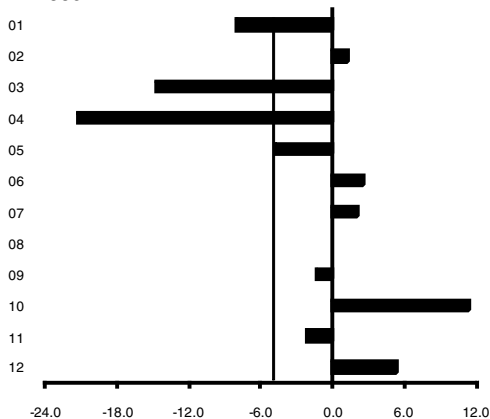




## Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices Release December 2009

**Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - December 2009**  
All Items -5.0%



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.5	-8.1
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-1.5	+1.2
03 Clothing and Footwear	-3.6	-14.7
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-	-21.2
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.3	-4.8
06 Health	-	+2.5
07 Transport	-0.8	+2.1
08 Communications	-	-
09 Recreation and Culture	-0.1	-1.4
10 Education	-	+11.3
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-0.4	-2.2
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+0.2	+5.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-5.0</b>

### Prices fall by 5.0% in the year to December

Consumer Prices in December, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.5% in the month. This compares to a decrease of 1.2% recorded in December of last year. As a result, prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 5.0% lower in December compared with December 2008.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-3.6%), *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (-1.5%), *Transport* (-0.8%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-0.5%) and *Restaurants & Hotels* (-0.4%).

The most notable changes in the year were decreases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-21.2%), *Clothing & Footwear* (-14.7%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-8.1%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-4.8%). There were increases in *Education* (+11.3%), *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+5.4%), *Health* (+2.5%), *Transport* (+2.1%) and *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+1.2%).

Services prices fell by 5.1% in the year to December, while Goods fell by 4.8%.

This release provides a detailed analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI commodity groups in tables 1 to 17. Also included are Tables A and B, which compare the contributions towards the annual rate of inflation for the current month with the corresponding period last year.

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**Table A Comparison of Contributions to the Annual Rate of Inflation for Dec 08 and Dec 09**

COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change					
	Dec '07 - Dec'08		Dec '08 - Dec'09		Difference	
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+	0.38	-	0.99	-	1.37
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+	0.41	+	0.07	-	0.34
03 Clothing and Footwear	-	0.32	-	0.66	-	0.34
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-	0.10	-	3.79	-	3.69
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-	0.05	-	0.19	-	0.14
06 Health	+	0.18	+	0.08	-	0.10
07 Transport	-	0.47	+	0.27	+	0.74
08 Communications	+	0.02		-	-	0.02
09 Recreation and Culture	+	0.14	-	0.13	-	0.27
10 Education	+	0.12	+	0.24	+	0.12
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+	0.56	-	0.35	-	0.91
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+	0.22	+	0.45	+	0.23
<b>ALL ITEMS % change</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>1.1<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.0<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6.1<sup>1</sup></b>
Goods	-	0.38	-	2.19	-	1.81
Services <sup>2</sup>	+	1.48	-	2.80	-	4.28

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes Mortgage Interest

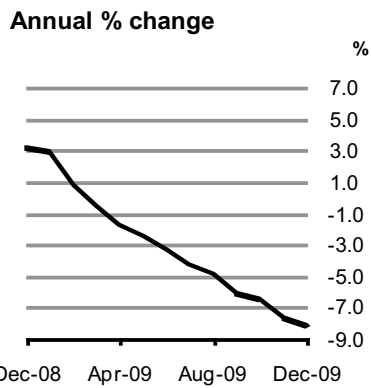
**Table B Positive and Negative factors in the comparison of the Annual Rate of Inflation for Dec 08 and Dec 09**

COICOP Group	+	COICOP Group	-
07 Transport	+ 0.74	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 3.69
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.23	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 1.37
10 Education	+ 0.12	11 Restaurants and Hotels	- 0.91
		02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	- 0.34
		03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.34
		09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.27
		05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.14
		06 Health	- 0.10
		08 Communication	- 0.02
<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>+ 1.09</b>	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>- 7.18</b>
<b>Net Difference (Positive less Negative)</b>			<b>- 6.1<sup>1</sup></b>

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## 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

