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# Consumer Price Index Report

## September 1988

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### Consumer Price Indexes for September 1988

Figures herein refer to CPI series not seasonally adjusted unless otherwise specified, and may not add up to totals due to rounding.

All percentage changes are derived from CPI figures taken to more than 1 decimal place.

#### Summary

#### Consumer Price Indexes (Oct. 84/Sep. 85 = 100)

	<u>CPI(A)</u> (Oct. 84/Sep. 85 = 100)	<u>CPI(B)</u> (Oct. 84/Sep. 85 = 100)
Index for Sep. 1988	<u>120.5</u>	<u>120.0</u>
- compared with Aug. 1988	+1.3%	+1.1%
- compared with Sep. 1987	+8.8%	+8.3%
Average for the 12 months ended Sep. 1988	<u>115.3</u>	<u>115.4</u>
- compared with the average for the 12 months ended Sep. 1987	+7.2%	+7.0%
Movements of the seasonally adjusted index		
- Sep. 1988 compared with Aug. 1988	+1.2%	+0.9%
- average rate of change per month during the 3-month period ended Sep. 1988	+0.9%	+0.8%

2. The CPI(A) and the CPI(B) are based on the expenditure patterns of 50% and 30%, respectively, of urban households in Hong Kong, which were derived from the 1984/85 Household Expenditure Survey. The CPI(A) refers to households spending between \$2,000 and \$6,499 a month at that time and the CPI(B) between \$6,500 and \$9,999 a month.

Movements of the CPIs by section of commodity/service

3. Compared with August 1988, the index for services increased by 3.7% in CPI(A) and by 3.2% in CPI(B) and that for foodstuffs, by 1.4% in both CPI(A) and CPI(B). The index for housing increased by 1.6% in CPI(A) and by 0.6% in CPI(B). Price movements in other sections were insignificant.

4. The changes in the section indexes for September 1988 as compared with August 1988 and their contribution to the change in the all-items index are shown below :-

<u>Section</u>	<u>Weights</u>		<u>Index for</u> <u>Sep. 1988</u>		<u>Changes in</u> <u>the section</u> <u>indexes for</u> <u>Sep. 1988 as</u> <u>compared with</u> <u>Aug. 1988</u>		<u>Contribution</u> <u>to the change</u> <u>in the all-</u> <u>items index</u>	
	<u>(%)</u>		<u>(points)</u>		<u>(%)</u>		<u>(%)</u>	
	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>
Foodstuffs	45.48	38.92	121.1	121.5	+1.4	+1.4	+49.5	+49.8
Housing	15.31	20.16	115.4	112.0	+1.6	+0.6	+17.7	+10.5
Fuel and light	3.41	2.76	92.7	93.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.8	-0.9
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco (for home consumption)	2.57	1.67	124.4	125.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Clothing and footwear	5.24	6.98	122.7	124.9	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+1.1
Durable goods	5.72	5.60	119.4	118.6	+0.4	+0.5	+1.6	+2.4
Miscellaneous goods	5.84	6.06	123.3	123.7	+0.3	+0.6	+1.4	+3.3
Transport and vehicles	6.79	6.83	121.0	120.2	+0.2	+0.1	+0.9	+0.9
Services	9.64	11.02	131.5	131.2	+3.7	+3.2	+29.6	+33.1
All items	100.00	100.00	120.5	120.0	+1.3	+1.1		

Major price movements in September 1988

5. During September, school fees, textbook prices, rents for some public and private housing units, retail prices of fresh vegetables and fresh fruit, and charges for meals in restaurants and other eating places increased.

6. The index for foodstuffs increased by 1.4% in both CPI(A) and CPI(B). This was mainly due to increases in the average retail prices of fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and moon-cakes and in the average charge for meals in restaurants and other eating places. The effect of movements in the retail prices of other food items on the index for foodstuffs was insignificant.

- (i) Fresh vegetables - The average retail price of fresh vegetables increased by 3.3% in CPI(A) and by 3.8% in CPI(B).
- (ii) Fresh fruit - The average retail price of fresh fruit increased by 2.8% in CPI(A) and by 3.4% in CPI(B) as a result of higher prices of oranges and apples.
- (iii) Bread, cakes, biscuits and puddings - The average retail price of bread, cakes, biscuits and puddings increased by 3.1% in CPI(A) and by 2.9% in CPI(B) due to higher prices of moon-cakes.
- (iv) Meals bought away from home - The average charge for meals in restaurants and other eating places increased by 1.2% in both CPI(A) and CPI(B).

7. The index for housing increased by 1.6% in CPI(A) and by 0.6% in CPI(B) as a result of higher rents for some public and private housing units.

8. The index for services increased by 3.7% in CPI(A) and by 3.2% in CPI(B) due to higher school fees and textbook prices.

Tables

Tables 1(A) and 1(B) show the monthly CPI(A) and CPI(B) respectively, by section, from September 1986 onward.

Table 2 shows the month-to-month percentage changes of the all-items and foodstuffs section series of the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) and CPI(B).

Tables 3(A) and 3(B) show the index movements by section and by group of the CPI(A) and CPI(B) respectively, for September 1988 compared with last month and the same month last year.

