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Summary

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	0.9%
Australia ²	0.7%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	2.7%
Australia	1.9%

Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):

Quarter	0.8%
Annual	2.5%

¹ Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

² Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

Commentary

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.9% in September quarter 2007, remaining 2.7% higher over the year. This result was above market expectations. Darwin recorded the highest increase in headline consumer prices in September quarter 2007 (1.2%) (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions to the CPI in all groups where prices rose except *Food, Alcohol and tobacco and Recreation*, for the quarter. The main contributors to the increase in the Brisbane CPI were the *Housing* and *Food* groups (Figure 1).
- In September quarter 2007, the *Housing* group made the largest contribution to growth in the quarter (0.61 percentage points). Within this category, *Electricity* increased 11.6% in the quarter.
- In September quarter 2007, the *Household contents and services* group made the largest detraction from growth in the quarter (0.31 percentage points). Within this category, *Childcare* decreased by 32.6% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, rose 0.8% in the September quarter, with annual growth of 2.5%.

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital City	September quarter 2007		June quarter 2007	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.4	1.3	1.2	1.7
Melbourne	0.8	2.1	1.2	2.0
Brisbane	0.9	2.7	1.4	2.6
Adelaide	0.7	1.4	1.2	1.7
Perth	0.6	2.6	1.4	3.1
Hobart	0.3	1.8	1.3	2.2
Darwin	1.2	3.2	1.4	3.7
Canberra	0.8	2.1	1.3	2.0
Australia	0.7	1.9	1.2	2.1

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, September quarter 2007

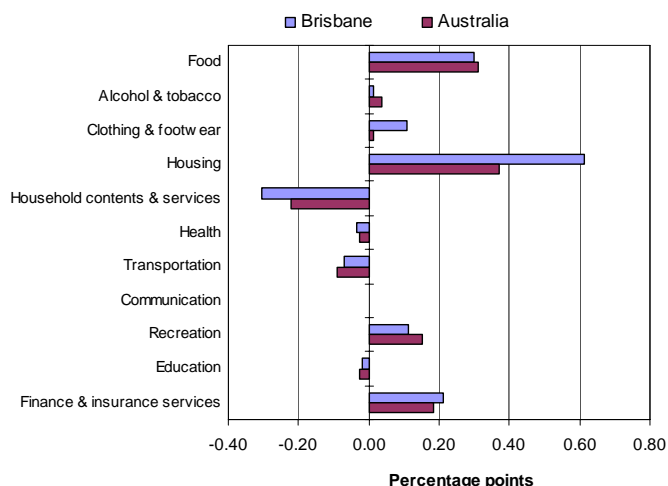


Figure 2: CPI annual change, quarterly, Australia

