

## Design of the complete Monthly Consumer Price Index (CPI)

The ABS will deliver a complete monthly CPI by late 2025 with the following key design features:

### Timing

- The complete monthly CPI will be released approximately 4 weeks after the end of the reference period. This remains unchanged from current release timing of the quarterly CPI and the monthly CPI indicator.

### Data

- All data series currently published in the quarterly CPI will be available in the monthly CPI tables on a monthly frequency.
- More specifically, the ABS intends to publish:
  - headline CPI, 11 groups, 33 sub-groups and 87 Expenditure Classes (EC)
  - capital cities
  - contribution to change annual and monthly percentage change
  - points contribution
  - percentage change monthly and annual
  - monthly tables with a minimum 1-year back series
  - selected tables including index numbers and percentage change
  - analytical series\*-
    - all groups CPI seasonally adjusted
    - trimmed Mean
    - weighted Median
    - selected analytical series index numbers seasonally adjusted.

\*Due to the limited back series, the monthly Analytical series will be limited for the first 1-2 years. The ABS will publish details when available.

### Publication

- Structure of publication will include:
  - key statistics
  - main features
  - overview
  - analysis of the analytical series
  - top 3 main contributing CPI groups.
  - data downloads
  - monthly media release
  - ad-hoc articles.
- Quarterly CPI data table will be included in every third monthly publication. This will include the full historical quarterly time series which includes the CPI going back to September 1948.
- Selected Living Cost Indexes (SLCIs) will remain as a quarterly publication.

### Methods

- The quarterly CPI will be derived from the monthly data.
- Index numbers will be published to two decimal places.
- Movements will be published to one decimal place.