Tables 4(A) and 4(B) show the contribution of changes in selected group indexes to the changes in the CPI(A) and CPI(B) respectively, for September 1988 compared with last month.

Table 5 shows the average retail prices and price ranges of some essential food items for the current month, last month and the same month in 1987.

#### Graphs

Graphs A and B show the 1984/85-based CPI(A) and CPI(B) respectively.

Table 1(A) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)  
(October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Year and month	All items	Food- stuffs	Hous- ing	Fuel and light	Alcoholic drinks & tobacco (for home consump- tion)	Cloth- ing and foot- wear	Dur- able goods	Misc. goods	Trans- port and vehi- cles	Ser- vices
Weight	100.00	45.48	15.31	3.41	2.57	5.24	5.72	5.84	6.79	9.64
1985 (Oct-Dec)	101.4	99.5	102.6	99.9	105.2	104.0	100.1	100.8	103.1	106.1
1986	103.7	101.4	105.0	92.5	108.5	106.9	105.3	104.9	106.1	109.8
1987	109.4	106.2	109.9	92.1	115.7	113.4	111.3	115.7	114.7	116.7
<u>1986</u>										
Sep	104.6	102.6	106.5	88.5	110.1	107.1	106.5	106.1	107.3	109.9
Oct	104.8	101.7	106.6	89.2	110.0	109.5	107.6	107.1	107.2	113.4
Nov	105.0	101.3	106.8	89.2	110.4	110.3	108.2	111.5	107.2	113.5
Dec	105.1	101.1	108.2	88.4	110.4	111.5	108.2	110.8	107.2	113.7
<u>1987</u>										
Jan	105.8	102.5	108.4	89.7	110.3	108.6	108.3	111.3	107.4	114.6
Feb	106.6	103.3	108.6	91.1	111.1	107.6	108.5	111.9	112.4	114.4
Mar	106.9	103.4	108.6	91.8	116.0	107.7	108.9	112.5	113.2	114.5
Apr	108.1	104.7	109.1	92.7	116.2	113.8	109.5	113.7	113.7	114.8
May	108.4	104.3	109.4	92.5	116.6	115.4	111.3	115.6	115.2	115.1
Jun	109.8	107.1	109.6	92.6	116.8	115.2	112.1	115.9	115.4	115.5
Jul	109.3	105.6	109.8	92.6	116.9	114.4	112.6	116.4	115.7	115.8
Aug	110.4	108.0	110.0	92.5	116.8	112.8	112.4	117.4	115.8	116.3
Sep	110.8	108.1	111.1	92.6	116.9	113.2	112.7	117.7	116.3	116.8
Oct	111.5	108.7	111.2	92.6	116.8	113.9	113.1	117.8	117.0	120.7
Nov	111.6	108.1	111.2	92.4	117.1	117.8	113.5	118.5	117.0	120.9
Dec	113.0	110.8	111.3	92.4	117.2	120.4	113.2	119.7	117.1	121.3
<u>1988</u>										
Jan	112.5	109.3	111.6	92.8	117.5	119.7	114.4	119.9	117.4	121.7
Feb	114.0	112.1	111.6	93.5	117.4	117.1	114.7	119.6	117.7	124.7
Mar	114.5	112.9	111.7	93.2	122.9	117.6	115.6	119.6	118.0	124.1
Apr	116.1	114.8	112.7	93.0	123.7	123.3	116.4	121.2	119.0	124.8
May	116.1	113.9	112.9	93.4	124.1	125.6	118.3	121.5	120.2	125.1
Jun	117.0	115.2	113.1	94.2	124.3	125.6	118.6	123.6	120.5	125.7
Jul	118.0	117.3	113.3	93.9	124.2	125.4	118.9	123.0	120.8	126.3
Aug	118.9	119.4	113.7	93.1	124.5	122.6	119.0	123.0	120.8	126.8
Sep	120.5	121.1	115.4	92.7	124.4	122.7	119.4	123.3	121.0	131.5

Table 1(B) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B)  
(October 84 - September 85 = 100)

