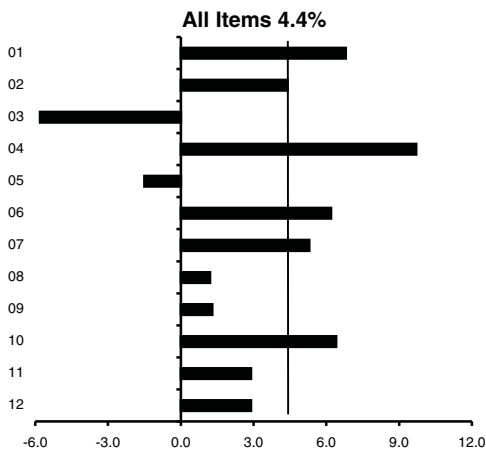




## Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices Release July 2008

### Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - July 2008



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.4	+6.8
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+0.1	+4.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	-10.9	-5.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+1.3	+9.7
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-1.4	-1.5
06 Health	+0.1	+6.2
07 Transport	+0.5	+5.3
08 Communications	-	+1.2
09 Recreation and Culture	-0.2	+1.3
10 Education	-	+6.4
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+0.2	+2.9
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.2	+2.9
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>+4.4</b>

### Annual Inflation falls to 4.4% in July

Consumer Prices in July, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.3% in the month. This compares to an increase of 0.3% in July of last year. As a result, the annual rate of inflation fell to 4.4%, down from 5.0% in June 2008.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-10.9%), *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-1.4%) and *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-0.4%). There were increases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+1.3%) and *Transport* (+0.5%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+9.7%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+6.8%), *Education* (+6.4%) and *Health* (+6.2%). There were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-5.8%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-1.5%).

The annual rate of inflation for Services was 4.5% in July, while Goods increased by 4.2% in the year.

This release provides a detailed analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI commodity groups in tables 1 to 17. Also included is Table A, which compares the annual rate of inflation for the current month with the corresponding period last year.

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## Contributions to the Annual Rate of Inflation

The annual rate of inflation for July 2008 was 4.4%. The annual rate of inflation was 5.0% for the same period last year. The primary factor contributing to the difference in the annual percentage changes for July 2007 and July 2008 was the decreasing contribution of *Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels*. Other factors contributing to the index changes were increases in *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* and *Transport*.

Inflation for goods rose significantly from 0.6% in the year to July 2007, to 4.2% in July 2008, leading to an increased contribution by goods to the overall rate of inflation. Inflation for services fell from 8.7% in the year to July 2007, to 4.5% in July 2008.

**Table A Comparison of Contributions to the Annual Rate of Inflation for July 07 and July 08**

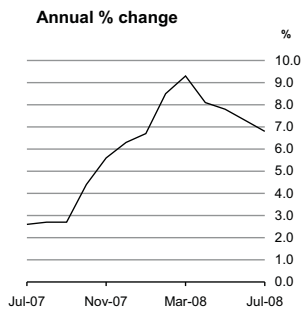
COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change					
	July '06 - July '07		July '07 - July '08		Difference	
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+	0.31	+	0.81	+	0.50
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+	0.40	+	0.27	-	0.13
03 Clothing and Footwear	-	0.26	-	0.27	-	0.01
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+	3.27	+	1.76	-	1.51
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-	0.06	-	0.06	-	-
06 Health	+	0.08	+	0.19	+	0.11
07 Transport	+	0.26	+	0.72	+	0.46
08 Communications	-	0.01	+	0.04	+	0.05
09 Recreation and Culture	+	0.15	+	0.14	-	0.01
10 Education	+	0.08	+	0.13	+	0.05
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+	0.63	+	0.45	-	0.18
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+	0.06	+	0.24	+	0.18
<b>ALL ITEMS % change</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>5.0<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>+</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.6<sup>1</sup></b>
Goods	+	0.31	+	1.93	+	1.62
Services <sup>2</sup>	+	4.60	+	2.47	-	2.13

