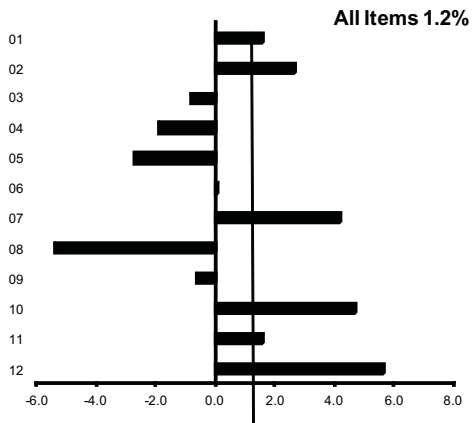




## Consumer Price Index Detailed Sub-Indices December 2012

### Comparison of main CPI divisions to the overall CPI annual % change - December 2012



CPI (Base: December 2011 = 100)

COICOP Division	% changes	
	1 month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.6	+1.6
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.3	+2.7
03 Clothing and Footwear	-1.3	-0.8
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.2	-1.9
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-	-2.7
06 Health	-	+0.1
07 Transport	-0.1	+4.2
08 Communications	-1.0	-5.4
09 Recreation and Culture	-	-0.6
10 Education	-	+4.7
11 Restaurants and Hotels	+0.7	+1.6
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+0.6	+5.7
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>+0.1</b>	<b>+1.2</b>

### Prices rise by 1.2% in the year to December

Consumer Prices in December, as measured by the CPI, increased by 0.1% in the month. This compares to a decrease of 0.3% recorded in December of last year. Prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 1.2% higher in December compared with December 2011.

The most significant monthly price changes were increases in *Restaurants & Hotels* (+0.7%), *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages* (+0.6%) and *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+0.6%). A price decrease was recorded for *Clothing & Footwear* (-1.3%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+5.7%), *Education* (+4.7%), *Transport* (+4.2%) and *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+2.7%). There were decreases in *Communications* (-5.4%), *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.7%) and *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-1.9%).

The annual rate of inflation for Services was 1.3% in the year to December, while Goods increased by 1.0%.

This release provides a detailed analysis of the major price developments within the main CPI divisions in tables 1 to 16.

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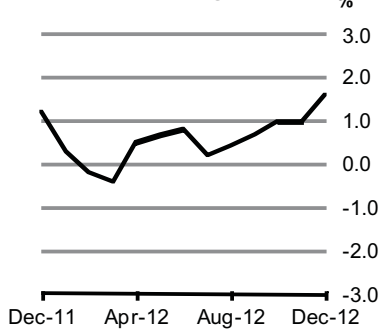
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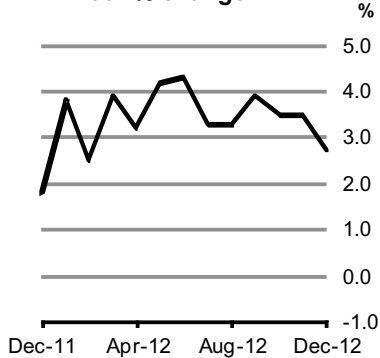
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Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.6% in the month and by 1.6% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.2% for the year to December 2011. In the month, food prices increased by 0.7% while non-alcoholic beverages prices increased by 0.2%.

In December, price increases were recorded for margarine & other vegetable fats (+4.4%), pasta products & couscous (+3.3%), confectionery products (+2.8%), bread (+2.3%), potatoes (+2.2%), crisps (+2.2%), yoghurt (+2.0%), eggs (+1.8%), frozen fish (+1.7%), beef & veal (+1.6%) and ready-made meals (+1.6%). Price decreases were recorded for cocoa & powdered chocolate (-4.5%), mineral or spring waters (-3.4%), dried, smoked or salted fish & seafood (-3.3%), dried fruit & nuts (-3.0%), other meat preparations (-1.0%) and olive oil (-1.0%).

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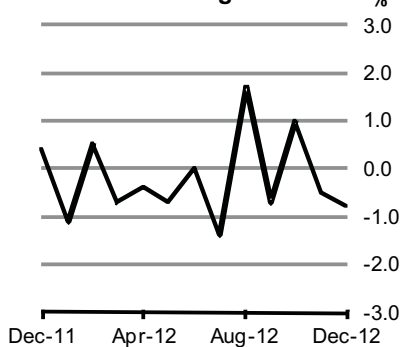
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Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco prices decreased by 0.3% in the month and increased by 2.7% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.8% for the year to December 2011. In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 2.1% while tobacco prices increased by 1.3%.

In December, price decreases were recorded for spirits (-8.3%), wine (-1.1%) and beer (-0.7%). Price increases were recorded for other tobacco products (+3.7%) and cigarettes (+1.2%).

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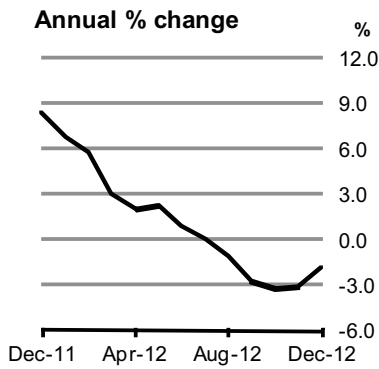


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Clothing & Footwear prices decreased by 1.3% in the month and by 0.8% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 0.4% for the year to December 2011. In the month, clothing prices decreased by 1.3% while footwear prices decreased by 1.5%.

In December, price decreases were recorded for shoes & other footwear (-1.4%), garments (-1.3%) and other articles of clothing & clothing accessories (-1.1%). A price increase was recorded for repair & hire of footwear (+0.2%).

