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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
MONTHLY FOOD GROUP INDEX NUMBERS, SEPTEMBER 1975

This bulletin contains monthly Consumer Price Index numbers for the Food Group and its component sub-groups. The Food Group is the only group of the index for which prices are collected monthly. Quarterly index numbers for the All Groups Consumer Price Index and its groups and sub-groups (including the Food Group) are contained in the quarterly bulletin *Consumer Price Index* (Reference No. 9.1). Detailed information about the Consumer Price Index can be found in that bulletin and in *Labour Report No. 58, 1973* (Reference No. 6.7).

2. Compared with the previous month, the Food Group index increased by 1.1% for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. Changes in individual cities were : Sydney +1.2%, Melbourne +1.6%, Brisbane +0.6%, Adelaide +0.6%, Perth +0.4%, Hobart +0.9%, Canberra +0.8%.

3. Recent monthly changes in the Food Group index have been as follows :

Percentage Change from Preceding Month

| Month     | Six          | Sydney   | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth    | Hobart   | Canberra |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|           | Capitals (a) |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
|           | Per cent     | Per cent | Per cent  | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| 1974-75   |              |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| September | +0.6         | +0.7     | +0.1      | +1.1     | +0.6     | +1.3     | +1.7     | +0.6     |
| October   | -0.3         | -0.4     | -0.2      | -1.8     | +0.7     | +0.3     | +1.0     | 0.7      |
| November  | -1.6         | -1.4     | -2.1      | -2.8     | -1.0     | +0.5     | -1.0     | 2.0      |
| December  | -0.4         | -0.2     | -0.7      | -0.9     | -0.8     | +1.3     | -0.5     | -1.6     |
| January   | +1.1         | +0.9     | +0.6      | +2.1     | +1.3     | +2.2     | +0.5     | +1.9     |
| February  | +0.6         | +0.4     | +0.6      | +0.6     | +0.8     | +1.5     | +0.1     | +1.0     |
| March     | +1.3         | +1.5     | +0.8      | +2.0     | +1.2     | +2.3     | +0.7     | +2.1     |
| April     | +1.6         | +0.8     | +2.4      | +1.5     | +2.4     | +1.4     | +1.6     | +2.4     |
| May       | +0.7         | +0.7     | +0.7      | -0.2     | +0.5     | +0.8     | +1.2     | +0.6     |
| June      | +0.4         | ..       | +1.0      | +0.2     | +0.5     | +0.8     | +0.7     | -0.2     |
| 1975-76   |              |          |           |          |          |          |          |          |
| July      | +0.3         | +0.6     | +0.3      | +0.5     | -0.1     | -1.0     | +0.9     | +1.0     |
| August    | +0.7         | +0.5     | +0.9      | +0.4     | +0.4     | +0.8     | +2.0     | +1.1     |
| September | +1.1         | +1.2     | +1.6      | +0.6     | +0.6     | +0.4     | +0.9     | +0.8     |

(a) Weighted average of six State capital cities.

4. For the weighted average of the six State capital cities the main changes this month were increases in the prices of lamb and beef (in all cities except Perth). Bread prices increased in Perth and Canberra.

5. Between September 1974 and September 1975 the Food Group index for the weighted average of the six State capital cities increased by 5.7%. Increases in individual cities during this twelve month period were : Sydney 4.7%, Melbourne 6.0%, Brisbane 1.9%, Adelaide 6.7%, Perth 11.9%, Hobart 8.4%, Canberra 6.3%.

6. As at September quarter 1974 the Food Group contributed 27.930 per cent to the total Consumer Price Index aggregate for the weighted average of the six State capital cities. This is the only group for which prices are collected each month, the complete All Groups price index being prepared quarterly. For potatoes and onions, weekly prices are collected and averaged to arrive at monthly prices. Prices for other food items are collected as at the middle of each month.

7. In analysing trends in food prices it should be remembered that some food prices are subject to significant irregular fluctuations as a result of seasonality of supply and demand and other factors. These fluctuations frequently cause disparate movements in the index numbers for the various cities. Also, if these fluctuations occur in combination with significant changes in quantities consumed, index numbers at aggregative levels, which are calculated with relative weights reflecting a normal pattern of consumption, are likely to be less reliable as general indicators of month-to-month movements during the relevant period.

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. Users of figures in Table 1 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.

