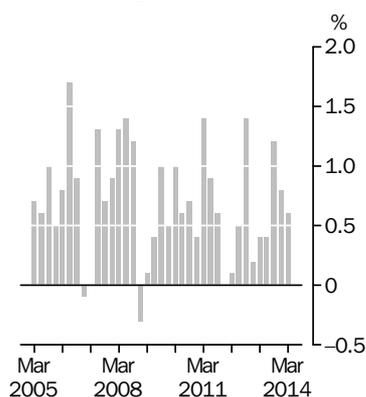


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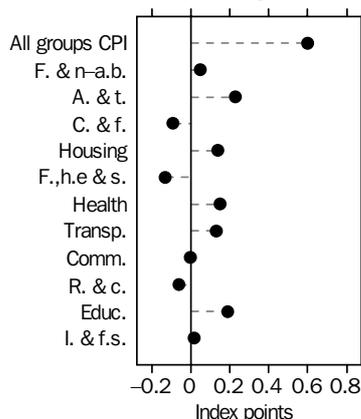
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All Groups CPI
Quarterly change



Contribution to quarterly change



KEY FIGURES

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES

	<i>Dec Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014</i> % change	<i>Mar Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014</i> % change
All groups CPI	0.6	2.9
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.3	2.2
Alcohol and tobacco	2.9	6.8
Clothing and footwear	-2.1	0.5
Housing	0.6	3.6
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-1.5	0.9
Health	2.6	4.0
Transport	1.1	2.5
Communication	0.2	1.9
Recreation and culture	-0.5	2.7
Education	5.1	5.1
Insurance and financial services	0.4	1.3
CPI analytical series		
All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted	0.5	2.9
Trimmed mean	0.5	2.6
Weighted median	0.6	2.7

KEY POINTS

THE ALL GROUPS CPI

- rose 0.6% in the March quarter 2014, compared with a rise of 0.8% in the December quarter 2013.
- rose 2.9% through the year to the March quarter 2014, compared with a rise of 2.7% through the year to the December quarter 2013.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENTS

- The most significant price rises this quarter were for tobacco (+6.7%), automotive fuel (+4.1%), secondary education (+6.0%), tertiary education (+4.3%), medical and hospital services (+1.9%) and pharmaceutical products (+6.1%).
- These rises were partially offset by falls in furniture (-4.3%), maintenance and repair of motor vehicles (-3.3%), international holiday travel and accommodation (-2.4%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.4%).

INQUIRIES

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES

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June 2014	23 July 2014
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CHANGES IN THIS ISSUE

For the quarter beginning 1 January 2014, the ABS has replaced field collected prices with prices derived from transactions data for a subset of products within the total CPI sample where analysis has shown transactions data provides a reliable measure of product prices. The price movement in the March quarter 2014 for this subset of products was calculated using historical and current quarter transactions data. A detailed description of the use of transactions data to compile the Australian CPI can be found on the ABS website in the September quarter 2013 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia*, ABS cat.no. 6401.0.

ROUNDING

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

ABBREVIATIONS

ABS Australian Bureau of Statistics
CPI Consumer Price Index
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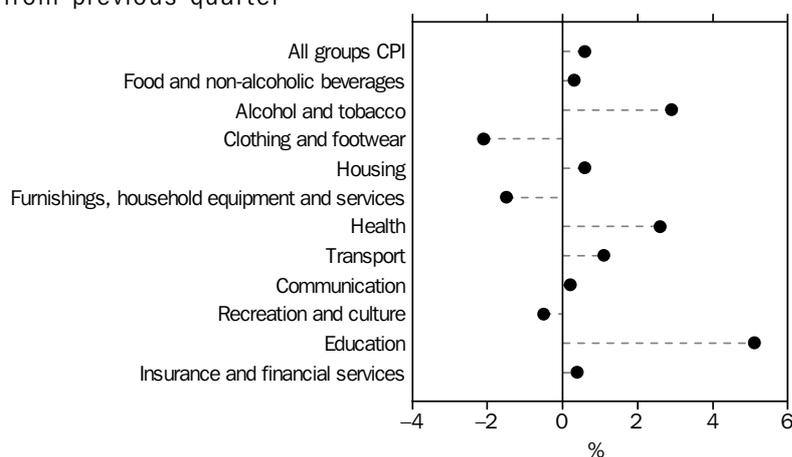
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CPI GROUPS

The discussion of the CPI groups below is ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the quarter (see Tables 6 and 7).

Unless otherwise stated, the analysis uses original, not seasonally adjusted, estimates.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF EIGHT CAPITAL CITIES, Percentage change from previous quarter



ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO GROUP (+2.9%)

The alcohol and tobacco group rose in the March quarter 2014. The main contributor to the rise was tobacco (+6.7%). The tobacco price increase was caused by the federal excise tax rise from 1 December 2013 as well as the March 2014 biannual indexation based on the ABS's Average Weekly Ordinary Times Earnings (AWOTE) rate.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the alcohol and tobacco group rose 6.8%. The main contributor to the rise was tobacco (+13.8%).

EDUCATION GROUP (+5.1%)

The education group rose in the March quarter 2014, with the commencement of the new school year. Rises in secondary education (+6.0%), tertiary education (+4.3%) and preschool and primary education (+4.9%) drove this movement.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the education group rose 5.1%.

HEALTH GROUP (+2.6%)

The health group rose in the March quarter 2014 with all capital cities registering a rise. The main contributors to the rise were medical and hospital services (+1.9%) and pharmaceutical products (+6.1%). These rises were a result of the cyclical reduction in the proportion of patients who qualify for subsidies under the Medicare Benefits Scheme and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme at the start of each calendar year.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the health group rose 4.0%. The main contributor to the rise was medical and hospital services (+5.4%).

HOUSING GROUP (+0.6%)

The housing group rose in the March quarter 2014. The main contributors to the rise were electricity (+1.4%) and rents (+0.7%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the housing group rose 3.6%. The main contributors to the rise were new dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (+2.4%), rents (+2.9%), and electricity (+5.2%).

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

FURNISHINGS,
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT
AND SERVICES GROUP
(-1.5%)

The furnishings, household equipment and services group fell in the March quarter 2014. The main contributors to the fall were furniture (-4.3%) and personal care products (-1.9%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the furnishings, household equipment and services group rose 0.9%. The main contributor to the rise was child care (+7.3%).

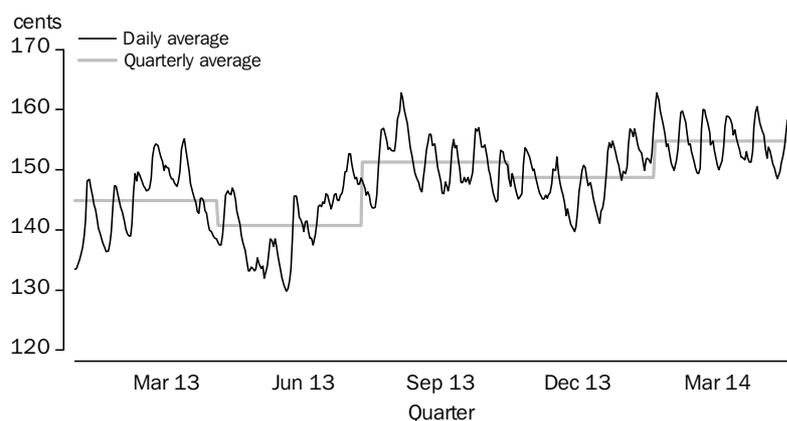
TRANSPORT GROUP
(+1.1%)

There was a rise for the transport group in the March quarter 2014 due to increases in automotive fuel (+4.0%).

Automotive fuel fell in November (-1.9%), rose in December (+5.5%) and January (+1.2%), fell in February (-0.2%) and was flat in March (0.0%).

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

AVERAGE PRICE OF UNLEADED PETROL (91 OCTANE), cents per litre



Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the transport group rose 2.5%. The main contributor to the rise was automotive fuel (+7.4%).

CLOTHING AND
FOOTWEAR GROUP
(-2.1%)

The clothing and footwear group fell in the March quarter 2014, mainly due to post-Christmas sales. The main contributors to the movement were garments for men (-2.9%), accessories (-2.2%) and garments for women (-1.2%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the clothing and footwear group increased 0.5%. The main contributor to the movement was garments for men (+4.4%). This was partially offset by a fall in garments for women (-1.7%).

RECREATION AND
CULTURE GROUP (-0.5%)

The recreation and culture group fell in the March quarter 2014, mainly due to price decreases in international holiday travel and accommodation (-2.4%) and domestic holiday travel and accommodation (-2.4%). The fall was partially offset by rises in other recreational, sporting and cultural services (+3.1%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the recreation and culture group rose 2.7%.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

RECREATION AND CULTURE GROUP (-0.5%) *continued*

In the CPI, airfares are collected in advance (at the time of payment), but are only used in the CPI in the quarter in which the trip is undertaken. International airfares are collected two months in advance (January for travel in March) and domestic airfares are collected one month in advance (January for travel in February).

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES GROUP (+0.3%)

The food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose in the March quarter 2014. The main contributor to the rise was vegetables (+3.3%). The rise was partially offset by a fall in fruit (-2.5%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose 2.2%. The main contributors to the rise were vegetables (+9.2%), fruit (+5.0%), take away and fast foods (+1.9%) and restaurant meals (+1.7%). The rise was partially offset by falls in coffee, tea and cocoa (-3.3%) and lamb and goat (-1.5%).

INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES GROUP (+0.4%)

The insurance and financial services group rose in the March quarter 2014. The main contributor to the rise was other financial services (+0.4%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the insurance and financial services group rose 1.3%. The main contributor to the rise was other financial services (+2.6%).

COMMUNICATION GROUP (+0.2%)

The communication group rose in the March quarter 2014 due to a rise in the price of postal services (+7.0%).

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the communication group rose 1.9%. The main contributor to the rise was telecommunication equipment and services (+1.6%).

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSURE - TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES

The tradables component (see Table 8) of the All groups CPI rose 0.4% in the March quarter 2014. Prices for the goods and services in this component, representing approximately 40% of the CPI, are largely determined on the world market. The most significant contributors to the 0.6% rise in the tradable goods component were tobacco, automotive fuel and pharmaceutical products. The most significant offsetting fall in the tradable goods component was for furniture. The fall in the tradable services component of 2.4% was driven by international holiday travel and accommodation.

