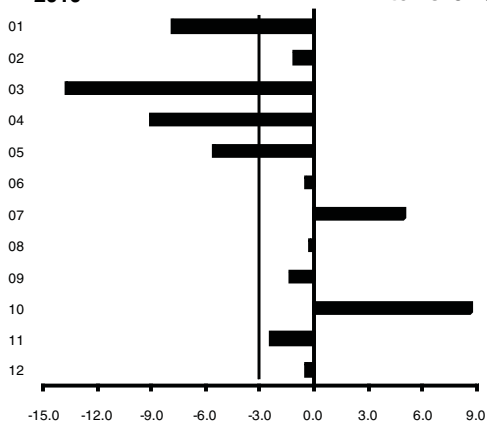


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**Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - March 2010**  
All Items -3.1%



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.2	-7.8
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.4	-1.1
03 Clothing and Footwear	+1.9	-13.7
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+0.1	-9.0
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.4	-5.5
06 Health	-	-0.4
07 Transport	+1.5	+5.0
08 Communications	-	-0.2
09 Recreation and Culture	-0.2	-1.3
10 Education	-1.7	+8.7
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+0.5	-2.4
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-1.6	-0.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>-3.1</b>

### Prices fall by 3.1% in the year to March

Consumer Prices in March, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.1% in the month. This compares to no change recorded in March of last year. As a result, prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 3.1% lower in March compared with March 2009.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in *Clothing & Footwear* (+1.9%), *Transport* (+1.5%) and *Restaurants & Hotels* (+0.5%). There were decreases in *Education* (-1.7%) and *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (-1.6%).

The most notable changes in the year were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-13.7%), *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-9.0%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-7.8%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-5.5%). There were increases in *Education* (+8.7%) and *Transport* (+5.0%).

Services prices fell by 2.8% in the year to March, while Goods fell by 3.3%.

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 Mar 09 and Mar 10**

COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change		
	Mar '08 - Mar'09	Mar '09 - Mar'10	Difference
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 0.07	- 0.96	- 0.89
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+ 0.35	- 0.07	- 0.42
03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.41	- 0.61	- 0.20
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 2.75	- 1.44	+ 1.31
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.08	- 0.23	- 0.15
06 Health	+ 0.15	- 0.01	- 0.16
07 Transport	- 0.89	+ 0.63	+ 1.52
08 Communications	+ 0.03	- 0.01	- 0.04
09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.02	- 0.13	- 0.11
10 Education	+ 0.11	+ 0.19	+ 0.08
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+ 0.22	- 0.37	- 0.59
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.74	- 0.05	- 0.79
<b>ALL ITEMS % change</b>	- <b>2.6<sup>1</sup></b>	- <b>3.1<sup>1</sup></b>	- <b>0.5<sup>1</sup></b>
Goods	- 1.71	- 1.51	+ 0.20
Services <sup>2</sup>	- 0.93	- 1.54	- 0.61

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes Mortgage Interest

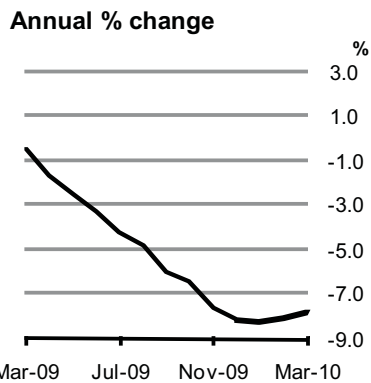
**Table B Positive and Negative factors in the comparison of the Annual Rate of Inflation for Mar 09 and Mar 10**

COICOP Group	+	COICOP Group	-
07 Transport	+ 1.52	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 0.89
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+ 1.31	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	- 0.79
10 Education	+ 0.08	11 Restaurants and Hotels	- 0.59
		02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	- 0.42
		03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.20
		06 Health	- 0.16
		05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.15
		09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.11
		08 Communications	- 0.04
<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>+ 2.91</b>	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>- 3.35</b>
<b>Net Difference (Positive less Negative)</b>			<b>- 0.5<sup>1</sup></b>

