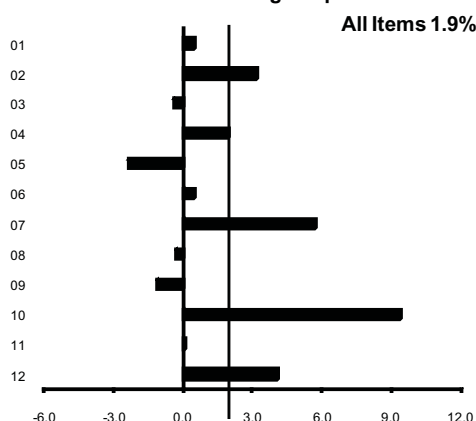




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### Comparison of main CPI divisions to the overall CPI annual % change - April 2012



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CPI (Base: December 2011 = 100)

COICOP Division	% changes	
	1 month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.5	+0.5
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.9	+3.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	+0.3	-0.4
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.2	+2.0
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.3	-2.3
06 Health	-0.1	+0.5
07 Transport	-0.7	+5.7
08 Communications	-0.7	-0.3
09 Recreation and Culture	+0.2	-1.1
10 Education	—	+9.4
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+0.3	+0.1
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+1.3	+4.1
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>+1.9</b>

### Prices rise by 1.9% in the year to April

Consumer Prices in April, as measured by the CPI, remained unchanged in the month. This compares to an increase of 0.4% recorded in April of last year. Prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 1.9% higher in April compared with April 2011.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+1.3%) and *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+0.5%). There were decreases in *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (-0.9%) and *Transport* (-0.7%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Education* (+9.4%), *Transport* (+5.7%), *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+4.1%) and *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+3.2%). There were decreases in *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.3%), *Recreation & Culture* (-1.1%) and *Clothing & Footwear* (-0.4%).

The annual rate of inflation for Services was 2.1% in the year to April, while Goods increased by 1.5%.

This release provides a detailed analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI divisions in tables 1 to 16.

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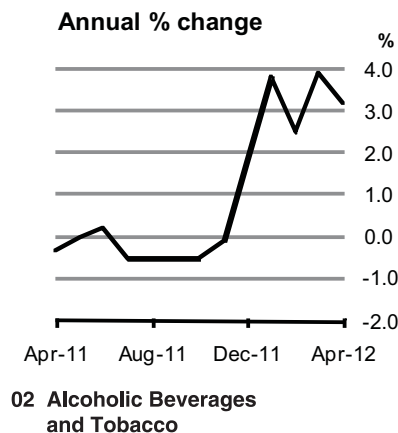
### 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages



Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.5% in the month and by 0.5% in the year to April 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.4% for the year to April 2011. In the month, food prices increased by 0.7% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.9%.

In April, price increases were recorded for eggs (+7.3%), chocolate (+7.1%), lamb & goat (+6.0%), crisps (+3.8%), dried fruit & nuts (+3.2%), cocoa & powdered chocolate (+2.7%), beef & veal (+2.5%), other bakery products (+1.9%), rice (+1.7%), breakfast cereals (+1.1%) and pork (+1.0%). Price decreases were recorded for mineral or spring waters (-6.9%), confectionery products (-4.6%), dried, smoked or salted fish & seafood (-3.9%), coffee (-3.2%), fresh or chilled fish (-2.5%), pasta products & couscous (-2.2%), frozen fish (-2.0%), pizza & quiche (-1.5%), poultry (-1.3%), fruit & vegetable juices (-1.0%) and artificial sugar substitute (-1.0%).

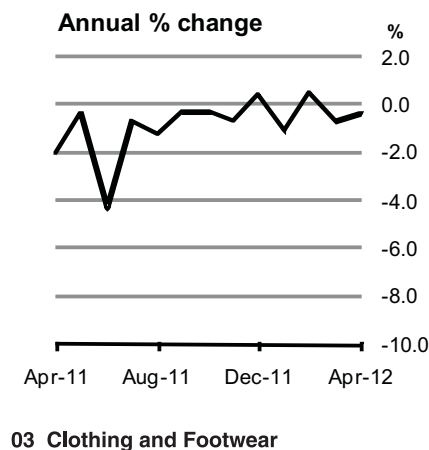
### 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco



Overall prices decreased by 0.9% in the month and increased by 3.2% in the year to April 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.3% for the year to April 2011. In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 1.8% while tobacco prices remained unchanged.

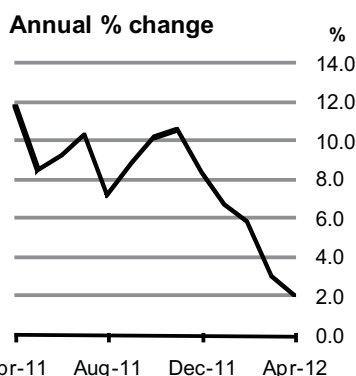
In April, price decreases were recorded for wine (-3.6%), beer (-0.3%), cigarettes (-0.1%) and other tobacco products (-0.1%). A price increase was recorded for spirits (+0.5%).

### 03 Clothing and Footwear



Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 0.3% in the month and decreased by 0.4% in the year to April 2012. This compares to a decrease of 2.0% for the year to April 2011. In the month, clothing prices increased by 0.2% while footwear prices increased by 0.9%.

In April, price increases were recorded for shoes & other footwear (+0.9%) and garments (+0.2%). Price decreases were recorded for other articles of clothing & clothing accessories (-0.9%) and repair & hire of footwear (-0.4%).

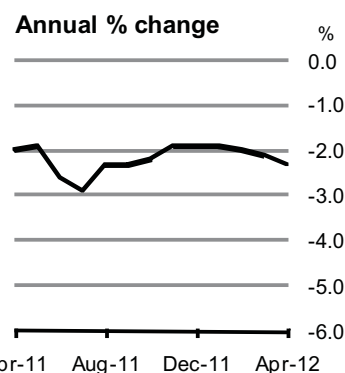


#### 04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs decreased by 0.2% in the month and increased by 2.0% in the year to April 2012. This compares to an increase of 11.8% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for private rents (-0.9%) and mortgage interest (-0.3%). Price increases were recorded for electricity (+0.8%), liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+0.4%), materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling (+0.4%) and bottled gas (+0.4%).