<sup>1</sup> The sum may not total exactly due to rounding differences

<sup>2</sup> Includes Mortgage Interest

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## 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

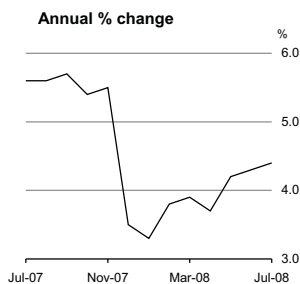


### 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.4% in the month and increased by 6.8% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 2.6% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, food prices decreased by 0.3% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.5%. In July, price decreases were recorded for potatoes (-3.7%), cakes (-2.4%), fresh fruit (-2.1%), breakfast cereals (-1.6%), condiments & sauces (-1.4%), other fresh vegetables (-1.1%), fruit juices (-0.8%), other bread & cereals (-0.8%), coffee (-0.8%), sugars & sweeteners (-0.7%), cheese (-0.6%) and eggs (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for fresh fish (+3.0%), beef (+2.7%), margarine & low fat spreads (+1.7%), other cereals (+0.9%), poultry (+0.4%), sweets & chocolate (+0.3%), butter (+0.3%) and flour (+0.3%).

## 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

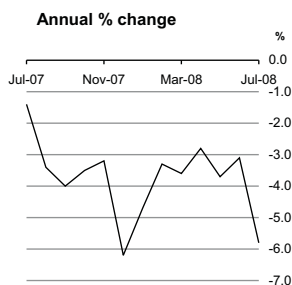


### 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Overall prices increased by 0.1% in the month and by 4.4% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 5.6% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.1% while tobacco prices increased by 0.2%. Price increases were recorded for wine & cider (+0.2%), beer (+0.2%) and cigarettes (+0.1%). A price decrease was recorded for spirits (-0.1%).

## 03 Clothing and Footwear



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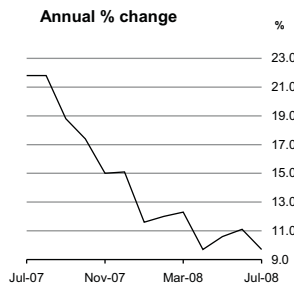
Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 10.9% in the month and by 5.8% in the year to July 2008. This compares to a decrease of 1.4% for the year to July 2007. In the month, as a result of the traditional summer sales, clothing prices decreased by 11.3%, while footwear prices decreased by 9.3%.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for garments (-12.0%), shoes & other footwear (-9.4%) and other articles of clothing (-2.2%). Price increases were recorded for repair & hire of footwear (+0.8%), dress hire & repair of clothing (+0.4%) and dry cleaning & laundry (+0.2%).

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

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 1.3% in the month and by 9.7% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 21.8% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for solid fuels (+6.5%), bottled gas (+2.9%), liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+2.7%), mortgage interest (+1.9%) and materials for maintenance & repair of dwelling (+0.3%).

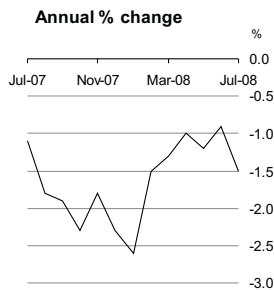


## 04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 1.4% in the month and by 1.5% in the year to July 2008. This compares to a decrease of 1.1% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for household textiles (-6.6%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-3.2%), furniture & furnishings (-2.2%), small electric household appliances (-2.1%), major household appliances (-1.3%), non-durable household goods (-1.0%) and major tools & equipment (-0.7%). Price increases were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings (+0.7%) and small tools & miscellaneous accessories (+0.1%).

