

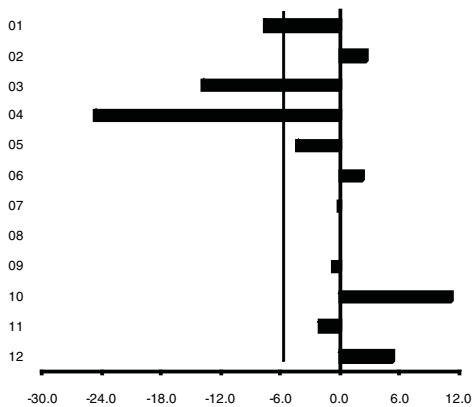


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Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices Release November 2009

Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - November 2009
All Items -5.7%



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.8	-7.6
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.4	+2.7
03 Clothing and Footwear	+0.1	-13.9
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-	-24.7
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-	-4.3
06 Health	+0.1	+2.4
07 Transport	+0.8	-0.1
08 Communications	-	-
09 Recreation and Culture	-0.1	-0.8
10 Education	+1.0	+11.3
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-0.2	-2.0
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.1	+5.4
ALL ITEMS	-	-5.7

Prices fall by 5.7% in the year to November

Consumer Prices in November, as measured by the CPI, remained unchanged in the month. This compares to a decrease of 0.9% recorded in November of last year. As a result, prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 5.7% lower in November compared with November 2008.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-0.8%) and *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (-0.4%). There were increases in *Education* (+1.0%) and *Transport* (+0.8%).

The most notable changes in the year were decreases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-24.7%), *Clothing & Footwear* (-13.9%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-7.6%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-4.3%). There were increases in *Education* (+11.3%), *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+5.4%), *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+2.7%) and *Health* (+2.4%).

Services prices fell by 6.3% in the year to November, while Goods fell by 4.9%.

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 Nov 08 and Nov 09

COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change		
	Nov '07 - Nov'08	Nov '08 - Nov'09	Difference
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+ 0.47	- 0.92	- 1.39
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+ 0.51	+ 0.17	- 0.34
03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.36	- 0.63	- 0.27
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+ 0.86	- 4.55	- 5.41
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.08	- 0.17	- 0.09
06 Health	+ 0.18	+ 0.08	- 0.10
07 Transport	- 0.09	- 0.02	+ 0.07
08 Communications	+ 0.02	-	- 0.02
09 Recreation and Culture	+ 0.10	- 0.07	- 0.17
10 Education	+ 0.12	+ 0.24	+ 0.12
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+ 0.56	- 0.30	- 0.86
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.20	+ 0.44	+ 0.24
ALL ITEMS % change	+ 2.5¹	- 5.7¹	- 8.2¹
Goods	+ 0.18	- 2.28	- 2.46
Services ²	+ 2.32	- 3.45	- 5.77

¹ The sum may not total exactly due to rounding differences

² Includes Mortgage Interest

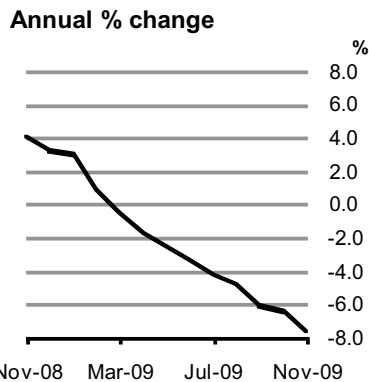
Table B Positive and Negative factors in the comparison of the Annual Rate of Inflation for Nov 08 and Nov 09

COICOP Group	+	COICOP Group	-
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.24	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 5.41
10 Education	+ 0.12	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 1.39
07 Transport	+ 0.07	11 Restaurants and Hotels	- 0.86
		02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	- 0.34
		03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.27
		09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.17
		06 Health	- 0.10
		05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.09
		08 Communication	- 0.02
Total Positive	+ 0.43	Total Negative	- 8.65
Net Difference (Positive less Negative)			- 8.2¹