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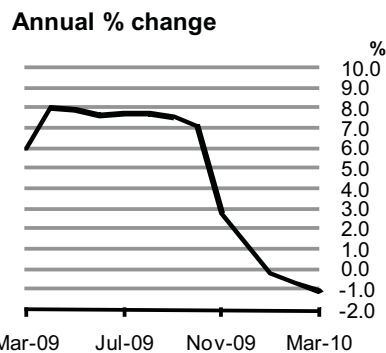
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Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 7.8% in the year to March 2010. This compares to a decrease of 0.5% for the year to March 2009. In the month, food prices decreased by 0.2% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.8%.

In March, price decreases were recorded for other vegetable products (-4.3%), potatoes (-3.7%), poultry (-2.8%), other bread & cereals (-2.8%), coffee (-2.2%), bacon (-1.6%), desserts & ice cream (-1.6%), frozen, tinned & smoked fish (-1.6%), soft drinks & mineral water (-1.5%), other meat products (-1.3%), condiments & sauces (-1.0%), lamb (-1.0%), eggs (-0.6%), other cereals (-0.6%) and flour (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for soup (+5.7%), preserves (+4.5%), cakes (+2.8%), cheese (+2.1%), pork (+2.1%), cocoa (+2.1%), biscuits (+2.0%), tinned vegetables (+1.5%), fresh fish (+1.4%), other fresh vegetables (+1.1%), breakfast cereals (+0.9%), other oils & fats (+0.9%), tea (+0.6%) and other fruits (+0.6%).

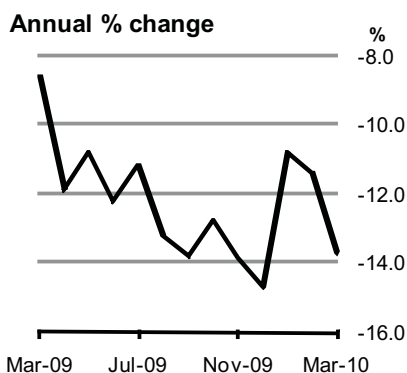


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Overall prices decreased by 0.4% in the month and by 1.1% in the year to March 2010. This compares to an increase of 5.9% for the year to March 2009. In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.9% while tobacco prices remained unchanged.

In March, price decreases were recorded for spirits (-3.3%), wine & cider (-0.4%) and beer (-0.1%).



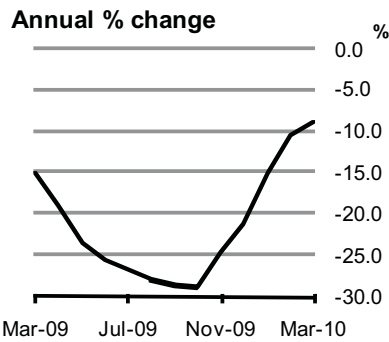
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Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 1.9% in the month and decreased by 13.7% in the year to March 2010. This compares to a decrease of 8.6% for the year to March 2009. In the month, clothing prices increased by 1.9%, while footwear prices increased by 1.8%.

In March, price increases were recorded for garments (+2.0%), shoes & other footwear (+1.9%) and other articles of clothing (+1.3%). Price decreases were recorded for dress hire & repair of clothing (-1.4%) and repair & hire of footwear (-0.3%).

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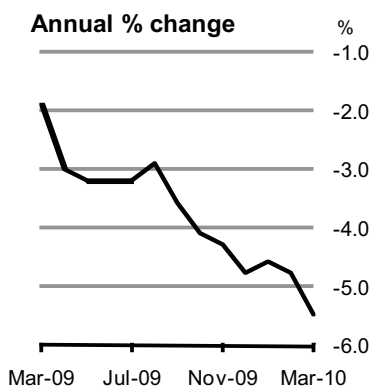


04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 9.0% in the year to March 2010. This compares to a decrease of 15.1% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, a price increase was recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+4.8%). Price decreases were recorded for services for maintenance & repair of dwelling (-2.7%), solid fuels (-0.1%) and bottled gas (-0.1%).

