

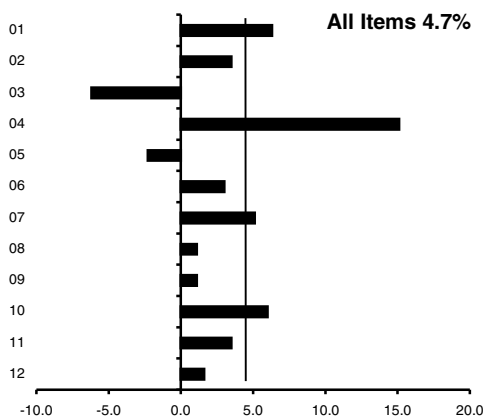


Consumer Price Index

Detailed Sub-Indices Release

December 2007

Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - December 2007



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.9	+6.3
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+1.9	+3.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	-3.4	-6.2
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+0.7	+15.1
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.4	-2.3
06 Health	-	+3.0
07 Transport	-	+5.1
08 Communications	-0.1	+1.1
09 Recreation and Culture	-	+1.1
10 Education	-	+6.0
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-0.1	+3.5
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.1	+1.6
ALL ITEMS	+0.1	+4.7

Annual Inflation falls to 4.7% in December

Consumer Prices in December, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.1% in the month. This compares to an increase of 0.3% in December of last year. The annual rate of inflation fell to 4.7%, down from 5.0% in November 2007.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in *Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco* (+1.9%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+0.9%) and *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+0.7%) and a decrease in *Clothing & Footwear* (-3.4%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+15.1%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+6.3%), *Education* (+6.0%) and *Transport* (+5.1). There were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-6.2%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.3%).

In the year to December, an increase of 2.7% was recorded for Goods while Services increased by 6.5%.

This release provides a detailed analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI commodity groups in tables 1 to 12. It also details historical changes for each of the twelve main commodity groups and various CPI sub-indices (including Groceries Order indices) in tables 13 to 17.

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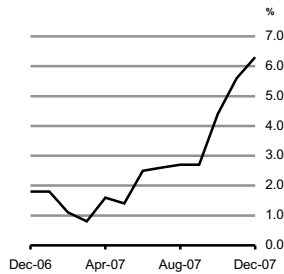
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01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Annual % change

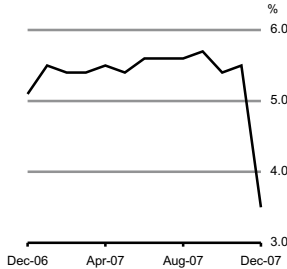


01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.9% in the month and by 6.3% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 1.8% for the year to December 2006.

In the month, food prices increased by 0.9% while non-alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.5%. In December price increases were recorded for biscuits (+4.3%), bread (+3.5%), margarine & low fat spreads (+3.5%), fresh fish (+2.6%), tinned vegetables (+2.6%), other bread & cereals (+2.5%), other oils & fats (+2.4%), preserves (+2.3%), cheese (+2.1%), flour (+2.0%), cakes (+1.9%), milk (+1.3%), fruit juices (+1.2%), other cereals (+1.2%), sweets & chocolates (+1.1%), frozen vegetables (+1.1%) and tea (+1.1%). Price decreases were recorded for pork (-2.8%), potatoes (-1.5%), beef (-1.5%), other vegetable products (-0.7%) and bacon (-0.6%).

Annual % change

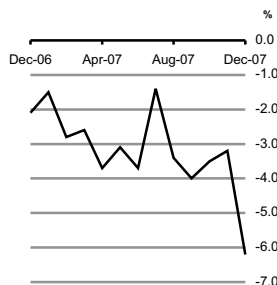


02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Overall prices increased by 1.9% in the month and by 3.5% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 5.1% for the year to December 2006.

Overall alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.6% in the month. A price decrease was recorded for spirits (-3.7%). There were price increases recorded for wine & cider (+0.3%) and beer (+0.2%). Tobacco prices increased by 4.1% in the month. This was due to an increase in the price of cigarettes (+4.1%) and other tobacco products (+2.0%).

Annual % change



03 Clothing and Footwear

Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 3.4% in the month and by 6.2% in the year to December 2007. This compares to a decrease of 2.1% for the year to December 2006. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 3.6%, while footwear prices decreased by 2.4%.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for garments (-3.9%), shoes & other footwear (-2.3%) and other articles of clothing (-1.6%). Price increases were recorded for dry cleaning & laundry (+0.8%) and dress hire & repair of clothing (+0.4%).

04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

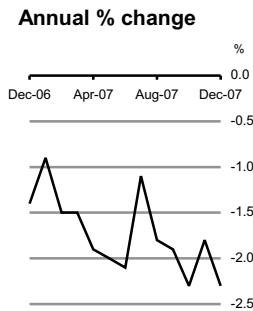


04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

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” includes waste collection charges (both public and private) and chimney sweep costs at this time. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 0.7% in the month and by 15.1% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 21.5% for the year to December 2006.

In December, increases were recorded for rents (+1.6%), bottled gas (+1.3%), mortgage interest (+1.0%) and services for maintenance and repair of dwelling (+0.5%). A price decrease was recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (-1.1%).

