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(Base: December 2001 =100)

DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE

January 2005

Annual Inflation falls to 2.3% in January

This release provides a summary analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI COICOP groups together with constituent CPI Subgroups and details of their monthly and annual percentage changes. It also details changes for each COICOP subgroup for each month from January 2004 to date. See the Background Notes for a description of the COICOP classification.

A detailed description of the CPI is published in the Introduction of Updated Series, December 2001 =100. This release, together with the monthly CPI Statistical Release is available on the CSO Web Site (www.cso.ie) immediately following publication.

Tables 18 – 20 based on the old national classification are also included for analysis.

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Consumer Price Index

January 2005

Overall Consumer Price Index

Consumer Prices in January, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.8% in the month. This compares with a decrease of 0.5% in January of last year and as a result, the annual rate of inflation fell to 2.3%, down from 2.6% in December 2004.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in Clothing & Footwear (-15.1%), Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-2.9%), Transport (-1.8%) and Miscellaneous Goods & Services (-0.6%). Increases for Health (+3.3%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+1.0%) were also recorded.

The most notable changes in the year were increases in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+9.2%), Health (+6.2%), Education (+5.6%) and Restaurants & Hotels (+3.5%). Decreases were recorded for Clothing & Footwear (-3.4%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-2.0%).

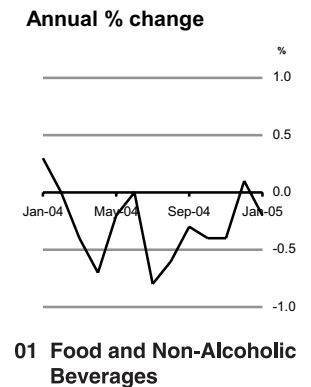
The annual rate of inflation for Services is now running at 4.1% compared to a rate of 0.3% in respect of Goods.



01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 0.2% in the year to January 2005.

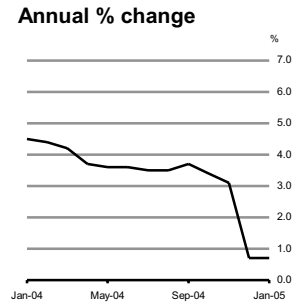
Food prices decreased by 0.4% in the month while overall Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.1%. Since December, price decreases were recorded for potatoes (-7.5%), frozen vegetables (-2.4%), fresh fruit (-1.2%), cocoa (-1.1%), other fruits (-1.0%), poultry (-0.9%), biscuits (-0.9%) and other meat products (-0.8%). Price increases were recorded for pork (+1.3%), cakes (+1.1%), miscellaneous food items (+1.1%), fresh fish (+0.9%) and cheese (+0.8%).



02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

This category covers Alcoholic Beverages (purchased in an off-licence or supermarket) and Tobacco products. Overall prices increased by 0.3% in the month and by 0.7% in the year to January 2005, which is the same increase as that recorded for the year to December 2004 (+0.7%). This compares with an annual rate of 4.5% for January 2004.

Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 1.1% while overall Tobacco prices decreased by 0.1% in the month. The price changes that contributed to the increase in Alcoholic Beverages were spirits (+2.8%), wine & cider (+0.5%) and beer (+0.3%).

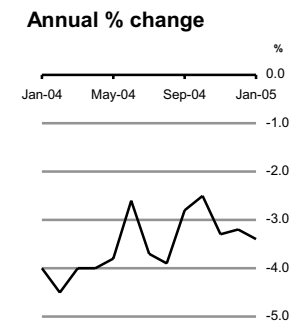


02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

03 Clothing and Footwear

Overall Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 15.1% in the month as a result of the traditional January Sales. Clothing prices decreased by 15.6% while footwear prices decreased by 13.0%. Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 3.4% in the year since January 2004.

This category also covers Clothing & Footwear services such as dry cleaning. The services element for clothing increased by 0.2% while footwear repair & hire costs increased by 0.3% in the month.



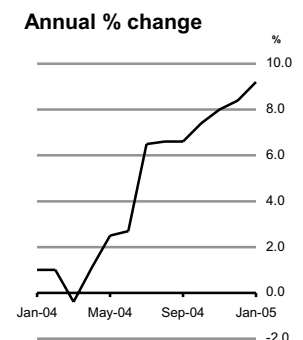
03 Clothing and Footwear

04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

This group covers the former categories of Housing (excluding insurance) and Fuel & Light combined into one overall category. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 1.0% in the month and by 9.2% in the year to January 2005. This compares with an increase of 1.0% in the year to January 2004.

In January, price increases were recorded for local authority service charges (+21.2%), electricity (+4.4%), average mortgage interest repayments (+1.0%) and solid fuels (+1.0%). These were partially offset by decreases in the cost of home heating oil (-6.7%) and house repair & maintenance materials (-0.8%).

While higher charges for domestic electricity became effective from 1st October, they did not affect households in the form of higher bills until the beginning of December. As different billing cycles or periods exist, the increase is being introduced over the months of December 2004 and January 2005, covering the billing periods Dec/Jan and Jan/Feb. Accordingly, the balance of the 9.0% increase approved by the energy regulator is reflected in the January 2005 CPI.



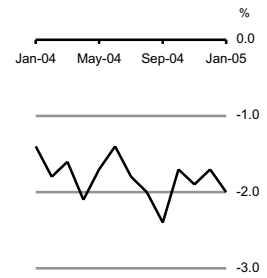
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 2.9% in the month, mainly due to the January Sales. A decrease of 2.0% was recorded for the year to January 2005. This compares with a decrease of 1.4% for the year to January 2004.

Price decreases were recorded for household textiles (-9.3%), small electric household appliances (-5.9%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-5.9%), furniture & furnishings (-5.6%), small tools & miscellaneous accessories (-3.6%), carpets & other floor coverings (-3.3%), major household appliances (-2.4%) and non-durable household goods (-0.9%).

Annual % change



05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

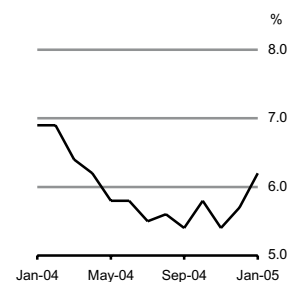
06 Health

Health costs and charges increased by 3.3% in January putting the annual increase at 6.2%, which is up on the increase recorded for the year to December 2004 (+5.7%). This compares with an increase of 6.9% for the year to January 2004.

In January, increases were recorded for hospital services (+11.0%), therapeutic appliances & equipment (which includes opticians' fees) (+0.5%) and prescribed drugs (+0.4%). These were partially offset by a decrease in the cost of other medicines (which includes pain relievers, antacid, cough mixture, vitamins & other supplements) (-0.3%).

The rise in prescribed drugs costs is due to an increase in the monthly threshold for the Drugs Payment Scheme which came into effect in January.

Annual % change



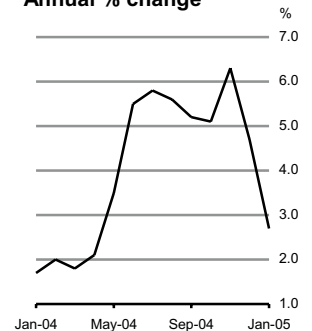
06 Health

07 Transport

Transport costs decreased by 1.8% in the month and increased by 2.7% in the year to January 2005. This compares to an increase of 1.7% in the year to January 2004.