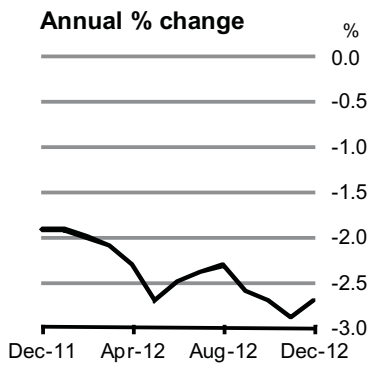


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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 1.9% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 8.4% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for local authority rents (-1.7%), liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (-1.3%), services for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling (-1.1%) and mortgage interest (-0.4%). Price increases were recorded for private rents (+0.7%), materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling (+0.6%) and bottled gas (+0.1%).

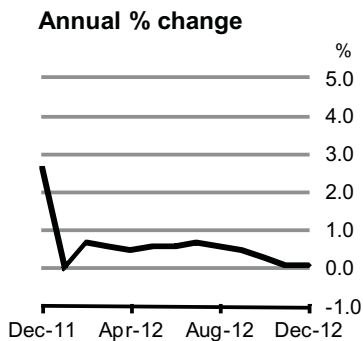


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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 2.7% in the year to December 2012. This compares to a decrease of 1.9% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for major tools & equipment (-1.3%), carpets & other floor coverings (-1.0%), furniture & furnishings (-0.7%) and household textiles (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for non-durable household goods (+0.8%), glassware, tableware & household utensils (+0.3%) and small tools & miscellaneous accessories (+0.2%).

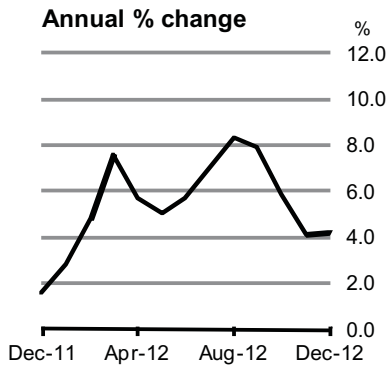


**06 Health**

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Health costs and charges remained unchanged in the month and increased by 0.1% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 2.6% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for other medicines (which includes vitamins & other supplements, pain reliever, antacid, cough mixture and cold/flu drinks powder) (+0.2%) and other medical products (which includes condoms, pregnancy test kit, petroleum jelly, disinfectant - first aid and adhesive dressing) (+0.2%). A price decrease was recorded for therapeutic appliances & equipment (-0.3%).

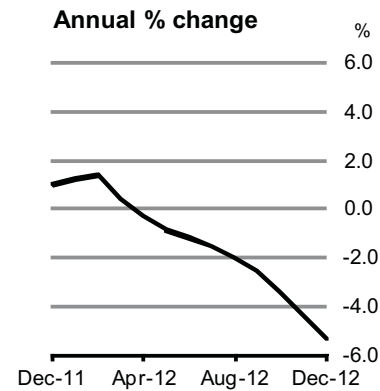


**07 Transport**

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Transport costs decreased by 0.1% in the month and increased by 4.2% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.6% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for petrol (-1.2%), motor cars (-1.2%), diesel (-0.9%) and other vehicle costs (-0.9%). Price increases were recorded for passenger transport by air (+6.6%) and passenger transport by sea & inland waterway (+2.9%).

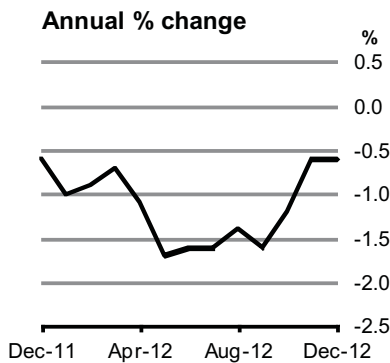


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Overall communications costs decreased by 1.0% in the month and by 5.4% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.0% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services (-1.0%).



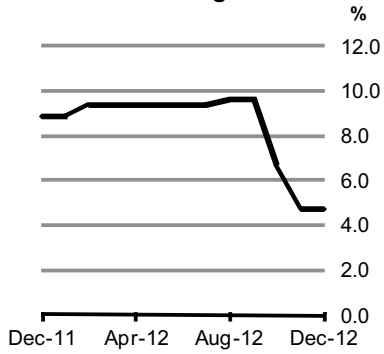
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Overall prices remained unchanged in the month and decreased by 0.6% in the year to December 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.6% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for gardens, plants & flowers (-2.6%), photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-2.1%), recording media (-1.3%), games, toys & hobbies (-1.2%) and equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures (-1.0%). Price increases were recorded for pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets (+1.2%), books (+1.0%) and equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation (+0.9%).

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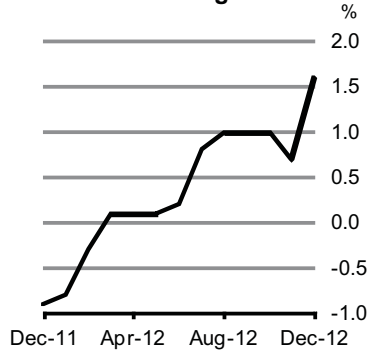


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Education costs remained unchanged in the month and increased by 4.7% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 8.9% for the year to December 2011.