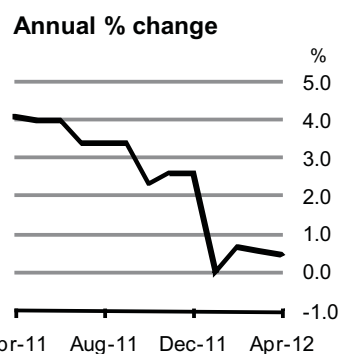


#### 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 2.3% in the year to April 2012. This compares to a decrease of 2.0% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for major tools & equipment (-1.8%), household textiles (-1.4%), furniture & furnishings (-0.6%) and small electric household appliances (-0.6%). A price increase was recorded for small tools & miscellaneous accessories (+1.1%).

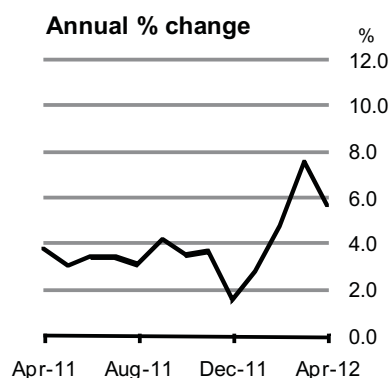


#### 06 Health

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Overall health costs and charges decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 0.5% in the year to April 2012. This compares to an increase of 4.1% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for other medical products (which includes condoms, pregnancy test kit, petroleum jelly, disinfectant - first aid and adhesive dressing) (-0.7%) and hospital services (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for other medical & paramedical services (+0.3%) and doctors' fees (+0.1%).

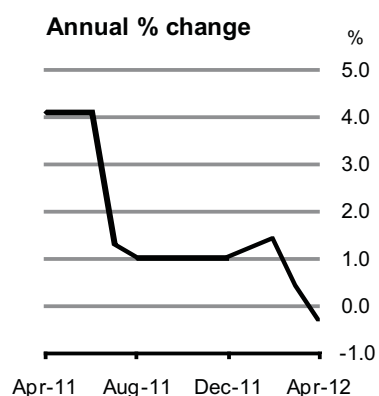


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Transport costs decreased by 0.7% in the month and increased by 5.7% in the year to April 2012. This compares to an increase of 3.8% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for passenger transport by air (-15.1%) and bicycles (-2.8%). Price increases were recorded for petrol (+3.5%), passenger transport by sea & inland waterway (+1.4%) and diesel (+1.2%).

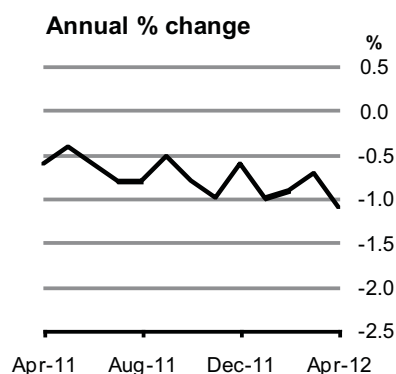


## 08 Communications

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Overall communications costs decreased by 0.7% in the month and by 0.3% in the year to April 2012. This compares to an increase of 4.1% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services (-0.7%).



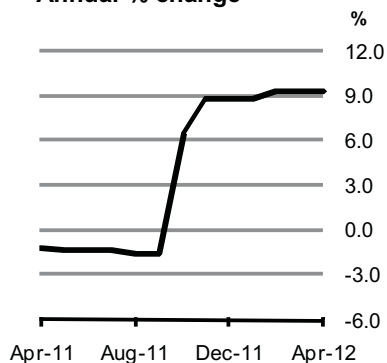
## 09 Recreation and Culture

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Overall prices increased by 0.2% in the month and decreased by 1.1% in the year to April 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.6% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for recording media (+3.4%), package holidays (+1.4%), pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets (+1.3%) and books (+1.2%). Price decreases were recorded for information processing equipment (-1.9%), games toys & hobbies (-1.5%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-1.0%) and newspapers & periodicals (-0.7%).

### Annual % change

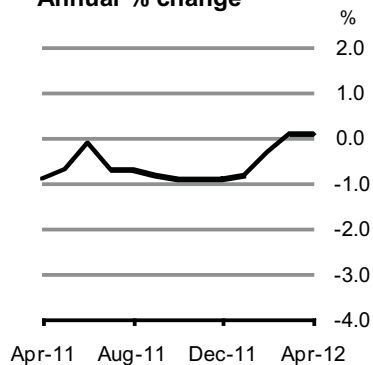


### 10 Education

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Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 9.4% in the year to April 2012. This compares to a decrease of 1.2% for the year to April 2011.

### Annual % change



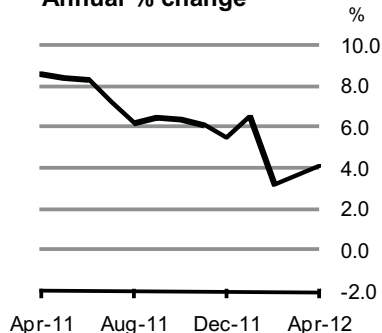
### 11 Restaurants and Hotels

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Prices for the overall category increased by 0.3% in the month and by 0.1% in the year to April 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.9% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for accommodation services (+2.1%) and canteens (+0.8%). Price decreases were recorded for wine (-0.2%) and soft drinks & mineral water (-0.1%).

### Annual % change



### 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

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Overall prices increased by 1.3% in the month and by 4.1% in the year to April 2012. This compares to an increase of 8.6% for the year to April 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for other services n.e.c. (due to the introduction of the household charge) (+21.6%), electrical appliances for personal care (+2.4%), insurance connected with health (+1.6%), hygiene products (+1.5%), hair products (+1.3%) and toilet accessories (+1.0%). Price decreases were recorded for insurance connected with the dwelling (-4.0%), jewellery, clocks & watches (-1.1%) and motor car insurance (-0.3%).

