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Summary

Headline¹ CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	0.6%
Australia ²	0.5%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	2.0%
Australia	1.5%

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

Quarter	0.5%
Annual	2.0%

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 0.6% in the June quarter 2009, remaining 2.0% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the third-largest increase in headline consumer prices for all capital cities in Australia, behind Darwin and Canberra (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for the June quarter 2009, Brisbane recorded stronger positive contributions to the CPI for the groups *Alcohol & tobacco*, *Household contents & services*, and *Recreation*. The main contributors to the decrease in the Brisbane CPI were *Food*, and *Finance & insurance services* (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, in the June quarter 2009, the *Household contents & services* group made the largest positive contribution to growth in the quarter (0.31 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Towels and linen* increased 12.9% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, in the June quarter 2009, the *Food* group recorded the largest contribution to the decrease of growth in the quarter (0.17 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Vegetables* decreased by 7.1% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.5% in the June quarter, with annual growth of 2.0%.

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital City	June quarter 2009		March quarter 2009	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.4	1.3	0.1	2.4
Melbourne	0.3	1.2	0.2	2.1
Brisbane	0.6	2.0	0.2	3.1
Adelaide	0.6	1.6	0.0	2.3
Perth	0.8	1.4	-0.1	2.2
Hobart	0.5	1.7	0.2	2.2
Darwin	1.1	2.5	0.1	2.8
Canberra	0.6	2.1	0.4	2.7
Australia	0.5	1.5	0.1	2.5

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, June quarter 2009

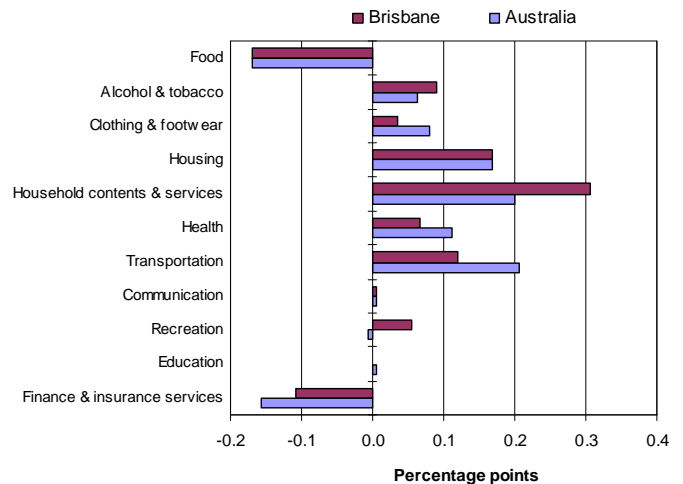


Figure 2: CPI annual change, quarterly, Australia

