Consumer Price Index, June quarter 2017

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Key data

Headline CPI inflation change (quarterly):
Brisbane ...........................................................  0.5%
Australia(1) ........................................................  0.2%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):
Brisbane ...........................................................  1.8%
Australia ...........................................................  1.9%

Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):
Quarter ............................................................  0.2%
Annual ..............................................................  1.0%

(a) Headline CPI refers to All Groups.
(b) Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

Main findings

• Brisbane’s headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.5% in June quarter 2017, to be 1.8% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the fifth-highest increase while Hobart recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).

• Compared with the weighted average of eight capital cities for June quarter 2017, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of Furnishings, household equipment and services, Alcohol and tobacco, Housing, Insurance and financial services, Clothing and footwear and Health. These were partly offset by detractions from the Food and non-alcoholic beverages, Transport and Communication groups (see Figure 1).

• For Brisbane, the Health group made the largest contribution to inflation in June quarter 2017 (0.15 of a percentage point). Within the Health group, Medical and hospital services increased 3.4% in the quarter.

• For Brisbane, the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in June quarter 2017 (0.05 of a percentage point). Within the Food and non-alcoholic beverages group, Fruit decreased 6.9% in the quarter.

• Australia’s CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.2% in June quarter 2017, with an annual inflation rate of 1.0% (see Figure 2).