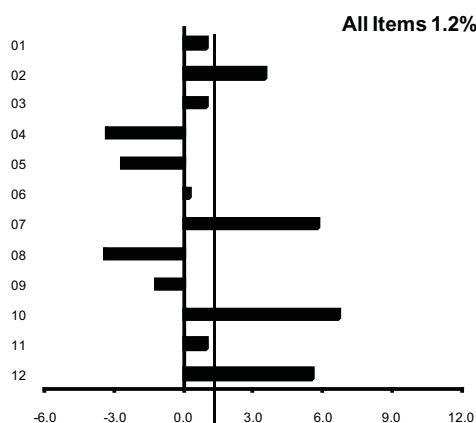




**Comparison of main CPI divisions to the overall CPI annual % change - October 2012**



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CPI (Base: December 2011 = 100)

COICOP Division	% changes	
	1 month	12 months
01 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	+0.4	+1.0
02 Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.2	+3.5
03 Clothing and Footwear	+1.0	+1.0
04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	+1.2	-3.3
05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	-0.2	-2.7
06 Health	-0.2	+0.3
07 Transport	-2.7	+5.8
08 Communications	-0.8	-3.4
09 Recreation and Culture	+0.5	-1.2
10 Education	+4.6	+6.7
11 Restaurants and Hotels	-0.6	+1.0
12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services	+1.0	+5.6
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>+1.2</b>

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

Consumer Prices in October, as measured by the CPI, decreased by 0.1% in the month. This compares to an increase of 0.3% recorded in October of last year. Prices on average, as measured by the CPI, were 1.2% higher in October compared with October 2011.

The most significant monthly price change was a decrease in *Transport* (-2.7%). There were increases in *Education* (+4.6%) and *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (+1.2%).

The most notable changes in the year were increases in *Education* (+6.7%), *Transport* (+5.8%), *Miscellaneous Goods & Services* (+5.6%) and *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* (+3.5%). There were decreases in *Communications* (-3.4%), *Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels* (-3.3%) and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance* (-2.7%).

The annual rate of inflation for Services was 0.5% in the year to October, while Goods increased by 2.1%.

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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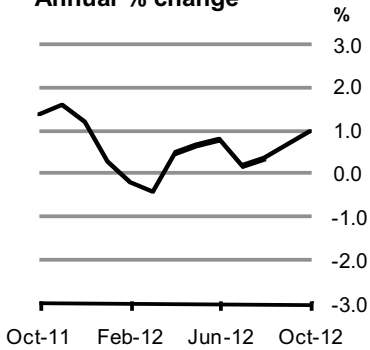
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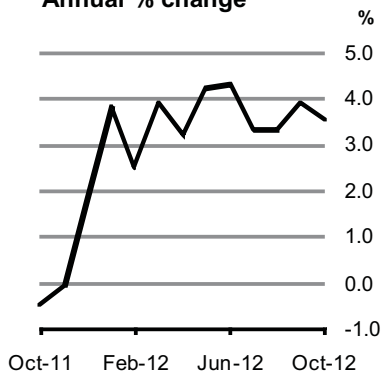
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Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages prices increased by 0.4% in the month and by 1.0% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.4% for the year to October 2011. In the month, food prices increased by 0.5% while non-alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.9%.

In October, price increases were recorded for other preserved or processed fish & seafood-based preparations (+5.5%), butter (+4.0%), flours & other cereals (+3.5%), poultry (+2.3%), pork (+2.3%), other edible oils (+2.1%), coffee (+2.0%), fresh or chilled fruit (+1.9%), pizza & quiche (+1.9%) and edible ices & ice cream (+1.9%). Price decreases were recorded for frozen fish (-5.0%), mineral or spring waters (-4.3%), crisps (-3.5%), lamb & goat (-2.4%), cocoa & powdered chocolate (-2.0%), sauces & condiments (-1.4%), soft drinks (-1.3%), ready-made meals (-1.0%), confectionery products (-0.9%) and margarine & other vegetable fats (-0.9%).

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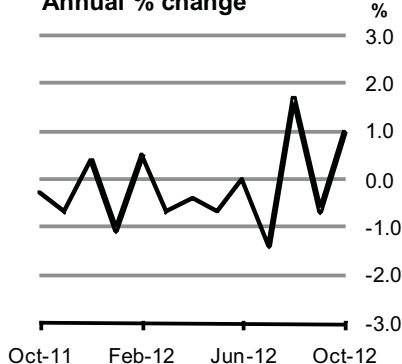
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Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco prices decreased by 0.2% in the month and increased by 3.5% in the year to October 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.5% for the year to October 2011. In the month, alcoholic beverages prices decreased by 0.4% while tobacco prices increased by 0.1%.