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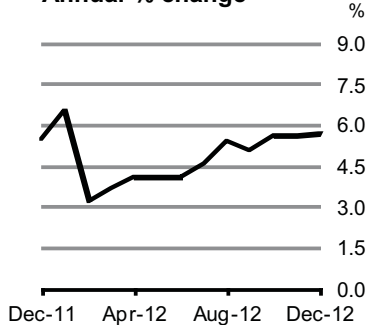
### 11 Restaurants and Hotels

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Prices for the overall category increased by 0.7% in the month and by 1.6% in the year to December 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.9% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for beer (+2.1%), spirits (+1.5%) and wine (+1.5%). A price decrease was recorded for accommodation services (-1.2%).

### Annual % change



### 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

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Overall prices increased by 0.6% in the month and by 5.7% in the year to December 2012. This compares to an increase of 5.5% for the year to December 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for hairdressing (+4.6%) and insurance connected with health (+1.4%). Price decreases were recorded for hair products (-3.0%), electric appliances for personal care (-1.4%) and hygiene products (-1.0%).

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>01.1 Food</b>	10.2532	101.4	0.7	1.4
01.1.1 Bread & Cereals	1.9822	100.1	1.0	0.1
Rice	0.0539	103.4	1.1	3.4
Flours & other cereals	0.0673	109.0	0.6	9.0
Bread	0.6588	100.5	2.3	0.5
Other bakery products	0.6163	97.4	0.3	-2.6
Pizza & quiche	0.1505	89.5	-0.4	-10.5
Pasta products & couscous	0.1060	100.1	3.3	0.1
Breakfast cereals	0.2819	107.5	-0.3	7.5
Other cereal products	0.0475	103.8	0.2	3.8
01.1.2 Meat	2.4233	100.9	0.3	0.9
Beef & veal	0.4170	107.1	1.6	7.1
Pork	0.1458	102.6	0.0	2.6
Lamb & goat	0.1414	97.0	-0.5	-3.0
Poultry	0.4599	99.8	0.1	-0.2
Edible offal	0.0065	102.7	0.1	2.7
Dried, salted or smoked meat	0.8656	98.0	0.4	-2.0
Other meat preparations	0.3871	102.8	-1.0	2.8
01.1.3 Fish	0.3220	101.3	0.1	1.3
Fresh or chilled fish	0.1249	101.0	0.1	1.0
Frozen fish	0.0491	93.3	1.7	-6.7
Fresh or chilled seafood	0.0374	100.6	0.0	0.6
Dried, smoked or salted fish & seafood	0.0365	98.6	-3.3	-1.4
Other preserved or processed fish & seafood-based preparations	0.0740	108.7	0.6	8.7
01.1.4 Milk, cheese & eggs	1.4569	99.6	0.5	-0.4
Fresh whole milk	0.4250	99.4	0.0	-0.6
Fresh low fat milk	0.1589	99.6	0.0	-0.4
Yoghurt	0.2535	99.0	2.0	-1.0
Cheese & curd	0.3347	98.2	0.3	-1.8
Other milk products	0.1326	100.0	-0.2	0.0
Eggs	0.1522	104.4	1.8	4.4
01.1.5 Oils & fats	0.2885	101.5	1.7	1.5
Butter	0.1293	100.7	1.1	0.7
Margarine & other vegetable fats	0.0921	101.6	4.4	1.6
Olive oil	0.0260	99.7	-1.0	-0.3
Other edible oils	0.0410	105.0	0.0	5.0
01.1.6 Fruit	0.7447	99.0	0.2	-1.0
Fresh or chilled fruit	0.6216	98.9	0.7	-1.1
Dried fruit & nuts	0.1045	97.4	-3.0	-2.6
Preserved fruit & fruit-based products	0.0186	110.8	-0.4	10.8
01.1.7 Vegetables	1.3874	108.1	1.1	8.1
Fresh or chilled vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.5944	103.3	0.4	3.3
Frozen vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.0358	98.3	-0.4	-1.7
Dried vegetables, other preserved or processed vegetables	0.2517	99.8	0.6	-0.2
Potatoes	0.3055	126.6	2.2	26.6
Crisps	0.2000	106.4	2.2	6.4

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - December 2012 continued**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
01.1.8 Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate & confectionery	0.7966	101.1	1.2	1.1
Sugar	0.0732	100.5	-0.4	0.5
Jams, marmalades & honey	0.0887	100.9	1.2	0.9
Chocolate	0.3401	102.6	0.8	2.6
Confectionery products	0.1428	99.9	2.8	-0.1
Edible ices & ice cream	0.1458	99.1	1.3	-0.9
Artificial sugar substitutes	0.0060	101.3	0.7	1.3
01.1.9 Food products n.e.c.	0.8516	100.6	0.8	0.6
Sauces & condiments	0.2290	103.1	0.2	3.1
Salt, spices & culinary herbs	0.0405	98.1	-0.6	-1.9
Baby food	0.1008	102.9	1.0	2.9
Ready-made meals	0.2525	97.5	1.6	-2.5
Other food products n.e.c.	0.2289	100.8	0.5	0.8
<b>01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>1.1127</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>
01.2.1 Coffee, tea & cocoa	0.2301	102.4	0.0	2.4
Coffee	0.0963	100.7	-0.2	0.7
Tea	0.1217	104.1	0.5	4.1
Cocoa & powdered chocolate	0.0120	98.7	-4.5	-1.3
01.2.2 Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit & vegetable juices	0.8826	103.9	0.3	3.9
Mineral or spring waters	0.1256	100.6	-3.4	0.6
Soft drinks	0.5246	104.3	1.3	4.3
Fruit & vegetable juices	0.2324	104.7	0.0	4.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.3659</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.6</b>