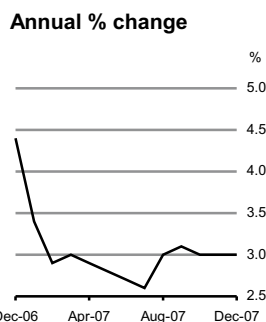
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance



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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.4% in the month and by 2.3% in the year to December 2007. This compares to a decrease of 1.4% for the year to December 2006.

In December, price decreases were recorded for household textiles (-2.9%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-2.2%), small electric household appliances (-0.5%), furniture & furnishings (-0.4%), major household appliances (-0.4%) and non-durable household goods (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings (+1.6%) and domestic & household services (+0.5%).

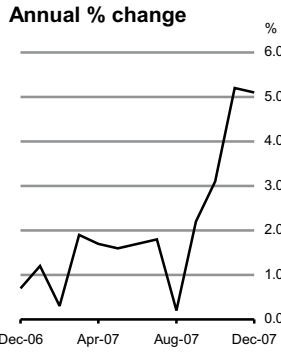


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Overall health costs and charges remained unchanged in the month and increased by 3.0% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 4.4% for the year to December 2006.

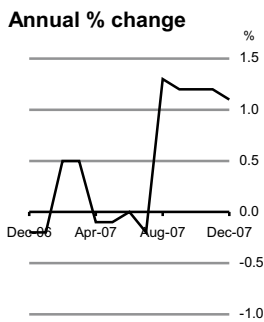
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Transport costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 5.1% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 0.7% for the year to December 2006.

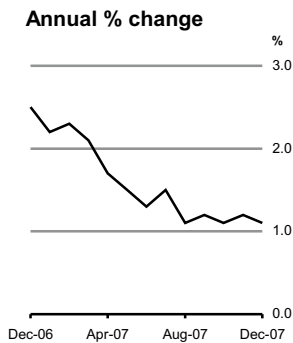
In the month, increases were recorded for air transport (+3.2%), sea transport, (+1.8%), other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees and car rental charges) (+1.0%) and diesel (+0.6%). The price of petrol decreased by (-0.9%).



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Overall communication costs decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 1.1% in the year to December 2007. This compares to a decrease of 0.2% for the year to December 2006.

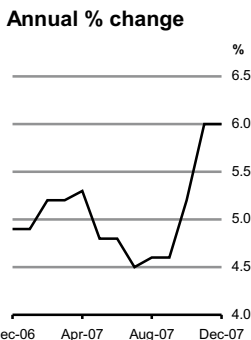


09 Recreation and Culture

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Overall prices remained unchanged in the month and increased by 1.1% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 2.5% for the year to December 2006.

Price increases were recorded for equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation (+1.1%), veterinary & other services for pets (+0.8%), pets & related products (+0.7%), cinema (+0.6%) and books (+0.5%). These were offset by price decreases for equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-1.3%), information processing equipment (-1.1%) and optical instruments (-0.9%).

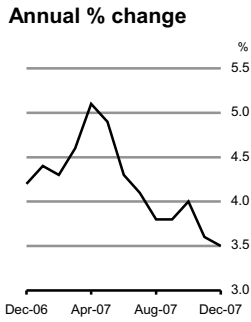


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Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 6.0% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 4.9% for the year to December 2006.

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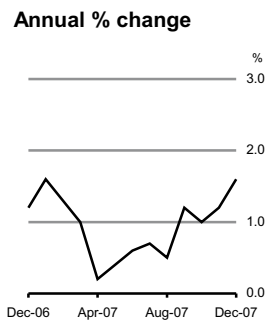


11 Restaurants and Hotels

Prices for the overall category decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 3.5% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 4.2% for the year to December 2006.

There was a price decrease for accommodation services (-1.5%). Price increases were recorded for restaurants, cafes & fast-food (+0.2%), beer (+0.1%) and soft drinks & mineral water (+0.1%).

12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services



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Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 1.6% in the year to December 2007. This compares to an increase of 1.2% recorded for the year to December 2006.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for motor car insurance (-2.2%), other personal goods (-1.8%), hair products (-0.5%) and cosmetics & skincare products (-0.3%). Price increases were recorded for financial services (+13.7%), health & beauty treatments (+0.7%), jewellery, clocks & watches (+0.6%), other services (which includes funerals, weddings, legal and professional services) (+0.4%) and hairdressing (+0.3%).

Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Food	10.8076	106.6	0.9	6.6
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	113.1	2.7	13.1
Bread	0.6553	119.7	3.5	19.7
Flour	0.0517	143.9	2.0	43.9
Biscuits	0.3268	110.5	4.3	10.5
Cakes	0.3762	109.9	1.9	9.9
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	104.4	0.8	4.4
Other cereals	0.0992	107.7	1.2	7.7
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	109.9	2.5	9.9
Meat	2.6729	101.1	-0.6	1.1
Beef	0.7179	100.4	-1.5	0.4
Lamb	0.2234	102.2	0.0	2.2
Pork	0.1781	97.3	-2.8	-2.7
Bacon	0.3906	99.0	-0.6	-1.0
Poultry	0.4633	101.9	-0.4	1.9
Other meat products	0.6996	103.0	0.3	3.0
Fish	0.3592	103.2	1.3	3.2
Fresh fish	0.1814	102.1	2.6	2.1
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	104.2	-0.2	4.2
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	115.3	1.2	15.3
Milk	0.6567	120.3	1.3	20.3
Other milk products	0.2608	110.0	0.5	10.0
Cheese	0.2790	107.6	2.1	7.6
Eggs	0.1212	117.6	1.0	17.6
Oils and fats	0.2734	112.9	2.5	12.9
Butter	0.0813	116.2	0.8	16.2
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	114.2	3.5	14.2
Other oils & fats	0.0474	103.1	2.4	3.1
Fruit	0.8597	100.5	0.7	0.5
Fresh fruit	0.7731	100.2	0.7	0.2
Other fruits	0.0866	102.5	0.9	2.5
Vegetables	1.5782	103.6	0.1	3.6
Potatoes	0.3256	98.2	-1.5	-1.8
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	108.0	0.7	8.0
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	110.0	2.6	10.0
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	103.9	1.1	3.9
Other vegetable products	0.3943	99.6	-0.7	-0.4
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	109.5	0.7	9.5
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	100.7	0.2	0.7
Preserves	0.0526	106.8	2.3	6.8
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	110.5	1.1	10.5
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	110.0	-0.3	10.0
Other food products	0.8312	102.6	0.5	2.6
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	103.5	0.2	3.5
Soup	0.1102	101.9	-0.2	1.9
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	102.2	0.8	2.2
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.9347	103.0	0.5	3.0
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	103.5	0.7	3.5
Tea	0.1417	101.9	1.1	1.9
Coffee	0.0817	105.6	-0.2	5.6
Cocoa	0.0146	106.9	1.0	6.9
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	102.9	0.6	2.9
Soft drinks, mineral water	0.4523	102.0	0.2	2.0
Fruit juices	0.2444	104.5	1.2	4.5
Total	11.7423	106.3	0.9	6.3

Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Alcoholic Beverages	2.8725	100.7	-0.6	0.7
Spirits	0.5818	101.5	-3.7	1.5
Wine & cider	1.5258	100.7	0.3	0.7
Beer	0.7649	100.2	0.2	0.2
Tobacco	3.1759	106.0	4.1	6.0
Cigarettes	3.1271	106.0	4.1	6.0
Other tobacco products	0.0488	104.0	2.0	4.0
Total	6.0484	103.5	1.9	3.5

Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Clothing	4.4488	93.9	-3.6	-6.1
Garments	4.2028	93.4	-3.9	-6.6
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	95.4	-1.6	-4.6
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	104.6	0.7	4.6
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	105.2	0.8	5.2
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	103.1	0.4	3.1
Footwear	0.9670	93.4	-2.4	-6.6
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	93.3	-2.3	-6.7
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	103.2	0.2	3.2
Total	5.4158	93.8	-3.4	-6.2

Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	123.1	1.2	23.1
Rents	2.8696	112.3	1.6	12.3
Mortgage interest	6.6607	127.8	1.0	27.8
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	103.0	0.3	3.0
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	102.7	0.2	2.7
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	103.5	0.5	3.5
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	104.5	0.0	4.5
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	104.9	-0.2	4.9
Electricity	1.5444	106.5	0.0	6.5
Natural gas	0.7560	82.5	0.0	-17.5
Bottled gas	0.1177	103.2	1.3	3.2
Liquid fuels	0.8538	121.6	-1.1	21.6
Solid fuels	0.7423	105.3	0.0	5.3
Total	16.5083	115.1	0.7	15.1

Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	95.4	-0.3	-4.6
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	96.0	-0.4	-4.0
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	91.6	1.6	-8.4
Household textiles	0.2424	94.4	-2.9	-5.6
Household appliances	1.0459	96.6	-0.3	-3.4
Major household appliances	0.8435	95.8	-0.4	-4.2
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	96.7	-0.5	-3.3
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	105.5	0.0	5.5
Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils	0.2577	94.7	-2.2	-5.3
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	99.0	-0.1	-1.0
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	99.8	-0.2	-0.2
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	98.8	-0.1	-1.2
Goods & services for routine hsehd maint.	1.4321	101.0	0.1	1.0
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	101.4	-0.4	1.4
Domestic & household services	0.7638	100.6	0.5	0.6
Total	4.4221	97.7	-0.4	-2.3

Table 6 Health - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	99.3	0.0	-0.7
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	98.1	0.0	-1.9
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	96.8	0.0	-3.2
Other medicines	0.2512	101.2	0.0	1.2
Other medical products	0.0456	101.4	-0.1	1.4
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	102.8	0.0	2.8
Outpatient services	1.0313	106.1	0.0	6.1
Medical services	0.6684	106.5	0.0	6.5
Doctors' fees	0.4792	105.5	0.0	5.5
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	109.1	0.0	9.1
Dental services	0.3628	105.2	0.0	5.2
Hospital services	0.9459	104.4	0.0	4.4
Total	3.1536	103.0	0.0	3.0

