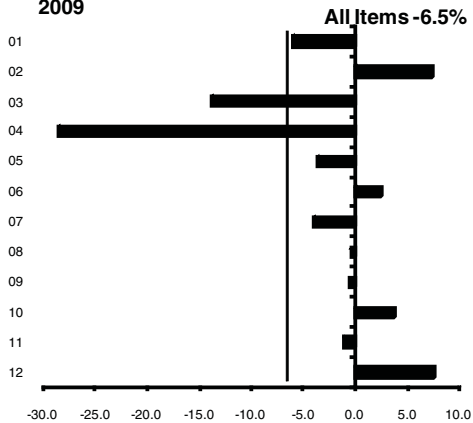




Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices Release September 2009

Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - September 2009



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-1.3	-6.0
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-	+7.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	+3.6	-13.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.3	-28.5
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.3	-3.6
06 Health	-0.1	+2.5
07 Transport	-0.9	-4.0
08 Communications	-	-0.3
09 Recreation and Culture	-0.3	-0.5
10 Education	-	+3.9
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-0.4	-1.0
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-0.4	+7.6
ALL ITEMS	-0.4	-6.5

Prices fall by 6.5% in the year to September

Consumer Prices in September, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.4% in the month. This compares to an increase of 0.3% recorded in September of last year. As a result, prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 6.5% lower in September compared with September 2008.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-1.3%) and *Transport* (-0.9%). There was an increase in *Clothing & Footwear* (+3.6%).

The most notable changes in the year were decreases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-28.5%), *Clothing & Footwear* (-13.8%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-6.0%) and *Transport* (-4.0%). There were increases in *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+7.6%), *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+7.5%), *Education* (+3.9%) and *Health* (+2.5%).

Services prices fell by 7.5% in the year to September, while Goods fell by 5.3%.

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 Sep 08 and Sep 09

COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change				
	Sep '07 - Sep '08		Sep '08 - Sep '09		Difference
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+	0.71	-	0.71	- 1.42
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+	0.27	+	0.45	+ 0.18
03 Clothing and Footwear	-	0.27	-	0.62	- 0.35
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+	2.15	-	5.51	- 7.66
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-	0.07	-	0.14	- 0.07
06 Health	+	0.20	+	0.08	- 0.12
07 Transport	+	0.56	-	0.52	- 1.08
08 Communications	+	0.03	-	0.01	- 0.04
09 Recreation and Culture	+	0.11	-	0.05	- 0.16
10 Education	+	0.13	+	0.08	- 0.05
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+	0.41	-	0.15	- 0.56
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+	0.07	+	0.61	+ 0.54
ALL ITEMS % change	+	4.3¹	-	6.5¹	- 10.8¹
Goods	+	1.37	-	2.42	- 3.79
Services ²	+	2.93	-	4.11	- 7.04

¹ The sum may not total exactly due to rounding differences

² Includes Mortgage Interest

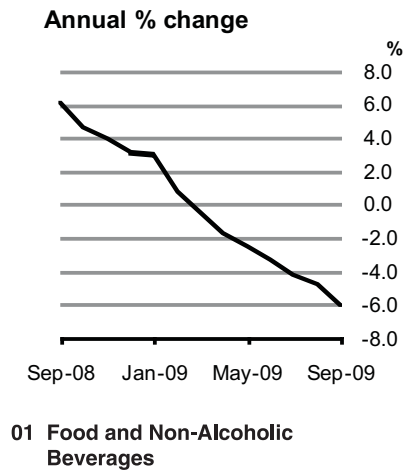
Table B Positive and Negative factors in the comparison of the Annual Rate of Inflation for Sep 08 and Sep 09

COICOP Group	+	COICOP Group	-
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.54	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 7.66
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+ 0.18	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 1.42
		07 Transport	- 1.08
		11 Restaurants and Hotels	- 0.56
		03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.35
		09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.16
		06 Health	- 0.12
		05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.07
		10 Education	- 0.05
		08 Communication	- 0.04
Total Positive	+ 0.72	Total Negative	- 11.51
Net Difference (Positive less Negative)			- 10.8¹

