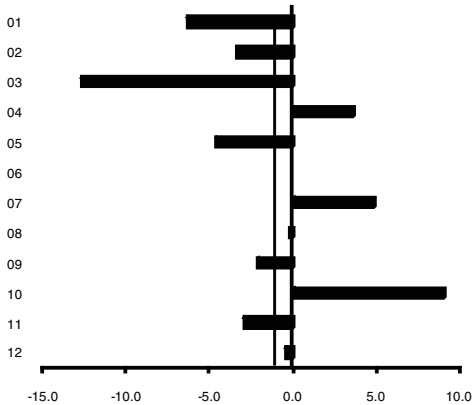


## Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices May 2010

Comparison of main CPI groups to the overall CPI annual % change - May 2010  
All Items -1.1%



CPI (Base: December 2006 = 100)

COICOP Group	% changes	
	One month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.4	-6.3
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.1	-3.4
03 Clothing and Footwear	-1.1	-12.6
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+2.9	+3.7
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.2	-4.6
06 Health	-	-
07 Transport	+0.8	+4.9
08 Communications	-	-0.2
09 Recreation and Culture	-0.1	-2.1
10 Education	-	+9.1
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+0.1	-2.9
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	-	-0.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>-1.1</b>

### Prices fall by 1.1% in the year to May

Consumer Prices in May, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.6% in the month. This compares to a decrease of 0.5% recorded in May of last year. Prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 1.1% lower in May compared with May 2009.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+2.9%), *Transport* (+0.8%) and *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+0.4%). There were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-1.1%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-0.2%).

The most notable changes in the year were decreases in *Clothing & Footwear* (-12.6%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (-6.3%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-4.6%). There were increases in *Education* (+9.1%), *Transport* (+4.9%) and *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+3.7%).

The annual rate of inflation for Services was 0.5% in the year to May, while Goods decreased by 2.8%.

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

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**Table A Comparison of Contributions to the Annual Rate of Inflation for May 09 and May 10**

COICOP Group	Contributions to overall CPI % change		
	May'08 - May'09	May'09 - May'10	Difference
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 0.29	- 0.78	- 0.49
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	+ 0.47	- 0.23	- 0.70
03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.51	- 0.56	- 0.05
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	- 4.35	+ 0.55	+ 4.90
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.13	- 0.19	- 0.06
06 Health	+ 0.11	-	- 0.11
07 Transport	- 0.75	+ 0.65	+ 1.40
08 Communications	+ 0.03	- 0.01	- 0.04
09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.02	- 0.21	- 0.19
10 Education	+ 0.09	+ 0.20	+ 0.11
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+ 0.02	- 0.46	- 0.48
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+ 0.69	- 0.04	- 0.73
<b>ALL ITEMS % change</b>	<b>- 4.7<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>- 1.1<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>+ 3.6<sup>1</sup></b>
Goods	- 2.05	- 1.30	+ 0.75
Services <sup>2</sup>	- 2.58	+ 0.23	+ 2.81

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes Mortgage Interest

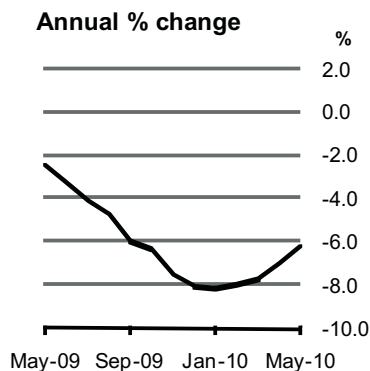
**Table B Positive and Negative factors in the comparison of the Annual Rate of Inflation for May 09 and May 10**

COICOP Group	+	COICOP Group	-
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+ 4.90	12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	- 0.73
07 Transport	+ 1.40	02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	- 0.70
10 Education	+ 0.11	01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	- 0.49
		11 Restaurants and Hotels	- 0.48
		09 Recreation and Culture	- 0.19
		06 Health	- 0.11
		05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	- 0.06
		03 Clothing and Footwear	- 0.05
		08 Communications	- 0.04
<b>Total Positive</b>	<b>+ 6.41</b>	<b>Total Negative</b>	<b>- 2.85</b>
<b>Net Difference (Positive less Negative)</b>			<b>+ 3.56<sup>1</sup></b>

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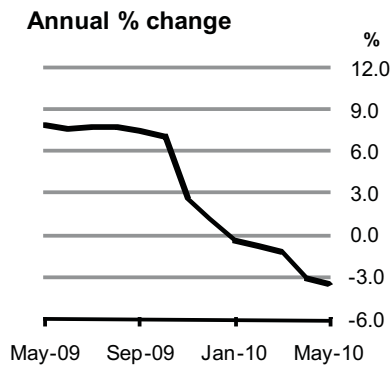
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Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.4% in the month and decreased by 6.3% in the year to May 2010. This compares to a decrease of 2.5% for the year to May 2009. In the month, food prices increased by 0.4% while non-alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.3%.