## 05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

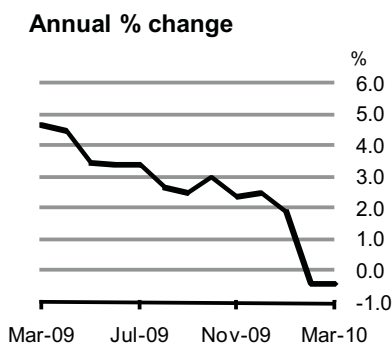


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.4% in the month and by 5.5% in the year to March 2010. This compares to a decrease of 1.9% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings (-1.4%), small electric household appliances (-1.2%), major household appliances (-1.0%), non-durable household goods (-0.9%) and small tools & miscellaneous accessories (-0.9%). Price increases were recorded for household textiles (+0.7%) and domestic & household services (+0.2%).

## 06 Health

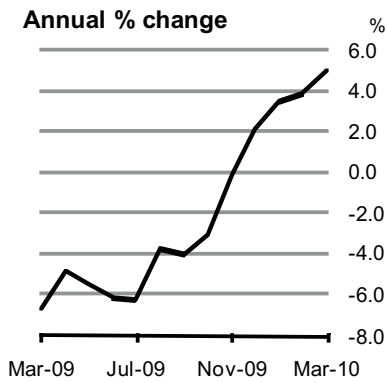


06 Health

Overall health costs and charges remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.4% in the year to March 2010. This compares to an increase of 4.7% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for other medicines (which includes pain relievers, antacid, cough mixture, vitamins & other supplements) (-0.3%) and other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant & adhesive dressing) (-0.1%).

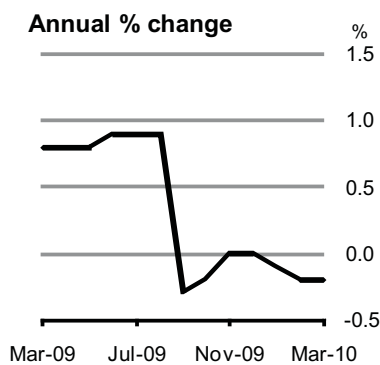
## 07 Transport



Transport costs increased by 1.5% in the month and by 5.0% in the year to March 2010. This compares to a decrease of 6.7% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for air transport (+15.7%), petrol (+2.8%), diesel (+2.4%), other vehicle costs (which includes parking fees & car rental charges) (+0.7%), motor cars (+0.3%), bicycles (+0.3%) and sea transport (+0.3%). A price decrease was recorded for maintenance & repair (-0.1%).

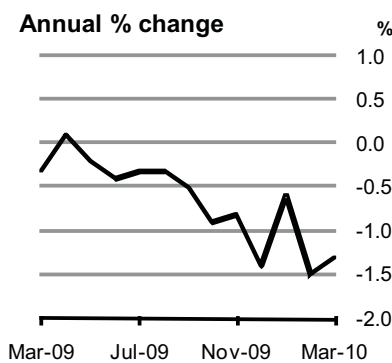
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## 08 Communications

Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.2% in the year to March 2010. This compares to an increase of 0.8% for the year to March 2009.

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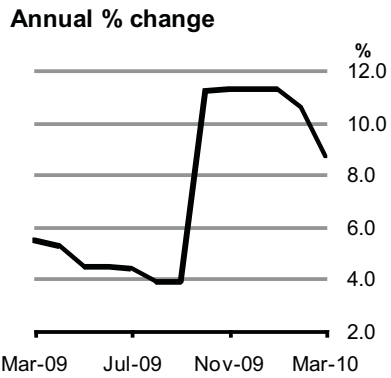
## 09 Recreation and Culture

Overall prices decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 1.3% in the year to March 2010. This compares to a decrease of 0.3% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation (-3.8%), information processing equipment (-3.8%), games, toys & hobbies (-1.6%), books (-1.0%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-0.7%), pets & related products (-0.7%), equipment for the reproduction of sound & pictures (-0.7%) and newspapers & periodicals (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for package holidays (+0.5%), other entertainment (+0.5%) and nightclubs (+0.1%).