¹ The net difference may not total exactly due to rounding differences

Consumer Price Index September 2009

01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages



Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 1.3% in the month and by 6.0% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 6.1% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, food prices decreased by 1.3% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 2.2%. In September, price decreases were recorded for fruit juices (-4.7%), soup (-4.3%), margarine & low fat spreads (-3.7%), potatoes (-3.0%), coffee (-3.0%), other fresh vegetables (-2.9%), other oils & fats (-2.8%), other milk products (-2.6%), flour (-2.5%), butter (-2.3%), bread (-1.9%), sweets & chocolate (-1.9%), eggs (-1.9%), bacon (-1.8%), fresh fruit (-1.7%), beef (-1.5%), miscellaneous food items (-1.5%), frozen vegetables (-1.5%), other cereals (-1.5%), soft drinks & mineral water (-1.4%), biscuits (-1.4%), condiments & sauces (-1.4%), lamb (-1.3%), cheese (-1.1%) and desserts & ice cream (-1.0%). Price increases were recorded for preserves (+1.2%), breakfast cereals (+0.6%) and other vegetable products (+0.3%).

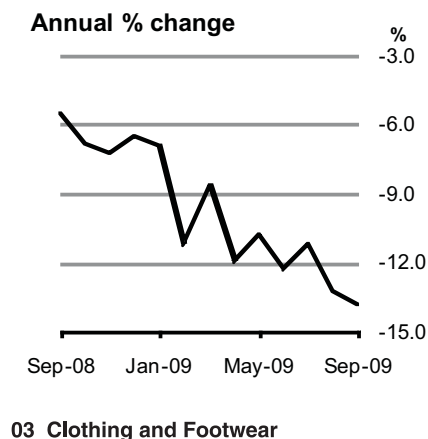
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco



Overall prices remained unchanged in the month and increased by 7.5% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 4.6% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.1% while tobacco prices also increased by 0.1%. Price increases were recorded for beer (+0.4%), spirits (+0.2%) and other tobacco products (+0.1%). A price decrease was recorded for wine & cider (-0.1%).

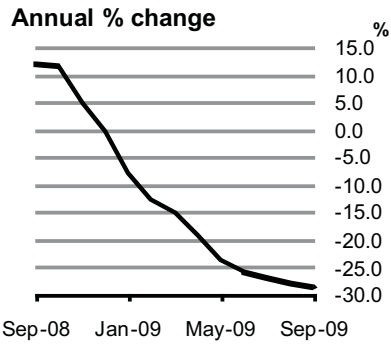
03 Clothing and Footwear



Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 3.6% in the month and decreased by 13.8% in the year to September 2009. This compares to a decrease of 5.5% for the year to September 2008. In the month, clothing prices increased by 3.3%, while footwear prices increased by 4.5%.

In the month, price increases were recorded for shoes & other footwear (+4.6%), garments (+3.6%), other articles of clothing (+2.5%) and dress hire & repair of clothing (+0.8%). A price decrease was recorded for dry cleaning & laundry (-0.6%).

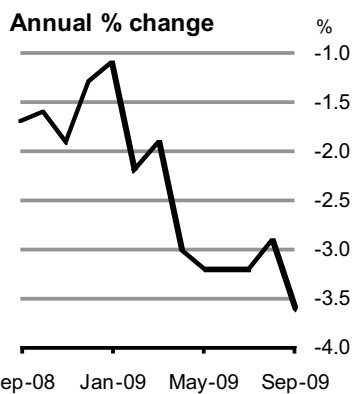
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels



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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 28.5% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 12.0% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (-3.8%), services for maintenance & repair of dwelling (-1.4%), materials for maintenance & repair of dwelling (-0.3%) and solid fuels (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for mortgage interest (+0.1%) and bottled gas (+0.1%).

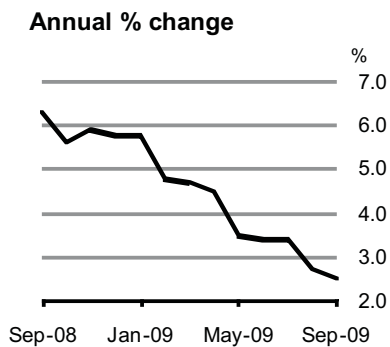


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 3.6% in the year to September 2009. This compares to a decrease of 1.7% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings (-1.3%), non-durable household goods (-1.0%), major household appliances (-0.9%), household textiles (-0.3%) and glassware, tableware & household utensils (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for small electric household appliances (+0.4%), furniture & furnishings (+0.2%) and small tools & miscellaneous accessories (+0.1%).