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>01.1 Food</b>	10.2532	100.0	0.7	0.5
01.1.1 Bread & Cereals	1.9822	99.4	0.4	-2.0
Rice	0.0539	101.5	1.7	0.1
Flours & other cereals	0.0673	99.3	-0.4	-0.1
Bread	0.6588	99.0	-0.4	-2.9
Other bakery products	0.6163	99.4	1.9	-2.7
Pizza & quiche	0.1505	96.6	-1.5	-5.6
Pasta products & couscous	0.1060	97.9	-2.2	0.7
Breakfast cereals	0.2819	102.1	1.1	3.2
Other cereal products	0.0475	98.9	0.9	-1.9
01.1.2 Meat	2.4233	100.1	0.9	1.6
Beef & veal	0.4170	105.8	2.5	12.2
Pork	0.1458	101.7	1.0	3.1
Lamb & goat	0.1414	106.0	6.0	1.7
Poultry	0.4599	97.8	-1.3	-2.6
Edible offal	0.0065	101.6	0.2	0.7
Dried, salted or smoked meat	0.8656	97.8	0.5	-2.0
Other meat preparations	0.3871	99.0	0.4	2.6
01.1.3 Fish	0.3220	98.4	-1.8	-1.6
Fresh or chilled fish	0.1249	98.4	-2.5	-4.3
Frozen fish	0.0491	97.5	-2.0	-0.3
Fresh or chilled seafood	0.0374	99.1	-0.8	-1.1
Dried, smoked or salted fish & seafood	0.0365	98.4	-3.9	-6.5
Other preserved or processed fish & seafood-based preparations	0.0740	98.5	-0.1	2.9
01.1.4 Milk, cheese & eggs	1.4569	100.1	0.8	3.0
Fresh whole milk	0.4250	99.7	0.0	1.6
Fresh low fat milk	0.1589	99.5	-0.1	1.4
Yoghurt	0.2535	99.5	0.9	0.5
Cheese & curd	0.3347	99.8	-0.3	5.2
Other milk products	0.1326	99.4	0.3	4.7
Eggs	0.1522	104.2	7.3	6.8
01.1.5 Oils & fats	0.2885	101.0	0.2	6.8
Butter	0.1293	100.6	-0.2	7.0
Margarine & other vegetable fats	0.0921	101.5	0.6	8.3
Olive oil	0.0260	100.5	0.0	-3.3
Other edible oils	0.0410	101.7	0.9	5.6
01.1.6 Fruit	0.7447	98.3	0.9	-3.1
Fresh or chilled fruit	0.6216	97.7	0.6	-3.7
Dried fruit & nuts	0.1045	101.3	3.2	-1.7
Preserved fruit & fruit-based products	0.0186	101.1	-0.3	6.2
01.1.7 Vegetables	1.3874	101.6	0.9	0.6
Fresh or chilled vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.5944	101.6	0.6	-0.1
Frozen vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.0358	100.6	0.7	0.4
Dried vegetables, other preserved or processed vegetables	0.2517	99.6	-0.2	2.0
Potatoes	0.3055	96.4	0.3	-4.8
Crisps	0.2000	112.3	3.8	8.1

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - April 2012 continued**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
01.1.8 Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate & confectionery	0.7966	100.8	2.1	0.7
Sugar	0.0732	100.7	0.1	35.9
Jams, marmalades & honey	0.0887	98.9	-0.1	4.3
Chocolate	0.3401	103.6	7.1	-0.5
Confectionery products	0.1428	97.7	-4.6	-1.9
Edible ices & ice cream	0.1458	98.5	-0.4	-5.3
Artificial sugar substitutes	0.0060	99.7	-1.0	-0.5
01.1.9 Food products n.e.c.	0.8516	99.7	-0.1	0.6
Sauces & condiments	0.2290	100.2	-0.8	0.9
Salt, spices & culinary herbs	0.0405	101.9	0.9	6.0
Baby food	0.1008	101.0	0.2	-0.3
Ready-made meals	0.2525	97.9	-0.3	-1.4
Other food products n.e.c.	0.2289	100.3	0.5	1.3
<b>01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>1.1127</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>1.3</b>
01.2.1 Coffee, tea & cocoa	0.2301	99.3	-1.4	-0.1
Coffee	0.0963	95.7	-3.2	-3.6
Tea	0.1217	101.9	-0.3	2.4
Cocoa & powdered chocolate	0.0120	103.0	2.7	4.0
01.2.2 Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit & vegetable juices	0.8826	101.7	-0.8	1.6
Mineral or spring waters	0.1256	98.8	-6.9	-8.9
Soft drinks	0.5246	102.1	0.9	2.4
Fruit & vegetable juices	0.2324	102.3	-1.0	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.3659</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.5</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>02.1 Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.2629	102.9	-1.8	-2.2
02.1.1 Spirits	0.3509	104.8	0.5	-3.1
02.1.2 Wine	1.0529	105.5	-3.6	0.1
02.1.3 Beer	0.8591	98.9	-0.3	-3.7
<b>02.2 Tobacco</b>	2.6455	102.7	0.0	7.0
Cigarettes	2.5150	102.6	-0.1	6.9
Other tobacco products	0.1304	103.6	-0.1	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9084</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>3.2</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>03.1 Clothing</b>	4.1220	99.8	0.2	0.3
03.1.2 Garments	3.8776	99.9	0.2	0.5
03.1.3 Other articles of clothing & clothing accessories	0.1634	95.7	-0.9	-2.2
03.1.4 Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.0810	100.2	0.1	-0.9
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.0628	100.3	0.1	-0.4
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0182	100.2	0.1	-1.8
<b>03.2 Footwear</b>	1.0806	98.6	0.9	-3.4
03.2.1 Shoes & other footwear	1.0713	98.6	0.9	-3.5
03.2.2 Repair & hire of footwear	0.0092	100.5	-0.4	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.2025</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-0.4</b>



