

## Proposed Design of the Complete Monthly CPI

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

<b>Timing</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The publication will be released at the same time after the end of the reference period as the quarterly CPI is currently released i.e., approximately four weeks.</li> <li>• The ABS will aspire to improve timeliness of publication after the reference period, if possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Data</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The general principle is that all data series currently published in the quarterly CPI will be available in the monthly CPI tables on a monthly frequency.</li> <li>• More specifically, data to be published will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Headline CPI, 11 groups, 33 sub-groups and 87 Expenditure Classes (EC)</li> <li>○ Capital cities</li> <li>○ Points contribution</li> <li>○ Monthly tables with a minimum 1-year back series</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Enhancements will be made to data sources and analytical series, if possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Publication</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structure of publication to include an overview, along with detailed analysis of the analytical series and the top 3 main contributing CPI groups.</li> <li>• A 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 1948.</li> <li>• Existing publication features will remain produced in reference to the most recent month: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Key statistics</li> <li>○ Main features</li> <li>○ Overview</li> <li>○ Data downloads</li> <li>○ Monthly media release</li> <li>○ Ad-hoc articles</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Selected Living Cost Indexes (SLCIs) will remain as a quarterly publication.</li> </ul>
<b>Methods</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quarterly CPI will be derived from the monthly data.</li> <li>• Index numbers will be published to two decimal places.</li> <li>• Movements will be published to one decimal place.</li> </ul>