Table 7 Transport - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	100.7	0.1	0.7
Motor cars	5.6398	100.7	0.0	0.7
Motor cycles	0.0373	99.9	0.0	-0.1
Bicycles	0.0549	99.1	0.2	-0.9
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	110.5	-0.3	10.5
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	102.6	0.0	2.6
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	114.4	-0.5	14.4
Petrol	2.9759	114.2	-0.9	14.2
Diesel	0.7604	115.1	0.6	15.1
Motor oil	0.0143	104.8	0.0	4.8
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	108.0	0.1	8.0
Other services	1.1611	101.7	0.3	1.7
Motor tax	0.8380	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	106.2	1.0	6.2
Driving licences	0.0058	100.0	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.6008	100.7	0.8	0.7
Rail transport	0.2189	102.8	0.0	2.8
Road transport	0.9286	101.6	0.0	1.6
Bus fares	0.3926	103.7	0.0	3.7
Taxi	0.5360	100.0	0.0	0.0
Air transport	0.4009	97.4	3.2	-2.6
Sea transport	0.0290	103.0	1.8	3.0
Combined transport	0.0183	104.1	0.0	4.1
Other transport	0.0051	99.2	0.0	-0.8
Total	13.2933	105.1	0.0	5.1

Table 8 Communications - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Postal services	0.0798	110.4	0.0	10.4
Telephone & communication services	3.3387	100.9	0.0	0.9
Total	3.4184	101.1	-0.1	1.1

Table 9 Recreation and Culture - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	88.5	-0.7	-11.5
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	85.1	-1.3	-14.9
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	85.3	-0.9	-14.7
Information processing equip.	0.1713	82.2	-1.1	-17.8
Recording media	0.3927	95.2	-0.1	-4.8
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	97.9	0.0	-2.1
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	100.1	0.4	0.1
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	93.6	0.1	-6.4
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	99.2	1.1	-0.8
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	103.2	-0.1	3.2
Pets & related products	0.2570	106.3	0.7	6.3
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	107.2	0.8	7.2
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	104.2	0.1	4.2
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	107.0	0.0	7.0
Sports admittance	0.1449	109.7	0.0	9.7
Sports participation	0.3086	101.2	0.0	1.2
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	109.1	0.0	9.1
Cultural services	2.1011	102.6	0.0	2.6
Cinema	0.2026	103.5	0.6	3.5
Nightclubs	0.2299	104.2	0.0	4.2
Cultural admittance	0.5231	101.7	0.0	1.7
Other entertainment	0.1791	101.1	0.0	1.1
Television services	0.9664	102.9	0.0	2.9
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	103.6	0.2	3.6
Books	0.4724	102.5	0.5	2.5
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	105.3	0.2	5.3
Stationery	0.3233	100.4	-0.2	0.4
Package holidays	2.5280	101.3	0.0	1.3
Total	10.1041	101.1	0.0	1.1

Table 10 Education - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Primary education	0.0334	108.7	0.0	8.7
Second level education	0.1695	109.9	0.0	9.9
Third level education	1.0183	106.0	0.0	6.0
Other education & training	0.8217	105.2	0.0	5.2
Total	2.0429	106.0	0.0	6.0

Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	104.0	0.1	4.0
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	104.0	0.2	4.0
Beer	4.7087	103.8	0.1	3.8
Spirits	1.3776	103.9	0.0	3.9
Wine & cider	1.0197	103.4	0.0	3.4
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	104.7	0.1	4.7
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	104.2	0.2	4.2
Canteens	1.3573	104.1	0.0	4.1
Accommodation services	2.3950	100.6	-1.5	0.6
Total	15.4247	103.5	-0.1	3.5

Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - December 2007

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	102.9	0.1	2.9
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	106.2	0.4	6.2
Hairdressing	0.7537	105.7	0.3	5.7
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	109.3	0.7	9.3
Other personal grooming	0.0071	106.4	0.2	6.4
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	98.5	0.2	-1.5
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	100.9	-0.2	0.9
Hygiene products	0.3344	103.4	-0.2	3.4
Hair products	0.2034	98.4	-0.5	-1.6
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	100.2	-0.3	0.2
Toilet accessories	0.3093	101.5	0.2	1.5
Personal goods	0.4855	96.1	-0.9	-3.9
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	104.2	0.6	4.2
Other personal goods	0.3143	91.7	-1.8	-8.3
Social protection	1.0171	103.1	0.0	3.1
Childcare	0.9858	102.7	0.0	2.7
Other social protection	0.0314	114.6	0.0	14.6
Insurance	3.9334	100.4	-0.6	0.4
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	102.8	0.0	2.8
Health insurance	1.7726	107.3	0.2	7.3
Transport insurance	1.4106	90.5	-2.1	-9.5
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	86.8	0.0	-13.2
Motor car insurance	1.3913	90.5	-2.2	-9.5
Financial services	0.1262	115.7	13.7	15.7
Other services	0.4639	104.3	0.4	4.3
Total	8.4260	101.6	-0.1	1.6