In October, price decreases were recorded for beer (-1.7%) and spirits (-0.8%). Price increases were recorded for wine (+0.7%) and other tobacco products (+0.1%).

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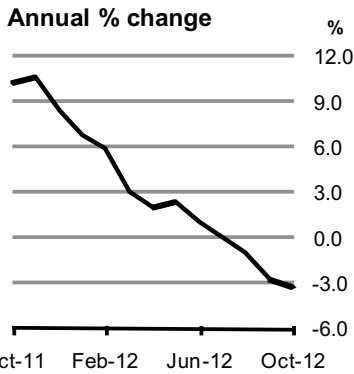


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Clothing & Footwear prices increased by 1.0% in the month and by 1.0% in the year to October 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.3% for the year to October 2011. In the month, clothing prices increased by 1.1% while footwear prices increased by 1.1%.

In October, price increases were recorded for garments (+1.1%), shoes & other footwear (+1.1%) and other articles of clothing & clothing accessories (+0.7%). Price decreases were recorded for repair & hire of footwear (-0.6%) and dress hire & repair of clothing (-0.1%).

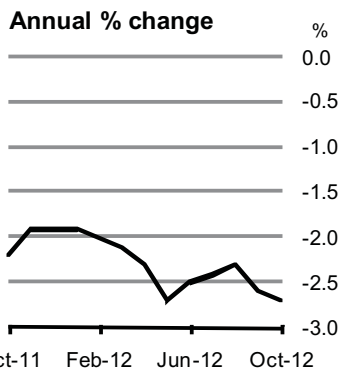


**04 Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels**

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Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels costs increased by 1.2% in the month and decreased by 3.3% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 10.2% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for natural gas (+7.9%), electricity (+5.8%) and private rents (+0.7%). Price decreases were recorded for liquid fuels (i.e. home heating oil) (-2.9%), materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling (-0.9%), solid fuels (-0.5%) and mortgage interest (-0.4%).

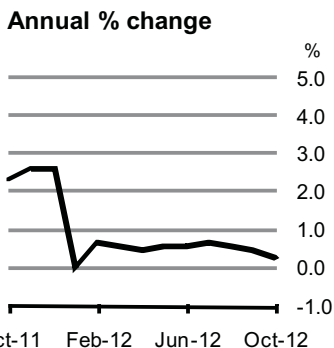


**05 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance**

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Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance costs decreased by 0.2% in the month and by 2.7% in the year to October 2012. This compares to a decrease of 2.2% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for glassware, tableware & household utensils (-1.3%), furniture & furnishings (-0.7%) and household textiles (-0.7%). Price increases were recorded for carpets & other floor coverings (+0.7%), non-durable household goods (+0.4%), small tools & miscellaneous accessories (+0.3%) and major tools & equipment (+0.3%).

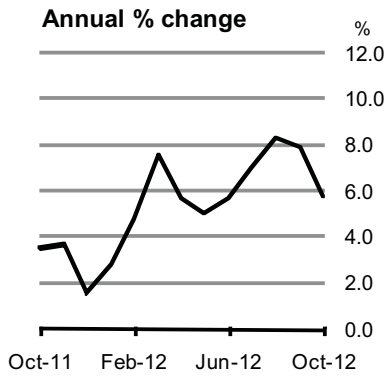


**06 Health**

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Health costs and charges decreased by 0.2% in the month and increased by 0.3% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 2.3% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for hospital services (-0.6%). Price increases were recorded for other medical products (which includes condoms, pregnancy test kit, petroleum jelly, disinfectant - first aid and adhesive dressing) (+1.5%) and therapeutic appliances & equipment (+0.1%).