Year and month	All items	Food-stuffs	Housing	Fuel and light	Alcoholic drinks & tobacco (for home consumption)	Clothing and footwear	Durable goods	Misc. goods	Transport and vehicles	Services
Weight	100.00	38.92	20.16	2.76	1.67	6.98	5.60	6.06	6.83	11.02
1985 (Oct-Dec)	101.6	99.8	101.9	100.0	105.0	104.4	100.0	101.2	102.9	105.4
1986	104.0	101.7	104.3	93.0	108.4	107.7	104.6	105.3	105.5	109.3
1987	109.5	106.8	107.6	92.8	115.9	114.9	110.5	115.4	113.5	116.1
<u>1986</u>										
Sep	104.9	102.9	105.4	89.1	109.8	108.2	105.8	106.7	106.6	109.4
Oct	105.2	102.2	105.5	89.9	109.8	110.7	106.8	107.6	106.6	112.4
Nov	105.5	101.9	105.7	89.9	110.2	111.6	107.4	111.1	106.6	112.6
Dec	105.6	101.7	106.3	88.9	110.3	113.0	107.4	110.4	106.6	112.8
<u>1987</u>										
Jan	106.2	103.2	106.4	90.5	110.2	109.6	107.5	110.7	106.7	113.8
Feb	106.7	104.0	106.6	91.6	111.0	108.0	107.6	111.4	110.8	113.5
Mar	107.0	104.0	106.6	92.4	115.9	108.2	108.2	112.1	111.8	113.7
Apr	108.3	105.1	106.9	93.5	116.2	115.6	108.8	113.5	112.4	114.1
May	108.7	105.0	107.3	93.3	116.6	117.2	110.4	115.2	113.9	114.4
Jun	109.9	107.5	107.5	93.4	117.0	117.0	111.3	115.7	114.1	115.0
Jul	109.6	106.3	107.7	93.3	117.2	116.1	111.7	116.2	114.4	115.4
Aug	110.4	108.3	108.0	93.2	117.2	114.3	111.4	116.9	114.7	116.1
Sep	110.8	108.6	108.4	93.2	117.3	114.9	111.9	117.7	115.1	116.6
Oct	111.6	109.3	108.5	93.2	117.2	115.6	112.3	117.8	115.9	120.0
Nov	111.8	108.8	108.5	93.0	117.6	119.7	112.6	118.4	116.0	120.3
Dec	113.0	111.2	108.6	92.9	117.8	122.3	112.5	119.4	116.1	120.8
<u>1988</u>										
Jan	112.8	110.1	109.0	93.2	118.1	121.4	113.4	119.6	116.4	121.2
Feb	114.0	112.8	109.1	94.1	118.1	118.4	113.5	119.5	116.7	124.6
Mar	114.5	113.7	109.2	93.7	123.4	118.8	114.8	119.7	117.2	123.8
Apr	116.2	115.4	110.1	93.4	124.2	125.8	115.8	121.3	118.2	124.5
May	116.4	114.8	110.3	93.9	124.8	128.0	117.5	121.7	119.4	124.8
Jun	117.2	116.0	110.5	95.0	125.0	128.0	117.8	123.8	119.8	125.7
Jul	118.1	117.9	110.8	94.6	124.9	127.8	118.0	123.2	120.0	126.4
Aug	118.7	119.7	111.3	93.8	125.3	124.7	118.0	123.0	120.0	127.1
Sep	120.0	121.5	112.0	93.4	125.2	124.9	118.6	123.7	120.2	131.2

Table 2 Month-to-month percentage changes of the all-items and foodstuffs section series of the seasonally adjusted CPI(A) and CPI(B) (Oct. 84 - Sep. 85 = 100)

Year and month	Consumer Price Index (A)			Consumer Price Index (B)		
	All items	All items of the latest 3 months #	Food- stuffs	All items	All items of the latest 3 months #	Food- stuffs
<u>1986</u>						
Sep	+ 0.1	+ 0.1	- 0.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.2	- 0.5
Oct	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.1
Nov	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
Dec	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.3
<u>1987</u>						
Jan	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Feb	- 0.2	+ 0.3	- 1.3	- 0.2	+ 0.3	- 1.1
Mar	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
Apr	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.8
May	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 0.9	+ 0.8	+ 0.7	+ 1.0
Jun	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Jul	- 0.1	+ 0.5	- 0.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.4	- 0.4
Aug	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	+ 1.7	+ 0.7	+ 0.3	+ 1.4
Sep	+ 0.0*	+ 0.7	- 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	- 0.0*
Oct	+ 1.1	+ 0.5	+ 1.5	+ 1.0	+ 0.5	+ 1.4
Nov	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 0.6
Dec	+ 1.5	+ 0.6	+ 2.7	+ 1.2	+ 0.6	+ 2.4
<u>1988</u>						
Jan	- 0.2	+ 0.6	- 1.0	- 0.0*	+ 0.6	- 0.8
Feb	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.6	+ 0.4	+ 0.8
Mar	+ 0.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.1	+ 0.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.3
Apr	+ 1.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.3	+ 1.1	+ 0.7	+ 1.2
May	+ 0.3	+ 0.5	+ 0.0*	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.2
Jun	+ 0.2	+ 0.5	- 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.6	- 0.2
Jul	+ 1.1	+ 0.6	+ 2.1	+ 1.0	+ 0.6	+ 2.0
Aug	+ 0.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.0	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 1.0
Sep	+ 1.2	-	+ 1.3	+ 0.9	-	+ 1.1

# Average monthly percentage change is based on the seasonally adjusted movement in a period of 3 months, e.g. the figure for Dec. 1987 is the average of the "All items" estimates for the months of Nov. 87, Dec. 87 and Jan. 88.

