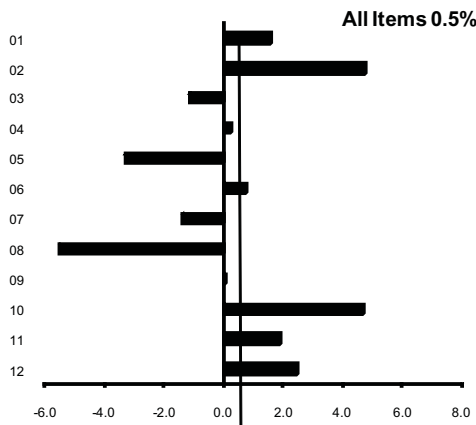




Comparison of main CPI divisions to the overall CPI annual % change - March 2013



Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices March 2013

CPI (Base: December 2011 = 100)

COICOP Division	% changes	
	1 month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.5	+1.6
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-	+4.8
03 Clothing and Footwear	+3.8	-1.1
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+0.1	+0.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.3	-3.3
06 Health	+0.1	+0.8
07 Transport	+1.2	-1.4
08 Communications	-1.1	-5.5
09 Recreation and Culture	-	+0.1
10 Education	-	+4.7
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+0.4	+1.9
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+1.3	+2.5
ALL ITEMS	+0.4	+0.5

Prices rise by 0.5% in the year to March

Consumer Prices in March, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.4% in the month. This compares to an increase of 1.0% recorded in March of last year. Prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 0.5% higher in March compared with March 2012.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in *Clothing & Footwear* (+3.8%), *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+1.3%) and *Transport* (+1.2%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+4.8%), *Education* (+4.7%) and *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+2.5%). There were decreases in *Communications* (-5.5%), *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-3.3%) and *Transport* (-1.4%).

The annual rate of inflation for Services was 1.2% in the year to March, while Goods decreased by 0.2%.

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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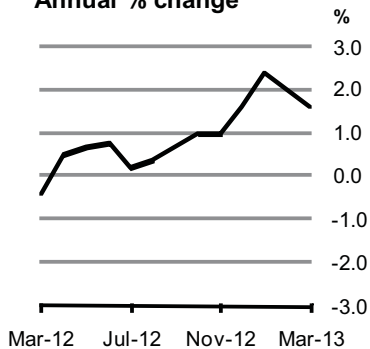
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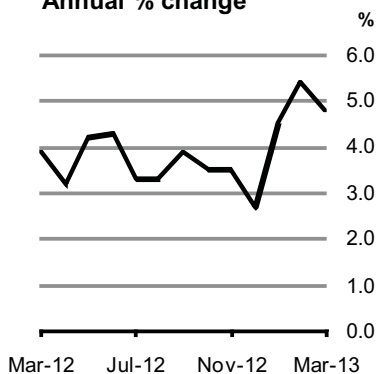
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

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Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.5% in the month and increased by 1.6% in the year to March 2013. This compares to a decrease of 0.4% for the year to March 2012. In the month, food prices decreased by 0.5% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.3%.

In March, price decreases were recorded for crisps (-7.5%), lamb & goat (-4.6%), dried fruit & nuts (-3.2%), eggs (-3.1%), margarine & other vegetable fats (-2.9%), fresh or chilled fruit (-2.8%), confectionery products (-2.4%), cheese & curd (-1.9%) and edible ices & ice cream (-1.8%). Price increases were recorded for fresh or chilled fish (+5.9%), other cereal products (+5.2%), tea (+3.2%), rice (+2.4%), potatoes (+2.3%), pork (+2.3%), pizza & quiche (+1.9%), olive oil (+1.8%) and other edible oils (+1.6%).

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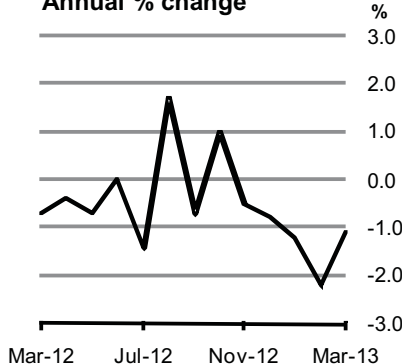
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Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco prices remained unchanged in the month and increased by 4.8% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 3.9% for the year to March 2012. In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.1% while tobacco prices remained unchanged.

In March a price increase was recorded for wine (+2.0%). Price decreases were recorded for spirits (-3.3%) and beer (-1.7%).