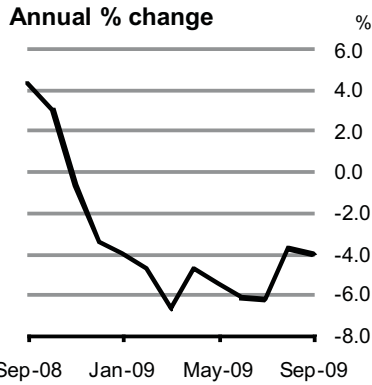
06 Health

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Overall health costs and charges decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 2.5% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 6.3% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for therapeutic appliances & equipment (-0.9%), other medicines (which includes pain relievers, antacid, cough mixture, vitamins & other supplements) (-0.6%) and other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (-0.6%).

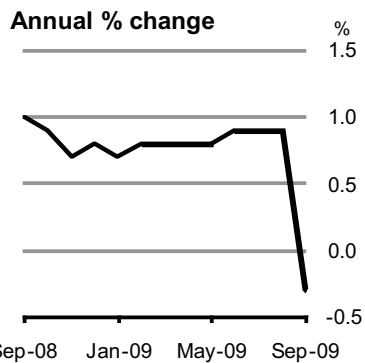
07 Transport



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Transport costs decreased by 0.9% in the month and by 4.0% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 4.3% for the year to September 2008.

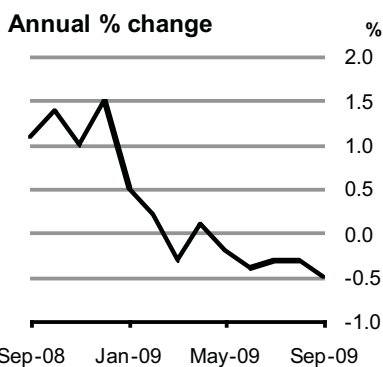
In the month, price decreases were recorded for air fares (-27.7%), sea transport (-10.1%), other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees and car rental charges) (-2.3%), bicycles (-0.3%) and motor oil (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for diesel (+1.2%) and petrol (+0.2%).



08 Communications

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Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.3% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 1.0% for the year to September 2008.



09 Recreation and Culture

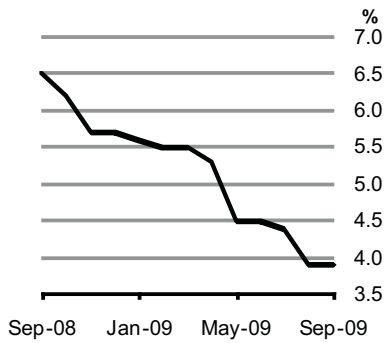
09 Recreation and Culture

Overall prices decreased by 0.3% in the month and by 0.5% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 1.1% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for information processing equipment (-7.6%), pets & related products (-5.8%), recording media (-4.9%), other entertainment (-2.3%), games, toys & hobbies (-1.8%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-1.2%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-0.9%), equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation (-0.8%), veterinary & other services for pets (-0.8%) and nightclubs (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for books (+0.8%), package holidays (+0.7%) and cinema (+0.4%).

10 Education

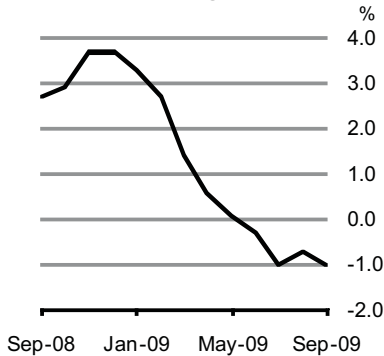
Annual % change



Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 3.9% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 6.5% for the year to September 2008.

10 Education

Annual % change



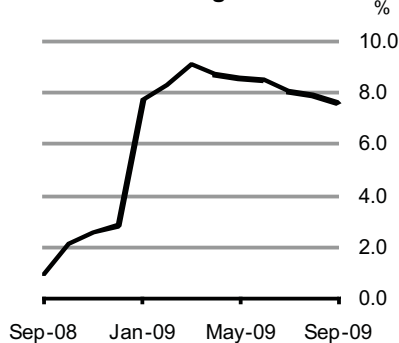
11 Restaurants and Hotels

Prices for the overall category decreased by 0.4% in the month and by 1.0% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 2.7% for the year to September 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for accommodation services (-2.7%), restaurants, cafes & fast food (-0.3%) and wine & cider (-0.1%).