## 09 Recreation and Culture

## 10 Education

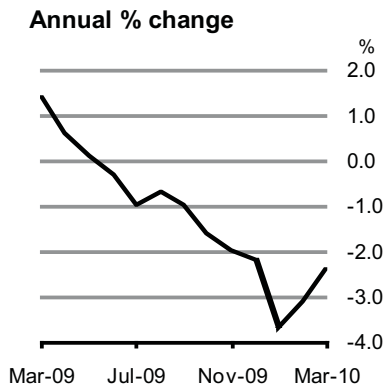


Education costs decreased by 1.7% in the month and increased by 8.7% in the year to March 2010. This compares to an increase of 5.5% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for other education & training (due to the introduction of the Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) scheme) (-4.6%).

## 10 Education

## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

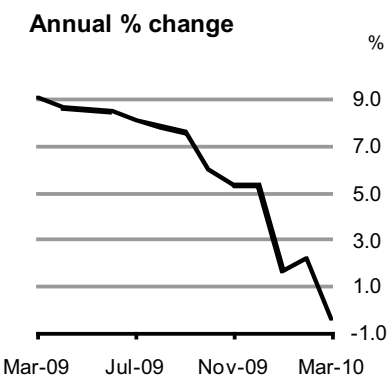


Prices for the overall category increased by 0.5% in the month and decreased by 2.4% in the year to March 2010. This compares to an increase of 1.4% for the year to March 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for accommodation services (+4.4%) and soft drinks & mineral water (+0.1%). Price decreases were recorded for restaurants, cafes & fast food (-0.2%), beer (-0.1%), spirits (-0.1%) and wine & cider (-0.1%).

## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services



Overall prices decreased by 1.6% in the month and by 0.4% in the year to March 2010. This compares to an increase of 9.1% recorded for the year to March 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for childcare (due to the introduction of the Early Childhood Care & Education (ECCE) scheme) (-12.0%), motor car insurance (-3.6%), hair products (-2.7%), cosmetics & skincare products (-1.1%), hairdressing (-0.7%), toilet accessories (-0.7%) and other services (which includes funerals, weddings, legal & professional services) (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for dwelling insurance (+3.1%), jewellery, clocks & watches (+3.0%), electric appliances for personal care (+0.9%), health insurance (+0.6%) and hygiene products (+0.4%).

