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## **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

*(Base: December 2001 =100)*

### **DETAILED SUB-INDICES RELEASE**

**September 2005**

#### **Annual Inflation rises to 3.0% in September**

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 July 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](http://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

## September 2005

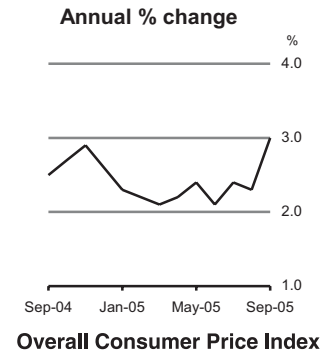
### Overall Consumer Price Index

Consumer Prices in September, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.8% in the month. This compares with an increase of 0.1% in September of last year and as a result, the annual rate of inflation increased to 3.0%, up from 2.3% in August 2005.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in Clothing & Footwear (+3.6%), Transport (+2.4%), Miscellaneous Goods & Services (+2.1%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+1.3%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+11.1%), Education (+6.8%), Health (+6.6%), Transport (+6.4%) and Restaurants & Hotels (+3.1%). Decreases were recorded for Clothing & Footwear (-2.4%) and Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-1.0%).

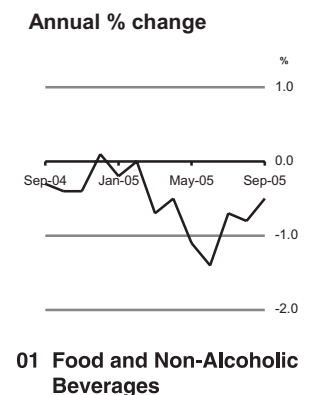
In the year to September, an increase of 2.0% was recorded for Goods while the corresponding rate for Services was 3.9%.



### 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 0.5% in the year to September 2005.

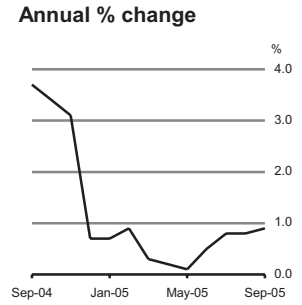
In the month, food prices increased by 0.2% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 1.4%. Since August, price increases were recorded for potatoes (+13.0%), cakes (+1.5%), cheese (+1.2%), other fruits (+1.0%) and other bread & cereals (+0.8%). Price decreases were recorded for tea (-3.8%), coffee (-1.7%), breakfast cereals (-1.6%), other fresh vegetables (-1.4%), fresh fish (-1.4%), soft drinks & mineral water (-1.1%) and fresh fruit (-0.9%).



## 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

This category covers alcoholic beverages (purchased in an off-licence or supermarket) and tobacco products. Overall prices increased by 0.1% in the month and by 0.9% in the year to September 2005, marginally up on the increase recorded for the year to August 2005 (+0.8%). This compares with an annual rate of 3.7% for September 2004.

Alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.2% while overall tobacco prices rose by 0.2% in the month. The price changes that contributed to the decrease in alcoholic beverages were beer (-0.3%) and spirits (-0.1%). The rise in tobacco was due to increases in the cost of cigarettes (+0.2%) and other tobacco products (+0.1%).

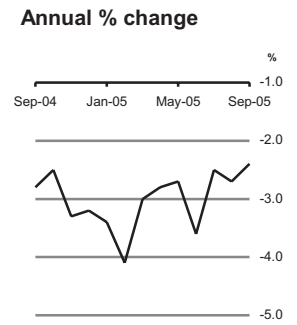


02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

## 03 Clothing and Footwear

Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 3.6% in the month. Clothing prices increased by 3.8% while footwear prices increased by 2.9%. These increases were due to further recovery in prices following the summer sales. Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 2.4% in the year since September 2004.

This category also covers Clothing & Footwear services such as dry cleaning. The services element for clothing increased by 0.8% while footwear repair & hire costs rose by 1.0% in the month.

