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**Summary**

**Headline<sup>1</sup> CPI inflation change (quarterly):**

Brisbane	1.4%
Australia <sup>2</sup>	1.2%

**Headline CPI inflation change (annual):**

Brisbane	5.6%
Australia	5.0%

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

Quarter	1.0%
Annual	4.4%

<sup>1</sup> Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

<sup>2</sup> Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

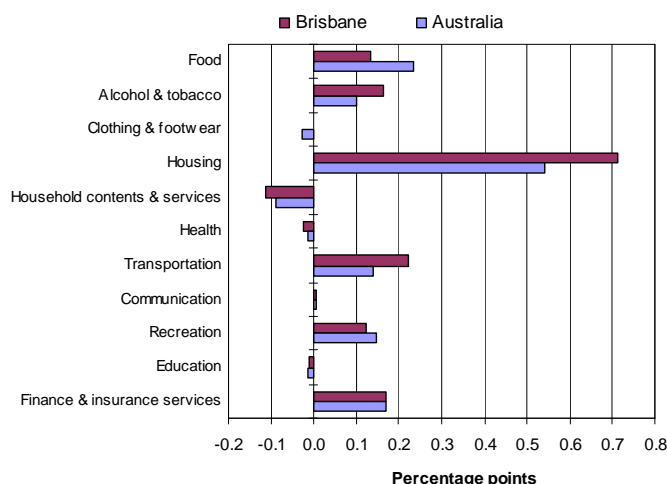
**Commentary**

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 1.4% in September quarter 2008, remaining 5.6% higher over the year. During this period, Brisbane recorded the third-highest increase in headline consumer prices for all capital cities in Australia, behind Darwin (1.7%) and Canberra (1.5%) (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for the quarter, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions to the CPI for the groups *Alcohol and tobacco*, *Housing* and *Transportation*. The main contributors to the increase in the Brisbane CPI were the *Housing* and *Transportation* groups (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, in September quarter 2008, the *Housing* group made the largest contribution to growth in the quarter (0.71 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Gas and other household fuels* increased 8.4% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, in September quarter 2008, the *Household contents & services* group made the largest deduction from growth in the quarter (0.11 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Child care* decreased by 22.1% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, rose 1.0% in the September quarter, with annual growth of 4.4%.

**Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI**

Capital City	September quarter 2008		June quarter 2008	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	1.1	4.9	1.5	4.3
Melbourne	1.2	4.8	1.2	4.4
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Adelaide	1.3	5.1	1.3	4.6
Perth	1.0	4.9	1.6	4.5
Hobart	1.1	4.3	1.0	3.5
Darwin	1.7	4.5	1.5	3.9
Canberra	1.5	5.2	1.2	4.4
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>

**Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, September quarter 2008**



**Figure 2: CPI annual change, quarterly, Australia**