**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
04.1/04.2 Actual rentals for housing & imputed rentals for housing	10.6732	95.7	-0.5	-0.3
04.1.1 Actual rentals paid by tenants (Rents)	5.0040	100.9	-0.7	1.5
Private Rents	4.3536	100.9	-0.9	2.4
Local Authority Rents	0.6504	100.7	0.0	-3.3
04.2.1 Mortgage Interest (Imputed rentals of owner occupiers)	5.6692	91.1	-0.3	-3.9
04.3 Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.8747	100.4	0.2	-0.6
04.3.1 Materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.3444	103.3	0.4	3.4
04.3.2 Services for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.5303	98.5	0.0	-4.3
04.4 Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	0.6260	100.8	0.0	0.8
04.5 Electricity, gas & other fuels	5.3022	102.1	0.5	9.0
04.5.1 Electricity	2.3386	100.8	0.8	12.4
04.5.2 Gas	1.1810	100.0	0.1	16.6
Natural gas	1.1215	100.0	0.0	20.5
Bottled gas	0.0595	99.3	0.4	1.0
04.5.3 Liquid fuels (Home Heating Oil)	1.3076	107.0	0.4	6.0
04.5.4 Solid fuels	0.4751	100.0	0.0	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.4761</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>2.0</b>

**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
05.1 Furniture & furnishings, carpets & other floor coverings	0.6557	97.8	-0.6	-5.3
05.1.1 Furniture & furnishings	0.6086	97.6	-0.6	-5.2
05.1.2 Carpets & other floor coverings	0.0471	100.3	-0.3	-4.5
05.2 Household textiles	0.2946	98.5	-1.4	-1.0
05.3 Household appliances	0.4648	99.2	-0.3	-2.8
05.3.1 Major household appliances whether electric or not	0.3618	99.2	-0.2	-3.0
05.3.2 Small electric household appliances	0.0690	98.9	-0.6	-2.8
05.3.3 Repair of household appliances	0.0340	100.5	0.0	-0.5
05.4 Glassware, tableware & household utensils	0.2302	98.9	-0.4	-3.3
05.5 Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3778	100.1	0.4	0.0
05.5.1 Major tools & equipment	0.0945	97.9	-1.8	-3.0
05.5.2 Small tools & miscellaneous accessories	0.2832	100.9	1.1	1.0
05.6 Goods & services for routine household maintenance	1.1965	98.4	-0.1	-0.9
05.6.1 Non-durable household goods	0.7091	100.3	-0.1	1.4
05.6.2 Domestic services & household services	0.4874	95.7	0.0	-3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.2196</b>	<b>98.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-2.3</b>

**Table 6 Health - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
06.1 Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.0656	99.5	0.0	-0.7
06.1.1 Pharmaceutical products	0.8196	99.2	0.0	-0.7
Prescribed drugs	0.2203	100.6	0.0	0.6
Other medicines	0.5993	98.7	0.0	-1.2
06.1.2 Other medical products	0.0717	100.9	-0.7	0.7
06.1.3 Therapeutic appliances & equipment	0.1743	100.0	0.0	-1.0
06.2 Out-patient services	1.4654	99.9	0.1	-0.1
06.2.1/3 Medical & paramedical services	0.9919	100.0	0.1	-0.1
Doctors' fees	0.8224	100.0	0.1	-0.6
Other medical & paramedical services	0.1695	100.3	0.3	2.5
06.2.2 Dental services	0.4735	99.6	0.0	-0.4
06.3 Hospital services	2.0978	101.6	-0.4	1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.6288</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>

**Table 7 Transport - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
07.1 Purchase of vehicles	3.4252	100.4	0.1	-2.0
07.1.1 Motor cars	3.3599	100.4	0.0	-2.0
07.1.2 Motor cycles	0.0207	99.6	-0.1	-2.0
07.1.3 Bicycles	0.0446	96.7	-2.8	-7.7
07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment	8.7038	109.8	2.0	9.1
07.2.1 Spare parts & accessories for personal transport equipment	0.4224	100.2	0.0	0.4
07.2.2 Fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment	6.0586	111.9	2.8	10.9
Petrol	4.1392	113.6	3.5	12.0
Diesel	1.8941	108.2	1.2	9.3
Motor oil	0.0253	101.1	0.4	1.0
07.2.3 Maintenance & repair of personal transport equipment	0.6427	100.2	0.0	0.8
07.2.4 Other services in respect of personal transport equipment	1.5801	108.2	0.1	8.3
Motor tax	1.1689	110.8	0.0	10.8
Other vehicle costs	0.4112	101.1	0.4	1.3
07.3 Transport services	2.9588	107.9	-8.9	5.3
07.3.1 Passenger transport by railway	0.2374	102.0	0.0	2.2
07.3.2 Passenger transport by road	1.0393	101.5	0.0	5.9
Bus fares	0.6481	102.5	0.0	12.3
Taxi fares	0.3913	100.0	0.0	0.0
07.3.3 Passenger transport by air	1.5479	113.3	-15.1	-7.3
07.3.4 Passenger transport by sea & inland waterway	0.0911	106.4	1.4	9.4
07.3.5 Combined passenger transport	0.0262	105.1	0.0	7.0
07.3.6 Other purchased transport services	0.0169	100.2	0.2	-4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.0878</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**Table 8 Communications - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
08.1 Postal services	0.1020	100.0	0.0	0.0
08.2/3.0 Telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services	3.3851	99.7	-0.7	-0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4870</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
09.1 Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.9117	98.7	0.0	-7.1
09.1.1 Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.3557	96.7	-0.5	-8.9
09.1.2 Photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments	0.0730	93.1	-1.0	-14.5
09.1.3 Information processing equipment	0.2332	96.3	-1.9	-17.1
09.1.4 Recording media	0.2226	106.3	3.4	2.8
09.1.5 Repair of audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.0272	100.0	0.0	-5.9
09.2 Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0877	98.8	2.1	-1.9
09.3 Other recreational items & equipment, gardens & pets	1.5920	99.8	-0.1	-2.6
09.3.1 Games, toys & hobbies	0.5381	97.0	-1.5	-8.1
09.3.2 Equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation	0.2171	99.6	0.0	-3.4
09.3.3 Gardens, plants & flowers	0.3855	100.2	0.3	-2.4
09.3.4/5 Pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets	0.4513	102.8	1.3	3.7
09.4 Recreational & cultural services	3.3520	99.4	0.0	-1.8
09.4.1 Recreational & sporting services	1.0343	95.9	0.0	-4.1
Sports admittance	0.1294	98.7	0.0	-1.1
Sports participation	0.2454	95.0	0.0	-5.1
Club & society subscriptions	0.6594	95.6	0.0	-4.4
09.4.2 Cultural services	2.3178	101.0	0.0	-0.9
Cinema	0.2079	102.2	0.3	-0.5
Nightclubs	0.1392	100.7	0.0	-4.7
Cultural admittance	0.4331	101.9	0.0	-3.3
Television services	1.4452	100.6	0.0	0.6
Other entertainment	0.0925	101.8	0.4	4.2
09.5 Newspapers, books & stationery	1.4578	100.0	0.1	-1.1
09.5.1 Books	0.3956	100.1	1.2	0.9
09.5.2 Newspapers & periodicals	0.7132	99.6	-0.7	-2.2
09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous printed matter and stationery & drawing materials	0.3490	100.8	0.5	-0.6
09.6 Package holidays	0.6740	101.7	1.4	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0753</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