\* Less than 0.05%



Table 3(A) Consumer Price Index (A) for September 1988 compared with last month and the same month last year

Section and Group of commodity/service	Weights attached (%)	Sep 88 (10/84 - 9/85=100)	- Compared with - Aug 88 (%)	Sep 87 (%)
ALL ITEMS	100.00	120.5	+ 1.3	+ 8.8
SECTION OF FOODSTUFFS	45.48	121.1	+ 1.4	+12.0
1. Rice	1.47	113.1	+ 1.5	+14.2
2. Other cereals and cereal preparations	0.41	121.9	+ 2.2	+16.7
3. Bread, cakes, biscuits and puddings	1.42	120.1	+ 3.1	+11.4
4. Salt-water fish	1.50	145.9	+ 1.3	+15.1
5. Fresh-water fish	1.42	114.4	+ 2.2	+ 8.2
6. Other fresh sea products	0.60	128.0	+ 3.6	+ 6.2
7. Processed sea products	0.58	128.0	- 0.1	+ 9.1
8. Pork, locally slaughtered	2.85	108.6	+ 0.0*	+18.3
9. Beef, locally slaughtered	0.82	106.0	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
10. Live poultry	1.12	112.0	+ 0.0*	+12.8
11. Meat and poultry, frozen	0.73	113.9	+ 1.9	+10.9
12. Meat and poultry, tinned	0.19	131.0	+ 1.1	+18.1
13. Meat, others	1.16	108.2	+ 1.7	+ 7.3
14. Fresh vegetables	2.71	145.3	+ 3.3	+25.4
15. Processed vegetables	0.17	122.4	+ 1.3	+10.7
16. Fresh fruit	2.36	120.8	+ 2.8	+11.2
17. Processed fruit	0.16	120.1	+ 0.9	+ 1.6
18. Dairy products	0.78	119.0	+ 0.6	+ 8.9
19. Eggs	0.45	111.9	+ 3.8	+ 9.0
20. Edible oils	0.82	92.8	- 1.4	+ 5.0
21. Aerated water	0.41	128.8	- 0.1	+10.8
22. Other non-alcoholic beverages	0.58	118.1	- 0.0*	+ 7.0
23. Sugar	0.10	131.2	+ 3.4	+32.6
24. Confectionery	0.49	127.1	+ 0.9	+10.2
25. Flavourings and additives	0.28	112.8	+ 0.8	+ 6.0
26. Foods, others	0.96	120.6	+ 0.3	+ 7.9
27. Meals bought away from home	20.94	121.8	+ 1.2	+10.8
SECTION OF HOUSING	15.31	115.4	+ 1.6	+ 3.9
28. Rent, including rates	13.98	113.9	+ 1.5	+ 3.2
29. Water charges	0.25	125.7	-	+ 7.5
30. Other housing charges	0.97	134.2	+ 2.1	+12.3
31. Materials for house maintenance	0.11	115.2	+ 1.7	+ 7.2
SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT	3.41	92.7	- 0.4	+ 0.2
32. Electricity	2.00	93.7	-	-
33. Liquefied petroleum gas	0.64	92.6	-	+ 2.1
34. Towngas	0.42	99.3	- 2.9	+ 0.5
35. Kerosene	0.34	79.2	-	- 3.2
36. Fuel, others	0.01	105.4	+ 0.9	+ 5.9

\* Less than 0.05%

Table 3(A) (cont'd)

Section and Group of commodity/service	Weights attached (%)	Sep 88 (10/84 - 9/85=100)	- Compared with - Aug 88 (%)	Sep 87 (%)
SECTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	2.57	124.4	- 0.1	+ 6.4
37. Chinese wines	0.21	109.6	- 0.1	+ 4.5
38. Foreign-style wines	0.17	134.3	+ 0.8	+ 9.3
39. Beer	0.38	128.4	- 1.1	+10.7
40. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1.81	124.3	-	+ 5.4
SECTION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	5.24	122.7	+ 0.1	+ 8.4
41. Men's outerclothing	1.17	126.8	+ 0.3	+ 7.4
42. Men's underclothing	0.09	122.9	+ 1.0	+10.2
43. Women's outerclothing	1.49	127.6	- 0.6	+ 9.4
44. Women's underclothing	0.12	120.2	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
45. Children's outerclothing	0.72	120.0	- 0.8	+ 6.5
46. Children's underclothing	0.03	109.3	+ 0.3	+ 4.6
47. Clothing, others	0.15	124.6	+ 2.8	+11.0
48. Infant's clothing	0.22	120.4	+ 1.3	+ 9.5
49. Clothing materials and tailoring charges	0.20	123.0	+ 0.9	+16.4
50. Men's footwear	0.42	114.7	+ 0.6	+ 6.2
51. Women's footwear	0.41	113.8	+ 0.2	+ 9.6
52. Children's footwear	0.22	111.5	+ 1.1	+ 5.8
SECTION OF DURABLE GOODS	5.72	119.4	+ 0.4	+ 6.0
53. Furniture	0.43	113.3	+ 0.6	+ 6.9
54. Electrical appliances	1.94	132.1	+ 0.2	+ 9.1
55. Video and sound equipment	1.82	106.4	+ 0.0*	+ 1.7
56. Glass, crockery and earthenware	0.08	112.0	+ 0.7	+ 6.9
57. Hardware, ironmongery and cutlery	0.06	115.3	+ 1.4	+ 7.6
58. Watches, cameras and optical goods	0.87	122.6	+ 0.0*	+ 5.1
59. Travel and sports goods	0.29	121.1	+ 3.3	+ 7.3
60. Durable goods, others	0.23	117.7	+ 0.8	+ 8.5
SECTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	5.84	123.3	+ 0.3	+ 4.8
61. Proprietary medicines and supplies	0.89	111.8	+ 0.3	+13.4
62. Newspapers	0.57	150.0	-	+ 0.6
63. Books and periodicals	0.25	136.1	-	+11.9
64. Stationery	0.42	114.3	+ 0.1	+ 5.4
65. Soft furnishings	0.19	112.6	+ 0.6	+ 5.7
66. Toilet requisites and cosmetics	0.89	121.5	+ 1.1	+ 6.5
67. Soaps and detergents	0.38	105.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
68. Jewellery	0.99	136.4	- 0.7	- 4.1
69. Toys and hobbies	0.66	111.5	+ 1.5	+ 4.7
70. Household goods, others	0.60	125.4	+ 0.3	+12.9