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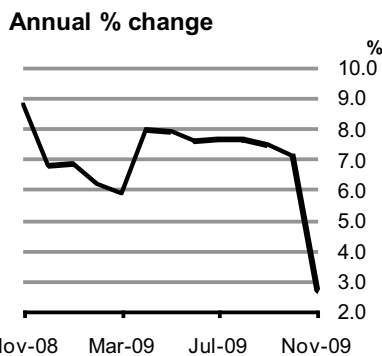
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Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.8% in the month and by 7.6% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 4.0% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, food prices decreased by 0.8% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.9%. In November, price decreases were recorded for potatoes (-5.8%), other bread & cereals (-3.1%), pork (-2.7%), other oils & fats (-2.7%), cheese (-2.5%), frozen, tinned & smoked fish (-2.3%), cakes (-2.2%), soft drinks & mineral water (-2.1%), fresh fruit (-2.0%), poultry (-1.7%), fresh fish (-1.5%), flour (-1.4%), desserts & ice cream (-1.3%), milk (-0.9%), condiments & sauces (-0.9%), coffee (-0.9%) and other cereals (-0.8%). Price increases were recorded for biscuits (+2.3%), cocoa (+1.5%), lamb (+1.3%), preserves (+0.8%) and frozen vegetables (+0.6%).

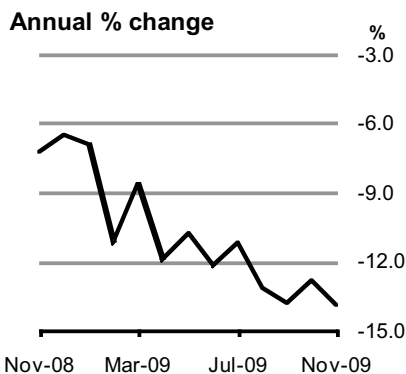


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Overall prices decreased by 0.4% in the month and increased by 2.7% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 8.8% for the year to November 2008. The monthly decrease is due to lower prices for spirits and wine (off-licences and supermarkets).

In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 1.0% while tobacco prices remained unchanged. Price decreases were recorded for spirits (-2.0%), wine & cider (-1.2%) and beer (-0.1%).



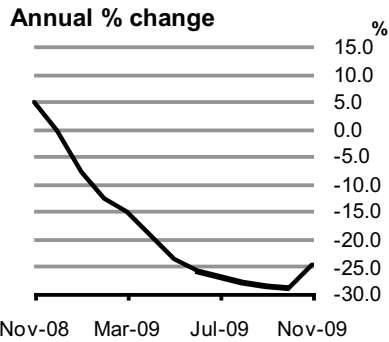
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Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 13.9% in the year to November 2009. This compares to a decrease of 7.2% for the year to November 2008. In the month, clothing prices increased by 0.3%, while footwear prices remained unchanged.

In the month, price increases were recorded for other articles of clothing (+0.7%) and garments (+0.3%). Price decreases were recorded for dry cleaning & laundry (-0.5%) and dress hire & repair of clothing (-0.3%).

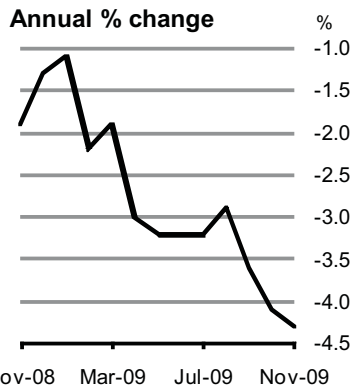
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels



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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 24.7% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 4.8% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for rents (-1.9%) and solid fuels (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+7.0%), materials for maintenance & repair of dwelling (+0.2%), bottled gas (+0.2%) and mortgage interest (+0.1%).

