	+1.3	+1.4	+1.1	+0.7	+1.5	+1.4	+0.6	+0.9
1970-71 -								
September	+0.6	+0.9	+0.5	+1.3	-0.1	+0.2	+0.5	+0.6
December	+1.9	+2.0	+1.7	+2.0	+1.7	+1.7	+2.0	+3.2
March	+1.1	+1.0	+1.0	+1.6	+1.0	+1.1	+0.7	+0.4
June	+1.7	+2.0	+1.3	+1.8	+2.2	+1.4	+1.2	+1.8
1971-72 -								
September	+1.7	+2.6	+1.1	+1.5	+1.0	+0.7	+1.1	+1.0

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

4. The All Groups index number for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 6.5% between September Quarter 1970 and September Quarter 1971. Recent quarterly changes in each of the groups of this index have been as follows:

Quarter	Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : OCT 1971						All Groups
	Percentage Change from Preceding Quarter						
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Miscellaneous		
	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
1969-70 -							
September	..	+0.8	+1.4	..	+1.0	+0.6	+0.6
December	+0.5	+1.1	+1.7	+0.2	+0.8	+0.8	+0.8
March	+1.5	+0.7	+1.3	+0.1	+1.0	+1.0	+1.0
June	+1.3	+0.9	+1.8	+0.7	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3
1970-71 -							
September	+0.7	+0.3	+1.6	+0.7	+0.2	+0.6	+0.6
December	+1.0	+1.6	+2.1	+1.1	+3.3	+1.9	+1.9
March	+0.3	+1.2	+1.4	+1.1	+1.6	+1.1	+1.1
June	+1.8	+2.6	+1.9	+1.9	+1.1	+1.7	+1.7
1971-72 -							
September	+1.1	+0.5	+1.6	+0.2	+3.6	+1.7	+1.7

5. A detailed description of the Consumer Price Index is contained in Labour Report No. 54, 1968 and 1969.
6. The Consumer Price Index measures quarterly variations in prices of commodities 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). Six series for short periods, viz., September Quarter 1948 to June Quarter 1952; June Quarter 1952 to June Quarter 1956; June Quarter 1956 to March Quarter 1960; March Quarter 1960 to December Quarter 1963; December Quarter 1963 to December Quarter 1968; and from December Quarter 1968 have therefore been constructed and linked to form a continuous retail price index series published herein as the Consumer Price Index. At times of linking the weighting pattern was altered and, in addition, new items (mainly ones that had become significant in household expenditure) were introduced. In each period between links the items and weighting have remained unchanged.
7. 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, weekly prices are 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.
8. 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.
9. Table 1 on page 5 of this Bulletin shows Consumer Price Index numbers for each fiscal year from 1961-62 to 1970-71 and for each quarter from June Quarter 1967. Table 2 on pages 6 and 7 shows Group Index numbers quarterly from June Quarter 1969 to September Quarter 1971.
10. Table 3 on page 8 shows index numbers for June quarter 1971 and September quarter 1971 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. Corresponding particulars for previous quarters were contained in previous statistical bulletins "Consumer Price Index - Particulars for Sub-groups and Special Groupings" (Reference No. 9.7).
11. Users of figures in Table 3 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.

12. Major changes in the composition of the sub-group indexes published in Table 3 resulting from the latest link in the Consumer Price Index (December quarter 1968), have been indicated in the footnotes on page 9. The old and new combinations have been linked to provide continuous series of index numbers across this point of time (December quarter 1968), but it should be remembered that all sub-groupings were affected by changes at the link and some significantly so. Each series of index numbers links the average price movement shown by one combination of items up to December quarter 1968 to that shown by a different combination from December quarter 1968.

13. 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 2, 3 and 4. However, the analysis in paragraph 14 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 3 on page 8 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

Index Point Change		Percentage Change
September Quarter 1971 CPI (1966-67 = 100)	119.2	Index points difference divided by the index for the previous period $\frac{119.2 - 117.2}{117.2} \times 100 = 1.7\%$
less June Quarter 1971 CPI	117.2	
Index points difference	2.0	

14. The following analysis and Table 3 on page 8 are provided to assist interpretation of movements shown by the Consumer Price Index from June Quarter 1971 to September Quarter 1971.