## 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	10.8076	100.8	-0.2	-7.7
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	106.7	0.5	-6.1
Bread	0.6553	116.7	-0.1	-5.0
Flour	0.0517	140.4	-0.6	-2.6
Biscuits	0.3268	98.9	2.0	-9.6
Cakes	0.3762	104.6	2.8	-3.5
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	97.3	0.9	-4.8
Other cereals	0.0992	111.7	-0.6	-5.7
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	95.0	-2.8	-11.3
Meat	2.6729	96.3	-0.9	-8.5
Beef	0.7179	103.2	0.4	-7.9
Lamb	0.2234	105.7	-1.0	-4.0
Pork	0.1781	91.9	2.1	-7.0
Bacon	0.3906	91.5	-1.6	-7.3
Poultry	0.4633	85.9	-2.8	-16.8
Other meat products	0.6996	97.1	-1.3	-6.1
Fish	0.3592	96.5	-0.2	-5.4
Fresh fish	0.1814	93.5	1.4	-3.8
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	99.6	-1.6	-6.8
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	115.8	0.5	-5.9
Milk	0.6567	125.6	0.0	-5.3
Other milk products	0.2608	103.2	0.5	-11.3
Cheese	0.2790	105.6	2.1	-4.3
Eggs	0.1212	112.8	-0.6	-1.7
Oils and fats	0.2734	110.2	0.0	-8.9
Butter	0.0813	112.3	-0.3	-3.9
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	113.3	-0.1	-9.4
Other oils & fats	0.0474	97.2	0.9	-15.6
Fruit	0.8597	88.5	0.2	-13.0
Fresh fruit	0.7731	86.3	0.1	-14.5
Other fruits	0.0866	107.8	0.6	-1.0
Vegetables	1.5782	94.6	-1.3	-7.8
Potatoes	0.3256	84.8	-3.7	-9.0
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	97.8	1.1	-7.8
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	116.9	1.5	-0.7
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	91.3	-0.2	-11.4
Other vegetable products	0.3943	93.5	-4.3	-7.6
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	102.7	0.1	-8.4
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	95.4	0.0	-3.6
Preserves	0.0526	111.3	4.5	-4.0
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	104.2	0.5	-7.8
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	99.8	-1.6	-11.2
Other food products	0.8312	98.2	0.3	-6.5
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	99.4	-1.0	-6.9
Soup	0.1102	107.1	5.7	-2.4
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	95.2	-0.3	-7.4
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	0.9347	96.9	-0.8	-9.2
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	100.9	-0.3	-4.8
Tea	0.1417	105.0	0.6	-2.3
Coffee	0.0817	92.8	-2.2	-9.9
Cocoa	0.0146	106.9	2.1	-1.3
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	95.5	-1.0	-10.7
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	97.8	-1.5	-9.9
Fruit juices	0.2444	91.3	0.2	-12.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7423</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-7.8</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.8725	98.1	-0.9	-7.9
Spirits	0.5818	97.4	-3.3	-11.1
Wine & cider	1.5258	97.4	-0.4	-6.9
Beer	0.7649	99.9	-0.1	-7.8
<b>Tobacco</b>	3.1759	121.0	0.0	4.6
Cigarettes	3.1271	121.1	0.0	4.7
Other tobacco products	0.0488	113.8	0.0	2.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0484</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.4488	74.0	1.9	-13.7
Garments	4.2028	72.4	2.0	-14.6
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	88.0	1.3	-3.9
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	108.3	-0.4	-1.7
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	110.0	0.0	-1.3
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	103.8	-1.4	-3.1
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9670	73.6	1.8	-13.4
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	73.2	1.9	-13.6
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	106.6	-0.3	-1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4158</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-13.7</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	82.0	0.0	-13.7
Rents	2.8696	90.5	0.0	-8.3
Mortgage interest	6.6607	78.3	0.0	-16.2
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	100.3	-1.1	-2.8
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	101.4	0.0	-1.3
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	98.7	-2.7	-5.1
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	102.3	0.0	-2.7
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	105.1	1.0	-3.8
Electricity	1.5444	111.5	0.0	-10.4
Natural gas	0.7560	73.9	0.0	-25.4
Bottled gas	0.1177	120.2	-0.1	0.3
Liquid fuels	0.8538	108.6	4.8	37.6
Solid fuels	0.7423	117.4	-0.1	-3.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5083</b>	<b>91.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-9.0</b>



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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	82.6	-0.5	-7.6
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	83.1	-0.4	-8.3
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	78.9	-1.4	-3.1
Household textiles	0.2424	72.3	0.7	-18.2
Household appliances	1.0459	91.0	-0.9	-3.3
Major household appliances	0.8435	90.0	-1.0	-3.6
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	88.6	-1.2	-4.8
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	106.1	0.0	1.4
Glassware, tableware & hsehld utensils	0.2577	84.3	-0.1	-7.8
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	94.8	-0.6	-3.5
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	95.0	0.0	-2.9
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	94.7	-0.9	-3.7
Goods & services for routine hsehld maint.	1.4321	99.3	-0.3	-4.0
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	93.1	-0.9	-9.1
Domestic & household services	0.7638	104.7	0.2	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4221</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-5.5</b>

