

Consumer Prices Index and Retail Prices Index: The 2005 Basket of Goods and Services

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Introduction

As part of a process of continual improvement, and to help ensure that the Consumer Prices Index (CPI) and Retail Prices Index (RPI) are representative of consumer spending patterns, the items that are priced in compiling the indices are reviewed each year. This article describes the review process and, in particular, explains how and why the various items in the CPI and RPI baskets are chosen. The contents of the CPI and RPI baskets for 2005 are summarised in Annexes A and B, and the main changes from the 2004 price collection are discussed below.

The shopping basket

The most useful way to think about both the CPI and RPI indices is to imagine a 'shopping basket' containing those goods and services on which people typically spend their money. As the prices of the various items in the basket change over time, so does the total cost of the basket. Movements in the CPI and RPI indices represent the changing cost of this representative shopping basket.

In principle, the cost of the basket should be calculated with reference to all consumer goods and services purchased by households, and the prices measured in every shop or outlet that supplies them. In practice, both the CPI and RPI are calculated by collecting a sample of prices for a selection of representative goods and services in a range of UK retail locations. Currently, around 120,000 separate price quotations are used very month in compiling the indices, covering some 650 representative consumer goods and services for which prices are collected in around 150 areas throughout the UK.

Within each year, the RPI and CPI are described as fixed quantity (Laspeyres-type) price indices; they represent the changing cost of a basket of goods and services of fixed composition, quantity and quality. In practice, this is achieved by (a) holding constant through each year the sample of representative goods and services for which prices are collected each month in estimating price changes more generally; and (b) applying a fixed set of weights to price changes for each of the items such that their influence on the overall index reflects their importance in the typical household budget. In this way, changes in the RPI and CPI indices from month to month reflect only changes in prices, and not ongoing variations in consumer purchasing patterns.

However, the contents of the RPI and CPI baskets of goods and services and their associated expenditure weights are updated annually. This is important in helping to avoid potential biases in consumer price indices that might otherwise develop over time, for example, due to the development of entirely new goods and services, or the tendency for consumers to substitute purchases away from those particular goods and services for which prices have risen relatively rapidly.

These procedures also help to ensure that the indices reflect longer-term trends in consumer spending patterns. For example, the proportion of household expenditure devoted to leisure services has risen steadily. This is reflected both in an increasing weight for this component in the CPI and RPI, and the addition of new items in the basket to improve measurement of price changes in this area; examples include entrance fees to a wide range of sporting venues and subscriptions to recreational and sporting facilities including leisure centres and health clubs/gyms.

For the RPI, changes to the items and weights are introduced in the February index each year, but with an overlapping collection of prices in January. This means that the figures for each year can be 'chain linked' together to form a long-run price index spanning many years. This procedure ensures that the annual changes to the basket and weights have no impact on estimated changes in prices as measured by the indices. The same basic approach is likewise adopted in the CPI although, for technical reasons, it is necessary to chain link the published index twice each year rather than only once as in the RPI.¹

ONS (2004) '*Consumer Price Indices – a Brief Guide*' provides a helpful introduction to the concepts and procedures underpinning the compilation of the CPI and RPI indices. These are described in much greater detail in ONS (2005) '*Consumer Price Indices – Technical Manual*'. (See references at the end of this article.)

Representative items

It would be both impractical and unnecessary to measure price changes of every item bought by every household in compiling the CPI and RPI. There are some individual goods and services where typical household expenditure is sufficiently large that they merit inclusion in the basket in their own right; examples include car purchase, petrol, telephone charges, and electricity and gas supply.

However, more commonly, it is necessary to select a sample of specific goods and services that can give a reliable measure of price movements for a broader range of similar items. For example, price changes for garden spades might be considered representative of price changes for other garden tools. These are called *representative items*. The selection of these representative items is purposive or judgmental; the significant difficulties involved in defining an adequate sampling frame (that is, a list of all the individual goods and services bought by households) precludes the use of traditional random sampling methods.

¹ CPI indices are chain-linked first each January, when weights for CPI classes and higher level aggregates are updated, and again in February when changes to the basket are introduced and hence weights for individual item indices are reviewed.

For each product grouping, a number of items are selected for pricing whose price movements, taken together, will provide a good estimate of the overall change in prices for the group as a whole. For example, there are around 20 representative items in the CPI 'furniture and furnishings' class, from bedroom wardrobes to kitchen units, which are used each month to give an overall estimate of price changes for all furniture products. The same approach is adopted in the RPI, although the product classification systems used in each case do differ.²

The prices collected for each product group are then combined to produce the overall CPI and RPI indices, with weights proportional to total expenditure on the entire product group. So the weight given to 'furniture and furnishings' in the CPI shopping basket, or 'furniture' in the RPI basket, will reflect average household spending on all furniture products as opposed to expenditure only on those items that have been chosen to represent the group.

As described above, these weights are also updated annually so that the indices reflect current spending patterns. In line with usual practice, CPI class weights were updated with effect from the January 2005 index, and RPI section weights will be revised with effect from the February 2005 index, at which point the weights for the more detailed (unpublished) item indices are also revised. Changes to the published CPI and RPI weights will be described in an article to be published on the National Statistics website on 19 April 2005.

Note also that here are some specific differences in the commodity coverage of the CPI and RPI indices. For example, the RPI basket includes a number of items chosen to represent owner-occupier housing costs, including mortgage interest payments and depreciation costs, all of which are excluded from the CPI. These differences are described in greater detail in Roe, D. and Fenwick, D. (2004), *The New Inflation target: the Statistical Perspective*. Beyond these specific areas, the contents of the CPI and RPI baskets are very similar, although the precise weights attached to the individual items in each index do differ.³

² The CPI is organised according to the internationally agreed COICOP (classification of individual consumption by purpose) system, as used in the UK National Accounts. The RPI uses a classification system specified by an earlier RPI Advisory Committee, and has evolved gradually over the RPI's long history as a published UK official statistic.