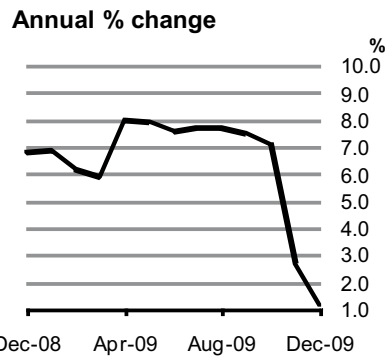


**01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages**

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.5% in the month and by 8.1% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 3.2% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, food prices decreased by 0.4% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 1.6%. In December, price decreases were recorded for cocoa (-3.3%), desserts & ice cream (-2.8%), poultry (-2.5%), soft drinks & mineral water (-2.3%), frozen vegetables (-2.2%), miscellaneous food items (-1.8%), coffee (-1.6%), soup (-1.3%), fruit juices (-1.2%), biscuits (-1.0%), bread (-0.8%), beef (-0.7%), other milk products (-0.7%), eggs (-0.7%), other fresh vegetables (-0.6%) and fresh fish (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for preserves (+2.7%), pork (+2.6%), cheese (+1.2%), frozen, tinned & smoked fish (+1.0%), other bread & cereals (+0.9%), other cereals (+0.7%) and bacon (+0.5%).

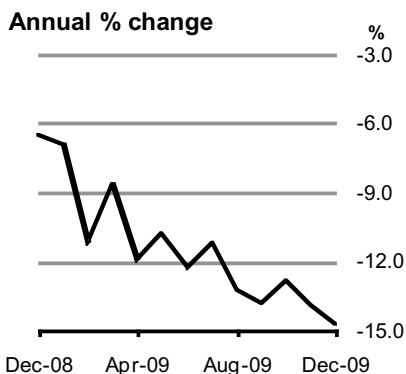
## 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco



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Overall prices decreased by 1.5% in the month and increased by 1.2% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 6.8% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, alcoholic beverages decreased by 3.4% while tobacco prices remained unchanged. Price decreases were recorded for spirits (-8.6%), wine & cider (-2.2%) and beer (-1.6%). Price increases were recorded for cigarettes (+0.1%) and other tobacco products (+0.1%).



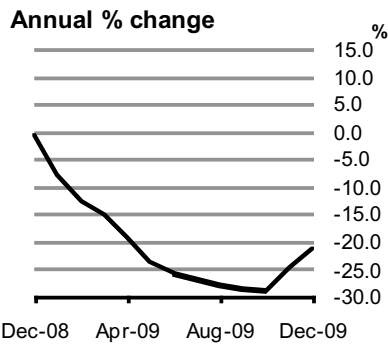
**03 Clothing and Footwear**

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Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 3.6% in the month and by 14.7% in the year to December 2009. This compares to a decrease of 6.5% for the year to December 2008. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 3.6%, while footwear prices also decreased by 3.6%.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for garments (-3.8%), shoes & other footwear (-3.6%), other articles of clothing (-2.0%), dress hire & repair of clothing (-1.7%), dry cleaning & laundry (-0.3%) and repair & hire of footwear (-0.2%).

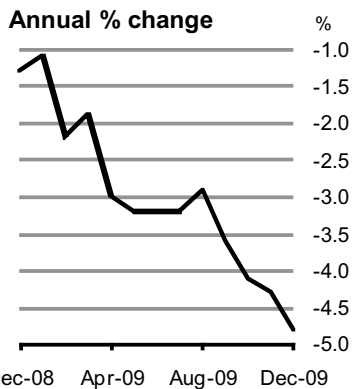
## 04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels



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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 21.2% in the year to December 2009. This compares to a decrease of 0.5% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for services for maintenance & repair of dwelling (-0.5%) and rents (-0.2%). Price increases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+0.5%) and solid fuels (+0.1%).

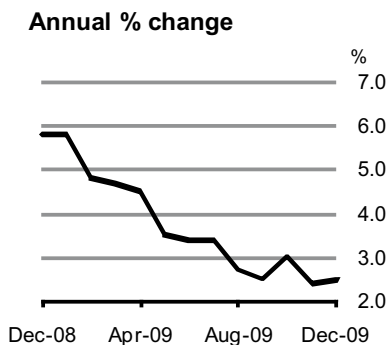


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 4.8% in the year to December 2009. This compares to a decrease of 1.3% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for household textiles (-1.5%), small electric household appliances (-0.9%), major household appliances (-0.8%), carpets & other floor coverings (-0.8%), furniture & furnishings (-0.5%), small tools & miscellaneous accessories (-0.5%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-0.4%) and major tools & equipment (-0.3%). A price increase was recorded for non-durable household goods (+0.3%).



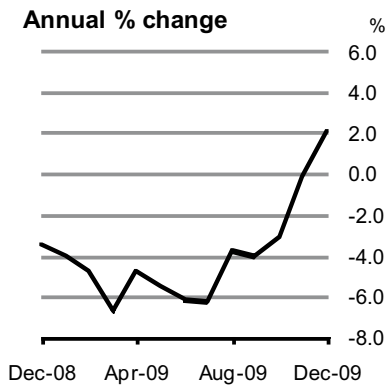
06 Health

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Overall health costs and charges remained unchanged in the month and increased by 2.5% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 5.8% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (-0.5%).