\* Less than 0.05%

Table 3(A) (cont'd)

Section and Group of commodity/service	Weights attached (%)	Sep 88 (10/84 - 9/85=100)	- Compared with - Aug 88 (%)	Sep 87 (%)
SECTION OF TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	6.79	121.0	+ 0.2	+ 4.1
71. Purchases of and repairs to motor vehicles	0.14	144.5	-	+ 7.6
72. Petrol and oil	0.13	98.8	-	+ 1.3
73. Motor licences, insurance, instructor's fees and parking fees	0.43	124.7	+ 0.0*	+10.2
74. Bus fares	1.96	125.7	-	-
75. Tram fares	0.03	100.0	-	-
76. Public light bus fares	0.82	121.5	+ 0.5	+10.0
77. Taxi fares	0.84	111.1	-	-
78. Mass Transit Railway fares	1.01	121.3	-	+ 5.7
79. Ferry fares	0.24	110.7	+ 0.3	+ 4.1
80. Train fares	0.35	132.7	+ 0.1	+ 7.4
81. Transport, others	0.84	115.9	+ 0.7	+ 6.4
SECTION OF SERVICES	9.64	131.5	+ 3.7	+12.6
82. School fees	1.82	165.7	+13.0	+28.7
83. Other educational charges	0.52	145.2	+ 8.1	+20.3
84. Medical treatment	1.89	129.1	+ 1.0	+ 7.5
85. Cinema entertainment	0.82	133.1	-	+14.3
86. Package tours	0.73	121.3	- 1.7	+ 9.7
87. Expenses on dinner parties	0.13	120.5	+ 0.8	+ 9.4
88. Other entertainment and holiday expenses	0.62	114.9	-	+ 4.4
89. Household services	0.60	131.3	+ 2.5	+10.6
90. Hair-dressing	0.87	111.7	+ 0.6	+ 6.8
91. Repairs to personal and household goods	0.16	121.1	+ 0.4	+ 7.7
92. Subscriptions and other services	0.54	111.5	+ 0.6	+ 4.6
93. Postage	0.05	143.2	+13.0	+14.2
94. Telephones and telegrams	0.89	111.6	-	-

Note : The CPI(A) is based on weights derived from the expenditure of households spending between \$2,000 and \$6,499 a month in the 1984/85 Household Expenditure Survey.

\* Less than 0.05%

Table 3(B) Consumer Price Index (B) for September 1988 compared with last month and the same month last year

Section and Group of commodity/service		Weights attached (%)	Sep 88 (10/84 - 9/85=100)	- Compared with - Aug 88 (%)	Sep 87 (%)
ALL ITEMS		100.00	120.0	+ 1.1	+ 8.3
SECTION OF FOODSTUFFS		38.92	121.5	+ 1.4	+11.8
1.	Rice	1.04	113.0	+ 1.5	+14.1
2.	Other cereals and cereal preparations	0.31	122.4	+ 2.2	+16.9
3.	Bread, cakes, biscuits and puddings	1.29	120.3	+ 2.9	+11.4
4.	Salt-water fish	1.10	149.0	+ 1.6	+17.1
5.	Fresh-water fish	0.96	114.6	+ 2.2	+ 8.3
6.	Other fresh sea products	0.58	129.4	+ 3.5	+ 6.3
7.	Processed sea products	0.59	135.3	- 0.0*	+10.0
8.	Pork, locally slaughtered	2.04	108.6	+ 0.0*	+18.2
9.	Beef, locally slaughtered	0.63	106.1	+ 1.0	+ 6.3
10.	Live poultry	0.97	112.4	+ 0.0*	+13.1
11.	Meat and poultry, frozen	0.55	113.6	+ 1.7	+10.3
12.	Meat and poultry, tinned	0.14	131.1	+ 1.1	+18.1
13.	Meat, others	1.08	108.0	+ 1.6	+ 7.1
14.	Fresh vegetables	1.90	145.1	+ 3.8	+24.7
15.	Processed vegetables	0.13	121.6	+ 1.2	+10.1
16.	Fresh fruit	2.00	121.4	+ 3.4	+11.2
17.	Processed fruit	0.14	119.8	+ 1.0	+ 1.1
18.	Dairy products	0.53	118.8	+ 0.6	+ 9.6
19.	Eggs	0.33	112.4	+ 4.0	+ 9.2
20.	Edible oils	0.61	93.0	- 1.3	+ 5.0
21.	Aerated water	0.39	129.0	- 0.1	+10.8
22.	Other non-alcoholic beverages	0.52	118.1	- 0.0*	+ 7.0
23.	Sugar	0.07	135.1	+ 4.1	+36.1
24.	Confectionery	0.50	126.6	+ 0.7	+ 9.6
25.	Flavourings and additives	0.22	112.6	+ 0.8	+ 5.9
26.	Foods, others	0.98	120.8	+ 0.4	+ 7.2
27.	Meals bought away from home	19.32	122.1	+ 1.2	+11.0
SECTION OF HOUSING		20.16	112.0	+ 0.6	+ 3.3
28.	Rent, including rates	18.16	109.8	+ 0.5	+ 2.3
29.	Water charges	0.21	125.7	-	+ 7.5
30.	Other housing charges	1.63	133.8	+ 2.0	+12.1
31.	Materials for house maintenance	0.16	115.1	+ 1.5	+ 7.8
SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT		2.76	93.4	- 0.5	+ 0.2
32.	Electricity	1.71	93.7	-	-
33.	Liquefied petroleum gas	0.43	92.6	-	+ 2.1
34.	Towngas	0.42	99.3	- 2.9	+ 0.5
35.	Kerosene	0.19	79.2	-	- 3.2
36.	Fuel, others	0.01	105.4	+ 0.9	+ 5.9