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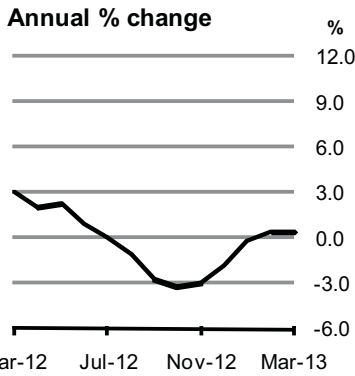


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Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 3.8% in the month and decreased by 1.1% in the year to March 2013. This compares to a decrease of 0.7% for the year to March 2012. In the month, clothing prices increased by 3.9% while footwear prices increased by 3.8%.

In March, price increases were recorded for garments (+4.0%), shoes & other footwear (+3.8%) and other articles of clothing & clothing accessories (+2.3%). A price decrease was recorded for dry cleaning & laundry (-0.1%).

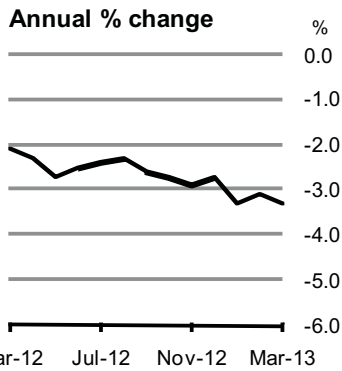


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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 0.1% in the month and by 0.3% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 3.0% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price increases were recorded for local authority rents (+1.2%) and private rents (+1.0%). Price decreases were recorded for materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling (-3.0%), liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (-2.8%) and services for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling (-0.2%).

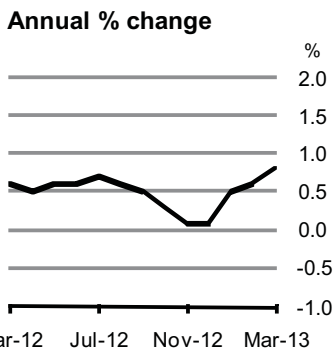


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 3.3% in the year to March 2013. This compares to a decrease of 2.1% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for major tools & equipment (-1.6%), domestic services & household services (-0.9%) and furniture & furnishings (-0.5%). Price increases were recorded for household textiles (+0.5%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (+0.5%), small electric household appliances (+0.5%), non-durable household goods (+0.2%) and small tools & miscellaneous accessories (+0.2%).

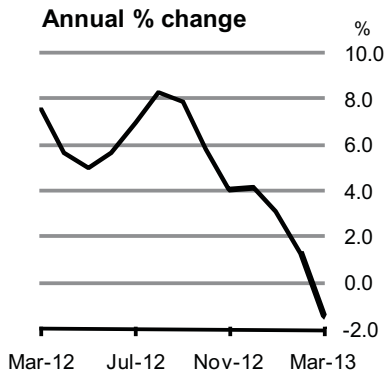


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Health costs and charges increased by 0.1% in the month and by 0.8% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 0.6% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price increases were recorded for other medical products (which includes condoms, pregnancy test kit, petroleum jelly, disinfectant - first aid and adhesive dressing) (+1.0%) and other medicines (which includes vitamins & other supplements, pain reliever, antacid, cough mixture and cold/flu drinks powder) (+0.7%).

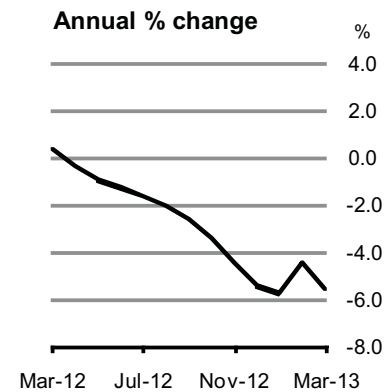


07 Transport

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Transport costs increased by 1.2% in the month and decreased by 1.4% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 7.6% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price increases were recorded for passenger transport by air (+23.9%), passenger transport by sea & inland waterway (+1.0%), petrol (+0.8%), diesel (+0.4%) and motor cycles (+0.3%). Price decreases were recorded for bicycles (-0.7%) and other vehicle costs (-0.2%).

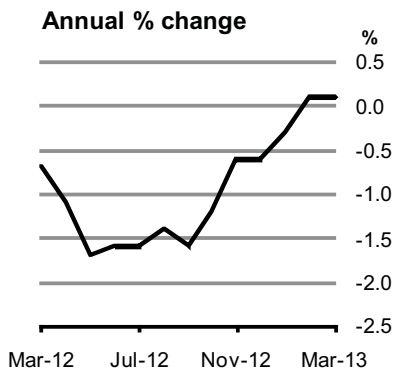


08 Communications

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Overall communications costs decreased by 1.1% in the month and by 5.5% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 0.4% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services (-1.3%).