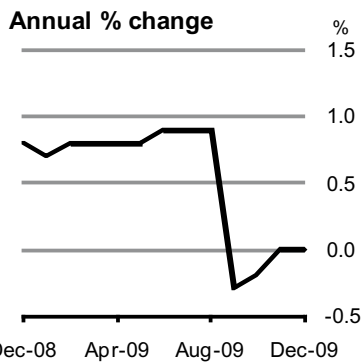
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Transport costs decreased by 0.8% in the month and increased by 2.1% in the year to December 2009. This compares to a decrease of 3.5% for the year to December 2008.

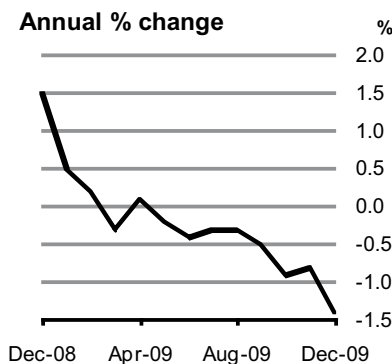
In the month, price decreases were recorded for motor cars (-2.3%), bicycles (-1.5%), other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees & car rental charges (-0.7%), sea transport (-0.5%), petrol (-0.3%), diesel (-0.1%) and motor oil (-0.1%). A price increase was recorded for air transport (+8.3%).



### 08 Communications

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Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 0.8% for the year to December 2008.



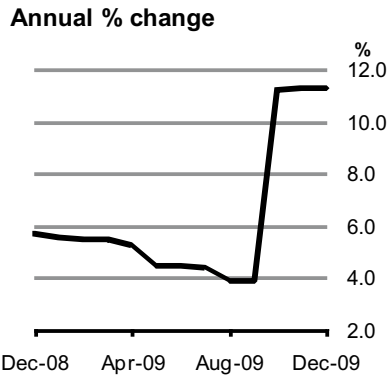
### 09 Recreation and Culture

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Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month and by 1.4% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 1.5% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for recording media (-3.1%), equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation (-1.8%), information processing equipment (-1.7%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-1.1%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-0.8%), games, toys & hobbies (-0.7%) and other entertainment (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for pets & other related products (+0.6%), cinema (+0.6%), stationery (+0.2%) and veterinary & other services for pets (+0.2%).

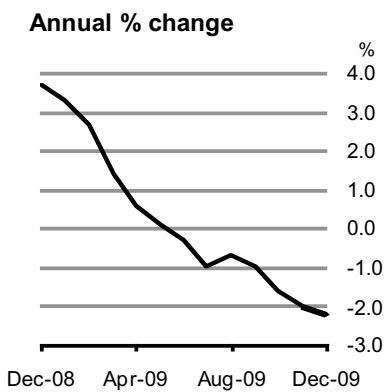
## 10 Education



Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 11.3% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 5.7% for the year to December 2008.

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## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

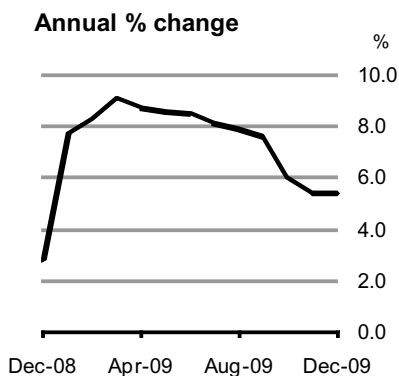


Prices for the overall category decreased by 0.4% in the month and by 2.2% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 3.7% for the year to December 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for accommodation services (-2.4%), wine & cider (-0.3%), beer (-0.2%), spirits (-0.2%) and soft drinks & mineral water (-0.1%). A price increase was recorded for restaurants, cafes & fast food (+0.1%).

### 11 Restaurants and Hotels

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services



Overall prices increased by 0.2% in the month and by 5.4% in the year to December 2009. This compares to an increase of 2.8% recorded for the year to December 2008.

In the month, price increases were recorded for hairdressing (+6.0%), health insurance (+0.6%), jewellery, clocks & watches (+0.2%) and financial services (+0.1%). Price decreases were recorded for electric appliances for personal care (-3.7%), health & beauty treatments (-2.2%), hygiene products (-2.1%), motor car insurance (-1.9%), other personal goods (-1.0%), hair products (-0.6%) and cosmetics & skincare products (-0.5%).