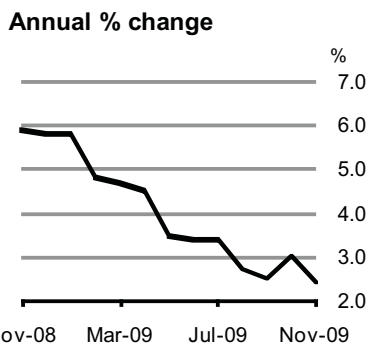


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 4.3% in the year to November 2009. This compares to a decrease of 1.9% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for non-durable household goods (-1.5%), small tools and miscellaneous accessories (-0.3%), carpets & other floor coverings (-0.2%), small electric household appliances (-0.2%) and major tools & equipment (-0.1%). A price increase was recorded for household textiles (+2.5%), furniture & furnishings (+0.5%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (+0.4%) and repair of household appliances (+0.2%).



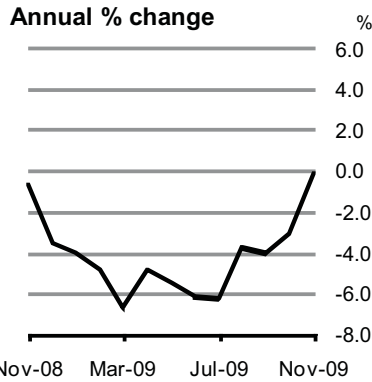
06 Health

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Overall health costs and charges increased by 0.1% in the month and by 2.4% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 5.9% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, price increases were recorded for prescribed drugs (+0.6%), doctors fees (+0.2%), dental services (+0.2%) and other medicines (which includes pain relievers, antacid, cough mixture, vitamins & other supplements) (+0.2%). Price decreases were recorded for other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (-0.9%) and alternative & complementary medicine (-0.2%).

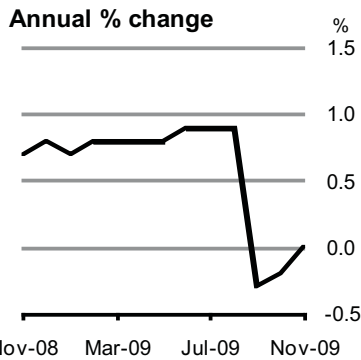
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Transport costs increased by 0.8% in the month and decreased by 0.1% in the year to November 2009. This compares to a decrease of 0.7% for the year to November 2008.

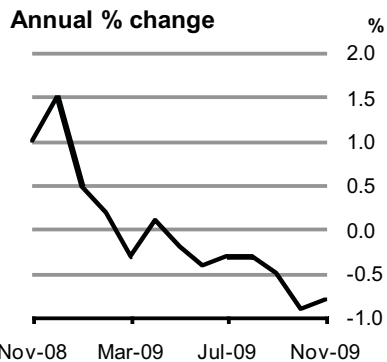
In the month, price increases were recorded for air transport (+9.9%), diesel (+3.4%), petrol (+3.1%), motor oil (+0.6%) and sea transport (+0.5%). Price decreases were recorded for other transport (-4.9%), maintenance & repair (-2.6%), other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees & car rental charges) (-0.9%), bicycles (-0.6%), motor cars (-0.5%) and spare parts & accessories (-0.1%).



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Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 0.7% for the year to November 2008.



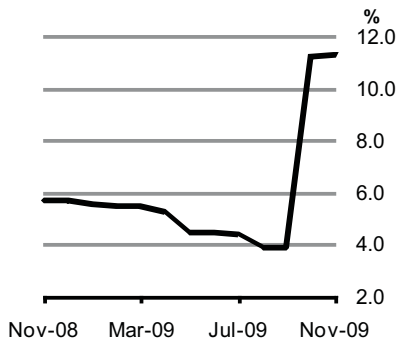
09 Recreation and Culture

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Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month and by 0.8% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 1.0% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for information processing equipment (-5.2%), recording media (-2.7%), other major durables for recreation & culture (-1.8%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-0.6%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-0.6%), games, toys & hobbies (-0.5%), night clubs (-0.5%) and books (-0.3%). Price increases were recorded for cultural admittance (+2.0%) and cinema (+1.5%).