**Table 2 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>02.1 Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.2629	100.0	-2.1	0.0
02.1.1 Spirits	0.3509	98.6	-8.3	-1.4
02.1.2 Wine	1.0529	102.4	-1.1	2.4
02.1.3 Beer	0.8591	97.6	-0.7	-2.4
<b>02.2 Tobacco</b>	2.6455	105.1	1.3	5.1
Cigarettes	2.5150	104.9	1.2	4.9
Other tobacco products	0.1304	109.1	3.7	9.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9084</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2.7</b>

**Table 3 Clothing and Footwear - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>03.1 Clothing</b>	4.1220	100.0	-1.3	0.0
03.1.2 Garments	3.8776	100.2	-1.3	0.2
03.1.3 Other articles of clothing & clothing accessories	0.1634	95.3	-1.1	-4.7
03.1.4 Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.0810	100.7	0.0	0.7
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.0628	101.0	-0.1	1.0
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0182	99.5	0.0	-0.5
<b>03.2 Footwear</b>	1.0806	96.1	-1.5	-3.9
03.2.1 Shoes & other footwear	1.0713	96.1	-1.4	-3.9
03.2.2 Repair & hire of footwear	0.0092	100.8	0.2	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.2025</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>



**Table 4 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
04.1/04.2 Actual rentals for housing & mortgage interest	10.6732	93.6	0.0	-6.4
04.1.1 Actual rentals paid by tenants (Rents)	5.0040	102.9	0.4	2.9
Private Rents	4.3536	103.5	0.7	3.5
Local Authority Rents	0.6504	99.0	-1.7	-1.0
04.2.1 Mortgage Interest	5.6692	85.4	-0.4	-14.6
04.3 Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.8747	99.2	-0.4	-0.8
04.3.1 Materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.3444	103.0	0.6	3.0
04.3.2 Services for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.5303	96.7	-1.1	-3.3
04.4 Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	0.6260	98.9	0.0	-1.1
04.5 Electricity, gas & other fuels	5.3022	107.0	-0.4	7.0
04.5.1 Electricity	2.3386	108.7	0.0	8.7
04.5.2 Gas	1.1810	109.4	0.0	9.4
Natural gas	1.1215	109.7	0.0	9.7
Bottled gas	0.0595	102.1	0.1	2.1
04.5.3 Liquid fuels (Home Heating Oil)	1.3076	104.5	-1.3	4.5
04.5.4 Solid fuels	0.4751	100.1	0.0	0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.4761</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-1.9</b>

**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
05.1 Furniture & furnishings, carpets & other floor coverings	0.6557	94.3	-0.7	-5.7
05.1.1 Furniture & furnishings	0.6086	93.9	-0.7	-6.1
05.1.2 Carpets & other floor coverings	0.0471	100.2	-1.0	0.2
05.2 Household textiles	0.2946	95.9	-0.6	-4.1
05.3 Household appliances	0.4648	98.9	0.1	-1.1
05.3.1 Major household appliances whether electric or not	0.3618	98.7	0.1	-1.3
05.3.2 Small electric household appliances	0.0690	98.8	-0.1	-1.2
05.3.3 Repair of household appliances	0.0340	101.3	0.0	1.3
05.4 Glassware, tableware & household utensils	0.2302	98.2	0.3	-1.8
05.5 Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3778	98.7	-0.1	-1.3
05.5.1 Major tools & equipment	0.0945	94.5	-1.3	-5.5
05.5.2 Small tools & miscellaneous accessories	0.2832	100.1	0.2	0.1
05.6 Goods & services for routine household maintenance	1.1965	98.0	0.5	-2.0
05.6.1 Non-durable household goods	0.7091	100.7	0.8	0.7
05.6.2 Domestic services & household services	0.4874	94.1	0.0	-5.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.2196</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>

**Table 6 Health - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
06.1 Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.0656	98.6	0.1	-1.4
06.1.1 Pharmaceutical products	0.8196	97.8	0.2	-2.2
Prescribed drugs	0.2203	95.5	0.0	-4.5
Other medicines	0.5993	98.6	0.2	-1.4
06.1.2 Other medical products	0.0717	104.5	0.2	4.5
06.1.3 Therapeutic appliances & equipment	0.1743	99.8	-0.3	-0.2
06.2 Out-patient services	1.4654	100.0	0.0	0.0
06.2.1/3 Medical & paramedical services	0.9919	99.8	0.0	-0.2
Doctors' fees	0.8224	99.9	0.0	-0.1
Other medical & paramedical services	0.1695	99.5	0.0	-0.5
06.2.2 Dental services	0.4735	100.3	0.0	0.3
06.3 Hospital services	2.0978	101.0	0.0	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.6288</b>	<b>100.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>

**Table 7 Transport - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
07.1 Purchase of vehicles	3.4252	97.8	-1.2	-2.2
07.1.1 Motor cars	3.3599	97.8	-1.2	-2.2
07.1.2 Motor cycles	0.0207	101.0	0.0	1.0
07.1.3 Bicycles	0.0446	98.9	-0.2	-1.1
07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment	8.7038	106.2	-0.8	6.2
07.2.1 Spare parts & accessories for personal transport equipment	0.4224	101.2	0.0	1.2
07.2.2 Fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment	6.0586	106.8	-1.1	6.8
Petrol	4.1392	107.9	-1.2	7.9
Diesel	1.8941	104.5	-0.9	4.5
Motor oil	0.0253	101.5	0.0	1.5
07.2.3 Maintenance & repair of personal transport equipment	0.6427	100.2	0.0	0.2
07.2.4 Other services in respect of personal transport equipment	1.5801	108.0	-0.2	8.0
Motor tax	1.1689	110.8	0.0	10.8
Other vehicle costs	0.4112	100.1	-0.9	0.1
07.3 Transport services	2.9588	105.5	3.4	5.5
07.3.1 Passenger transport by railway	0.2374	102.2	0.0	2.2
07.3.2 Passenger transport by road	1.0393	105.7	0.0	5.7
Bus fares	0.6481	109.2	0.0	9.2
Taxi fares	0.3913	100.0	0.0	0.0
07.3.3 Passenger transport by air	1.5479	105.7	6.6	5.7
07.3.4 Passenger transport by sea & inland waterway	0.0911	108.2	2.9	8.2
07.3.5 Combined passenger transport	0.0262	106.2	0.0	6.2
07.3.6 Other purchased transport services	0.0169	99.6	0.0	-0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.0878</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>4.2</b>