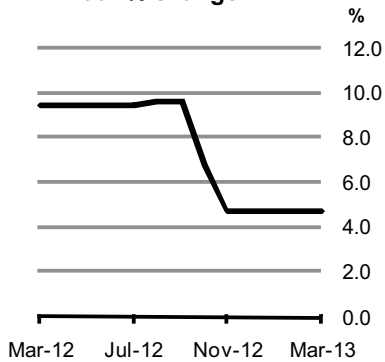
09 Recreation and Culture

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Overall prices remained unchanged in the month and increased by 0.1% in the year to March 2013. This compares to a decrease of 0.7% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price increases were recorded for other entertainment (+1.1%), recording media (+0.7%) and package holidays (+0.4%). Price decreases were recorded for information processing equipment (-2.5%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-1.1%) and equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation (-1.0%).

Annual % change

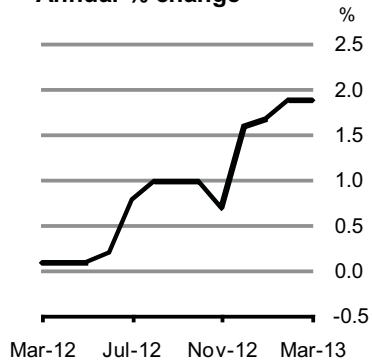


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Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 4.7% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 9.4% for the year to March 2012.

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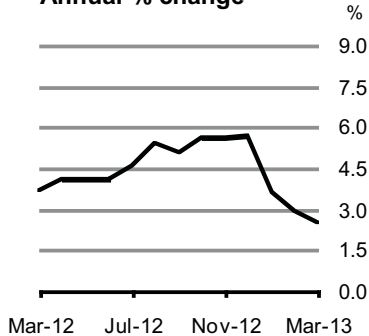
11 Restaurants and Hotels

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Prices for the overall category increased by 0.4% in the month and by 1.9% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 0.1% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price increases were recorded for accommodation services (+2.5%), restaurants, cafes, fast food & take-away food (+0.1%), spirits (+0.1%) 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 2.5% in the year to March 2013. This compares to an increase of 3.7% for the year to March 2012.

In the month, price increases were recorded for insurance connected with health (+4.1%), electric appliances for personal care (+1.2%) and hygiene products (+1.0%). Price decreases were recorded for cosmetics & skincare products (-1.4%), hair products (-1.1%) and health & beauty treatments (-0.7%).

Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
01.1 Food	10.5124	101.0	-0.5	1.7
01.1.1 Bread & Cereals	2.0828	100.2	0.0	1.2
Rice	0.0567	104.1	2.4	4.3
Flours & other cereals	0.0707	110.7	0.0	11.0
Bread	0.6922	100.6	-0.4	1.2
Other bakery products	0.6476	96.3	-0.6	-1.2
Pizza & quiche	0.1582	91.1	1.9	-7.1
Pasta products & couscous	0.1114	99.0	-0.9	-1.1
Breakfast cereals	0.2962	109.6	0.3	8.5
Other cereal products	0.0499	103.3	5.2	5.4
01.1.2 Meat	2.4016	101.1	-0.2	1.9
Beef & veal	0.4132	104.6	-1.2	1.4
Pork	0.1445	104.9	2.3	4.2
Lamb & goat	0.1402	95.4	-4.6	-4.6
Poultry	0.4558	99.9	-0.1	0.8
Edible offal	0.0064	103.1	0.1	1.7
Dried, salted or smoked meat	0.8578	99.7	0.7	2.5
Other meat preparations	0.3836	102.5	-0.5	4.0
01.1.3 Fish	0.4013	100.6	1.8	0.4
Fresh or chilled fish	0.1557	100.9	5.9	0.0
Frozen fish	0.0612	89.4	-0.1	-10.2
Fresh or chilled seafood	0.0467	97.7	-1.7	-2.2
Dried, smoked or salted fish & seafood	0.0455	99.8	-0.6	-2.5
Other preserved or processed fish & seafood-based preparations	0.0922	109.8	-0.4	11.4
01.1.4 Milk, cheese & eggs	1.5551	99.3	-0.7	0.0
Fresh whole milk	0.4536	99.1	0.0	-0.6
Fresh low fat milk	0.1696	99.6	0.0	0.0
Yoghurt	0.2706	98.6	-0.1	0.0
Cheese & curd	0.3573	98.6	-1.9	-1.5
Other milk products	0.1416	99.5	0.6	0.4
Eggs	0.1625	101.6	-3.1	4.6
01.1.5 Oils & fats	0.2911	100.1	-0.7	-0.7
Butter	0.1305	99.6	-0.4	-1.2
Margarine & other vegetable fats	0.0930	98.0	-2.9	-2.9
Olive oil	0.0262	101.0	1.8	0.5
Other edible oils	0.0414	105.9	1.6	5.1
01.1.6 Fruit	0.6078	97.4	-2.8	0.0
Fresh or chilled fruit	0.5072	97.0	-2.8	-0.1
Dried fruit & nuts	0.0853	97.5	-3.2	-0.7
Preserved fruit & fruit-based products	0.0152	110.7	-1.0	9.2
01.1.7 Vegetables	1.6867	107.8	-1.0	7.1
Fresh or chilled vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.7227	103.1	-1.0	2.1
Frozen vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.0435	98.0	0.2	-1.9
Dried vegetables, other preserved or processed vegetables	0.3060	99.9	0.3	0.1
Potatoes	0.3714	126.3	2.3	31.4
Crisps	0.2432	105.4	-7.5	-2.6

Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - March 2013 continued

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
01.1.8 Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate & confectionery	0.9289	99.1	-0.5	0.4
Sugar	0.0853	100.8	-0.1	0.2
Jams, marmalades & honey	0.1035	101.2	-0.1	2.2
Chocolate	0.3966	101.0	0.5	4.4
Confectionery products	0.1665	96.8	-2.4	-5.5
Edible ices & ice cream	0.1700	94.6	-1.8	-4.3
Artificial sugar substitutes	0.0071	100.4	0.4	-0.3
01.1.9 Food products n.e.c.	0.5571	100.3	0.4	0.5
Sauces & condiments	0.1498	103.7	1.1	2.7
Salt, spices & culinary herbs	0.0265	98.3	0.4	-2.7
Baby food	0.0660	103.9	-0.1	3.1
Ready-made meals	0.1652	96.1	-0.8	-2.1
Other food products n.e.c.	0.1497	100.3	1.2	0.5
01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages	0.9690	103.1	-0.3	1.0
01.2.1 Coffee, tea & cocoa	0.1502	101.3	1.6	0.6
Coffee	0.0629	99.6	0.0	0.7
Tea	0.0795	102.4	3.2	0.2
Cocoa & powdered chocolate	0.0079	104.3	-1.1	4.0
01.2.2 Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit & vegetable juices	0.8188	103.5	-0.7	1.0
Mineral or spring waters	0.1165	103.0	1.5	-2.9
Soft drinks	0.4867	103.0	-1.1	1.8
Fruit & vegetable juices	0.2156	104.9	-0.8	1.5
Total	11.4814	101.2	-0.5	1.6

Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
02.1 Alcoholic Beverages	2.4949	112.4	-0.1	7.3
02.1.1 Spirits	0.3817	111.1	-3.3	6.5
02.1.2 Wine	1.2845	120.0	2.0	9.7
02.1.3 Beer	0.8287	102.3	-1.7	3.1
02.2 Tobacco	2.9058	105.2	0.0	2.4
Cigarettes	2.7626	105.0	0.0	2.2
Other tobacco products	0.1432	109.8	0.0	5.9
Total	5.4008	108.7	0.0	4.8

Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
03.1 Clothing	4.0986	99.2	3.9	-0.4
03.1.2 Garments	3.8692	99.3	4.0	-0.4
03.1.3 Other articles of clothing & clothing accessories	0.1504	94.3	2.3	-2.4
03.1.4 Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.0790	100.8	-0.1	0.7
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.0612	101.2	-0.1	1.0
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0178	99.5	0.0	-0.6
03.2 Footwear	0.7452	93.6	3.8	-4.2
03.2.1 Shoes & other footwear	0.7367	93.5	3.8	-4.3
03.2.2 Repair & hire of footwear	0.0085	100.9	0.0	0.0
Total	4.8438	98.1	3.8	-1.1

Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
04.1/04.2 Actual rentals for housing & mortgage interest	10.3635	94.0	0.5	-2.3
04.1.1 Actual rentals paid by tenants (Rents)	5.3350	104.2	1.1	2.6
Private Rents	4.6415	104.8	1.0	2.9
Local Authority Rents	0.6934	100.2	1.2	-0.5
04.2.1 Mortgage Interest	5.0285	85.0	0.0	-7.0
04.3 Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.4073	97.8	-1.3	-2.4
04.3.1 Materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.1644	99.7	-3.0	-3.1
04.3.2 Services for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.2428	96.5	-0.2	-2.0
04.4 Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	0.6569	101.3	0.0	0.5
04.5 Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.6613	107.1	-0.7	5.4
04.5.1 Electricity	2.3091	108.7	0.0	8.7
04.5.2 Gas	0.6268	109.4	0.0	9.5
Natural gas	0.5952	109.7	0.0	9.7
Bottled gas	0.0316	102.4	0.0	3.5
04.5.3 Liquid fuels (Home Heating Oil)	1.2072	105.0	-2.8	-1.5
04.5.4 Solid fuels	0.5181	100.0	0.0	0.0
Total	16.0889	98.5	0.1	0.3

Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
05.1 Furniture & furnishings, carpets & other floor coverings	1.2810	91.3	-0.5	-7.2
05.1.1 Furniture & furnishings	1.2763	90.8	-0.5	-7.5
05.1.2 Carpets & other floor coverings	0.0047	98.3	0.1	-2.3
05.2 Household textiles	0.4367	94.5	0.5	-5.4
05.3 Household appliances	0.4335	97.9	-0.2	-1.6
05.3.1 Major household appliances whether electric or not	0.3656	97.6	-0.3	-1.8
05.3.2 Small electric household appliances	0.0441	97.6	0.5	-1.9
05.3.3 Repair of household appliances	0.0239	101.3	0.0	0.8
05.4 Glassware, tableware & household utensils	0.4072	97.3	0.5	-2.0
05.5 Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.1976	97.7	-0.8	-2.0
05.5.1 Major tools & equipment	0.1108	92.8	-1.6	-6.9
05.5.2 Small tools & miscellaneous accessories	0.0868	100.0	0.2	0.2
05.6 Goods & services for routine household maintenance	2.0907	97.1	-0.4	-1.4
05.6.1 Non-durable household goods	0.9158	99.7	0.2	-0.7
05.6.2 Domestic services & household services	1.1749	93.3	-0.9	-2.5
Total	4.8467	95.7	-0.3	-3.3

Table 6 Health - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
06.1 Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.0438	101.9	0.4	2.4
06.1.1 Pharmaceutical products	0.8481	101.7	0.4	2.5
Prescribed drugs	0.2280	109.9	0.0	9.2
Other medicines	0.6202	98.6	0.7	-0.1
06.1.2 Other medical products	0.0261	107.2	1.0	5.5
06.1.3 Therapeutic appliances & equipment	0.1696	99.8	0.0	-0.2
06.2 Out-patient services	1.4671	100.1	0.0	0.3
06.2.1/3 Medical & paramedical services	0.9821	99.8	0.0	-0.1
Doctors' fees	0.8142	99.9	0.0	0.0
Other medical & paramedical services	0.1679	99.5	0.0	-0.5
06.2.2 Dental services	0.4851	100.8	0.0	1.2
06.3 Hospital services	0.1662	101.0	0.0	-1.0
Total	2.6772	101.5	0.1	0.8

Table 7 Transport - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
07.1 Purchase of vehicles	3.4310	97.1	0.0	-3.2
07.1.1 Motor cars	3.3614	97.0	0.0	-3.4
07.1.2 Motor cycles	0.0089	102.6	0.3	2.9
07.1.3 Bicycles	0.0607	99.4	-0.7	-0.1
07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment	9.0509	108.6	0.5	0.9
07.2.1 Spare parts & accessories for personal transport equipment	0.3947	100.4	0.0	0.2
07.2.2 Fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment	6.0734	107.6	0.7	-1.1
Petrol	4.1493	109.0	0.8	-0.7
Diesel	1.8987	104.7	0.4	-2.1
Motor oil	0.0254	101.6	0.0	0.9
07.2.3 Maintenance & repair of personal transport equipment	0.7294	100.4	0.0	0.2
07.2.4 Other services in respect of personal transport equipment	1.8534	116.8	-0.1	8.0
Motor tax	1.3710	121.8	0.0	9.9
Other vehicle costs	0.4824	103.1	-0.2	2.4
07.3 Transport services	2.0531	114.1	7.0	-3.6
07.3.1 Passenger transport by railway	0.2286	107.2	0.0	5.1
07.3.2 Passenger transport by road	1.1032	108.8	0.0	7.2
Bus fares	0.6879	114.3	0.0	11.5
Taxi fares	0.4153	100.0	0.0	0.0
07.3.3 Passenger transport by air	0.6272	126.1	23.9	-5.5
07.3.4 Passenger transport by sea & inland waterway	0.0502	110.9	1.0	5.7
07.3.5 Combined passenger transport	0.0264	112.9	0.0	7.4
07.3.6 Other purchased transport services	0.0175	99.0	0.0	-1.0
Total	14.5349	106.6	1.2	-1.4

Table 8 Communications - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
08.1 Postal services	0.1110	101.5	0.0	1.5
08.2/3.0 Telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services	3.0225	94.7	-1.3	-5.7
Total	3.1335	94.9	-1.1	-5.5