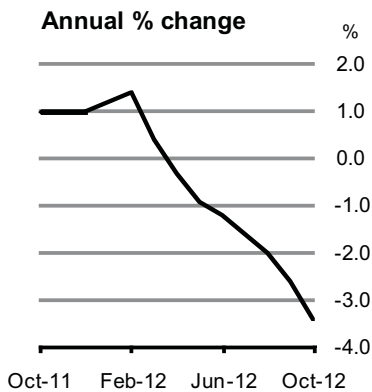


**07 Transport**

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Transport costs decreased by 2.7% in the month and increased by 5.8% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 3.6% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for passenger transport by air (-17.6%), other purchased transport services (-2.4%), passenger transport by sea & inland waterway (-2.2%), diesel (-1.6%) and petrol (-1.3%). A price increase was recorded for motor oil (+0.2%).

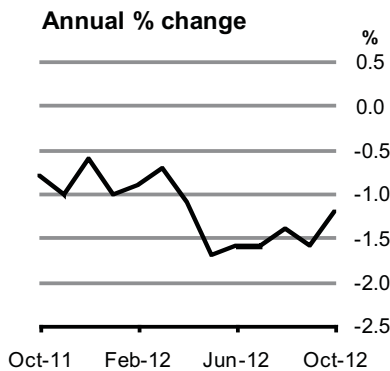


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Overall communications costs decreased by 0.8% in the month and by 3.4% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 1.0% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, a price decrease was recorded for telephone & telefax equipment and telephone & telefax services (-0.8%).



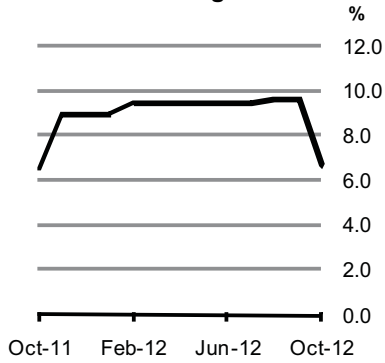
**09 Recreation and Culture**

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Overall prices increased by 0.5% in the month and decreased by 1.2% in the year to October 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.8% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for television services (+3.0%), pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets (+0.9%) and information processing equipment (+0.8%). Price decreases were recorded for photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments (-1.5%), nightclubs (-1.2%) and recording media (-0.7%).

### Annual % change



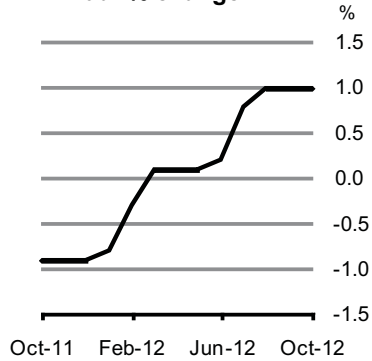
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Education costs increased by 4.6% in the month and by 6.7% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 6.5% for the year to October 2011.

Price increases were recorded for tertiary education (+6.5%), secondary education (+2.5%) and pre-primary & primary education (+0.2%).

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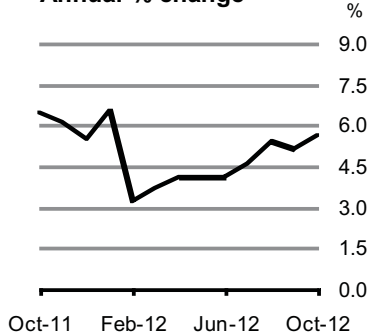
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Prices for the overall category decreased by 0.6% in the month and increased by 1.0% in the year to October 2012. This compares to a decrease of 0.9% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, price decreases were recorded for accommodation services (-4.2%), canteens (-0.4%) and wine (-0.1%). Price increases were recorded for restaurants, cafes, fast food & take-away food (+0.1%) and soft drinks & mineral water (+0.1%).

### Annual % change



### 12 Miscellaneous Goods and Services

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Overall prices increased by 1.0% in the month and by 5.6% in the year to October 2012. This compares to an increase of 6.4% for the year to October 2011.

In the month, price increases were recorded for cosmetics & skincare products (+2.5%), motor car insurance (+1.5%), insurance connected with health (+1.4%) and hygiene products (+1.4%). Price decreases were recorded for jewellery, clocks & watches (-0.9%), hair products (-0.2%) and electric appliances for personal care (-0.2%).