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Movements from June Quarter 1971 to September Quarter 1971

Approximate Analysis in Terms of "All Groups" Index Points (a) (b)

Group	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							Canberra
	Six Capitals (c)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
Index Points (a)								
Food - Meat	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	-0.4	+0.1	+0.3
Potatoes	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	..	..	..
Other	+0.3	+0.3	+0.4	+0.2	+0.4	+0.3	+0.3	+0.3
Clothing & Drapery	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	..
Housing	+0.3	+0.3	+0.1	+0.6	+0.2	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1
Household Supplies and Equipment	..	+0.1	..	..	..	..	+0.1	..
Miscellaneous -								
Motoring	+0.1	+0.2	..	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
Health Services	+0.5	+0.6	+0.6	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.3	+0.5
Fares	+0.5	+1.3	..	+0.3	..	..	..	..
Other	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	..	+0.4	+0.1	+0.1
Total Change (Index Points)	+2.0	+3.1	+1.3	+1.8	+1.1	+0.8	+1.3	+1.2

(a) See explanation in paragraph 13. (b) In terms of 1966-67 base.

(c) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

15. A summary of the movements of the various group indexes, together with the main quarterly price changes which affected the index between June Quarter 1971 and September Quarter 1971 is shown below:

Food Group. Changes in meat and potato prices are frequently the major cause of movements in the total index and disparate movements between cities. The effects of changes in the prices of these items in each city for this quarter are shown in the table on page 3.

The price of butter increased in all capital cities, the price of bread in three capital cities and the price of fresh milk in two capital cities. The price of eggs decreased in five capital cities.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed an overall quarterly increase of 1.1%.

Clothing and Drapery Group. The index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 0.5%.

Housing Group. Local government rates and charges increased in Brisbane. There were increases in all State capital cities in all other sections of the group. In Canberra, for privately owned houses, the effect of increases in local government rates and charges in this quarter was more than offset by discontinuation of collection of land rent as from 1 January 1971.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 1.6%.

Household Supplies and Equipment Group. The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 0.2%.

Miscellaneous Group. Prices of hospital services increased in four cities and those of medical services increased in all cities. Fares increased in Sydney and Brisbane. There were increases in the prices of motor cars and motor repairs in all capital cities and a decrease in the price of petrol in Melbourne. Motor registration fees increased in Adelaide. There were increases in the price of newspapers in Perth, and of beer in Perth and Hobart.

The group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities showed a quarterly increase of 3.6%.

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TABLE 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXALL 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	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							Canberra
	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
Year -								
1961-62	89.6	89.9	89.8	88.4	89.5	88.2	90.7	91.6
1962-63	89.8	90.4	89.7	88.7	89.1	88.7	90.7	91.8
1963-64	90.6	91.4	90.4	89.6	90.2	89.8	91.7	92.5
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
Quarter -								
1966-67 -								
June	101.3	101.1	101.6	101.0	101.5	101.6	101.5	101.3
1967-68 -								
September	102.7	102.5	102.9	102.8	102.6	102.0	104.3	102.2
December	103.0	102.9	103.3	103.0	102.1	102.5	105.0	102.4
March	103.4	103.2	103.8	103.7	102.6	103.1	104.6	102.6
June	104.2	104.0	104.8	103.7	104.2	104.0	104.6	103.2
1968-69 -								
September	104.6	104.4	105.1	104.7	104.2	104.3	105.0	103.5
December	105.7	105.9	106.0	105.3	105.2	104.9	105.8	103.9
March	106.4	106.7	106.6	105.8	105.5	105.6	106.5	104.8
June	107.2	107.6	107.2	106.3	106.4	107.0	107.0	105.2
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	119.2	122.9	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	115.9	116.8