Price decreases were recorded for air fares (-37.2%), petrol (-4.4%) and diesel (-2.2%). These were partially offset by increases in rail fares (+5.5%), other vehicle costs (which includes toll charges) (+2.7%) and combined bus / rail commuter travel (+1.6%).

Annual % change

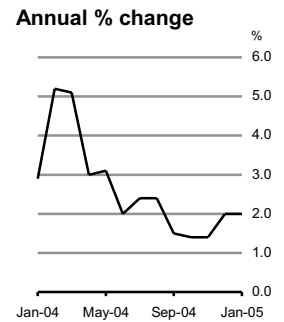


07 Transport

08 Communications

Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 2.0% in the year to January 2005. This compares with an increase of 2.9% in the year to January 2004.

Telephone & communication services charges increased by 0.1% while postal services costs remained unchanged in January.

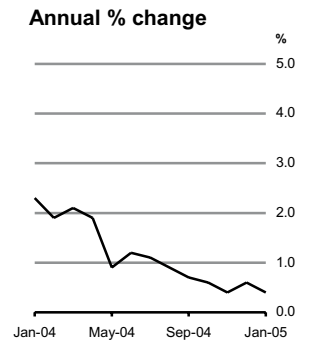


08 Communications

09 Recreation and Culture

Recreation & Culture covers a wide range of goods and services including items such as nightclubs, televisions, newspapers and gardening. Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month, resulting in an increase of 0.4% in the year to January 2005.

Price decreases were recorded for information processing equipment (-3.1%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-3.0%), recording media (-2.4%), games, toys & hobbies (-2.4%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-1.8%), stationery (-0.6%) and newspapers & periodicals (-0.4%). These were partially offset by increases in the cost of television & satellite services (+2.8%) and nightclub entrance (+0.4%).

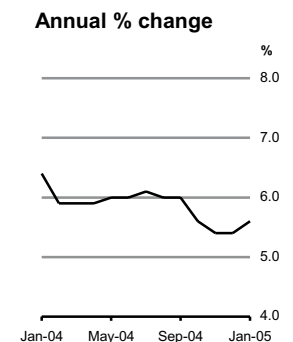


09 Recreation and Culture

10 Education

Education costs increased by 0.1% in the month and by 5.6% in the year to January 2005, which is up on the increase recorded for the year to December 2004 (+5.4%). This compares with an increase of 6.4% for the year to January 2004.

The rise in the month is due to an increase in other education & training (+0.2%), caused by higher playschool fees.

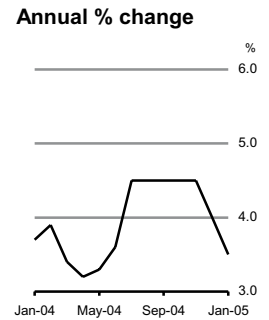


10 Education

11 Restaurants and Hotels

This category covers three main areas (1) meals out (2) alcohol consumed in or on licensed premises and (3) accommodation services. Prices for the overall category decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 3.5% in the year to January 2005.

The change in the month was due to a decrease in the cost of accommodation services (-1.7%) and soft drinks & mineral water (-0.2%), partially offset by price increases for restaurants, cafes & fast-food (+0.3%), canteens (+0.2%), beer (+0.1%) and spirits (+0.1%).

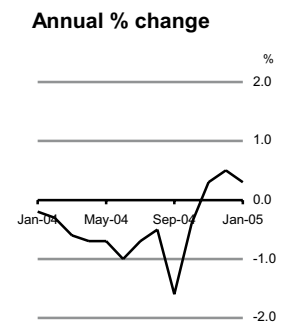


11 Restaurants and Hotels

12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Miscellaneous Goods & Services covers a wide range of items from personal hygiene products, hairdressing, insurance, childcare, social protection, financial services to personal goods and other services. Overall prices decreased by 0.6% in the month and increased by 0.3% in the year to January 2005. This compares with a decrease of 0.2% for the year to January 2004.

Price decreases were recorded for other personal goods (-7.9%), electric appliances for personal care (-4.8%), house insurance (-2.9%), hair products (-2.4%) and jewellery, clocks & watches (-1.6%). These were partially offset by increases in the cost of other social protection (which includes nursing home charges) (+2.0%), financial services (+1.4%) and childcare (+0.8%).



12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|---|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Food | 12.7541 | 102.5 | -0.4 | -0.3 |
| Bread and Cereals | 2.4351 | 105.0 | -0.1 | 0.7 |
| Bread | 0.7932 | 109.0 | -0.3 | 2.8 |
| Flour | 0.0349 | 109.7 | 0.4 | 6.7 |
| Biscuits | 0.4149 | 102.3 | -0.9 | -1.8 |
| Cakes | 0.4370 | 107.3 | 1.1 | 0.8 |
| Breakfast cereals | 0.3592 | 98.9 | 0.2 | -1.0 |
| Other cereals | 0.1698 | 104.7 | -0.1 | 0.8 |
| Other bread & cereals | 0.2263 | 101.0 | -0.3 | -1.4 |
| Meat | 3.8238 | 99.9 | -0.4 | 0.5 |
| Beef | 0.7427 | 103.0 | -0.1 | -0.5 |
| Lamb | 0.3222 | 101.1 | 0.7 | 5.5 |
| Pork | 0.2327 | 102.6 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Bacon | 0.5459 | 97.6 | -0.2 | -1.6 |
| Poultry | 0.7558 | 90.0 | -0.9 | -2.5 |
| Other meat products | 1.2245 | 104.5 | -0.8 | 2.4 |
| Fish | 0.3475 | 105.8 | 0.0 | -1.9 |
| Fresh fish | 0.1522 | 110.0 | 0.9 | -1.0 |
| Frozen/tinned/smoked fish | 0.1954 | 102.6 | -0.7 | -2.6 |
| Milk, cheese and eggs | 1.7813 | 104.2 | 0.0 | -1.0 |
| Milk | 0.9658 | 102.1 | -0.1 | -1.1 |
| Other milk products | 0.3633 | 108.1 | -0.5 | -0.8 |
| Cheese | 0.3103 | 105.2 | 0.8 | -1.7 |
| Eggs | 0.1419 | 106.5 | 0.4 | 1.8 |
| Oils and fats | 0.3720 | 101.8 | 0.0 | -0.9 |
| Butter | 0.2294 | 100.7 | 0.0 | -1.7 |
| Margarine & low fat spreads | 0.0706 | 106.8 | -0.3 | 0.8 |
| Other oils & fats | 0.0720 | 100.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Fruit | 0.6780 | 102.2 | -1.1 | -1.2 |
| Fresh fruit | 0.5882 | 100.1 | -1.2 | -1.7 |
| Other fruits | 0.0897 | 115.8 | -1.0 | 1.7 |
| Vegetables | 1.6534 | 97.1 | -2.1 | -3.2 |
| Potatoes | 0.3644 | 89.1 | -7.5 | -14.1 |
| Other fresh vegetables | 0.6260 | 98.5 | -0.4 | 1.7 |
| Tinned vegetables | 0.1308 | 104.9 | 0.2 | -0.9 |
| Frozen vegetables | 0.1738 | 97.3 | -2.4 | -3.9 |
| Other vegetable products | 0.3584 | 100.1 | -0.4 | -0.1 |
| Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery | 1.2890 | 107.7 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Sugar & sweeteners | 0.0881 | 99.1 | 0.0 | -0.1 |
| Preserves | 0.0898 | 110.2 | 0.2 | 0.9 |
| Sweets & chocolate | 0.8708 | 108.1 | 0.2 | 0.5 |
| Desserts & icecream | 0.2404 | 108.6 | 0.6 | -0.8 |
| Other food products | 0.3739 | 107.8 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| Condiments & sauces | 0.1924 | 106.9 | -0.2 | 1.7 |
| Soup | 0.1011 | 109.9 | 0.5 | 3.6 |
| Miscellaneous food items | 0.0804 | 108.8 | 1.1 | 2.4 |
| Non-alcoholic beverages | 1.3380 | 104.0 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| Coffee, tea and cocoa | 0.3108 | 100.0 | 0.2 | -0.4 |
| Tea | 0.2007 | 102.8 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Coffee | 0.0980 | 94.4 | 0.5 | -2.6 |
| Cocoa | 0.0120 | 98.1 | -1.1 | -3.2 |
| Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices | 1.0273 | 105.3 | -0.1 | 0.3 |
| Soft drinks, mineral water | 0.7641 | 107.2 | 0.1 | 1.2 |
| Fruit juices | 0.2632 | 99.8 | -0.6 | -2.4 |
| Total | 14.0921 | 102.7 | -0.3 | -0.2 |

Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Alcoholic Beverages | 3.0987 | 111.0 | 1.1 | 0.1 |
| Spirits | 0.8448 | 125.6 | 2.8 | -0.3 |
| Wine & cider | 1.3729 | 107.3 | 0.5 | -0.3 |
| Beer | 0.8811 | 102.8 | 0.3 | 1.1 |
| Tobacco | 4.3993 | 123.3 | -0.1 | 1.1 |
| Cigarettes | 4.2148 | 123.5 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| Other tobacco products | 0.1844 | 119.0 | 0.1 | 1.5 |
| Total | 7.4980 | 118.2 | 0.3 | 0.7 |

Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Clothing | 4.0605 | 75.5 | -15.6 | -3.3 |
| Clothing materials | 0.1708 | 102.9 | -1.1 | 1.4 |
| Garments | 3.7922 | 73.6 | -16.6 | -3.9 |
| Other articles of clothing | 0.1019 | 73.2 | -11.7 | -5.2 |
| Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing | 0.1494 | 121.1 | 0.2 | 6.1 |
| Dry cleaning & laundry | 0.1111 | 120.0 | 0.3 | 6.2 |
| Dress hire & repair of clothing | 0.0383 | 124.2 | 0.2 | 5.9 |
| Footwear | 0.9912 | 75.9 | -13.0 | -4.0 |
| Shoes & other footwear | 0.9764 | 75.0 | -13.3 | -4.3 |
| Repair & hire of footwear | 0.0148 | 133.6 | 0.3 | 7.4 |
| Total | 5.0517 | 75.6 | -15.1 | -3.4 |

Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|---|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Rents & other housing costs | 7.2347 | 104.6 | 0.6 | 7.3 |
| Rents | 2.6046 | 97.3 | 0.0 | -1.5 |
| Mortgage interest | 4.6301 | 108.8 | 1.0 | 12.4 |
| Maintenance & repair of the dwelling | 1.6222 | 112.4 | -0.3 | 2.5 |
| Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling | 0.7562 | 102.5 | -0.8 | 0.4 |
| Services for maint. & repair of dwelling | 0.8660 | 121.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 |
| Water supply, refuse & misc. services | 0.1971 | 204.4 | 21.2 | 36.4 |
| Electricity, gas & other fuels | 3.2775 | 127.2 | 0.7 | 14.0 |
| Electricity | 1.3930 | 136.2 | 4.4 | 14.7 |
| Natural gas | 0.4872 | 122.1 | 0.0 | 10.9 |
| Bottled gas | 0.0364 | 116.7 | 0.3 | 11.0 |
| Liquid fuels | 0.6914 | 125.0 | -6.7 | 19.5 |
| Solid fuels | 0.6695 | 114.8 | 1.0 | 8.8 |
| Total | 12.3315 | 113.2 | 1.0 | 9.2 |

Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring | 0.6084 | 92.7 | -5.2 | -1.2 |
| Furniture & furnishings | 0.5132 | 91.2 | -5.6 | -1.7 |
| Carpets & other floor coverings | 0.0952 | 101.2 | -3.3 | 2.1 |
| Household textiles | 0.3860 | 79.3 | -9.3 | -5.3 |
| Household appliances | 1.4105 | 91.9 | -2.8 | -4.0 |
| Major household appliances | 1.0325 | 91.2 | -2.4 | -4.2 |
| Small electric household appliances | 0.2678 | 86.1 | -5.9 | -6.3 |
| Repair of household appliances | 0.1102 | 112.1 | 0.6 | 1.8 |
| Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils | 0.2499 | 84.6 | -5.9 | -4.1 |
| Tools & equipment for house & garden | 0.2203 | 103.9 | -1.7 | 1.1 |
| Major tools & equipment | 0.1121 | 109.4 | -0.1 | 2.6 |
| Small tools & misc. accessories | 0.1082 | 98.1 | -3.6 | -0.7 |
| Goods & services for routine hsehd maint. | 1.4560 | 101.1 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| Non-durable household goods | 0.8506 | 97.7 | -0.9 | -1.6 |
| Domestic & household services | 0.6054 | 105.9 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| Total | 4.3312 | 94.2 | -2.9 | -2.0 |

Table 6 Health - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Medical products, appliances & equip. | 1.0425 | 110.9 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| Pharmaceutical products | 0.5626 | 111.6 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Prescribed drugs | 0.3205 | 114.7 | 0.4 | 3.8 |
| Other medicines | 0.2420 | 107.4 | -0.3 | -0.5 |
| Other medical products | 0.1954 | 109.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Therapeutic appliances & equip | 0.2846 | 110.9 | 0.5 | 3.4 |
| Outpatient services | 0.8484 | 118.9 | 0.0 | 4.9 |
| Medical services | 0.5242 | 116.5 | 0.0 | 5.1 |
| Doctors' fees | 0.4310 | 116.9 | 0.0 | 5.0 |
| Alternative & complementary medicine | 0.0932 | 114.3 | 0.0 | 5.7 |
| Dental services | 0.2352 | 125.9 | 0.0 | 4.7 |
| Paramedical services | 0.0890 | 114.7 | 0.0 | 3.6 |
| Hospital services | 0.6273 | 159.9 | 11.0 | 13.1 |
| Total | 2.5182 | 125.8 | 3.3 | 6.2 |