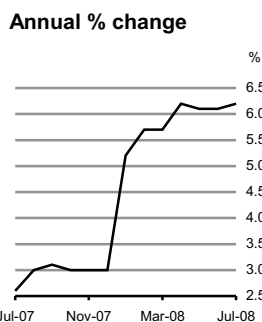


## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

## 06 Health

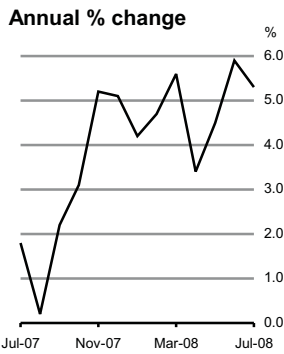
Overall health costs and charges increased by 0.1% in the month and by 6.2% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 2.6% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for therapeutic appliances & equipment (+0.8%) and alternative & complementary medicine (+0.4%). A price decrease was recorded for other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (-0.1%).



## 06 Health

## 07 Transport

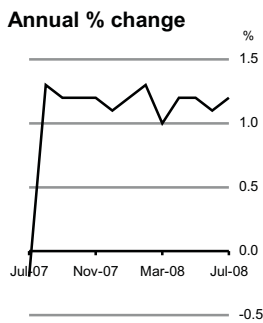


### 07 Transport

Transport costs increased by 0.5% in the month and by 5.3% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 1.8% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for sea transport (+26.0%), air transport (+11.1%), petrol (+1.9%), diesel (+1.1%) and motor oil (+0.5%). A price decrease was recorded for motor cars (-1.5%).

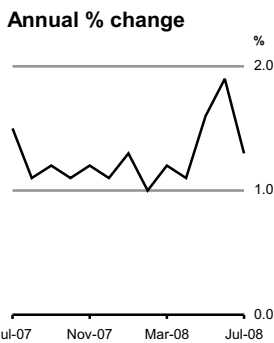
The Motor car and Motor tax indices reflect changes in the taxation system based on CO2 emissions for Vehicle Registration Tax and Motor Tax introduced on July 1st 2008.



### 08 Communications

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Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 1.2% in the year to July 2008. This compares to a decrease of 0.2% for the year to July 2007.

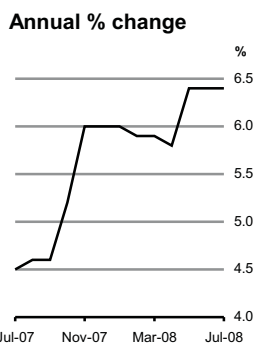


### 09 Recreation and Culture

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Overall prices decreased by 0.2% the month and increased by 1.3% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 1.5% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for gardens, plants & flowers (-2.4%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-2.4%), information processing equipment (-1.8%), games, toys & hobbies (-0.9%) and photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-0.5%). Price increases were recorded for television services (+0.6%), nightclubs (+0.3%), newspapers & periodicals (+0.2%) and recording media (+0.2%).

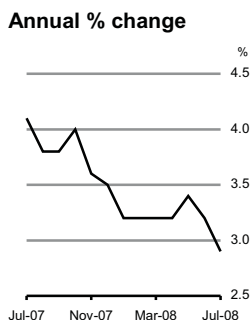


### 10 Education

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Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 6.4% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 4.5% for the year to July 2007.

## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

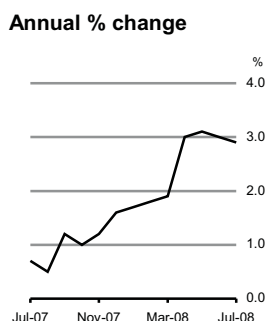


11 Restaurants and Hotels

Prices for the overall category increased by 0.2% in the month and by 2.9% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 4.1% for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price increases were recorded for canteens (+0.8%), restaurants, cafes & fast food (+0.6%), beer (+0.1%), spirits (+0.1%) wine & cider (+0.1%). A price decrease was recorded for accommodation services (-0.3%).

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services



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Overall prices decreased by 0.2% in the month and increased by 2.9% in the year to July 2008. This compares to an increase of 0.7% recorded for the year to July 2007.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for other personal goods (-4.7%), hair products (-3.1%), electric appliances for personal care (-1.2%), toilet accessories (-0.9%), hygiene products (-0.4%) and jewellery, clocks & watches (-0.2%). Price increases were recorded for other social protection (which includes nursing home costs) (+2.8%), motor car insurance (+0.6%), financial services (+0.6%), hairdressing (+0.2%) and cosmetics & skincare products (+0.2%).