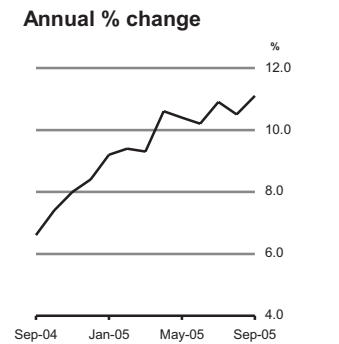


03 Clothing and Footwear

## 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. In Ireland, the sub-category “water supply, refuse & miscellaneous services” only includes waste collection charges (both public and private) at this time. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 1.3% in the month and by 11.1% in the year to September 2005. This compares with an increase of 6.6% in the year to September 2004.

In September, price increases were recorded for home heating oil (+11.8%), house maintenance materials (+2.2%), bottled gas (+1.6%) and average mortgage interest repayments (+0.9%). These were partially offset by a decrease in the cost of house maintenance services (-0.4%).



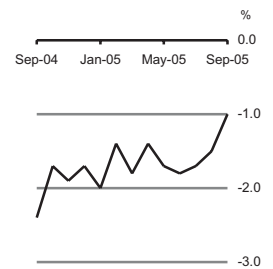
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs increased by 0.2% in the month and decreased by 1.0% the year to September 2005. This compares with a decrease of 2.4% for the year to September 2004.

Price increases were recorded for major household appliances (+2.1%) and furniture & furnishings (+1.6%). These were partially offset by decreases for glassware, tableware & household utensils (-2.8%), small tools & miscellaneous accessories (-2.4%), household textiles (-1.2%) and small electric household appliances (-0.9%).

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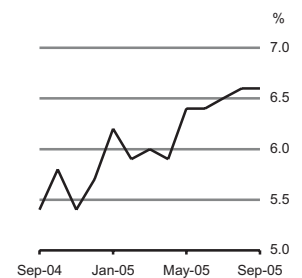
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

## 06 Health

Health costs and charges remained unchanged in the month and increased by 6.6% in the year to September 2005, which is the same increase as that recorded for the year to August. This compares with an increase of 5.4% for the year to September 2004.

In September, increases were recorded for therapeutic appliances & equipment (+0.2%) and pharmaceutical products (+0.1%), offset by a decrease in the cost of other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (-0.1%).

Annual % change



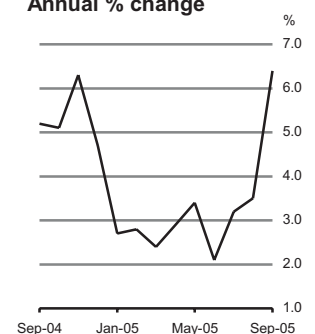
06 Health

## 07 Transport

Transport costs increased by 2.4% in the month and by 6.4% in the year to September 2005, which is significantly up on the increase recorded for the year to August (+3.5%). This compares with an increase of 5.2% in the year to September 2004.

In the month, increases were recorded for petrol (+11.5%) and diesel (+7.5%). These were partially offset by decreases in air fares (-16.3%), boat fares (-12.0%) and other vehicle costs (which includes car rental charges) (-7.0%).

Annual % change

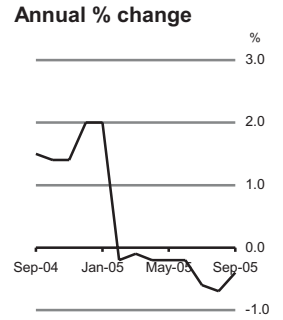


07 Transport

## 08 Communications

Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.4% in the year to September 2005. This compares with an increase of 1.5% in the year to September 2004.

Telephone & communication services charges and postal services costs both remained unchanged in the month.

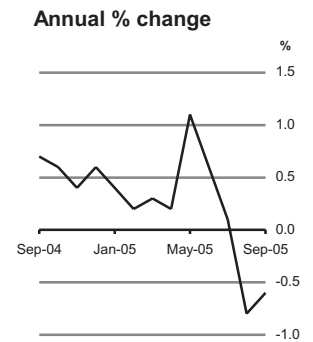


08 Communications

## 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 increased by 0.1% in the month and fell by 0.6% in the year to September 2005.

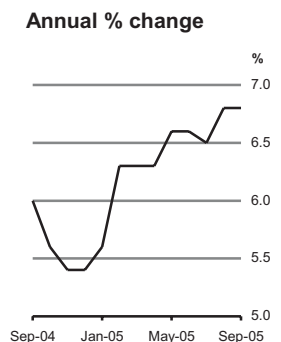
Price increases were recorded for books (which includes primary and second level school books) (+2.5%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (+1.3%), veterinary & other services for pets (+0.7%) and newspapers & periodicals (+0.5%). These were partially offset by decreases for recording media (-2.6%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-1.0%) and games, toys & hobbies (-0.5%).