Table 7 Transport - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Purchase of vehicles | 6.1617 | 105.0 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Motor cars | 5.9503 | 105.3 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Motor cycles | 0.0608 | 97.5 | 0.3 | -0.5 |
| Bicycles | 0.1506 | 95.7 | -0.4 | -0.9 |
| Operation of personal transport equip. | 5.1975 | 116.3 | -2.2 | 4.3 |
| Spare parts & accessories | 0.3014 | 105.1 | -0.1 | 0.9 |
| Fuels & lubricants | 3.1186 | 116.7 | -4.0 | 5.4 |
| Petrol | 2.6391 | 115.3 | -4.4 | 4.0 |
| Diesel | 0.4533 | 124.7 | -2.2 | 13.8 |
| Motor oil | 0.0262 | 114.3 | 0.4 | 4.6 |
| Maintenance & repair | 0.5904 | 113.4 | 0.0 | 4.1 |
| Other services | 1.1871 | 119.6 | 1.1 | 2.3 |
| Motor tax | 0.7001 | 117.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other vehicle costs | 0.4745 | 123.6 | 2.7 | 5.9 |
| Driving licences | 0.0125 | 100.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Transport services | 1.8239 | 111.3 | -6.1 | 4.8 |
| Rail transport | 0.2739 | 123.2 | 5.5 | 7.6 |
| Road transport | 1.2082 | 113.5 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| Bus fares | 0.6445 | 114.9 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Taxi | 0.5637 | 111.9 | 0.0 | 1.7 |
| Air transport | 0.2860 | 87.6 | -37.2 | 25.5 |
| Sea transport | 0.0339 | 133.4 | -0.7 | 7.0 |
| Combined transport | 0.0118 | 116.1 | 1.6 | 2.4 |
| Other transport | 0.0100 | 128.1 | 0.0 | 7.2 |
| Total | 13.1831 | 110.3 | -1.8 | 2.7 |

Table 8 Communications - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|------------------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Postal services | 0.0791 | 123.8 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Telephone & communication services | 1.8239 | 104.3 | 0.1 | 2.2 |
| Total | 1.9030 | 105.1 | 0.0 | 2.0 |

Table 9 Recreation and Culture - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|--|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment | 1.0625 | 83.9 | -2.8 | -8.8 |
| Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures | 0.2557 | 77.5 | -3.0 | -8.1 |
| Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments | 0.0477 | 76.6 | -1.8 | -10.8 |
| Information processing equip. | 0.3516 | 84.6 | -3.1 | -12.3 |
| Recording media | 0.4075 | 88.1 | -2.4 | -6.1 |
| Other major durables for recreation & culture | 0.0183 | 98.0 | 0.0 | -0.8 |
| Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets | 1.1538 | 98.3 | -0.5 | -2.4 |
| Games, toys & hobbies | 0.3480 | 80.7 | -2.4 | -7.1 |
| Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation | 0.1490 | 98.1 | 0.0 | -3.5 |
| Gardens, plants & flowers | 0.3375 | 108.3 | 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Pets & related products | 0.2513 | 104.3 | 0.1 | -2.3 |
| Veterinary & other services for pets | 0.0680 | 117.7 | 0.0 | 4.2 |
| Recreational & cultural services | 3.2713 | 120.9 | 0.7 | 3.2 |
| Recreational & sporting services | 1.0955 | 123.7 | 0.0 | 4.9 |
| Sports admittance | 0.1575 | 138.7 | 0.0 | 9.4 |
| Sports participation | 0.4631 | 130.1 | 0.0 | 6.2 |
| Cultural services | 2.1757 | 119.5 | 1.0 | 2.2 |
| Cinema | 0.2523 | 114.5 | 0.2 | 5.1 |
| Nightclubs | 0.3261 | 112.8 | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Cultural admittance | 0.6630 | 115.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Other entertainment | 0.2454 | 110.3 | 0.0 | 2.9 |
| Television services | 0.6889 | 132.0 | 2.8 | 3.7 |
| Newspapers, books & stationery | 1.9011 | 110.7 | -0.4 | 2.2 |
| Books | 0.4801 | 108.3 | -0.1 | 2.2 |
| Newspapers & periodicals | 0.9945 | 115.0 | -0.4 | 2.8 |
| Stationery | 0.4265 | 103.1 | -0.6 | 0.7 |
| Package holidays | 3.4024 | 105.4 | 0.0 | -0.5 |
| Total | 10.8095 | 108.2 | -0.1 | 0.4 |

Table 10 Education - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Primary education | 0.0111 | 137.9 | 0.0 | 13.1 |
| Second level education | 0.1572 | 136.6 | 0.0 | 10.4 |
| Third level education | 0.7009 | 125.8 | 0.0 | 5.5 |
| Other education & training | 0.6778 | 122.0 | 0.2 | 4.2 |
| Total | 1.5471 | 125.3 | 0.1 | 5.6 |

Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Catering services | 15.5121 | 117.6 | 0.1 | 3.2 |
| Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises | 14.8341 | 118.1 | 0.2 | 3.1 |
| Beer | 6.3736 | 115.8 | 0.1 | 3.0 |
| Spirits | 1.6213 | 124.9 | 0.1 | 1.7 |
| Wine & cider | 0.7156 | 116.3 | 0.0 | 2.0 |
| Soft drinks & mineral water | 0.3850 | 119.5 | -0.2 | 2.0 |
| Restaurants, cafes & fast-food | 5.7386 | 118.9 | 0.3 | 3.8 |
| Canteens | 0.6780 | 107.9 | 0.2 | 4.5 |
| Accommodation services | 2.2474 | 110.0 | -1.7 | 5.4 |
| Total | 17.7595 | 116.7 | -0.1 | 3.5 |

Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - January 2005

| Description | Dec 2001 base expenditure weight % | Current Index | % change 1 mth | % change 12 mths |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Personal care | 2.4202 | 106.6 | -0.5 | 1.4 |
| Hairdressing salons & personal grooming | 0.6871 | 124.6 | 0.2 | 5.9 |
| Hairdressing | 0.6354 | 124.8 | 0.2 | 5.9 |
| Health & beauty treatments | 0.0496 | 122.4 | 0.0 | 4.0 |
| Other personal grooming | 0.0020 | 122.9 | 0.3 | 9.1 |
| Electric appliances for personal care | 0.0566 | 86.4 | -4.8 | -4.2 |
| Other appliances, articles & products for personal care | 1.6765 | 99.9 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| Hygiene products | 0.2343 | 98.0 | -0.4 | -2.5 |
| Hair products | 0.2124 | 99.8 | -2.4 | 2.0 |
| Cosmetics & skincare products | 0.6036 | 101.3 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| Toilet accessories | 0.6262 | 99.8 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| Personal goods | 0.4623 | 86.5 | -5.3 | -3.1 |
| Jewellery, clocks & watches | 0.1791 | 98.6 | -1.6 | 1.2 |
| Other personal goods | 0.2832 | 78.9 | -7.9 | -6.3 |
| Social protection | 0.9203 | 124.1 | 1.1 | 6.4 |
| Childcare | 0.7423 | 125.0 | 0.8 | 6.8 |
| Other social protection | 0.1780 | 120.3 | 2.0 | 4.6 |
| Insurance | 4.3822 | 105.3 | -0.6 | -2.2 |
| Dwelling insurance | 0.6988 | 105.4 | -2.9 | -0.9 |
| Health insurance | 1.4709 | 132.9 | 0.0 | 3.8 |
| Transport insurance | 2.2124 | 86.9 | -0.3 | -8.0 |
| Motor cycle insurance | 0.0242 | 153.7 | 0.0 | 18.0 |
| Motor car insurance | 2.1882 | 86.2 | -0.2 | -8.4 |
| Financial services | 0.0470 | 128.2 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Other services | 0.7432 | 118.7 | 0.1 | 5.0 |
| Total | 8.9751 | 107.8 | -0.6 | 0.3 |