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

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>01.1 Food</b>	10.2532	100.8	0.5	0.8
01.1.1 Bread & Cereals	1.9822	99.0	0.6	-1.9
Rice	0.0539	102.1	0.9	1.7
Flours & other cereals	0.0673	106.2	3.5	6.2
Bread	0.6588	98.4	0.5	-2.4
Other bakery products	0.6163	96.2	-0.3	-5.6
Pizza & quiche	0.1505	95.4	1.9	-4.8
Pasta products & couscous	0.1060	99.6	0.5	-0.8
Breakfast cereals	0.2819	105.4	1.4	4.7
Other cereal products	0.0475	101.3	0.0	3.1
01.1.2 Meat	2.4233	100.9	0.6	1.5
Beef & veal	0.4170	107.4	0.6	7.3
Pork	0.1458	102.7	2.3	6.4
Lamb & goat	0.1414	100.7	-2.4	-0.3
Poultry	0.4599	99.3	2.3	0.2
Edible offal	0.0065	102.7	0.2	1.8
Dried, salted or smoked meat	0.8656	97.6	0.3	-1.4
Other meat preparations	0.3871	102.6	0.2	2.3
01.1.3 Fish	0.3220	101.1	0.5	0.2
Fresh or chilled fish	0.1249	103.0	-0.5	3.2
Frozen fish	0.0491	91.3	-5.0	-10.8
Fresh or chilled seafood	0.0374	99.1	0.8	-1.8
Dried, smoked or salted fish & seafood	0.0365	100.7	1.2	-4.0
Other preserved or processed fish & seafood-based preparations	0.0740	105.7	5.5	5.9
01.1.4 Milk, cheese & eggs	1.4569	99.1	0.2	-0.7
Fresh whole milk	0.4250	99.4	0.4	-0.7
Fresh low fat milk	0.1589	99.4	0.0	-0.7
Yoghurt	0.2535	98.3	0.8	-0.5
Cheese & curd	0.3347	96.8	-0.5	-3.1
Other milk products	0.1326	99.3	0.1	0.8
Eggs	0.1522	104.4	0.3	4.5
01.1.5 Oils & fats	0.2885	100.5	1.8	1.0
Butter	0.1293	99.8	4.0	0.0
Margarine & other vegetable fats	0.0921	99.5	-0.9	0.6
Olive oil	0.0260	99.8	0.6	-1.7
Other edible oils	0.0410	105.4	2.1	5.3
01.1.6 Fruit	0.7447	98.4	1.4	-0.8
Fresh or chilled fruit	0.6216	97.7	1.9	-1.2
Dried fruit & nuts	0.1045	100.1	-0.7	-2.3
Preserved fruit & fruit-based products	0.0186	110.6	0.6	13.4
01.1.7 Vegetables	1.3874	107.1	0.4	7.2
Fresh or chilled vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.5944	103.5	1.7	4.8
Frozen vegetables other than potatoes & other tubers	0.0358	100.2	-0.5	-0.5
Dried vegetables, other preserved or processed vegetables	0.2517	99.2	0.6	2.2
Potatoes	0.3055	121.8	0.2	18.8
Crisps	0.2000	106.2	-3.5	2.4

**Table 1 Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages - October 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	100.8	0.2	-0.9
Sugar	0.0732	100.8	0.0	2.1
Jams, marmalades & honey	0.0887	98.7	-0.8	1.6
Chocolate	0.3401	103.9	0.2	-0.5
Confectionery products	0.1428	97.1	-0.9	-1.1
Edible ices & ice cream	0.1458	98.4	1.9	-4.9
Artificial sugar substitutes	0.0060	99.9	-0.5	-0.9
01.1.9 Food products n.e.c.	0.8516	99.6	-0.6	1.1
Sauces & condiments	0.2290	101.7	-1.4	0.5
Salt, spices & culinary herbs	0.0405	99.2	-0.8	0.7
Baby food	0.1008	101.3	0.9	-0.5
Ready-made meals	0.2525	96.4	-1.0	-0.1
Other food products n.e.c.	0.2289	100.3	0.1	0.9
<b>01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages</b>	<b>1.1127</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>-0.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>
01.2.1 Coffee, tea & cocoa	0.2301	101.3	1.3	-1.0
Coffee	0.0963	100.3	2.0	0.9
Tea	0.1217	102.3	1.3	-1.6
Cocoa & powdered chocolate	0.0120	100.6	-2.0	-0.7
01.2.2 Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit & vegetable juices	0.8826	103.0	-1.4	3.9
Mineral or spring waters	0.1256	100.6	-4.3	-6.3
Soft drinks	0.5246	102.9	-1.3	3.6
Fruit & vegetable juices	0.2324	104.5	-0.3	6.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>11.3659</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>02.1 Alcoholic Beverages</b>	2.2629	103.2	-0.4	-1.5
02.1.1 Spirits	0.3509	108.0	-0.8	-2.2
02.1.2 Wine	1.0529	106.3	0.7	1.3
02.1.3 Beer	0.8591	97.4	-1.7	-3.2
<b>02.2 Tobacco</b>	2.6455	103.8	0.1	7.0
Cigarettes	2.5150	103.7	0.0	6.9
Other tobacco products	0.1304	105.2	0.1	7.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.9084</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.5</b>