**Table 6 Health - March 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	95.5	-0.1	-5.4
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	90.3	0.0	-9.3
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	85.0	0.0	-12.8
Other medicines	0.2512	103.2	-0.3	-1.3
Other medical products	0.0456	95.7	-0.1	-7.2
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	112.8	0.0	7.0
Outpatient services	1.0313	117.7	0.0	3.7
Medical services	0.6684	113.5	0.0	-1.8
Doctors' fees	0.4792	114.4	0.0	-2.2
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	111.2	0.0	-1.0
Dental services	0.3628	125.6	0.0	14.6
Hospital services	0.9459	125.7	0.0	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1536</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

**Table 7 Transport - March 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	90.8	0.2	-4.0
Motor cars	5.6398	90.8	0.3	-4.0
Motor cycles	0.0373	96.4	0.0	-4.1
Bicycles	0.0549	91.7	0.3	-5.0
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	117.8	1.8	13.9
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	101.0	0.0	-3.4
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	121.8	2.8	24.3
Petrol	2.9759	123.6	2.8	24.0
Diesel	0.7604	114.6	2.4	25.7
Motor oil	0.0143	111.9	0.1	1.6
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	111.2	-0.1	-4.0
Other services	1.1611	114.0	0.2	0.8
Motor tax	0.8380	114.3	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	113.3	0.7	2.8
Driving licences	0.0058	100.9	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.6008	116.1	3.6	1.0
Rail transport	0.2189	116.8	0.0	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	118.6	15.7	-0.3
Sea transport	0.0290	98.4	0.3	-6.1
Combined transport	0.0183	119.1	0.0	0.0
Other transport	0.0051	77.6	0.0	-12.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2933</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>

**Table 8 Communications - March 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	0.0	-0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4184</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	63.2	-0.8	-12.9
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	58.5	-0.7	-11.9
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	59.4	-0.7	-12.6
Information processing equip.	0.1713	42.7	-3.8	-28.1
Recording media	0.3927	77.3	0.0	-9.1
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	92.0	0.0	-0.4
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	88.0	-1.0	-8.7
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	74.1	-1.6	-10.5
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	89.7	-3.8	-7.0
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	99.0	0.0	-4.3
Pets & related products	0.2570	87.7	-0.7	-18.1
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	110.9	0.0	-0.7
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	108.0	0.1	-1.2
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	107.8	0.0	-4.1
Sports admittance	0.1449	109.4	0.0	-0.5
Sports participation	0.3086	98.0	0.0	-7.2
Club & society subscriptions	0.6697	112.0	0.0	-3.4
Cultural services	2.1011	108.0	0.0	0.4
Cinema	0.2026	107.7	-0.5	2.2
Nightclubs	0.2299	99.6	0.1	-2.5
Cultural admittance	0.5231	108.4	0.0	1.1
Other entertainment	0.1791	99.8	0.5	-2.2
Television services	0.9664	111.4	0.0	0.7
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	106.0	-0.6	-0.3
Books	0.4724	99.2	-1.0	-2.0
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	111.6	-0.6	1.3
Stationery	0.3233	99.6	-0.3	-2.6
Package holidays	2.5280	109.3	0.5	5.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.1041</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>