### 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	10.8076	101.2	-0.4	-7.8
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	107.4	-0.3	-6.9
Bread	0.6553	117.9	-0.8	-5.2
Flour	0.0517	133.4	-0.1	-9.1
Biscuits	0.3268	99.4	-1.0	-9.0
Cakes	0.3762	104.0	0.2	-6.2
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	96.7	-0.3	-7.5
Other cereals	0.0992	112.1	0.7	-6.3
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	100.0	0.9	-9.1
Meat	2.6729	98.9	-0.4	-6.7
Beef	0.7179	104.7	-0.7	-6.4
Lamb	0.2234	103.2	-0.4	-1.3
Pork	0.1781	94.8	2.6	1.9
Bacon	0.3906	94.4	0.5	-4.7
Poultry	0.4633	89.7	-2.5	-16.2
Other meat products	0.6996	101.0	-0.4	-5.4
Fish	0.3592	97.6	0.2	-6.5
Fresh fish	0.1814	94.1	-0.6	-7.2
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	101.3	1.0	-5.8
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	116.0	-0.2	-6.4
Milk	0.6567	125.5	-0.4	-5.5
Other milk products	0.2608	103.6	-0.7	-11.8
Cheese	0.2790	106.6	1.2	-5.2
Eggs	0.1212	113.4	-0.7	-2.4
Oils and fats	0.2734	111.1	0.2	-10.6
Butter	0.0813	113.0	0.4	-4.2
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	114.7	0.3	-11.0
Other oils & fats	0.0474	96.9	-0.4	-19.7
Fruit	0.8597	88.4	-0.1	-12.4
Fresh fruit	0.7731	86.6	-0.1	-13.5
Other fruits	0.0866	105.0	0.0	-3.0
Vegetables	1.5782	91.5	-0.5	-10.2
Potatoes	0.3256	76.9	-0.5	-12.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	93.3	-0.6	-12.3
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	114.8	-0.2	-2.7
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	91.0	-2.2	-11.0
Other vegetable products	0.3943	95.3	0.0	-7.6
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	103.1	-0.5	-8.4
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	95.7	-0.1	-4.7
Preserves	0.0526	111.9	2.7	-3.9
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	104.3	0.4	-8.2
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	100.7	-2.8	-10.2
Other food products	0.8312	98.1	-1.2	-6.5
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	99.2	0.0	-6.6
Soup	0.1102	103.8	-1.3	-5.9
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	96.1	-1.8	-6.5
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	0.9347	95.5	-1.6	-11.7
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	99.8	-0.8	-7.7
Tea	0.1417	103.9	-0.1	-5.4
Coffee	0.0817	91.6	-1.6	-12.6
Cocoa	0.0146	106.1	-3.3	-3.0
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	94.0	-2.0	-13.0
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	95.8	-2.3	-12.1
Fruit juices	0.2444	90.8	-1.2	-14.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7423</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-8.1</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.8725	101.9	-3.4	-3.1
Spirits	0.5818	99.5	-8.6	-6.6
Wine & cider	1.5258	100.5	-2.2	-2.8
Beer	0.7649	106.6	-1.6	-1.2
<b>Tobacco</b>	3.1759	120.7	0.0	4.7
Cigarettes	3.1271	120.9	0.1	4.8
Other tobacco products	0.0488	113.5	0.1	2.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0484</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>1.2</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.4488	74.8	-3.6	-14.8
Garments	4.2028	73.3	-3.8	-15.6
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	88.7	-2.0	-6.0
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	108.2	-0.7	-1.8
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	109.5	-0.3	-1.4
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	105.0	-1.7	-3.0
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9670	74.9	-3.6	-14.2
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	74.5	-3.6	-14.4
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	107.6	-0.2	-0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4158</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>-14.7</b>

**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	80.5	0.0	-31.8
Rents	2.8696	91.1	-0.2	-12.6
Mortgage interest	6.6607	75.9	0.0	-38.8
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	101.3	-0.2	-3.6
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	101.2	0.0	-2.3
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	101.4	-0.5	-5.8
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	105.1	0.0	-0.1
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	104.7	0.1	-7.3
Electricity	1.5444	111.5	0.0	-10.9
Natural gas	0.7560	79.7	0.0	-19.6
Bottled gas	0.1177	120.3	0.0	0.1
Liquid fuels	0.8538	100.4	0.5	5.2
Solid fuels	0.7423	118.5	0.1	-2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5083</b>	<b>90.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-21.2</b>



**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	85.4	-0.5	-7.1
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	85.8	-0.5	-7.0
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	81.9	-0.8	-8.1
Household textiles	0.2424	73.8	-1.5	-19.4
Household appliances	1.0459	92.5	-0.6	-1.8
Major household appliances	0.8435	91.7	-0.8	-1.6
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	89.8	-0.9	-3.4
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	106.4	0.0	-0.7
Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils	0.2577	84.9	-0.4	-8.8
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	96.3	-0.5	-1.9
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	95.2	-0.3	-3.4
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	96.6	-0.5	-1.5
Goods & services for routine hsehd maint.	1.4321	99.2	0.1	-3.2
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	93.2	0.3	-9.6
Domestic & household services	0.7638	104.5	0.0	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4221</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-4.8</b>