The non-tradables component of the All groups CPI rose 0.7% in the March quarter 2014. Prices for the goods and services in this component, which represent approximately 60% of the CPI, are largely determined by domestic price pressures. The non-tradable goods component rose 0.6% mainly due to electricity. The non-tradables services component rose 0.8% mainly due to rises in secondary education, tertiary education and medical and hospital services. The most significant offsetting falls in the non-tradable services component were in maintenance and repair of motor vehicles and domestic holiday travel and accommodation.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the tradables component rose 2.6%, while the non-tradables component rose 3.1%. This compares to the rises of 1.0% and 3.7% respectively through the year to the December quarter 2013.

MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE *continued*

INTERNATIONAL TRADE EXPOSURE – TRADABLES AND NON-TRADABLES *continued*

A detailed description of which expenditure classes are classified as tradable and non-tradable in the 16th series is shown in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no 6401.0).

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANALYTICAL SERIES

In the March quarter 2014 the All groups CPI seasonally adjusted rose 0.5%, compared to the unadjusted All groups CPI which rose 0.6%.

The trimmed mean rose 0.5% in the March quarter 2014, compared to a rise of 0.9% in the December quarter 2013. Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the trimmed mean rose 2.6%, compared to a rise of 2.6% over the twelve months to the December quarter 2013.

The weighted median rose 0.6% in the March quarter 2014, compared to a rise of 0.9% in the December quarter 2013. Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the weighted median rose 2.7% compared to a revised rise of 2.5% over the twelve months to the December quarter 2013.

A detailed explanation of the seasonal adjustment of the All Groups CPI is available in *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003) available on the ABS website. This paper includes a description of the seasonal adjustment methodology used to calculate the trimmed mean and weighted median measures of underlying inflation.

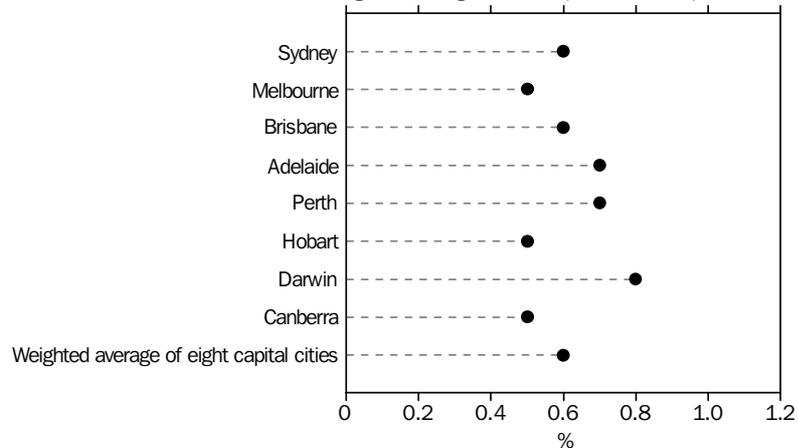
Revisions to the seasonally adjusted estimates can be the result of the application of concurrent seasonal adjustment, described in paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON

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ALL GROUPS CPI

ALL GROUPS CPI, Percentage change from previous quarter



At the All groups level, the CPI rose in all capital cities during the March quarter 2014.

The alcohol and tobacco group was the most significant positive contributor to the All groups quarterly movement. The group recorded rises in all capital cities, with the largest movement recorded in Hobart (+3.3%) mainly due to rises in tobacco.

The education group was the second most significant positive contributor to the All groups quarterly movement, with all eight capital cities recording rises. The largest movement was recorded in Perth (+7.1%) driven by price rises in tertiary education.

The most significant negative contributor to the All groups quarterly movement was the furnishings, household equipment and services group, recording falls in all capital cities with the exception of Darwin. The largest movement was recorded in Melbourne (-1.8%) mainly due to price falls in household textiles.

The second most significant negative contributor to the All groups quarterly movement was the clothing and footwear group, reporting falls in all capital cities. The largest movement was recorded in Adelaide (-5.1%) mainly due to falls in garments for men.

Over the twelve months to the March quarter 2014, the All groups CPI rose in all capital cities with the largest positive movement recorded in Darwin (+3.6%) mainly due to relatively higher increases in the housing group. Canberra (+2.6%) recorded the smallest rise over the 12 months to the March quarter 2014.

CAPITAL CITIES COMPARISON *continued*

ALL GROUPS CPI *continued*

ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	INDEX NUMBER(a)	PERCENTAGE CHANGE	
	<i>Mar Qtr 2014</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014</i>
Sydney	105.6	0.6	2.8
Melbourne	105.3	0.5	2.8
Brisbane	105.2	0.6	3.1
Adelaide	105.1	0.7	2.9
Perth	105.6	0.7	3.1
Hobart	104.1	0.5	2.8
Darwin	107.4	0.8	3.6
Canberra	104.6	0.5	2.6
Weighted average of eight capital cities	105.4	0.6	2.9

(a) Index reference period: 2011–12 = 100.0.

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ALL GROUPS CPI, Index numbers(a)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
2009–10	94.8	94.6	95.0	94.4	95.2	95.0	95.4	95.0	94.8
2010–11	97.6	97.7	98.1	97.5	97.9	97.8	97.9	97.6	97.7
2011–12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012–13	102.6	102.2	102.0	102.1	102.2	101.2	103.1	101.9	102.3
2010									
March	95.2	95.2	95.2	94.6	95.6	95.4	95.4	95.3	95.2
June	95.6	95.8	95.9	95.3	96.5	95.8	96.2	95.6	95.8
September	96.3	96.3	96.9	96.2	96.9	96.8	97.2	96.3	96.5
December	96.7	96.9	97.4	96.5	97.0	96.9	97.1	96.7	96.9
2011									
March	98.2	98.5	98.6	98.1	98.1	98.2	98.2	98.1	98.3
June	99.2	99.2	99.6	99.0	99.4	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.2
September	99.9	99.8	99.9	100.0	99.6	99.9	99.9	99.8	99.8
December	99.8	99.9	99.7	100.0	99.8	100.0	99.5	100.1	99.8
2012									
March	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.3	99.9	99.7	99.9
June	100.5	100.4	100.5	100.2	100.5	99.9	100.7	100.3	100.4
September	102.2	101.6	101.6	101.7	101.6	100.6	102.0	101.4	101.8
December	102.3	102.0	101.9	102.1	101.9	101.0	102.0	101.8	102.0
2013									
March	102.7	102.4	102.0	102.1	102.4	101.3	103.7	101.9	102.4
June	103.1	102.6	102.5	102.3	103.0	101.7	104.6	102.5	102.8
September	104.3	104.0	103.8	103.7	104.2	102.6	105.5	103.1	104.0
December	105.0	104.8	104.6	104.4	104.9	103.6	106.5	104.1	104.8
2014									
March	105.6	105.3	105.2	105.1	105.6	104.1	107.4	104.6	105.4

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011–12 = 100.0.

ALL GROUPS CPI, Percentage changes

<i>Period</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)									
2009-10	2.4	2.0	2.7	2.2	2.6	2.6	3.1	2.2	2.4
2010-11	3.0	3.3	3.3	3.3	2.8	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.1
2011-12	2.5	2.4	1.9	2.6	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.5	2.4
2012-13	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	1.2	3.1	1.9	2.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)									
2010									
March	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.6	3.4	3.1	3.5	2.6	2.9
June	2.9	3.1	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.2	3.1
September	2.6	3.1	2.9	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.9
December	2.4	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.8
2011									
March	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.7	2.6	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.3
June	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.9	3.0	3.4	3.1	3.8	3.5
September	3.7	3.6	3.1	4.0	2.8	3.2	2.8	3.6	3.4
December	3.2	3.1	2.4	3.6	2.9	3.2	2.5	3.5	3.0
2012									
March	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.8	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.6	1.6
June	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.2	1.1	0.8	1.5	1.1	1.2
September	2.3	1.8	1.7	1.7	2.0	0.7	2.1	1.6	2.0
December	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.0	2.5	1.7	2.2
2013									
March	2.8	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.4	1.0	3.8	2.2	2.5
June	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.5	1.8	3.9	2.2	2.4
September	2.1	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.6	2.0	3.4	1.7	2.2
December	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.3	2.9	2.6	4.4	2.3	2.7
2014									
March	2.8	2.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	2.8	3.6	2.6	2.9
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)									
2010									
March	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.5	1.2	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.0
June	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.9	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.6
September	0.7	0.5	1.0	0.9	0.4	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7
December	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.4	0.4
2011									
March	1.6	1.7	1.2	1.7	1.1	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.4
June	1.0	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.3	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.9
September	0.7	0.6	0.3	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6
December	-0.1	0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.0
2012									
March	0.1	0.0	0.2	-0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	-0.4	0.1
June	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.5	-0.4	0.8	0.6	0.5
September	1.7	1.2	1.1	1.5	1.1	0.7	1.3	1.1	1.4
December	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.2
2013									
March	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.3	1.7	0.1	0.4
June	0.4	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.4
September	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.2
December	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.8
2014									
March	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.5	0.6

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

<i>Period</i>	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
2009–10	95.8	88.1	100.6	91.9	99.8	92.1
2010–11	99.3	96.7	98.6	96.4	99.7	96.4
2011–12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012–13	100.5	103.9	99.5	104.9	100.8	106.9
2010						
March	96.7	87.5	98.4	92.6	98.9	93.5
June	96.4	92.7	98.4	93.2	99.8	95.6
September	95.9	95.5	99.7	95.2	100.6	94.9
December	98.0	96.2	97.9	95.8	100.0	93.7
2011						
March	100.9	97.3	97.2	97.1	98.4	97.4
June	102.3	97.9	99.5	97.5	99.8	99.4
September	102.0	98.4	101.0	99.2	100.1	98.4
December	100.5	99.3	100.4	99.7	100.2	97.1
2012						
March	98.4	100.7	98.6	100.3	99.1	101.5
June	99.0	101.7	100.0	100.7	100.6	103.0
September	100.9	102.6	100.2	103.9	101.6	105.5
December	100.8	102.8	101.0	104.1	101.0	104.6
2013						
March	100.0	104.4	97.1	105.4	99.7	107.7
June	100.1	105.8	99.7	106.0	100.7	109.8
September	100.3	106.7	100.8	108.1	101.7	109.8
December	101.9	108.4	99.7	108.6	102.1	109.2
2014						
March	102.2	111.5	97.6	109.2	100.6	112.0

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011–12 = 100.0.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
2009–10	94.8	99.0	101.6	89.2	93.0	94.8
2010–11	96.9	98.9	100.5	94.4	96.0	97.7
2011–12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012–13	101.1	101.7	99.1	105.9	102.8	102.3
2010						
March	95.0	99.0	101.9	91.6	94.1	95.2
June	95.7	98.9	100.1	91.7	94.2	95.8
September	95.1	98.7	100.8	91.8	94.7	96.5
December	95.4	98.7	101.0	91.8	94.3	96.9
2011						
March	97.9	98.8	100.4	97.0	96.7	98.3
June	99.1	99.3	99.8	97.1	98.2	99.2
September	99.2	99.2	100.7	97.1	98.9	99.8
December	99.2	100.3	101.5	97.1	99.6	99.8
2012						
March	100.3	100.4	99.5	102.9	100.5	99.9
June	101.3	100.1	98.3	102.9	101.0	100.4
September	100.5	100.6	99.2	103.0	101.2	101.8
December	101.2	101.9	99.8	103.0	102.7	102.0
2013						
March	101.7	101.9	99.0	108.9	103.4	102.4
June	100.8	102.3	98.2	108.8	103.7	102.8
September	103.2	102.4	100.1	108.8	104.1	104.0
December	103.1	103.6	102.2	108.8	104.3	104.8
2014						
March	104.2	103.8	101.7	114.4	104.7	105.4

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011–12 = 100.0.