**Table 8 Communications - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
08.1 Postal services	0.1020	101.5	0.0	1.5
08.2/3.0 Telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services	3.3851	94.4	-1.0	-5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4870</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-5.4</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
09.1 Audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.9117	91.0	-0.9	-9.0
09.1.1 Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.3557	91.5	-1.0	-8.5
09.1.2 Photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments	0.0730	85.0	-2.1	-15.0
09.1.3 Information processing equipment	0.2332	87.6	0.3	-12.4
09.1.4 Recording media	0.2226	95.2	-1.3	-4.8
09.1.5 Repair of audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.0272	96.9	0.0	-3.1
09.2 Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0877	95.7	0.0	-4.3
09.3 Other recreational items & equipment, gardens & pets	1.5920	98.2	-0.5	-1.8
09.3.1 Games, toys & hobbies	0.5381	95.8	-1.2	-4.2
09.3.2 Equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation	0.2171	99.3	0.9	-0.7
09.3.3 Gardens, plants & flowers	0.3855	90.9	-2.6	-9.1
09.3.4/5 Pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets	0.4513	106.7	1.2	6.7
09.4 Recreational & cultural services	3.3520	101.0	0.0	1.0
09.4.1 Recreational & sporting services	1.0343	95.7	0.0	-4.3
Sports admittance	0.1294	97.7	0.0	-2.3
Sports participation	0.2454	95.0	0.0	-5.0
Club & society subscriptions	0.6594	95.6	0.0	-4.4
09.4.2 Cultural services	2.3178	103.4	0.0	3.4
Cinema	0.2079	101.4	0.0	1.4
Nightclubs	0.1392	98.1	0.0	-1.9
Cultural admittance	0.4331	106.0	0.0	6.0
Television services	1.4452	103.6	0.0	3.6
Other entertainment	0.0925	100.5	0.0	0.5
09.5 Newspapers, books & stationery	1.4578	100.5	0.5	0.5
09.5.1 Books	0.3956	100.3	1.0	0.3
09.5.2 Newspapers & periodicals	0.7132	100.2	0.3	0.2
09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous printed matter and stationery & drawing materials	0.3490	101.2	0.1	1.2
09.6 Package holidays	0.6740	103.1	0.0	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0753</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.6</b>

**Table 10 Education - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
10.1 Pre-primary & primary education	0.1483	100.2	0.0	0.2
10.2 Secondary education	0.3784	102.5	0.0	2.5
10.4 Tertiary education	1.5687	106.5	0.0	6.5
10.5 Education not definable by level	0.3657	101.4	0.0	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.4612</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>

**Table 11 Restaurants and Hotels - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
11.1 Catering services	12.2965	101.9	0.9	1.9
11.1.1 Restaurants, cafes & the like	11.4857	102.1	1.0	2.1
Licenced premises	6.4942	103.7	1.8	3.7
Spirits	1.5787	103.6	1.5	3.6
Wine	1.0311	102.9	1.5	2.9
Beer	3.5869	104.1	2.1	4.1
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.2975	101.9	0.4	1.9
Restaurants, cafes, fast food & take-away food	4.9915	100.0	0.0	0.0
11.1.2 Canteens	0.8107	99.9	0.0	-0.1
11.2 Accommodation services	1.8756	99.3	-1.2	-0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.1721</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>

**Table 12**      **Miscellaneous Goods and Services - December 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
12.1 Personal care	2.3298	98.5	0.8	-1.5
12.1.1 Hairdressing salons & personal grooming establishments	0.8177	99.9	3.5	-0.1
Hairdressing	0.6195	99.8	4.6	-0.2
Health & beauty treatments	0.1850	100.1	0.0	0.1
Other personal grooming	0.0133	100.0	0.0	0.0
12.1.2 Electric appliances for personal care	0.0222	99.0	-1.4	-1.0
12.1.3 Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.4898	97.8	-0.5	-2.2
Hygiene products	0.3136	100.3	-1.0	0.3
Hair products	0.1779	98.1	-3.0	-1.9
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6411	95.0	-0.1	-5.0
Toilet accessories	0.3573	100.4	0.4	0.4
12.3 Personal effects n.e.c.	0.5864	94.1	-0.1	-5.9
12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.3539	96.8	0.3	-3.2
12.3.2 Other personal effects	0.2325	90.0	-0.7	-10.0
12.4 Social protection	0.9666	100.1	0.0	0.1
Childcare	0.7855	100.0	0.0	0.0
Other social protection	0.1810	100.4	0.0	0.4
12.5 Insurance	5.4346	109.7	0.6	9.7
12.5.2 Insurance connected with the dwelling	0.8686	96.3	-0.9	-3.7
12.5.3 Insurance connected with health	2.8695	116.5	1.4	16.5
12.5.4 Insurance connected with transport	1.6965	105.0	0.0	5.0
Motor insurance	1.6780	105.1	0.0	5.1
Motor cycle insurance	0.0143	102.7	0.0	2.7
Motor car insurance	1.6638	105.1	0.0	5.1
Travel insurance	0.0184	100.0	0.0	0.0
12.6 Financial services n.e.c.	0.1226	100.2	-0.1	0.2
12.7 Other services n.e.c.	0.4753	123.0	0.2	23.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.9152</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>5.7</b>