09 Recreation and Culture

## 10 Education

Education costs remained unchanged in September putting the annual increase at 6.8%, the same rise as that recorded for the year to August. This compares with an increase of 6.0% for the year to September 2004.

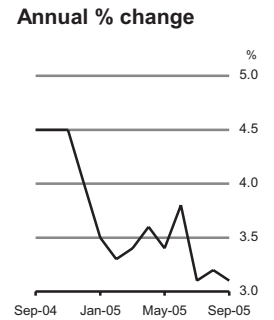


10 Education

## 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 0.2% in the month and increased by 3.1% in the year to September 2005.

The change in the month was due to decreases for accommodation services (-2.1%) and wine & cider (-0.1%), partially offset by increases in restaurants, cafes & fast-food (+0.2%) and soft drinks & mineral water (+0.2%).

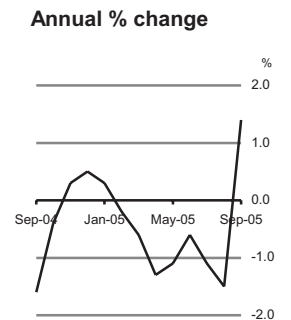


11 Restaurants and Hotels

## 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 increased by 2.1% in the month and by 1.4% in the year to September 2005, compared with a decrease of 1.6% recorded for the year to September 2004.

Price increases were recorded for health insurance (+10.3%) and health & beauty treatments (+2.2%). These were partially offset by a decrease in electric appliances for personal care (-1.8%).



12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	12.7541	102.2	0.2	-0.4
Bread and Cereals	2.4351	104.8	0.0	-0.9
Bread	0.7932	108.7	-0.1	-0.7
Flour	0.0349	111.0	0.0	1.0
Biscuits	0.4149	100.8	-0.7	-3.3
Cakes	0.4370	108.3	1.5	0.7
Breakfast cereals	0.3592	99.3	-1.6	-0.2
Other cereals	0.1698	102.7	-0.4	-1.5
Other bread & cereals	0.2263	100.9	0.8	-0.9
Meat	3.8238	97.5	-0.2	-2.5
Beef	0.7427	98.1	-0.3	-5.3
Lamb	0.3222	92.5	-0.1	-8.0
Pork	0.2327	98.1	0.3	-4.3
Bacon	0.5459	96.5	-0.5	-0.1
Poultry	0.7558	87.4	-0.5	-5.6
Other meat products	1.2245	105.1	0.1	1.9
Fish	0.3475	100.2	-0.5	-5.8
Fresh fish	0.1522	96.9	-1.4	-12.1
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1954	102.7	0.0	-0.8
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.7813	105.7	0.2	1.3
Milk	0.9658	102.2	-0.2	-0.2
Other milk products	0.3633	112.9	0.2	3.8
Cheese	0.3103	107.5	1.2	2.0
Eggs	0.1419	107.0	0.3	2.9
Oils and fats	0.3720	103.2	0.1	1.3
Butter	0.2294	102.8	0.2	1.9
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.0706	109.6	-0.2	3.3
Other oils & fats	0.0720	97.9	-0.1	-2.7
Fruit	0.6780	100.1	-0.7	-0.1
Fresh fruit	0.5882	97.3	-0.9	-0.1
Other fruits	0.0897	118.8	1.0	0.0
Vegetables	1.6534	100.1	2.2	2.1
Potatoes	0.3644	99.4	13.0	4.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.6260	98.4	-1.4	2.2
Tinned vegetables	0.1308	107.7	0.2	2.4
Frozen vegetables	0.1738	98.1	0.3	-2.1
Other vegetable products	0.3584	101.8	0.7	1.9
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	1.2890	108.8	-0.2	1.3
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0881	96.7	-0.2	-2.3
Preserves	0.0898	110.5	0.1	-0.9
Sweets & chocolate	0.8708	109.0	-0.1	1.6
Desserts & icecream	0.2404	112.2	0.0	2.4
Other food products	0.3739	108.2	0.3	0.9
Condiments & sauces	0.1924	107.0	0.3	0.5
Soup	0.1011	110.9	0.3	1.7
Miscellaneous food items	0.0804	108.5	-0.1	1.3
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	1.3380	102.7	-1.4	-1.4
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.3108	98.8	-3.0	-1.2
Tea	0.2007	101.1	-3.8	-1.9
Coffee	0.0980	94.3	-1.7	0.3
Cocoa	0.0120	98.2	-0.1	-1.1
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	1.0273	103.9	-1.0	-1.5
Soft drinks, mineral water	0.7641	106.0	-1.1	-1.3
Fruit juices	0.2632	97.9	-0.6	-2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.0921</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.5</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	3.0987	111.3	-0.2	0.0
Spirits	0.8448	126.3	-0.1	0.0
Wine & cider	1.3729	107.6	0.0	-0.5
Beer	0.8811	102.8	-0.3	0.7
<b>Tobacco</b>	4.3993	125.1	0.2	1.5
Cigarettes	4.2148	125.3	0.2	1.5
Other tobacco products	0.1844	119.9	0.1	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.4980</b>	<b>119.4</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.0605	88.0	3.8	-1.9
Clothing materials	0.1708	104.6	-0.1	1.2
Garments	3.7922	86.5	4.0	-2.5
Other articles of clothing	0.1019	83.5	3.5	-0.1
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1494	127.0	0.8	7.1
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1111	125.7	0.4	7.3
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0383	130.9	1.9	6.6
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9912	83.9	2.9	-4.4
Shoes & other footwear	0.9764	83.1	3.0	-4.6
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0148	137.4	1.0	4.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.0517</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>-2.4</b>