TABLE 1. — CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
PARTICULARS FOR FOOD GROUP AND ITS SUB-GROUPS  
AUGUST 1975 AND SEPTEMBER 1975

| Group and sub-group                                 | Index Numbers<br>(Base of each Index :<br>Year 1966-67=100.0)(a) |                   |   | Contribution of Sub-Groups, etc. to Total (b) expressed<br>as All Groups Index Points (quarterly basis) (c) |                   |  |
|---|--|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|--|
|   | August<br>1975   | September<br>1975 | Percentage<br>change<br>since August<br>% | August<br>1975  | September<br>1975 | Change in All<br>Groups Index Points<br>since August |
| <b>WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES</b> |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                                     | 202.9  | 204.2             | +0.6                                      | 6.01  | 6.04              | +0.03  |
| Dairy produce                                       | 162.9  | 162.8             | ..  | 8.61  | 8.61              | ..   |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables                      | 151.6  | 153.5             | +1.3                                      | 2.23  | 2.26              | +0.03  |
| Potatoes and onions                                 | 158.5  | 154.9             | -2.3                                      | 1.27  | 1.24              | -0.03  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery         | 209.0  | 210.1             | +0.5                                      | 7.84  | 7.88              | +0.04  |
| Meat  | 160.9  | 164.8             | +2.4                                      | 15.67   | 16.05             | +0.38  |
| Beef  | 131.6  | 135.2             | +2.7                                      | 5.08  | 5.22              | +0.14  |
| Mutton  | 161.2  | 162.3             | +0.7                                      | 0.58  | 0.59              | +0.01  |
| Lamb  | 177.0  | 186.2             | +5.2                                      | 3.19  | 3.35              | +0.16  |
| Pork  | 185.3  | 188.8             | +1.9                                      | 1.59  | 1.62              | +0.03  |
| Processed meat (d)                                  | 161.3  | 162.6             | +0.8                                      | 5.23  | 5.27              | +0.04  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                          | (129.7)  | (131.8)           | +1.6                                      | 1.72  | 1.74              | +0.02  |
| Other food  | 150.2  | 151.5             | +0.9                                      | 4.58  | 4.62              | +0.04  |
| Food Group  | 171.4  | 173.3             | +1.1                                      | 47.92   | 48.45             | +0.53  |
| <b>SYDNEY</b>                                       |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                                     | 207.4  | 208.9             | +0.7                                      | 6.35  | 6.40              | +0.05  |
| Dairy produce                                       | 162.2  | 162.7             | +0.3                                      | 8.97  | 9.00              | +0.03  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables                      | 144.1  | 145.6             | +1.0                                      | 2.13  | 2.16              | +0.03  |
| Potatoes and onions                                 | 167.7  | 167.1             | -0.4                                      | 1.32  | 1.32              | ..   |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery         | 209.8  | 210.3             | +0.2                                      | 7.85  | 7.87              | +0.02  |
| Meat  | 164.4  | 168.5             | +2.5                                      | 15.54   | 15.93             | +0.39  |
| Beef  | 140.2  | 145.0             | +3.4                                      | 5.31  | 5.50              | +0.19  |
| Mutton  | 167.9  | 165.0             | -1.7                                      | 0.59  | 0.58              | -0.01  |
| Lamb  | 175.4  | 183.4             | +4.6                                      | 3.01  | 3.15              | +0.14  |
| Pork  | 178.2  | 180.7             | +1.4                                      | 1.55  | 1.57              | +0.02  |
| Processed meat (d)                                  | 157.8  | 159.6             | +1.1                                      | 5.08  | 5.13              | +0.05  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                          | (124.1)  | (125.4)           | +1.0                                      | 1.64  | 1.66              | +0.02  |
| Other food  | 149.4  | 150.3             | +0.6                                      | 4.52  | 4.55              | +0.03  |
| Food Group  | 172.7  | 174.7             | +1.2                                      | 48.32   | 48.86             | +0.54  |
| <b>MELBOURNE</b>                                    |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                                     | 200.8  | 201.2             | +0.2                                      | 6.03  | 6.04              | +0.01  |
| Dairy produce                                       | 162.5  | 162.3             | -0.1                                      | 8.13  | 8.12              | -0.01  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables                      | 157.3  | 159.6             | +1.5                                      | 2.17  | 2.20              | +0.03  |
| Potatoes and onions                                 | 145.8  | 139.5             | -4.3                                      | 1.15  | 1.10              | -0.05  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery         | 212.2  | 213.1             | +0.4                                      | 7.75  | 7.78              | +0.03  |
| Meat  | 155.9  | 162.3             | +4.1                                      | 15.00   | 15.61             | +0.61  |
| Beef  | 120.8  | 124.6             | +3.1                                      | 4.64  | 4.79              | +0.15  |
| Mutton  | 152.6  | 159.7             | +4.7                                      | 0.50  | 0.52              | +0.02  |
| Lamb  | 174.9  | 195.1             | +11.5                                     | 2.89  | 3.22              | +0.33  |
| Pork  | 188.6  | 195.5             | +3.7                                      | 1.55  | 1.61              | +0.06  |
| Processed meat (d)                                  | 165.8  | 167.5             | +1.0                                      | 5.42  | 5.48              | +0.06  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                          | (129.4)  | (132.5)           | +2.3                                      | 1.67  | 1.71              | +0.04  |
| Other food  | 149.6  | 151.9             | +1.5                                      | 4.44  | 4.51              | +0.07  |
| Food Group  | 169.7  | 172.4             | +1.6                                      | 46.33   | 47.07             | +0.74  |
| <b>BRISBANE</b>                                     |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                                     | 196.8  | 197.1             | +0.2                                      | 5.38  | 5.39              | +0.01  |
| Dairy produce                                       | 167.9  | 166.5             | -0.8                                      | 8.88  | 8.81              | -0.07  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables                      | 155.9  | 157.0             | +0.7                                      | 2.43  | 2.45              | +0.02  |
| Potatoes and onions                                 | 141.4  | 132.7             | -6.2                                      | 1.17  | 1.10              | -0.07  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery         | 196.6  | 200.2             | +1.8                                      | 7.69  | 7.83              | +0.14  |
| Meat  | 161.8  | 164.0             | +1.4                                      | 16.58   | 16.81             | +0.23  |
| Beef  | 135.8  | 140.3             | +3.3                                      | 5.05  | 5.22              | +0.17  |
| Mutton  | 139.8  | 145.0             | +3.7                                      | 0.65  | 0.67              | +0.02  |
| Lamb  | 177.9  | 181.2             | +1.9                                      | 3.80  | 3.87              | +0.07  |
| Pork  | 192.2  | 193.0             | +0.4                                      | 1.66  | 1.67              | +0.01  |
| Processed meat (d)                                  | 154.0  | 152.6             | -0.9                                      | 5.43  | 5.38              | -0.05  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                          | (134.5)  | (135.8)           | +1.0                                      | 1.86  | 1.88              | +0.02  |
| Other food  | 150.2  | 151.0             | +0.5                                      | 4.87  | 4.89              | +0.02  |
| Food Group  | 170.3  | 171.3             | +0.6                                      | 48.86   | 49.15             | +0.29  |

