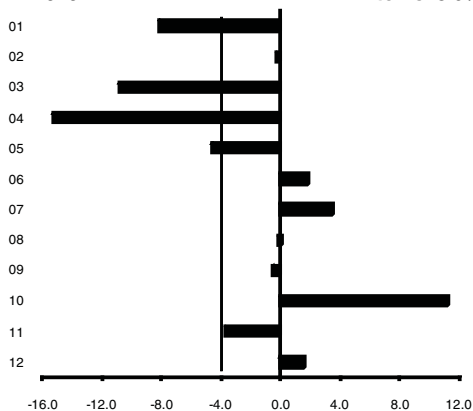




## Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices Release January 2010

**Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - January 2010**  
All Items -3.9%



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.1	-8.2
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.5	-0.3
03 Clothing and Footwear	-9.2	-10.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+0.1	-15.2
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-2.4	-4.6
06 Health	+2.2	+1.9
07 Transport	+0.6	+3.5
08 Communications	-0.2	-0.1
09 Recreation and Culture	-	-0.6
10 Education	-	+11.3
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-2.0	-3.7
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+0.9	+1.6
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>

### Prices fall by 3.9% in the year to January

Consumer Prices in January, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.6% in the month. This compares to a decrease of 1.7% recorded in January of last year. As a result, prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 3.9% lower in January compared with January 2009.

The most significant monthly price changes were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-9.2%), *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.4%) and *Restaurants & Hotels* (-2.0%). There were increases in *Health* (+2.2%), *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+0.9%) and *Transport* (+0.6%).

The most notable changes in the year were decreases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-15.2%), *Clothing & Footwear* (-10.8%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-8.2%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-4.6%). There were increases in *Education* (+11.3%), *Transport* (+3.5%), *Health* (+1.9%) and *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+1.6%).

Services prices fell by 4.4% in the year to January, while Goods fell by 3.4%.

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 Jan 09 and Jan 10**

COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change		
	Jan '08 - Jan'09	Jan '09 - Jan'10	Difference
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+ 0.37	- 1.02	- 1.39
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+ 0.42	- 0.02	- 0.44
03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.29	- 0.43	- 0.14
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 1.45	- 2.56	- 1.11
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.04	- 0.19	- 0.15
06 Health	+ 0.19	+ 0.06	- 0.13
07 Transport	- 0.54	+ 0.44	+ 0.98
08 Communications	+ 0.02	-	- 0.02
09 Recreation and Culture	+ 0.04	- 0.06	- 0.10
10 Education	+ 0.12	+ 0.25	+ 0.13
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+ 0.51	- 0.58	- 1.09
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.63	+ 0.14	- 0.49
<b>ALL ITEMS % change</b>	<b>- 0.02<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>- 3.97<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>- 3.95</b>
Goods	- 0.74	- 1.50	- 0.76
Services <sup>2</sup>	+ 0.70	- 2.45	- 3.15

<sup>1</sup> The published CPI figure for January 2009 is -0.1%. The published CPI figure for January 2010 is -3.9%. Published CPI monthly and annual changes calculated using indices at one decimal place.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Mortgage Interest

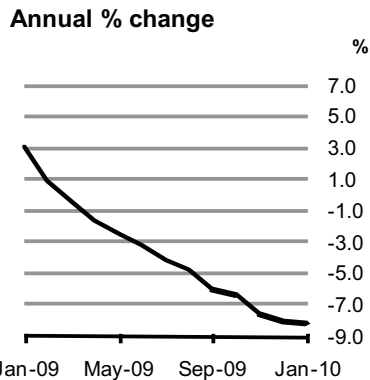
**Table B Positive and Negative factors in the comparison of the Annual Rate of Inflation for Jan 09 and Jan 10**

COICOP Group	+	COICOP Group	-
07 Transport	+ 0.98	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 1.39
10 Education	+ 0.13	04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 1.11
		11 Restaurants and Hotels	- 1.09
		12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	- 0.49
		02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	- 0.44
		05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.15
		03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.14
		06 Health	- 0.13
		09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.10
		08 Communication	- 0.02
<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>+ 1.11</b>	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>- 5.06</b>
<b>Net Difference (Positive less Negative)</b>			<b>- 3.95</b>