³ RPI weights are based primarily on household spending estimates derived from the Expenditure and Food Survey, and relate to expenditures by private households only, excluding the top 4 per cent of households by income and those pensioner households mainly dependent on state benefits. CPI weights are based on National Accounts estimates of household final consumption consistent with the wider CPI population coverage (all private households, residents of institutional households and foreign visitors to the UK).

Selecting the representative items

A number of factors need to be taken into account when choosing representative items. Of course, the items must be easy to find by price collectors, so ensuring that estimates of price change are based on an adequate number of price quotes collected throughout the UK. Since the CPI and RPI are based on the cost of a fixed in-year basket of goods and services, ideally they should also be available for purchase throughout the year. However, availability of some food and clothing items is clearly seasonal, and so these goods require a slightly different treatment in the indices.

The number of items chosen to represent each product group within the CPI and RPI depends both on the weight (i.e. expenditure) of the group and also the variability of price changes between the various items that could be selected to represent the group (reflecting, for example, the diversity of products available). Intuitively, it makes sense to choose more items in product groups where spending is high; this helps to minimise sampling variability in the estimate of price change for high-weighted groups, and therefore in the overall price index. However, if price movements of all possible items in the group are very similar, it is sufficient to collect prices for only a few.⁴ By contrast, if price movements of all the possible items are very different, prices will be needed for many representative items to get a reliable overall estimate of price change for the group.

Following from this, analysis of the balance in the allocation of items to broad commodity groupings, as presented for the 12 divisions of the CPI in Table 1, acts as a useful anchor for the annual review of the basket. The significant allocation of items to the food division relative to its index weight, for example, is partly explained by the relatively high variation in observed price changes between the individual goods in this area. Conversely, a smaller proportion of items relative to index weight is allocated to the restaurants and hotels division, reflecting greater similarity in observed price changes. In some cases, such as transport and housing, apparently low allocations of items are explained by the presence of some dominant individual items (eg car purchase or housing rents); abstracting from these, the case for adding further items to improve coverage of these divisions' remaining index weights is much weaker.

⁴ At the extreme, if price changes for all the possible items that could be selected in a particular group were identical each month, it would be necessary to select only one of the items for inclusion in the basket. Price changes for this one item would be perfectly representative of price changes for the group as a whole.

Table 1: Allocation of items to CPI divisions in 2005

	CPI weight (per cent)	Observed variation in price changes ¹	Representative items ² (per cent of total)	
1	Food & non-alcoholic beverages	10.6	High	23
2	Alcohol & tobacco	4.6	Low	4
3	Clothing & footwear	6.3	Medium	12
4	Housing & household services	10.5	Medium	5
5	Furniture & household goods	6.5	Medium	11
6	Health	2.4	Low	3
7	Transport	14.8	High	6
8	Communication	2.5	Low	1
9	Recreation & culture	15.1	High	17
10	Education	1.7	Low	1
11	Restaurants & hotels	13.9	Low	7
12	Miscellaneous goods & services	11.1	High	10

¹ Based on an analysis of variation in price changes between the individual items chosen to represent each division in the period 1999-2003.

² These figures should be treated as providing only a broad indication of the allocation of items to the 12 CPI divisions. For example, the sample of prices underpinning an existing item might easily be stratified in some way to form two or more distinct items; conversely, items could be merged to form a single item representing a wider, more heterogeneous, spending category.

The analysis also helps to highlight those areas of the index which might benefit most from improved coverage, such as miscellaneous goods and services. The current allocation of items to the division is broadly comparable to its index weight but variation in price changes appears relatively high, possibly reflecting the diversity of goods and services covered by this division. As discussed later, this has motivated some of the changes to the basket introduced in 2005. Conversely, it also helps to highlight areas where there is scope to remove items from the basket without any significant loss of precision in the indices. It is important that growth in the overall size of the basket is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained.

Such analysis of course cannot tell us *which* items should be priced, and so choosing a particular set of items to represent each area remains a matter of judgement. CPI and RPI commodity groupings are regularly reviewed with the aim that all significant items or distinct markets where consumers' expenditure exceeds around £400 million annually are explicitly represented in the basket, except where those items are judged to be adequately represented by other items in the basket.⁵ Conversely, where spending on items falls below the £100 million mark, there should be good reason for their continuing inclusion in the basket. For example, while spending on acoustic guitars and power drills is relatively low, both are included in

⁵ Under HICP regulations, items should be included in the CPI where estimated consumers' expenditure is 1 part per thousand or more of all expenditure covered by the CPI; based on household final consumption data underpinning calculation of the 2005 CPI weights, this is equivalent to around £600 million.

the basket to represent wider markets (musical instruments and electrical tools respectively) that would otherwise not be covered explicitly. Trends in expenditure, as well as the latest available figures, help to inform the decisions in all cases.

This focus on relative expenditures in determining the contents of the basket partly reflects the wealth of data that is available describing household spending patterns. One major source of information comes from the diaries filled in by people taking part in the ONS Expenditure and Food Survey, a continuous survey of over 6000 households each year. This is supplemented by detailed analyses of trends presented by market research companies, trade journals and in press reports. Changes in the retail environment are also reported to ONS by the price collectors, and together these various sources of information help to ensure that the goods and services that the average household spends its money on are appropriately represented in the CPI and RPI baskets.

Finally, it is very important to note that the contents of the basket and, in particular changes from one year to the next, should not be accorded significance beyond their purpose as representative items used in estimating retail price changes. Changes to the basket will reflect evolving consumer tastes, but only over a long run of years. In any particular year, such changes will reflect a range of considerations such as practical experience in collecting prices, the desire to improve coverage in high spending areas, or analysis that suggests that estimated price changes could be improved at the margin by varying the number or type of representative items employed.