Annual % change



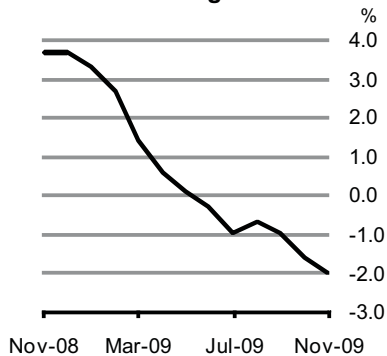
10 Education

Education costs increased by 1.0% in the month and by 11.3% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 5.7% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, a price increase was recorded for other education & training (including adult education and short term study courses) (+2.8%).

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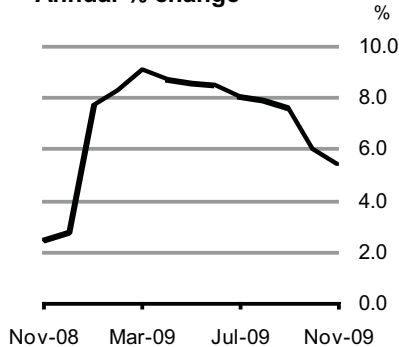
11 Restaurants and Hotels

Prices for the overall category decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 2.0% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 3.7% for the year to November 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for accommodation services (-1.1%), restaurants, cafes & fast food (-0.3%) and wine & cider (-0.1%). A price increase was recorded for beer (+0.1%).

11 Restaurants and Hotels

Annual % change



12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 5.4% in the year to November 2009. This compares to an increase of 2.5% recorded for the year to November 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for hair products (-0.8%), hairdressing (-0.6%), electric appliance for personal care (-0.6%), toilet accessories (-0.5%), motor car insurance (-0.4%) and cosmetics & skincare products (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for other personal goods (+0.5%) and other services (which includes funerals, weddings, legal & professional services) (+0.3%).

12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Food	10.8076	101.6	-0.8	-7.5
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	107.7	-0.6	-6.4
Bread	0.6553	118.9	-0.2	-4.2
Flour	0.0517	133.6	-1.4	-7.5
Biscuits	0.3268	100.4	2.3	-7.8
Cakes	0.3762	103.8	-2.2	-5.0
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	97.0	-0.2	-8.8
Other cereals	0.0992	111.3	-0.8	-6.4
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	99.1	-3.1	-10.2
Meat	2.6729	99.3	-0.4	-6.4
Beef	0.7179	105.4	0.0	-6.0
Lamb	0.2234	103.6	1.3	-6.0
Pork	0.1781	92.4	-2.7	-0.6
Bacon	0.3906	93.9	-0.5	-5.2
Poultry	0.4633	92.0	-1.7	-13.1
Other meat products	0.6996	101.4	0.0	-4.3
Fish	0.3592	97.4	-1.9	-5.9
Fresh fish	0.1814	94.7	-1.5	-3.5
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	100.3	-2.3	-7.9
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	116.2	-1.0	-6.5
Milk	0.6567	126.0	-0.9	-5.6
Other milk products	0.2608	104.3	0.1	-10.9
Cheese	0.2790	105.3	-2.5	-6.4
Eggs	0.1212	114.2	-0.4	-2.7
Oils and fats	0.2734	110.9	-0.6	-11.0
Butter	0.0813	112.6	-0.6	-4.7
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	114.3	-0.2	-11.7
Other oils & fats	0.0474	97.3	-2.7	-19.5
Fruit	0.8597	88.5	-1.9	-12.1
Fresh fruit	0.7731	86.7	-2.0	-13.1
Other fruits	0.0866	105.0	0.4	-3.7
Vegetables	1.5782	92.0	-1.1	-9.7
Potatoes	0.3256	77.3	-5.8	-16.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	93.9	0.0	-10.2
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	115.0	0.3	-0.3
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	93.0	0.6	-9.9
Other vegetable products	0.3943	95.3	-0.5	-6.8
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	103.6	-0.7	-7.7
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	95.8	0.1	-5.0
Preserves	0.0526	109.0	0.8	-6.3
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	103.9	-0.6	-8.1
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	103.6	-1.3	-8.1
Other food products	0.8312	99.3	-0.5	-5.6
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	99.2	-0.9	-7.5
Soup	0.1102	105.2	-0.2	-3.8
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	97.9	-0.4	-4.9
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.9347	97.1	-0.9	-10.1
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	100.6	0.1	-7.3
Tea	0.1417	104.0	0.4	-5.4
Coffee	0.0817	93.1	-0.9	-11.9
Cocoa	0.0146	109.7	1.5	-1.3
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	95.9	-1.3	-11.0
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	98.1	-2.1	-9.7
Fruit juices	0.2444	91.9	0.2	-13.5
Total	11.7423	101.3	-0.8	-7.6

Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Alcoholic Beverages	2.8725	105.5	-1.0	-0.7
Spirits	0.5818	108.9	-2.0	-1.4
Wine & cider	1.5258	102.8	-1.2	-1.1
Beer	0.7649	108.3	-0.1	0.7
Tobacco	3.1759	120.7	0.0	5.6
Cigarettes	3.1271	120.8	0.0	5.6
Other tobacco products	0.0488	113.4	0.0	3.1
Total	6.0484	113.5	-0.4	2.7

Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Clothing	4.4488	77.6	0.3	-13.9
Garments	4.2028	76.2	0.3	-14.8
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	90.5	0.7	-4.3
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	109.0	-0.4	-0.3
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	109.8	-0.5	-0.5
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	106.8	-0.3	0.0
Footwear	0.9670	77.7	0.0	-13.6
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	77.3	0.0	-13.8
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	107.8	0.0	0.4
Total	5.4158	77.6	0.1	-13.9

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	80.5	-0.6	-35.9
Rents	2.8696	91.3	-1.9	-12.2
Mortgage interest	6.6607	75.9	0.1	-43.7
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	101.5	0.1	-2.9
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	101.2	0.2	-1.9
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	101.9	0.0	-4.5
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	105.1	0.0	-0.1
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	104.6	1.4	-10.7
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	0.2	0.2
Liquid fuels	0.8538	99.9	7.0	-13.0
Solid fuels	0.7423	118.4	-0.1	-2.1
Total	16.5083	90.2	0.0	-24.7

Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	85.8	0.4	-5.9
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	86.2	0.5	-6.6
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	82.6	-0.2	-0.7
Household textiles	0.2424	74.9	2.5	-17.8
Household appliances	1.0459	93.1	-0.1	-1.4
Major household appliances	0.8435	92.4	0.0	-1.2
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	90.6	-0.2	-3.2
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	106.4	0.2	-0.7
Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils	0.2577	85.2	0.4	-8.5
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	96.8	-0.2	-1.0
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	95.5	-0.1	-2.8
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	97.1	-0.3	-0.6
Goods & services for routine hsehd maint.	1.4321	99.1	-0.6	-3.0
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	92.9	-1.5	-10.2
Domestic & household services	0.7638	104.5	0.0	3.4
Total	4.4221	92.1	0.0	-4.3

Table 6 Health - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	99.4	0.4	-2.8
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	98.6	0.5	-3.0
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	96.9	0.6	-3.3
Other medicines	0.2512	102.8	0.2	-1.9
Other medical products	0.0456	97.0	-0.9	-6.4
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	0.2	-2.1
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	111.2	-0.2	-1.5
Dental services	0.3628	111.3	0.2	2.2
Hospital services	0.9459	126.1	0.0	11.7
Total	3.1536	111.7	0.1	2.4

Table 7 Transport - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	94.0	-0.5	-4.8
Motor cars	5.6398	94.0	-0.5	-4.8
Motor cycles	0.0373	99.0	0.0	-1.6
Bicycles	0.0549	93.2	-0.6	-6.3
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	112.3	1.5	3.1
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	101.8	-0.1	-2.6
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	112.7	3.1	4.4
Petrol	2.9759	114.6	3.1	6.5
Diesel	0.7604	105.3	3.4	-3.7
Motor oil	0.0143	111.9	0.6	1.5
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	112.5	-2.6	-2.8
Other services	1.1611	114.2	-0.3	4.9
Motor tax	0.8380	114.3	0.0	4.1
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	114.2	-0.9	7.0
Driving licences	0.0058	100.9	0.0	0.9
Transport services	1.6008	111.1	2.0	2.4
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	99.2	9.9	-6.2
Sea transport	0.0290	94.5	0.5	-12.5
Combined transport	0.0183	119.1	0.0	8.6
Other transport	0.0051	77.6	-4.9	-15.8
Total	13.2933	104.3	0.8	-0.1