Table 13 COICOP Groups 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 2001 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| % Base Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weights | 14.092 | 7.498 | 5.052 | 12.331 | 4.331 | 2.518 | 13.183 | 1.903 | 10.810 | 1.547 | 17.760 | 8.975 | 100.000 |
| 2004 Mid-January | - | +0.3 | -14.8 | +0.3 | -2.6 | +2.9 | +0.1 | - | +0.1 | -0.1 | +0.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 |
| Mid-February | -0.1 | -0.1 | +12.0 | +0.4 | +1.8 | +0.8 | +0.6 | +2.1 | +0.6 | -0.3 | +0.4 | +0.6 | +0.8 |
| Mid-March | -0.1 | +0.4 | +2.3 | +0.8 | - | - | +0.6 | -0.1 | - | - | +0.4 | +0.4 | +0.4 |
| Mid-April | -0.3 | +0.3 | -0.1 | +0.9 | -0.2 | +0.3 | +0.6 | - | +0.1 | - | +0.6 | +0.4 | +0.4 |
| Mid-May | +0.5 | - | +0.1 | +0.4 | - | +0.2 | +0.5 | - | -0.6 | +0.1 | +0.5 | -0.1 | +0.2 |
| Mid-June | +0.5 | +0.1 | -0.4 | +0.8 | - | - | +1.5 | - | +0.3 | - | +0.7 | -0.4 | +0.6 |
| Mid-July | -0.5 | - | -10.8 | +0.3 | -1.8 | +0.2 | +0.4 | +0.3 | -0.2 | +0.1 | +1.3 | +0.2 | -0.3 |
| Mid-August | +0.1 | +0.1 | +8.5 | +0.7 | +1.1 | +0.3 | +0.4 | - | +0.1 | -0.1 | +0.3 | +0.3 | +0.6 |
| Mid-September | -0.2 | - | +3.2 | +0.8 | -0.3 | - | -0.4 | -0.3 | -0.1 | - | -0.1 | -0.8 | +0.1 |
| Mid-October | -0.1 | - | -0.6 | +0.9 | +0.2 | +0.5 | -0.4 | - | - | +4.1 | -0.2 | +0.5 | +0.1 |
| Mid-November | -0.1 | -0.1 | +0.2 | +0.8 | - | +0.2 | +0.9 | - | +0.2 | +1.5 | -0.3 | -0.1 | +0.2 |
| Mid-December | +0.4 | -0.3 | - | +1.0 | +0.2 | +0.3 | -0.2 | - | +0.1 | - | -0.1 | - | +0.1 |
| 2005 Mid-January | -0.3 | +0.3 | -15.1 | +1.0 | -2.9 | +3.3 | -1.8 | - | -0.1 | +0.1 | -0.1 | -0.6 | -0.8 |

Table 14 COICOP Groups 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 |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Mid-December 2001 | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| % Base Expenditure | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weights | 14.092 | 7.498 | 5.052 | 12.331 | 4.331 | 2.518 | 13.183 | 1.903 | 10.810 | 1.547 | 17.760 | 8.975 | 100.000 |
| 2004 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-January | +0.3 | +4.5 | -4.0 | +1.0 | -1.4 | +6.9 | +1.7 | +2.9 | +2.3 | +6.4 | +3.7 | -0.2 | +1.8 |
| Mid-February | - | +4.4 | -4.5 | +1.0 | -1.8 | +6.9 | +2.0 | +5.2 | +1.9 | +5.9 | +3.9 | -0.3 | +1.7 |
| Mid-March | -0.4 | +4.2 | -4.0 | -0.4 | -1.6 | +6.4 | +1.8 | +5.1 | +2.1 | +5.9 | +3.4 | -0.6 | +1.3 |
| Mid-April | -0.7 | +3.7 | -4.0 | +1.1 | -2.1 | +6.2 | +2.1 | +3.0 | +1.9 | +5.9 | +3.2 | -0.7 | +1.4 |
| Mid-May | -0.2 | +3.6 | -3.8 | +2.5 | -1.7 | +5.8 | +3.5 | +3.1 | +0.9 | +6.0 | +3.3 | -0.7 | +1.7 |
| Mid-June | - | +3.6 | -2.6 | +2.7 | -1.4 | +5.8 | +5.5 | +2.0 | +1.2 | +6.0 | +3.6 | -1.0 | +2.3 |
| Mid-July | -0.8 | +3.5 | -3.7 | +6.5 | -1.8 | +5.5 | +5.8 | +2.4 | +1.1 | +6.1 | +4.5 | -0.7 | +2.7 |
| Mid-August | -0.6 | +3.5 | -3.9 | +6.6 | -2.0 | +5.6 | +5.6 | +2.4 | +0.9 | +6.0 | +4.5 | -0.5 | +2.6 |
| Mid-September | -0.3 | +3.7 | -2.8 | +6.6 | -2.4 | +5.4 | +5.2 | +1.5 | +0.7 | +6.0 | +4.5 | -1.6 | +2.5 |
| Mid-October | -0.4 | +3.4 | -2.5 | +7.4 | -1.7 | +5.8 | +5.1 | +1.4 | +0.6 | +5.6 | +4.5 | -0.4 | +2.7 |
| Mid-November | -0.4 | +3.1 | -3.3 | +8.0 | -1.9 | +5.4 | +6.3 | +1.4 | +0.4 | +5.4 | +4.5 | +0.3 | +2.9 |
| Mid-December | +0.1 | +0.7 | -3.2 | +8.4 | -1.7 | +5.7 | +4.7 | +2.0 | +0.6 | +5.4 | +4.0 | +0.5 | +2.6 |
| Year | -0.3 | +3.5 | -3.5 | +4.3 | -1.8 | +6.0 | +4.1 | +2.7 | +1.2 | +5.8 | +4.0 | -0.6 | +2.2 |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mid-January | -0.2 | +0.7 | -3.4 | +9.2 | -2.0 | +6.2 | +2.7 | +2.0 | +0.4 | +5.6 | +3.5 | +0.3 | +2.3 |

Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - January 2005

| COICOP | Group | Mid-Dec 2001 % 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 | 14.092 | 14.092 | - | 102.7 | - | - 0.2 | - | - 0.2 |
| 02 | Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 7.498 | 7.498 | - | 118.2 | - | + 0.7 | - | + 0.7 |
| 03 | Clothing and Footwear | 5.052 | 4.888 | 0.164 | 74.0 | 122.2 | - 4.0 | + 6.2 | - 3.4 |
| 04 | Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 12.331 | 2.153 | 10.178 | 113.8 | 113.1 | + 9.4 | + 9.2 | + 9.2 |
| 05 | Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | 4.331 | 3.538 | 0.793 | 91.2 | 107.5 | - 3.1 | + 2.6 | - 2.0 |
| 06 | Health | 2.518 | 1.013 | 1.505 | 110.8 | 135.9 | + 1.9 | + 8.7 | + 6.2 |
| 07 | Transport | 13.183 | 9.582 | 3.601 | 108.8 | 114.4 | + 2.4 | + 3.9 | + 2.7 |
| 08 | Communications | 1.903 | - | 1.903 | - | 105.1 | - | + 2.0 | + 2.0 |
| 09 | Recreation and Culture | 10.810 | 4.064 | 6.746 | 100.0 | 113.0 | - 1.8 | + 1.3 | + 0.4 |
| 10 | Education | 1.547 | - | 1.547 | - | 125.3 | - | + 5.6 | + 5.6 |
| 11 | Restaurants and Hotels | 17.760 | - | 17.760 | - | 116.7 | - | + 3.5 | + 3.5 |
| 12 | Miscellaneous Goods & Services | 8.975 | 2.191 | 6.784 | 96.7 | 111.4 | - 1.1 | + 0.7 | + 0.3 |
| ALL ITEMS | | 100.000 | 49.019 | 50.981 | 102.7 | 114.9 | + 0.3 | + 4.1 | + 2.3 |

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

| Period | Energy | CPI excluding Mortgage Interest | CPI excluding Housing | CPI excluding Tobacco | All Items |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % |
| 2003 Mid-January | +6.3 | +5.0 | +5.1 | +4.4 | +4.8 |
| Mid-February | +6.5 | +5.3 | +5.5 | +4.7 | +5.1 |
| Mid-March | +10.2 | +5.1 | +5.2 | +4.6 | +4.9 |
| Mid-April | +8.2 | +4.7 | +4.8 | +3.9 | +4.3 |
| Mid-May | +1.6 | +4.0 | +4.0 | +3.2 | +3.7 |
| Mid-June | +0.9 | +3.9 | +4.0 | +3.1 | +3.5 |
| Mid-July | +1.3 | +4.1 | +4.2 | +2.8 | +3.1 |
| Mid-August | +2.1 | +4.1 | +4.2 | +2.7 | +3.2 |
| Mid-September | +3.1 | +3.7 | +3.8 | +2.4 | +2.9 |
| Mid-October | +1.5 | +3.2 | +3.2 | +1.8 | +2.3 |
| Mid-November | +2.3 | +3.1 | +3.2 | +1.7 | +2.2 |
| Mid-December | +5.2 | +2.8 | +2.9 | +1.7 | +1.9 |
| Year | +4.0 | +4.1 | +4.2 | +3.0 | +3.5 |
| 2004 Mid-January | +3.9 | +2.1 | +2.1 | +1.5 | +1.8 |
| Mid-February | +3.9 | +2.0 | +2.0 | +1.4 | +1.7 |
| Mid-March | +0.4 | +1.6 | +1.6 | +1.0 | +1.3 |
| Mid-April | +1.2 | +1.4 | +1.5 | +1.2 | +1.4 |
| Mid-May | +6.9 | +1.8 | +1.9 | +1.5 | +1.7 |
| Mid-June | +11.8 | +2.2 | +2.2 | +2.0 | +2.3 |
| Mid-July | +10.9 | +2.3 | +2.3 | +2.5 | +2.7 |
| Mid-August | +12.0 | +2.2 | +2.3 | +2.5 | +2.6 |
| Mid-September | +11.1 | +2.1 | +2.2 | +2.4 | +2.5 |
| Mid-October | +12.5 | +2.3 | +2.4 | +2.6 | +2.7 |
| Mid-November | +15.3 | +2.5 | +2.6 | +2.8 | +2.9 |
| Mid-December | +11.5 | +2.1 | +2.2 | +2.6 | +2.6 |
| Year | +8.4 | +2.1 | +2.1 | +2.1 | +2.2 |
| 2005 Mid-January | +9.8 | +1.8 | +1.8 | +2.4 | +2.3 |

Table 17 Constant Tax Price Index

| Period | Index | Annual Percentage Changes | | Contribution | |
|--------|-----------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| | | CPI | Due to Indirect Taxes ¹ | Immediate Tax Effect ² | |
| | | % | % | % | |
| 2004 | January | 104.1 | +1.8 | +0.7 | +0.5 |
| | February | 104.9 | +1.7 | +0.6 | +0.5 |
| | March | 105.3 | +1.3 | +0.5 | +0.5 |
| | April | 105.6 | +1.4 | +0.6 | +0.5 |
| | May | 105.8 | +1.7 | +0.7 | +0.5 |
| | June | 106.3 | +2.3 | +0.8 | +0.5 |
| | July | 106.1 | +2.7 | +0.8 | +0.5 |
| | August | 106.7 | +2.6 | +0.7 | +0.5 |
| | September | 106.7 | +2.5 | +0.7 | +0.5 |
| | October | 106.8 | +2.7 | +0.8 | +0.5 |
| | November | 107.0 | +2.9 | +0.8 | +0.5 |
| | December | 107.1 | +2.6 | +0.4 | +0.1 |
| 2005 | January | 106.4 | +2.3 | +0.2 | +0.1 |

¹ Theoretical impact of tax changes in the year to date taking into account both changes in tax rates and the change in the level of prices. The CTPI is used in conjunction with the CPI to measure the contribution of changes in indirect taxes since the base period to the overall price change.

² Immediate tax effect based on the measurement of the direct impact of tax changes at the point of introduction.

* For further information on the Constant Tax Price Index please see background notes.

Table 18 Consumer Price Commodity Group Indices - January 2005*

| Commodity Group | Dec-01 base expenditure weights | Consumer Price Index (CPI) | | Percentage changes | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | | Current base Dec-01 | Former base Nov-96 | One month | Three months | 12 months |
| | | | | % | % | % |
| Food | 20.805 | 107.5 | 133.1 | - 0.2 | + 0.2 | + 1.1 |
| Alcoholic Drink | 11.898 | 115.8 | 141.2 | + 0.3 | - | + 1.9 |
| Tobacco | 4.399 | 123.3 | 168.8 | - 0.1 | + 0.1 | + 1.1 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 4.888 | 74.0 | 55.5 | -15.8 | -15.6 | - 4.0 |
| Fuel and Light | 3.278 | 127.2 | 143.4 | + 0.7 | + 4.1 | +14.0 |
| Housing | 9.747 | 108.0 | 121.7 | + 0.9 | +2.0 | + 6.7 |
| Durable Household Goods | 3.640 | 88.8 | 91.1 | - 4.2 | - 4.5 | - 4.5 |
| Other Goods | 5.777 | 100.2 | 117.2 | - 1.0 | - 1.1 | - 0.7 |
| Transport | 15.413 | 106.9 | 125.3 | - 1.7 | - 1.1 | + 1.3 |
| Services and Related Expenditure | 20.156 | 116.8 | 148.6 | + 0.4 | + 0.3 | + 3.6 |
| ALL ITEMS | 100.000 | 108.9 | 128.7 | - 0.8 | - 0.5 | + 2.3 |

