

8 APPENDIX THREE

COMMODITY WEIGHTS

The weights listed below for the Regional Prices Index are derived from the Australian Bureau of Statistics' Consumer Price Index (12th Series). The weights are used to indicate the relative significance that each purchase has in relation to other items purchased in the basket of goods. The relative significance of these items is translated to percentages and aggregated to 100% for the whole basket of goods (all groups).

The eight groups or categories of goods that make up the basket are food, clothing, housing, household equipment and operation, transport, tobacco and alcohol, health and personal care, and recreation and education.

These groups are composed of a number of sub-groups, which are also weighted and aggregated to 100% signifying the relative importance of each sub-group. For example, Clothing has the sub-groups of men's and boys' clothing (33.86%), women's and girls' clothing (59.6%) and fabrics and knitting wool (6.53%).

In turn, each of the sub-groups is composed of a number of items and services, which are priced. These items are then weighted to signify their importance to the sub-group. For example, dairy products is a sub-group of food and is composed of items including milk (61.58%), cheese (22.56%), butter (4.27%) and other dairy products (11.59%). When the prices are collected and compared between towns or regions, the price difference in the cost of a carton of milk will have a significant impact on the dairy sub-group, as milk has a weight of 61.58%. The dairy sub-group will have an impact equivalent to 8.6% on the food group; and the food group will have an impact of 19.08% on the index.

Group, Sub-group & Item Weights

GROUP	SUB-GROUP & ITEM	% OF SUB-GROUP	% OF GROUP	% OF ALL GROUPS
FOOD				19.08%
	Dairy Products		8.60%	
	Milk	61.58%		
	Cheese	22.56%		
	Butter	4.27%		
	Other dairy products	11.59%		
		100.00%		
	Cereal		10.90%	
	Bread fresh/frozen	42.31%		
	Biscuits/cakes	35.10%		
	Breakfast cereals	14.42%		
	Other cereals	8.17%		
		100.00%		
	Soft Drinks, Ice cream & Confectionery		16.72%	
	Soft drinks & cordials	43.89%		
	Ice cream	12.54%		
	Confectionery	43.57%		
		100.00%		

GROUP	SUB-GROUP & ITEM	% OF SUB-GROUP	% OF GROUP	% OF ALL GROUPS
	Other Foods		9.17%	
	Cooking oils	6.29%		
	Eggs	8.00%		
	Sugar	2.85%		
	Jams, honey, sandwich spread	10.29%		
	Tea, coffee, food drinks	19.43%		
	Miscellaneous	29.71%		
	Table margarine	6.86%		
	Food additives, sauces, spices	16.57%		
		100.00%		
	Meat and Seafood		16.72%	
	Beef	28.21%		
	Lamb	9.40%		
	Pork	5.64%		
	Poultry	11.60%		
	Bacon	11.61%		
	Processed meats	25.39%		
	Fish	8.15%		
		100.00%		
	Fresh Fruit and Vegetables		9.49%	
	Fresh fruit	50.83%		
	Potatoes	11.05%		
	Other fresh vegetables	38.12%		
		100.00%		
	Processed Fruit and Vegetables		4.45%	
	Processed fruit	16.47%		
	Fruit juice	48.24%		
	Processed vegetables	35.29%		
		100.00%		
	Meals Out and Takeaway Food		23.95%	
	Restaurant – Hotels etc.	33.26%		
	Takeaway foods	66.74%		
		100.00%		
TOTAL FOR FOOD SUB-GROUPS			100.00%	

GROUP	SUB-GROUP & ITEM	% OF SUB-GROUP	% OF GROUP	% OF ALL GROUPS
CLOTHING				5.05%
	Men's and Boys' Clothing		33.86%	
	Men's clothing	75.44%		
	Boy's clothing	24.56%		
		100.00%		
	Women's and Girls' Clothing		59.60%	
	Women's clothing	84.05%		
	Girls' clothing	15.95%		
		100.00%		
	Fabrics and Knitting Wool		6.53%	
	Haberdashery	100.00%		
TOTAL FOR CLOTHING SUB-GROUPS			100.00%	
HOUSING				13.06%
	Rents		22.97%	
	Privately owned dwellings	100.00%		
	Home ownership		77.03%	
	Mortgage interest rate charges	61.73%		
	Local government rates & charges	23.56%		
	House repairs & maintenance	14.71%		
		100.00%		
TOTAL FOR HOUSING SUB-GROUPS			100.00%	
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION				19.84%
	Fuel and light		11.79%	
	Electricity	82.05%		
	Gas – bottled	17.95%		
		100.00%		
	Furniture		31.85%	
	Furniture	100.00%		
	Appliances		9.76%	
	Appliances	100.00%		
	Household Utensils and Tools		4.84%	
	Kitchen and cooking utensils	48.95%		
	Cleaning utensils	9.38%		
	Tools	41.67%		
		100.00%		

GROUP	SUB-GROUP & ITEM	% OF SUB-GROUP	% OF GROUP	% OF ALL GROUPS
	Household Supplies and Services		21.62%	
	Household cleaning products	25.41%		
	Paper products	14.92%		
	Non durables	33.33%		
	Veterinary	6.29%		
	Pet food	20.05%		
		100.00%		
	Postal and Telephone Services		9.09%	
	Postal services	12.78%		
	Telephone services	87.22%		
		100.00%		
	Consumer Credit Charges		11.06%	
	Consumer credit charges	100.00%		
TOTAL FOR HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION SUB-GROUPS			100.00%	
TRANSPORT			15.79%	
	Private Motoring		100.00%	
	Motor vehicles	29.96%		
	Fuel	40.98%		
	Tyres and tubes	2.90%		
	Motoring charges	6.97%		
	Auto parts	19.19%		
		100.00%		
TOTAL FOR TRANSPORT SUB-GROUPS			100.00%	
TOBACCO & ALCOHOL			9.77%	
	Cigarettes and Tobacco		35.72%	
	Cigarettes and tobacco	100.00%		
	Alcoholic Drinks		64.28%	
	Beer	65.13%		
	Wine	17.99%		
	Spirits	16.88%		
		100.00%		
TOTAL FOR TOBACCO & ALCOHOL SUB-GROUPS			100.00%	

GROUP	SUB-GROUP & ITEM	% OF SUB-GROUP	% OF GROUP	% OF ALL GROUPS
HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE				7.39%
	Health Services		57.65%	
	Hospital and medical	84.74%		
	Optical	3.52%		
	Dental	11.74%		
		100.00%		
	Personal Care Products		29.63%	
	Personal care products	100.00%		
	Hairdressing Services		12.72%	
	Hairdressing services	100.00%		
TOTAL FOR HEALTH & PERSONAL CARE SUB-GROUPS				100.00%

RECREATION & EDUCATION				10.02%
	Books, Newspapers & Magazines		14.97%	
	Books, newspapers & magazines	100.00%		
	Recreation Goods		28.74%	
	Records, cassettes etc.	27.43%		
	Sports & photographic	72.57%		
		100.00%		
	Recreation Services		41.32%	
	Video Hire	100.00%		
	Education Fees		14.97%	
	High school - (Administration fees for government schools)	88.00%		
	Primary school - (Administration fees for government schools)	12.00%		
		100.00%		
TOTAL FOR RECREATION & EDUCATION SUB-GROUPS				100.00%