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	10.8076	109.9	-0.3	7.1
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	114.3	-0.8	10.3
Bread	0.6553	123.2	-0.1	16.0
Flour	0.0517	147.5	0.3	39.8
Biscuits	0.3268	108.3	-0.5	6.9
Cakes	0.3762	108.7	-2.4	5.0
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	103.5	-1.6	1.0
Other cereals	0.0992	119.5	0.9	16.2
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	110.3	-0.8	10.0
Meat	2.6729	107.3	0.8	5.3
Beef	0.7179	114.0	2.7	10.0
Lamb	0.2234	113.7	-0.4	14.0
Pork	0.1781	93.9	-0.1	-4.1
Bacon	0.3906	99.4	-0.2	-0.1
Poultry	0.4633	107.0	0.4	3.7
Other meat products	0.6996	106.4	0.0	3.8
Fish	0.3592	105.3	1.3	4.5
Fresh fish	0.1814	101.8	3.0	4.7
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	109.0	0.0	4.3
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	124.0	-0.2	19.1
Milk	0.6567	133.4	-0.1	26.8
Other milk products	0.2608	116.4	-0.4	12.9
Cheese	0.2790	111.3	-0.6	9.0
Eggs	0.1212	118.1	-0.6	11.8
Oils and fats	0.2734	120.4	1.0	15.5
Butter	0.0813	118.3	0.3	16.1
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	125.6	1.7	17.9
Other oils & fats	0.0474	108.0	-0.5	6.6
Fruit	0.8597	100.4	-2.0	0.2
Fresh fruit	0.7731	99.5	-2.1	-0.6
Other fruits	0.0866	108.6	-0.4	6.7
Vegetables	1.5782	102.5	-1.3	-0.4
Potatoes	0.3256	91.6	-3.7	-10.1
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	106.1	-1.1	0.6
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	112.5	-0.1	7.2
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	104.9	0.0	2.8
Other vegetable products	0.3943	102.6	-0.2	3.0
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	112.1	0.3	8.2
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	100.2	-0.7	0.0
Preserves	0.0526	116.2	0.2	13.0
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	111.7	0.3	8.7
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	114.5	0.2	8.1
Other food products	0.8312	105.2	-0.7	4.1
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	105.7	-1.4	4.1
Soup	0.1102	109.8	0.1	7.6
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	103.8	-0.3	3.1
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	0.9347	107.0	-0.5	4.1
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	108.3	-0.2	5.0
Tea	0.1417	110.2	0.2	8.1
Coffee	0.0817	105.1	-0.8	-0.2
Cocoa	0.0146	107.4	-0.1	5.2
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	106.6	-0.5	3.8
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	107.4	-0.4	5.6
Fruit juices	0.2444	105.0	-0.8	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7423</b>	<b>109.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>6.8</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.8725	104.2	0.1	2.0
Spirits	0.5818	109.4	-0.1	1.3
Wine & cider	1.5258	102.2	0.2	1.1
Beer	0.7649	104.4	0.2	4.5
<b>Tobacco</b>	3.1759	107.6	0.2	6.7
Cigarettes	3.1271	107.6	0.1	6.7
Other tobacco products	0.0488	104.7	0.0	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0484</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>4.4</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.4488	81.9	-11.3	-5.5
Garments	4.2028	80.7	-12.0	-6.2
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	93.1	-2.2	-2.3
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	107.3	0.2	3.9
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	108.0	0.2	4.1
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	105.7	0.4	3.2
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9670	83.7	-9.3	-6.6
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	83.4	-9.4	-6.8
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	106.0	0.8	4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4158</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-5.8</b>