Table 9 Recreation and Culture - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
09.1 Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.8572	88.3	-0.8	-10.5
09.1.1 Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2174	89.1	-1.1	-8.3
09.1.2 Photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments	0.0659	81.8	0.0	-13.0
09.1.3 Information processing equipment	0.2500	85.1	-2.5	-13.3
09.1.4 Recording media	0.3003	91.9	0.7	-10.6
09.1.5 Repair of audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.0237	96.3	0.0	-3.7
09.2 Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0122	95.5	0.0	-1.3
09.3 Other recreational items & equipment, gardens & pets	1.2248	97.7	-0.2	-2.2
09.3.1 Games, toys & hobbies	0.7147	94.6	-0.3	-4.0
09.3.2 Equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation	0.0831	98.3	-1.0	-1.3
09.3.3 Gardens, plants & flowers	0.1308	92.2	0.0	-7.7
09.3.4/5 Pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets	0.2963	107.4	-0.1	5.8
09.4 Recreational & cultural services	2.7972	102.4	0.0	3.0
09.4.1 Recreational & sporting services	0.7282	94.9	0.0	-1.0
Sports admittance	0.0911	98.5	0.0	-0.2
Sports participation	0.1728	94.2	0.0	-0.8
Club & society subscriptions	0.4643	94.5	0.0	-1.2
09.4.2 Cultural services	2.0690	105.6	0.0	4.6
Cinema	0.1856	101.9	0.2	0.0
Nightclubs	0.1242	96.3	-0.2	-4.4
Cultural admittance	0.3866	109.9	0.0	7.9
Television services	1.2901	106.1	0.0	5.5
Other entertainment	0.0825	101.1	1.1	-0.3
09.5 Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7650	100.9	0.1	1.0
09.5.1 Books	0.4643	101.0	0.3	2.1
09.5.2 Newspapers & periodicals	1.1704	100.6	0.1	0.3
09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous printed matter and stationery & drawing materials	0.1303	101.0	-0.1	0.7
09.6 Package holidays	1.1543	103.6	0.4	3.3
Total	7.8108	99.6	0.0	0.1

Table 10 Education - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
10.1 Pre-primary & primary education	0.1442	100.2	0.0	0.2
10.2 Secondary education	0.3790	102.5	0.0	2.5
10.4 Tertiary education	1.7782	106.5	0.0	6.5
10.5 Education not definable by level	0.3774	101.4	0.0	1.1
Total	2.6787	104.7	0.0	4.7

Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - March 2013

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
11.1 Catering services	13.2175	102.5	0.0	1.7
11.1.1 Restaurants, cafes & the like	11.9198	102.7	0.0	1.8
Licenced premises	6.7396	105.0	0.1	3.4
Spirits	1.6384	104.9	0.1	3.3
Wine	1.0701	104.1	0.0	2.7
Beer	3.7225	105.4	0.0	3.8
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3087	102.6	0.1	1.5
Restaurants, cafes, fast food & take-away food	5.1801	99.9	0.1	-0.2
11.1.2 Canteens	1.2977	99.7	0.0	0.3
11.2 Accommodation services	1.9368	103.8	2.5	2.8
Total	15.1542	102.7	0.4	1.9

Table 12 **Miscellaneous Goods and Services - March 2013**

Description	Weights 2013	Current Index (Dec. 2011 =100)	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
12.1 Personal care	3.0725	97.3	-0.5	-1.0
12.1.1 Hairdressing salons & personal grooming establishments	0.8690	97.1	-0.3	0.9
Hairdressing	0.6583	96.4	-0.1	1.2
Health & beauty treatments	0.1966	99.4	-0.7	0.6
Other personal grooming	0.0141	99.7	-0.3	-0.4
12.1.2 Electric appliances for personal care	0.1096	99.3	1.2	-0.7
12.1.3 Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	2.0938	97.1	-0.6	-2.3
Hygiene products	0.4407	100.4	1.0	-1.7
Hair products	0.2501	96.3	-1.1	-1.1
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.9010	94.9	-1.4	-3.5
Toilet accessories	0.5021	98.7	-0.2	-1.2
12.3 Personal effects n.e.c.	0.7508	90.2	0.7	-7.4
12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.3211	96.7	0.7	-2.2
12.3.2 Other personal effects	0.4297	83.6	0.6	-12.0
12.4 Social protection	0.7362	100.1	0.0	0.1
Childcare	0.5983	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other social protection	0.1379	100.5	0.0	0.2
12.5 Insurance	5.6781	110.9	2.7	4.0
12.5.2 Insurance connected with the dwelling	0.6655	96.4	0.0	-4.3
12.5.3 Insurance connected with health	3.4602	123.4	4.1	11.1
12.5.4 Insurance connected with transport	1.5524	95.5	0.6	-6.4
Motor insurance	1.5356	95.5	0.7	-6.4
Motor cycle insurance	0.0131	102.7	0.0	0.9
Motor car insurance	1.5225	95.4	0.7	-6.5
Travel insurance	0.0169	100.0	0.0	0.0
12.6 Financial services n.e.c.	0.3586	100.1	0.2	0.1
12.7 Other services n.e.c.	0.7529	123.5	0.3	22.2
Total	11.3490	105.7	1.3	2.5