Indeed, within each product grouping there is usually a point at which the exact number, choice of items and the precise weights attached to them becomes a matter of relatively fine judgement. At this detailed level, it is unlikely that such choices would have any significant impact on the CPI and RPI indices. For example, a selection of specific household appliances has been chosen to represent spending on small electrical goods, including irons and kettles. However, other representations would clearly be possible and equally valid.

Changes to the basket in 2005

Changes to the basket of goods and services this year are introduced with the February 2005 consumer price indices published on 22 March; that is, monthly changes in prices from February 2005 to January 2006 inclusive are estimated with reference to the updated basket. The basket will be updated again at the same time next year.

New additions to the basket in 2005 and those items removed are set out in Tables 2 and 3 below, together with a brief summary of the motivation for these changes. As the tables make clear, these motivations are diverse. Changes to the basket in 2005 certainly cannot be viewed as a simple indicator of those products or services whose popularity has either grown or fallen significantly over the past year. Note that all of the changes to the basket in 2005 affect both the CPI and RPI indices.

Looking first at the new items introduced to the basket in 2005, a number of themes emerge:

- Analysis of the broad balance of the existing sample of representative items across the CPI highlighted a need to improve coverage of price changes for a number of CPI classes, in particular relating to spending on services. These areas include: Health services (6.2/3), with the addition of new items covering fees for private surgery and chiropractic medicine; Other services (class 12.7.0), through the addition of solicitors' fees, home delivery charges and self-storage fees in 2005; Other financial services (12.6.0), where ATM charges enter the basket; and Canteens (11.1.2), where the addition of soft drinks and sandwiches broadens the range of food/drink items collected in staff restaurants.
- Elsewhere, coverage of services is further improved via the introduction of new items for gardeners' and carpenters' fees, the cost of in home care assistants and admission to live music concerts and events;
- A number of new items are introduced to represent specific markets where consumer spending is significant, and existing items in the basket may not adequately represent price changes for such goods. These include: frozen chicken nuggets (representing processed poultry products more generally), pre-packed vegetables, leather settees (to represent all leather furniture), gas barbecues, small pets (to represent purchases of live animals), champagne and gemstone rings (representing gemstone jewellery).
- In addition, two new high technology goods are introduced to the basket this year: laptop computers and mobile phone handsets. In both cases, consumers' expenditure is large, but the markets are characterised by a high rate of technical progress and therefore rapid turnover in the specific models available for purchase. The introduction of these items has necessarily followed a period of ONS research developing methods of quality adjustment so that changes in the price of both goods may be properly adjusted for changes in product quality. (Wingfield, D. and Fenwick, D. (2005), *Methodological Improvements to the Retail Prices Index and Consumer Prices Index from February 2005* provides further details.)
- In other cases, the new items are direct replacements for similar products that leave the basket in 2005. For example, wooden patio sets replace plastic patio sets; infants' trousers (eg jeans) replace dungarees; and razor cartridge blades replace disposable razors, in part reflecting greater ease of price collection for the new items.
- Finally, it is important that the review of the basket considers not just the list of items to be priced, but also where the prices are collected. This is reflected in the introduction of a range of new items in 2005 including cigarettes purchased from vending machines, popcorn bought in cinemas, DVDs purchased over the Internet and fruit juices bought on-licensed premises. In all cases, the same (or similar) goods are already included in the basket, but significant purchases through these specific retail channels have not previously been explicitly represented.

As noted earlier, it is important that growth in the overall size of the basket is limited each year so that production costs and processing times may be contained. A number of items therefore have been removed from the basket in 2005 to make room for the new additions. Note that the removal of these items from the basket does not necessarily imply that the markets for these goods and services is either very small or declining significantly in recent years:

- Some items have been removed to make way for new additions to the basket within the same product grouping. In some cases, they have been replaced by very similar goods, for example the sports bag/holdall is replaced by a luggage trolley case. In other cases, the items have been removed so that new items may be introduced covering distinct markets not previously represented explicitly within the product grouping. For example, a pet food item (single serve cat food) is removed this year so that the market for live animals can be represented through purchases of small pets (eg hamsters). Similarly, upholstered settees, mugs and writing paper give way so that the markets for leather furniture, cookware and printed matter may be better represented through new items.
- Elsewhere, analysis suggested that there was scope to remove items from certain product groupings without any significant loss of precision in estimates of price changes overall. Within these groupings, those items with relatively low index weights have typically been chosen; examples include french stick/baguette, childrens' slippers and food processors, all of which leave the basket in 2005 without replacements. In each case, it is judged that price changes for these goods remain adequately represented by those items that remain in the basket. The removal of items in such cases therefore represents a rebalancing of the basket, helping to offset the expansion of coverage in other product areas, particularly spending on services.

The annual review of the basket also provides an opportunity to review methodology. As part of the continuing research programme designed to ensure best statistical methodology is employed in calculating official consumer price indices, three methodological improvements will be introduced from the February indices published in March 2005:

- The extension of local probability sampling for selecting audio systems and fridge-freezers within retail outlets, designed to improve the market representation of these goods;
- As noted above, the introduction of specific price indices into both the CPI and RPI basket of goods, with price changes in each case adjusted for changes in quality using hedonic regression techniques; and
- The adoption of the new ODPM monthly house price index as an input to several owner-occupier housing components in the RPI.

These improvements are described in detail in Wingfield, D. and Fenwick, D. (2005), 'Methodological Improvements to the Retail Prices Index and Consumer Prices Index from February 2005'.

