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Consumer sentiment plunges

- ANZ-Roy Morgan Australian Consumer Confidence plunged 6% last week, closing just below its long term average and at its lowest level for more than a year. All components of the survey fell sharply.
- Households' perceptions of current financial conditions fell by 7.1% last week, while sentiment regarding the future financial situation fell by 3.4%.
- Sentiment towards current economic conditions fell by 5.4%, while that towards future economic conditions fell by 6.5%.
- The 'time to buy a household item' sub-index fell by 7.8%. The index is at its lowest level for three years. Four-week moving average inflation expectations edged higher at 4.5%.

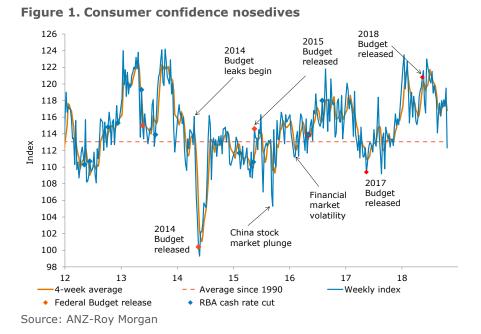
ANZ's Head of Australian Economics, David Plank, commented:

"Confidence plunged by 6% last week, bringing the index to its lowest level since September 2017. There was no glimmer of better news in the subindices, with all confidence measures down sharply. Loss of Liberal stronghold Wentworth may have highlighted political uncertainty in the public mind. Higher petrol prices may also be impacting sentiment. Certainly there was no cheer from the favourable labour market numbers released last week. There are no local data of note released this week, which will provide clear air for even more focus than usual on political developments – as if an excuse was needed."

ANZ-Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence and inflation expectations

Last week (20-21 Oct)	Weekly change, %	Four-week average	Monthly average since 1990	Inflation expectations (four-week ma)	
112.3	-6.0%	116.8	113	4.5%	

Data collected last weekend (Saturday and Sunday), based on around 1,000 face-to-face interviews. Not seasonally adjusted. Further data history on page 6.





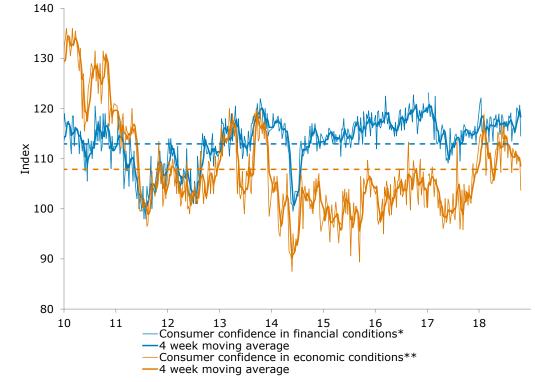


Figure 2. Confidence in financial conditions at one year low

Note: Financial conditions index is an average of 'financial situation compared to a year ago' and 'financial situation next year' sub-indices. Economic conditions index is an average of 'economic conditions in 12 months' and 'economic conditions in five years' sub-indices.

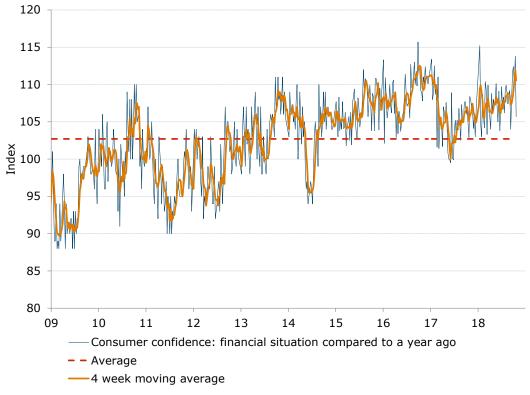


Figure 3. Views towards current finances drops sharply

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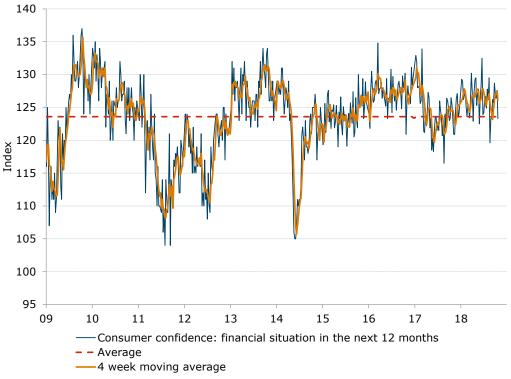
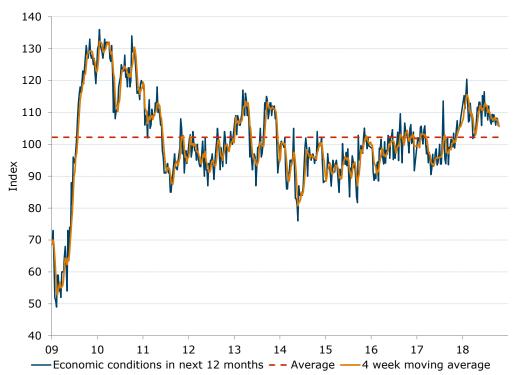