In May, price increases were recorded for soup (+4.1%), potatoes (+3.5%), cheese (+3.5%), other fruits (+2.5%), beef (+2.3%), lamb (+1.9%), fresh fruit (+1.6%), biscuits (+1.5%), frozen, tinned & smoked fish (+1.4%), fresh fish (+1.3%), soft drinks & mineral water (+1.1%), condiments & sauces (+1.0%) and desserts & ice cream (+0.8%). Price decreases were recorded for pork (-2.8%), other vegetable products (-2.5%), other bread & cereals (-1.7%), poultry (-1.5%), tea (-1.2%), coffee (-1.2%), cocoa (-1.1%), breakfast cereals (-1.0%), cakes (-0.8%) and frozen vegetables (-0.7%).

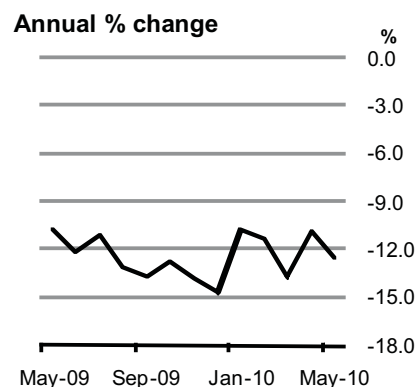


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Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month and by 3.4% in the year to May 2010. This compares to an increase of 7.9% for the year to May 2009. In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.4% while tobacco prices increased by 0.1%.

In May, price decreases were recorded for beer (-1.5%) and spirits (-0.2%). Price increases were recorded for other tobacco products (+0.2%) and cigarettes (+0.1%).



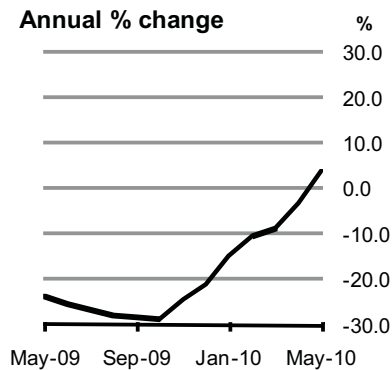
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Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 1.1% in the month and by 12.6% in the year to May 2010. This compares to a decrease of 10.8% for the year to May 2009. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 1.2% while footwear prices decreased by 1.1%.

In May, price decreases were recorded for garments (-1.4%), shoes & other footwear (-1.1%) and other articles of clothing (-0.2%). Price increases were recorded for repair & hire of footwear (+0.4%), dress hire & repair of clothing (+0.2%) and dry cleaning & laundry (+0.1%).

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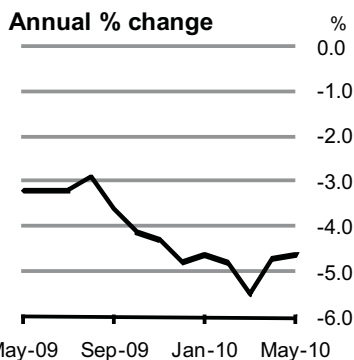


04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 2.9% in the month and by 3.7% in the year to May 2010. This compares to a decrease of 23.6% for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (+8.5%), natural gas (+6.4%), mortgage interest (+6.1%), rents (+1.0%), bottled gas (+1.0%) and materials for maintenance & repair of dwelling (+0.3%). Price decreases were recorded for electricity (-1.3%) and solid fuels (-0.1%).

The increases in liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) and natural gas are primarily due to the 'carbon levy' which came into effect in May.