**Table 10 Education - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
10.1 Pre-primary & primary education	0.1483	100.0	0.0	0.5
10.2 Secondary education	0.3784	100.0	0.0	0.9
10.4 Tertiary education	1.5687	100.0	0.0	13.5
10.5 Education not definable by level	0.3657	100.3	0.0	5.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.4612</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
11.1 Catering services	12.2965	100.8	0.0	0.1
11.1.1 Restaurants, cafes & the like	11.4857	100.9	0.0	0.3
Licenced premises	6.4942	101.4	-0.1	1.2
Spirits	1.5787	101.5	0.0	1.7
Wine	1.0311	101.2	-0.2	0.9
Beer	3.5869	101.5	0.0	1.2
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.2975	101.0	-0.1	0.6
Restaurants, cafes, fast food & take-away food	4.9915	100.2	0.1	-1.2
11.1.2 Canteens	0.8107	100.2	0.8	-0.7
11.2 Accommodation services	1.8756	103.1	2.1	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.1721</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>

**Table 12      Miscellaneous Goods and Services - April 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
12.1 Personal care	2.3298	98.8	0.5	-1.5
12.1.1 Hairdressing salons & personal grooming establishments	0.8177	96.3	0.1	-1.0
Hairdressing	0.6195	95.4	0.1	-1.6
Health & beauty treatments	0.1850	98.8	0.0	0.1
Other personal grooming	0.0133	100.1	0.0	1.3
12.1.2 Electric appliances for personal care	0.0222	102.4	2.4	-3.1
12.1.3 Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.4898	100.1	0.7	-2.2
Hygiene products	0.3136	103.6	1.5	-1.1
Hair products	0.1779	98.7	1.3	0.2
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6411	98.3	0.0	-4.3
Toilet accessories	0.3573	100.9	1.0	-0.8
12.3 Personal effects n.e.c.	0.5864	96.7	-0.7	-2.9
12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.3539	97.8	-1.1	2.0
12.3.2 Other personal effects	0.2325	95.0	0.0	-8.1
12.4 Social protection	0.9666	100.1	0.1	0.8
Childcare	0.7855	100.0	0.0	0.7
Other social protection	0.1810	100.3	0.0	0.5
12.5 Insurance	5.4346	106.8	0.2	6.2
12.5.2 Insurance connected with the dwelling	0.8686	96.7	-4.0	-10.1
12.5.3 Insurance connected with health	2.8695	112.9	1.6	14.3
12.5.4 Insurance connected with transport	1.6965	101.7	-0.3	2.5
Motor insurance	1.6780	101.7	-0.3	2.5
Motor cycle insurance	0.0143	101.8	0.0	16.7
Motor car insurance	1.6638	101.7	-0.3	2.4
Travel insurance	0.0184	100.0	0.0	0.8
12.6 Financial services n.e.c.	0.1226	100.1	0.1	0.5
12.7 Other services n.e.c.	0.4753	122.9	21.6	22.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.9152</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>

**Table 13 COICOP Divisions Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes**

Period		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
Mid-December 2011		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Base Expenditure														
Weights %		11.366	4.908	5.203	17.476	3.220	4.629	15.088	3.487	8.075	2.461	14.172	9.915	100.000
2011	Mid-January	+0.3	+1.5	-9.3	-0.1	-2.6	+3.3	-	-0.1	-	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
	Mid-February	+0.7	+0.8	+6.5	+0.5	+1.8	-0.6	+0.7	-	-0.2	-0.4	-	+3.8	+0.9
	Mid-March	+0.2	-0.8	+4.0	+2.9	-0.1	-	+1.4	+1.0	-0.2	-	-0.1	+1.0	+0.9
	Mid-April	-0.5	-0.1	-	+0.9	-	-	+1.0	-	+0.5	-	+0.3	+1.0	+0.4
	Mid-May	-	+0.2	+0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	+0.1	-	+0.1	-0.1	+0.3	-0.2	+0.1
	Mid-June	-0.2	-0.1	-5.0	+0.5	-0.8	+0.1	-0.1	-	-0.2	-	+0.6	+0.2	-0.1
	Mid-July	+0.7	-0.1	-3.6	+0.9	-0.7	-0.1	+0.2	-	-0.4	-	-0.3	-0.4	-
	Mid-August	-	+0.2	+3.3	+0.6	+0.6	-0.1	+0.3	-	+0.1	-0.2	-	-0.8	+0.2
	Mid-September	-0.2	-	+5.4	+1.7	-	-	-0.7	-	-	-	-0.4	-0.1	+0.3
	Mid-October	+0.2	+0.3	-0.7	+1.7	-0.1	-	-0.8	-	-	+7.5	-0.6	+0.5	+0.3
	Mid-November	-	-0.6	+1.5	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	-0.2	-	-0.3	+2.1	-0.4	-0.1	-
	Mid-December	-	+0.5	-1.1	-1.4	-0.2	-	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.2	+0.5	-0.3
2012	Mid-January	-0.5	+3.5	-10.7	-1.6	-2.5	+0.7	+1.2	+0.2	-0.4	-	-	+1.0	-0.5
	Mid-February	+0.2	-0.4	+8.2	-0.4	+1.6	+0.1	+2.7	+0.2	-0.1	-	+0.4	+0.4	+0.9
	Mid-March	-0.1	+0.6	+2.7	+0.2	-0.1	-0.1	+4.0	-	-	-	+0.4	+1.7	+1.0
	Mid-April	+0.5	-0.9	+0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.7	+0.2	-	+0.3	+1.3	-