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 2006	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure													
Weights	11.742	6.048	5.416	16.509	4.422	3.154	13.293	3.418	10.104	2.043	15.425	8.426	100.000
2006													
Mid-July	-0.1	-	-10.6	+3.3	-1.7	+0.1	+0.9	+0.1	+0.2	+0.3	+0.6	-0.3	+0.3
Mid-August	+0.1	-	+7.3	+0.8	+1.3	+0.3	+1.2	-	+0.3	-	+0.6	+0.2	+0.7
Mid-September	+0.2	-0.1	+5.3	+2.9	+0.3	+0.1	-2.8	-	+0.2	-	-0.3	+1.4	+0.3
Mid-October	-0.3	+0.3	-1.1	+1.5	-0.3	+0.1	-1.5	-	-	+3.2	-0.3	+0.3	-
Mid-November	-0.2	-	+1.4	+2.8	+0.1	+0.3	-0.7	-	+0.2	+0.6	-0.2	-0.1	+0.3
Mid-December	+0.3	+3.8	-0.3	+0.6	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	-	+0.1	-	+0.1	-0.5	+0.3
2007													
Mid-January	-	+1.0	-14.3	+3.6	-2.6	+0.8	+0.6	-0.1	-	+0.1	+0.1	-0.3	-0.1
Mid-February	+0.1	-	+11.1	+0.3	+1.7	+0.5	+0.3	-0.1	+0.7	+0.4	+0.4	+0.2	+0.8
Mid-March	+0.2	+0.2	+2.1	+1.0	-0.1	+0.1	+1.6	+0.3	-0.1	-	+1.0	+0.1	+0.7
Mid-April	+1.2	+0.2	-0.9	+2.7	-0.5	-	+1.2	-0.2	-	+0.1	+1.1	-0.7	+0.8
Mid-May	+0.6	-	+0.6	+0.7	+0.1	+0.4	+0.1	-	-	-	+0.6	+0.1	+0.4
Mid-June	+0.4	+0.1	-1.7	+0.6	-0.4	-	+0.8	-	-0.2	-	+0.7	+0.2	+0.2
Mid-July	+0.1	-	-8.4	+2.6	-0.8	-	+1.1	-0.1	+0.4	-	+0.5	-0.1	+0.3
Mid-August	+0.1	-	+5.0	+0.9	+0.6	+0.7	-0.5	+1.5	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2	-	+0.5
Mid-September	+0.2	-	+4.7	+0.3	+0.2	+0.1	-0.9	-0.1	+0.2	-	-0.3	+2.0	+0.3
Mid-October	+1.4	-	-0.6	+0.3	-0.6	+0.1	-0.6	-	-	+3.9	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1
Mid-November	+1.1	+0.1	+1.8	+0.7	+0.5	+0.3	+1.4	-	+0.2	+1.3	-0.6	+0.1	+0.6
Mid-December	+0.9	+1.9	-3.4	+0.7	-0.4	-	-	-0.1	-	-	-0.1	-0.1	+0.1

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 2006	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure													
Weights	11.742	6.048	5.416	16.509	4.422	3.154	13.293	3.418	10.104	2.043	15.425	8.426	100.000
2006 Mid-July	+1.5	+0.5	-2.6	+16.5	-1.2	+4.3	+4.7	-0.4	+1.5	+5.0	+4.1	+1.9	+4.2
Mid-August	+1.6	+0.3	-3.6	+16.9	-1.2	+4.1	+5.2	-0.3	+2.6	+4.7	+4.3	+2.1	+4.5
Mid-September	+1.7	+0.2	-1.9	+18.6	-1.0	+4.2	-0.1	-0.3	+2.7	+4.7	+4.2	+1.5	+4.0
Mid-October	+1.7	+0.5	-1.7	+18.4	-1.5	+4.3	-0.8	-0.2	+2.6	+5.9	+4.1	+1.5	+3.9
Mid-November	+1.7	+0.8	-2.2	+21.7	-1.6	+4.3	-	-0.2	+2.4	+4.9	+4.1	+1.8	+4.4
Mid-December	+1.8	+5.1	-2.1	+21.5	-1.4	+4.4	+0.7	-0.2	+2.5	+4.9	+4.2	+1.2	+4.9
Year	+1.4	+1.1	-2.0	+16.1	-1.3	+4.4	+3.4	-0.5	+1.3	+4.9	+3.9	+1.6	+4.0
2007 Mid-January	+1.8	+5.5	-1.5	+23.2	-0.9	+3.4	+1.2	-0.2	+2.2	+4.9	+4.4	+1.6	+5.2
Mid-February	+1.1	+5.4	-2.8	+22.5	-1.5	+2.9	+0.3	+0.5	+2.3	+5.2	+4.3	+1.3	+4.8
Mid-March	+0.8	+5.4	-2.6	+22.8	-1.5	+3.0	+1.9	+0.5	+2.1	+5.2	+4.6	+1.0	+5.1
Mid-April	+1.6	+5.5	-3.7	+22.8	-1.9	+2.9	+1.7	-0.1	+1.7	+5.3	+5.1	+0.2	+5.1
Mid-May	+1.4	+5.4	-3.1	+22.6	-2.0	+2.8	+1.6	-0.1	+1.5	+4.8	+4.9	+0.4	+5.0
Mid-June	+2.5	+5.6	-3.7	+22.6	-2.1	+2.7	+1.7	-	+1.3	+4.8	+4.3	+0.6	+4.9
Mid-July	+2.6	+5.6	-1.4	+21.8	-1.1	+2.6	+1.8	-0.2	+1.5	+4.5	+4.1	+0.7	+5.0
Mid-August	+2.7	+5.6	-3.4	+21.8	-1.8	+3.0	+0.2	+1.3	+1.1	+4.6	+3.8	+0.5	+4.8
Mid-September	+2.7	+5.7	-4.0	+18.8	-1.9	+3.1	+2.2	+1.2	+1.2	+4.6	+3.8	+1.2	+4.6
Mid-October	+4.4	+5.4	-3.5	+17.4	-2.3	+3.0	+3.1	+1.2	+1.1	+5.2	+4.0	+1.0	+4.8
Mid-November	+5.6	+5.5	-3.2	+15.0	-1.8	+3.0	+5.2	+1.2	+1.2	+6.0	+3.6	+1.2	+5.0
Mid-December	+6.3	+3.5	-6.2	+15.1	-2.3	+3.0	+5.1	+1.1	+1.1	+6.0	+3.5	+1.6	+4.7
Year	+2.8	+5.3	-3.3	+20.4	-1.7	+2.9	+2.2	+0.5	+1.5	+5.1	+4.1	+1.0	+4.9

Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - December 2007

COICOP	Group	Mid-Dec 2006 % Base Expenditure Weights	% Goods Base Expenditure Weights	% Services Base Expenditure Weights	Index		Percentage changes		
					Goods	Services	Goods 12 Months	Services 12 Months	Overall 12 Months
01	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	11.742	11.742	-	106.3	-	+6.3	-	+6.3
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	103.5	-	+3.5	-	+3.5
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	93.5	104.5	-6.5	+4.5	-6.2
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	108.3	116.8	+8.3	+16.8	+15.1
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	96.9	101.1	-3.1	+1.1	-2.3
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	99.3	105.3	-0.7	+5.3	+3.0
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	106.0	102.5	+6.0	+2.5	+5.1
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	89.3	101.2	-10.7	+1.2	+1.1
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	98.4	103.0	-1.6	+3.0	+1.1
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	106.0	-	+6.0	+6.0
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	103.5	-	+3.5	+3.5
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	99.7	102.2	-0.3	+2.2	+1.6
ALL ITEMS		100.000	47.080	52.920	102.7	106.5	+2.7	+6.5	+4.7

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

Period	Goods	Services	Energy	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	All Items
	%	%	%	Mortgage Interest	Housing	Tobacco	Energy Products	%
2005 Mid-January	+ 0.3	+ 4.1	+ 9.8	+ 1.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.4	+ 1.7	+ 2.3
Mid-February	+ 0.2	+ 4.1	+ 9.6	+ 1.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.3	+ 1.8	+ 2.2
Mid-March	+ 0.2	+ 3.8	+ 10.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.6	+ 2.2	+ 1.4	+ 2.1
Mid-April	+ 0.7	+ 3.7	+ 13.7	+ 1.8	+ 1.7	+ 2.4	+ 1.5	+ 2.2
Mid-May	+ 0.5	+ 4.0	+ 11.7	+ 1.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.5	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Mid-June	- 0.2	+ 4.3	+ 8.0	+ 1.7	+ 1.6	+ 2.2	+ 1.7	+ 2.1
Mid-July	+ 0.8	+ 3.7	+ 12.7	+ 1.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.4	+ 1.6	+ 2.4
Mid-August	+ 0.8	+ 3.5	+ 12.5	+ 1.8	+ 1.7	+ 2.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.3
Mid-September	+ 2.0	+ 3.9	+ 19.6	+ 2.6	+ 2.6	+ 3.1	+ 1.7	+ 3.0
Mid-October	+ 1.7	+ 4.1	+ 19.9	+ 2.6	+ 2.5	+ 3.0	+ 1.7	+ 3.0
Mid-November	+ 0.9	+ 4.1	+ 12.7	+ 2.1	+ 2.1	+ 2.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.6
Mid-December	+ 0.5	+ 4.2	+ 10.4	+ 1.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.5	+ 1.8	+ 2.5
Year	+ 0.8	4.0	+ 12.6	+ 1.9	+ 1.9	+ 2.5	+ 1.7	+ 2.5
2006 Mid-January	+ 1.4	+ 4.4	+ 13.3	+ 2.3	+ 2.2	+ 3.0	+ 2.2	+ 3.0
Mid-February	+ 2.0	+ 4.4	+ 15.3	+ 2.6	+ 2.6	+ 3.4	+ 2.3	+ 3.3
Mid-March	+ 2.1	+ 4.7	+ 13.9	+ 2.7	+ 2.7	+ 3.5	+ 2.7	+ 3.5
Mid-April	+ 1.9	+ 5.3	+ 10.3	+ 2.7	+ 2.7	+ 3.8	+ 3.2	+ 3.8
Mid-May	+ 2.6	+ 5.1	+ 13.0	+ 2.9	+ 2.9	+ 4.0	+ 3.3	+ 3.9
Mid-June	+ 2.1	+ 5.4	+ 12.7	+ 2.8	+ 2.8	+ 4.0	+ 3.2	+ 3.9
Mid-July	+ 1.7	+ 6.4	+ 10.4	+ 2.7	+ 2.7	+ 4.4	+ 3.7	+ 4.2
Mid-August	+ 1.7	+ 7.0	+ 10.8	+ 3.0	+ 3.0	+ 4.7	+ 3.9	+ 4.5
Mid-September	-	+ 7.5	+ 0.1	+ 2.0	+ 2.0	+ 4.2	+ 4.3	+ 4.0
Mid-October	- 0.6	+ 7.8	- 2.0	+ 2.0	+ 1.9	+ 4.0	+ 4.4	+ 3.9
Mid-November	- 0.3	+ 8.5	+ 0.3	+ 2.2	+ 2.0	+ 4.6	+ 4.8	+ 4.4
Mid-December	+ 1.2	+ 8.0	+ 3.8	+ 2.8	+ 2.7	+ 4.7	+ 5.0	+ 4.9
Year	+ 1.2	+ 6.2	+ 8.2	+ 2.6	+ 2.5	+ 4.0	+ 3.6	+ 4.0
2007 Mid-January	+ 0.6	+ 9.1	+ 4.8	+ 2.7	+ 2.7	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 5.2
Mid-February	-	+ 9.1	+ 1.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.2	+ 4.6	+ 5.1	+ 4.8
Mid-March	+ 0.4	+ 9.3	+ 3.5	+ 2.7	+ 2.5	+ 4.9	+ 5.3	+ 5.1
Mid-April	+ 0.4	+ 9.1	+ 3.5	+ 2.6	+ 2.4	+ 4.8	+ 5.3	+ 5.1
Mid-May	+ 0.3	+ 9.1	+ 2.8	+ 2.6	+ 2.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.1	+ 5.0
Mid-June	+ 0.6	+ 8.9	+ 4.0	+ 2.6	+ 2.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.1	+ 4.9
Mid-July	+ 0.6	+ 8.7	+ 3.7	+ 2.5	+ 2.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.1	+ 5.0
Mid-August	+ 0.2	+ 8.5	+ 1.7	+ 2.2	+ 2.0	+ 4.3	+ 4.9	+ 4.8
Mid-September	+ 1.0	+ 7.9	+ 5.1	+ 2.6	+ 2.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.6	+ 4.6
Mid-October	+ 2.1	+ 7.3	+ 5.7	+ 2.8	+ 2.6	+ 4.5	+ 4.7	+ 4.8
Mid-November	+ 3.5	+ 6.4	+ 10.3	+ 3.4	+ 3.2	+ 4.8	+ 4.6	+ 5.0
Mid-December	+ 2.7	+ 6.5	+ 9.5	+ 3.1	+ 2.8	+ 4.7	+ 4.3	+ 4.7
Year	+ 1.0	+ 8.4	+ 4.6	+ 2.7	+ 2.4	+ 4.6	+ 4.9	+ 4.9