CPI GROUPS, Weighted average of eight capital cities—Percentage changes

	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2009–10	1.6	4.9	-0.3	5.8	2.3	4.8
2010–11	3.7	9.8	-2.0	4.9	-0.1	4.7
2011–12	0.7	3.4	1.4	3.7	0.3	3.7
2012–13	0.5	3.9	-0.5	4.9	0.8	6.9

	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2010						
March	0.7	3.6	-1.8	6.1	1.4	5.1
June	1.4	8.7	-3.8	5.9	0.2	5.1
September	1.7	11.2	-2.8	5.1	0.4	5.3
December	2.4	11.3	-4.8	4.9	-0.2	4.9
2011						
March	4.3	11.2	-1.2	4.9	-0.5	4.2
June	6.1	5.6	1.1	4.6	0.0	4.0
September	6.4	3.0	1.3	4.2	-0.5	3.7
December	2.6	3.2	2.6	4.1	0.2	3.6
2012						
March	-2.5	3.5	1.4	3.3	0.7	4.2
June	-3.2	3.9	0.5	3.3	0.8	3.6
September	-1.1	4.3	-0.8	4.7	1.5	7.2
December	0.3	3.5	0.6	4.4	0.8	7.7
2013						
March	1.6	3.7	-1.5	5.1	0.6	6.1
June	1.1	4.0	-0.3	5.3	0.1	6.6
September	-0.6	4.0	0.6	4.0	0.1	4.1
December	1.1	5.4	-1.3	4.3	1.1	4.4
2014						
March	2.2	6.8	0.5	3.6	0.9	4.0

	<i>Food and non-alcoholic beverages</i>	<i>Alcohol and tobacco</i>	<i>Clothing and footwear</i>	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Furnishings, household equipment and services</i>	<i>Health</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2010						
March	1.0	1.3	-4.3	1.4	-1.3	4.7
June	-0.3	5.9	0.0	0.6	0.9	2.2
September	-0.5	3.0	1.3	2.1	0.8	-0.7
December	2.2	0.7	-1.8	0.6	-0.6	-1.3
2011						
March	3.0	1.1	-0.7	1.4	-1.6	3.9
June	1.4	0.6	2.4	0.4	1.4	2.1
September	-0.3	0.5	1.5	1.7	0.3	-1.0
December	-1.5	0.9	-0.6	0.5	0.1	-1.3
2012						
March	-2.1	1.4	-1.8	0.6	-1.1	4.5
June	0.6	1.0	1.4	0.4	1.5	1.5
September	1.9	0.9	0.2	3.2	1.0	2.4
December	-0.1	0.2	0.8	0.2	-0.6	-0.9
2013						
March	-0.8	1.6	-3.9	1.2	-1.3	3.0
June	0.1	1.3	2.7	0.6	1.0	1.9
September	0.2	0.9	1.1	2.0	1.0	0.0
December	1.6	1.6	-1.1	0.5	0.4	-0.5
2014						
March	0.3	2.9	-2.1	0.6	-1.5	2.6

	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2009–10	0.7	0.3	0.4	5.6	-2.1	2.4
2010–11	2.2	-0.1	-1.1	5.8	3.2	3.1
2011–12	3.2	1.1	-0.5	5.9	4.2	2.4
2012–13	1.1	1.7	-0.9	5.9	2.8	2.3

	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2010						
March	4.1	0.1	1.2	5.7	2.1	2.9
June	3.1	-0.2	-0.6	5.8	3.9	3.1
September	0.5	-0.4	-0.6	5.8	3.5	2.9
December	1.7	-0.4	-1.8	5.8	2.3	2.8
2011						
March	3.1	-0.2	-1.5	5.9	2.8	3.3
June	3.6	0.4	-0.3	5.9	4.2	3.5
September	4.3	0.5	-0.1	5.8	4.4	3.4
December	4.0	1.6	0.5	5.8	5.6	3.0
2012						
March	2.5	1.6	-0.9	6.1	3.9	1.6
June	2.2	0.8	-1.5	6.0	2.9	1.2
September	1.3	1.4	-1.5	6.1	2.3	2.0
December	2.0	1.6	-1.7	6.1	3.1	2.2
2013						
March	1.4	1.5	-0.5	5.8	2.9	2.5
June	-0.5	2.2	-0.1	5.7	2.7	2.4
September	2.7	1.8	0.9	5.6	2.9	2.2
December	1.9	1.7	2.4	5.6	1.6	2.7
2014						
March	2.5	1.9	2.7	5.1	1.3	2.9

	<i>Transport</i>	<i>Communication</i>	<i>Recreation and culture</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Insurance and financial services</i>	<i>All groups CPI</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2010						
March	1.3	-0.1	-1.0	5.5	2.1	1.0
June	0.7	-0.1	-1.8	0.1	0.1	0.6
September	-0.6	-0.2	0.7	0.1	0.5	0.7
December	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	-0.4	0.4
2011						
March	2.6	0.1	-0.6	5.7	2.5	1.4
June	1.2	0.5	-0.6	0.1	1.6	0.9
September	0.1	-0.1	0.9	0.0	0.7	0.6
December	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.0	0.7	0.0
2012						
March	1.1	0.1	-2.0	6.0	0.9	0.1
June	1.0	-0.3	-1.2	0.0	0.5	0.5
September	-0.8	0.5	0.9	0.1	0.2	1.4
December	0.7	1.3	0.6	0.0	1.5	0.2
2013						
March	0.5	0.0	-0.8	5.7	0.7	0.4
June	-0.9	0.4	-0.8	-0.1	0.3	0.4
September	2.4	0.1	1.9	0.0	0.4	1.2
December	-0.1	1.2	2.1	0.0	0.2	0.8
2014						
March	1.1	0.2	-0.5	5.1	0.4	0.6

CPI GROUPS, Index numbers(a)

Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES									
2012									
March	98.3	98.3	98.7	98.1	98.4	98.7	98.8	98.2	98.4
June	98.8	99.2	99.0	99.2	99.0	98.8	99.2	99.6	99.0
September	101.5	100.6	101.0	100.3	100.5	100.1	101.0	100.9	100.9
December	100.9	101.3	100.6	100.2	100.1	100.1	100.8	99.9	100.8
2013									
March	99.9	99.9	100.6	99.7	100.2	98.6	100.3	99.7	100.0
June	100.1	100.1	100.7	99.5	99.7	99.0	100.8	100.1	100.1
September	100.3	100.6	100.5	100.0	99.5	99.0	100.7	100.4	100.3
December	101.8	102.2	102.0	101.8	100.7	101.5	102.1	102.3	101.9
2014									
March	102.5	102.0	102.2	102.2	101.3	101.2	102.5	102.8	102.2
ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO									
2012									
March	100.7	100.9	100.3	100.5	100.7	100.5	101.4	100.5	100.7
June	101.7	101.8	101.5	101.4	101.4	101.5	102.2	102.2	101.7
September	102.6	102.4	102.9	102.6	102.2	103.2	103.3	103.7	102.6
December	102.5	102.6	103.5	102.8	102.5	103.7	104.1	103.5	102.8
2013									
March	104.2	104.0	105.4	104.8	103.9	105.4	105.8	104.7	104.4
June	105.5	105.8	106.6	106.2	105.2	106.9	105.9	105.7	105.8
September	106.2	106.5	107.6	107.4	106.4	108.0	105.8	106.8	106.7
December	108.1	108.1	109.3	109.1	108.2	110.0	107.3	108.5	108.4
2014									
March	110.9	111.3	112.6	112.6	111.5	113.6	109.9	111.6	111.5
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR									
2012									
March	99.4	98.1	98.1	97.9	98.3	99.9	99.8	98.5	98.6
June	101.2	98.0	100.3	98.2	103.1	99.4	99.8	100.5	100.0
September	101.7	97.9	102.7	97.3	101.6	97.4	99.3	98.9	100.2
December	101.0	99.9	103.8	99.6	103.2	97.8	99.9	98.4	101.0
2013									
March	95.3	98.0	98.5	95.6	99.2	97.3	98.9	97.1	97.1
June	98.4	98.8	100.6	100.7	103.6	100.7	99.5	98.8	99.7
September	99.8	99.2	101.9	102.2	105.6	99.7	99.2	99.1	100.8
December	98.1	98.5	101.0	101.4	103.9	99.9	98.9	100.0	99.7
2014									
March	97.7	95.0	99.6	96.2	101.3	99.0	98.7	98.8	97.6
HOUSING									
2012									
March	100.1	100.5	100.0	101.1	100.3	100.3	100.2	100.1	100.3
June	101.0	100.4	100.5	100.3	101.3	99.9	101.1	100.4	100.7
September	104.3	103.2	103.7	104.9	103.9	101.6	103.0	103.9	103.9
December	105.1	102.4	104.5	105.4	104.5	101.8	103.4	104.2	104.1
2013									
March	105.9	105.2	104.0	105.8	105.8	101.7	107.5	104.5	105.4
June	106.6	105.7	105.1	104.9	107.2	102.0	109.0	104.8	106.0
September	108.5	108.1	107.6	106.5	109.3	102.8	110.2	105.6	108.1
December	109.2	108.3	108.4	107.0	110.2	102.8	110.9	105.7	108.6
2014									
March	109.7	108.5	109.3	108.6	111.0	101.9	112.2	105.5	109.2