11 Restaurants and Hotels

Annual % change



12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

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Overall prices decreased by 0.4% in the month and increased by 7.6% in the year to September 2009. This compares to an increase of 0.9% recorded for the year to September 2008.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for hair products (-2.0%), hygiene products (-1.8%), cosmetics & skincare products (-1.4%), toilet accessories (-1.4%), health & beauty treatments (-1.1%) and dwelling insurance (-1.0%). Price increases were recorded for other personal grooming (+0.8%), jewellery, clocks & watches (+0.5%), other personal goods (+0.3%) and electric appliances for personal care (+0.3%).

Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Food	10.8076	102.9	-1.3	-5.9
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	109.1	-1.0	-4.6
Bread	0.6553	120.1	-1.9	-3.0
Flour	0.0517	134.1	-2.5	-5.4
Biscuits	0.3268	99.3	-1.4	-7.5
Cakes	0.3762	106.9	0.1	-2.2
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	97.9	0.6	-6.9
Other cereals	0.0992	113.1	-1.5	-4.7
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	102.0	-0.6	-6.5
Meat	2.6729	99.9	-1.2	-6.0
Beef	0.7179	104.6	-1.5	-6.1
Lamb	0.2234	103.8	-1.3	-4.9
Pork	0.1781	94.5	-0.7	-5.3
Bacon	0.3906	94.7	-1.8	-4.8
Poultry	0.4633	93.7	-0.6	-11.9
Other meat products	0.6996	102.3	-0.8	-3.1
Fish	0.3592	100.1	-0.5	-3.7
Fresh fish	0.1814	96.2	-0.2	-3.2
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	104.0	-0.8	-4.1
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	118.4	-0.9	-4.7
Milk	0.6567	128.9	-0.1	-3.9
Other milk products	0.2608	105.7	-2.6	-8.5
Cheese	0.2790	107.0	-1.1	-4.4
Eggs	0.1212	115.6	-1.9	-2.1
Oils and fats	0.2734	111.0	-3.1	-9.5
Butter	0.0813	113.6	-2.3	-4.1
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	112.8	-3.7	-10.5
Other oils & fats	0.0474	101.2	-2.8	-15.5
Fruit	0.8597	89.8	-1.6	-10.6
Fresh fruit	0.7731	88.1	-1.7	-11.5
Other fruits	0.0866	105.7	-0.7	-2.4
Vegetables	1.5782	93.7	-1.8	-7.2
Potatoes	0.3256	84.0	-3.0	-9.4
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	93.8	-2.9	-9.0
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	114.0	-0.4	1.9
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	94.4	-1.5	-8.3
Other vegetable products	0.3943	96.2	0.3	-4.9
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	105.9	-1.4	-4.9
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	96.7	-0.2	-3.6
Preserves	0.0526	112.6	1.2	-2.5
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	106.5	-1.9	-4.3
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	105.4	-1.0	-7.0
Other food products	0.8312	99.4	-1.9	-5.0
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	100.3	-1.4	-6.3
Soup	0.1102	103.4	-4.3	-5.9
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	97.9	-1.5	-3.8
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.9347	98.9	-2.2	-7.6
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	102.3	-1.1	-4.7
Tea	0.1417	105.2	-0.1	-3.3
Coffee	0.0817	96.3	-3.0	-8.4
Cocoa	0.0146	107.8	-0.1	0.5
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	97.8	-2.5	-8.5
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	100.3	-1.4	-6.6
Fruit juices	0.2444	93.1	-4.7	-12.0
Total	11.7423	102.6	-1.3	-6.0

Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Alcoholic Beverages	2.8725	107.1	0.1	2.7
Spirits	0.5818	110.6	0.2	-0.5
Wine & cider	1.5258	104.6	-0.1	2.6
Beer	0.7649	109.2	0.4	5.1
Tobacco	3.1759	120.7	0.1	11.9
Cigarettes	3.1271	120.8	0.0	11.9
Other tobacco products	0.0488	113.6	0.1	8.3
Total	6.0484	114.2	0.0	7.5

Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Clothing	4.4488	78.2	3.3	-14.0
Garments	4.2028	76.9	3.6	-14.7
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	90.8	2.5	-4.0
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	109.4	-0.3	1.1
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	110.3	-0.6	1.3
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	107.2	0.8	0.8
Footwear	0.9670	78.2	4.5	-12.9
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	77.7	4.6	-13.3
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	109.0	0.0	2.3
Total	5.4158	78.2	3.6	-13.8

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	80.9	0.1	-40.4
Rents	2.8696	93.1	0.0	-16.0
Mortgage interest	6.6607	75.6	0.1	-48.4
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	101.6	-0.7	-3.0
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	101.4	-0.3	-2.0
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	101.9	-1.4	-4.5
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	105.1	0.0	-0.1
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	105.2	-0.8	-13.6
Electricity	1.5444	111.5	0.0	-10.9
Natural gas	0.7560	87.9	0.0	-11.3
Bottled gas	0.1177	120.2	0.1	3.8
Liquid fuels	0.8538	93.7	-3.8	-34.8
Solid fuels	0.7423	120.8	-0.1	6.2
Total	16.5083	90.6	-0.3	-28.5

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	86.2	0.1	-6.6
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	86.9	0.2	-6.5
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	81.1	-1.3	-8.0
Household textiles	0.2424	76.8	-0.3	-16.3
Household appliances	1.0459	93.3	-0.7	-1.5
Major household appliances	0.8435	92.5	-0.9	-1.4
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	91.5	0.4	-2.3
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	106.2	0.0	-0.8
Glassware, tableware & hsehld utensils	0.2577	87.2	-0.1	-7.4
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	97.3	0.1	-1.1
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	96.3	0.0	-2.4
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	97.6	0.1	-0.7
Goods & services for routine hsehld maint.	1.4321	100.5	-0.4	-1.1
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	95.9	-1.0	-6.2
Domestic & household services	0.7638	104.5	0.0	3.4
Total	4.4221	93.0	-0.3	-3.6

Table 6 Health - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	99.5	-0.4	-1.5
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	98.3	-0.2	-1.7
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	96.3	0.0	-2.0
Other medicines	0.2512	103.4	-0.6	-0.6
Other medical products	0.0456	99.1	-0.6	-0.8
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	103.5	-0.9	-1.0
Outpatient services	1.0313	112.6	0.0	0.0
Medical services	0.6684	113.4	0.0	-1.0
Doctors' fees	0.4792	114.1	0.0	-1.1
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	111.4	0.0	-1.1
Dental services	0.3628	111.1	0.0	2.0
Hospital services	0.9459	126.1	0.0	9.4
Total	3.1536	111.8	-0.1	2.5

Table 7 Transport - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	95.5	0.1	-3.7
Motor cars	5.6398	95.4	0.0	-3.8
Motor cycles	0.0373	99.4	0.0	-1.3
Bicycles	0.0549	94.5	-0.3	-4.4
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	112.0	0.1	-5.2
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	101.9	0.0	-2.3
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	111.4	0.4	-9.6
Petrol	2.9759	113.5	0.2	-7.1
Diesel	0.7604	103.1	1.2	-19.2
Motor oil	0.0143	111.1	-0.1	2.4
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	115.4	0.0	3.0
Other services	1.1611	114.7	-0.7	5.0
Motor tax	0.8380	114.3	0.0	4.1
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	116.0	-2.3	7.6
Driving licences	0.0058	100.9	0.0	0.9
Transport services	1.6008	108.9	-7.5	0.6
Rail transport	0.2189	116.5	0.0	8.7
Road transport	0.9286	115.5	0.0	9.9
Bus fares	0.3926	125.4	0.0	12.0
Taxi	0.5360	108.2	0.0	8.2
Air transport	0.4009	90.6	-27.7	-21.7
Sea transport	0.0290	90.3	-10.1	-19.9
Combined transport	0.0183	119.1	0.0	8.6
Other transport	0.0051	81.6	0.0	-18.6
Total	13.2933	104.5	-0.9	-4.0

Table 8 Communications - September 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	-0.4
Total	3.4184	101.9	0.0	-0.3