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Table 2: Additions to the basket in 2005

CPI division	RPI group	New item	Notes
1. Food & non-alcoholic beverages	Food	Frozen chicken nuggets	To represent the processed poultry market
		Pre-packed vegetables	To represent the pre-packed vegetable market
		Fizzy bottled drink (500ml)	Previously collecting fizzy drinks in cans and large bottles only
2. Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	Tobacco	Cigarettes purchased from vending machines	To represent the market for cigarettes sold in vending machines; previously collecting cigarettes sold in retail outlets only
3. Clothing and footwear	Clothing and footwear	Infants' trousers (eg jeans)	Replaces infants' dungarees due to some difficulties experienced in collecting prices
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	Housing	Carpenters' fees	To maintain coverage of CPI class 4.3.2 Services for regular maintenance and repair (weight of 8 parts per thousand) given removal of LA repair and maintenance charges item from basket (see Table 3)
5. Furniture, household equipment and maintenance	Household goods	Wooden patio set	Replaces plastic patio set
		Leather settee	To represent the leather furniture market. Replaces upholstered settee
		Frying pan	To improve coverage of cookware
	Household services	Gardeners' fees	To improve coverage of CPI class 5.6.2 Domestic services and household services (weight of 5 parts per thousand)
6. Health	Personal goods and services	Private surgery fees	To represent the market for self-pay operations and to improve coverage of CPI class 6.3.0 In-patient (medical) services (weight of 8 parts per thousand)
		Private chiropractors' fees	To improve coverage of CPI class 6.2.1 Medical and paramedical services (weight of 2 parts per thousand)
8. Communication	Household goods	Mobile phone handsets	To represent the market for mobile phone purchase; previously represented by mobile phone call charges pending development of hedonic models for quality adjustment of mobile handset prices
9. Recreation and culture	Household goods	Small pet, eg hamster	To represent the market for live pets, improving coverage of spending on pets and accessories
		Wrapping paper	To improve coverage of the market for printed matter
	Leisure goods	Laptop computers	To represent the market for laptop computers; previously

			represented by desktop PCs, pending development of hedonic models for quality adjustment of laptop PC prices
		DVDs purchased over the Internet	Emerging market; to improve coverage of Internet spending more generally
		Barbecue (gas)	To represent a specific market not adequately covered by other items
	Leisure Services	Admission to live music concerts/events	To improve coverage of CPI class 9.4.2 Cultural services (weight of 24 parts per thousand)
11. Restaurants & hotels	Catering	Fruit juice	To improve coverage of the market for non-alcoholic drinks served in licensed premises
		Cinema popcorn	To represent the market for food/snacks served in leisure / entertainment venues
		Staff restaurant canned drink	To improve coverage of CPI class 11.1.2 Canteens (weight of 13 parts per thousand)
		Staff restaurant sandwich	To improve coverage of CPI class 11.1.2 Canteens (weight of 13 parts per thousand)
	Alcoholic drink (on sales)	Champagne	To represent the market for champagne
	Leisure services	Hotel room (one night)	To improve coverage of CPI class 11.2.0 Accommodation services (weight of 18 parts per thousand); costs previously proxied by longer-stay prices only
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	Personal goods and services	Razor cartridge blades	Replaces disposable razors
		Gemstone ring	To represent the market for gemstone jewellery
		Luggage (trolley case)	Replaces sports bag/holdall
	Household services	In home care assistants' fees	To improve coverage of CPI class 12.4.0 Social protection (weight of 13 parts per thousand)
		ATM charges	To improve coverage of CPI class 12.6.0 Other financial services (weight of 26 parts per thousand)
		Self-storage fees	To improve coverage of CPI class 12.7.0 Other services (weight of 24 parts per thousand)
		Home delivery charges	To improve coverage of CPI class 12.7.0 Other services (weight of 24 parts per thousand)
		Solicitors' fees	To improve coverage of CPI class 12.7.0 Other services (weight of 24 parts per thousand)

Table 3: Items removed from the basket in 2005

(note: "low weighted" denotes an item with a CPI index weight of less than 0.5 parts per thousand in 2004)

CPI division	RPI group	Item removed	Notes
1. Food & non-alcoholic beverages	Food	French stick/baguette	Low weighted item within a CPI class (1.1.1 Bread and cereals) well represented by remaining items. Entered basket in 2001
		Tinned corned beef	Low weighted item within a CPI class (1.1.2 Meat) well represented by remaining items. Other canned meats remain in basket. Entered basket in 1947
		Powdered baby formula	Low weighted item within a CPI class (1.1.4 Milk, cheese and eggs) well represented by remaining items. Baby food remains in basket. Entered basket in 2002
		Diet aid drink	Low weighted item within a CPI class (1.1.9 Food products) well represented by remaining items. Entered basket in 2003
3. Clothing and footwear	Clothing and footwear	Childrens' shirt (for school)	CPI garments class (3.1.2) well represented by remaining items. Other schoolwear items (trousers, skirt) remain in basket. Entered basket in 1987
		Childrens' shorts	Removed due to some difficulties experienced in collecting prices. CPI garments class (3.1.2) well represented by remaining items. Childrens' shorts entered basket in 1987
		Infants' dungarees	Replaced by infants' trousers (eg jeans) due to some difficulties in collecting prices. Entered basket in 2001.
		Childrens' slippers	Low weighted item within CPI class (3.2.0 Footwear) well represented by remaining items. Adults' slippers remain in basket. Entered basket in 2000
	Fares and other travel costs	Cycle helmet	Low weighted item. Entered basket in 1995
4. Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	Housing	Local authority repairs and maintenance charges	Removed due to some difficulties experienced in collecting prices for specific jobs. Repairs and maintenance charges continue to be represented by fees charged by plumbers, electricians, decorators and (from 2005) carpenters. Entered basket in 1956
5. Furniture, household equipment and maintenance	Household goods	Upholstered settee	Replaced by leather settee. Other upholstered (non-leather) living room furniture items remain in basket, eg armchair, sofa bed, 3 piece suite. Entered basket in 1947
		Plastic patio set	Replaced by wooden patio set. Entered basket in 2002
		Food processor	Low weighted item. Other small electrical appliance items remain in basket eg iron, kettle, fan heater. Entered basket in 1999