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

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
<b>03.1 Clothing</b>	4.1220	101.2	1.1	2.0
03.1.2 Garments	3.8776	101.4	1.1	2.3
03.1.3 Other articles of clothing & clothing accessories	0.1634	96.1	0.7	-2.2
03.1.4 Cleaning, repair & hire of clothing	0.0810	100.6	0.1	0.5
Dry cleaning & laundry	0.0628	101.0	0.1	0.8
Dress hire & repair of clothing	0.0182	99.2	-0.1	-0.4
<b>03.2 Footwear</b>	1.0806	98.2	1.1	-3.2
03.2.1 Shoes & other footwear	1.0713	98.2	1.1	-3.3
03.2.2 Repair & hire of footwear	0.0092	100.1	-0.6	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.2025</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>



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

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
04.1/04.2 Actual rentals for housing & imputed rentals for housing	10.6732	92.9	0.1	-9.7
04.1.1 Actual rentals paid by tenants (Rents)	5.0040	102.0	0.6	1.0
Private Rents	4.3536	102.2	0.7	1.5
Local Authority Rents	0.6504	100.7	0.0	-1.6
04.2.1 Mortgage Interest (Imputed rentals of owner occupiers)	5.6692	84.9	-0.4	-18.1
04.3 Maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.8747	99.5	-0.4	-0.8
04.3.1 Materials for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.3444	102.2	-0.9	2.1
04.3.2 Services for the maintenance & repair of the dwelling	0.5303	97.8	0.0	-2.8
04.4 Water supply & miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	0.6260	98.9	-0.1	-1.1
04.5 Electricity, gas & other fuels	5.3022	107.7	3.4	9.1
04.5.1 Electricity	2.3386	108.7	5.8	8.7
04.5.2 Gas	1.1810	109.4	7.6	9.3
Natural gas	1.1215	109.7	7.9	9.7
Bottled gas	0.0595	102.2	0.1	1.9
04.5.3 Liquid fuels (Home Heating Oil)	1.3076	107.5	-2.9	13.4
04.5.4 Solid fuels	0.4751	100.0	-0.5	-0.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.4761</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>-3.3</b>

**Table 5 Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance - October 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	94.4	-0.6	-5.9
05.1.1 Furniture & furnishings	0.6086	93.8	-0.7	-6.3
05.1.2 Carpets & other floor coverings	0.0471	101.7	0.7	-0.5
05.2 Household textiles	0.2946	96.1	-0.7	-1.1
05.3 Household appliances	0.4648	99.3	-0.2	-1.3
05.3.1 Major household appliances whether electric or not	0.3618	99.1	-0.2	-1.7
05.3.2 Small electric household appliances	0.0690	99.2	-0.2	-1.4
05.3.3 Repair of household appliances	0.0340	101.3	0.0	2.2
05.4 Glassware, tableware & household utensils	0.2302	96.6	-1.3	-2.8
05.5 Tools & equipment for house & garden	0.3778	98.7	0.2	-1.0
05.5.1 Major tools & equipment	0.0945	96.4	0.3	-3.3
05.5.2 Small tools & miscellaneous accessories	0.2832	99.5	0.3	-0.3
05.6 Goods & services for routine household maintenance	1.1965	97.8	0.2	-1.8
05.6.1 Non-durable household goods	0.7091	100.4	0.4	1.0
05.6.2 Domestic services & household services	0.4874	94.1	0.0	-5.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.2196</b>	<b>97.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-2.7</b>