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

# Consumer Price Index January 2010

## 01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

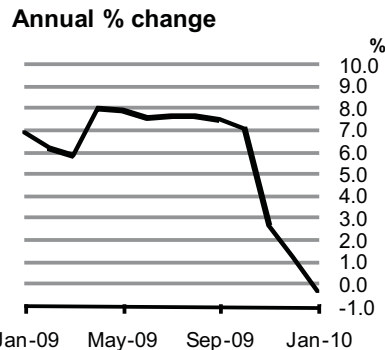


01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 8.2% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 3.0% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, food prices remained unchanged while non-alcoholic beverages prices increased by 1.6%. In January, price increases were recorded for potatoes (+5.1%), flour (+4.7%), coffee (+3.6%), soft drinks & mineral water (+2.6%), fresh fish (+1.9%), other fruits (+1.7%), desserts & ice cream (+1.5%), lamb (+1.4%), soup (+1.4%), tea (+0.9%), condiments & sauces (+0.8%), tinned vegetables (+0.8%) and other meat products (+0.5%). Price decreases were recorded for pork (-6.1%), other bread & cereals (-3.0%), sugar & sweeteners (-2.4%), other cereals (-2.2%), poultry (-1.9%), margarine & low fat spreads (-1.8%), biscuits (-1.0%), preserves (-0.9%), fruit juices (-0.6%) and other oils & fats (-0.6%).

## 02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

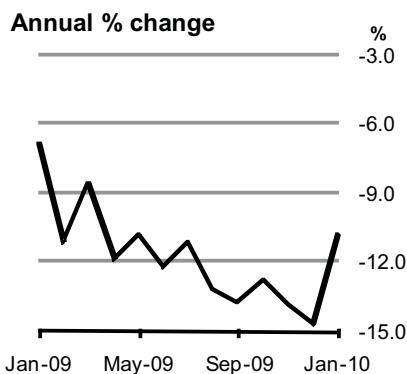


02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco

Overall prices decreased by 0.5% in the month and by 0.3% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 6.9% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 1.4% while tobacco prices increased by 0.2%. Price decreases were recorded for beer (-5.0%) and wine & cider (-0.9%). Price increases were recorded for spirits (+2.1%), cigarettes (+0.1%) and other tobacco products (+0.1%).

## 03 Clothing and Footwear

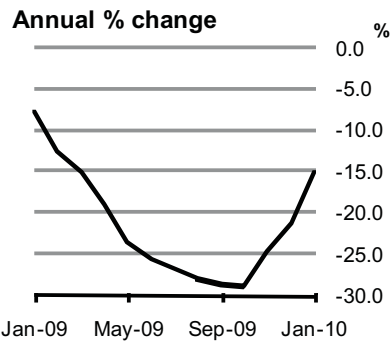


03 Clothing and Footwear

Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 9.2% in the month and by 10.8% in the year to January 2010. This compares to a decrease of 6.9% for the year to January 2009. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 9.2% and footwear prices decreased by 8.9% (due to the traditional winter sales).

In the month, price decreases were recorded for garments (-9.8%), shoes & other footwear (-9.1%), other articles of clothing (-4.3%), repair & hire of footwear (-0.6%) and dry cleaning & laundry (-0.2%).

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

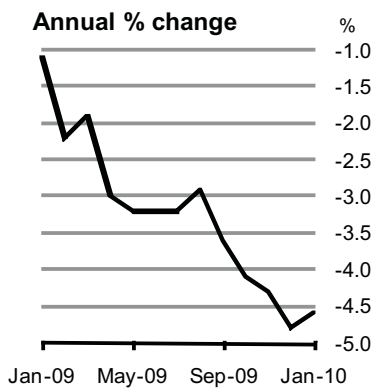


04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 15.2% in the year to January 2010. This compares to a decrease of 7.9% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+7.2%), mortgage interest (+0.1%) and bottled gas (+0.1%). Price decreases were recorded for water supply, refuse & miscellaneous services (-2.7%), materials for maintenance & repair of dwelling (-2.1%) and solid fuels (-0.9%).

## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

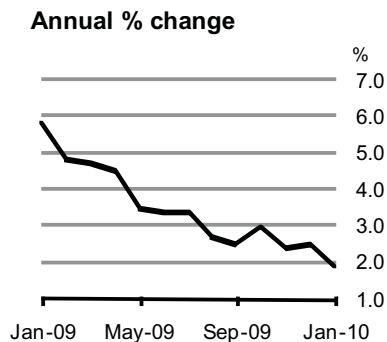


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 2.4% in the month and by 4.6% in the year to January 2010. This compares to a decrease of 1.1% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for household textiles (-7.2%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-5.1%), furniture & furnishings (-4.3%), small electric household appliances (-3.0%), major household appliances (-2.5%), major tools & equipment (-2.4%), small tools & miscellaneous accessories (-2.2%), carpets & other floor coverings (-2.2%) and non-durable household goods (-0.8%).