Table 17 Groceries and Non-Groceries Order Items

Period	Groceries Order Items ¹			Non-Groceries Order Items ²			Groceries Order and Non-Groceries Order Items		
	Percentage Change			Percentage Change			Percentage Change		
	Current base Dec. 2006	One ³ month	12 ³ months	Current base Dec. 2006	One ³ month	12 ³ months	Current base Dec. 2006	One ³ month	12 ³ months
2005 Mid-January	101.0	+ 0.1	- 0.1	97.6	- 0.8	- 0.9	100.1	- 0.1	- 0.3
Mid-February	101.0	-	-	97.9	+ 0.3	- 0.5	100.2	+ 0.1	- 0.1
Mid-March	100.8	- 0.3	- 0.2	96.5	- 1.4	- 1.7	99.7	- 0.6	- 0.6
Mid-April	100.8	+ 0.1	- 0.1	95.9	- 0.7	- 2.0	99.6	- 0.1	- 0.6
Mid-May	100.9	-	- 0.3	95.4	- 0.4	- 3.0	99.5	- 0.1	- 1.0
Mid-June	100.9	+ 0.1	- 0.3	95.8	+ 0.4	- 3.6	99.6	+ 0.2	- 1.2
Mid-July	101.2	+ 0.3	-	95.9	-	- 2.6	99.8	+ 0.2	- 0.6
Mid-August	101.2	-	-	95.6	- 0.2	- 2.9	99.7	- 0.1	- 0.8
Mid-September	101.1	- 0.2	- 0.2	96.0	+ 0.3	- 2.0	99.8	-	- 0.6
Mid-October	101.0	-	- 0.3	95.4	- 0.6	- 2.3	99.6	- 0.2	- 0.8
Mid-November	100.8	- 0.2	- 0.3	94.7	- 0.6	- 2.7	99.2	- 0.3	- 0.9
Mid-December	100.5	- 0.3	- 0.4	95.3	+ 0.5	- 3.2	99.2	- 0.1	- 1.1
Year	100.9		- 0.2	96.0		- 2.2	99.7		- 0.8
2006 Mid-January	100.8	+ 0.3	- 0.2	95.2	- 0.1	- 2.5	99.4	+ 0.2	- 0.8
Mid-February	101.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.1	97.0	+ 2.0	- 0.9	100.1	+ 0.7	- 0.2
Mid-March	101.3	+ 0.2	+ 0.6	97.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.0	100.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.7
Mid-April	101.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.7	97.7	+ 0.2	+ 2.0	100.6	+ 0.3	+ 1.1
Mid-May	101.9	+ 0.4	+ 1.0	99.0	+ 1.3	+ 3.7	101.1	+ 0.6	+ 1.7
Mid-June	101.4	- 0.5	+ 0.5	98.1	- 0.9	+ 2.4	100.5	- 0.7	+ 0.9
Mid-July	101.1	- 0.3	- 0.1	98.8	+ 0.7	+ 3.1	100.5	-	+ 0.7
Mid-August	101.0	- 0.1	- 0.2	99.0	+ 0.2	+ 3.5	100.5	-	+ 0.8
Mid-September	101.1	-	-	99.5	+ 0.5	+ 3.7	100.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.9
Mid-October	100.9	- 0.2	- 0.2	99.2	- 0.3	+ 4.0	100.4	- 0.2	+ 0.9
Mid-November	100.4	- 0.4	- 0.4	99.1	- 0.1	+ 4.6	100.1	- 0.3	+ 0.9
Mid-December	100.0	- 0.5	- 0.6	100.0	+ 0.9	+ 5.0	100.0	- 0.1	+ 0.9
Year	101.1		+ 0.1	98.3		+ 2.4	100.4		+ 0.7
2007 Mid-January	100.3	+ 0.3	- 0.5	100.1	+ 0.1	+ 5.1	100.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Mid-February	100.4	+ 0.1	- 0.7	100.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.4	100.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Mid-March	100.9	+ 0.5	- 0.4	99.5	- 0.8	+ 2.1	100.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Mid-April	101.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	100.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0	101.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.8
Mid-May	102.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	101.4	+ 0.8	+ 2.4	101.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Mid-June	102.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	101.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.9	102.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Mid-July	102.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.6	101.5	- 0.4	+ 2.7	102.3	-	+ 1.8
Mid-August	102.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	101.4	- 0.1	+ 2.4	102.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Mid-September	102.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	101.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	102.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Mid-October	104.2	+ 1.3	+ 3.3	101.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	103.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
Mid-November	105.4	+ 1.2	+ 5.0	101.6	- 0.3	+ 2.5	104.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
Mid-December	106.1	+ 0.7	+ 6.1	101.4	- 0.2	+ 1.4	104.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
