

## SUMMARY

During the March quarter 2023:

- The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.4% nationally and rose 1.2% in Adelaide; and
- Annual CPI inflation to the March quarter 2023 was 7.0% nationally and 7.9% in Adelaide.

The average of the Reserve Bank of Australia's two measures of underlying inflation was 6.2% for the year to the March quarter 2023.

## FURTHER ANALYSIS

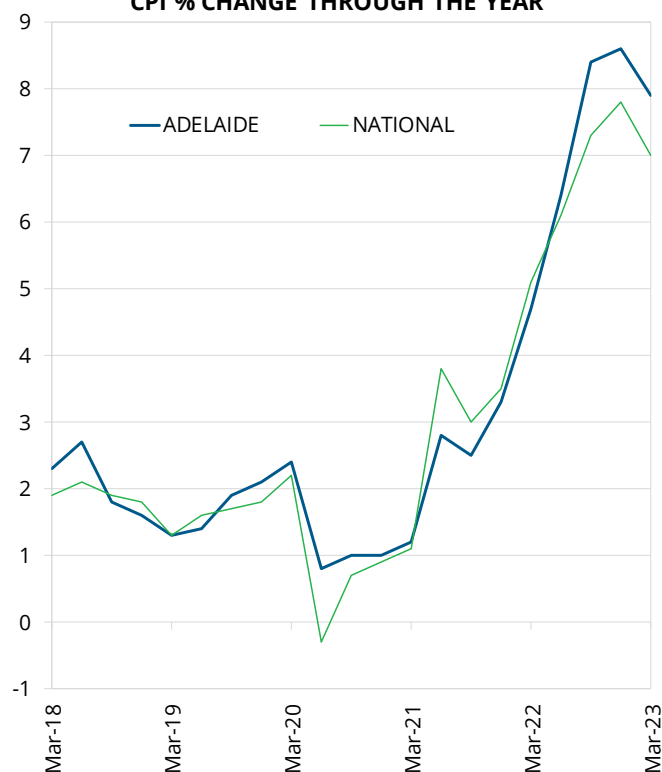
The annual increase in the national CPI of 7.0% was down from 7.8% in the previous quarter.

For Adelaide the annual increase of 7.9% was down from 8.6% recorded in the previous quarter—see Chart 1. Adelaide's annual increase was the highest of the eight capital cities.

Above national average annual CPI increases were recorded for Adelaide (up 7.9%), Brisbane (up 7.4%) and Sydney (up 7.3%), while below national average CPI increases were recorded for Hobart (up 6.9%), Melbourne (up 6.8%), Darwin and Canberra (both up 6.2%) and Perth (up 5.8%)—see Table 1.

The Reserve Bank of Australia's measures of 'underlying' inflation show annual growth of 5.8% for the weighted median and 6.6% for the trimmed mean—see Chart 2. The RBA monitors these two series as part of the process of determining official interest rates.

**CHART 1:**  
**CPI % CHANGE THROUGH THE YEAR**



**TABLE 1: CPI movement by Capital City**

|                                   | Mar Qtr 23<br>vs Dec Qtr 22<br>(%) | Mar Qtr 23<br>vs Mar Qtr 22<br>(%) |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sydney                            | 1.4                                | 7.3                                |
| Melbourne                         | 1.2                                | 6.8                                |
| Brisbane                          | 1.9                                | 7.4                                |
| <b>Adelaide</b>                   | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>7.9</b>                         |
| Perth                             | 0.9                                | 5.8                                |
| Hobart                            | 1.2                                | 6.9                                |
| Darwin                            | 1.3                                | 6.2                                |
| Canberra                          | 1.4                                | 6.2                                |
| <b>National - headline</b>        | <b>1.4</b>                         | <b>7.0</b>                         |
| <b>National -<br/>underlying*</b> | <b>1.2</b>                         | <b>6.2</b>                         |