\* Less than 0.05%

Table 3(B) (cont'd)

Section and Group of commodity/service	Weights attached (%)	Sep 88 (10/84 - 9/85=100)	- Compared with - Aug 88 (%)	Sep 87 (%)
SECTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	1.67	125.2	- 0.1	+ 6.7
37. Chinese wines	0.12	109.7	- 0.0*	+ 4.8
38. Foreign-style wines	0.21	134.2	+ 0.7	+ 9.3
39. Beer	0.25	128.6	- 1.3	+10.8
40. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures	1.09	124.4	-	+ 5.4
SECTION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	6.98	124.9	+ 0.2	+ 8.7
41. Men's outerclothing	1.66	128.5	+ 0.3	+ 8.0
42. Men's underclothing	0.09	123.5	+ 1.1	+10.0
43. Women's outerclothing	2.40	129.7	- 0.5	+ 9.6
44. Women's underclothing	0.12	120.6	+ 0.8	+ 8.1
45. Children's outerclothing	0.57	121.7	- 0.9	+ 6.3
46. Children's underclothing	0.03	108.7	+ 0.4	+ 4.0
47. Clothing, others	0.24	129.4	+ 4.4	+ 9.0
48. Infant's clothing	0.18	119.3	+ 1.1	+ 8.8
49. Clothing materials and tailoring charges	0.31	123.7	+ 0.8	+15.1
50. Men's footwear	0.64	116.0	+ 0.8	+ 6.1
51. Women's footwear	0.56	113.8	+ 0.2	+ 9.7
52. Children's footwear	0.18	111.5	+ 1.1	+ 5.7
SECTION OF DURABLE GOODS	5.60	118.6	+ 0.5	+ 6.0
53. Furniture	0.71	113.7	+ 0.6	+ 7.1
54. Electrical appliances	1.54	131.3	+ 0.2	+ 8.6
55. Video and sound equipment	1.69	105.5	- 0.1	+ 1.7
56. Glass, crockery and earthenware	0.06	112.3	+ 2.0	+ 6.8
57. Hardware, ironmongery and cutlery	0.08	117.2	+ 1.7	+ 8.3
58. Watches, cameras and optical goods	0.79	122.2	- 0.0*	+ 5.0
59. Travel and sports goods	0.39	121.8	+ 4.3	+ 7.3
60. Durable goods, others	0.34	125.5	+ 0.8	+10.7
SECTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	6.06	123.7	+ 0.6	+ 5.1
61. Proprietary medicines and supplies	0.86	112.2	+ 0.3	+13.3
62. Newspapers	0.46	149.9	-	+ 1.2
63. Books and periodicals	0.31	135.5	-	+11.7
64. Stationery	0.35	116.2	+ 0.4	+ 6.3
65. Soft furnishings	0.28	115.3	+ 4.0	+ 5.0
66. Toilet requisites and cosmetics	1.01	125.2	+ 1.5	+ 6.8
67. Soaps and detergents	0.34	104.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.7
68. Jewellery	0.97	136.8	- 0.6	- 3.8
69. Toys and hobbies	0.80	111.3	+ 1.6	+ 4.3
70. Household goods, others	0.68	125.8	+ 0.3	+11.9

\* Less than 0.05%

Table 3(B) (cont'd)