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AUGUST 1975 AND SEPTEMBER 1975

| Group and sub-group                         | Index Numbers<br>(Base of each Index :<br>Year 1966-67=100.0)(a) |                   |   | Contribution of Sub-Groups, etc. to Total (b) expressed<br>as All Groups Index Points (quarterly basis) (c) |                   |  |
|---|--|-------------------|---|---|-------------------|--|
|   | August<br>1975   | September<br>1975 | Percentage<br>change<br>since August<br>% | August<br>1975  | September<br>1975 | Change in All<br>Groups Index Points<br>since August |
| <b>ADELAIDE</b>                             |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                             | 204.0  | 204.8             | +0.2                                      | 5.64  | 5.66              | +0.02  |
| Dairy produce                               | 160.8  | 161.0             | +0.1                                      | 8.47  | 8.48              | +0.01  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables              | 152.8  | 154.7             | +1.2                                      | 2.36  | 2.39              | +0.03  |
| Potatoes and onions                         | 157.9  | 150.0             | -5.0                                      | 1.26  | 1.20              | -0.06  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery | 209.2  | 213.0             | +0.4                                      | 8.04  | 8.07              | +0.03  |
| Meat  | 161.2  | 162.2             | +1.2                                      | 16.97   | 17.18             | +0.21  |
| Beef  | 126.6  | 130.6             | +3.2                                      | 5.50  | 5.67              | +0.17  |
| Mutton                                      | 173.3  | 169.0             | -2.5                                      | 0.71  | 0.69              | -0.02  |
| Lamb  | 178.3  | 174.8             | +0.3                                      | 3.64  | 3.66              | +0.02  |
| Pork  | 198.7  | 200.1             | +0.7                                      | 1.78  | 1.79              | +0.01  |
| Processed meat (d)                          | 167.5  | 168.7             | +0.7                                      | 5.33  | 5.37              | +0.04  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                  | (139.2)  | (143.4)           | +3.0                                      | 1.90  | 1.96              | +0.06  |
| Other food                                  | 150.8  | 151.0             | +0.1                                      | 4.67  | 4.68              | +0.01  |
| Food Group                                  | 171.4  | 172.5             | +0.6                                      | 49.30   | 49.61             | +0.31  |
| <b>PERTH</b>                                |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                             | 196.8  | 202.7             | +3.0                                      | 5.59  | 5.75              | +0.16  |
| Dairy produce                               | 161.6  | 162.1             | +0.3                                      | 8.70  | 8.73              | +0.03  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables              | 157.2  | 160.8             | +2.3                                      | 2.40  | 2.45              | +0.05  |
| Potatoes and onions                         | 179.9  | 182.7             | +1.6                                      | 1.66  | 1.69              | +0.03  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery | 211.8  | 212.6             | +0.4                                      | 8.10  | 8.13              | +0.03  |
| Meat  | 161.1  | 159.7             | -0.9                                      | 15.70   | 15.56             | -0.14  |
| Beef  | 128.9  | 125.7             | -2.5                                      | 5.14  | 5.02              | -0.12  |
| Mutton                                      | 177.3  | 174.9             | -1.4                                      | 0.66  | 0.65              | -0.01  |
| Lamb  | 194.7  | 190.9             | -2.0                                      | 3.73  | 3.66              | -0.07  |
| Pork  | 183.1  | 184.5             | +0.8                                      | 1.52  | 1.53              | +0.01  |
| Processed meat (d)                          | 158.8  | 160.8             | +1.3                                      | 4.65  | 4.71              | +0.06  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                  | (133.9)  | (134.3)           | +0.3                                      | 1.79  | 1.79              | ..   |