## 06 Health



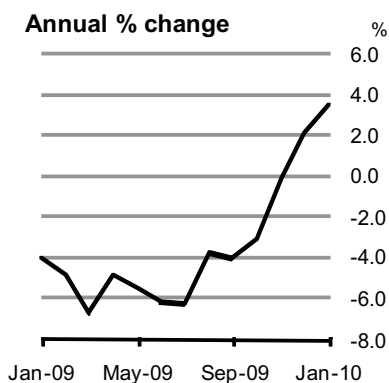
06 Health

Overall health costs and charges increased by 2.2% in the month and by 1.9% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 5.8% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for dental services (+12.8%), therapeutic appliances & equipment (which includes spectacles) (+10.3%), prescribed drugs (+0.3%) and other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (+0.1%). A price decrease was recorded for hospital services (-0.3%).

The increases recorded for dental services and therapeutic appliances & equipment are due to the withdrawal of certain PRSI entitlements announced in the Budget, taking effect.

## 07 Transport

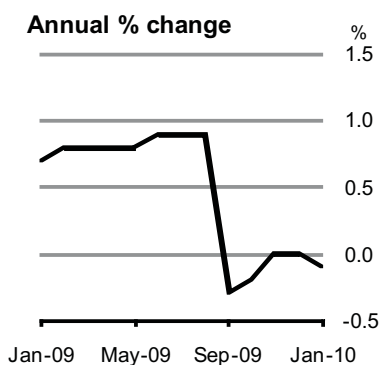


Transport costs increased by 0.6% in the month and by 3.5% in the year to January 2010. This compares to a decrease of 4.0% for the year to January 2009.

In the month price increases were recorded for diesel (+6.5%), petrol (+5.5%), sea transport (+0.7%) and rail transport (+0.3%). Price decreases were recorded for air transport (-24.8%), motor cars (-1.1%), bicycles (-1.0%) and other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees & car rental charges) (-0.7%).

### 07 Transport

## 08 Communications

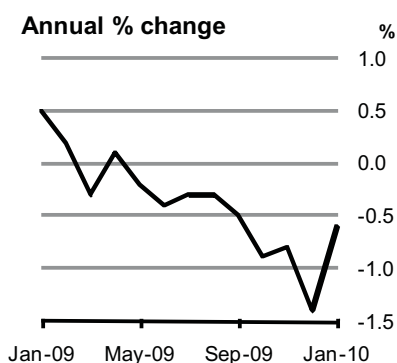


Overall communication costs decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 0.1% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 0.7% for the year to January 2009.

A price decrease was recorded for telephone & communication services (-0.1%).

### 08 Communications

## 09 Recreation and Culture



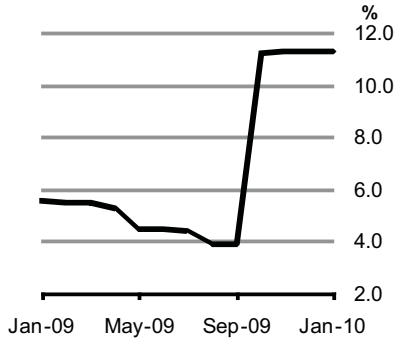
Overall prices remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.6% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 0.5% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for information processing equipment (-5.0%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-3.5%), equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-3.1%), games, toys & hobbies (-1.4%), night clubs (-1.4%) and gardens, plants & flowers (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for television services (+1.1%), recording media (+1.0%), newspapers & periodicals (+0.6%) and cinema (+0.6%).

### 09 Recreation and Culture

## 10 Education

Annual % change

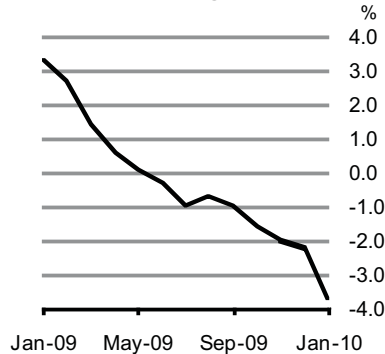


Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 11.3% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 5.6% for the year to January 2009.