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

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	7.2347	111.3	0.6	9.0
Rents	2.6046	101.1	0.2	3.5
Mortgage interest	4.6301	117.0	0.9	11.9
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	1.6222	115.4	0.7	3.5
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.7562	109.3	2.2	6.1
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.8660	120.8	-0.4	1.6
Water supply, refuse & misc. services *	0.1971	204.6	0.0	21.3
Electricity, gas & other fuels	3.2775	141.0	2.9	17.6
Electricity	1.3930	141.7	0.0	13.5
Natural gas	0.4872	122.1	0.0	10.9
Bottled gas	0.0364	121.1	1.6	8.2
Liquid fuels	0.6914	178.7	11.8	38.0
Solid fuels	0.6695	115.3	0.1	7.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12.3315</b>	<b>121.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>

\* In Ireland, the sub-category "water supply, refuse & miscellaneous services" only includes waste collection charges (both public and private) at this time.



**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	0.6084	97.4	1.4	-0.4
Furniture & furnishings	0.5132	95.9	1.6	-0.8
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.0952	105.5	0.1	1.7
Household textiles	0.3860	81.7	-1.2	-6.1
Household appliances	1.4105	94.2	1.3	-0.6
Major household appliances	1.0325	93.5	2.1	-0.6
Small electric household appliances	0.2678	89.1	-0.9	-2.2
Repair of household appliances	0.1102	112.9	0.0	1.5
Glassware, tableware & hsehld utensils	0.2499	83.5	-2.8	-5.9
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.2203	104.6	-1.1	0.9
Major tools & equipment	0.1121	111.5	0.1	3.7
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.1082	97.6	-2.4	-2.2
Goods & services for routine hsehld maint.	1.4560	100.8	-0.1	0.1
Non-durable household goods	0.8506	96.2	-0.3	-1.6
Domestic & household services	0.6054	107.2	0.0	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.3312</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>

**Table 6 Health - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.0425	112.0	0.0	2.2
Pharmaceutical products	0.5626	113.0	0.1	2.6
Prescribed drugs	0.3205	116.3	0.0	4.0
Other medicines	0.2420	108.5	0.0	0.6
Other medical products	0.1954	108.7	-0.1	0.0
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2846	112.5	0.2	2.9
Outpatient services	0.8484	124.6	0.0	5.8
Medical services	0.5242	123.1	0.0	6.7
Doctors' fees	0.4310	123.8	0.0	6.5
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.0932	120.0	0.0	7.4
Dental services	0.2352	130.0	0.0	4.2
Paramedical services	0.0890	119.0	0.0	5.0
Hospital services	0.6273	161.2	0.0	13.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.5182</b>	<b>128.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.6</b>