Table 8 Communications - November 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
Total	3.4184	101.9	0.0	0.0

Table 9 Recreation and Culture - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	66.5	-2.2	-14.7
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	61.3	-0.6	-14.4
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	62.6	-0.6	-14.5
Information processing equip.	0.1713	47.1	-5.2	-26.1
Recording media	0.3927	80.6	-2.7	-11.3
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	92.8	-1.8	-0.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	89.7	-0.2	-8.7
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	76.7	-0.5	-12.3
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	94.9	0.0	-2.9
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	99.1	0.0	-4.3
Pets & related products	0.2570	88.8	0.0	-17.3
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	110.7	0.0	-0.1
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	110.0	0.4	1.2
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	-0.1	0.3
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	116.0	0.0	2.9
Cultural services	2.1011	108.7	0.6	0.9
Cinema	0.2026	106.9	1.5	1.5
Nightclubs	0.2299	101.6	-0.5	-2.7
Cultural admittance	0.5231	112.9	2.0	4.3
Other entertainment	0.1791	99.8	-0.2	-2.3
Television services	0.9664	110.2	0.0	0.4
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	106.3	-0.2	-0.4
Books	0.4724	101.1	-0.3	-3.4
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	111.2	-0.2	1.7
Stationery	0.3233	99.7	0.2	-2.1
Package holidays	2.5280	108.5	0.1	5.3
Total	10.1041	101.3	-0.1	-0.8

Table 10 Education - November 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	2.8	2.4
Total	2.0429	124.7	1.0	11.3

Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	108.8	0.0	0.1
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	108.2	0.0	-0.3
Beer	4.7087	109.8	0.1	0.1
Spirits	1.3776	109.1	0.0	0.3
Wine & cider	1.0197	107.9	-0.1	-0.2
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	109.9	0.0	0.3
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	105.9	-0.3	-1.2
Canteens	1.3573	114.1	0.0	4.0
Accommodation services	2.3950	86.3	-1.1	-14.0
Total	15.4247	105.3	-0.2	-2.0

Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - November 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	95.6	-0.4	-8.7
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	104.9	-0.5	-5.0
Hairdressing	0.7537	103.8	-0.6	-5.7
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	111.4	0.0	-1.1
Other personal grooming	0.0071	113.8	0.0	2.4
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	93.7	-0.6	-4.3
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	90.2	-0.3	-11.0
Hygiene products	0.3344	91.7	0.3	-14.1
Hair products	0.2034	82.3	-0.8	-16.7
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	94.6	-0.4	-6.4
Toilet accessories	0.3093	84.5	-0.5	-14.0
Personal goods	0.4855	88.6	0.3	-5.5
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	110.7	0.2	4.2
Other personal goods	0.3143	76.6	0.5	-12.0
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	120.5	-0.2	17.3
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	128.7	0.0	16.8
Health insurance	1.7726	130.6	0.0	20.7
Transport insurance	1.4106	103.6	-0.4	12.7
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	69.6	0.0	-19.8
Motor car insurance	1.3913	104.1	-0.4	13.2
Financial services	0.1262	102.8	0.0	-5.0
Other services	0.4639	109.4	0.3	1.6
Total	8.4260	109.8	-0.1	5.4

Table 13 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
Mid-December 2006	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure													
Weights	11.742	6.048	5.416	16.509	4.422	3.154	13.293	3.418	10.104	2.043	15.425	8.426	100.000
2008													
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
2009													
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	-

Table 14 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Annual Percentage Changes

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communications	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	All Items CPI
Mid-December 2006	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
% Base Expenditure													
Weights	11.742	6.048	5.416	16.509	4.422	3.154	13.293	3.418	10.104	2.043	15.425	8.426	100.000
2008 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
Year	+6.5	+4.8	-4.9	+9.6	-1.6	+6.0	+3.4	+1.0	+1.3	+6.1	+3.1	+2.4	+4.1
2009 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

Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - November 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	-	101.3	-	-7.6	-	-7.6
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	113.5	-	+2.7	-	+2.7
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	76.7	108.9	-14.3	-0.2	-13.9
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	105.5	86.5	-5.0	-29.0	-24.7
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	89.0	104.6	-6.1	+2.8	-4.3
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	99.4	119.1	-2.8	+5.3	+2.4
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	101.4	112.5	-1.0	+2.2	-0.1
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	90.2	109.4	-6.3	+2.9	-0.8
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	124.7	-	+11.3	+11.3
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	105.3	-	-2.0	-2.0
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	89.8	116.0	-9.8	+9.8	+5.4
ALL ITEMS		100.000	47.080	52.920	98.0	103.8	-4.9	-6.3	-5.7

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

Period	Goods	Services	Energy	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	All Items
				Mortgage Interest	Housing ¹	Tobacco	Energy Products ²	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
2007 Mid-January	+ 0.6	+ 9.1	+ 4.8	+ 2.7	+ 2.7	+ 4.8	+ 5.2	+ 5.2
Mid-February	–	+ 9.1	+ 1.2	+ 2.5	+ 2.2	+ 4.6	+ 5.1	+ 4.8
Mid-March	+ 0.4	+ 9.3	+ 3.5	+ 2.7	+ 2.5	+ 4.9	+ 5.3	+ 5.1
Mid-April	+ 0.4	+ 9.1	+ 3.5	+ 2.6	+ 2.4	+ 4.8	+ 5.3	+ 5.1
Mid-May	+ 0.3	+ 9.1	+ 2.8	+ 2.6	+ 2.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.1	+ 5.0
Mid-June	+ 0.6	+ 8.9	+ 4.0	+ 2.6	+ 2.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.1	+ 4.9
Mid-July	+ 0.6	+ 8.7	+ 3.7	+ 2.5	+ 2.3	+ 4.7	+ 5.1	+ 5.0
Mid-August	+ 0.2	+ 8.5	+ 1.7	+ 2.2	+ 2.0	+ 4.3	+ 4.9	+ 4.8
Mid-September	+ 1.0	+ 7.9	+ 5.1	+ 2.6	+ 2.4	+ 4.4	+ 4.6	+ 4.6
Mid-October	+ 2.1	+ 7.3	+ 5.7	+ 2.8	+ 2.6	+ 4.5	+ 4.7	+ 4.8
Mid-November	+ 3.5	+ 6.4	+ 10.3	+ 3.4	+ 3.2	+ 4.8	+ 4.6	+ 5.0
Mid-December	+ 2.7	+ 6.5	+ 9.5	+ 3.1	+ 2.8	+ 4.7	+ 4.3	+ 4.7
Year	+ 1.0	+ 8.4	+ 4.6	+ 2.7	+ 2.4	+ 4.6	+ 4.9	+ 4.9
2008 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
Year	+ 3.0	+ 5.0	+ 8.8	+ 3.1	+ 3.2	+ 4.0	+ 3.6	+ 4.1
2009 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