**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	131.6	1.5	11.7
Rents	2.8696	114.1	0.0	7.8
Mortgage interest	6.6607	139.1	1.9	13.1
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	103.8	0.1	1.5
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	103.1	0.3	0.8
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	105.0	0.0	2.6
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	105.2	0.1	0.7
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	115.9	2.0	10.5
Electricity	1.5444	106.5	0.0	-5.4
Natural gas	0.7560	82.5	0.0	-8.3
Bottled gas	0.1177	111.5	2.9	10.3
Liquid fuels	0.8538	165.1	2.7	54.9
Solid fuels	0.7423	113.7	6.5	10.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5083</b>	<b>122.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>9.7</b>



**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	91.5	-1.8	-3.7
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	91.8	-2.2	-4.1
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	89.4	0.7	-0.6
Household textiles	0.2424	87.7	-6.6	-4.9
Household appliances	1.0459	94.3	-1.3	-2.5
Major household appliances	0.8435	93.4	-1.3	-2.9
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	93.0	-2.1	-3.8
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	106.5	0.0	3.7
Glassware, tableware & hsehld utensils	0.2577	92.2	-3.2	-2.5
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	99.3	-0.1	1.1
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	99.0	-0.7	0.0
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	99.4	0.1	1.5
Goods & services for routine hsehld maint.	1.4321	101.6	-0.5	0.6
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	102.2	-1.0	0.2
Domestic & household services	0.7638	101.1	0.0	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4221</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-1.5</b>

**Table 6 Health - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	100.5	0.2	2.0
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	99.3	0.0	1.7
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	97.4	0.0	1.4
Other medicines	0.2512	103.9	0.0	2.6
Other medical products	0.0456	103.2	-0.1	1.8
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	104.0	0.8	3.0
Outpatient services	1.0313	110.2	0.1	6.7
Medical services	0.6684	111.7	0.1	7.1
Doctors' fees	0.4792	111.5	0.0	7.7
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	112.4	0.4	5.6
Dental services	0.3628	107.4	0.0	5.8
Hospital services	0.9459	115.3	0.0	10.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1536</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>

**Table 7 Transport - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	99.2	-1.5	-1.3
Motor cars	5.6398	99.2	-1.5	-1.4
Motor cycles	0.0373	101.0	0.1	1.1
Bicycles	0.0549	98.1	0.1	-1.3
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	122.6	1.2	13.3
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	104.0	0.0	2.3
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	130.9	1.6	17.1
Petrol	2.9759	129.0	1.9	13.7
Diesel	0.7604	138.9	1.1	31.9
Motor oil	0.0143	108.2	0.5	4.0
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	110.1	0.0	6.9
Other services	1.1611	108.8	0.3	7.2
Motor tax	0.8380	109.8	0.3	9.8
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	106.2	0.3	0.7
Driving licences	0.0058	100.0	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.6008	112.3	3.6	-2.7
Rail transport	0.2189	107.2	0.3	4.3
Road transport	0.9286	103.8	0.0	2.2
Bus fares	0.3926	108.9	0.0	5.0
Taxi	0.5360	100.0	0.0	0.0
Air transport	0.4009	133.8	11.1	-13.2
Sea transport	0.0290	132.8	26.0	6.7
Combined transport	0.0183	109.7	0.0	5.4
Other transport	0.0051	99.4	0.0	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2933</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>