**Table 7 Transport - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	6.1617	105.8	0.2	0.9
Motor cars	5.9503	106.1	0.2	0.9
Motor cycles	0.0608	96.6	-0.3	-0.7
Bicycles	0.1506	95.9	0.2	0.1
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.1975	136.5	6.1	14.3
Spare parts & accessories	0.3014	106.4	0.0	1.2
Fuels & lubricants	3.1186	148.8	10.9	21.6
Petrol	2.6391	148.8	11.5	21.7
Diesel	0.4533	150.6	7.5	21.5
Motor oil	0.0262	118.2	0.6	5.3
Maintenance & repair	0.5904	120.4	0.2	6.5
Other services	1.1871	120.0	-3.0	1.6
Motor tax	0.7001	117.3	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.4745	124.4	-7.0	3.8
Driving licences	0.0125	100.5	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.8239	115.0	-2.8	-0.1
Rail transport	0.2739	123.2	0.0	5.5
Road transport	1.2082	117.1	0.0	4.0
Bus fares	0.6445	118.0	0.0	2.8
Taxi	0.5637	116.1	0.0	5.5
Air transport	0.2860	95.9	-16.3	-20.7
Sea transport	0.0339	128.8	-12.0	-5.8
Combined transport	0.0118	118.8	0.0	3.9
Other transport	0.0100	127.5	0.0	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.1831</b>	<b>119.2</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>

**Table 8 Communications - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Postal services	0.0791	123.8	0.0	0.0
Telephone & communication services	1.8239	103.9	0.0	-0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.9030</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0625	79.5	-0.9	-10.1
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2557	77.0	1.3	-6.2
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.0477	72.1	-1.0	-9.9
Information processing equip.	0.3516	75.0	-0.3	-17.1
Recording media	0.4075	85.7	-2.6	-6.3
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0183	96.2	0.0	-1.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.1538	98.3	0.0	-0.8
Games, toys & hobbies	0.3480	77.9	-0.5	-7.2
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1490	96.2	0.4	-2.2
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.3375	107.5	0.0	0.1
Pets & related products	0.2513	108.6	0.4	3.5
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.0680	123.6	0.7	6.8
Recreational & cultural services	3.2713	123.1	0.0	3.6
Recreational & sporting services	1.0955	128.5	0.0	4.7
Sports admittance	0.1575	141.0	0.0	7.3
Sports participation	0.4631	135.6	0.0	4.3
Cultural services	2.1757	120.4	0.1	3.0
Cinema	0.2523	117.4	0.3	4.9
Nightclubs	0.3261	113.6	0.0	0.6
Cultural admittance	0.6630	114.6	0.0	3.0
Other entertainment	0.2454	112.4	0.0	2.1
Television services	0.6889	133.0	0.0	3.6
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.9011	111.9	0.9	1.2
Books	0.4801	109.9	2.5	1.6
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9945	116.8	0.5	1.4
Stationery	0.4265	102.6	-0.2	0.0
Package holidays	3.4024	101.3	-0.3	-3.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.8095</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

**Table 10 Education - September 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	125.9	0.0	5.8
Other education & training	0.6778	124.8	0.0	6.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.5471</b>	<b>126.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	15.5121	119.9	0.1	2.7
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	14.8341	120.4	0.2	2.6
Beer	6.3736	117.7	0.0	1.8
Spirits	1.6213	126.0	0.0	0.9
Wine & cider	0.7156	117.6	-0.1	1.2
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3850	121.4	0.2	1.7
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	5.7386	121.9	0.2	4.2
Canteens	0.6780	110.6	0.0	2.8
Accommodation services	2.2474	129.5	-2.1	6.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.7595</b>	<b>121.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>

**Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - September 2005**

Description	Dec 2001 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.4202	107.2	-0.1	0.6
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.6871	129.5	0.3	5.8
Hairdressing	0.6354	129.9	0.2	6.0
Health & beauty treatments	0.0496	125.5	2.2	3.5
Other personal grooming	0.0020	125.4	0.3	5.4
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0566	87.7	-1.8	-2.4
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.6765	98.7	-0.2	-1.9
Hygiene products	0.2343	95.1	-0.1	-4.7
Hair products	0.2124	101.8	0.0	4.7
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6036	101.0	-0.3	-1.5
Toilet accessories	0.6262	97.8	-0.1	-2.8
Personal goods	0.4623	89.1	-0.1	-2.4
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1791	100.1	-0.2	0.9
Other personal goods	0.2832	82.1	-0.1	-4.9
Social protection	0.9203	126.8	0.0	5.8
Childcare	0.7423	127.9	0.0	6.2
Other social protection	0.1780	122.2	0.0	4.3
Insurance	4.3822	107.3	4.6	0.9
Dwelling insurance	0.6988	99.8	0.0	-8.0
Health insurance	1.4709	148.4	10.3	11.7
Transport insurance	2.2124	82.3	0.0	-6.4
Motor cycle insurance	0.0242	153.7	0.0	0.0
Motor car insurance	2.1882	81.5	0.0	-6.5
Financial services	0.0470	128.2	0.1	1.4
Other services	0.7432	120.3	0.0	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.9751</b>	<b>109.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**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	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
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>14.092</b>	<b>7.498</b>	<b>5.052</b>	<b>12.331</b>	<b>4.331</b>	<b>2.518</b>	<b>13.183</b>	<b>1.903</b>	<b>10.810</b>	<b>1.547</b>	<b>17.760</b>	<b>8.975</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2004</b>													
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
<b>2005</b>													
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
Mid-February	+0.1	+0.1	+11.2	+0.6	+2.3	+0.6	+0.6	-0.1	+0.5	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1	+0.8
Mid-March	-0.8	-0.1	+3.4	+0.7	-0.4	+0.1	+0.3	-	+0.1	-	+0.5	-0.1	+0.3
Mid-April	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+2.0	+0.2	+0.2	+1.2	-0.1	-	-	+0.8	-0.3	+0.5
Mid-May	-0.1	-0.1	+0.2	+0.2	-0.3	+0.6	+1.0	-	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+0.1	+0.4
Mid-June	+0.2	+0.5	-1.4	+0.7	-0.1	-	+0.3	-	-0.2	-	+1.1	+0.1	+0.3
Mid-July	+0.2	+0.3	-9.8	+0.9	-1.7	+0.2	+1.5	-0.1	-0.7	-	+0.6	-0.3	-
Mid-August	-	+0.2	+8.4	+0.4	+1.3	+0.5	+0.6	-0.1	-0.8	+0.2	+0.4	-0.1	+0.4
Mid-September	+0.1	+0.1	+3.6	+1.3	+0.2	-	+2.4	-	+0.1	-	-0.2	+2.1	+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
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Mid-December 2001</b>													
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>14.092</b>	<b>7.498</b>	<b>5.052</b>	<b>12.331</b>	<b>4.331</b>	<b>2.518</b>	<b>13.183</b>	<b>1.903</b>	<b>10.810</b>	<b>1.547</b>	<b>17.760</b>	<b>8.975</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2004</b>													
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>+4.3</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>+4.1</b>	<b>+2.7</b>	<b>+1.2</b>	<b>+5.8</b>	<b>+4.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>+2.2</b>
<b>2005</b>													
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
Mid-February	-	+0.9	-4.1	+9.4	-1.4	+5.9	+2.8	-0.2	+0.2	+6.3	+3.3	-0.2	+2.2
Mid-March	-0.7	+0.3	-3.0	+9.3	-1.8	+6.0	+2.4	-0.1	+0.3	+6.3	+3.4	-0.6	+2.1
Mid-April	-0.5	+0.2	-2.8	+10.6	-1.4	+5.9	+2.9	-0.2	+0.2	+6.3	+3.6	-1.3	+2.2
Mid-May	-1.1	+0.1	-2.7	+10.4	-1.7	+6.4	+3.4	-0.2	+1.1	+6.6	+3.4	-1.1	+2.4
Mid-June	-1.4	+0.5	-3.6	+10.2	-1.8	+6.4	+2.1	-0.2	+0.6	+6.6	+3.8	-0.6	+2.1
Mid-July	-0.7	+0.8	-2.5	+10.9	-1.7	+6.5	+3.2	-0.6	+0.1	+6.5	+3.1	-1.1	+2.4
Mid-August	-0.8	+0.8	-2.7	+10.5	-1.5	+6.6	+3.5	-0.7	-0.8	+6.8	+3.2	-1.5	+2.3
Mid-September	-0.5	+0.9	-2.4	+11.1	-1.0	+6.6	+6.4	-0.4	-0.6	+6.8	+3.1	+1.4	+3.0