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Quarters	Sydney	Melbourne	Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth	Hobart	Darwin	Canberra	Weighted average of eight capital cities
FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES									
2012									
March	99.0	99.0	99.3	98.8	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.6	99.1
June	100.4	100.3	101.4	100.4	100.5	100.7	101.1	101.1	100.6
September	101.4	102.3	101.3	101.1	101.7	100.1	101.5	100.8	101.6
December	100.3	102.3	101.0	100.3	100.3	99.0	102.1	102.7	101.0
2013									
March	100.7	99.2	99.2	98.7	99.3	98.6	102.1	100.7	99.7
June	100.8	100.5	100.4	100.2	100.7	100.3	103.2	103.2	100.7
September	102.2	101.4	101.1	101.7	101.6	100.8	103.7	103.3	101.7
December	101.7	102.8	101.7	100.7	102.1	100.8	103.5	104.3	102.1
2014									
March	100.6	100.9	100.4	99.2	100.7	99.8	104.4	102.8	100.6
HEALTH									
2012									
March	101.4	101.7	101.6	100.7	101.6	100.9	100.2	101.9	101.5
June	103.1	103.0	102.8	103.1	103.0	103.0	102.0	102.9	103.0
September	105.4	105.3	105.1	106.7	106.0	106.1	102.0	104.6	105.5
December	104.5	104.6	104.3	106.2	104.7	105.1	101.5	103.1	104.6
2013									
March	107.5	107.7	107.8	108.0	108.2	107.3	104.0	107.7	107.7
June	110.0	109.3	110.2	111.1	109.5	110.1	106.2	108.9	109.8
September	109.9	109.1	109.8	111.6	109.7	110.0	107.8	108.5	109.8
December	109.3	108.7	109.0	111.5	109.2	109.8	107.9	107.8	109.2
2014									
March	112.1	111.4	112.5	113.3	112.0	112.1	110.3	111.5	112.0
TRANSPORT									
2012									
March	100.6	99.7	100.8	100.6	100.2	100.3	100.7	99.9	100.3
June	100.9	102.4	100.7	100.7	100.6	100.6	101.0	100.5	101.3
September	100.6	100.9	100.5	100.0	99.6	99.3	101.6	100.1	100.5
December	100.6	102.5	100.2	100.6	100.9	101.9	100.7	101.1	101.2
2013									
March	101.3	103.0	101.0	100.9	100.8	102.0	104.5	101.0	101.7
June	101.1	101.4	99.8	99.7	100.3	101.2	104.5	100.9	100.8
September	102.8	104.3	102.2	103.2	102.6	104.3	105.5	102.6	103.2
December	102.5	104.2	102.1	103.5	102.3	104.1	106.2	103.3	103.1
2014									
March	103.0	106.0	103.3	105.0	103.3	104.7	106.9	103.8	104.2
COMMUNICATION									
2012									
March	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4
June	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
September	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6
December	101.9	101.9	102.0	101.9	101.7	101.9	101.8	101.9	101.9
2013									
March	101.8	101.9	101.9	101.9	101.7	101.9	101.8	101.9	101.9
June	102.3	102.4	102.4	102.3	102.1	102.3	102.2	102.3	102.3
September	102.4	102.5	102.4	102.4	102.2	102.4	102.3	102.4	102.4
December	103.5	103.6	103.8	103.6	103.3	103.6	103.5	103.5	103.6
2014									
March	103.8	103.9	104.0	103.8	103.5	103.9	103.7	103.8	103.8

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<i>Quarters</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
RECREATION AND CULTURE									
2012									
March	99.4	99.8	99.0	98.8	100.2	101.8	97.6	98.9	99.5
June	98.4	98.0	98.7	98.4	98.1	97.2	99.5	98.3	98.3
September	99.3	98.8	99.6	99.5	98.9	97.5	102.0	99.3	99.2
December	99.8	100.0	100.4	99.9	99.1	97.9	99.9	100.1	99.8
2013									
March	98.9	99.1	99.1	98.9	98.9	98.5	99.0	99.1	99.0
June	98.3	98.0	98.7	97.7	98.3	96.0	100.3	98.7	98.2
September	100.5	99.9	100.5	99.3	99.7	98.6	103.5	100.4	100.1
December	102.3	102.3	102.6	101.1	101.4	101.0	107.1	102.7	102.2
2014									
March	102.0	102.5	100.6	100.3	100.9	102.0	105.5	102.3	101.7
EDUCATION									
2012									
March	102.4	102.8	103.6	103.1	103.3	102.4	102.8	102.5	102.9
June	102.5	102.8	103.7	103.1	103.3	102.4	102.8	102.6	102.9
September	102.6	102.9	103.8	103.1	103.3	102.5	102.8	102.6	103.0
December	102.6	102.9	103.8	103.1	103.3	102.5	102.8	102.6	103.0
2013									
March	109.0	108.4	109.5	109.9	108.8	109.5	108.7	106.9	108.9
June	108.6	108.4	109.5	109.9	108.8	109.5	108.7	107.0	108.8
September	108.5	108.5	109.7	109.9	108.8	109.6	108.7	107.0	108.8
December	108.6	108.5	109.7	109.9	108.8	109.6	108.7	107.1	108.8
2014									
March	113.5	113.8	116.0	115.1	116.5	114.9	113.8	112.1	114.4
INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES									
2012									
March	100.6	100.3	100.6	100.7	100.4	100.1	100.5	100.6	100.5
June	101.3	100.8	101.3	100.6	100.9	100.9	101.3	99.6	101.0
September	102.9	102.5	96.1	100.6	101.6	101.9	102.0	98.8	101.2
December	104.9	103.5	97.4	102.3	103.1	104.0	103.5	101.0	102.7
2013									
March	106.6	102.8	98.4	102.1	103.4	104.9	104.0	102.5	103.4
June	106.7	102.7	99.3	102.9	104.1	106.9	104.7	102.2	103.7
September	107.4	103.0	99.9	102.5	104.8	107.4	105.4	100.9	104.1
December	107.5	102.9	100.2	103.4	105.1	107.6	105.6	101.5	104.3
2014									
March	107.7	103.6	100.8	102.9	105.7	108.5	106.0	101.6	104.7

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<i>Group, sub-group and expenditure class</i>	<i>Sydney</i>	<i>Melbourne</i>	<i>Brisbane</i>	<i>Adelaide</i>	<i>Perth</i>	<i>Hobart</i>	<i>Darwin</i>	<i>Canberra</i>	<i>Weighted average of eight capital cities</i>
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.12	-0.03	0.02	0.06	0.10	-0.06	0.06	0.07	0.05
Bread and cereal products	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
Bread	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Cakes and biscuits	-0.02	0.02	0.00	-0.02	0.01	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Breakfast cereals	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00
Other cereal products	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Meat and seafoods	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	-0.01	0.03
Beef and veal	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Pork	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.01
Lamb and goat	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poultry	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00
Other meats	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.01
Fish and other seafood	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	-0.01
Dairy and related products	-0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Milk	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cheese	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	0.04	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.09	-0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01
Fruit	-0.01	-0.04	-0.04	-0.06	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.05	-0.03
Vegetables	0.06	0.01	0.03	0.08	0.10	-0.05	0.02	0.07	0.05
Food products n.e.c.	0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	0.00	0.02	-0.01
Eggs	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00
Jams, honey and spreads	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Food additives and condiments	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Oils and fats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Snacks and confectionery	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.01	-0.02
Other food products n.e.c.	0.02	0.00	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	-0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.00
Coffee, tea and cocoa	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Waters, soft drinks and juices	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.02
Restaurant meals	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00
Take away and fast foods	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	0.18	0.23	0.25	0.27	0.26	0.30	0.23	0.21	0.23
Alcoholic beverages	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.04
Spirits	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Wine	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Beer	0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.01
Tobacco	0.16	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.28	0.18	0.15	0.19
Tobacco	0.16	0.19	0.20	0.21	0.22	0.28	0.18	0.15	0.19
Clothing and footwear	-0.01	-0.14	-0.05	-0.23	-0.10	-0.04	-0.01	-0.05	-0.09
Garments	-0.01	-0.08	-0.01	-0.18	-0.06	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.05
Garments for men	0.00	-0.03	-0.01	-0.11	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	-0.02
Garments for women	-0.01	-0.04	0.01	-0.06	-0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.02
Garments for infants and children	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Footwear	0.01	-0.04	-0.05	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Footwear for men	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	-0.01
Footwear for women	0.01	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.04	0.00	-0.01
Footwear for infants and children	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Accessories and clothing services	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.01
Accessories	-0.02	-0.03	0.01	-0.04	-0.02	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	-0.02
Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Housing	0.14	0.04	0.21	0.33	0.19	-0.20	0.34	-0.02	0.14
Rents	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.08	-0.02	0.04
Rents	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.05	0.00	0.08	-0.02	0.04
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	0.06	-0.12	0.07	0.04	0.12	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.02
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	0.06	-0.12	0.07	0.04	0.12	0.00	0.01	-0.03	0.02
Other housing	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.01
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01
Property rates and charges	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Utilities	0.00	0.12	0.08	0.27	0.00	-0.20	0.24	0.00	0.07
Water and sewerage	0.00	-0.01	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.01
Electricity	0.00	0.06	0.00	0.28	0.00	-0.22	0.18	0.00	0.04
Gas and other household fuels	0.00	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.02
Furnishings, household equipment and services	-0.10	-0.18	-0.12	-0.13	-0.14	-0.08	0.08	-0.16	-0.13
Furniture and furnishings	-0.04	-0.08	-0.08	-0.05	-0.06	-0.08	0.02	-0.14	-0.06
Furniture	-0.05	-0.08	-0.09	-0.05	-0.06	-0.08	0.01	-0.13	-0.06
Carpets and other floor coverings	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Household textiles	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.06	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
Household textiles	0.01	-0.03	-0.02	-0.06	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	-0.03	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	0.00	-0.02	0.00	-0.01	-0.03	-0.02	0.01	-0.04	-0.02
Major household appliances	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00	-0.04	-0.01	0.00	-0.03	-0.01
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00
Non-durable household products	-0.04	-0.06	-0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.02	0.03	-0.02	-0.05
Cleaning and maintenance products	-0.01	0.00	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	-0.01
Personal care products	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02	0.00	0.02	0.00	-0.02
Other non-durable household products	-0.02	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	-0.03	-0.01	0.03	-0.01	-0.01
Domestic and household services	-0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.09	0.01
Child care	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.02
Hairdressing and personal grooming services	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Other household services	-0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.01
Health	0.15	0.13	0.19	0.10	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.22	0.15
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.04	0.06	0.07
Pharmaceutical products	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.08	0.04	0.06	0.06
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Medical, dental and hospital services	0.07	0.06	0.11	0.03	0.10	0.05	0.06	0.16	0.08
Medical and hospital services	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.02	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.16	0.07
Dental services	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Transport	0.06	0.22	0.14	0.19	0.11	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.13
Private motoring	0.04	0.21	0.08	0.18	0.11	0.06	0.09	0.05	0.11
Motor vehicles	-0.01	0.06	0.00	0.03	-0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.02
Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00
Automotive fuel	0.13	0.20	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.01	0.08	0.03	0.15
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	-0.10	-0.04	-0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.01	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06
Other services in respect of motor vehicles	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Urban transport fares	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
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Communication	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
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Postal services	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Telecommunication equipment and services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Recreation and culture	-0.04	0.02	-0.24	-0.10	-0.07	0.15	-0.19	-0.04	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing equipment and services	0.00	-0.02	-0.03	-0.05	-0.03	-0.03	0.00	-0.03	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing equipment	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02	-0.05	-0.04	-0.04	-0.01	-0.04	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing media and services	0.02	0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.00
Books	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.02	-0.01	0.00
Newspapers, magazines and stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	-0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00
Holiday travel and accommodation	-0.12	-0.05	-0.28	-0.14	-0.14	0.10	-0.24	-0.11	-0.12
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	-0.08	-0.02	-0.15	-0.07	-0.06	0.16	-0.15	-0.07	-0.06
International holiday travel and accommodation	-0.04	-0.04	-0.11	-0.07	-0.08	-0.06	-0.09	-0.04	-0.06
Other recreation, sport and culture	0.07	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.02	0.09	0.08
Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00
Games, toys and hobbies	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.02	0.01	0.04	0.02
Pets and related products	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.01	0.00
Veterinary and other services for pets	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Sports participation	0.02	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Other recreational, sporting and cultural services	0.03	0.06	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.03	0.03
Education	0.14	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.23	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.19
Education	0.14	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.23	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.19
Preschool and primary education	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.02	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03
Secondary education	0.08	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.08
Tertiary education	0.05	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.13	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.07
Insurance and financial services	0.01	0.04	0.03	-0.02	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02
Insurance	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Insurance	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Financial services	0.00	0.03	0.04	-0.01	0.03	0.04	0.01	-0.01	0.01
Deposit and loan facilities (direct charges)	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00
Other financial services	0.00	0.03	0.03	-0.01	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.01
All groups CPI	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.9	0.5	0.6

