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**Summary**

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

Brisbane	1.3%
Australia <sup>2</sup>	1.0%

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

Brisbane	1.9%
Australia	1.3%

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

Quarter	0.6%
Annual	1.5%

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

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

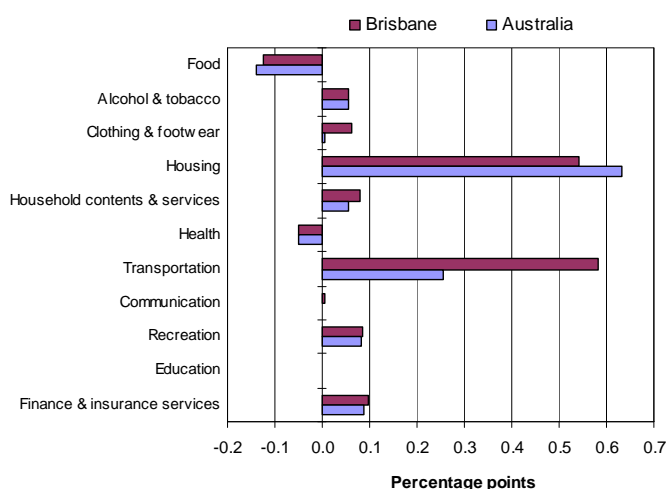
**Commentary**

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 1.3% in the September quarter 2009, remaining 1.9% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-largest increase in headline consumer prices for all capital cities in Australia, behind Darwin (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for the September quarter 2009, Brisbane recorded stronger positive contributions to the CPI groups of *Transportation, Recreation, Finance and insurance services, Household contents and services, Clothing and footwear, Alcohol and tobacco* and *Communication*. The negative contributions to the Brisbane CPI groups were for *Food* and *Health* (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Transportation* group made the largest positive contribution to growth in the September quarter (0.58 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Automotive fuel* increased 10.5% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Food* group recorded the largest contribution to the decrease of growth in the September quarter (0.12 of a percentage point). Within this category, *Fruit* decreased by 7.7% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.6% in the September quarter, with annual growth of 1.5%.

**Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI, June quarter 2009 and September quarter 2009**

Capital City	September quarter 2009		June quarter 2009	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
— per cent —				
Sydney	1.1	1.3	0.4	1.3
Melbourne	0.6	0.6	0.3	1.2
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Adelaide	1.1	1.4	0.6	1.6
Perth	0.8	1.2	0.8	1.4
Hobart	1.2	1.8	0.5	1.7
Darwin	1.9	2.7	1.1	2.5
Canberra	0.9	1.4	0.6	2.1
<b>Australia</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>

**Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, September quarter 2009**



**Figure 2: CPI annual change, quarterly, Australia, September quarter 2004 to September quarter 2009**