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

COICOP	Group	Mid-Dec 2001 % Base Expenditure Weights	% Goods Base Expenditure Weights	% Services Base Expenditure Weights	Index			Percentage changes		
					Goods	Services	Overall	Goods 12 Months	Services 12 Months	Overall 12 Months
01	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	14.092	14.092	-	102.3	-	-0.5	-	-0.5	
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.498	7.498	-	119.4	-	+0.9	-	+0.9	
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.052	4.888	0.164	85.8	128.0	-2.8	+6.8	-2.4	
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	12.331	2.153	10.178	133.7	118.6	+18.3	+9.5	+11.1	
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.331	3.538	0.793	92.7	108.9	-1.9	+2.5	-1.0	
06	Health	2.518	1.013	1.505	111.8	139.7	+2.1	+9.1	+6.6	
07	Transport	13.183	9.582	3.601	119.8	117.5	+8.3	+1.6	+6.4	
08	Communications	1.903	-	1.903	-	104.7	-	-0.4	-0.4	
09	Recreation and Culture	10.810	4.064	6.746	99.3	112.1	-2.1	+0.1	-0.6	
10	Education	1.547	-	1.547	-	126.6	-	+6.8	+6.8	
11	Restaurants and Hotels	17.760	-	17.760	-	121.1	-	+3.1	+3.1	
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.975	2.191	6.784	96.4	113.8	-1.9	+2.4	+1.4	
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>49.019</b>	<b>50.981</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>118.1</b>	<b>+2.0</b>	<b>+3.9</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	

**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
	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2003</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+4.0</b>	<b>+4.1</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+3.0</b>	<b>+3.5</b>
<b>2004</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+8.4</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+2.2</b>
<b>2005</b> Mid-January	+9.8	+1.8	+1.8	+2.4	+2.3
Mid-February	+9.6	+1.8	+1.8	+2.3	+2.2
Mid-March	+10.5	+1.6	+1.6	+2.2	+2.1
Mid-April	+13.7	+1.8	+1.7	+2.4	+2.2
Mid-May	+11.7	+1.9	+1.8	+2.5	+2.4
Mid-June	+8.0	+1.7	+1.6	+2.2	+2.1
Mid-July	+12.7	+1.9	+1.8	+2.4	+2.4
Mid-August	+12.5	+1.8	+1.7	+2.3	+2.3
Mid-September	+19.6	+2.6	+2.6	+3.1	+3.0



**Table 17 Constant Tax Price Index**

Period	Index	Annual Percentage Changes		Contribution
		CPI	Due to Indirect Taxes <sup>1</sup>	Immediate Tax Effect <sup>2</sup>
		%	%	%
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
February	107.1	+2.2	+0.3	+0.1
March	107.4	+2.1	+0.3	+0.1
April	107.9	+2.2	+0.2	+0.1
May	108.1	+2.4	+0.4	+0.1
June	108.5	+2.1	+0.2	+0.1
July	108.4	+2.4	+0.4	+0.1
August	108.9	+2.3	+0.4	+0.1
September	109.6	+3.0	+0.5	+0.1

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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 - September 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	108.2	134.0	+ 0.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.0
Alcoholic Drink	11.898	117.2	142.9	-	+ 0.6	+ 1.2
Tobacco	4.399	125.1	171.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.8	+ 1.5
Clothing and Footwear	4.888	85.8	64.4	+ 3.7	+ 1.3	- 2.8
Fuel and Light	3.278	141.0	158.9	+ 2.9	+ 4.8	+17.6
Housing	9.747	113.0	127.4	+ 0.6	+ 1.5	+ 7.1
Durable Household Goods	3.640	89.8	92.1	+ 0.3	- 0.6	- 3.4
Other Goods	5.777	99.8	116.8	+ 0.1	- 0.4	- 1.4
Transport	15.413	113.8	133.4	+ 2.2	+ 3.8	+ 4.9
Services and Related Expenditure	20.156	120.7	153.5	+ 0.6	+ 0.3	+ 3.9
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>112.7</b>	<b>133.2</b>	<b>+ 0.8</b>	<b>+ 1.3</b>	<b>+ 3.0</b>