| Other food                                  | 154.4  | 155.0             | +0.4                                      | 4.75  | 4.77              | +0.02  |
| Food Group                                  | 172.1  | 172.8             | +0.4                                      | 48.69   | 48.87             | +0.18  |
| <b>HOBART</b>                               |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                             | 206.2  | 207.9             | +0.8                                      | 6.07  | 6.12              | +0.05  |
| Dairy produce                               | 160.8  | 161.1             | +0.2                                      | 8.60  | 8.62              | +0.02  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables              | 149.9  | 154.7             | +3.2                                      | 2.44  | 2.52              | +0.08  |
| Potatoes and onions                         | 140.9  | 144.0             | +2.2                                      | 1.22  | 1.25              | +0.03  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery | 201.0  | 201.7             | +0.3                                      | 7.74  | 7.77              | +0.03  |
| Meat  | 158.3  | 160.6             | +1.5                                      | 16.72   | 16.96             | +0.24  |
| Beef  | 139.8  | 140.4             | +0.4                                      | 5.55  | 5.57              | +0.02  |
| Mutton                                      | 129.8  | 131.3             | +1.2                                      | 0.50  | 0.51              | +0.01  |
| Lamb  | 164.7  | 173.8             | +5.5                                      | 3.40  | 3.58              | +0.18  |
| Pork  | 180.8  | 185.2             | +2.4                                      | 1.63  | 1.67              | +0.04  |
| Processed meat (d)                          | 164.5  | 164.0             | -0.3                                      | 5.64  | 5.62              | -0.02  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                  | (138.9)  | (141.5)           | +1.9                                      | 1.86  | 1.89              | +0.03  |
| Other food                                  | 155.7  | 155.6             | -0.1                                      | 5.16  | 5.16              | ..   |
| Food Group                                  | 169.4  | 171.0             | +0.9                                      | 49.83   | 50.29             | +0.46  |
| <b>CANBERRA</b>                             |  |                   |   |   |                   |  |
| Cereal products                             | 193.4  | 197.6             | +2.2                                      | 5.72  | 5.85              | +0.13  |
| Dairy produce                               | 152.4  | 154.6             | +1.4                                      | 8.05  | 8.17              | +0.12  |
| Preserved fruit and vegetables              | 140.6  | 144.0             | +2.4                                      | 2.15  | 2.20              | +0.05  |
| Potatoes and onions                         | 180.7  | 173.1             | -4.2                                      | 1.44  | 1.38              | -0.06  |
| Soft drinks, ice cream and<br>confectionery | 207.2  | 209.6             | +1.2                                      | 7.91  | 8.00              | +0.09  |
| Meat  | 168.3  | 168.7             | +0.2                                      | 15.96   | 15.99             | +0.03  |
| Beef  | 142.7  | 146.2             | +2.5                                      | 6.28  | 6.44              | +0.16  |
| Mutton                                      | 180.3  | 181.7             | +0.8                                      | 3.36  | 3.39              | +0.03  |
| Lamb  | 198.0  | 195.6             | -1.2                                      | 1.59  | 1.57              | -0.02  |
| Pork  | 156.4  | 152.2             | -2.7                                      | 4.72  | 4.59              | -0.13  |
| Processed meat (d)                          | 149.2  | 149.5             | +0.2                                      | 4.46  | 4.47              | +0.01  |
| Snacks, take away food (e)                  | (136.5)  | (137.8)           | +1.0                                      | 1.69  | 1.70              | +0.01  |
| Other food                                  | 149.2  | 149.5             | +0.2                                      | 4.46  | 4.47              | +0.01  |
| Food Group                                  | 171.2  | 172.6             | +0.8                                      | 47.38   | 47.77             | +0.39  |