**Table 13 COICOP Divisions 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 2011</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights %</b>	<b>11.366</b>	<b>4.908</b>	<b>5.203</b>	<b>17.476</b>	<b>3.220</b>	<b>4.629</b>	<b>15.088</b>	<b>3.487</b>	<b>8.075</b>	<b>2.461</b>	<b>14.172</b>	<b>9.915</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2011</b>													
Mid-July	+0.7	-0.1	-3.6	+0.9	-0.7	-0.1	+0.2	-	-0.4	-	-0.3	-0.4	-
Mid-August	-	+0.2	+3.3	+0.6	+0.6	-0.1	+0.3	-	+0.1	-0.2	-	-0.8	+0.2
Mid-September	-0.2	-	+5.4	+1.7	-	-	-0.7	-	-	-	-0.4	-0.1	+0.3
Mid-October	+0.2	+0.3	-0.7	+1.7	-0.1	-	-0.8	-	-	+7.5	-0.6	+0.5	+0.3
Mid-November	-	-0.6	+1.5	+0.1	+0.3	+0.1	-0.2	-	-0.3	+2.1	-0.4	-0.1	-
Mid-December	-	+0.5	-1.1	-1.4	-0.2	-	-0.3	-	-	-	-0.2	+0.5	-0.3
<b>2012</b>													
Mid-January	-0.5	+3.5	-10.7	-1.6	-2.5	+0.7	+1.2	+0.2	-0.4	-	-	+1.0	-0.5
Mid-February	+0.2	-0.4	+8.2	-0.4	+1.6	+0.1	+2.7	+0.2	-0.1	-	+0.4	+0.4	+0.9
Mid-March	-0.1	+0.6	+2.7	+0.2	-0.1	-0.1	+4.0	-	-	-	+0.4	+1.7	+1.0
Mid-April	+0.5	-0.9	+0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.1	-0.7	-0.7	+0.2	-	+0.3	+1.3	-
Mid-May	+0.1	+1.2	+0.3	+0.3	-0.4	-	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-	+0.3	-0.1	-
Mid-June	-0.1	-	-4.2	-0.9	-0.6	-	+0.7	-0.3	-0.1	-	+0.7	+0.3	-0.2
Mid-July	+0.1	-1.0	-5.1	-	-0.7	+0.1	+1.3	-0.4	-0.4	-	+0.3	-	-0.1
Mid-August	+0.3	+0.1	+6.6	-0.5	+0.7	-0.2	+1.6	-0.4	+0.3	-	+0.2	-	+0.6
Mid-September	+0.1	+0.6	+2.9	-0.1	-0.3	-0.1	-1.1	-0.6	-0.2	-	-0.4	-0.4	-0.1
Mid-October	+0.4	-0.2	+1.0	+1.2	-0.2	-0.2	-2.7	-0.8	+0.5	+4.6	-0.6	+1.0	-0.1
Mid-November	-	-0.5	-	+0.3	+0.1	-0.1	-1.9	-1.0	+0.2	+0.1	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4
Mid-December	+0.6	-0.3	-1.3	-0.2	-	-	-0.1	-1.0	-	-	+0.7	+0.6	+0.1

**Table 14 COICOP Divisions 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 2011</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Base Expenditure</b>													
<b>Weights %</b>	<b>11.366</b>	<b>4.908</b>	<b>5.203</b>	<b>17.476</b>	<b>3.220</b>	<b>4.629</b>	<b>15.088</b>	<b>3.487</b>	<b>8.075</b>	<b>2.461</b>	<b>14.172</b>	<b>9.915</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>2011</b>													
Mid-July	+1.1	-0.5	-0.7	+10.3	-2.9	+3.4	+3.5	+1.3	-0.8	-1.3	-0.7	+7.2	+2.7
Mid-August	+1.4	-0.5	-1.2	+7.2	-2.3	+3.4	+3.2	+1.0	-0.8	-1.6	-0.7	+6.2	+2.2
Mid-September	+1.4	-0.5	-0.3	+8.9	-2.3	+3.4	+4.2	+1.0	-0.5	-1.6	-0.8	+6.5	+2.6
Mid-October	+1.4	-0.5	-0.3	+10.2	-2.2	+2.3	+3.6	+1.0	-0.8	+6.5	-0.9	+6.4	+2.8
Mid-November	+1.6	-0.1	-0.7	+10.6	-1.9	+2.6	+3.7	+1.0	-1.0	+8.9	-0.9	+6.1	+2.9
Mid-December	+1.2	+1.8	+0.4	+8.4	-1.9	+2.6	+1.6	+1.0	-0.6	+8.9	-0.9	+5.5	+2.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>+1.1</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>+9.7</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+3.4</b>	<b>+2.3</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>+0.7</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>+6.5</b>	<b>+2.6</b>
<b>2012</b>													
Mid-January	+0.3	+3.8	-1.1	+6.7	-1.9	-	+2.8	+1.2	-1.0	+8.9	-0.8	+6.5	+2.2
Mid-February	-0.2	+2.5	+0.5	+5.8	-2.0	+0.7	+4.8	+1.4	-0.9	+9.4	-0.3	+3.2	+2.1
Mid-March	-0.4	+3.9	-0.7	+3.0	-2.1	+0.6	+7.6	+0.4	-0.7	+9.4	+0.1	+3.7	+2.2
Mid-April	+0.5	+3.2	-0.4	+2.0	-2.3	+0.5	+5.7	-0.3	-1.1	+9.4	+0.1	+4.1	+1.9
Mid-May	+0.7	+4.2	-0.7	+2.3	-2.7	+0.6	+5.0	-0.9	-1.7	+9.4	+0.1	+4.1	+1.8
Mid-June	+0.8	+4.3	-	+0.9	-2.5	+0.6	+5.7	-1.2	-1.6	+9.4	+0.2	+4.1	+1.7
Mid-July	+0.2	+3.3	-1.4	-	-2.4	+0.7	+7.0	-1.6	-1.6	+9.4	+0.8	+4.6	+1.6
Mid-August	+0.4	+3.3	+1.7	-1.1	-2.3	+0.6	+8.3	-2.0	-1.4	+9.6	+1.0	+5.4	+2.0
Mid-September	+0.7	+3.9	-0.7	-2.8	-2.6	+0.5	+7.9	-2.6	-1.6	+9.6	+1.0	+5.1	+1.6
Mid-October	+1.0	+3.5	+1.0	-3.3	-2.7	+0.3	+5.8	-3.4	-1.2	+6.7	+1.0	+5.6	+1.2
Mid-November	+1.0	+3.5	-0.5	-3.1	-2.9	+0.1	+4.1	-4.4	-0.6	+4.7	+0.7	+5.6	+0.8
Mid-December	+1.6	+2.7	-0.8	-1.9	-2.7	+0.1	+4.2	-5.4	-0.6	+4.7	+1.6	+5.7	+1.2
<b>Year</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>+3.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>+0.6</b>	<b>-2.5</b>	<b>+0.5</b>	<b>+5.8</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>+8.4</b>	<b>+0.4</b>	<b>+4.8</b>	<b>+1.7</b>