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	Mar Qtr 2013	Dec Qtr 2013	Mar Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014	Mar Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013	Mar Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 to Mar Qtr 2014
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	100.0	101.9	102.2	0.3	2.2	16.63	16.68	0.05
Bread and cereal products	100.7	102.2	101.7	-0.5	1.0	1.73	1.72	-0.01
Bread	100.7	103.7	103.1	-0.6	2.4	0.59	0.59	0.00
Cakes and biscuits	100.4	101.8	101.3	-0.5	0.9	0.74	0.74	0.00
Breakfast cereals	101.2	100.1	100.6	0.5	-0.6	0.18	0.18	0.00
Other cereal products	101.2	101.4	99.8	-1.6	-1.4	0.21	0.21	0.00
Meat and seafoods	99.8	99.3	100.5	1.2	0.7	2.22	2.25	0.03
Beef and veal	100.7	97.9	100.2	2.3	-0.5	0.38	0.39	0.01
Pork	100.7	100.1	103.3	3.2	2.6	0.35	0.36	0.01
Lamb and goat	88.0	85.8	86.7	1.0	-1.5	0.21	0.21	0.00
Poultry	105.6	105.3	105.5	0.2	-0.1	0.49	0.49	0.00
Other meats	98.3	96.2	98.7	2.6	0.4	0.37	0.38	0.01
Fish and other seafood	99.9	104.5	102.5	-1.9	2.6	0.42	0.41	-0.01
Dairy and related products	98.0	98.7	98.7	0.0	0.7	1.12	1.12	0.00
Milk	97.6	97.6	97.7	0.1	0.1	0.41	0.41	0.00
Cheese	98.5	100.0	101.6	1.6	3.1	0.33	0.34	0.01
Ice cream and other dairy products	98.0	98.9	97.2	-1.7	-0.8	0.38	0.37	-0.01
Fruit and vegetables	93.5	99.7	100.4	0.7	7.4	2.48	2.49	0.01
Fruit	84.2	90.7	88.4	-2.5	5.0	1.11	1.08	-0.03
Vegetables	102.5	108.3	111.9	3.3	9.2	1.37	1.42	0.05
Food products n.e.c.	100.8	102.3	101.9	-0.4	1.1	2.21	2.20	-0.01
Eggs	103.4	107.6	108.9	1.2	5.3	0.12	0.12	0.00
Jams, honey and spreads	100.5	98.1	98.9	0.8	-1.6	0.14	0.14	0.00
Food additives and condiments	98.5	101.2	102.0	0.8	3.6	0.31	0.31	0.00
Oils and fats	98.5	99.3	100.2	0.9	1.7	0.17	0.17	0.00
Snacks and confectionery	101.7	104.0	101.9	-2.0	0.2	0.99	0.97	-0.02
Other food products n.e.c.	100.7	101.1	101.5	0.4	0.8	0.48	0.48	0.00
Non-alcoholic beverages	102.2	103.4	103.7	0.3	1.5	1.19	1.19	0.00
Coffee, tea and cocoa	104.3	103.8	100.9	-2.8	-3.3	0.30	0.29	-0.01
Waters, soft drinks and juices	101.5	103.3	104.6	1.3	3.1	0.89	0.90	0.01
Meals out and take away foods	102.4	103.9	104.3	0.4	1.9	5.69	5.71	0.02
Restaurant meals	101.7	103.1	103.4	0.3	1.7	2.92	2.92	0.00
Take away and fast foods	103.3	104.7	105.3	0.6	1.9	2.78	2.79	0.01
Alcohol and tobacco	104.4	108.4	111.5	2.9	6.8	7.76	7.99	0.23
Alcoholic beverages	102.4	104.8	105.6	0.8	3.1	5.00	5.04	0.04
Spirits	103.2	106.6	107.6	0.9	4.3	0.97	0.98	0.01
Wine	102.5	104.3	105.3	1.0	2.7	1.70	1.72	0.02
Beer	102.0	104.4	105.0	0.6	2.9	2.33	2.34	0.01
Tobacco	108.4	115.6	123.4	6.7	13.8	2.76	2.95	0.19
Tobacco	108.4	115.6	123.4	6.7	13.8	2.76	2.95	0.19
Clothing and footwear	97.1	99.7	97.6	-2.1	0.5	3.96	3.87	-0.09
Garments	96.7	99.3	97.3	-2.0	0.6	2.47	2.42	-0.05
Garments for men	97.4	104.7	101.7	-2.9	4.4	0.77	0.75	-0.02
Garments for women	96.9	96.5	95.2	-1.3	-1.8	1.40	1.38	-0.02
Garments for infants and children	93.9	99.9	96.3	-3.6	2.6	0.30	0.29	-0.01
Footwear	94.9	98.9	96.2	-2.7	1.4	0.61	0.60	-0.01
Footwear for men	93.0	97.9	97.2	-0.7	4.5	0.14	0.13	-0.01
Footwear for women	95.4	99.2	95.9	-3.3	0.5	0.35	0.34	-0.01
Footwear for infants and children	95.4	98.9	95.7	-3.2	0.3	0.12	0.12	0.00
Accessories and clothing services	100.0	101.4	99.5	-1.9	-0.5	0.87	0.86	-0.01
Accessories	99.5	100.8	98.6	-2.2	-0.9	0.75	0.73	-0.02
Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear	103.1	104.9	105.0	0.1	1.8	0.13	0.13	0.00

(a) Unless otherwise specified, reference period of each index: 2011-12 = 100.0.

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	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2013 to	Mar Qtr 2013 to	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2013 to
	2013	2013	2014	Mar Qtr 2014	Mar Qtr 2014	2013	2014	Mar Qtr 2014
Housing	105.4	108.6	109.2	0.6	3.6	24.66	24.80	0.14
Rents	104.0	106.3	107.0	0.7	2.9	7.28	7.32	0.04
Rents	104.0	106.3	107.0	0.7	2.9	7.28	7.32	0.04
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	102.8	105.2	105.3	0.1	2.4	9.05	9.07	0.02
New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers	102.8	105.2	105.3	0.1	2.4	9.05	9.07	0.02
Other housing	103.7	108.2	108.6	0.4	4.7	3.64	3.65	0.01
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	102.4	104.3	105.0	0.7	2.5	2.13	2.14	0.01
Property rates and charges	105.8	114.2	114.2	0.0	7.9	1.51	1.51	0.00
Utilities	114.7	120.8	122.5	1.4	6.8	4.69	4.76	0.07
Water and sewerage	102.9	113.1	114.0	0.8	10.8	1.10	1.11	0.01
Electricity	119.2	123.7	125.4	1.4	5.2	2.68	2.72	0.04
Gas and other household fuels	117.0	122.3	125.1	2.3	6.9	0.92	0.94	0.02
Furnishings, household equipment and services	99.7	102.1	100.6	-1.5	0.9	9.23	9.10	-0.13
Furniture and furnishings	94.6	99.7	96.2	-3.5	1.7	1.86	1.80	-0.06
Furniture	93.9	99.6	95.3	-4.3	1.5	1.58	1.52	-0.06
Carpets and other floor coverings	99.0	100.1	101.6	1.5	2.6	0.28	0.28	0.00
Household textiles	92.5	98.2	95.4	-2.9	3.1	0.59	0.58	-0.01
Household textiles	92.5	98.2	95.4	-2.9	3.1	0.59	0.58	-0.01
Household appliances, utensils and tools	95.0	97.2	96.3	-0.9	1.4	1.36	1.34	-0.02
Major household appliances	94.6	97.3	96.7	-0.6	2.2	0.47	0.46	-0.01
Small electric household appliances	95.0	94.5	94.1	-0.4	-0.9	0.22	0.22	0.00
Glassware, tableware and household utensils	92.6	97.0	94.4	-2.7	1.9	0.41	0.40	-0.01
Tools and equipment for house and garden	99.8	99.9	100.5	0.6	0.7	0.26	0.26	0.00
Non-durable household products	101.2	100.9	99.2	-1.7	-2.0	2.86	2.81	-0.05
Cleaning and maintenance products	102.0	99.8	97.4	-2.4	-4.5	0.29	0.28	-0.01
Personal care products	100.0	99.5	97.6	-1.9	-2.4	1.09	1.07	-0.02
Other non-durable household products	102.0	102.1	100.8	-1.3	-1.2	1.47	1.46	-0.01
Domestic and household services	106.5	109.3	109.8	0.5	3.1	2.57	2.58	0.01
Child care	110.4	115.4	118.5	2.7	7.3	0.84	0.86	0.02
Hairdressing and personal grooming services	103.0	104.3	104.4	0.1	1.4	0.95	0.95	0.00
Other household services	107.0	109.5	107.9	-1.5	0.8	0.78	0.77	-0.01
Health	107.7	109.2	112.0	2.6	4.0	5.77	5.92	0.15
Medical products, appliances and equipment	104.4	100.2	105.6	5.4	1.1	1.28	1.35	0.07
Pharmaceutical products	105.0	100.5	106.6	6.1	1.5	1.14	1.20	0.06
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	99.9	97.9	97.8	-0.1	-2.1	0.15	0.15	0.00
Medical, dental and hospital services	108.8	112.1	114.1	1.8	4.9	4.49	4.57	0.08
Medical and hospital services	109.6	113.4	115.5	1.9	5.4	3.90	3.97	0.07
Dental services	103.5	104.5	105.9	1.3	2.3	0.59	0.60	0.01
Transport	101.7	103.1	104.2	1.1	2.5	11.93	12.06	0.13
Private motoring	101.3	102.8	103.8	1.0	2.5	11.12	11.23	0.11
Motor vehicles	97.1	95.6	96.0	0.4	-1.1	3.02	3.04	0.02
Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles	100.6	101.4	101.5	0.1	0.9	1.00	1.00	0.00
Automotive fuel	101.6	104.8	109.1	4.1	7.4	3.71	3.86	0.15
Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	104.5	106.6	103.1	-3.3	-1.3	1.84	1.78	-0.06
Other services in respect of motor vehicles	107.0	110.3	111.1	0.7	3.8	1.53	1.54	0.01
Urban transport fares	106.8	107.2	109.5	2.1	2.5	0.81	0.83	0.02
Urban transport fares	106.8	107.2	109.5	2.1	2.5	0.81	0.83	0.02