		Mug	Removed from basket so that additional cookware item (frying pan) could be introduced to a CPI class (5.4.0 Glassware, tableware and household appliances) where coverage overall is good. Other tableware items remain in basket, eg crockery set, cutlery set. Entered basket in 1994
		Smoke alarm	Low weighted item in CPI class (5.5.0 Tools and equipment for house and garden) well represented by remaining items. Entered basket in 1995
9. Recreation and culture	Leisure goods	Camcorder (analogue)	Item has become difficult to collect due to growth in digital camcorder market. ONS researching methods of quality adjustment of digital camcorder prices before any introduction to basket. Entered basket in 1994
		Child's electric toy	Low weighted item. A range of toy items remains in the basket (CPI class 9.3.1 Games, toys and hobbies), eg figures/dolls, soft toys, activity toys and construction toys. Entered basket in 1991
		Dumb-bells	Removed from basket so that (gas) barbecues can be introduced to a CPI class (9.3.2 Equipment for sport and open air recreation) where coverage overall is good. Other sports items remain in the basket, eg football, boots, golf balls. Entered basket in 2002
		Liquid plant fertiliser	Removed from basket so that an additional cut flower item can be introduced to improve coverage of this market. CPI class 9.3.3 Gardens, plants and flowers remains well represented overall. Entered basket in 1986
	Household goods	Single serve cat food	Removed from basket so that small pet item can be added to the basket. Other pet food items remain in basket and CPI class (9.3.4/5 Pets, related products and services) remains well represented overall. Entered basket in 2003
		Writing paper	Removed from basket so that additional printed matter item (wrapping paper) can be introduced to a CPI class (9.5.3/4 Miscellaneous printed matter, stationery, drawing materials) where coverage overall is adequate. Other stationery items remain in basket. Entered basket in 1947
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	Personal goods and services	Disposable razors	Replaced by razor cartridge blades. Entered basket in 1991
		Gold bangle	Removed from basket so that gemstone jewellery item can be added to CPI class (12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks and watches). Other (non-gemstone) precious metal jewellery items remain in basket. Entered basket in 1995
		Sports bag/holdall	Replaced by luggage (trolley case) item. Entered basket in 1997

ANNEX A: CONSUMER PRICES INDEX: REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2005

01.1 Food

01.1.1 Bread and Cereals

Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Small brown loaf
Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
Pitta bread	Flour
Rice	Pasta
Breakfast cereals	Muesli
Cereal snacks	Plain biscuits
Chocolate-coated biscuits	Sponge cakes
Pack of individually wrapped cakes	Doughnuts
Fruit pies	Crackers
Plain and chocolate wafers	Frozen pizzas
Dehydrated noodles / pasta	

01.1.2 Meat

Beef

Rump steak	Braising steak
Mince	Topside
Frozen burgers	

Lamb

Loin chops - home and imported	Lamb shoulder
Lamb leg	Minced lamb

Pork

Loin chops	Shoulder
Bacon gammon	Bacon back

Chicken

Fresh / chilled whole chicken	Frozen whole chicken
Fresh chicken pieces	Frozen chicken pieces

Other Meats

Pork sausages	Meat pies
Cooked meats	Fresh turkey steaks
Canned meats – eg ham	Frozen chicken nuggets

01.1.3 Fish

White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Frozen prawns	

01.1.4 Milk, Cheese and Eggs

Full-fat, semi-skimmed and skimmed milk – shop-bought and delivered	Milk products
Flavoured milk	Chilled pot dessert
Fresh cream	Fromage frais
Yoghurt	Other regional cheeses
Cheddar – home-produced and imported	Cheese spread
Selected speciality cheeses	
Various sized eggs	

01.1.5 Oils and Fats

Margarine / low fat spread	Cooking oil
Home-produced and imported butter	

01.1.6 Fruit

Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches
Kiwi fruit	Organic fruit
Various canned fruits	Salted peanuts

01.1.7 Vegetables

White loose and pre-packed potatoes - old and new varieties	
Crisps – single and multi-packs	Other potato-based snacks
Frozen chips	Fresh tomatoes
Cabbage	Cauliflower
Carrots	Sprouts
Onions	Mushrooms
Cucumbers	Lettuce
Organic vegetable	Pre-packed salads and vegetables
Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans
Canned sweet corn	Frozen peas
Vegetarian burger/grills	Vegetarian meals
Vegetable pickles	

01.1.8 Sugar, Jam, Honey, Syrups, Chocolates and Confectionery

Sugar	Various jams
Ice cream	Frozen confectionery
Gum – chewing and bubble	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates and mints	

01.1.9 Food Products (not elsewhere classified)

Soup	Ready cooked meals
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise	
Baby food	

1.2 Non - Alcoholic Beverages

01.2.1 Coffee, Tea and Cocoa

Tea bags	Ground coffee
Instant coffee	Hot milk drink

01.2.2 Mineral Water, Soft Drinks and Juices

Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Mineral water	Various fizzy drinks – cans and bottles
Energy drinks	

02.1 Alcoholic Beverages (Off Sales)

02.1.1 Spirits

Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	Spirit based drinks

02.1.2 Wine

White wine	Red wine
Sparkling wine	Fortified wine
Bottled cider	

02.1.3 Beer

Canned lager	Canned draught flow bitter
Bottled lager	

02.2 Tobacco

Selected brand cigarettes	Vending machine cigarettes
Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco

03.1 Clothing

03.1.2 Garments

Mens' Clothing

Suit	Coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Fleece	Jeans
Jumper	Various shirts
Tracksuit bottoms	T-shirts
Shorts	Replica football team shirt
Underwear	Socks
Branded sports sweatshirt	

Womens' Clothing

Blouses
Dresses
Jeans
Tops
Cardigan
Coats
Rainwear
Underwear
Nightwear

Skirts
Trousers
T Shirt
Shorts
Jackets
Jumper
Swimwear
Tights

Childrens' Clothing

Schoolwear – trousers, skirts
Dresses
Jumpers / sweatshirts
Underwear
Pyjamas
Babygro / sleepsuit

Tops – sports and fashion
Jeans
Jackets
Socks

Infants' trousers – eg jeans

03.1.3 Other Clothing and Clothing Accessories

Mens' tie
Baseball caps

Ladies scarf
Knitting wool

03.1.4 Cleaning, Repair and Hire of Clothing

Dry-cleaning

03.2 Footwear Including Repairs

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion
Boots – formal, fashion and outdoor/adventure
Training shoes – sportswear and casual
Sandals
Wellingtons

Slippers

04.1 Rents

Private furnished rent
Local authority rent
UK holiday accommodation (self-catered)

Private unfurnished rent
Registered social landlord (RSL) rent

04.3 Regular Repair and Maintenance of the Dwelling

04.3.1 Materials for Maintenance and Repair

Ready mixed filler
Wallpaper paste
Varnish
Taps
Hardboard

Wallpaper
Paint
Paintbrush
Ceramic tiles
Softwood

04.3.2 Services for Maintenance and Repair

Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators
Hire of domestic steam wallpaper stripper
Gas service charges

04.4 Water Supply and Misc. Services for the Dwelling

04.4.1 Water Supply

Average water charges

04.4.3 Sewerage Collection

Average sewerage and environmental charges

04.5 Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels

04.5.1 Electricity

Average of the electricity companies' tariffs

04.5.2 Gas

Average of the gas companies' tariffs

04.5.3 Liquid Fuels

Kerosene

04.5.4 Solid Fuels

Coal

Smokeless fuel

05.1 Furniture, Furnishings and Carpets

05.1.1 Furniture and Furnishings

Dining room furniture – eg table, chairs

Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds, wall hanging mirror

Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp

Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units

Outdoor furniture – eg wooden patio set

05.1.2 Carpets and Other Floor Coverings

Selected carpets

Other floor coverings - laminate

Rug

05.2 Household Textiles

Curtains

Fabric roller blind

Duvet

Duvet cover

Bed sheet

Towels

05.3 Household Appliances

05.3.1/2 All Major Appliances and Small Electrical Appliances

Cooker - electric

Cooker - gas

Fridge / freezer

Microwave oven

Dishwasher

Vacuum cleaner

Washing machine

Gas Fire

Selected small appliances - eg iron, kettle, fan heater

05.3.3 Repair of Household Appliances

Electrical service charges

Charge various electrical equipment repairs - eg washing machine

05.4 Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils

Kitchen equipment – eg ovenware, pans, scissors, plastic food container

Tableware – eg crockery set, cutlery set

Glassware – eg tumbler

Flower vase

05.5 Tools and Equipment for House and Garden

Batteries

Light bulbs

Lawn mowers

Edge trimmers

Other gardening equipment – eg spade

Power tools – eg hammer drill

Other tools – eg screwdriver

Door handles

Power points

Ladders

05.6 Goods and Services for Household Maintenance

05.6.1 Non-Durable Household Goods

Washing powder

Washing-up liquid

Dishwasher tablets

Aluminium foil

Bin liners

Household cleaner

Cleaning cloths

Bleach

Fabric conditioner

Kitchen roll

05.6.2 Domestic Services and Household Services

Domestic help fees

Window cleaning fees

Gardeners' fees

06.1 Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment

06.1.1 Pharmaceutical Products

NHS prescription charges

Multi-vitamins tablets

Selected medicines – eg indigestion tablets, aspirin, pain killer tablets

06.1.2/3 Other Medical and Therapeutic Products

Condoms

Plasters

Spectacle frames

Prescription lenses

Contact lenses

Contact lens fluid

06.2 Out-Patient Services

06.2.1/3 Medical Services and Paramedical Services

Eye test charges

Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine

06.2.2 Dental Services

NHS dental charges

Private dental exam

06.3 Hospital Services

Hospital charges, including private surgery fees

Nursing homes

07.1 Purchase of Vehicles

07.1.1a New Cars

New cars

07.1.1b Second Hand Cars

Second hand cars

07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and Bicycles

New motorcycles

Second-hand motorcycles

Bicycles

07.2 Operation of Personal Transport Equipment

07.2.1 Spare Parts and Accessories

Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blades, battery, tyres

Car steering lock

07.2.2 Fuels and Lubricants

Ultra low sulphur

Ultra low sulphur diesel

Motor oil

07.2.3 Vehicle Maintenance and Repairs

Vehicle service

Labour charge for vehicle repairs

Automatic car wash

Roadside recovery services

07.2.4 Other Services

Mot test fee

Car park charges

Driving lesson fee

Driving test fees

Road tolls

Self-drive car and van hire charges

07.3 Transport Services

07.3.1 Passenger Transport by Railway

British rail fares

London transport fares

Northern Ireland rail fares

Eurostar fares

07.3.2 Passenger Transport by Road

Bus fares

Minicab fares

Coach fares

Taxi fares

Charge for home removals

07.3.3 Passenger Transport by Air

Air fares

07.3.4 Passenger Transport by Sea and Inland Waterway

Various ferry and sea fares

08.1 Postal Services

Postal charges

08.2/3 Telephone and Telefax Equipment and Services

Cordless telephones

Mobile phone handsets

British Telecom charges – eg line/instrument rentals, call and operator charges

Cable supplier charges – calls and line rentals

Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract

Cost of directory enquiries

Subscription to the Internet

09.1 Audio-Visual Equipment and Related Products

09.1.1 Reception and Reproduction of Sound and Pictures

Colour televisions - including portables	Video recorder
DVD player	Audio systems
Portable CD/radio cassette player	Personal CD player
Car CD/radio	