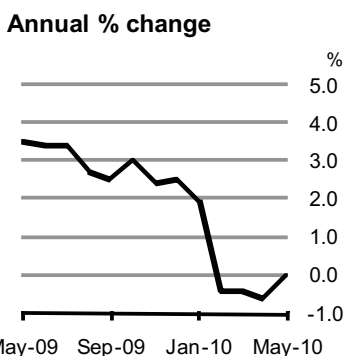


05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 4.6% in the year to May 2010. This compares to a decrease of 3.2% for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for major tools & equipment (-1.2%), major household appliances (-0.7%), furniture & furnishings (-0.5%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (-0.5%) and carpets & other floor coverings (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for repair of household appliances (+1.5%), household textiles (+0.1%) and small electric household appliances (+0.1%).



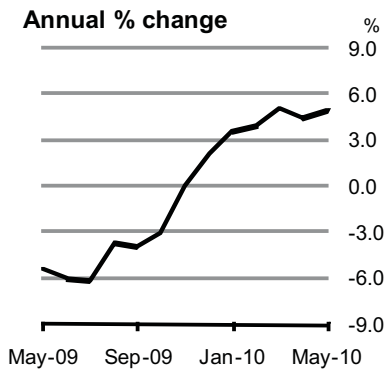
06 Health

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Overall health costs and charges remained unchanged in the month and in the year to May 2010. This compares to an increase of 3.5% for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for prescribed drugs (+1.6%) and alternative & complementary medicine (+0.2%). Price decreases were recorded for dental services (-1.4%), other medicines (which includes pain relievers, antacid, cough mixture and vitamins & other supplements) (-0.4%), doctors' fees (-0.3%), therapeutic appliances & equipment (-0.1%) and other medical products (which includes condoms, petroleum jelly, disinfectant and adhesive dressing) (-0.1%).

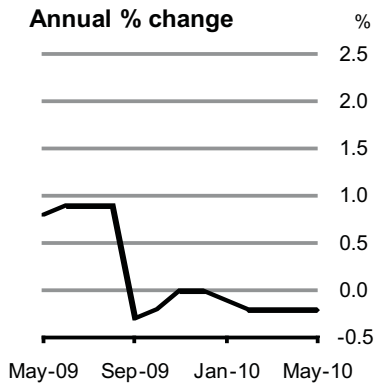
## 07 Transport



Transport costs increased by 0.8% in the month and by 4.9% in the year to May 2010. This compares to a decrease of 5.5% for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for air transport (+14.0%), petrol (+1.5%), diesel (+1.5%), other vehicle costs (+1.2%), bicycles (+0.2%) and motor oil (+0.2%). Price decreases were recorded for sea transport (-2.7%), spare parts & accessories (-1.1%), maintenance & repair (-0.4%), motor cars (-0.3%) and motorcycles (-0.2%).

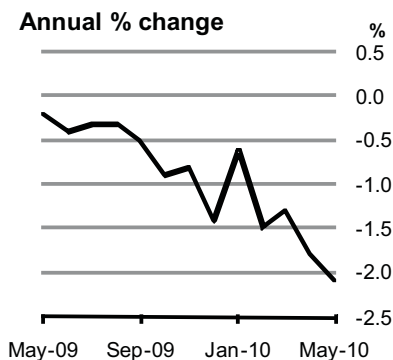
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Overall communication costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.2% in the year to May 2010. This compares to an increase of 0.8% for the year to May 2009.

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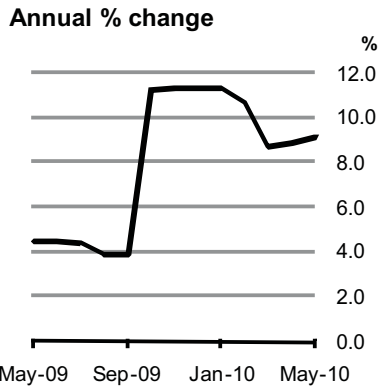
## 09 Recreation and Culture

Overall prices decreased by 0.1% in the month and by 2.1% in the year to May 2010. This compares to a decrease of 0.2% for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for recording media (-3.9%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-3.0%), newspapers & periodicals (-1.2%), package holidays (-0.5%), other major durables for recreation & culture (-0.5%) and cinema (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for cultural admittance (+4.1%), books (+0.8%), stationery (+0.6%) and pets & related products (+0.6%).