**Table 10 Education - March 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	0.0	20.5
Other education & training	0.8217	107.3	-4.6	-4.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0429</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	106.7	-0.1	-2.0
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	105.9	-0.1	-2.5
Beer	4.7087	106.3	-0.1	-3.4
Spirits	1.3776	105.9	-0.1	-2.9
Wine & cider	1.0197	105.5	-0.1	-2.6
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	109.1	0.1	-0.6
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	105.3	-0.2	-1.5
Canteens	1.3573	113.5	0.0	2.1
Accommodation services	2.3950	87.6	4.4	-4.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.4247</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-2.4</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	94.2	-0.7	-8.9
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	103.8	-0.5	-5.2
Hairdressing	0.7537	102.8	-0.7	-5.7
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	109.0	0.0	-3.2
Other personal grooming	0.0071	115.3	0.1	2.3
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	92.6	0.9	-4.0
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	88.6	-0.9	-11.2
Hygiene products	0.3344	89.8	0.4	-14.1
Hair products	0.2034	79.3	-2.7	-18.5
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	93.1	-1.1	-7.7
Toilet accessories	0.3093	84.0	-0.7	-10.9
Personal goods	0.4855	88.6	1.1	-3.5
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	114.3	3.0	5.7
Other personal goods	0.3143	74.6	-0.3	-10.0
Social protection	1.0171	100.4	-11.5	-9.6
Childcare	0.9858	99.3	-12.0	-10.1
Other social protection	0.0314	134.2	0.0	4.1
Insurance	3.9334	126.7	-0.2	6.6
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	135.8	3.1	9.9
Health insurance	1.7726	143.7	0.6	8.7
Transport insurance	1.4106	100.5	-3.6	0.7
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	69.6	0.0	-19.8
Motor car insurance	1.3913	100.9	-3.6	0.9
Financial services	0.1262	103.2	0.0	-0.1
Other services	0.4639	107.6	-0.4	-1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4260</b>	<b>110.7</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

**Table 13 COICOP Groups Consumer Price Monthly Percentage Changes**

Period	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furnishings, 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
Mid-February	-0.2	-0.6	+6.8	+0.7	+1.5	-2.1	+0.3	-	-0.8	-0.5	+0.4	+1.4	+0.4
Mid-March	-0.2	-0.4	+1.9	+0.1	-0.4	-	+1.5	-	-0.2	-1.7	+0.5	-1.6	+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
<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
Mid-February	-8.0	-0.7	-11.4	-10.6	-4.8	-0.4	+3.9	-0.2	-1.5	+10.6	-3.1	+2.2	-3.2
Mid-March	-7.8	-1.1	-13.7	-9.0	-5.5	-0.4	+5.0	-0.2	-1.3	+8.7	-2.4	-0.4	-3.1

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - March 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	-	100.5	-	-7.8	-	-7.8
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	110.1	-	-1.1	-	-1.1
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	72.9	108.2	-14.1	-1.6	-13.7
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	107.7	86.9	+6.3	-12.8	-9.0
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	87.0	104.8	-7.2	+0.5	-5.5
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	95.5	121.5	-5.4	+2.3	-0.4
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	103.0	114.4	+7.0	-0.1	+5.0
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	74.7	101.9	-6.6	-0.2	-0.2
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	88.6	108.6	-5.8	+1.6	-1.3
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	122.0	-	+8.7	+8.7
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	103.7	-	-2.4	-2.4
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	88.6	117.5	-9.5	+1.8	-0.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>47.080</b>	<b>52.920</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>-3.3</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>-3.1</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
Mid-February	- 3.6	- 2.9	+ 6.3	- 2.1	- 2.1	- 3.4	- 4.1	- 3.2
Mid-March	- 3.3	- 2.8	+ 9.1	- 2.2	- 2.2	- 3.4	- 4.1	- 3.1

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
Mid-February	101.9	- 0.6	- 7.5	92.4	+ 0.1	- 10.3	99.1	- 0.4	- 8.3
Mid-March	101.5	- 0.4	- 7.4	92.0	- 0.4	- 10.2	98.7	- 0.4	- 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 during the week containing the second Tuesday of each month. The dates to which the March index relates are Monday 8th to Tuesday 16th March, 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 84 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.
  - (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 100 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.
- Classification** The classification used in the CPI is based on a version of COICOP – COICOP HICP, the Classification of Individual Consumption 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 waste collection & disposal 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 EU Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (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.