**Table 6 Health - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	99.3	-0.1	-2.8
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	98.6	0.0	-2.9
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	96.9	0.0	-3.3
Other medicines	0.2512	102.8	0.0	-1.6
Other medical products	0.0456	96.5	-0.5	-6.8
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	102.3	0.0	-2.2
Outpatient services	1.0313	112.6	0.0	-0.6
Medical services	0.6684	113.4	0.0	-2.0
Doctors' fees	0.4792	114.3	0.0	-2.1
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	111.2	0.0	-1.5
Dental services	0.3628	111.3	0.0	2.2
Hospital services	0.9459	126.1	0.0	11.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1536</b>	<b>111.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.5</b>

**Table 7 Transport - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	91.8	-2.3	-7.0
Motor cars	5.6398	91.8	-2.3	-7.0
Motor cycles	0.0373	99.0	0.0	-1.6
Bicycles	0.0549	91.8	-1.5	-7.1
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	112.2	-0.1	9.1
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	101.8	0.0	-2.6
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	112.5	-0.2	14.6
Petrol	2.9759	114.3	-0.3	16.6
Diesel	0.7604	105.2	-0.1	6.5
Motor oil	0.0143	111.8	-0.1	1.4
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	112.5	0.0	-2.8
Other services	1.1611	114.0	-0.2	4.5
Motor tax	0.8380	114.3	0.0	4.1
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	113.4	-0.7	5.7
Driving licences	0.0058	100.9	0.0	0.9
Transport services	1.6008	113.2	1.9	6.9
Rail transport	0.2189	116.5	0.0	8.3
Road transport	0.9286	115.6	0.0	5.1
Bus fares	0.3926	125.6	0.0	11.7
Taxi	0.5360	108.2	0.0	0.0
Air transport	0.4009	107.4	8.3	12.8
Sea transport	0.0290	94.0	-0.5	-15.2
Combined transport	0.0183	119.1	0.0	8.6
Other transport	0.0051	77.6	0.0	-15.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2933</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>

**Table 8 Communications - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Postal services	0.0798	111.6	0.0	0.0
Telephone & communication services	3.3387	101.6	0.0	-0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4184</b>	<b>101.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	65.2	-2.0	-15.3
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	60.6	-1.1	-13.9
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	62.1	-0.8	-13.1
Information processing equip.	0.1713	46.3	-1.7	-26.0
Recording media	0.3927	78.1	-3.1	-13.7
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	92.8	0.0	-0.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	89.4	-0.3	-8.6
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	76.2	-0.7	-11.5
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	93.2	-1.8	-3.6
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	99.1	0.0	-4.4
Pets & related products	0.2570	89.3	0.6	-16.9
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	110.9	0.2	-0.8
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	110.1	0.1	1.3
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	112.4	0.0	1.8
Sports admittance	0.1449	110.5	0.0	-0.5
Sports participation	0.3086	105.5	0.0	0.3
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	116.0	0.0	2.9
Cultural services	2.1011	108.8	0.1	0.9
Cinema	0.2026	107.5	0.6	2.0
Nightclubs	0.2299	101.6	0.0	-2.7
Cultural admittance	0.5231	112.9	0.0	4.3
Other entertainment	0.1791	99.7	-0.1	-3.3
Television services	0.9664	110.2	0.0	0.4
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	106.3	0.0	-3.3
Books	0.4724	101.2	0.1	-2.0
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	111.2	0.0	-4.1
Stationery	0.3233	99.9	0.2	-2.2
Package holidays	2.5280	108.6	0.1	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.1041</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.4</b>

**Table 10 Education - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Primary education	0.0334	119.8	0.0	2.4
Second level education	0.1695	120.7	0.0	2.5
Third level education	1.0183	134.3	0.0	20.2
Other education & training	0.8217	113.9	0.0	2.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0429</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	108.7	-0.1	-0.2
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	108.1	-0.1	-0.6
Beer	4.7087	109.6	-0.2	-0.3
Spirits	1.3776	108.9	-0.2	0.0
Wine & cider	1.0197	107.6	-0.3	-0.5
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	109.8	-0.1	0.2
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	106.0	0.1	-1.7
Canteens	1.3573	114.1	0.0	4.0
Accommodation services	2.3950	84.2	-2.4	-14.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.4247</b>	<b>104.9</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-2.2</b>

**Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - December 2009**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	97.0	1.5	-7.5
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	109.9	4.8	-0.9
Hairdressing	0.7537	110.0	6.0	-0.5
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	109.0	-2.2	-3.2
Other personal grooming	0.0071	113.6	-0.2	2.3
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	90.2	-3.7	-6.7
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	89.4	-0.9	-11.8
Hygiene products	0.3344	89.8	-2.1	-16.2
Hair products	0.2034	81.8	-0.6	-18.0
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	94.1	-0.5	-6.9
Toilet accessories	0.3093	84.3	-0.2	-13.2
Personal goods	0.4855	88.2	-0.5	-5.8
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	110.9	0.2	3.5
Other personal goods	0.3143	75.8	-1.0	-12.2
Social protection	1.0171	112.6	0.0	1.2
Childcare	0.9858	112.0	0.0	1.1
Other social protection	0.0314	129.6	0.0	2.2
Insurance	3.9334	120.2	-0.2	16.7
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	128.7	0.0	16.8
Health insurance	1.7726	131.4	0.6	21.3
Transport insurance	1.4106	101.6	-1.9	9.6
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	69.6	0.0	-19.8
Motor car insurance	1.3913	102.1	-1.9	10.1
Financial services	0.1262	102.9	0.1	-4.6
Other services	0.4639	109.1	-0.3	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4260</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>5.4</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
<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>2008</b>													
Mid-July	-0.4	+0.1	-10.9	+1.3	-1.4	+0.1	+0.5	-	-0.2	-	+0.2	-0.2	-0.3
Mid-August	-0.3	-	+5.8	+2.5	+0.2	+0.8	-1.6	-	-	+0.2	-0.2	+0.1	+0.5
Mid-September	-0.1	+0.2	+4.3	+0.7	+0.4	+0.1	-0.6	+1.2	-0.1	-	-0.1	-0.1	+0.3
Mid-October	-0.1	+0.2	-2.0	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-1.8	-0.1	+0.3	+3.6	+0.1	+1.3	-0.2
Mid-November	+0.5	+3.9	+1.3	-5.4	+0.2	+0.6	-2.2	-0.2	-0.2	+0.8	+0.2	+0.5	-0.9
Mid-December	+0.1	-	-2.7	-4.4	+0.2	-0.1	-2.9	-	+0.5	-	-0.1	+0.2	-1.2
<b>2009</b>													
Mid-January	+0.2	+0.9	-13.2	-7.0	-2.6	+2.8	-0.8	-0.1	-0.8	-	-0.6	+4.6	-1.7
Mid-February	-0.4	-0.2	+7.5	-4.5	+1.7	+0.1	-0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2	-0.2	+0.8	-0.4
Mid-March	-0.5	-	+4.6	-1.7	+0.3	-	+0.5	-	-0.4	-	-0.3	+1.0	-
Mid-April	-1.1	+2.1	-3.6	-4.5	-1.3	+0.3	+1.1	-	+0.3	-0.2	+0.3	-	-0.8
Mid-May	-0.4	+0.4	+0.8	-4.0	-0.3	-0.6	+0.4	-	+0.2	-0.2	+0.3	+0.1	-0.5
Mid-June	-0.9	-	-2.6	-1.6	-0.1	-0.1	+1.5	-	-0.1	-	+0.1	-	-0.3
Mid-July	-1.3	+0.2	-9.9	-0.3	-1.5	+0.1	+0.4	-	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.8
Mid-August	-1.0	-	+3.4	+1.1	+0.5	+0.1	+1.1	-	-	-0.3	+0.1	-0.1	+0.4
Mid-September	-1.3	-	+3.6	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9	-	-0.3	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Mid-October	-0.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.4	-1.0	-0.2	-1.0	-	-0.1	+10.9	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2
Mid-November	-0.8	-0.4	+0.1	-	-	+0.1	+0.8	-	-0.1	+1.0	-0.2	-0.1	-
Mid-December	-0.5	-1.5	-3.6	-	-0.3	-	-0.8	-	-0.1	-	-0.4	+0.2	-0.5

