Consumer Price Index, March quarter 2022

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Key data

Headline(a) CPI inflation change (quarterly):
Brisbane ...........................................................↑ 2.2%
Australia(b) ........................................................↑ 2.1%

Headline CPI inflation change (annual):
Brisbane ...........................................................↑ 6.0%
Australia ...........................................................↑ 5.1%

Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):
Quarter .............................................................↑ 1.7%
Annual ..............................................................↑ 4.2%

(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 2.2% in March quarter 2022, resulting in a 6.0% increase over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the second-largest increase while Perth recorded the largest increase for all capital cities in Australia (see Table 1).

• Compared with the weighted average of eight capital cities for March quarter 2022, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of Health, Food and non-alcoholic beverages, Alcohol and tobacco, Transport, Education and Furnishings, household equipment and services. These were partly offset by detractions from the Clothing and footwear and Recreation and culture groups (see Figure 1).

• For Brisbane, the Housing group made the largest contribution to inflation in March quarter 2022 (0.60 of a percentage point). Within the Housing group, New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers increased 6.0% in the quarter.

• For Brisbane, the Clothing and footwear group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in March quarter 2022 (0.06 of a percentage point). Within the Clothing and footwear group, Footwear for women decreased 7.3% in the quarter.

• Australia’s CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 1.7% in March quarter 2022, with an annual inflation rate of 4.2% (see Figure 2).