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TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
FOOD GROUP INDEXES - SIX STATE CAPITAL CITIES AND CANBERRA  
(Base of index for each city and for six State capital cities combined : Year 1966-67 = 100.0) (a)

| Period    | Six<br>Capitals (f) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|-----------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| 1972 -    |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| September | 121.1               | 122.1  | 120.7     | 121.4    | 118.7    | 121.4 | 116.6  | 119.5    |
| October   | 121.6               | 122.8  | 120.8     | 122.9    | 119.0    | 121.1 | 117.6  | 120.0    |
| November  | 121.7               | 122.6  | 121.3     | 124.3    | 119.0    | 120.3 | 117.9  | 119.7    |
| December  | 121.4               | 122.1  | 121.2     | 124.1    | 118.0    | 120.3 | 118.3  | 119.9    |
| 1973 -    |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| January   | 122.2               | 122.6  | 121.5     | 125.7    | 119.8    | 122.4 | 118.4  | 120.5    |
| February  | 127.9               | 129.3  | 127.8     | 130.1    | 125.0    | 124.6 | 122.3  | 127.8    |
| March     | 130.6               | 130.8  | 132.5     | 131.7    | 126.9    | 127.5 | 123.6  | 128.7    |
| April     | 132.8               | 132.6  | 134.6     | 135.1    | 129.7    | 128.8 | 124.4  | 131.2    |
| May       | 133.8               | 133.6  | 134.9     | 136.4    | 132.2    | 131.7 | 124.6  | 132.1    |
| June      | 135.3               | 134.5  | 136.5     | 137.3    | 134.4    | 134.1 | 125.6  | 132.5    |
| July      | 137.6               | 138.3  | 137.6     | 140.4    | 136.5    | 134.4 | 128.0  | 136.5    |
| August    | 141.5               | 142.5  | 141.4     | 145.4    | 140.5    | 134.8 | 132.0  | 139.9    |
| September | 145.1               | 146.9  | 144.4     | 144.4    | 145.0    | 136.2 | 135.8  | 144.0    |
| October   | 145.9               | 148.7  | 144.7     | 149.3    | 144.8    | 137.1 | 136.3  | 144.5    |
| November  | 147.1               | 150.1  | 146.2     | 149.8    | 145.0    | 136.3 | 141.6  | 145.9    |
| December  | 147.9               | 151.1  | 146.7     | 150.9    | 145.5    | 137.7 | 141.2  | 147.6    |
| 1974 -    |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| January   | 150.4               | 153.4  | 149.0     | 154.3    | 147.2    | 142.0 | 143.0  | 150.1    |
| February  | 152.0               | 154.1  | 150.8     | 155.3    | 150.4    | 145.2 | 144.7  | 152.1    |
| March     | 153.5               | 155.4  | 152.5     | 157.4    | 151.4    | 147.3 | 145.0  | 152.7    |
| April     | 155.2               | 156.7  | 154.9     | 157.5    | 154.5    | 147.9 | 147.4  | 154.2    |
| May       | 158.1               | 159.3  | 157.8     | 160.5    | 159.3    | 149.8 | 149.6  | 157.1    |
| June      | 159.4               | 161.0  | 158.9     | 161.1    | 159.7    | 151.5 | 152.1  | 158.8    |
| July      | 158.6               | 160.4  | 158.2     | 160.8    | 158.6    | 149.9 | 152.6  | 158.4    |
| August    | 163.0               | 165.7  | 162.4     | 166.3    | 160.6    | 152.4 | 155.1  | 161.3    |
| September | 164.0               | 166.8  | 162.6     | 168.1    | 161.6    | 154.4 | 157.7  | 162.3    |
| October   | 163.5               | 166.2  | 162.2     | 165.0    | 162.8    | 154.9 | 159.3  | 161.1    |
| November  | 160.9               | 163.8  | 158.8     | 160.3    | 161.1    | 155.7 | 157.7  | 157.9    |
| December  | 160.3               | 163.5  | 157.7     | 158.9    | 159.8    | 157.8 | 156.9  | 155.4    |
| 1975 -    |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
| January   | 162.1               | 165.0  | 158.7     | 162.2    | 161.9    | 161.3 | 157.7  | 158.3    |
| February  | 163.0               | 165.6  | 159.7     | 163.1    | 163.2    | 163.7 | 157.8  | 159.9    |
| March     | 165.2               | 168.1  | 161.0     | 166.4    | 165.1    | 167.5 | 158.9  | 163.2    |
| April     | 167.9               | 169.5  | 164.8     | 168.9    | 169.1    | 169.9 | 161.4  | 167.1    |
| May       | 169.0               | 170.7  | 166.0     | 168.5    | 170.0    | 171.2 | 163.4  | 168.1    |
| June      | 169.7               | 170.7  | 167.7     | 168.8    | 170.8    | 172.5 | 164.5  | 167.8    |
| July      | 170.2               | 171.8  | 168.2     | 169.7    | 170.7    | 170.8 | 166.0  | 169.4    |
| August    | 171.4               | 172.7  | 169.7     | 170.3    | 171.4    | 172.1 | 169.4  | 171.2    |
| September | 173.3               | 174.7  | 172.4     | 171.3    | 172.5    | 172.8 | 171.0  | 172.6    |