**Table 14 COICOP Divisions Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes**

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
<b>Mid-December 2011</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights %</b>	<b>11.366</b>	<b>4.908</b>	<b>5.203</b>	<b>17.476</b>	<b>3.220</b>	<b>4.629</b>	<b>15.088</b>	<b>3.487</b>	<b>8.075</b>	<b>2.461</b>	<b>14.172</b>	<b>9.915</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2011</b> Mid-January	+0.3	-1.1	-4.3	+9.6	-3.0	+2.5	+3.1	+3.0	-1.9	-3.0	-0.3	+2.3	+1.7
Mid-February	+1.2	+0.4	-4.6	+9.5	-2.6	+4.1	+3.5	+3.0	-1.3	-2.9	-0.7	+4.8	+2.2
Mid-March	+1.6	-0.1	-2.6	+12.5	-2.3	+4.1	+3.4	+4.1	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3	+7.6	+3.0
Mid-April	+1.4	-0.3	-2.0	+11.8	-2.0	+4.1	+3.8	+4.1	-0.6	-1.2	-0.9	+8.6	+3.2
Mid-May	+1.0	-	-0.4	+8.5	-1.9	+4.0	+3.1	+4.1	-0.4	-1.3	-0.7	+8.4	+2.7
Mid-June	+0.7	+0.2	-4.3	+9.3	-2.6	+4.0	+3.5	+4.1	-0.6	-1.3	-0.1	+8.3	+2.7
Mid-July	+1.1	-0.5	-0.7	+10.3	-2.9	+3.4	+3.5	+1.3	-0.8	-1.3	-0.7	+7.2	+2.7
Mid-August	+1.4	-0.5	-1.2	+7.2	-2.3	+3.4	+3.2	+1.0	-0.8	-1.6	-0.7	+6.2	+2.2
Mid-September	+1.4	-0.5	-0.3	+8.9	-2.3	+3.4	+4.2	+1.0	-0.5	-1.6	-0.8	+6.5	+2.6
Mid-October	+1.4	-0.5	-0.3	+10.2	-2.2	+2.3	+3.6	+1.0	-0.8	+6.5	-0.9	+6.4	+2.8
Mid-November	+1.6	-0.1	-0.7	+10.6	-1.9	+2.6	+3.7	+1.0	-1.0	+8.9	-0.9	+6.1	+2.9
Mid-December	+1.2	+1.8	+0.4	+8.4	-1.9	+2.6	+1.6	+1.0	-0.6	+8.9	-0.9	+5.5	+2.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>+9.7</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+6.5</b>	<b>+2.6</b>
<b>2012</b> Mid-January	+0.3	+3.8	-1.1	+6.7	-1.9	-	+2.8	+1.2	-1.0	+8.9	-0.8	+6.5	+2.2
Mid-February	-0.2	+2.5	+0.5	+5.8	-2.0	+0.7	+4.8	+1.4	-0.9	+9.4	-0.3	+3.2	+2.1
Mid-March	-0.4	+3.9	-0.7	+3.0	-2.1	+0.6	+7.6	+0.4	-0.7	+9.4	+0.1	+3.7	+2.2
Mid-April	+0.5	+3.2	-0.4	+2.0	-2.3	+0.5	+5.7	-0.3	-1.1	+9.4	+0.1	+4.1	+1.9

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - April 2012**

COICOP	Division	Mid-Dec 2011 % Base Expenditure Weights	% Goods Base Expenditure Weights	% Services Base Expenditure Weights	Index		Percentage changes		
					Goods	Services	Goods 12 Months	Services 12 Months	Overall 12 Months
01	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	11.366	11.366	-	100.1	-	+0.5	-	+0.5
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.908	4.908	-	102.8	-	+3.2	-	+3.2
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.203	5.113	0.090	99.5	100.3	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.476	2.187	15.289	104.7	97.1	+4.6	+2.2	+2.0
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.220	2.697	0.523	99.2	96.0	-2.2	-3.8	-2.3
06	Health	4.629	1.066	3.563	99.5	100.9	-0.7	+0.9	+0.5
07	Transport	15.088	9.906	5.182	107.4	107.1	+5.7	+5.8	+5.7
08	Communications	3.487	0.134	3.353	96.1	99.8	-4.9	-0.2	-0.3
09	Recreation and Culture	8.075	3.908	4.167	99.6	99.8	-2.7	+0.0	-1.1
10	Education	2.461	-	2.461	-	100.0	-	+9.4	+9.4
11	Restaurants and Hotels	14.172	-	14.172	-	101.1	-	+0.1	+0.1
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.915	2.098	7.817	99.2	105.8	-2.5	+5.8	+4.1
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>43.383</b>	<b>56.617</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+1.9</b>