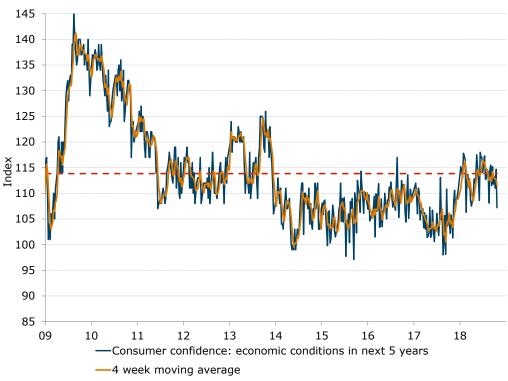
Figure 5. Sentiment towards current economic conditions are trending lower



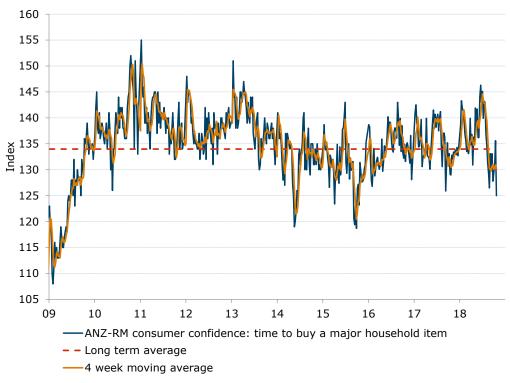
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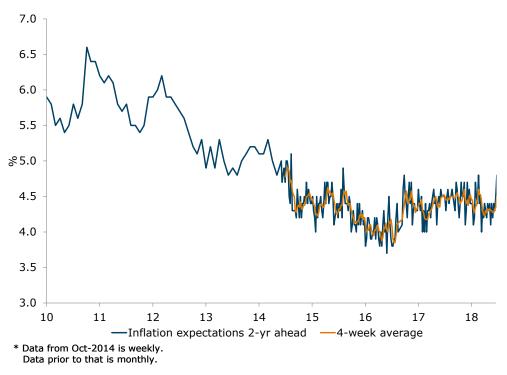




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Data table

	Headline index Subindicies							Inflation Expectations
	Last week	4-week moving average	1. Financial situation compared to a year ago	2. Financial situation next year	3. Economic conditions next year	4. Economic conditions next 5 years	5. Time to buy a major household item	6. Inflation expectations 2-year ahead (%)
Avg since 2001	116	_	103	124	105	114	135	-
2011 avg	114	-	97	117	101	116	140	6.0
2012 avg	113	-	99	118	97	113	138	5.8
2013 avg 2014 avg	119 111	-	104 104	128 121	106 94	118 106	139 132	5.0 4.9
2015 avg	112	-	107	124	94	106	131	4.4
2016 avg	115	-	109	127	99	108	134	4.1
2017 avg 2-Apr-17	$114 \\ 111.1$	- 112.5	105 101.7	124 122.2	100 94.2	105 103.0	135 134.1	4.4 4.4
9-Apr-17	114.8	112.9	107.0	123.9	97.5	105.7	139.9	4.3
16-Apr-17	112.6	113.1	106.2	127.3	95.6	101.4	132.7	4.3
23-Apr-17 30-Apr-17	111.2 111.3	112.4 112.5	104.9 107.6	126.5 121.9	90.5 92.3	101.6 102.3	132.5 132.3	4.3 4.6
7-May-17	112.3	111.9	104.1	123.4	96.9	107.3	130.1	4.4
14-May-17 21-May-17	109.4 110.5	111.1 110.9	100.8 100.0	118.5 120.3	93.1 93.9	101.4 102.0	133.3 136.3	4.3 4.5
28-May-17	112.2	111.1	99.9	118.3	97.2	102.0	139.1	4.0
4-Jun-17	112.9	111.3	99.5	121.5	98.6	103.3	141.5	4.3
11-Jun-17 18-Jun-17	112.9 112.4	112.1 112.6	108.9 100.1	123.3 123.6	93.5 94.1	100.6 103.4	138.0 140.7	4.0 4.4
25-Jun-17	112.4	112.5	99.9	121.5	96.4	103.4	138.2	4.0
2-Jul-17	114.5	112.9	103.7	122.5	100.0	106.1	140.0	4.3
9-Jul-17 16-Jul-17	113.0 112.5	112.9 113.0	105.2 103.3	121.5 126.0	93.8 93.8	103.5 101.8	140.7 137.5	4.3 4.4
23-Jul-17	115.1	113.8	105.2	124.6	101.2	104.5	140.0	4.2
30-Jul-17	118.4	114.8	103.9	123.5	113.6	113.1	141.2	4.4
6-Aug-17 13-Aug-17	113.7 111.7	114.9 114.7	106.8 104.7	120.7 123.0	101.4 95.3	104.9 105.1	134.7 130.6	4.5 4.6
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3-Sep-17 10-Sep-17	114.1 109.8	112.1 111.7	105.2 104.9	121.9 126.4	101.8 93.6	105.7 98.1	136.2 125.9	4.1 4.4
17-Sep-17	114.8	113.1	107.6	126.0	99.0	110.8	130.9	4.5
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22-0ct-17	113.3	113.2	102.9	125.4	103.5	105.8	129.0	4.5
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