Section and Group of commodity/service	Weights attached (%)	Sep 88 (10/84 - 9/85=100)	- Compared with - Aug 88 (%)	Sep 87 (%)
SECTION OF TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	6.83	120.2	+ 0.1	+ 4.4
71. Purchases of and repairs to motor vehicles	0.16	146.1	+ 0.1	+ 7.5
72. Petrol and oil	0.28	98.8	-	+ 1.3
73. Motor licences, insurance, instructor's fees and parking fees	0.71	125.7	+ 0.0*	+11.7
74. Bus fares	1.56	125.7	-	-
75. Tram fares	0.04	100.0	-	-
76. Public light bus fares	0.72	121.5	+ 0.5	+10.0
77. Taxi fares	1.05	110.5	-	-
78. Mass Transit Railway fares	1.11	121.3	-	+ 5.7
79. Ferry fares	0.21	111.5	+ 0.3	+ 4.4
80. Train fares	0.27	131.7	+ 0.1	+ 7.3
81. Transport, others	0.72	116.2	+ 0.7	+ 6.3
SECTION OF SERVICES	11.02	131.2	+ 3.2	+12.5
82. School fees	1.87	164.6	+13.1	+28.7
83. Other educational charges	0.52	145.2	+ 6.7	+20.5
84. Medical treatment	1.93	127.0	+ 0.8	+ 6.8
85. Cinema entertainment	1.02	133.1	-	+14.3
86. Package tours	1.18	121.9	- 1.7	+ 9.8
87. Expenses on dinner parties	0.27	120.5	+ 0.8	+ 9.4
88. Other entertainment and holiday expenses	1.03	122.8	+ 0.0*	+ 6.2
89. Household services	0.70	134.9	+ 2.5	+12.6
90. Hair-dressing	0.94	112.3	+ 0.7	+ 7.0
91. Repairs to personal and household goods	0.19	120.0	+ 0.2	+ 7.2
92. Subscriptions and other services	0.66	112.6	+ 0.5	+ 4.8
93. Postage	0.07	143.2	+13.0	+14.2
94. Telephones and telegrams	0.64	111.6	-	-

Note : The CPI(B) is based on weights derived from the expenditure of households spending between \$6,500 and \$9,999 a month in the 1984/85 Household Expenditure Survey.

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TABLE 4(A) Contribution of Changes in Selected Group Indexes  
to the Change in Consumer Price Index (A)

Group of commodity/service	Weights	Index for Sep	Contribution
		1988 compared with that for Aug 1988	
	(%)	(%)	to the Change in CPI(A) (%)
1. School fees	1.82	+ 13.0	+ 22.8
2. Meals bought away from home	20.94	+ 1.2	+ 19.5
3. Rent, including rates	13.98	+ 1.5	+ 15.8
4. Fresh vegetables	2.71	+ 3.3	+ 8.1
5. Fresh fruit	2.36	+ 2.8	+ 5.1
6. Other educational charges	0.52	+ 8.1	+ 3.7
7. Bread, cakes, biscuits and puddings	1.42	+ 3.1	+ 3.3
8. Fresh-water fish	1.42	+ 2.2	+ 2.3
9. Salt-water fish	1.50	+ 1.3	+ 1.8
10. Other housing charges	0.97	+ 2.1	+ 1.8

TABLE 4(B) Contribution of Changes in Selected Group Indexes  
to the Change in Consumer Price Index (B)

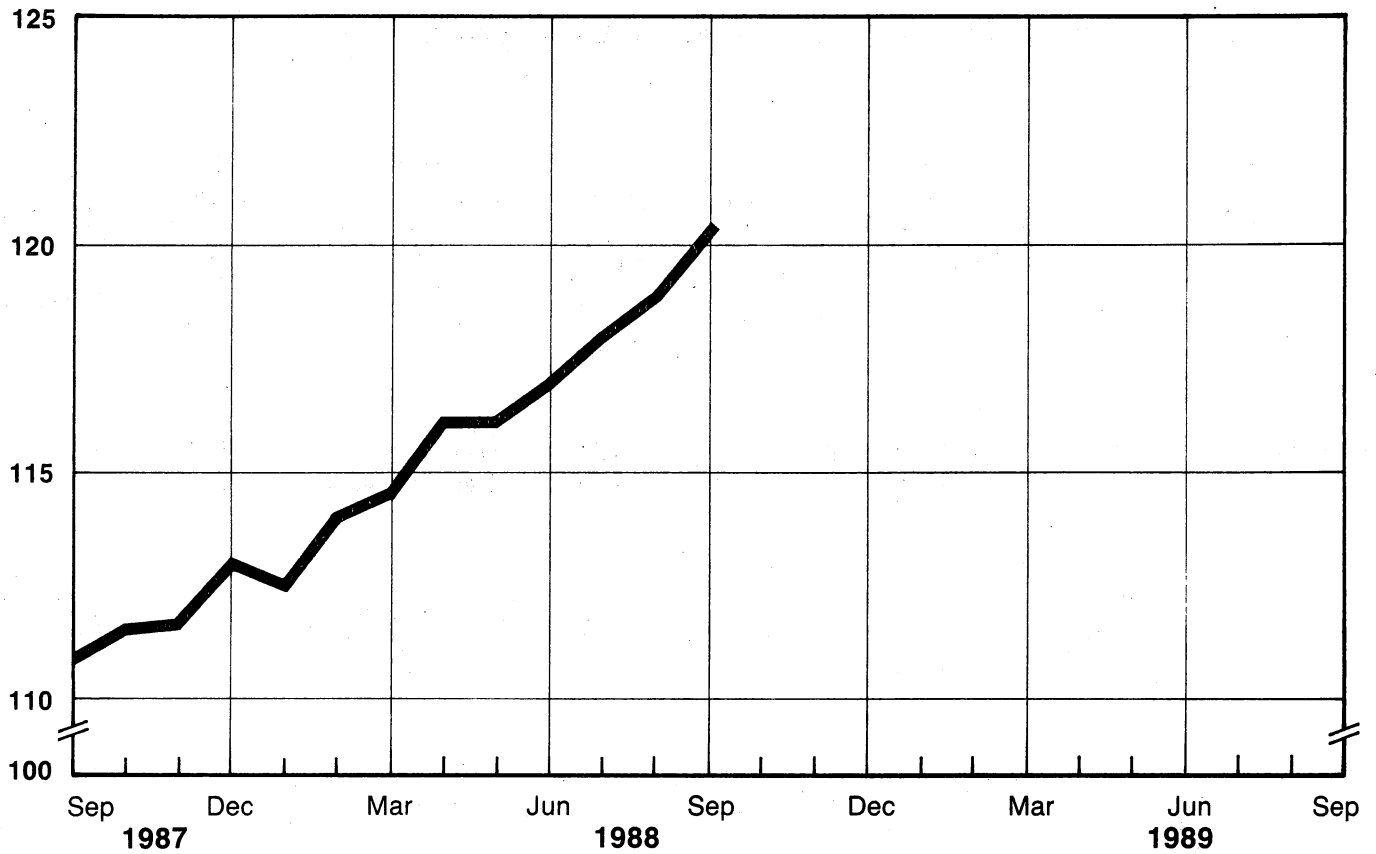
Group of commodity/service	Weights	Index for Sep	Contribution
		1988 compared with that for Aug 1988	
	(%)	(%)	to the Change in CPI(B) (%)
1. School fees	1.87	+ 13.1	+ 26.4
2. Meals bought away from home	19.32	+ 1.2	+ 20.7
3. Fresh vegetables	1.90	+ 3.8	+ 7.5
4. Rent, including rates	18.16	+ 0.5	+ 7.1
5. Fresh fruit	2.00	+ 3.4	+ 5.9
6. Other educational charges	0.52	+ 6.7	+ 3.5
7. Bread, cakes, biscuits and puddings	1.29	+ 2.9	+ 3.3
8. Other housing charges	1.63	+ 2.0	+ 3.2
9. Salt-water fish	1.10	+ 1.6	+ 1.9
10. Other fresh sea products	0.58	+ 3.5	+ 1.9