09.1.2 Photographic, Cinematographic and Optical Equipment

Digital cameras	Other cameras – including disposable
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09.1.3 Data Processing Equipment

PCs – desktop and laptop	PC peripherals
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09.1.4 Recording Media

CDs, including CDs purchased over the Internet	
Pre-recorded and blank video cassettes	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the Internet	
Recordable CD	Selected CD-Roms
Camera film	

09.1.5 Repair of Audio Visual Equipment and Related Products

Charge various electrical equipment repairs - eg TV, PC

09.2 Other Major Durables for Recreation and Culture

09.2.1/2 Major Durables for In/Outdoor Recreation including musical instruments

Caravans	Boats
Acoustic guitar	

09.3 Other Recreational Items, Gardens and Pets

09.3.1 Games, Toys and Hobbies

Various toys, including some toys purchased over the Internet – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls	
Computer games consoles	Computer games
Board games	

09.3.2 Equipment for Sport and Open Air Recreation

Sports equipment - eg golf balls, football, fishing rod, football boots
Camping equipment - eg sleeping bag
Barbecue (gas)

09.3.3 Gardens, Plants and Flowers

Selected varieties of plants, bushes, cut flowers, seeds
Compost
Garden sundries – eg garden spade, large decorative outdoor plant pot

09.3.4/5 Pets, Related Products and Services

Cat and dog food – moist and dry	
Small pet – eg hamster	Animal cage
Vets' fees	Annual booster injection
Pet flea drops	Dog kennel boarding fees

09.4 Recreational and Cultural Services

09.4.1 Recreation and Sporting Services

Squash court hire	Slimming clubs
Night-club admission	Private health club / gym membership
Charges for Exercise classes	Ten-Pin bowling session
Golf green fees	Horseracing admissions
Evening classes	
Admission to football matches, swimming pools, leisure centres, leisure parks and other attractions	

09.4.2 Cultural Services

Television licence fees	Rentals for various types of TV
Rentals for DVD and video cassette recorder	Rentals for video / DVD films
Cable TV subscriptions	Film processing
Digital TV monthly subscription	Digital TV installation fees
Admission to cinemas, theatres, dancing, live music, historic monuments, museums and other attractions	

09.5 Books, Newspapers and Stationery

09.5.1 Books

Adult and childrens' fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books – including some books purchased over the Internet

09.5.2 Newspapers and Periodicals

National daily newspapers

Sunday newspapers

Provincial newspapers

Adults' periodicals

Childrens' periodicals

09.5.3/4 Misc. Printed Matter, Stationery, Drawing Materials

Ball point pen

Envelopes

Wrapping paper

Greeting card

Printer paper

Inkjet cartridge

Clear sticky tape

09.6 Package Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays

Package holidays covering a range of UK destinations, accommodation and holiday types

10.0 Education

Private School Fees

Evening Classes

International Student Fees

UK university tuition fees

11.1 Catering Services

11.1.1 Restaurants and Cafes

Restaurants

Restaurant main course

Restaurant sweet course

Restaurant cup of coffee

Pub meals (hot and cold)

Pub cold snack

Burgers in bun – eat in

Restaurant lunch

Take-Away and Snacks

Fish and chips

Pasties / savoury pies

Burgers in bun - takeaway

Kebabs

Sandwiches

Coffee

Tea

Caffe latte

Ethnic take-away

Pizza delivery / takeaway

Soft drinks

Crisps

Cinema popcorn

Beer 'On' Sales

Draught bitter

Draught lager

Draught stout

Draught cider

Bottled lager

Bottled cider

Wines and Spirits 'On' Sales

Whisky

Vodka

Wine

Champagne

Liqueurs

Spirit based drink

Mixer

Soft drinks

Fizzy drinks

Fruit juice

Bottled mineral water

Catering

Cost of catering for a function

11.1.2 Canteen Meals

Staff restaurant main course

Staff restaurant dessert/pudding

Staff restaurant hot snack

Staff restaurant sandwich

Staff restaurant soft drink

Prices for school meals

11.2 Accommodation Services

Youth Hostel Association

Halls of residence

Other accommodation services

12.1 Personal Care

12.1.1 Hairdressing and Personal Grooming Establishments

Hairdressing fees
Full leg wax
Basic manicure

12.1.2/3 Appliances and Products for Personal Care

Hair dryer
Electric razor
Toilet roll
Tissues
Disposable nappies
Various cosmetics – eg lipstick, face cream, perfume, mascara
Toiletries – eg toilet soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream / lotion

12.3 Personal Effects (not elsewhere classified)

12.3.1 Jewellery Clocks and Watches

Watch
Charge for watch repairs
Various items of personal jewellery

12.3.2 Other Personal Effects

Umbrella
Handbag
Luggage – trolley case
Picture / photo frame
Sunglasses
Child seat
Push chairs

12.4 Social Protection

Residential home fees
In home care assistants' fees
Local authority supported residents in retirement homes
Child minder fees
Nursery fees
Play-group fees