**Table 16 Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes for selected CPI Sub-indices**

Period		Goods	Services	Energy	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	All Items
				Products <sup>2</sup>	Mortgage	Housing <sup>1</sup>	Tobacco	Energy	
					Interest			Products <sup>2</sup>	
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2009</b>	Mid-January	- 1.6	+ 1.3	- 6.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	- 0.4	+ 0.6	- 0.1
	Mid-February	- 2.8	- 0.7	- 3.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	- 2.1	- 1.4	- 1.7
	Mid-March	- 3.7	- 1.7	- 6.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1	- 3.0	- 2.3	- 2.6
	Mid-April	- 3.8	- 3.2	- 4.9	- 0.3	—	- 3.9	- 3.4	- 3.5
	Mid-May	- 4.5	- 4.8	- 10.5	- 1.2	- 0.9	- 5.2	- 4.1	- 4.7
	Mid-June	- 5.0	- 5.6	- 11.3	- 1.6	- 1.3	- 5.9	- 4.8	- 5.4
	Mid-July	- 5.5	- 6.2	- 13.4	- 2.0	- 1.6	- 6.4	- 5.1	- 5.9
	Mid-August	- 5.0	- 6.8	- 11.4	- 1.8	- 1.5	- 6.5	- 5.4	- 5.9
	Mid-September	- 5.3	- 7.5	- 11.7	- 2.4	- 2.2	- 7.1	- 6.1	- 6.5
	Mid-October	- 5.2	- 7.7	- 10.5	- 2.4	- 2.1	- 7.2	- 6.2	- 6.6
	Mid-November	- 4.9	- 6.3	- 3.7	- 2.2	- 2.1	- 6.2	- 5.9	- 5.7
	Mid-December	- 4.8	- 5.1	+ 2.4	- 2.2	- 1.9	- 5.4	- 5.7	- 5.0
	<b>Year</b>	- <b>4.3</b>	- <b>4.6</b>	- <b>7.9</b>	- <b>1.2</b>	- <b>1.0</b>	- <b>5.0</b>	- <b>4.1</b>	- <b>4.5</b>
<b>2010</b>	Mid-January	- 3.4	- 4.4	+ 8.8	- 2.2	- 1.9	- 4.2	- 5.0	- 3.9
	Mid-February	- 3.6	- 2.9	+ 6.3	- 2.1	- 2.1	- 3.4	- 4.1	- 3.2
	Mid-March	- 3.3	- 2.8	+ 9.1	- 2.2	- 2.2	- 3.4	- 4.1	- 3.1
	Mid-April	- 2.9	- 1.4	+ 9.1	- 2.2	- 2.1	- 2.2	- 3.1	- 2.1
	Mid-May	- 2.8	+ 0.5	+ 13.7	- 1.6	- 1.6	- 1.2	- 2.3	- 1.1
	Mid-June	- 3.1	+ 0.9	+ 9.5	- 1.8	- 1.8	- 1.0	- 1.9	- 0.9
	Mid-July	- 2.0	+ 1.4	+ 9.8	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 0.2	- 1.1	- 0.1
	Mid-August	- 2.1	+ 2.3	+ 7.9	- 1.0	- 1.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.2
	Mid-September	- 1.6	+ 2.1	+ 8.0	- 0.9	- 0.9	+ 0.4	- 0.2	+ 0.5
	Mid-October	- 0.8	+ 2.1	+ 10.8	- 0.5	- 0.6	+ 0.8	- 0.2	+ 0.7
	Mid-November	- 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 8.4	- 0.7	- 0.8	+ 0.6	- 0.1	+ 0.6
	Mid-December	+ 0.5	+ 2.1	+ 13.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
	<b>Year</b>	- <b>2.2</b>	+ <b>0.2</b>	+ <b>9.6</b>	- <b>1.4</b>	- <b>1.3</b>	- <b>1.1</b>	- <b>1.9</b>	- <b>1.0</b>
<b>2011</b>	Mid-January	+ 0.5	+ 2.6	+ 11.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
	Mid-February	+ 1.4	+ 2.8	+ 13.9	+ 1.2	+ 1.3	+ 2.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
	Mid-March	+ 2.0	+ 3.9	+ 14.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.0
	Mid-April	+ 1.6	+ 4.4	+ 12.5	+ 1.9	+ 2.0	+ 3.2	+ 2.3	+ 3.2
	Mid-May	+ 1.4	+ 3.6	+ 10.5	+ 1.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.7
	Mid-June	+ 0.9	+ 4.2	+ 10.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.7	+ 2.8	+ 1.9	+ 2.7
	Mid-July	+ 1.0	+ 4.0	+ 10.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.7	+ 1.9	+ 2.7
	Mid-August	+ 1.3	+ 2.7	+ 11.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
	Mid-September	+ 1.3	+ 3.6	+ 12.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	+ 2.6	+ 1.6	+ 2.6
	Mid-October	+ 1.2	+ 4.1	+ 13.4	+ 1.8	+ 2.1	+ 2.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.8
	Mid-November	+ 1.5	+ 4.2	+ 13.7	+ 2.0	+ 2.2	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
	Mid-December	+ 0.9	+ 3.6	+ 8.9	+ 1.7	+ 1.9	+ 2.3	+ 1.8	+ 2.5
	<b>Year</b>	+ <b>1.2</b>	+ <b>3.6</b>	+ <b>11.9</b>	+ <b>1.6</b>	+ <b>1.6</b>	+ <b>2.7</b>	+ <b>1.7</b>	+ <b>2.6</b>
<b>2012</b>	Mid-January	+ 0.7	+ 3.4	+ 9.8	+ 1.7	+ 1.8	+ 2.1	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
	Mid-February	+ 1.0	+ 3.0	+ 10.1	+ 1.8	+ 2.0	+ 1.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
	Mid-March	+ 1.0	+ 3.3	+ 9.1	+ 2.4	+ 2.6	+ 2.1	+ 1.5	+ 2.2
	Mid-April	+ 1.5	+ 2.1	+ 10.2	+ 2.1	+ 2.4	+ 1.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.9

<sup>1</sup> Housing includes rents, waste collection & disposal charges, mortgage interest, materials for repairs & decoration and house insurance.

<sup>2</sup> Energy products includes electricity, gas, other domestic and transport fuels.