**Table 6 Health - October 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
06.1 Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.0656	99.0	0.1	-0.9
06.1.1 Pharmaceutical products	0.8196	98.4	0.0	-1.5
Prescribed drugs	0.2203	98.7	0.0	-1.0
Other medicines	0.5993	98.3	0.0	-1.9
06.1.2 Other medical products	0.0717	103.2	1.5	2.9
06.1.3 Therapeutic appliances & equipment	0.1743	100.1	0.1	0.1
06.2 Out-patient services	1.4654	99.9	0.0	0.2
06.2.1/3 Medical & paramedical services	0.9919	99.9	0.0	0.4
Doctors' fees	0.8224	99.8	0.0	-0.3
Other medical & paramedical services	0.1695	100.3	0.0	3.2
06.2.2 Dental services	0.4735	99.9	0.0	-0.1
06.3 Hospital services	2.0978	101.0	-0.6	1.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.6288</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>

**Table 7 Transport - October 2012**

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
07.1 Purchase of vehicles	3.4252	99.6	-0.2	-1.1
07.1.1 Motor cars	3.3599	99.6	-0.2	-1.1
07.1.2 Motor cycles	0.0207	100.9	-0.3	0.8
07.1.3 Bicycles	0.0446	99.5	-0.7	-3.6
07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment	8.7038	109.5	-1.0	9.5
07.2.1 Spare parts & accessories for personal transport equipment	0.4224	100.6	0.0	0.9
07.2.2 Fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment	6.0586	111.5	-1.3	11.5
Petrol	4.1392	113.4	-1.3	12.4
Diesel	1.8941	107.3	-1.6	11.1
Motor oil	0.0253	101.9	0.2	2.3
07.2.3 Maintenance & repair of personal transport equipment	0.6427	100.5	0.0	0.5
07.2.4 Other services in respect of personal transport equipment	1.5801	108.2	-0.1	8.0
Motor tax	1.1689	110.8	0.0	10.8
Other vehicle costs	0.4112	100.8	-0.4	0.5
07.3 Transport services	2.9588	104.8	-10.0	3.4
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	104.5	-17.6	-1.6
07.3.4 Passenger transport by sea & inland waterway	0.0911	105.2	-2.2	5.4
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	-2.4	-3.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>15.0878</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>5.8</b>

**Table 8 Communications - October 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	96.4	-0.8	-3.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3.4870</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>-3.4</b>

**Table 9 Recreation and Culture - October 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	92.8	-0.3	-9.5
09.1.1 Equipment for the reception, recording & reproduction of sound & pictures	0.3557	93.4	-0.5	-8.4
09.1.2 Photographic & cinematographic equipment & optical instruments	0.0730	89.2	-1.5	-13.0
09.1.3 Information processing equipment	0.2332	89.1	0.8	-14.2
09.1.4 Recording media	0.2226	96.5	-0.7	-5.9
09.1.5 Repair of audio-visual, photographic & information processing equipment	0.0272	97.0	0.0	-5.4
09.2 Other major durables for recreation & culture	0.0877	95.7	-2.1	-1.8
09.3 Other recreational items & equipment, gardens & pets	1.5920	98.1	0.4	-2.4
09.3.1 Games, toys & hobbies	0.5381	96.5	0.6	-5.1
09.3.2 Equipment for sport, camping & open-air recreation	0.2171	98.4	0.0	-1.8
09.3.3 Gardens, plants & flowers	0.3855	93.2	-0.4	-6.8
09.3.4/5 Pets & related products including veterinary & other services for pets	0.4513	104.0	0.9	4.0
09.4 Recreational & cultural services	3.3520	100.8	1.3	-0.3
09.4.1 Recreational & sporting services	1.0343	95.6	0.0	-4.6
Sports admittance	0.1294	96.5	0.0	-4.6
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	103.1	1.8	1.5
Cinema	0.2079	101.5	0.1	1.5
Nightclubs	0.1392	98.1	-1.2	-4.8
Cultural admittance	0.4331	104.4	0.0	-2.2
Television services	1.4452	103.6	3.0	3.6
Other entertainment	0.0925	100.7	0.5	3.8
09.5 Newspapers, books & stationery	1.4578	99.5	0.0	0.7
09.5.1 Books	0.3956	98.6	0.5	-1.1
09.5.2 Newspapers & periodicals	0.7132	99.6	-0.1	1.5
09.5.3/4 Miscellaneous printed matter and stationery & drawing materials	0.3490	100.3	-0.2	0.7
09.6 Package holidays	0.6740	103.1	0.2	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.0753</b>	<b>99.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>

**Table 10 Education - October 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	0.2	0.2
10.2 Secondary education	0.3784	102.5	2.5	2.5
10.4 Tertiary education	1.5687	106.5	6.5	6.5
10.5 Education not definable by level	0.3657	100.3	0.0	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.4612</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>6.7</b>