## 10 Education

## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

Annual % change



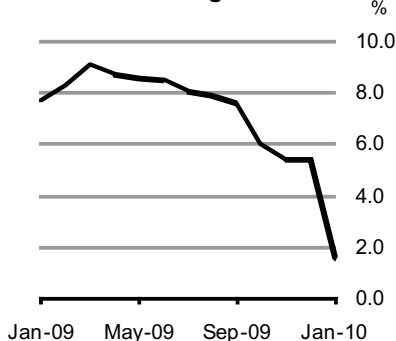
Prices for the overall category decreased by 2.0% in the month and by 3.7% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 3.3% for the year to January 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for accommodation services (-3.7%), beer (-2.8%), spirits (-2.6%), wine & cider (-1.9%), soft drinks & mineral water (-0.7%), restaurants, cafes & fast food (-0.6%) and canteens (-0.5%).

## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

Annual % change



Overall prices increased by 0.9% in the month and by 1.6% in the year to January 2010. This compares to an increase of 7.7% recorded for the year to January 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for other social protection (which includes nursing home costs) (+3.5%), health insurance (+3.3%), hair products (+2.1%), other personal grooming (+0.9%), motor car insurance (+0.8%), childcare (+0.8%) and cosmetics & skincare products (+0.7%). Price decreases were recorded for other personal goods (-4.1%), other services (which includes funerals, weddings, legal & professional services) (-0.9%), hairdressing (-0.7%) and hygiene products (-0.7%).

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	10.8076	101.2	0.0	-8.1
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	106.9	-0.5	-6.5
Bread	0.6553	117.4	-0.4	-4.2
Flour	0.0517	139.7	4.7	-4.7
Biscuits	0.3268	98.4	-1.0	-9.5
Cakes	0.3762	104.4	0.4	-5.2
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	96.9	0.2	-8.4
Other cereals	0.0992	109.6	-2.2	-6.3
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	97.0	-3.0	-10.4
Meat	2.6729	98.3	-0.6	-8.1
Beef	0.7179	104.6	-0.1	-9.1
Lamb	0.2234	104.6	1.4	-2.4
Pork	0.1781	89.0	-6.1	-5.8
Bacon	0.3906	94.1	-0.3	-5.4
Poultry	0.4633	88.0	-1.9	-16.5
Other meat products	0.6996	101.5	0.5	-5.3
Fish	0.3592	98.6	1.0	-5.2
Fresh fish	0.1814	95.9	1.9	-3.2
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	101.3	0.0	-7.1
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	116.1	0.1	-6.4
Milk	0.6567	125.6	0.1	-5.4
Other milk products	0.2608	103.8	0.2	-11.7
Cheese	0.2790	106.4	-0.2	-5.8
Eggs	0.1212	113.4	0.0	-3.8
Oils and fats	0.2734	109.8	-1.2	-11.1
Butter	0.0813	112.5	-0.4	-2.9
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	112.6	-1.8	-12.4
Other oils & fats	0.0474	96.3	-0.6	-20.5
Fruit	0.8597	88.9	0.6	-13.1
Fresh fruit	0.7731	86.9	0.3	-14.5
Other fruits	0.0866	106.8	1.7	-2.1
Vegetables	1.5782	92.4	1.0	-10.1
Potatoes	0.3256	80.8	5.1	-11.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	93.5	0.2	-13.3
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	115.7	0.8	-2.9
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	91.2	0.2	-10.8
Other vegetable products	0.3943	95.1	-0.2	-6.0
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	103.4	0.3	-7.6
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	93.4	-2.4	-6.9
Preserves	0.0526	110.9	-0.9	-4.6
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	104.3	0.0	-7.0
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	102.2	1.5	-9.7
Other food products	0.8312	98.8	0.7	-6.4
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	100.0	0.8	-6.9
Soup	0.1102	105.3	1.4	-5.0
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	96.4	0.3	-6.6
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	0.9347	97.0	1.6	-10.0
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	101.5	1.7	-6.4
Tea	0.1417	104.8	0.9	-3.9
Coffee	0.0817	94.9	3.6	-11.5
Cocoa	0.0146	105.6	-0.5	-3.1
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	95.5	1.6	-11.2
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	98.3	2.6	-9.7
Fruit juices	0.2444	90.3	-0.6	-14.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7423</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-8.2</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.8725	100.5	-1.4	-6.1
Spirits	0.5818	101.6	2.1	-8.2
Wine & cider	1.5258	99.6	-0.9	-5.1
Beer	0.7649	101.3	-5.0	-6.5
<b>Tobacco</b>	3.1759	120.9	0.2	4.7
Cigarettes	3.1271	121.0	0.1	4.7
Other tobacco products	0.0488	113.6	0.1	2.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0484</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.3</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.4488	67.9	-9.2	-11.2
Garments	4.2028	66.1	-9.8	-12.0
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	84.9	-4.3	-4.0
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	108.1	-0.1	-2.1
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	109.3	-0.2	-1.7
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	105.0	0.0	-3.0
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9670	68.2	-8.9	-8.1
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	67.7	-9.1	-8.1
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	107.0	-0.6	-1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4158</b>	<b>67.9</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>-10.8</b>