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - December 2012**

COICOP	Division	Mid-Dec 2011 % 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	11.366	11.366	-	101.6	-	+1.6	-	+1.6
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.908	4.908	-	102.7	-	+2.7	-	+2.7
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.203	5.113	0.090	99.1	100.7	-0.9	+0.7	-0.8
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.476	2.187	15.289	103.2	97.4	+3.2	-2.6	-1.9
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.220	2.697	0.523	97.8	94.5	-2.2	-5.5	-2.7
06	Health	4.629	1.066	3.563	98.6	100.6	-1.4	+0.6	+0.1
07	Transport	15.088	9.906	5.182	103.4	105.6	+3.4	+5.6	+4.2
08	Communications	3.487	0.134	3.353	86.6	94.9	-13.4	-5.1	-5.4
09	Recreation and Culture	8.075	3.908	4.167	97.3	101.3	-2.7	+1.3	-0.6
10	Education	2.461	-	2.461	-	104.7	-	+4.7	+4.7
11	Restaurants and Hotels	14.172	-	14.172	-	101.6	-	+1.6	+1.6
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.915	2.098	7.817	96.8	108.1	-3.2	+8.1	+5.7
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>43.383</b>	<b>56.617</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>+1.0</b>	<b>+1.3</b>	<b>+1.2</b>