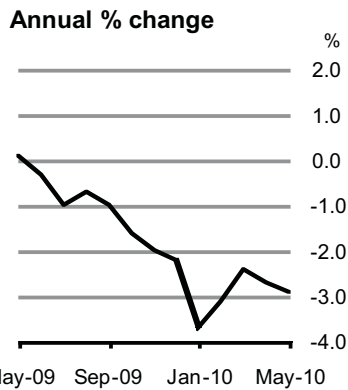
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## 10 Education



Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 9.1% in the year to May 2010. This compares to an increase of 4.5% for the year to May 2009.

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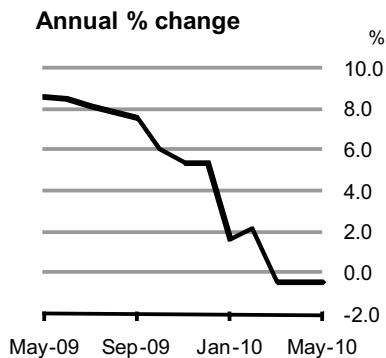


## 11 Restaurants and Hotels

Prices for the overall category increased by 0.1% in the month and decreased by 2.9% in the year to May 2010. This compares to an increase of 0.1% for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price increases were recorded for restaurants, cafes & fast food (+0.4%), accommodation services (+0.3%), spirits (+0.1%), wine & cider (+0.1%) and soft drinks & mineral water (+0.1%).

### 11 Restaurants and Hotels



### 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

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Overall prices remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.4% in the year to May 2010. This compares to an increase of 8.6% recorded for the year to May 2009.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for electric appliances for personal care (-1.8%), hair products (-1.0%), other personal goods (-0.8%), hygiene products (-0.3%) and motor car insurance (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for financial services (+0.8%), cosmetics & skincare products (+0.2%), other services (which includes funerals, weddings and professional & legal services) (+0.2%) and toilet accessories (+0.2%).