Table 9 Recreation and Culture - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	68.4	-3.5	-13.2
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	62.8	-0.9	-15.1
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	65.2	-1.2	-13.6
Information processing equip.	0.1713	49.6	-7.6	-25.2
Recording media	0.3927	81.7	-4.9	-8.3
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	94.5	0.0	-0.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	90.6	-1.7	-8.4
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	78.0	-1.8	-12.1
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	94.9	-0.8	-2.9
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	99.5	0.0	-5.0
Pets & related products	0.2570	90.6	-5.8	-15.1
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	110.7	-0.8	-0.1
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	109.7	-0.2	0.9
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	112.4	0.0	1.9
Sports admittance	0.1449	110.5	0.0	0.6
Sports participation	0.3086	105.6	0.0	0.2
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	116.0	0.0	2.9
Cultural services	2.1011	108.3	-0.2	0.4
Cinema	0.2026	106.6	0.4	1.4
Nightclubs	0.2299	101.4	-0.6	-3.1
Cultural admittance	0.5231	110.7	0.0	-1.9
Other entertainment	0.1791	100.0	-2.3	-2.0
Television services	0.9664	110.6	0.0	2.7
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	106.4	0.3	0.6
Books	0.4724	101.6	0.8	-2.3
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	111.3	0.1	2.6
Stationery	0.3233	99.2	0.0	-1.3
Package holidays	2.5280	108.1	0.7	5.4
Total	10.1041	101.5	-0.3	-0.5

Table 10 Education - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Primary education	0.0334	117.0	0.0	7.6
Second level education	0.1695	117.7	0.0	7.1
Third level education	1.0183	110.9	0.0	4.5
Other education & training	0.8217	110.4	0.0	2.3
Total	2.0429	111.4	0.0	3.9

Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	108.9	-0.1	1.6
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	108.4	-0.1	1.2
Beer	4.7087	109.7	0.0	2.1
Spirits	1.3776	109.1	0.0	1.5
Wine & cider	1.0197	107.9	-0.1	0.9
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	109.8	0.0	1.4
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	106.6	-0.3	-0.1
Canteens	1.3573	113.6	0.0	5.9
Accommodation services	2.3950	89.9	-2.7	-15.6
Total	15.4247	106.0	-0.4	-1.0

Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - September 2009

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	96.8	-0.9	-6.9
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	105.7	0.0	-4.3
Hairdressing	0.7537	104.7	0.2	-4.8
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	111.4	-1.1	-1.1
Other personal grooming	0.0071	113.8	0.8	4.4
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	94.5	0.3	-3.6
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	91.5	-1.6	-8.8
Hygiene products	0.3344	92.6	-1.8	-11.3
Hair products	0.2034	84.1	-2.0	-14.3
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	95.6	-1.4	-5.1
Toilet accessories	0.3093	86.5	-1.4	-10.4
Personal goods	0.4855	89.4	0.3	-5.2
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	110.7	0.5	4.2
Other personal goods	0.3143	77.9	0.3	-11.2
Social protection	1.0171	112.3	0.0	6.2
Childcare	0.9858	111.8	0.0	6.4
Other social protection	0.0314	129.3	0.0	4.1
Insurance	3.9334	120.9	-0.2	19.6
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	128.7	-1.0	25.3
Health insurance	1.7726	130.6	-0.2	20.7
Transport insurance	1.4106	104.5	0.2	14.5
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	69.6	0.0	-19.8
Motor car insurance	1.3913	105.0	0.2	14.9
Financial services	0.1262	103.0	-0.2	1.0
Other services	0.4639	109.1	-0.2	1.8
Total	8.4260	110.2	-0.4	7.6

Table 13 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes

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

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

Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - September 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	-	102.6	-	-6.0	-	-6.0
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	114.2	-	+7.5	-	+7.5
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	77.3	109.4	-14.3	+1.3	-13.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	104.5	87.3	-10.6	-32.4	-28.5
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	90.1	104.6	-5.4	+2.9	-3.6
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	99.5	119.0	-1.5	+4.5	+2.5
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	101.8	112.2	-6.3	+2.7	-4.0
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	77.0	102.0	-13.3	-0.3	-0.3
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	91.0	109.1	-5.6	+2.8	-0.5
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	111.4	-	+3.9	+3.9
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	106.0	-	-1.0	-1.0
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	91.0	116.2	-7.9	+12.2	+7.6
ALL ITEMS		100.000	47.080	52.920	98.7	103.7	-5.3	-7.5	-6.5

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

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

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 September index relates is Tuesday, 8th September 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.