**Table 8 Communications - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Postal services	0.0798	111.6	0.0	1.1
Telephone & communication services	3.3387	100.8	0.0	1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4184</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	82.1	-0.8	-11.8
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	75.9	-2.4	-15.2
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	78.3	-0.5	-11.3
Information processing equip.	0.1713	71.6	-1.8	-19.2
Recording media	0.3927	92.8	0.2	-7.6
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	97.6	0.0	-1.0
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	99.6	-1.0	0.4
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	90.0	-0.9	-5.7
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	99.1	0.0	2.4
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	104.8	-2.4	2.7
Pets & related products	0.2570	107.2	0.0	5.6
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	109.8	0.0	4.2
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	108.1	0.2	4.1
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	110.2	0.0	3.2
Sports admittance	0.1449	109.7	0.0	0.5
Sports participation	0.3086	105.2	0.0	4.4
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	112.7	0.0	3.3
Cultural services	2.1011	107.0	0.3	4.7
Cinema	0.2026	104.9	0.0	3.0
Nightclubs	0.2299	104.7	0.3	3.9
Cultural admittance	0.5231	109.3	0.0	6.8
Other entertainment	0.1791	101.5	0.1	0.3
Television services	0.9664	107.7	0.6	4.8
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	105.6	0.1	4.2
Books	0.4724	103.5	-0.1	4.9
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	108.2	0.2	4.8
Stationery	0.3233	101.0	-0.2	1.3
Package holidays	2.5280	102.1	0.1	1.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.1041</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>1.3</b>

**Table 10 Education - July 2008**

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	106.1	0.0	5.8
Other education & training	0.8217	107.5	0.0	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0429</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	106.9	0.4	3.7
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	106.8	0.2	3.6
Beer	4.7087	107.2	0.1	3.8
Spirits	1.3776	107.4	0.1	3.9
Wine & cider	1.0197	106.7	0.1	3.6
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	108.3	0.0	4.0
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	106.2	0.6	3.4
Canteens	1.3573	107.3	0.8	4.2
Accommodation services	2.3950	110.3	-0.3	-1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.4247</b>	<b>107.4</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.9</b>

**Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - July 2008**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	104.4	-0.3	2.4
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	110.0	0.2	4.9
Hairdressing	0.7537	109.9	0.2	5.2
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	110.7	0.0	3.1
Other personal grooming	0.0071	108.5	0.0	6.2
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	97.1	-1.2	-1.4
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	101.1	-0.7	0.7
Hygiene products	0.3344	104.7	-0.4	1.9
Hair products	0.2034	97.1	-3.1	0.8
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	101.8	0.2	1.4
Toilet accessories	0.3093	98.6	-0.9	-2.0
Personal goods	0.4855	92.6	-2.9	-2.3
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	104.9	-0.2	4.3
Other personal goods	0.3143	85.9	-4.7	-6.3
Social protection	1.0171	105.7	0.1	4.9
Childcare	0.9858	105.1	0.0	4.7
Other social protection	0.0314	124.2	2.8	9.2
Insurance	3.9334	101.1	0.2	3.4
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	102.8	0.0	2.3
Health insurance	1.7726	108.2	0.0	8.2
Transport insurance	1.4106	91.2	0.4	-2.6
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	86.8	0.0	0.0
Motor car insurance	1.3913	91.3	0.6	-2.6
Financial services	0.1262	101.7	0.6	1.7
Other services	0.4639	106.9	0.1	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4260</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>2.9</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
<b>Mid-December 2006</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>11.742</b>	<b>6.048</b>	<b>5.416</b>	<b>16.509</b>	<b>4.422</b>	<b>3.154</b>	<b>13.293</b>	<b>3.418</b>	<b>10.104</b>	<b>2.043</b>	<b>15.425</b>	<b>8.426</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2007</b> 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
<b>2008</b> Mid-January	+0.4	+0.8	-12.9	+0.4	-2.9	+2.9	-0.3	-	+0.2	+0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5
Mid-February	+1.8	+0.5	+12.7	+0.7	+2.8	+1.0	+0.8	-	+0.4	+0.3	+0.4	+0.3	+1.2
Mid-March	+0.9	+0.3	+1.7	+1.2	+0.1	+0.1	+2.5	-	+0.1	-	+1.0	+0.2	+0.9
Mid-April	+0.1	+0.1	-0.1	+0.3	-0.2	+0.5	-0.9	-	-0.1	-	+1.1	+0.4	+0.1
Mid-May	+0.4	+0.5	-0.3	+1.6	-0.1	+0.3	+1.2	-	+0.5	+0.6	+0.8	+0.2	+0.8
Mid-June	-0.1	+0.2	-1.1	+1.0	-0.1	-	+2.1	-0.1	+0.1	-	+0.5	+0.1	+0.5
Mid-July	-0.4	+0.1	-10.9	+1.3	-1.4	+0.1	+0.5	-	-0.2	-	+0.2	-0.2	-0.3