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Food</b>	10.8076	100.9	0.4	-6.2
Bread and Cereals	2.0242	105.9	-0.2	-5.9
Bread	0.6553	116.6	0.0	-4.5
Flour	0.0517	140.7	0.4	-0.5
Biscuits	0.3268	97.0	1.5	-9.4
Cakes	0.3762	102.8	-0.8	-5.3
Breakfast cereals	0.2949	96.2	-1.0	-5.0
Other cereals	0.0992	112.0	-0.4	-5.8
Other bread & cereals	0.2201	94.3	-1.7	-9.2
Meat	2.6729	96.3	0.5	-7.0
Beef	0.7179	104.4	2.3	-3.3
Lamb	0.2234	108.8	1.9	-2.6
Pork	0.1781	87.5	-2.8	-7.4
Bacon	0.3906	89.9	0.0	-7.6
Poultry	0.4633	84.5	-1.5	-16.0
Other meat products	0.6996	97.6	0.1	-6.2
Fish	0.3592	98.1	1.3	-3.3
Fresh fish	0.1814	95.0	1.3	-3.7
Frozen/tinned/smoked fish	0.1778	101.2	1.4	-3.1
Milk, cheese and eggs	1.3177	115.5	0.8	-4.3
Milk	0.6567	125.7	0.2	-2.9
Other milk products	0.2608	103.5	0.0	-9.2
Cheese	0.2790	103.5	3.5	-4.2
Eggs	0.1212	113.2	-0.4	-3.3
Oils and fats	0.2734	109.3	-0.3	-9.0
Butter	0.0813	112.2	-0.2	-4.0
Margarine & low fat spreads	0.1448	111.8	-0.4	-10.1
Other oils & fats	0.0474	96.7	-0.2	-14.3
Fruit	0.8597	90.2	1.7	-9.3
Fresh fruit	0.7731	88.3	1.6	-10.4
Other fruits	0.0866	107.5	2.5	-0.3
Vegetables	1.5782	95.7	-0.2	-5.2
Potatoes	0.3256	85.2	3.5	-4.8
Other fresh vegetables	0.6079	100.2	-0.5	-5.4
Tinned vegetables	0.0956	117.1	0.3	1.1
Frozen vegetables	0.1549	91.1	-0.7	-9.9
Other vegetable products	0.3943	94.0	-2.5	-5.3
Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery	0.8912	102.1	0.5	-7.8
Sugar & sweeteners	0.0583	95.1	0.0	-2.9
Preserves	0.0526	111.3	0.3	-3.5
Sweets & chocolate	0.5151	103.3	0.5	-8.6
Desserts & ice cream	0.2652	99.6	0.8	-7.7
Other food products	0.8312	98.0	0.8	-5.6
Condiments & sauces	0.2761	100.1	1.0	-5.4
Soup	0.1102	109.4	4.1	-0.4
Miscellaneous food items	0.4449	93.9	-0.1	-7.0
<b>Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	0.9347	97.9	0.3	-7.1
Coffee, tea and cocoa	0.2380	100.3	-1.2	-5.5
Tea	0.1417	104.0	-1.2	-2.8
Coffee	0.0817	92.8	-1.2	-10.9
Cocoa	0.0146	105.9	-1.1	-1.2
Mineral waters, soft drinks & juices	0.6967	97.0	0.8	-7.7
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.4523	100.4	1.1	-5.7
Fruit juices	0.2444	90.8	0.2	-11.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.7423</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-6.3</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.8725	97.8	-0.4	-8.6
Spirits	0.5818	98.1	-0.2	-11.5
Wine & cider	1.5258	97.8	0.0	-6.6
Beer	0.7649	97.4	-1.5	-10.2
<b>Tobacco</b>	3.1759	121.2	0.1	0.7
Cigarettes	3.1271	121.3	0.1	0.7
Other tobacco products	0.0488	114.2	0.2	0.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.0484</b>	<b>110.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-3.4</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>Clothing</b>	4.4488	72.6	-1.2	-12.6
Garments	4.2028	71.0	-1.4	-13.4
Other articles of clothing	0.1001	86.9	-0.2	-3.9
Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.1459	108.4	0.1	-1.4
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.1052	110.1	0.1	-0.9
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0408	103.9	0.2	-2.7
<b>Footwear</b>	0.9670	72.9	-1.1	-12.5
Shoes & other footwear	0.9537	72.4	-1.1	-12.8
Repair & hire of footwear	0.0133	107.0	0.4	-1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.4158</b>	<b>72.7</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-12.6</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Rents & other housing costs	9.5303	87.3	4.4	5.1
Rents	2.8696	91.4	1.0	-4.1
Mortgage interest	6.6607	85.5	6.1	9.9
Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	2.4521	100.4	0.1	-2.4
Materials for maint. & repair of dwelling	1.5062	101.5	0.3	-0.7
Services for maint. & repair of dwelling	0.9459	98.7	0.0	-5.1
Water supply, refuse & misc. services	0.5117	102.3	0.0	-2.7
Electricity, gas & other fuels	4.0142	109.5	2.3	5.7
Electricity	1.5444	110.0	-1.3	-1.3
Natural gas	0.7560	78.6	6.4	-10.6
Bottled gas	0.1177	121.3	1.0	1.6
Liquid fuels	0.8538	127.4	8.5	48.5
Solid fuels	0.7423	117.4	-0.1	-3.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.5083</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>3.7</b>



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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Furniture, furnishings, carpets & other flooring	1.0812	81.8	-0.5	-6.2
Furniture & furnishings	0.9467	82.7	-0.5	-6.0
Carpets & other floor coverings	0.1345	75.9	-0.4	-6.2
Household textiles	0.2424	71.3	0.1	-10.4
Household appliances	1.0459	90.6	-0.4	-3.4
Major household appliances	0.8435	89.5	-0.7	-3.8
Small electric household appliances	0.1285	88.3	0.1	-4.0
Repair of household appliances	0.0740	107.7	1.5	1.5
Glassware, tableware & hsehld utensils	0.2577	83.3	-0.5	-7.6
Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3627	94.0	-0.5	-3.5
Major tools & equipment	0.0808	93.8	-1.2	-3.7
Small tools & misc. accessories	0.2820	94.1	-0.2	-3.4
Goods & services for routine hsehld maint.	1.4321	98.9	-0.1	-3.4
Non-durable household goods	0.6683	92.4	-0.2	-7.9
Domestic & household services	0.7638	104.7	0.0	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.4221</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-4.6</b>