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Group, sub-group and expenditure class	INDEX NUMBERS(a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2013 to	Mar Qtr 2013 to	Dec Qtr	Mar Qtr	Dec Qtr 2013 to
	2013	2013	2014	Mar Qtr 2014	Mar Qtr 2014	2013	2014	Mar Qtr 2014
Communication	101.9	103.6	103.8	0.2	1.9	3.16	3.16	0.00
Communication	101.9	103.6	103.8	0.2	1.9	3.16	3.16	0.00
Postal services	102.3	104.7	112.0	7.0	9.5	0.13	0.14	0.01
Telecommunication equipment and services	101.8	103.5	103.4	-0.1	1.6	3.03	3.02	-0.01
Recreation and culture	99.0	102.2	101.7	-0.5	2.7	12.76	12.70	-0.06
Audio, visual and computing equipment and services	90.1	88.0	87.3	-0.8	-3.1	2.08	2.06	-0.02
Audio, visual and computing equipment	84.0	80.0	77.9	-2.6	-7.3	1.12	1.09	-0.03
Audio, visual and computing media and services	98.8	99.6	100.9	1.3	2.1	0.96	0.98	0.02
Newspapers, books and stationery	102.1	104.1	104.4	0.3	2.3	1.11	1.11	0.00
Books	98.5	97.4	98.3	0.9	-0.2	0.38	0.38	0.00
Newspapers, magazines and stationery	104.2	107.9	107.9	0.0	3.6	0.73	0.73	0.00
Holiday travel and accommodation	100.4	108.1	105.5	-2.4	5.1	5.26	5.14	-0.12
Domestic holiday travel and accommodation	103.6	110.1	107.5	-2.4	3.8	2.83	2.77	-0.06
International holiday travel and accommodation	96.7	105.8	103.3	-2.4	6.8	2.43	2.37	-0.06
Other recreation, sport and culture	101.7	102.8	104.7	1.8	2.9	4.31	4.39	0.08
Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation	98.3	98.3	98.3	0.0	0.0	0.58	0.58	0.00
Games, toys and hobbies	95.0	94.0	95.9	2.0	0.9	0.70	0.72	0.02
Pets and related products	100.8	101.7	102.7	1.0	1.9	0.39	0.39	0.00
Veterinary and other services for pets	103.3	105.0	106.8	1.7	3.4	0.43	0.44	0.01
Sports participation	104.6	107.4	109.0	1.5	4.2	1.03	1.04	0.01
Other recreational, sporting and cultural services	105.1	107.0	110.3	3.1	4.9	1.18	1.21	0.03
Education	108.9	108.8	114.4	5.1	5.1	3.54	3.73	0.19
Education	108.9	108.8	114.4	5.1	5.1	3.54	3.73	0.19
Preschool and primary education	107.8	107.2	112.5	4.9	4.4	0.57	0.60	0.03
Secondary education	109.3	109.3	115.9	6.0	6.0	1.42	1.50	0.08
Tertiary education	109.0	109.0	113.7	4.3	4.3	1.55	1.62	0.07
Insurance and financial services	103.4	104.3	104.7	0.4	1.3	5.36	5.38	0.02
Insurance	109.8	108.8	109.1	0.3	-0.6	1.59	1.59	0.00
Insurance	109.8	108.8	109.1	0.3	-0.6	1.59	1.59	0.00
Financial services	100.8	102.5	103.0	0.5	2.2	3.77	3.78	0.01
Deposit and loan facilities (direct charges)	100.1	99.9	100.6	0.7	0.5	0.75	0.75	0.00
Other financial services	101.0	103.2	103.6	0.4	2.6	3.02	3.03	0.01
All groups CPI	102.4	104.8	105.4	0.6	2.9	104.8	105.4	0.6

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	INDEX NUMBERS(b)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS CPI INDEX POINTS)		CHANGE IN POINTS CONTRIBUTION
	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2013 to</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2013 to</i>	<i>Dec Qtr</i>	<i>Mar Qtr</i>	<i>Dec Qtr 2013 to</i>
	2013	2013	2014	<i>Mar Qtr 2014</i>	<i>Mar Qtr 2014</i>	2013	2014	<i>Mar Qtr 2014</i>
All groups CPI	102.4	104.8	105.4	0.6	2.9	104.8	105.4	0.6
All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted	102.3	104.8	105.3	0.5	2.9	..	..	..
Underlying trend series								
Trimmed mean	102.5	104.7	105.2	0.5	2.6	..	..	..
Weighted median	102.8	105.0	105.6	0.6	2.7	..	..	..
International trade exposure series								
Tradables	98.6	100.8	101.2	0.4	2.6	39.25	39.42	0.17
Non-tradables	104.8	107.3	108.1	0.7	3.1	65.52	65.97	0.45
Goods and services series								
Goods component	101.0	103.1	103.7	0.6	2.7	59.48	59.83	0.35
Services component	104.3	107.1	107.7	0.6	3.3	45.30	45.57	0.27
All groups CPI including								
Deposit and loan facilities (indirect charges)	102.3	104.6	105.4	0.8	3.0	..	..	..
Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'								
Goods	100.1	101.7	101.8	0.1	1.7	47.46	47.51	0.05
Services	102.9	105.6	105.5	-0.1	2.5	32.30	32.25	-0.05
<i>Total</i>	101.2	103.3	103.3	0.0	2.1	79.76	79.75	-0.01
All groups CPI excluding								
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	102.9	105.3	106.0	0.7	3.0	88.14	88.71	0.57
Alcohol and tobacco	102.2	104.5	104.9	0.4	2.6	97.01	97.41	0.40
Clothing and footwear	102.6	105.0	105.7	0.7	3.0	100.82	101.52	0.70
Housing	101.5	103.6	104.3	0.7	2.8	80.11	80.60	0.49
Furnishings, household equipment and services	102.7	105.0	105.9	0.9	3.1	95.54	96.30	0.76
Health	102.1	104.5	105.0	0.5	2.8	99.00	99.48	0.48
Transport	102.5	105.0	105.6	0.6	3.0	92.85	93.34	0.49
Communication	102.4	104.8	105.4	0.6	2.9	101.62	102.23	0.61
Recreation and culture	102.9	105.1	105.9	0.8	2.9	92.01	92.69	0.68
Education	102.2	104.6	105.1	0.5	2.8	101.23	101.67	0.44
Insurance and financial services	102.3	104.8	105.4	0.6	3.0	99.42	100.02	0.60
Housing, Insurance and financial services	101.4	103.6	104.2	0.6	2.8	74.75	75.22	0.47
Medical and hospital services	102.1	104.5	105.0	0.5	2.8	100.88	101.43	0.55
Food and energy	102.3	104.6	105.1	0.5	2.7	83.74	84.12	0.38
'Volatile items'	102.6	104.9	105.4	0.5	2.7	98.59	99.04	0.45

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(a) Refer to paragraphs 11 and 12 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of these series.