**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>2008</b>													
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
Mid-August	+6.4	+4.4	-5.1	+11.5	-1.9	+6.3	+4.1	-0.3	+1.4	+6.5	+2.5	+3.0	+4.3
Mid-September	+6.1	+4.6	-5.5	+12.0	-1.7	+6.3	+4.3	+1.0	+1.1	+6.5	+2.7	+0.9	+4.3
Mid-October	+4.6	+4.8	-6.8	+11.5	-1.6	+5.6	+3.0	+0.9	+1.4	+6.2	+2.9	+2.1	+4.0
Mid-November	+4.0	+8.8	-7.2	+4.8	-1.9	+5.9	-0.7	+0.7	+1.0	+5.7	+3.7	+2.5	+2.5
Mid-December	+3.2	+6.8	-6.5	-0.5	-1.3	+5.8	-3.5	+0.8	+1.5	+5.7	+3.7	+2.8	+1.1
<b>Year</b>	<b>+6.5</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>+9.6</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>+6.0</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>+6.1</b>	<b>+3.1</b>	<b>+2.4</b>	<b>+4.1</b>
<b>2009</b>													
Mid-January	+3.0	+6.9	-6.9	-7.9	-1.1	+5.8	-4.0	+0.7	+0.5	+5.6	+3.3	+7.7	-0.1
Mid-February	+0.8	+6.2	-11.2	-12.6	-2.2	+4.8	-4.8	+0.8	+0.2	+5.5	+2.7	+8.3	-1.7
Mid-March	-0.5	+5.9	-8.6	-15.1	-1.9	+4.7	-6.7	+0.8	-0.3	+5.5	+1.4	+9.1	-2.6
Mid-April	-1.7	+8.0	-11.9	-19.1	-3.0	+4.5	-4.8	+0.8	+0.1	+5.3	+0.6	+8.7	-3.5
Mid-May	-2.5	+7.9	-10.8	-23.6	-3.2	+3.5	-5.5	+0.8	-0.2	+4.5	+0.1	+8.6	-4.7
Mid-June	-3.3	+7.6	-12.2	-25.6	-3.2	+3.4	-6.1	+0.9	-0.4	+4.5	-0.3	+8.5	-5.4
Mid-July	-4.2	+7.7	-11.2	-26.8	-3.2	+3.4	-6.2	+0.9	-0.3	+4.4	-1.0	+8.1	-5.9
Mid-August	-4.8	+7.7	-13.2	-27.8	-2.9	+2.7	-3.7	+0.9	-0.3	+3.9	-0.7	+7.9	-5.9
Mid-September	-6.0	+7.5	-13.8	-28.5	-3.6	+2.5	-4.0	-0.3	-0.5	+3.9	-1.0	+7.6	-6.5
Mid-October	-6.4	+7.1	-12.8	-28.8	-4.1	+3.0	-3.1	-0.2	-0.9	+11.2	-1.6	+6.0	-6.6
Mid-November	-7.6	+2.7	-13.9	-24.7	-4.3	+2.4	-0.1	-	-0.8	+11.3	-2.0	+5.4	-5.7
Mid-December	-8.1	+1.2	-14.7	-21.2	-4.8	+2.5	+2.1	-	-1.4	+11.3	-2.2	+5.4	-5.0
<b>Year</b>	<b>-3.5</b>	<b>+6.3</b>	<b>-11.7</b>	<b>-22.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>-4.0</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>+6.4</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+7.6</b>	<b>-4.5</b>

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - December 2009**

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	-	100.8	-	-8.1	-	-8.1
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	111.8	-	+1.2	-	+1.2
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	73.8	108.2	-15.2	-1.6	-14.7
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	105.7	86.5	-0.3	-25.8	-21.2
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	88.6	104.7	-6.6	+2.0	-4.8
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	99.3	119.1	-2.8	+5.3	+2.5
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	100.1	113.3	+1.4	+3.9	+2.1
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	76.9	102.0	-7.3	+0.0	-
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	89.8	109.4	-7.6	+2.7	-1.4
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	124.7	-	+11.3	+11.3
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	104.9	-	-2.2	-2.2
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	89.1	116.4	-10.5	+9.9	+5.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>47.080</b>	<b>52.920</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>-5.0</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 <sup>1</sup>	Tobacco	Energy Products <sup>2</sup>	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<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
Mid-August	+ 3.5	+ 5.3	+ 13.8	+ 3.2	+ 3.3	+ 4.3	+ 3.6	+ 4.3
Mid-September	+ 3.0	+ 5.5	+ 14.3	+ 3.2	+ 3.3	+ 4.2	+ 3.5	+ 4.3
Mid-October	+ 1.8	+ 5.9	+ 11.0	+ 2.8	+ 2.8	+ 3.9	+ 3.4	+ 4.0
Mid-November	+ 0.4	+ 4.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.1	+ 2.4	+ 2.2	+ 2.4	+ 2.5
Mid-December	- 0.9	+ 2.7	- 3.3	+ 1.5	+ 1.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.5	+ 1.1
<b>Year</b>	<b>+ 3.0</b>	<b>+ 5.0</b>	<b>+ 8.8</b>	<b>+ 3.1</b>	<b>+ 3.2</b>	<b>+ 4.0</b>	<b>+ 3.6</b>	<b>+ 4.1</b>
<b>2009</b> Mid-January	- 1.6	+ 1.3	- 6.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	- 0.4	+ 0.6	- 0.1
Mid-February	- 2.8	- 0.7	- 3.7	+ 0.5	+ 0.8	- 2.1	- 1.4	- 1.7
Mid-March	- 3.7	- 1.7	- 6.8	- 0.3	+ 0.1	- 3.0	- 2.3	- 2.6
Mid-April	- 3.8	- 3.2	- 4.9	- 0.3	–	- 3.9	- 3.4	- 3.5
Mid-May	- 4.5	- 4.8	- 10.5	- 1.2	- 0.9	- 5.2	- 4.1	- 4.7
Mid-June	- 5.0	- 5.6	- 11.3	- 1.6	- 1.3	- 5.9	- 4.8	- 5.4
Mid-July	- 5.5	- 6.2	- 13.4	- 2.0	- 1.6	- 6.4	- 5.1	- 5.9
Mid-August	- 5.0	- 6.8	- 11.4	- 1.8	- 1.5	- 6.5	- 5.4	- 5.9
Mid-September	- 5.3	- 7.5	- 11.7	- 2.4	- 2.2	- 7.1	- 6.1	- 6.5
Mid-October	- 5.2	- 7.7	- 10.5	- 2.4	- 2.1	- 7.2	- 6.2	- 6.6
Mid-November	- 4.9	- 6.3	- 3.7	- 2.2	- 2.1	- 6.2	- 5.9	- 5.7
Mid-December	- 4.8	- 5.1	+ 2.4	- 2.2	- 1.9	- 5.4	- 5.7	- 5.0
<b>Year</b>	<b>- 4.3</b>	<b>- 4.6</b>	<b>- 7.9</b>	<b>- 1.2</b>	<b>- 1.0</b>	<b>- 5.0</b>	<b>- 4.1</b>	<b>- 4.5</b>