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TABLE 2.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEXGROUP 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	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							Canberra
	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
<b>FOOD GROUP</b>								
1968-69 -								
June	106.6	105.9	107.8	105.5	106.7	106.9	105.8	105.3
1969-70 -								
September	106.6	105.5	107.9	106.2	106.3	106.9	105.6	105.7
December	107.1	106.7	108.2	106.9	106.3	106.1	106.0	106.3
March	108.7	109.0	109.2	108.6	107.1	108.4	106.9	107.4
June	110.1	110.0	110.9	109.1	108.6	111.0	106.9	108.5
1970-71 -								
September	110.9	110.8	112.2	110.5	108.2	111.2	108.4	109.5
December	112.0	112.2	112.8	112.8	108.8	111.3	110.1	110.7
March	112.3	113.0	112.1	113.9	109.4	112.7	109.5	110.1
June	114.3	115.1	113.7	116.8	111.5	114.9	110.2	112.4
1971-72 -								
September	115.6	116.5	115.2	118.1	112.7	114.6	111.3	114.4
<b>CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP</b>								
1968-69 -								
June	105.2	105.0	105.1	105.2	105.6	105.5	105.3	105.0
1969-70 -								
September	106.0	106.0	105.9	105.8	106.2	106.4	106.2	105.9
December	107.2	107.1	107.0	107.0	107.8	107.5	107.6	107.0
March	107.9	107.9	107.8	107.7	108.4	108.0	108.2	107.9
June	108.9	108.8	108.8	108.8	109.8	109.1	109.4	109.0
1970-71 -								
September	109.2	109.2	109.0	109.2	110.0	109.4	109.5	109.2
December	110.9	110.9	110.7	110.9	111.6	111.2	111.0	110.7
March	112.2	112.4	111.8	112.1	112.8	112.7	112.0	111.8
June	115.1	115.3	114.6	114.7	115.8	115.7	115.0	114.9
1971-72 -								
September	115.7	116.0	115.1	115.1	116.4	116.4	115.9	115.2
<b>HOUSING GROUP</b>								
1968-69 -								
June	111.2	113.3	109.7	110.7	106.3	115.1	110.1	102.4
1969-70 -								
September	112.8	115.7	110.5	112.7	107.4	117.0	110.6	102.7
December	114.7	118.3	111.8	113.0	108.9	119.9	112.3	103.2
March	116.2	120.8	112.6	113.6	109.9	121.2	113.2	106.0
June	118.3	124.8	113.7	114.1	111.0	122.1	114.1	106.4
1970-71 -								
September	120.2	128.1	114.4	115.9	111.7	122.7	115.0	106.9
December	122.7	130.1	117.6	116.8	116.0	125.5	117.0	118.8
March	124.4	132.4	118.7	118.9	117.2	126.9	118.2	119.4
June	126.8	135.6	120.6	121.4	118.5	127.6	119.2	120.0
1971-72 -								
September	128.8	138.0	121.8	125.8	120.0	128.4	120.4	118.3