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

Period	Goods	Services	Energy Products <sup>2</sup>	CPI excluding Mortgage Interest	CPI excluding Housing <sup>1</sup>	CPI excluding Tobacco	CPI excluding Energy Products <sup>2</sup>	All Items
<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
Mid-June	- 3.1	+ 0.9	+ 9.5	- 1.8	- 1.8	- 1.0	- 1.9	- 0.9
Mid-July	- 2.0	+ 1.4	+ 9.8	- 1.0	- 1.0	- 0.2	- 1.1	- 0.1
Mid-August	- 2.1	+ 2.3	+ 7.9	- 1.0	- 1.1	+ 0.2	- 0.4	+ 0.2
Mid-September	- 1.6	+ 2.1	+ 8.0	- 0.9	- 0.9	+ 0.4	- 0.2	+ 0.5
Mid-October	- 0.8	+ 2.1	+ 10.8	- 0.5	- 0.6	+ 0.8	- 0.2	+ 0.7
Mid-November	- 1.1	+ 2.0	+ 8.4	- 0.7	- 0.8	+ 0.6	- 0.1	+ 0.6
Mid-December	+ 0.5	+ 2.1	+ 13.7	+ 0.2	+ 0.1	+ 1.4	+ 0.2	+ 1.3
<b>Year</b>	<b>- 2.2</b>	<b>+ 0.2</b>	<b>+ 9.6</b>	<b>- 1.4</b>	<b>- 1.3</b>	<b>- 1.1</b>	<b>- 1.9</b>	<b>- 1.0</b>
<b>2011</b> Mid-January	+ 0.5	+ 2.6	+ 11.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 1.7	+ 0.7	+ 1.7
Mid-February	+ 1.4	+ 2.8	+ 13.9	+ 1.2	+ 1.3	+ 2.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Mid-March	+ 2.0	+ 3.9	+ 14.8	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 3.0
Mid-April	+ 1.6	+ 4.4	+ 12.5	+ 1.9	+ 2.0	+ 3.2	+ 2.3	+ 3.2
Mid-May	+ 1.4	+ 3.6	+ 10.5	+ 1.7	+ 1.7	+ 2.8	+ 1.8	+ 2.7
Mid-June	+ 0.9	+ 4.2	+ 10.5	+ 1.6	+ 1.7	+ 2.8	+ 1.9	+ 2.7
Mid-July	+ 1.0	+ 4.0	+ 10.1	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.7	+ 1.9	+ 2.7
Mid-August	+ 1.3	+ 2.7	+ 11.6	+ 1.3	+ 1.5	+ 2.1	+ 1.1	+ 2.2
Mid-September	+ 1.3	+ 3.6	+ 12.4	+ 1.6	+ 1.8	+ 2.6	+ 1.6	+ 2.6
Mid-October	+ 1.2	+ 4.1	+ 13.4	+ 1.8	+ 2.1	+ 2.9	+ 1.8	+ 2.8
Mid-November	+ 1.5	+ 4.2	+ 13.7	+ 2.0	+ 2.2	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 2.9
Mid-December	+ 0.9	+ 3.6	+ 8.9	+ 1.7	+ 1.9	+ 2.3	+ 1.8	+ 2.5
<b>Year</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>+ 3.6</b>	<b>+ 11.9</b>	<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>+ 2.7</b>	<b>+ 1.7</b>	<b>+ 2.6</b>
<b>2012</b> Mid-January	+ 0.7	+ 3.4	+ 9.8	+ 1.7	+ 1.8	+ 2.1	+ 1.3	+ 2.2
Mid-February	+ 1.0	+ 3.0	+ 10.1	+ 1.8	+ 2.0	+ 1.9	+ 1.2	+ 2.1
Mid-March	+ 1.0	+ 3.3	+ 9.1	+ 2.4	+ 2.6	+ 2.1	+ 1.5	+ 2.2
Mid-April	+ 1.5	+ 2.1	+ 10.2	+ 2.1	+ 2.4	+ 1.7	+ 0.9	+ 1.9
Mid-May	+ 1.3	+ 2.2	+ 9.7	+ 2.1	+ 2.4	+ 1.6	+ 0.9	+ 1.8
Mid-June	+ 1.0	+ 2.2	+ 8.6	+ 2.2	+ 2.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.9	+ 1.7
Mid-July	+ 0.4	+ 2.5	+ 8.4	+ 2.3	+ 2.5	+ 1.5	+ 0.8	+ 1.6
Mid-August	+ 1.6	+ 2.3	+ 10.0	+ 2.9	+ 3.1	+ 1.9	+ 1.0	+ 2.0
Mid-September	+ 2.0	+ 1.2	+ 11.3	+ 2.7	+ 3.0	+ 1.4	+ 0.4	+ 1.6
Mid-October	+ 2.1	+ 0.5	+ 10.4	+ 2.5	+ 2.6	+ 1.0	+ 0.1	+ 1.2
Mid-November	+ 1.3	+ 0.5	+ 8.1	+ 2.0	+ 2.1	+ 0.6	-	+ 0.8
Mid-December	+ 1.0	+ 1.3	+ 6.9	+ 2.1	+ 2.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4	+ 1.2
<b>Year</b>	<b>+ 1.2</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>+ 9.4</b>	<b>+ 2.3</b>	<b>+ 2.5</b>	<b>+ 1.6</b>	<b>+ 0.8</b>	<b>+ 1.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> Housing includes rents, waste collection & disposal charges, mortgage interest, materials for repairs & decoration and house insurance.

<sup>2</sup> Energy products includes electricity, gas, other domestic and transport fuels.

## 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 632 item headings in a fixed panel of retail and service outlets throughout the country during the week containing the second Tuesday of each month up to and including the third Tuesday of each month. The dates to which the December index relates are Monday 10th to Tuesday, 18th December 2012.
- 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. There are 632 item headings and 12 division 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 80 price collectors on a monthly basis. Approximately 50,000 price quotations are gathered in this way. In addition, 126 special inquiries covering items such as utility charges and services are conducted by post, telephone and e-mail in conjunction with internet price collection. Most prices are collected monthly, some quarterly and others annually. The CSO supplies general specifications to price collectors and price 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)

**Classification** The classification used in the CPI is based on a version of the Classification of Individual Consumption by Purpose Adapted to the Needs of Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (2000) (COICOP). This replaced the former national classification which was used up to December 2001. The COICOP classification breaks consumer expenditure into twelve different divisions covering a comprehensive range of consumer goods and services.

**Methodological Details** A full methodological description of the new series is available in the Consumer Price Index Introduction of Updated Series (Base: December 2011 = 100) which is published on the CSO website at: <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/106>.

**Rebase** The index has been rebased with effect from December 2011, the eleventh 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;
- Calculation of the mortgage interest component.

**Goods and Services** The CPI 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

Prior to the introduction of the December 2001 based series in January 2002 the CPI used a national classification while the EU Harmonised Indices of Consumer Prices (HICP) used COICOP. To ensure greater comparability CPI and the HICP have both used the COICOP since December 2001.

The COICOP classification is based on 12 main divisions.

<b>01 Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages</b>	Includes 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 licensed premises which is classified under 11 Restaurants and Hotels. It also includes tobacco products.
<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>	Covers rents, mortgage interest repayments, waste collection and disposal charges, goods and services for maintaining, decorating and repairing dwellings and domestic energy products such as electricity, gas, home heating oil and solid fuels.
<b>05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance</b>	Covers household items such as furniture, carpets and other floor coverings, household textiles and soft furnishings, household 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 are services such as electrical repair, cleaning and gardening.
<b>06 Health</b>	Includes medical products, appliances and equipment, hospital charges and out patient services supplied by doctors, dentists, opticians, physiotherapists 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 lessons, driving test, driving licence and car hire.
<b>08 Communications</b>	Postal and telecommunications services.
<b>09 Recreation and Culture</b>	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 pre-primary and primary, secondary, third level and other education and training such as night courses and examination fees.
<b>11 Restaurants and Hotels</b>	Includes 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>	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. The household charge was added to this division, in the CPI, under the item 'miscellaneous goods and services' in April 2012. The household charge is not included in the HICP.