\* 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
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2003</b> 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
<b>2004</b> 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
<b>2005</b> Mid-January	-0.2	+0.3	-0.1	-15.8	+0.7	+0.9	-4.2	-1.0	-1.7	+0.4	-0.8
Mid-February	+0.2	-0.1	-	+11.9	+0.2	+0.6	+3.0	+0.2	+0.5	+0.7	+0.8
Mid-March	-0.5	-0.1	-	+3.6	+0.5	+0.7	-1.0	+0.1	-	+0.7	+0.3
Mid-April	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-	+5.4	+0.3	+0.4	-	+0.9	+0.5	+0.5
Mid-May	+0.1	-	-	+0.2	-0.9	+0.6	-0.3	-0.2	+0.8	+0.6	+0.4
Mid-June	+0.2	+0.7	+0.6	-1.5	+0.4	+0.7	-0.4	-0.1	+0.3	+0.5	+0.3
Mid-July	+0.4	+0.5	+0.4	-10.2	+2.2	+0.4	-2.3	-0.7	+1.2	-0.2	-
Mid-August	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+8.7	-0.3	+0.4	+1.5	+0.2	+0.5	-0.1	+0.4
Mid-September	+0.1	-	+0.2	+3.7	+2.9	+0.6	+0.3	+0.1	+2.2	+0.6	+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
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2003</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+7.2</b>	<b>+12.0</b>	<b>-4.5</b>	<b>+6.9</b>	<b>-2.6</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>+0.9</b>	<b>+2.7</b>	<b>+6.4</b>	<b>+3.5</b>
<b>2004</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+5.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>+7.1</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>+1.8</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+2.2</b>
<b>2005</b> Mid-January	+1.1	+1.9	+1.1	-4.0	+14.0	+6.7	-4.5	-0.7	+1.3	+3.6	+2.3
Mid-February	+1.3	+1.8	+1.1	-4.5	+14.0	+7.0	-3.9	-1.3	+1.2	+3.5	+2.2
Mid-March	+0.8	+1.9	+0.4	-3.4	+13.9	+6.8	-4.7	-1.1	+0.8	+3.7	+2.1
Mid-April	+0.8	+1.8	+0.3	-3.2	+17.6	+6.8	-3.9	-1.5	+1.1	+3.7	+2.2
Mid-May	+0.6	+1.8	+0.2	-3.0	+15.2	+7.4	-4.0	-0.7	+1.5	+4.0	+2.4
Mid-June	+0.4	+1.9	+0.7	-4.1	+14.1	+7.5	-4.2	-1.5	+0.6	+4.2	+2.1
Mid-July	+0.8	+1.4	+1.1	-2.9	+17.0	+7.5	-4.2	-1.7	+1.5	+3.5	+2.4
Mid-August	+0.9	+1.3	+1.3	-3.2	+15.7	+7.2	-4.4	-1.6	+1.5	+3.3	+2.3
Mid-September	+1.0	+1.2	+1.5	-2.8	+17.6	+7.1	-3.4	-1.4	+4.9	+3.9	+3.0

\* 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 September index relates is Tuesday, 13th September 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.

<b>01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Food and non alcoholic beverages purchased in supermarkets, small shops, speciality shops and petrol station forecourt outlets. It excludes meals out which are covered under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco</b>	Includes alcoholic beverages purchased in off licences and supermarkets but excludes alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
<b>03 Clothing and Footwear</b>	Mens, ladies and childrens clothing and footwear, sports and leisurewear and services such as laundry and dry cleaning, shoe repair, dress hire and alteration.
<b>04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels</b>	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.
<b>05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	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.
<b>06 Health</b>	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.
<b>07 Transport</b>	Includes the purchase of new and second hand vehicles, spare parts, car maintenance, fuels and lubricants, public transport and services such as parking, motor association subscriptions, car wash, toll charges, driving tests, licences and car hire.
<b>08 Communications</b>	Post and telecommunications.
<b>09 Recreation and Culture</b>	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.
<b>10 Education</b>	Covers all aspects of education including primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses, play schools and examination fees.
<b>11 Restaurants and Hotels</b>	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.
<b>12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services</b>	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.