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## 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	State Capital Cities - Combined and Separately							Canberra
	Six Capitals (b)	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	
<b>HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP</b>								
1968-69 -								
June	103.7	104.3	103.6	104.8	101.5	102.6	105.2	101.0
1969-70 -								
September	103.7	104.3	103.5	105.2	101.5	102.7	105.5	101.4
December	103.9	104.5	103.6	105.2	101.6	103.6	105.8	101.7
March	104.0	105.0	103.1	105.5	101.9	103.8	106.3	101.9
June	104.7	105.5	103.8	105.9	102.9	104.8	106.9	102.5
1970-71 -								
September	105.4	106.5	104.4	106.5	103.5	105.8	107.6	104.0
December	106.6	108.6	105.1	107.5	104.3	106.7	108.4	104.2
March	107.8	109.6	106.1	109.2	105.6	108.4	109.1	104.5
June	109.8	112.4	107.4	110.6	108.1	109.7	111.6	106.0
1971-72 -								
September	110.0	112.9	107.2	111.0	108.1	109.9	112.4	106.4
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GROUP</b>								
1968-69 -								
June	108.9	110.2	108.6	106.6	109.2	106.5	109.4	108.9
1969-70 -								
September	110.0	111.6	109.1	107.9	110.4	107.5	110.0	110.4
December	110.9	112.8	109.9	108.5	110.5	109.8	110.4	111.6
March	112.0	114.3	110.3	109.5	112.4	110.5	111.2	113.1
June	113.5	116.1	111.5	110.7	114.8	111.5	112.5	114.3
1970-71 -								
September	113.7	116.4	111.6	112.9	114.2	110.9	112.2	114.7
December	117.5	120.4	115.0	116.6	117.3	115.2	116.3	119.3
March	119.4	121.4	118.0	119.5	118.9	116.1	118.3	120.7
June	120.7	123.1	118.7	120.3	121.9	116.9	119.4	122.5
1971-72 -								
September	125.1	131.1	121.1	122.9	123.6	119.0	121.6	125.2
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>								
1968-69 -								
June	107.2	107.6	107.2	106.3	106.4	107.0	107.0	105.2
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	119.2	122.9	116.5	119.0	116.5	117.2	115.9	116.8

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TABLE 3.