* Former classification used up to December 2001

Table 19 Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes*

| Period | Food | Alco- holic drink | Tobacco | Clothing and Footwear | Fuel and Light | Housing | Durable House- hold Goods | Other Goods | Trans- port | Services and Related Expendi- ture | All Items |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| 2003 Mid-January | +0.1 | +2.3 | +1.3 | -14.2 | +1.3 | -5.0 | -3.6 | - | +1.2 | +1.4 | -0.4 |
| Mid-February | +0.2 | +0.3 | +0.1 | +13.0 | +0.2 | +0.5 | +2.6 | +0.4 | +0.4 | +0.6 | +1.0 |
| Mid-March | +0.4 | +0.9 | +0.6 | +1.8 | +4.6 | +1.1 | -0.3 | -0.3 | +0.8 | +0.5 | +0.8 |
| Mid-April | +0.2 | +1.0 | +0.8 | -0.1 | +3.1 | -1.6 | +0.3 | +0.2 | +0.2 | +0.5 | +0.3 |
| Mid-May | +0.1 | +0.2 | +0.3 | -0.1 | -4.0 | +0.1 | -0.6 | +0.2 | -0.7 | +0.4 | -0.1 |
| Mid-June | +0.3 | +0.3 | +0.1 | -1.7 | +0.5 | +0.6 | -0.5 | -0.4 | -0.3 | +0.3 | - |
| Mid-July | +0.5 | +0.3 | - | -10.1 | +0.2 | -4.3 | -1.7 | -0.4 | - | +0.1 | -0.8 |
| Mid-August | - | +0.2 | +0.1 | +9.0 | +0.3 | +0.8 | +1.7 | - | +0.3 | +0.4 | +0.7 |
| Mid-September | -0.3 | -0.1 | - | +2.2 | +0.7 | +0.7 | +0.1 | - | -0.5 | +0.4 | +0.2 |
| Mid-October | +0.2 | - | +0.3 | -1.0 | -0.3 | +0.4 | -0.4 | -0.2 | -0.9 | +0.3 | -0.1 |
| Mid-November | - | +0.1 | +0.3 | +1.1 | +0.5 | +0.1 | +0.4 | - | -0.7 | +0.1 | - |
| Mid-December | - | +0.2 | +3.7 | -0.2 | +0.3 | +0.7 | -0.4 | -0.1 | +1.2 | - | +0.4 |
| 2004 Mid-January | +0.5 | +0.2 | +0.4 | -15.4 | -0.1 | +0.2 | -3.6 | -0.8 | - | +0.5 | -0.5 |
| Mid-February | - | - | - | +12.5 | +0.2 | +0.4 | +2.4 | +0.8 | +0.6 | +0.8 | +0.8 |
| Mid-March | - | -0.1 | +0.7 | +2.4 | +0.7 | +0.9 | -0.1 | -0.1 | +0.5 | +0.5 | +0.4 |
| Mid-April | +0.1 | +0.2 | +0.2 | -0.2 | +2.0 | +0.3 | -0.4 | +0.4 | +0.6 | +0.4 | +0.4 |
| Mid-May | +0.4 | - | +0.1 | +0.1 | +1.1 | +0.1 | -0.2 | -1.0 | +0.5 | +0.3 | +0.2 |
| Mid-June | +0.4 | +0.5 | +0.1 | -0.5 | +1.5 | +0.6 | -0.2 | +0.7 | +1.1 | +0.3 | +0.6 |
| Mid-July | -0.1 | +1.0 | - | -11.2 | -0.4 | +0.5 | -2.3 | -0.5 | +0.4 | +0.4 | -0.3 |
| Mid-August | - | +0.2 | +0.1 | +8.9 | +0.9 | +0.8 | +1.6 | +0.1 | +0.5 | +0.2 | +0.6 |
| Mid-September | - | +0.1 | -0.1 | +3.4 | +1.3 | +0.7 | -0.6 | -0.1 | -1.2 | - | +0.1 |
| Mid-October | +0.2 | - | - | -0.7 | +1.9 | +0.4 | - | +0.1 | -0.4 | +0.2 | +0.1 |
| Mid-November | - | - | +0.1 | +0.3 | +1.8 | +0.5 | -0.3 | -0.3 | +0.7 | - | +0.2 |
| Mid-December | +0.4 | -0.3 | +0.1 | -0.1 | +1.5 | +0.6 | - | +0.2 | -0.2 | -0.1 | +0.1 |
| 2005 Mid-January | -0.2 | +0.3 | -0.1 | -15.8 | +0.7 | +0.9 | -4.2 | -1.0 | -1.7 | +0.4 | -0.8 |

* Former classification used up to December 2001

Table 20 Commodity Group and All Items Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes*