**Table 6 Health - May 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Medical products, appliances & equip.	1.1764	96.0	0.6	-4.1
Pharmaceutical products	0.8672	91.0	1.0	-7.6
Prescribed drugs	0.6160	86.4	1.6	-10.0
Other medicines	0.2512	102.3	-0.4	-2.3
Other medical products	0.0456	95.2	-0.1	-7.4
Therapeutic appliances & equip	0.2637	112.8	-0.1	7.5
Outpatient services	1.0313	117.0	-0.6	4.3
Medical services	0.6684	113.3	-0.2	-0.2
Doctors' fees	0.4792	114.1	-0.3	0.1
Alternative & complementary medicine	0.1893	111.4	0.2	-0.9
Dental services	0.3628	123.9	-1.4	12.7
Hospital services	0.9459	125.8	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.1536</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Table 7 Transport - May 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Purchase of vehicles	5.7319	90.3	-0.3	-5.0
Motor cars	5.6398	90.2	-0.3	-5.2
Motor cycles	0.0373	96.1	-0.2	-3.8
Bicycles	0.0549	91.1	0.2	-5.5
Operation of personal transport equip.	5.9606	121.7	0.9	13.0
Spare parts & accessories	0.3444	99.9	-1.1	-3.8
Fuels & lubricants	3.7506	128.0	1.5	22.0
Petrol	2.9759	129.7	1.5	21.6
Diesel	0.7604	121.9	1.5	24.4
Motor oil	0.0143	112.3	0.2	1.7
Maintenance & repair	0.7045	110.8	-0.4	-2.6
Other services	1.1611	114.4	0.4	0.4
Motor tax	0.8380	114.3	0.0	0.0
Other vehicle costs	0.3173	114.8	1.2	1.2
Driving licences	0.0058	100.9	0.0	0.0
Transport services	1.6008	116.0	3.2	5.9
Rail transport	0.2189	116.8	0.0	0.3
Road transport	0.9286	115.5	0.0	1.8
Bus fares	0.3926	125.4	0.0	3.8
Taxi	0.5360	108.2	0.0	0.0
Air transport	0.4009	118.3	14.0	20.8
Sea transport	0.0290	95.8	-2.7	11.8
Combined transport	0.0183	119.1	0.0	0.0
Other transport	0.0051	77.6	0.0	-9.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>13.2933</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>

**Table 8 Communications - May 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	101.4	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 - May 2010**

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	1.0479	62.1	-2.7	-14.7
Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.2217	57.3	-0.3	-11.6
Photographic & cinematographic equip. & optical instruments	0.2622	57.5	-3.0	-14.6
Information processing equip.	0.1713	41.9	0.0	-25.4
Recording media	0.3927	76.8	-3.9	-13.0
Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0146	91.5	-0.5	-3.9
Other recreational items & equip. incl. gardens & pets	1.5602	87.4	0.1	-7.9
Games, toys & hobbies	0.5606	73.6	0.1	-8.5
Equipment for sport, camping & open air recreation	0.1917	89.7	0.0	-7.0
Gardens, plants & flowers	0.4325	97.4	-0.2	-4.4
Pets & related products	0.2570	88.0	0.6	-16.8
Veterinary & other services for pets	0.1184	110.9	0.0	-0.7
Recreational & cultural services	3.2243	108.5	0.6	-0.8
Recreational & sporting services	1.1232	107.8	0.0	-4.1
Sports admittance	0.1449	109.4	0.0	-1.0
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	108.9	1.0	1.1
Cinema	0.2026	107.2	-0.4	1.5
Nightclubs	0.2299	98.5	-0.2	-3.4
Cultural admittance	0.5231	112.8	4.1	4.7
Other entertainment	0.1791	99.8	0.0	-2.5
Television services	0.9664	111.2	0.0	0.5
Newspapers, books & stationery	1.7290	106.3	-0.4	0.0
Books	0.4724	101.1	0.8	-0.2
Newspapers & periodicals	0.9333	111.0	-1.2	0.1
Stationery	0.3233	100.2	0.6	-0.4
Package holidays	2.5280	107.8	-0.5	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.1041</b>	<b>99.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-2.1</b>

**Table 10 Education - May 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	20.8
Other education & training	0.8217	107.3	0.0	-3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.0429</b>	<b>122.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Catering services	13.0297	106.9	0.2	-2.0
Restaurants, cafes & licenced premises	11.6723	106.0	0.2	-2.4
Beer	4.7087	106.4	0.0	-3.2
Spirits	1.3776	106.0	0.1	-2.8
Wine & cider	1.0197	105.5	0.1	-2.5
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.3351	109.2	0.1	-0.4
Restaurants, cafes & fast-food	4.2313	105.4	0.4	-1.4
Canteens	1.3573	114.2	0.0	0.6
Accommodation services	2.3950	86.8	0.3	-8.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.4247</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>-2.9</b>