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 ¹			Non-Groceries Order Items ²			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
2007 Mid-January	100.3	+ 0.3	- 0.5	100.1	+ 0.1	+ 5.1	100.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.8
Mid-February	100.4	+ 0.1	- 0.7	100.3	+ 0.2	+ 3.4	100.3	+ 0.1	+ 0.2
Mid-March	100.9	+ 0.5	- 0.4	99.5	- 0.8	+ 2.1	100.5	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
Mid-April	101.8	+ 0.9	+ 0.3	100.6	+ 1.1	+ 3.0	101.4	+ 0.9	+ 0.8
Mid-May	102.1	+ 0.3	+ 0.2	101.4	+ 0.8	+ 2.4	101.9	+ 0.5	+ 0.8
Mid-June	102.5	+ 0.4	+ 1.1	101.9	+ 0.5	+ 3.9	102.3	+ 0.4	+ 1.8
Mid-July	102.7	+ 0.2	+ 1.6	101.5	- 0.4	+ 2.7	102.3	-	+ 1.8
Mid-August	102.8	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	101.4	- 0.1	+ 2.4	102.4	+ 0.1	+ 1.9
Mid-September	102.9	+ 0.1	+ 1.8	101.8	+ 0.4	+ 2.3	102.6	+ 0.2	+ 2.0
Mid-October	104.2	+ 1.3	+ 3.3	101.9	+ 0.1	+ 2.7	103.5	+ 0.9	+ 3.1
Mid-November	105.4	+ 1.2	+ 5.0	101.6	- 0.3	+ 2.5	104.2	+ 0.7	+ 4.1
Mid-December	106.1	+ 0.7	+ 6.1	101.4	- 0.2	+ 1.4	104.7	+ 0.5	+ 4.7
Year	102.7		+ 1.6	101.1		+ 2.8	102.2		+ 1.8
2008 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
Year	109.3		+ 6.4	103.1		+ 2.0	107.5		+ 5.2
2009 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

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

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

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 November index relates is Tuesday, 10th November 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) and by request to the Consumer Prices Section (cpi@cso.ie).
- Methodological Details** A full methodological description of the new series is available in the CPI 2006 Introduction to Series booklet which is published on the website at http://www.cso.ie/surveysandmethodologies/documents/pdf_docs/introduction_to_series_base_december_2006.pdf
- Goods and Services** The consumer basket can be split into two constituent parts - goods and services according to the following definitions.
- Goods** Goods are defined as non service items usually purchased and transportable from a retail outlet - the basket excluding services.
- Services** Services include electricity, gas, telecommunications and other public utilities, alcoholic beverages consumed on licensed premises, meals out, accommodation services, public transport, medical fees, insurances, education fees, hairdressing & other personal services, childcare & social protection, entertainment & recreation services, mortgage interest & rents, package holidays and other miscellaneous services.
- Utilities and Local Charges** Includes electricity, gas, landline telecommunications and local authority service charges.

Background Notes – COICOP Classification

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

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main subgroups.

01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Food and non alcoholic beverages purchased in supermarkets, small shops, speciality shops and petrol station forecourt outlets. It excludes meals out which are covered under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Includes alcoholic beverages purchased in off licences and supermarkets but excludes alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels.
03 Clothing and Footwear	Mens, ladies and childrens clothing and footwear, sports and leisurewear and services such as laundry and dry cleaning, shoe repair, dress hire and alteration.
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	This group covers rents, mortgage interest repayments, local authority service charges, goods and services for maintaining, decorating and repairing dwellings and domestic energy products such as electricity, gas and solid fuels.
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	This category covers household items such as furniture, carpets and other floor coverings, house textiles and soft furnishings, household electrical appliances, and other household items such as utensils, tools, garden equipment and non-durable items for cleaning, washing and other day to day household activity. Also included in this category are domestic services such as cleaning and other services.
06 Health	Health includes medical products, appliances and equipment, hospital charges and out patient services supplied by doctors, dentists, opticians and practitioners of alternative and complimentary medicine.
07 Transport	Includes the purchase of new and second hand vehicles, spare parts, car maintenance, fuels and lubricants, public transport and services such as parking, motor association subscriptions, car wash, toll charges, driving tests, licences and car hire.
08 Communications	Post and telecommunications.
09 Recreation and Culture	All goods and services connected with recreation and culture and includes items such as audio visual and photographic equipment, computers, music and 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.
10 Education	Covers all aspects of education including primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses, play schools and examination fees.
11 Restaurants and Hotels	This category covers the following areas: meals in restaurants and hotels; fast food and takeaways; cafes; canteens; alcohol consumed on or within a licensed premises and accommodation services supplied by hotels, guesthouses and hostels.
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	This remaining category covers a wide range of items including hairdressing and other grooming; goods for hygiene, hair and body care; personal goods such as jewellery, handbags and wallets; childcare and other social protection services; insurance, financial services and other services including funerals, weddings, legal and professional services.