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
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Weights 2013	11.481	5.401	4.844	16.089	4.847	2.677	14.535	3.133	7.811	2.679	15.154	11.349	100.000
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	-
Mid-May	+0.1	+1.2	+0.3	+0.3	-0.4	-	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-	+0.3	-0.1	-
Mid-June	-0.1	-	-4.2	-0.9	-0.6	-	+0.7	-0.3	-0.1	-	+0.7	+0.3	-0.2
Mid-July	+0.1	-1.0	-5.1	-	-0.7	+0.1	+1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-	+0.3	-	-0.1
Mid-August	+0.3	+0.1	+6.6	-0.5	+0.7	-0.2	+1.6	-0.4	+0.3	-	+0.2	-	+0.6
Mid-September	+0.1	+0.6	+2.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.1	-0.6	-0.2	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
Mid-October	+0.4	-0.2	+1.0	+1.2	-0.2	-0.2	-2.7	-0.8	+0.5	+4.6	-0.6	+1.0	-0.1
Mid-November	-	-0.5	-	+0.3	+0.1	-0.1	-1.9	-1.0	+0.2	+0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Mid-December	+0.6	-0.3	-1.3	-0.2	-	-	-0.1	-1.0	-	-	+0.7	+0.6	+0.1
2013 Mid-January	+0.3	+5.4	-11.1	-	-3.1	+1.1	+0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-	+0.1	-1.0	-0.5
Mid-February	-0.2	+0.5	+7.1	+0.3	+1.8	+0.2	+1.0	+1.6	+0.3	-	+0.6	-0.3	+0.8
Mid-March	-0.5	-	+3.8	+0.1	-0.3	+0.1	+1.2	-1.1	-	-	+0.4	+1.3	+0.4

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
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Weights 2013	11.481	5.401	4.844	16.089	4.847	2.677	14.535	3.133	7.811	2.679	15.154	11.349	100.000
2012 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
Mid-May	+0.7	+4.2	-0.7	+2.3	-2.7	+0.6	+5.0	-0.9	-1.7	+9.4	+0.1	+4.1	+1.8
Mid-June	+0.8	+4.3	-	+0.9	-2.5	+0.6	+5.7	-1.2	-1.6	+9.4	+0.2	+4.1	+1.7
Mid-July	+0.2	+3.3	-1.4	-	-2.4	+0.7	+7.0	-1.6	-1.6	+9.4	+0.8	+4.6	+1.6
Mid-August	+0.4	+3.3	+1.7	-1.1	-2.3	+0.6	+8.3	-2.0	-1.4	+9.6	+1.0	+5.4	+2.0
Mid-September	+0.7	+3.9	-0.7	-2.8	-2.6	+0.5	+7.9	-2.6	-1.6	+9.6	+1.0	+5.1	+1.6
Mid-October	+1.0	+3.5	+1.0	-3.3	-2.7	+0.3	+5.8	-3.4	-1.2	+6.7	+1.0	+5.6	+1.2
Mid-November	+1.0	+3.5	-0.5	-3.1	-2.9	+0.1	+4.1	-4.4	-0.6	+4.7	+0.7	+5.6	+0.8
Mid-December	+1.6	+2.7	-0.8	-1.9	-2.7	+0.1	+4.2	-5.4	-0.6	+4.7	+1.6	+5.7	+1.2
Year	+0.5	+3.5	-0.2	+0.6	-2.5	+0.5	+5.8	-1.5	-1.2	+8.4	+0.4	+4.8	+1.7
2013 Mid-January	+2.4	+4.5	-1.2	-0.3	-3.3	+0.5	+3.1	-5.7	-0.3	+4.7	+1.7	+3.6	+1.2
Mid-February	+2.0	+5.4	-2.2	+0.4	-3.1	+0.6	+1.3	-4.4	+0.1	+4.7	+1.9	+2.9	+1.1
Mid-March	+1.6	+4.8	-1.1	+0.3	-3.3	+0.8	-1.4	-5.5	+0.1	+4.7	+1.9	+2.5	+0.5

Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - March 2013

COICOP	Division	Weights 2013 %	Weights 2013 Goods %	Weights 2013 Services %	Index (Dec. 2011 = 100)		Percentage changes		
					Goods	Services	Goods 12 Months	Services 12 Months	Overall 12 Months
01	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	11.481	11.481	-	101.2	-	+1.6	-	+1.6
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.401	5.401	-	108.7	-	+4.8	-	+4.8
03	Clothing and Footwear	4.844	4.757	0.087	98.0	100.8	-1.2	+0.6	-1.1
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.089	1.921	14.168	103.2	97.8	-1.1	+0.5	+0.3
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.847	3.647	1.200	96.0	93.8	-3.5	-2.3	-3.3
06	Health	2.677	1.044	1.633	101.9	100.8	+2.4	-0.3	+0.8
07	Transport	14.535	9.899	4.636	103.6	112.9	-1.8	-0.1	-1.4
08	Communications	3.133	0.119	3.014	83.4	95.4	-14.4	-5.1	-5.5
09	Recreation and Culture	7.811	3.761	4.050	96.6	102.4	-2.9	+2.8	+0.1
10	Education	2.679	-	2.679	-	104.7	-	+4.7	+4.7
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.154	-	15.154	-	102.7	-	+1.9	+1.9
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	11.349	2.954	8.395	95.3	108.7	-3.5	+4.2	+2.5
ALL ITEMS		100.000	44.984	55.016	101.3	102.5	-0.2	+1.2	+0.5

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 ²	Mortgage	Housing ¹	Tobacco	Energy	
	%	%	%	Interest			Products ²	%
2011 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
Year	+ 1.2	+ 3.6	+ 11.9	+ 1.6	+ 1.6	+ 2.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
2012 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
Mid-May	+ 1.3	+ 2.2	+ 9.7	+ 2.1	+ 2.4	+ 1.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Mid-June	+ 1.0	+ 2.2	+ 8.6	+ 2.2	+ 2.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Mid-July	+ 0.4	+ 2.5	+ 8.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Mid-August	+ 1.6	+ 2.3	+ 10.0	+ 2.9	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Mid-September	+ 2.0	+ 1.2	+ 11.3	+ 2.7	+ 3.0	+ 1.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Mid-October	+ 2.1	+ 0.5	+ 10.4	+ 2.5	+ 2.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Mid-November	+ 1.3	+ 0.5	+ 8.1	+ 2.0	+ 2.1	+ 0.6	-	+ 0.8
Mid-December	+ 1.0	+ 1.3	+ 6.9	+ 2.1	+ 2.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
Year	+ 1.2	+ 2.0	+ 9.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.5	+ 1.6	+ 0.8	+ 1.7
2013 Mid-January	+ 0.6	+ 1.7	+ 3.8	+ 1.8	+ 1.9	+ 1.2	+ 0.9	+ 1.2
Mid-February	0.3	+ 1.7	+ 3.6	+ 1.6	+ 1.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.8	+ 1.1
Mid-March	- 0.2	+ 1.2	+ 1.8	+ 1.0	+ 0.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.3	+ 0.5

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

² 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 and institutional 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 March index relates are Monday 11th to Tuesday, 19th March 2013.
- Scope of the Index**
- (i) **Population Coverage:** All private and institutional households in the State and the expenditure of foreign tourists within Ireland. It does not include the expenditure of 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.
- 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.
- Annual Update of CPI Weights** For 2013, the CPI COICOP class (4-digit) level weights were updated with a reference period of December 2012. The weights were based primarily on the 2011 National Accounts Household Final Monetary Consumption Expenditure (HFMCE) data. The expenditure data were price updated at CPI COICOP class level to December 2012 using the price movement of the corresponding CPI COICOP class indices.
- The sample of items in the basket, retail outlets and service providers and locations remains unchanged from the December 2011 rebase.

Background Notes – Consumer Price Index (continued)

- CPI Item 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). 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. The current basket of goods and services consists of 632 representative items which were selected as part of the December 2011 rebase and remain unchanged for 2013. The representative share of each item in the basket is proportional to the average amount purchased by all households in the State and foreign tourists in Ireland based primarily on the 2009/2010 Household Budget Survey (HBS) and estimates of expenditure by foreign tourists across a range of consumer goods and services. When the new COICOP class (4-digit) level weights were introduced with the January 2013 index, the CPI item weights were also updated. The CPI item weights were calculated on a pro rata basis using proportions from the December 2011 rebase.
- 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>.
- Rebase** 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.

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| 01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages | 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. |
| 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 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. |
| 03 Clothing and Footwear | Mens, ladies and childrens clothing and footwear, sports and leisurewear and services such as laundry and dry cleaning, shoe repair, dress hire and alteration. |
| 04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 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. |
| 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 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. |
| 06 Health | 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. |
| 07 Transport | 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. |
| 08 Communications | Postal and telecommunications services. |
| 09 Recreation and Culture | 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. |
| 10 Education | 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. |
| 11 Restaurants and Hotels | 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. |
| 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 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. |