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

Description	Dec 2006 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
Personal care	2.3999	94.3	0.0	-7.5
Hairdressing salons & personal grooming	0.8844	104.0	0.0	-4.9
Hairdressing	0.7537	103.1	0.0	-5.2
Health & beauty treatments	0.1236	109.0	0.0	-3.2
Other personal grooming	0.0071	115.4	0.0	2.9
Electric appliances for personal care	0.0130	90.9	-1.8	-4.3
Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.5025	88.6	0.0	-9.2
Hygiene products	0.3344	89.5	-0.3	-11.1
Hair products	0.2034	80.5	-1.0	-15.5
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6554	92.8	0.2	-6.7
Toilet accessories	0.3093	84.1	0.2	-8.4
Personal goods	0.4855	87.9	-0.6	-3.2
Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.1711	114.2	0.0	5.8
Other personal goods	0.3143	73.7	-0.8	-9.6
Social protection	1.0171	100.4	0.0	-10.6
Childcare	0.9858	99.3	0.0	-11.2
Other social protection	0.0314	135.5	0.0	5.3
Insurance	3.9334	127.0	0.0	6.0
Dwelling insurance	0.7502	135.8	0.0	6.5
Health insurance	1.7726	143.7	0.0	9.8
Transport insurance	1.4106	101.2	-0.1	-0.6
Motor cycle insurance	0.0193	69.6	0.0	-19.8
Motor car insurance	1.3913	101.7	-0.1	-0.3
Financial services	0.1262	104.1	0.8	1.0
Other services	0.4639	107.9	0.2	-1.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.4260</b>	<b>110.8</b>	<b>0.0</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, 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
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
Mid-April	-0.3	+0.1	-0.5	+1.5	-0.3	-	+0.6	-	-0.2	-	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2
Mid-May	+0.4	-0.1	-1.1	+2.9	-0.2	-	+0.8	-	-0.1	-	+0.1	-	+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
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
Mid-April	-7.1	-3.0	-10.9	-3.2	-4.7	-0.6	+4.4	-0.2	-1.8	+8.9	-2.7	-0.4	-2.1
Mid-May	-6.3	-3.4	-12.6	+3.7	-4.6	-	+4.9	-0.2	-2.1	+9.1	-2.9	-0.4	-1.1

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - May 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	-	100.6	-	-6.3	-	-6.3
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	6.048	6.048	-	110.1	-	-3.4	-	-3.4
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.416	5.257	0.159	71.6	108.3	-13.1	-1.4	-12.6
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	16.509	3.220	13.289	112.7	90.8	+9.5	+2.0	+3.7
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	4.422	3.557	0.865	86.3	104.8	-6.0	+0.4	-4.6
06	Health	3.154	1.177	1.977	96.0	121.3	-4.1	+2.2	-
07	Transport	13.293	9.827	3.466	105.0	114.4	+5.8	+2.2	+4.9
08	Communications	3.418	0.018	3.400	75.1	101.8	-2.5	-0.2	-0.2
09	Recreation and Culture	10.104	4.233	5.871	88.2	108.3	-5.9	+0.4	-2.1
10	Education	2.043	-	2.043	-	122.0	-	+9.1	+9.1
11	Restaurants and Hotels	15.425	-	15.425	-	103.7	-	-2.9	-2.9
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	8.426	2.001	6.425	88.5	117.8	-7.7	+1.5	-0.4
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>47.080</b>	<b>52.920</b>	<b>97.5</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>-2.8</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>-1.1</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
Mid-April	- 2.9	- 1.4	+ 9.1	- 2.2	- 2.1	- 2.2	- 3.1	- 2.1
Mid-May	- 2.8	+ 0.5	+ 13.7	- 1.6	- 1.6	- 1.2	- 2.3	- 1.1

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
Mid-April	101.2	- 0.3	- 7.0	92.1	+ 0.1	- 9.0	98.5	- 0.2	- 7.6
Mid-May	101.2	-	- 6.8	92.7	+ 0.7	- 7.7	98.7	+ 0.2	- 7.1

<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 May index relates are Monday 10th to Tuesday 18th May, 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.