## Background Notes – Consumer Price Index

- Definition** The Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the change in the average level of prices (inclusive of all indirect taxes) paid for consumer goods and services by all private households in the country and by foreign tourists holidaying in Ireland.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)** Over 50,000 prices are collected for a representative basket consisting of 632 item headings in a fixed panel of retail and service outlets throughout the country during the week containing the second Tuesday of each month up to and including the third Tuesday of each month. The dates to which the April index relates are Tuesday 10th to Tuesday, 17th April 2012.
- Scope of the Index**
- (i) **Population Coverage:** All private households in the State and the expenditure of foreign tourists within Ireland. It does not include the expenditure of persons in institutions and other non private households. Expenditure which occurs abroad by Irish residents is also excluded. In statistical terms coverage is referred to as the domestic concept.
  - (ii) **Geographic Coverage:** Covers the whole of the Republic of Ireland. Pricing takes place in 84 locations (cities and towns) throughout the country. These sampling points are located in Dublin city and county, the four regional cities of Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford, approx. 80% of towns with a population of 10,000 and over, approx. 70% of towns between 5,000 and 9,999 and a smaller proportion below this threshold. The results are weighted to represent the distribution of the population and its related consumer expenditure.
  - (iii) **Item Coverage:** All goods and services bought by the reference population for the purposes of consumption are included in the index. Expenditure on capital assets and investments, gambling and certain other activities are however excluded. There are 632 item headings and 12 division headings based on the COICOP classification. With each rebase the coverage of goods and services is reviewed to ensure that it continues to be representative of consumer tastes and purchasing practices.
- Price Collection** Personal visits are made to retail outlets by some 80 price collectors on a monthly basis. Approximately 50,000 price quotations are gathered in this way. In addition, 126 special inquiries covering items such as utility charges and services are conducted by post, telephone and e-mail in conjunction with internet price collection. Most prices are collected monthly, some quarterly and others annually. The CSO supplies general specifications to price collectors and price collectors are free initially to select a brand and in certain cases, size. This allows for a wide variety of different brands of the same item to be priced throughout the country. Once selected, the same item/brand is priced on a monthly basis in order to ensure matched price quotations. If an item disappears, substitution can occur but that price is excluded until matched prices are available for the same comparable item for two consecutive months. The CSO wishes to put on record its appreciation of the co-operation and assistance it receives from retail outlets and other business concerns.
- CPI Weights** The CPI measures in index form the monthly changes in the cost of purchasing a fixed representative 'basket' of consumer goods and services (i.e. Laspeyres formula). The representative share of each item in this basket is proportional to the average amount purchased by all households in the country as determined by the Household Budget Survey and by foreign tourists in this country using estimates of expenditure by tourists across a range of consumer goods and services. Individual items typically purchased by foreign tourists while holidaying in Ireland such as hotel accommodation and meals out have been adjusted to take account of the additional tourist expenditure. Identical items are priced in the same outlet on each occasion so that changes in the cost of this constant basket reflect only pure price changes.

## Background Notes – Consumer Price Index (continued)

**Classification** The classification used in the CPI is based on a version of the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose Adapted to the Needs of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (2000) (COICOP). This replaced the former national classification which was used up to December 2001. The COICOP classification breaks consumer expenditure into twelve different divisions covering a comprehensive range of consumer goods and services.

**Methodological Details** A full methodological description of the new series is available in the Consumer Price Index Introduction of Updated Series (Base: December 2011 = 100) which is published on the CSO website at: <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/106>.

The index has been rebased with effect from December 2011, the eleventh series since the foundation of the State.

The rebase of the current CPI resulted in a number of methodological changes:

- Updating the expenditure weights;
- A revision of the sample of goods and services;
- An update of the sample of areas priced;
- Calculation of the mortgage interest component.

**Goods and Services** The CPI basket can be split into two constituent parts - goods and services according to the following definitions.

**Goods** Goods are defined as non service items usually purchased and transportable from a retail outlet - the basket excluding services.

**Services** Services include electricity, gas, telecommunications and other public utilities, alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises, meals out, accommodation services, public transport, medical fees, insurances, education fees, hairdressing & other personal services, childcare & social protection, entertainment & recreation services, mortgage interest & rents, package holidays and other miscellaneous services.

**Utilities and Local Charges** Includes electricity, gas, landline telecommunications and waste collection & disposal charges.

## Background Notes – COICOP

Prior to the introduction of the December 2001 based series in January 2002 the CPI used a national classification while the EU Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) used COICOP. To ensure greater comparability CPI and the HICP have both used the COICOP since December 2001.

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main divisions.

<b>01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Includes food and non alcoholic beverages purchased in supermarkets, small shops, speciality shops and petrol station forecourt outlets. It excludes meals out which are covered under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco</b>	Includes alcoholic beverages purchased in off licences and supermarkets but excludes alcohol consumed on or within licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels. It also includes tobacco products.
<b>03 Clothing and Footwear</b>	Mens, ladies and childrens clothing and footwear, sports and leisurewear and services such as laundry and dry cleaning, shoe repair, dress hire and alteration.
<b>04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	Covers rents, mortgage interest repayments, waste collection and disposal charges, goods and services for maintaining, decorating and repairing dwellings and domestic energy products such as electricity, gas, home heating oil and solid fuels.
<b>05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	Covers household items such as furniture, carpets and other floor coverings, household textiles and soft furnishings, household appliances, and other household items such as utensils, tools, garden equipment and non-durable items for cleaning, washing and other day to day household activity. Also included are services such as electrical repair, cleaning and gardening.
<b>06 Health</b>	Includes medical products, appliances and equipment, hospital charges and out patient services supplied by doctors, dentists, opticians, physiotherapists and practitioners of alternative and complimentary medicine.
<b>07 Transport</b>	Includes the purchase of new and second hand vehicles, spare parts, car maintenance, fuels and lubricants, public transport and services such as parking, motor association subscriptions, car wash, toll charges, driving lessons, driving test, driving licence and car hire.
<b>08 Communications</b>	Postal and telecommunications services.
<b>09 Recreation and Culture</b>	Includes items such as audio visual and photographic equipment, computers, music and DVDs, sports and recreation goods, games and toys, items connected with gardening and pets, recreational, sporting and cultural activities and events, newspapers and other reading material, package holidays and other items connected with recreation and culture.
<b>10 Education</b>	Covers all aspects of education including pre-primary and primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses and examination fees.
<b>11 Restaurants and Hotels</b>	Includes meals in restaurants and hotels; fast food and takeaways; cafes; canteens; alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises and accommodation services supplied by hotels, guesthouses and hostels.
<b>12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	Covers a wide range of items including hairdressing and other grooming; goods for hygiene, hair and body care; personal goods such as jewellery, handbags and wallets; childcare and other social protection services; insurance, financial services and other services including funerals, weddings, legal and professional services. The household charge was added to this division, in the CPI, under the item 'miscellaneous goods and services' in April 2012. The household charge is not included in the HICP.