**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	80.5	0.0	-23.4
Rents	2.8696	91.1	0.0	-12.6
Mortgage interest	6.6607	76.0	0.1	-27.9
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	100.0	-1.3	-3.3
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	99.1	-2.1	-1.7
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	101.4	0.0	-5.8
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	102.3	-2.7	-2.7
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	106.0	1.2	-5.2
Electricity	1.5444	111.5	0.0	-10.4
Natural gas	0.7560	79.7	0.0	-19.6
Bottled gas	0.1177	120.4	0.1	0.2
Liquid fuels	0.8538	107.6	7.2	19.0
Solid fuels	0.7423	117.4	-0.9	-3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5083</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-15.2</b>



**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	81.8	-4.2	-6.2
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	82.1	-4.3	-6.4
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	80.1	-2.2	-3.7
Household textiles	0.2424	68.5	-7.2	-18.7
Household appliances	1.0459	90.3	-2.4	-1.6
Major household appliances	0.8435	89.4	-2.5	-1.3
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	87.1	-3.0	-3.7
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	106.4	0.0	-0.7
Glassware, tableware & hsehd utensils	0.2577	80.6	-5.1	-8.9
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	94.1	-2.3	-2.2
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	92.9	-2.4	-3.3
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	94.5	-2.2	-1.9
Goods & services for routine hsehd maint.	1.4321	98.9	-0.3	-3.7
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	92.5	-0.8	-10.6
Domestic & household services	0.7638	104.5	0.0	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4221</b>	<b>89.6</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-4.6</b>

**Table 6 Health - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	101.8	2.5	0.8
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	98.8	0.2	-0.8
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	97.2	0.3	-0.3
Other medicines	0.2512	102.8	0.0	-1.8
Other medical products	0.0456	96.6	0.1	-7.3
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	112.8	10.3	7.1
Outpatient services	1.0313	117.7	4.5	3.9
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	125.6	12.8	15.3
Hospital services	0.9459	125.7	-0.3	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1536</b>	<b>114.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>

**Table 7 Transport - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	90.8	-1.1	-7.9
Motor cars	5.6398	90.8	-1.1	-8.0
Motor cycles	0.0373	99.0	0.0	-1.2
Bicycles	0.0549	90.9	-1.0	-5.6
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	116.1	3.5	15.2
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	101.8	0.0	-2.6
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	118.8	5.6	26.7
Petrol	2.9759	120.6	5.5	28.6
Diesel	0.7604	112.0	6.5	19.9
Motor oil	0.0143	111.8	0.0	1.5
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	112.5	0.0	-2.8
Other services	1.1611	113.8	-0.2	0.7
Motor tax	0.8380	114.3	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	112.6	-0.7	2.7
Driving licences	0.0058	100.9	0.0	0.9
Transport services	1.6008	106.6	-5.8	-0.3
Rail transport	0.2189	116.8	0.3	0.3
Road transport	0.9286	115.6	0.0	1.9
Bus fares	0.3926	125.6	0.0	4.4
Taxi	0.5360	108.2	0.0	0.0
Air transport	0.4009	80.8	-24.8	-6.2
Sea transport	0.0290	94.7	0.7	-15.3
Combined transport	0.0183	119.1	0.0	0.0
Other transport	0.0051	77.6	0.0	-15.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2933</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.5</b>