<i>Period</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Korea, Republic of</i>	<i>Singapore</i>	<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>
2009–10	95.9	94.3	92.7	89.6	99.9	93.5	92.5	97.3	94.9	94.2	96.7	90.0
2010–11	98.3	98.1	96.3	95.7	99.9	97.1	96.2	98.4	97.4	96.8	98.1	95.0
2011–12	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0
2012–13	101.4	100.2	103.0	105.5	99.6	100.8	102.7	102.0	100.9	101.5	101.9	103.3
2010												
March	96.1	94.4	93.5	89.8	99.5	93.7	92.7	96.9	95.0	94.4	96.7	90.4
June	96.7	94.5	93.9	91.3	99.8	94.6	93.9	97.2	95.5	95.1	97.1	92.3
September	97.0	95.6	94.2	94.0	99.6	95.5	94.8	97.6	95.9	95.1	97.4	92.5
December	97.5	97.9	95.3	95.7	100.1	96.3	95.5	98.7	96.6	95.5	97.7	93.8
2011												
March	98.9	98.9	97.2	96.3	99.6	98.0	97.0	98.3	97.6	97.1	98.4	95.9
June	99.9	99.8	98.4	96.6	100.2	98.6	97.5	99.1	99.3	99.4	99.0	97.9
September	100.1	100.1	98.4	98.7	99.9	100.0	98.7	99.1	99.4	99.7	99.5	98.5
December	99.9	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.7	99.6	99.5	100.3	99.5	99.3	99.6	99.7
2012												
March	99.7	100.1	100.6	100.4	100.0	100.2	100.4	99.7	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.3
June	100.3	100.2	101.4	101.3	100.2	100.2	101.3	100.9	101.0	101.1	100.8	101.4
September	101.2	100.3	101.6	103.3	99.5	100.4	102.0	102.4	100.6	101.2	101.2	101.6
December	101.4	99.9	102.4	104.1	99.5	100.7	102.7	102.2	100.5	101.0	101.6	103.1
2013												
March	101.4	100.3	103.6	106.8	99.4	101.3	103.9	101.7	101.0	101.6	102.1	103.8
June	101.7	100.1	104.4	107.6	100.0	100.9	102.3	101.7	101.5	102.2	102.5	104.8
September	102.7	101.1	105.1	112.9	100.6	101.3	103.4	102.3	101.6	102.4	103.3	105.2
December	103.6	100.9	106.0	113.5	101.2	101.3	104.5	102.7	101.3	101.8	103.4	106.0
2014												
March	104.2	nya	nya	nya	nya	102.2	nya	102.4	nya	nya	103.5	nya

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<i>Period</i>	<i>Australia</i>	<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>Japan</i>	<i>Korea, Republic of</i>	<i>Singapore</i>	<i>Taiwan</i>	<i>Canada</i>	<i>United States of America</i>	<i>Germany</i>	<i>United Kingdom</i>
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous year)												
2009–10	1.9	1.8	1.4	3.7	-1.9	2.5	1.2	0.0	1.3	1.4	0.7	4.0
2010–11	2.5	4.0	3.9	6.8	0.0	3.9	4.0	1.1	2.6	2.8	1.4	5.6
2011–12	1.7	1.9	3.8	4.5	0.1	3.0	4.0	1.6	2.7	3.4	1.9	5.3
2012–13	1.4	0.2	3.0	5.5	-0.4	0.8	2.7	2.0	0.9	1.4	1.9	3.3

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)

2010												
March	2.1	2.2	3.0	3.7	-1.3	2.6	1.8	-0.6	2.6	3.6	1.2	5.2
June	2.1	1.7	3.6	5.5	-1.0	2.5	4.2	0.3	1.4	3.0	1.1	5.7
September	2.0	1.5	3.5	6.3	-0.9	3.0	4.1	0.4	1.6	1.9	1.0	5.0
December	2.1	4.0	3.3	7.8	0.2	3.8	3.7	1.1	2.2	1.8	1.1	5.2
2011												
March	2.9	4.8	4.0	7.2	0.1	4.6	4.6	-0.4	2.7	2.9	1.8	6.1
June	3.3	5.6	4.8	5.8	0.4	4.2	3.8	0.8	4.0	4.5	2.0	6.1
September	3.2	4.7	4.5	5.0	0.3	4.7	4.1	0.0	3.6	4.8	2.2	6.5
December	2.5	1.7	4.4	4.0	-0.4	3.4	4.2	1.2	3.0	4.0	1.9	6.3
2012												
March	0.8	1.2	3.5	4.3	0.4	2.2	3.5	-0.6	2.6	3.2	1.8	4.6
June	0.4	0.4	3.0	4.9	0.0	1.6	3.9	1.2	1.7	1.7	1.8	3.6
September	1.1	0.2	3.3	4.7	-0.4	0.4	3.3	3.3	1.2	1.5	1.7	3.1
December	1.5	0.3	2.9	4.6	-0.2	1.1	3.2	1.9	1.0	1.7	2.0	3.4
2013												
March	1.7	0.2	3.0	6.4	-0.6	1.1	3.5	2.0	0.9	1.4	1.9	3.5
June	1.4	-0.1	3.0	6.2	-0.2	0.7	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.1	1.7	3.4
September	1.5	0.8	3.4	9.3	1.1	0.9	1.4	-0.1	1.0	1.2	2.1	3.5
December	2.2	1.0	3.5	9.0	1.7	0.6	1.8	0.5	0.8	0.8	1.8	2.8
2014												
March	2.8	nya	nya	nya	nya	0.9	nya	0.7	nya	nya	1.4	nya

PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)

2010												
March	0.6	0.3	1.3	1.1	-0.4	1.0	0.7	1.6	0.5	0.6	0.1	1.3
June	0.6	0.1	0.4	1.7	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.3	0.5	0.7	0.4	2.1
September	0.3	1.2	0.3	3.0	-0.2	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2
December	0.5	2.4	1.2	1.8	0.5	0.8	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.4	0.3	1.4
2011												
March	1.4	1.0	2.0	0.6	-0.5	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.7	0.7	2.2
June	1.0	0.9	1.2	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.5	2.0	1.7	2.4	0.6	2.1
September	0.2	0.3	0.0	2.2	-0.3	1.4	1.2	1.5	0.1	0.3	0.5	0.6
December	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	0.8	-0.2	-0.4	0.8	1.6	0.1	-0.4	0.1	1.2
2012												
March	-0.2	0.5	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.4	0.6	0.9	0.6	0.6
June	0.6	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.2	0.0	0.9	1.8	0.9	0.9	0.6	1.1
September	0.9	0.1	0.2	2.0	-0.7	0.2	0.7	1.5	-0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2
December	0.2	-0.4	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2	0.4	1.5
2013												
March	0.0	0.4	1.2	2.6	-0.1	0.6	1.2	-0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.7
June	0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.7	0.6	-0.4	-1.5	0.0	0.5	0.6	0.4	1.0
September	1.0	1.0	0.7	4.9	0.6	0.4	1.1	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.8	0.4
December	0.9	-0.2	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.0	1.1	0.4	-0.3	-0.6	0.1	0.8
2014												
March	0.6	nya	nya	nya	nya	0.9	nya	-0.3	nya	nya	0.1	nya

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CPI

1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures quarterly changes in the price of a 'basket' of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditure by the CPI population group (i.e. metropolitan households). This 'basket' covers a wide range of goods and services, arranged in the following eleven groups:

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages
- Alcohol and tobacco
- Clothing and footwear
- Housing
- Furnishings, household equipment and services
- Health
- Transport
- Communication
- Recreation and culture
- Education
- Insurance and financial services.

2 Capital city indexes used by the CPI are based on the 2006 Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) statistical divisions. 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 *Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2011* (cat. no. 6461.0). An updated version reflecting the changes made during the 16th series review was released on 19 December 2011.

PRICES

4 The frequency of price collection by item varies as necessary to obtain reliable price measures. Prices of some items are volatile (i.e. their prices may vary many times each quarter) and for these items frequent price observations are necessary to obtain a reliable measure of the average price for the quarter. Each month prices are collected at regular intervals for goods such as milk, bread, fresh meat and seafood, fresh fruit and vegetables, alcohol, tobacco, women's outerwear, project homes, motor vehicles, petrol and holiday travel and accommodation. For most other items, price volatility is not a problem and prices are collected once a quarter. There are a few items where prices are changed at infrequent intervals, for example education fees where prices are set once a year. In these cases, the frequency of price collection is modified accordingly.

5 In order to facilitate a more even spread of field collection workload, the number of items for which prices are collected quarterly is distributed roughly equally across each month of each quarter. In all cases, however, individual items are priced in the same month of each quarter. For example, items for which prices are collected in the first month of the September quarter, July, are also priced in the first month of subsequent quarters, namely October, January and April.

WEIGHTING PATTERN

6 There are 87 expenditure classes (that is, groupings of like items) in the 16th 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 six yearly intervals to take account of changes in household spending patterns. The CPI now comprises sixteen series of price indexes which have been linked to form a continuous series. The current and historical weighting patterns for the CPI for the weighted average of the eight capital cities are published in *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948 to 2011)* (cat. no. 6431.0). The 16th series weighting pattern for the weighted average of eight capital cities and for each of the eight capital cities, as well as each city's percentage contribution to the weighted average, are also published in the

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WEIGHTING PATTERN *continued*

Consumer Price Index: 16th Series Weighting Pattern (cat. no. 6471.0). Both publications are available on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>.

ANALYSIS OF CPI CHANGES

8 Movements in indexes from one period to another can be expressed either as changes in index points or as percentage changes. The following example illustrates the method of calculating changes in index points and percentage changes between any two periods:

All groups CPI: Weighted average of eight capital cities. Index numbers:

June Quarter 2012 100.4 (see Table 1)

less June Quarter 2011 99.2 (see Table 1)

Change in index points 1.2

Percentage change $1.2/99.2 \times 100 = 1.2\%$ (see Table 2)

9 Percentage changes are calculated to illustrate three different kinds of movements in index numbers:

- movements between consecutive financial years (where the index numbers for financial years are simple averages of the quarterly index numbers)
- movements between corresponding quarters of consecutive years
- movements between consecutive quarters.

10 Table 7 provides a detailed analysis, for the weighted average of eight capital cities, of movements in the CPI since the previous quarter, including information on movements for groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes. It also shows the contribution which each makes to the total CPI. For instance, the dairy and related products sub-group contributed 1.13 index points to the total All groups index number of 100.4 for the June Quarter 2012. The final column shows contributions to the change in All Groups index points by each group, sub-group and expenditure class.

ANALYTICAL SERIES

11 Various series are presented in Table 8 in this publication to assist users analyse the CPI. Some of the analytical series are compiled by taking subsets of the CPI basket, and most are self explanatory, such as 'All groups CPI excluding Food and non-alcoholic beverages'. (A complete list of CPI groups, sub-groups and expenditure classes is contained in Tables 6 and 7). Other series and their composition are described below:

- *All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted*: Comprises all components included in the All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted where seasonality has been identified at the weighted average of eight capital cities level. Seasonal adjustment factors are calculated using the history of price changes up to the current quarter CPI and are revised each quarter.
- *Underlying trend series, 'Trimmed mean' and 'Weighted median'*: These are two analytical measures of trend inflation calculated from the June quarter 2002 using standard ABS seasonal adjustment techniques. For more information see the *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003). The Trimmed mean and Weighted median are calculated using the distribution of expenditure classes each quarter derived as follows:
 - Where CPI expenditure classes are identified as having a seasonal pattern, quarterly price changes are estimated on a seasonally adjusted basis. In the 16th series, 62 out of the 87 expenditure classes are classified as seasonal. A description of which series are seasonal is published in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no 6401.0).
 - The CPI expenditure classes are ranked from lowest to highest according to the seasonally adjusted percentage change from the previous quarter.
 - The seasonally adjusted relative weight of each expenditure class is calculated based on its previous quarter contribution to the All groups CPI.