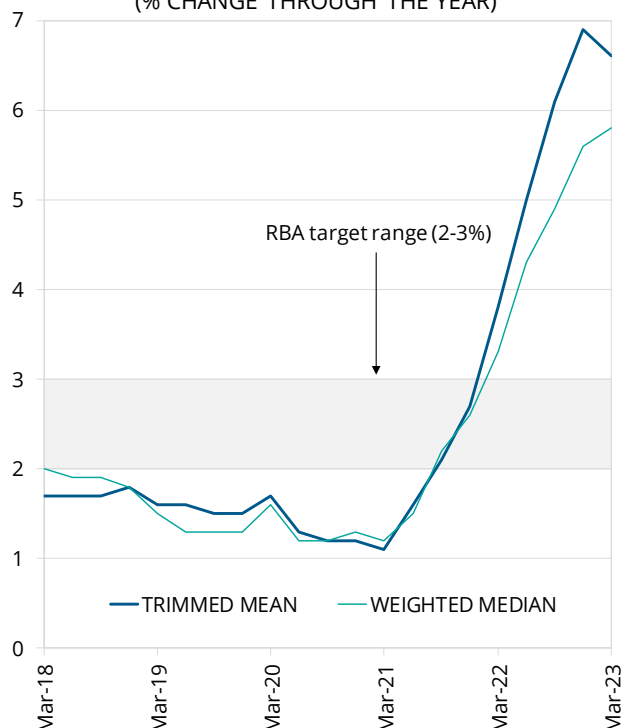
\* Average of RBA trimmed mean and weighted median measures

## DRIVERS OF CHANGE IN THE QUARTER

Nationally, the rise in the CPI during the March quarter reflected the impact of rising prices for Medical and hospital services (up 4.2%), Tertiary education (up 9.7%), Gas and other household fuels (up 14%), Domestic holiday travel and accommodation (up 4.7%), New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (up 1.2%) and Rents (up 1.6%). The most significant offsetting price fall was for International holiday travel and accommodation (down 8.2%), followed by Furniture (down 4.6%).

In Adelaide, the rise in the CPI during the March quarter reflected the impact of rising prices for New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers (up 2.6%), Medical and hospital services (up 3.2%), Tertiary education (up 10%), Rents (up 1.6%) and Domestic holiday travel and accommodation (up 2.3%). These rises were partially offset by price falls for International holiday travel and accommodation (down 5.6%) and Furniture (down 5.0%).

**CHART 2:**  
"UNDERLYING" INFLATION MEASURES  
(% CHANGE THROUGH THE YEAR)



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**TABLE 2: Per cent changes in CPI by component group, March quarter 2023**

|   | % change in quarter |            | % change in year |            |
|---|---------------------|------------|------------------|------------|
|   | National            | Adelaide   | National         | Adelaide   |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages                      | 1.6                 | 2.0        | 8.0              | 9.0        |
| Alcohol and tobacco                                   | 1.1                 | 1.3        | 4.4              | 4.7        |
| Clothing & Footwear                                   | -2.6                | -3.8       | 3.2              | 2.1        |
| Housing   | 1.9                 | 1.5        | 9.8              | 12.3       |
| <i>Rents</i>  | 1.6                 | 1.6        | 4.9              | 5.6        |
| <i>New dwelling purchase by owner-occupiers</i>       | 1.2                 | 2.6        | 12.7             | 19.2       |
| <i>Electricity</i>                                    | 3.0                 | -0.1       | 15.5             | 14.3       |
| Furnishings, household equipment & services           | -0.5                | -0.7       | 6.7              | 7.3        |
| <i>Furniture</i>                                      | -4.6                | -5.0       | 9.0              | 9.1        |
| Health  | 3.8                 | 3.3        | 5.3              | 4.7        |
| Transport   | 0.6                 | 0.4        | 4.3              | 4.1        |
| <i>Automotive Fuel</i>                                | -0.8                | -1.2       | 1.1              | 1.4        |
| Communication   | 0.1                 | 0.1        | 1.2              | 1.2        |
| Recreation and culture                                | 0.2                 | 0.2        | 8.6              | 8.4        |
| <i>Domestic holiday travel and accommodation</i>      | 4.7                 | 2.3        | 25.0             | 22.9       |
| <i>International holiday travel and accommodation</i> | -8.2                | -5.6       | 38.3             | 41.8       |
| Education   | 5.3                 | 5.8        | 5.4              | 6.2        |
| Insurance & financial services                        | 1.9                 | 1.5        | 6.5              | 8.0        |
| <b>All Groups</b>                                     | <b>1.4</b>          | <b>1.2</b> | <b>7.0</b>       | <b>7.9</b> |