TABLE 3. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
FOOD GROUP : CONTRIBUTION TO ALL GROUPS INDEX (c)(g)  
(in terms of All Groups Index Points)

| Period                 | Six<br>Capitals (f) | Sydney | Melbourne | Brisbane | Adelaide | Perth | Hobart | Canberra |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|-----------|----------|----------|-------|--------|----------|
| June quarter 1975      |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
|                        | 47.22               | 47.64  | 45.38     | 48.42    | 48.88    | 48.43 | 47.97  | 46.40    |
| July 1975              |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
|                        | 47.60               | 48.05  | 45.94     | 48.68    | 49.08    | 48.33 | 48.84  | 46.88    |
| August 1975            |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
|                        | 47.92               | 48.32  | 46.33     | 48.86    | 49.30    | 48.69 | 49.83  | 47.38    |
| September 1975         |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
|                        | 48.45               | 48.86  | 47.07     | 49.15    | 49.61    | 48.87 | 50.29  | 47.77    |
| September quarter 1975 |                     |        |           |          |          |       |        |          |
|                        | 47.99               | 48.41  | 46.45     | 48.90    | 49.33    | 48.63 | 49.65  | 47.34    |

(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) Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in this table are due to rounding. For similar reasons monthly movements shown by sub-group or group index numbers do not necessarily correspond exactly with those shown by the relevant index points. (c) These figures are on the basis of the current linked series and are not comparable with index points contributions published for the previous series. (d) Includes poultry as from December quarter 1968 and sausages as from December quarter 1973 (previously included in Beef sub-group). (e) Cooked chicken, meat pies, hamburgers and sandwiches. Base December quarter 1973 = 100.0. (f) Weighted average of six State capital cities. (g) Figures contained herein for months are expressed on a quarterly basis. Figures shown for quarters are the actual quarterly amounts, which therefore correspond to the average of the three relevant months.

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