**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 2006</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>% Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights</b>	<b>11.742</b>	<b>6.048</b>	<b>5.416</b>	<b>16.509</b>	<b>4.422</b>	<b>3.154</b>	<b>13.293</b>	<b>3.418</b>	<b>10.104</b>	<b>2.043</b>	<b>15.425</b>	<b>8.426</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2007</b>													
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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+2.8</b>	<b>+5.3</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>+20.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>+2.9</b>	<b>+2.2</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>+1.5</b>	<b>+5.1</b>	<b>+4.1</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>+4.9</b>
<b>2008</b>													
Mid-January	+6.7	+3.3	-4.7	+11.6	-2.6	+5.2	+4.2	+1.2	+1.3	+6.0	+3.2	+1.7	+4.3
Mid-February	+8.5	+3.8	-3.3	+12.0	-1.5	+5.7	+4.7	+1.3	+1.0	+5.9	+3.2	+1.8	+4.8
Mid-March	+9.3	+3.9	-3.6	+12.3	-1.3	+5.7	+5.6	+1.0	+1.2	+5.9	+3.2	+1.9	+5.0
Mid-April	+8.1	+3.7	-2.8	+9.7	-1.0	+6.2	+3.4	+1.2	+1.1	+5.8	+3.2	+3.0	+4.3
Mid-May	+7.8	+4.2	-3.7	+10.6	-1.2	+6.1	+4.5	+1.2	+1.6	+6.4	+3.4	+3.1	+4.7
Mid-June	+7.3	+4.3	-3.1	+11.1	-0.9	+6.1	+5.9	+1.1	+1.9	+6.4	+3.2	+3.0	+5.0
Mid-July	+6.8	+4.4	-5.8	+9.7	-1.5	+6.2	+5.3	+1.2	+1.3	+6.4	+2.9	+2.9	+4.4

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - July 2008**

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	-	109.6	-	+6.8	-	+6.8
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	106.0	-	+4.4	-	+4.4
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	81.5	107.2	-6.1	+3.9	-5.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	122.3	123.0	+18.2	+7.9	+9.7
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	94.5	101.7	-2.3	+1.4	-1.5
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	100.5	112.6	+2.0	+8.5	+6.2
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	111.5	110.7	+6.3	+2.3	+5.3
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	88.8	101.1	-1.9	+1.2	+1.2
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	97.4	105.6	-1.0	+3.0	+1.3
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	107.0	-	+6.4	+6.4
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	107.4	-	+2.9	+2.9
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	99.1	103.5	+0.0	+3.8	+2.9
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>47.080</b>	<b>52.920</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>110.5</b>	<b>+4.2</b>	<b>+4.5</b>	<b>+4.4</b>