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ANALYTICAL SERIES *continued*

- The 'Trimmed mean' is calculated by using a weighted average of percentage change from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted) from the middle 70 per cent of the distribution.
- The 'Weighted median' is calculated using the percentage change from the previous quarter (seasonally adjusted) expenditure class at the 50th percentile of the distribution.
- *International trade exposure series, Tradables component*: Comprises all items whose prices are largely determined on the world market. For more information, see paragraph 12 below.
- *International trade exposure series, Non-tradables component*: Comprises all items not included in the Tradables component.
- *All groups CPI, goods component*: Comprises the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group (except Restaurant meals); Alcohol and tobacco group; Clothing and footwear group (except Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing and footwear); Furnishings, household equipment and services group (except Domestic and household services sub-group); Utilities, Audio, visual and computing equipment and services, and Newspapers, books and stationery sub-groups; and New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers, Pharmaceutical products, Motor vehicles, Automotive fuel, Spare parts and accessories for motor vehicles, Equipment for sports, camping and open-air recreation, Games, toys and hobbies and Pets and related products expenditure classes.
- *All groups CPI, services component*: Comprises all items not included in the 'All groups CPI, goods component'. A description of which series are goods or services is published in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no 6401.0).
- *All groups CPI including Deposit and loan facilities (indirect charges)*: One of the outcomes of the 16th series CPI Review was to remove the indirectly measured component of the Deposit and loan facilities index from the headline CPI but to include it in a new analytical series. This index includes the 16th series All groups CPI plus the indirectly measured component of the Deposit and loan facilities index.
- *Market goods and services excluding 'volatile items'*: in addition to the items excluded from the series 'All groups CPI excluding 'volatile items'', also excludes: Utilities, Property rates and charges, Child care, Health, Other services in respect of motor vehicles, Urban transport fares, Postal services, and Education.
- *All groups CPI excluding Insurance and financial services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from the September quarter 1989 to the June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and mortgage interest charges and consumer credit charges; from the September quarter 1998 to the June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from the September quarter 2000 to the June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding insurance services; from the September quarter 2005 to the June quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Financial and insurance services; from the September quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Insurance and financial services.

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ANALYTICAL SERIES *continued*

- *All groups CPI excluding Housing and Insurance and financial services*: Reflecting the changing composition of the CPI, from the September quarter 1989 to the June quarter 1998, comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house contents insurance, vehicle insurance and consumer credit charges; from the September quarter 1998 to the June quarter 2000 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing, house insurance, house contents insurance and vehicle insurance; from the September quarter 2000 to the June quarter 2005 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and insurance services; from the September quarter 2005 to the June quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and Financial and insurance services; from the September quarter 2011 comprises the All groups CPI excluding Housing and Insurance and financial services.
- *All groups CPI excluding food and energy*: Comprises the All groups CPI excluding the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group (except Restaurant meals); Electricity, Gas and other household fuels; and Automotive fuel.
- *All groups CPI excluding 'volatile items'*: Comprises the All groups CPI excluding Fruit and vegetables and Automotive fuel.

12 The International trade exposure series was reviewed and updated for the 16th series. There were five changes of classification. 'Cakes and biscuits' and 'Jams, honey and spreads' were reclassified from non-tradable to tradable. 'Waters, soft drinks and juices', 'Newspapers, magazines and stationery' and 'Pets and related products' were reclassified from tradable to non-tradable. A description of which series are tradable or non-tradable is published in Appendix 1 of the September quarter 2011 issue of *Consumer Price Index, Australia* (cat. no 6401.0). These changes are included from the September quarter 2011. The historical tradable and non-tradable series will not be revised.

ROUNDING

13 The published index numbers have been rounded to one decimal place, and the percentage changes (also rounded to one decimal place) are calculated from the rounded index numbers. In some cases, this can result in the percentage change for the total level of a group of indexes being outside the range of the percentage changes for the component level indexes. Seasonally adjusted estimates are calculated from rounded index numbers. The underlying trend estimates, Trimmed mean and Weighted median, are calculated from unrounded component series. The percentage changes for the seasonal and underlying series (rounded to one decimal place) are calculated from the rounded index numbers.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES

14 Seasonally adjusted estimates are derived by estimating and removing systematic calendar related effects from the original series. In most economic data these calendar related effects are a combination of the classical seasonal influences (e.g. the effect of the weather, social traditions or administrative practices such as government charges increasing on 1 July each year) plus other kinds of calendar related variations, such as Easter or the proximity of significant days in the year (e.g. Christmas). In the seasonal adjustment process, both seasonal and other calendar related factors evolve over time to reflect changes in activity patterns. The seasonally adjusted estimates reflect the sampling and non-sampling errors to which the original estimates are subject.

15 The CPI uses a concurrent seasonal adjustment methodology to derive the adjustment factors. This method uses the original time series available at each reference period to estimate seasonal factors for the current and previous quarters. Concurrent seasonal adjustment is technically superior to the more traditional method of reanalysing seasonal patterns once each year because it uses all available data to fine tune the estimates of the seasonal component each quarter. With concurrent analysis, the seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision each quarter as the estimates of the seasonal factors are improved. In most instances, the only significant revisions will be to the combined adjustment factors for the previous quarter and for the same quarter in

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDEXES *continued*

the preceding year as the reference quarter (i.e. if the latest quarter is September quarter 2011 then the most significant revisions will be to June quarter 2011 and September quarter 2010). The seasonal patterns are also reanalysed on an annual basis or when there are known changes to regular events. This can lead to additional revisions.

16 Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) modelling can improve the revision properties of the seasonally adjusted and trend estimates. ARIMA modelling relies on the characteristics of the series being analysed to project future period data. The projected values are temporary, intermediate values, that are only used internally to improve the estimation of the seasonal factors. The projected data do not affect the original estimates and are discarded at the end of the seasonal adjustment process. From the December quarter 2012, the Consumer Price Index uses ARIMA modelling where appropriate for individual time series. The ARIMA model is assessed as part of the annual reanalysis. For more information on ARIMA modelling see Feature article: Use of ARIMA modelling to reduce revisions in the October 2004 issue of *Australian Economic Indicators* (cat. no. 1350.0).

17 The ABS applies seasonal adjustment to the expenditure class components of the CPI which are found to be seasonal, and then aggregates the seasonally adjusted and non-seasonally adjusted components to calculate the All groups CPI, seasonally adjusted, Trimmed mean and Weighted median estimates. The seasonally adjusted expenditure class components are available in Table 15 – CPI expenditure class, seasonally adjusted index numbers, weighted average of eight capital cities. The seasonal factors used to derive these seasonally adjusted indexes are available in Table 16 – CPI expenditure class, combined seasonal adjustment factors, weighted average of eight capital cities. For more information about seasonal adjustment of the CPI please refer to *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003).

INTERNATIONAL COMPARISONS

18 In analysing price movements in Australia, an important consideration is Australia's performance relative to other countries. However, a simple comparison of All groups (or headline) CPIs is often inappropriate because of the different measurement approaches used by countries for certain products, particularly housing and financial and insurance services. To provide a better basis for international comparisons, the 17th International Conference of Labour Statisticians adopted a resolution which called for countries to 'if possible, compile and provide for dissemination to the international community an index that excludes housing and financial services' in addition to the all-items index.

19 Table 9 presents indexes for selected countries on a basis consistent with the above resolution and comparable to the Australian series 'All groups excluding Housing and Insurance and financial services' (see paragraph 11). However, other than Australia and New Zealand, the countries represented in this table are yet to develop indexes on this basis, so the indexes presented here are consistent with the series previously published for All groups excluding Housing. To facilitate comparisons, all indexes in this table have been converted, where necessary, to a quarterly basis and re-referenced to an index reference period of 2011–12 = 100.0. Index numbers and percentage changes are always published to one decimal place, and the percentage changes are calculated from the rounded index numbers. Index numbers for periods longer than a single quarter (e.g. for financial years) are calculated as the simple arithmetic average of the rounded quarterly index numbers.

20 In producing Table 9, the ABS is grateful for the assistance of the relevant national statistical agencies which have either directly supplied indexes for all items excluding housing and insurance and financial services or data to enable their derivation.

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REVISIONS

21 CPI original indexes are revised only in exceptional circumstances, such as to correct a significant error. As is the case with all price indexes, the index reference period (i.e. the period in which the index is set equal to 100.0) will be changed periodically. The index number levels for all periods will be changed by this process and it may also result in differences, due to rounding, between the percentage changes published on the old base and those on the new base. Seasonally adjusted indexes (including the Trimmed mean and Weighted median) for some quarters will be revised as extra quarters are included in the series analysed for seasonal influences (see paragraphs 14 to 17).

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

22 Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed on the ABS website <<http://www.abs.gov.au>>. The ABS also issues a daily *Release Advice* on the website which details products to be released in the week ahead.

23 Users may also wish to refer to the following publications and other data products that are available free of charge from the ABS website:

- *A Guide to the Consumer Price Index, 16th Series* (cat. no. 6440.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concepts, Sources and Methods, 2011* (cat. no. 6461.0)
- *Information Paper: Introduction of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index, 2011* (cat. no. 6470.0)
- *Information Paper: Outcome of the 16th Series Australian Consumer Price Index Review, Australia* (cat. no. 6469.0)
- *Consumer Price Index Commodity Classification, Australia, 16th Series, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.004)
- *Consumer Price Index: 16th Series Weighting Pattern* (cat. no. 6471.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Historical Weighting Patterns (1948–2011)* (cat. no. 6431.0)
- *Analytical Living Cost Indexes and Pensioner and Beneficiary Living Cost Index: 16th Series Weighting Patterns* (cat. no. 6472.0)
- *Consumer Price Index: Concordance with Household Expenditure Classification, Australia* (cat. no. 6446.0.55.001)
- *Information Paper: Seasonal Adjustment of Consumer Price Indexes, 2011* (cat. no. 6401.0.55.003)
- *Information Paper: Experimental Price Indexes for Financial Services* (cat. no. 6413.0)
- *Information Paper: The Introduction of Hedonic Price Indexes for Personal Computers* (cat. no. 6458.0)
- *Analytical Living Cost Indexes for Selected Australian Household Types* (cat. no. 6463.0)
- *Selected Living Cost Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6467.0)
- *House Price Indexes: Eight Capital Cities* (cat. no. 6416.0)
- *Producer Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6427.0)
- *International Trade Price Indexes, Australia* (cat. no. 6457.0)
- *Wage Price Index, Australia* (cat. no. 6345.0)

DATA AVAILABLE

24 As well as the statistics included in this publication, there is more detailed data for each capital city available on the ABS website. Inquiries should be made to the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

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