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## PARTICULARS FOR GROUPS, SUB-GROUPS AND SPECIAL GROUPINGS

JUNE QUARTER 1971 AND SEPTEMBER QUARTER 1971

Weighted Average of Six State Capital Cities : Base - Year 1966-67 = 100.0

Group and Sub-Group	Index Numbers (Base of each Index : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)			All Groups Index Points Contributed by Sub-Groups, etc., to Total (o)		
	June Qtr 1971	Sept Qtr 1971	Percentage change since June Qtr (d) %	June Qtr 1971	Sept Qtr 1971	Change in Index Points since June Qtr (d)
<b>FOOD GROUP</b>						
Cereal products .. ..	121.3	124.1	+ 2.3	4.75	4.86	+ 0.11
Dairy produce .. ..	107.7	108.9	+ 1.1	6.74	6.81	+ 0.07
Preserved fruit and vegetables .. ..	105.6	105.7	+ 0.1	1.56	1.56	..
Potatoes and onions .. ..	137.9	135.9	- 1.5	1.19	1.17	- 0.02
Soft drinks, ice cream and confectionery .. ..	130.6	131.6	+ 0.8	5.34	5.38	+ 0.04
Other food (except meat) .. ..	107.0	108.5	+ 1.4	3.57	3.62	+ 0.05
Meat .. ..	111.3	112.6	+ 1.2	12.66	12.81	+ 0.15
Beef .. ..	121.2	123.2	+ 1.7	5.65	5.74	+ 0.09
Mutton .. ..	101.4	102.2	+ 0.8	1.43	1.44	+ 0.01
Lamb .. ..	100.5	101.1	+ 0.6	2.02	2.03	+ 0.01
Pork .. ..	108.7	110.6	+ 1.7	0.84	0.85	+ 0.01
Processed meat (e) .. ..	107.0	107.8	+ 0.7	2.72	2.74	+ 0.02
<b>Food Group</b>	114.3	115.6	+ 1.1	35.82	36.22	+ 0.40
<b>CLOTHING AND DRAPERY GROUP</b>						
Predominantly summer seasonal (f) .. ..	111.8	111.8	..	2.12	2.12	..
Predominantly winter seasonal (g) .. ..	115.8	115.8	..	4.19	4.19	..
Predominantly non-seasonal .. ..	111.9	112.9	+ 0.9	7.10	7.16	+ 0.06
Footwear .. ..	124.3	125.4	+ 0.9	3.10	3.12	+ 0.02
<b>Clothing and Drapery Group</b>	115.1	115.7	+ 0.5	16.51	16.59	+ 0.08
<b>HOUSING GROUP</b>						
Rent, privately owned dwellings (h) .. ..	134.2	136.5	+ 1.7	6.73	6.85	+ 0.12
Rent, government owned houses .. ..	119.1	121.6	+ 2.1	1.06	1.09	+ 0.03
Home ownership (i) .. ..	123.3	125.0	+ 1.4	9.73	9.87	+ 0.14
House price and repairs and maintenance .. ..	116.4	118.3	+ 1.6	6.33	6.44	+ 0.11
Local government rates and charges .. ..	138.6	140.0	+ 1.0	3.40	3.43	+ 0.03
<b>Housing Group</b>	126.8	128.8	+ 1.6	17.53	17.80	+ 0.27
<b>HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT GROUP</b>						
Fuel and light .. ..	107.4	107.8	+ 0.4	4.32	4.34	+ 0.02
Electricity .. ..	108.5	108.5	..	2.59	2.59	..
Gas .. ..	102.8	104.0	+ 1.2	1.06	1.07	+ 0.01
Other (j) .. ..	110.5	111.2	+ 0.6	0.67	0.68	+ 0.01
Household appliances .. ..	98.9	97.9	- 1.0	2.87	2.85	- 0.02
Furniture and floor coverings .. ..	119.3	119.0	- 0.3	2.33	2.33	..
Other household utensils, sundries and stationary .. ..	113.2	114.4	+ 1.1	2.10	2.12	+ 0.02
Personal requisites and proprietary medicines .. ..	117.7	118.5	+ 0.7	2.49	2.51	+ 0.02
<b>Household Supplies and     Equipment Group</b>	109.8	110.0	+ 0.2	14.72	14.14	+ 0.02
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GROUP</b>						
Fares (k) .. ..	125.1	146.7	+17.3	2.96	3.47	+ 0.51
Motoring .. ..	118.9	120.2	+ 1.1	10.64	10.76	+ 0.12
Goods (l) .. ..	111.4	112.1	+ 0.6	7.26	7.31	+ 0.05
Services and charges (m) .. ..	137.3	140.0	+ 2.0	3.38	3.45	+ 0.07
Cigarettes and tobacco .. ..	114.2	114.3	+ 0.1	4.24	4.24	..
Beer .. ..	124.1	124.4	+ 0.2	4.59	4.60	+ 0.01
Postal and telephone services .. ..	122.9	122.9	..	1.31	1.31	..
Radio and television operations .. ..	112.4	113.5	+ 1.0	1.28	1.29	+ 0.01
Newspapers and magazines .. ..	135.2	138.5	+ 2.4	1.57	1.60	+ 0.03
Other services (n) .. ..	..	..	..	6.64	7.16	+ 0.52
Health .. ..	123.0	132.6	+ 7.8	3.75	4.23	+ 0.48
Other .. ..	..	..	..	2.89	2.93	+ 0.04
<b>Miscellaneous Group</b>	120.7	125.1	+ 3.6	33.24	34.45	+ 1.21
<b>ALL GROUPS</b> .. ..	117.2	119.2	+ 1.7	(c)117.2	(c)119.2	(c)+ 2.0
<b>SPECIAL GROUPINGS</b>						
All Groups, excluding Food Group .. ..	118.5	120.9	+ 2.0	81.39	82.99	+ 1.60
All Groups, excluding Housing Group .. ..	115.7	117.7	+ 1.7	99.68	101.41	+ 1.73

For footnotes see page 9.



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 13 on page 3.
- (e) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968.
- (f) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' summerweight outerwear and women's and girls' summerweight underwear.
- (g) Men's, women's, boys' and girls' winterweight outerwear and underwear, and blankets.
- (h) Includes flats as from December quarter 1968.
- (i) Does not include cost of land or interest charges on house purchase.
- (j) Firewood and kerosene. Includes heating oil and briquettes as from December quarter 1968.
- (k) City and suburban rail, bus and tram.
- (l) Motor car, petrol, oil, tyres, tubes, tyre retreading and battery.
- (m) Lubrication service, repairs, registrations, third party insurance and driver's licence.
- (n) Hairdressing, drycleaning, shoe repairs and cinema admission. Includes health services from December quarter 1968.