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

Period	Goods	Services	Energy	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	All Items
				Mortgage Interest	Housing	Tobacco	Energy Products	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2005</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+ 0.8</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>+ 12.6</b>	<b>+ 1.9</b>	<b>+ 1.9</b>	<b>+ 2.5</b>	<b>+ 1.7</b>	<b>+ 2.5</b>
<b>2006</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>+ 6.2</b>	<b>+ 8.2</b>	<b>+ 2.6</b>	<b>+ 2.5</b>	<b>+ 4.0</b>	<b>+ 3.6</b>	<b>+ 4.0</b>
<b>2007</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>+ 1.0</b>	<b>+ 8.4</b>	<b>+ 4.6</b>	<b>+ 2.7</b>	<b>+ 2.4</b>	<b>+ 4.6</b>	<b>+ 4.9</b>	<b>+ 4.9</b>
<b>2008</b> Mid-January	+ 3.3	+ 5.1	+ 8.3	+ 3.0	+ 2.7	+ 4.3	+ 3.9	+ 4.3
Mid-February	+ 3.9	+ 5.6	+ 7.9	+ 3.4	+ 3.3	+ 4.8	+ 4.5	+ 4.8
Mid-March	+ 4.2	+ 5.7	+ 8.6	+ 3.8	+ 3.6	+ 5.0	+ 4.7	+ 5.0
Mid-April	+ 3.8	+ 4.8	+ 7.3	+ 3.5	+ 3.3	+ 4.3	+ 4.1	+ 4.3
Mid-May	+ 4.0	+ 5.3	+ 9.2	+ 3.6	+ 3.6	+ 4.7	+ 4.3	+ 4.7
Mid-June	+ 4.6	+ 5.3	+ 12.6	+ 3.9	+ 3.9	+ 4.9	+ 4.2	+ 5.0
Mid-July	+ 4.2	+ 4.5	+ 13.9	+ 3.6	+ 3.5	+ 4.3	+ 3.5	+ 4.4



**Table 17 Groceries and Non-Groceries Order Items (Former)**

Period	Groceries Order Items <sup>1</sup>			Non-Groceries Order Items <sup>2</sup>			Groceries Order and Non-Groceries Order Items		
	Percentage Change			Percentage Change			Percentage Change		
	Current base Dec. 2006	One <sup>3</sup> month	12 <sup>3</sup> months	Current base Dec. 2006	One <sup>3</sup> month	12 <sup>3</sup> months	Current base Dec. 2006	One <sup>3</sup> month	12 <sup>3</sup> months
<b>2005</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>100.9</b>		<b>- 0.2</b>	<b>96.0</b>		<b>- 2.2</b>	<b>99.7</b>		<b>- 0.8</b>
<b>2006</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>101.1</b>		<b>+ 0.1</b>	<b>98.3</b>		<b>+ 2.4</b>	<b>100.4</b>		<b>+ 0.7</b>
<b>2007</b> 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
<b>Year</b>	<b>102.7</b>		<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>101.1</b>		<b>+ 2.8</b>	<b>102.2</b>		<b>+ 1.8</b>
<b>2008</b> Mid-January	106.6	+ 0.5	+ 6.3	102.0	+ 0.6	+ 1.9	105.2	+ 0.5	+ 5.0
Mid-February	108.5	+ 1.8	+ 8.1	102.7	+ 0.7	+ 2.4	106.8	+ 1.5	+ 6.5
Mid-March	109.4	+ 0.8	+ 8.4	103.5	+ 0.8	+ 4.0	107.7	+ 0.8	+ 7.2
Mid-April	109.5	+ 0.1	+ 7.6	103.7	+ 0.2	+ 3.1	107.8	+ 0.1	+ 6.3
Mid-May	109.8	+ 0.3	+ 7.5	104.3	+ 0.6	+ 2.9	108.1	+ 0.3	+ 6.1
Mid-June	109.7	- 0.1	+ 7.0	103.9	- 0.4	+ 2.0	108.0	- 0.1	+ 5.6
Mid-July	109.4	- 0.3	+ 6.5	103.7	- 0.2	+ 2.2	107.7	- 0.3	+ 5.3

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

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

<sup>3</sup> 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 July index relates is Tuesday, 8th July 2008.
- 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](http://www.cso.ie)) and by request to the Consumer Prices Section ([cpi@cso.ie](mailto: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](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.

<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 and practitioners of alternative and complimentary medicine.
<b>07 Transport</b>	Includes the purchase of new and second hand vehicles, spare parts, car maintenance, fuels and lubricants, public transport and services such as parking, motor association subscriptions, car wash, toll charges, driving 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 DVDs, sports and recreation goods, games and toys, items connected with gardening and pets, recreational, sporting and cultural activities and events, newspapers and other reading material, package holidays and other items connected with recreation and culture.
<b>10 Education</b>	Covers all aspects of education including 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.