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

2 Energy products includes electricity, gas, other domestic and transport fuels.



**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 month	12 months	Current base Dec. 2006	One month	12 months	Current base Dec. 2006	One month	12 months
<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
Mid-August	109.4	-	+ 6.4	102.9	- 0.8	+ 1.5	107.5	- 0.2	+ 5.0
Mid-September	109.3	- 0.1	+ 6.2	102.6	- 0.3	+ 0.8	107.3	- 0.2	+ 4.6
Mid-October	109.0	- 0.3	+ 4.6	103.0	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	107.2	- 0.1	+ 3.6
Mid-November	110.4	+ 1.3	+ 4.7	102.7	- 0.3	+ 1.1	108.1	+ 0.8	+ 3.7
Mid-December	110.2	- 0.2	+ 3.9	102.5	- 0.2	+ 1.1	107.9	- 0.2	+ 3.1
<b>Year</b>	<b>109.3</b>		<b>+ 6.4</b>	<b>103.1</b>		<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>107.5</b>		<b>+ 5.2</b>
<b>2009</b> Mid-January	110.4	+ 0.2	+ 3.6	103.7	+ 1.2	+ 1.7	108.4	+ 0.5	+ 3.0
Mid-February	110.2	- 0.2	+ 1.6	103.0	- 0.7	+ 0.3	108.1	- 0.3	+ 1.2
Mid-March	109.6	- 0.5	+ 0.2	102.5	- 0.5	- 1.0	107.5	- 0.6	- 0.2
Mid-April	108.8	- 0.7	- 0.6	101.2	- 1.3	- 2.4	106.6	- 0.8	- 1.1
Mid-May	108.6	- 0.2	- 1.1	100.4	- 0.8	- 3.7	106.2	- 0.4	- 1.8
Mid-June	108.0	- 0.6	- 1.5	99.0	- 1.4	- 4.7	105.3	- 0.8	- 2.5
Mid-July	107.2	- 0.7	- 2.0	96.7	- 2.3	- 6.8	104.1	- 1.1	- 3.3
Mid-August	106.6	- 0.6	- 2.6	95.3	- 1.4	- 7.4	103.3	- 0.8	- 3.9
Mid-September	105.6	- 0.9	- 3.4	93.8	- 1.6	- 8.6	102.1	- 1.2	- 4.8
Mid-October	104.9	- 0.7	- 3.8	93.4	- 0.4	- 9.3	101.5	- 0.6	- 5.3
Mid-November	104.1	- 0.8	- 5.7	92.5	- 1.0	- 9.9	100.7	- 0.8	- 6.8
Mid-December	102.9	- 1.2	- 6.6	91.9	- 0.6	- 10.3	99.6	- 1.1	- 7.7
<b>Year</b>	<b>107.3</b>		<b>- 1.8</b>	<b>97.8</b>		<b>- 5.1</b>	<b>104.4</b>		<b>- 2.9</b>

<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

## 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, 8th December 2009.
- 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 takeaways; 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.