**Table 8 Communications - January 2010**

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	101.5	-0.1	-0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4184</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	64.2	-1.5	-14.7
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	58.7	-3.1	-13.2
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	59.9	-3.5	-12.8
Information processing equip.	0.1713	44.0	-5.0	-27.4
Recording media	0.3927	78.9	1.0	-12.8
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	92.8	0.0	-0.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	88.9	-0.6	-7.7
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	75.1	-1.4	-9.3
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	93.2	0.0	-3.6
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	98.5	-0.6	-4.2
Pets & related products	0.2570	89.3	0.0	-16.5
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	110.9	0.0	-0.8
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	110.3	0.2	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	109.2	0.4	1.0
Cinema	0.2026	108.1	0.6	2.7
Nightclubs	0.2299	100.2	-1.4	-3.3
Cultural admittance	0.5231	112.9	0.0	4.3
Other entertainment	0.1791	99.7	0.0	-3.4
Television services	0.9664	111.4	1.1	0.7
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	106.8	0.5	-0.4
Books	0.4724	101.4	0.2	-1.7
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	111.9	0.6	0.8
Stationery	0.3233	99.9	0.0	-2.1
Package holidays	2.5280	108.7	0.1	5.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.1041</b>	<b>101.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

**Table 10 Education - January 2010**

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	134.2	-0.1	20.5
Other education & training	0.8217	113.9	0.0	2.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0429</b>	<b>124.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	106.8	-1.7	-2.0
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	106.1	-1.9	-2.5
Beer	4.7087	106.5	-2.8	-3.1
Spirits	1.3776	106.1	-2.6	-2.7
Wine & cider	1.0197	105.6	-1.9	-2.4
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	109.0	-0.7	-0.6
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	105.4	-0.6	-2.0
Canteens	1.3573	113.5	-0.5	2.1
Accommodation services	2.3950	81.1	-3.7	-13.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.4247</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-3.7</b>

**Table 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services - January 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	97.0	0.0	-6.8
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	109.2	-0.6	-1.0
Hairdressing	0.7537	109.2	-0.7	-0.7
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	109.0	0.0	-3.2
Other personal grooming	0.0071	114.6	0.9	3.1
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	90.2	0.0	-4.9
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	89.8	0.4	-10.6
Hygiene products	0.3344	89.2	-0.7	-13.1
Hair products	0.2034	83.5	2.1	-16.2
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	94.8	0.7	-6.5
Toilet accessories	0.3093	84.1	-0.2	-13.2
Personal goods	0.4855	86.1	-2.4	-3.6
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	110.6	-0.3	3.7
Other personal goods	0.3143	72.7	-4.1	-8.9
Social protection	1.0171	113.5	0.8	2.2
Childcare	0.9858	112.9	0.8	2.2
Other social protection	0.0314	134.2	3.5	4.1
Insurance	3.9334	122.5	1.9	6.9
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	128.8	0.1	12.3
Health insurance	1.7726	135.8	3.3	4.9
Transport insurance	1.4106	102.5	0.9	6.9
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	69.6	0.0	-19.8
Motor car insurance	1.3913	102.9	0.8	7.2
Financial services	0.1262	102.9	0.0	-0.3
Other services	0.4639	108.1	-0.9	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4260</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.6</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>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
<b>2010</b> Mid-January	+0.1	-0.5	-9.2	+0.1	-2.4	+2.2	+0.6	-0.2	-	-	-2.0	+0.9	-0.6

**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>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>
<b>2010</b> Mid-January	-8.2	-0.3	-10.8	-15.2	-4.6	+1.9	+3.5	-0.1	-0.6	+11.3	-3.7	+1.6	-3.9

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - January 2010**

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	-	100.9	-	-8.2	-	-8.2
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	111.2	-	-0.3	-	-0.3
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	66.7	108.0	-11.2	-2.1	-10.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	106.3	86.4	+2.7	-19.4	-15.2
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	85.9	104.7	-6.5	+2.0	-4.6
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	101.8	121.5	+0.8	+2.4	+1.9
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	101.9	110.2	+5.1	-0.5	+3.5
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	74.7	101.9	-6.6	+0.0	-0.1
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	89.5	109.6	-5.9	+2.8	-0.6
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	124.7	-	+11.3	+11.3
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	102.8	-	-3.7	-3.7
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	88.9	117.8	-9.0	+4.4	+1.6
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>47.080</b>	<b>52.920</b>	<b>96.3</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-4.4</b>	<b>-3.9</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>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>
<b>2010</b> Mid-January	- 3.4	- 4.4	+ 8.8	- 2.2	- 1.9	- 4.2	- 5.0	- 3.9

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>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>
<b>2010</b> Mid-January	102.5	- 0.4	- 7.2	92.3	+ 0.4	- 11.0	99.5	- 0.1	- 8.2

<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 January index relates is Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010.
- 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.