Year	102.7		+ 1.6	101.1		+ 2.8	102.2		+ 1.8

¹ Groceries Order Items included elements of Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Off-Licence Alcohol and Household Non-Durable Goods.

² Non-Groceries Order Items included elements of Foods & Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Household Non-Durable Goods

³ Up to December 2006, one month and twelve month percentage changes are based on the previously published base Dec 2001=100 indices.

Background Notes – Consumer Price Index

- Definition** The Consumer Price Index is designed to measure the change in the average level of prices (inclusive of all indirect taxes) paid for consumer goods and services by all private households in the country and by foreign tourists holidaying in Ireland.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)** Over 50,000 prices are collected for a representative basket consisting of 616 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 December index relates is Tuesday, 11th December 2007.
- Scope of the Index**
- (i) **Population Coverage:** All private households in the state and the expenditure of foreign tourists within Ireland. It does not include the expenditure of persons in institutions and other non private households. Expenditure which occurs abroad by Irish residents is also excluded. In statistical terms coverage is referred to as the domestic concept.
 - (ii) **Geographic Coverage:** Covers the whole of the Republic of Ireland. Pricing takes place in Dublin and 83 other locations (cities and towns) throughout the country. These sampling points are located in Dublin city and county, the four regional cities of Cork, Limerick, Galway and Waterford, approx. 80% of towns with a population of 10,000 and over, approx. 70% of towns between 5,000 and 9,999 and a smaller proportion below this threshold. The results are weighted to represent the distribution of the population and its related consumer expenditure. The sample is organised on a regional basis for calculation purposes.
 - (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 616 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 50,000 price quotations are gathered in this way. In addition 114 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 2006, the tenth series since the foundation of the State.

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

- Updating the expenditure weights;
- A revision of the sample of goods and services;
- An update of the sample of areas priced; and
- A move to a regional structure in the calculation methodology.

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 replaced 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. Indices for the previous national classification are no longer published as of December 2006. The data, however, will continue to be made available on the CSO website (www.cso.ie) and by request to the Consumer Prices Section (cpi@cso.ie).

Methodological Details A full methodological description of the new series is available in the CPI 2006 Introduction to Series booklet which is published on the website at http://www.cso.ie/surveysandmethodologies/documents/pdf_docs/introduction_to_series_base_december_2006.pdf

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.

Background Notes – COICOP Classification

Prior to the introduction of the December 2001 based series in January 2002 the CPI used a national classification while the HICP used COICOP/HICP. To ensure greater comparability CPI and the HICP have both used the COICOP/HICP classification since December 2001 (Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose - adapted for the purposes of the EU HICP).

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main subgroups.

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.