| Period | Food | Alco- holic drink | Tobacco | Clothing and Footwear | Fuel and Light | Housing | Durable House- hold Goods | Other Goods | Trans- port | Services and Related Expendi- ture | All Items |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--|--------------|
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| 2003 Mid-January | +3.7 | +8.8 | +13.7 | -8.4 | +3.9 | +1.7 | -2.0 | +2.5 | +5.7 | +7.0 | +4.8 |
| Mid-February | +3.9 | +8.8 | +13.8 | -4.8 | +4.0 | +1.7 | -1.2 | +2.4 | +5.9 | +7.5 | +5.1 |
| Mid-March | +4.0 | +7.3 | +11.3 | -4.3 | +9.0 | +1.9 | -1.0 | +1.7 | +5.6 | +7.3 | +4.9 |
| Mid-April | +3.4 | +6.9 | +12.0 | -4.5 | +10.7 | -0.4 | -1.6 | +1.6 | +3.7 | +7.4 | +4.3 |
| Mid-May | +2.9 | +6.7 | +12.2 | -5.0 | +5.7 | -0.5 | -2.6 | +1.7 | +1.8 | +7.1 | +3.7 |
| Mid-June | +2.9 | +6.9 | +12.1 | -6.5 | +6.5 | -1.0 | -3.0 | +0.9 | +1.9 | +7.2 | +3.5 |
| Mid-July | +3.1 | +7.0 | +12.1 | -5.1 | +7.0 | -5.8 | -2.7 | +0.6 | +2.2 | +6.9 | +3.1 |
| Mid-August | +2.8 | +7.0 | +12.2 | -2.5 | +7.5 | -5.7 | -2.3 | +0.5 | +2.3 | +6.6 | +3.2 |
| Mid-September | +2.3 | +6.8 | +12.2 | -2.8 | +7.8 | -5.7 | -2.3 | +0.4 | +1.9 | +5.8 | +2.9 |
| Mid-October | +2.1 | +6.8 | +12.3 | -3.8 | +5.7 | -5.7 | -2.4 | -0.3 | +0.6 | +5.2 | +2.3 |
| Mid-November | +1.9 | +6.9 | +12.4 | -2.9 | +7.5 | -5.9 | -2.2 | -0.4 | - | +5.2 | +2.2 |
| Mid-December | +1.6 | +5.7 | +7.7 | -3.2 | +7.4 | -6.0 | -2.5 | -0.6 | +1.1 | +5.0 | +1.9 |
| Year | +2.9 | +7.2 | +12.0 | -4.5 | +6.9 | -2.6 | -2.1 | +0.9 | +2.7 | +6.4 | +3.5 |
| 2004 Mid-January | +2.0 | +3.5 | +6.7 | -4.5 | +5.9 | -0.9 | -2.5 | -1.4 | -0.2 | +4.1 | +1.8 |
| Mid-February | +1.8 | +3.2 | +6.6 | -4.9 | +5.9 | -1.0 | -2.8 | -1.0 | - | +4.3 | +1.7 |
| Mid-March | +1.4 | +2.2 | +6.7 | -4.3 | +1.9 | -1.2 | -2.6 | -0.8 | -0.4 | +4.4 | +1.3 |
| Mid-April | +1.3 | +1.3 | +6.0 | -4.4 | +0.9 | +0.8 | -3.3 | -0.6 | - | +4.3 | +1.4 |
| Mid-May | +1.6 | +1.2 | +5.8 | -4.2 | +6.2 | +0.8 | -2.9 | -1.8 | +1.1 | +4.3 | +1.7 |
| Mid-June | +1.7 | +1.4 | +5.8 | -3.0 | +7.3 | +0.8 | -2.6 | -0.7 | +2.5 | +4.3 | +2.3 |
| Mid-July | +1.1 | +2.2 | +5.8 | -4.2 | +6.6 | +5.8 | -3.3 | -0.8 | +2.9 | +4.7 | +2.7 |
| Mid-August | +1.1 | +2.2 | +5.8 | -4.3 | +7.2 | +5.8 | -3.3 | -0.7 | +3.1 | +4.5 | +2.6 |
| Mid-September | +1.4 | +2.4 | +5.8 | -3.2 | +7.8 | +5.7 | -4.0 | -0.8 | +2.4 | +4.0 | +2.5 |
| Mid-October | +1.4 | +2.4 | +5.4 | -2.9 | +10.2 | +5.7 | -3.6 | -0.5 | +3.0 | +3.9 | +2.7 |
| Mid-November | +1.4 | +2.3 | +5.2 | -3.6 | +11.7 | +6.1 | -4.3 | -0.8 | +4.4 | +3.8 | +2.9 |
| Mid-December | +1.8 | +1.9 | +1.6 | -3.5 | +13.1 | +5.9 | -3.9 | -0.5 | +3.0 | +3.7 | +2.6 |
| Year | +1.5 | +2.1 | +5.6 | -3.9 | +7.1 | +2.8 | -3.2 | -0.9 | +1.8 | +4.2 | +2.2 |
| 2005 Mid-January | +1.1 | +1.9 | +1.1 | -4.0 | +14.0 | +6.7 | -4.5 | -0.7 | +1.3 | +3.6 | +2.3 |

* Former classification used up to December 2001

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 55,000 prices are collected for a representative basket consisting of 613 headings which cover over 1,000 different items in a fixed panel of retail and service outlets throughout the country on the second Tuesday of each month. The date to which the January index relates is Tuesday, 11th January 2005.
- Scope of the Index**
- (i) **Population Coverage:** All private households covering approximately 97% of the total population 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 86 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, 90% of towns with a population of 10,000 and over, 88% 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. Over 1,000 different varieties are priced and then aggregated into 613 item headings and 12 group 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 200 part-time pricers on a monthly basis. Approximately 51,000 price quotations are gathered in this way. In addition 112 special inquiries covering items such as utility charges and services are conducted by post and telephone. Most prices are collected monthly, some quarterly and others annually. The CSO supplies general specifications to price collectors and 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)

- Rebase** The index has been rebased with effect from December 2001, the ninth series since the foundation of the State.
- The rebase of the current CPI resulted in a number of methodological changes:
- The introduction of the Geometric Mean;
 - Updating the expenditure weights;
 - A revision of the sample of goods and services;
 - An update of the sample of areas priced; and
 - A move to the COICOP classification.
- Classification** The classification used in the CPI is based on a version of COICOP – COICOP HICP, the Classification of Individual Consumption Expenditure by Purpose. This replaces the former national classification which was used up to December 2001. The COICOP classification breaks consumer expenditure into twelve different categories covering a comprehensive range of consumer goods and services.
- Methodological Details** A full methodological description of the new series is available in the CPI 2001 Introduction to Series booklet.
- Goods and Services** The consumer 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 local authority service charges.
- Constant Tax** A change in the Consumer Price Index can result from increases or decreases in the pre-tax cost of goods or services and changes in the levels of indirect taxes levied on them. The Constant Tax Price Index (CTPI) is designed to exclude from the CPI the effect of changes in the level of indirect taxes since the base reference period. It does this by replacing the values of indirect taxation in the current prices with the values of indirect taxation in the corresponding base period prices. It is important to note that the CTPI thus excludes not only the impact due to changes in the taxation regime (e.g. new tax rates or excise duties) but also the impact of the ad valorem effect on tax receipts of changes in the pre-tax level of prices of goods and services. The CTPI can be used readily in conjunction with the CPI to measure the contribution of changes in indirect taxes since the base period to the overall price change.

The CTPI, together with the assessed contribution of indirect taxes to annual CPI change, is shown in Table 17. It is also possible to estimate the immediate direct contribution of changes in the tax regime on the monthly CPI according as the changes are implemented in practice - these exclude any ad valorem impacts. These monthly contributions can be summed over a twelve month period to give an estimate of the immediate impact of recent changes in the indirect taxation system on the annual rate of inflation and these are also given in Table 17.

Background Notes – COICOP Classification

Prior to the introduction of the current series in January 2002 the CPI used a national classification while the HICP used COICOP/HICP. To ensure greater comparability CPI and the HICP now both use the COICOP/HICP classification (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose - adapted for the purposes of the EU HICP).

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main subgroups.

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| 01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages | 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 a licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels. |
| 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 | This group covers rents, mortgage interest repayments, local authority service charges, goods and services for maintaining, decorating and repairing dwellings and domestic energy products such as electricity, gas and solid fuels. |
| 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance | This category covers household items such as furniture, carpets and other floor coverings, house textiles and soft furnishings, household electrical 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 in this category are domestic services such as cleaning and other services. |
| 06 Health | Health includes medical products, appliances and equipment, hospital charges and out patient services supplied by doctors, dentists, opticians, practitioners of alternative and complimentary medicine and paramedical services. |
| 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 tests, licences and car hire. |
| 08 Communications | Post and telecommunications. |
| 09 Recreation and Culture | All goods and services connected with recreation and culture and includes items such as audio visual and photographic equipment, computers, music and videos, 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 primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses, play schools and examination fees. |
| 11 Restaurants and Hotels | This category covers the following areas: meals in restaurants and hotels; fast food and take-aways; cafes; canteens; alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises and accommodation services supplied by hotels, guesthouses and hostels. |
| 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services | This remaining category 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. |