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

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
11.1 Catering services	12.2965	100.9	0.0	0.9
11.1.1 Restaurants, cafes & the like	11.4857	101.0	0.0	1.0
Licenced premises	6.4942	101.6	0.0	1.6
Spirits	1.5787	101.9	0.0	1.9
Wine	1.0311	101.2	-0.1	1.1
Beer	3.5869	101.7	0.0	1.7
Soft drinks & mineral water	0.2975	101.4	0.1	1.5
Restaurants, cafes, fast food & take-away food	4.9915	100.2	0.1	0.4
11.1.2 Canteens	0.8107	99.9	-0.4	-0.1
11.2 Accommodation services	1.8756	106.2	-4.2	1.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14.1721</b>	<b>101.6</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>1.0</b>

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

Description	Dec 2011 base expenditure weight %	Current Index	% change 1 mth	% change 12 mths
12.1 Personal care	2.3298	98.0	1.1	-0.9
12.1.1 Hairdressing salons & personal grooming establishments	0.8177	96.6	0.4	0.6
Hairdressing	0.6195	95.4	0.5	0.1
Health & beauty treatments	0.1850	100.1	0.0	0.0
Other personal grooming	0.0133	100.0	-0.1	0.3
12.1.2 Electric appliances for personal care	0.0222	99.6	-0.2	-1.9
12.1.3 Other appliances, articles & products for personal care	1.4898	98.7	1.4	-2.3
Hygiene products	0.3136	102.0	1.4	-0.5
Hair products	0.1779	98.3	-0.2	-2.3
Cosmetics & skincare products	0.6411	96.6	2.5	-4.4
Toilet accessories	0.3573	100.0	0.5	0.1
12.3 Personal effects n.e.c.	0.5864	94.0	-0.5	-5.2
12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks & watches	0.3539	96.3	-0.9	-2.7
12.3.2 Other personal effects	0.2325	90.4	0.0	-9.1
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	108.9	1.2	9.1
12.5.2 Insurance connected with the dwelling	0.8686	97.2	0.0	-4.0
12.5.3 Insurance connected with health	2.8695	114.9	1.4	15.9
12.5.4 Insurance connected with transport	1.6965	104.9	1.5	4.7
Motor insurance	1.6780	105.0	1.5	4.8
Motor cycle insurance	0.0143	102.7	0.0	2.7
Motor car insurance	1.6638	105.0	1.5	4.8
Travel insurance	0.0184	100.0	0.0	-0.2
12.6 Financial services n.e.c.	0.1226	100.2	-0.1	0.4
12.7 Other services n.e.c.	0.4753	122.6	-0.1	22.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9.9152</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>5.6</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

**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

**Table 15 Consumer Price Index Goods and Services by COICOP - October 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	-	101.0	-	+1.0	-	+1.0
02	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.908	4.908	-	103.5	-	+3.5	-	+3.5
03	Clothing and Footwear	5.203	5.113	0.090	100.5	100.6	+1.0	+0.6	+1.0
04	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	17.476	2.187	15.289	104.8	97.0	+6.6	-5.0	-3.3
05	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance	3.220	2.697	0.523	97.7	94.6	-2.2	-5.1	-2.7
06	Health	4.629	1.066	3.563	99.0	100.6	-0.9	+0.8	+0.3
07	Transport	15.088	9.906	5.182	106.9	105.3	+6.6	+4.5	+5.8
08	Communications	3.487	0.134	3.353	92.0	96.8	-8.5	-3.2	-3.4
09	Recreation and Culture	8.075	3.908	4.167	97.3	101.1	-2.7	+0.5	-1.2
10	Education	2.461	-	2.461	-	104.6	-	+6.7	+6.7
11	Restaurants and Hotels	14.172	-	14.172	-	101.6	-	+1.0	+1.0
12	Miscellaneous Goods & Services	9.915	2.098	7.817	97.4	107.2	-3.2	+7.8	+5.6
<b>ALL ITEMS</b>		<b>100.000</b>	<b>43.383</b>	<b>56.617</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>+2.1</b>	<b>+0.5</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	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	CPI excluding	All Items
				Mortgage Interest	Housing <sup>1</sup>	Tobacco	Energy Products <sup>2</sup>	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>2009</b> 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
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

<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 October index relates are Monday 8th to Tuesday, 16th October 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.