Table 5 Average Prices and Price Ranges of Some Essential Food Items

Item	HK\$/kg					
	September 1988		August 1988		September 1987	
	Average Price	Price Range	Average Price	Price Range	Average Price	Price Range
<u>Rice</u>						
Top grade	5.29	4.30 - 6.10	5.24	4.30 - 6.10	4.68	3.60 - 5.40
Middle & low grade	4.66	3.60 - 5.60	4.58	3.60 - 5.60	4.12	3.00 - 5.00
<u>Pork</u>						
Best cut	23.96	21.20 - 26.50	23.96	21.20 - 26.50	20.27	16.50 - 23.10
Pork chop	30.94	26.50 - 39.70	30.94	26.50 - 39.70	26.08	23.10 - 29.80
<u>Beef</u>						
Best quality	32.26	26.50 - 36.40	32.16	26.50 - 36.40	30.29	26.50 - 33.10
Belly flesh	17.64	14.90 - 23.10	16.98	13.20 - 19.80	16.04	14.90 - 16.50
<u>Poultry</u>						
Live chicken - Grade A	25.89	21.50 - 29.80	25.63	21.50 - 31.40	22.97	18.20 - 29.80
Live duck - Grade A	16.88	13.20 - 33.10	17.96	13.20 - 23.10	19.03	13.20 - 26.50
<u>Marine fish</u>						
Golden thread	23.74	9.90 - 43.00	23.73	9.90 - 39.70	21.86	8.30 - 39.70
Mackerel	32.92	10.60 - 52.90	35.98	13.20 - 52.90	32.56	18.20 - 43.00
Garnupa	59.61	39.70 - 105.80	58.30	39.70 - 92.60	56.90	39.70 - 95.90
<u>Pond fish</u>						
Grass carp	26.49	13.20 - 33.10	25.91	13.20 - 31.70	24.74	14.90 - 29.80
Big head	21.93	13.20 - 28.10	21.31	13.20 - 29.80	20.55	14.60 - 26.50
<u>Fresh vegetables</u>						
Cabbage, white	9.03	3.30 - 15.90	10.35	4.10 - 23.10	7.46	2.60 - 16.50
Cabbage, flowering	11.94	4.00 - 19.80	12.47	4.10 - 33.10	9.54	2.60 - 15.90
Tomato	12.81	6.60 - 16.50	11.90	4.00 - 19.80	11.03	5.30 - 14.90
Chinese lettuce	9.46	5.80 - 19.80	9.49	5.30 - 16.50	8.76	4.60 - 13.20
Hairy gourd	6.91	2.60 - 11.60	7.36	2.60 - 14.10	6.23	3.00 - 9.90
Hen eggs (\$ each)	0.56	0.33 - 0.97	0.55	0.40 - 0.97	0.53	0.33 - 0.96



**Graph A Consumer Price Index (A)**  
(1984/85 = 100)



**Graph B Consumer Price Index (B)**  
(1984/85 = 100)