12.5 Insurance

12.5.2 House Contents Insurance

Home contents insurance premiums

12.5.3 Health Insurance

Dental insurance
Pet insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans

12.5.4 Transport Insurance

Vehicle insurance
Foreign holidays insurance

12.6 Financial Services (not elsewhere classified)

12.6.2 Other Financial Services

Foreign exchange commission
Various bank charges – eg overdraft fees
Unit trust fees and commissions
Stockbrokers' fees

12.7 Other Services (not elsewhere classified)

Charges for advertisements in newspapers - local and national
Solicitors' fees – including will drafting fee
Surveyors' fee for house valuation
Fee for birth and death certificates
Marriage licences
Passport fee
Cost of basic funeral / cremation
Delivered flowers
Home delivery charges
Self-storage fees

ANNEX B: RETAIL PRICES INDEX (RPI): REPRESENTATIVE ITEMS IN 2005

Food

Bread		
	Large white loaves - sliced and unsliced	Small brown loaf
	Large wholemeal loaf	Bread rolls
	Pitta bread	
Cereal		
	Flour	Rice
	Pasta	Breakfast cereals
	Muesli	Corn snacks
Biscuits and Cakes		
	Plain biscuits	Chocolate-coated biscuits
	Sponge cakes	Doughnuts
	Pack of individually wrapped cakes	Fruit pies
	Crackers	
Beef		
	Rump steak	Braising steak
	Mince	Topside
	Frozen beefburgers	
Home-Killed Lamb		
	Loin chops	Shoulder
	Minced lamb	
Imported Lamb		
	Loin chops	Leg
Pork		
	Loin chops	Shoulder
Bacon		
	Gammon	Back
Poultry		
	Fresh / chilled chicken	Frozen chicken
	Fresh chicken pieces	Frozen chicken pieces
	Fresh turkey steaks	
Other Meat		
	Pork sausages	Cooked meats – eg ham
	Meat pies	Canned meats
	Frozen chicken nuggets	
Fresh Fish		
	White fish fillets	Salmon fillets
	Frozen prawns	
Processed Fish		
	Canned tuna	Fish fingers
Butter		
	Home-produced and imported butter	
Oils and Fats		
	Margarine / low fat spread	Cooking oil
Cheese		
	Cheddar - home-produced and imported	Other regional cheeses
	Selected speciality cheeses	Cheese spread
Eggs		
	Various sized eggs	
Milk		
	Full-fat, semi-skimmed and skimmed milk - shop-bought and delivered	
Milk Products		
	Fresh cream	Flavoured milk
	Yoghurt	Fromage frais
	Chilled pot dessert	
Tea		
	Tea bags	

Soft Drinks	
Various pure fruit juices	Squashes
Lemonade	Cola
Mineral water	Various fizzy drinks – cans and bottles
Energy drinks	
Sugar and Preserves	
Sugar	Various jams
Sweets and Chocolates	
Various selected popular brands of sweets, chocolates and mints	
Unprocessed Potatoes	
White loose and pre-packed potatoes – old and new varieties	
Processed Potatoes	
Crisps - single and multi-packs	Other potato-based snacks
Frozen chips	
Fresh Vegetables	
Fresh tomatoes	Cabbages
Cauliflowers	Carrots
Sprouts	Onions
Mushrooms	Cucumbers
Lettuce	Organic vegetable
Pre-packed salads and vegetables	
Processed Vegetables	
Canned tomatoes	Canned baked beans
Canned sweet corn	Frozen peas
Fresh Fruit	
Cooking apples	Dessert apples
Pears	Bananas
Strawberries	Grapes
Oranges	Grapefruit
Avocado pears	Peaches
Kiwi fruit	Organic fruit
Processed Fruit	
Various canned fruits	Salted peanuts
Other Foods	
Soup	
Various sauces – eg tomato sauce, mayonnaise, pickle	
Ready cooked meals	
Other convenience foods – eg frozen pizza, potted snacks	
Ice cream	Baby food
Coffee and Hot Drinks	
Ground coffee	Instant coffee
Hot milk drink	

Catering

Restaurant Meals	
Restaurant main course	Restaurant sweet course
Restaurant cup of coffee	Pub hot meal
Pub cold snack	Burgers in bun
Fizzy drinks	Fruit juice
Bottled mineral water	
Canteen Meals	
Staff restaurant main course	Staff restaurant dessert/pudding
Staff restaurant hot snack	Staff restaurant sandwich
Staff restaurant soft drink	Prices for school meals
Take-away and Snacks	
Fish and chips	Pasties /Savoury pies
Burgers in bun	Kebabs
Sandwiches	Coffee
Tea	Caffe latte
Ethnic take-away	Pizza delivery / takeaway
Soft drinks	Crisps
Cinema popcorn	

Alcoholic Drink

Beer 'On' Sales	
Draught bitter	Draught Lager
Draught stout	Draught cider
Bottled lager	Bottled cider
Beer 'Off' Sales	
Canned lager	Canned draught flow bitter
Bottled cider	Bottled lager
Wines and Spirits 'On' Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Wine	Champagne
Liqueurs	Spirit based drink
Mixer	
Wines and Spirits 'Off' Sales	
Whisky	Vodka
Brandy	White wine
Red wine	Sparkling wine
Fortified wine	Spirit based drink

Tobacco

Cigarettes	
Selected brands	Vending machine cigarettes
Other Tobacco	
Cigars	Hand rolling tobacco

Housing

Rent	
Private furnished rent	Private unfurnished rent
Local authority rent	Registered Social Landlord (RSL) rent
Mortgage Interest	
Average interest payments on a typical repayment mortgage (estimated/modelled)	
Depreciation	
Depreciation costs proxy (price index for houses purchased with a mortgage)	
Council Tax	
Average council tax bills for households in Great Britain	
Average rates bills in Northern Ireland	
Water and Other Charges	
Average water charges	
Average sewerage and environmental charges	
Repair and Maintenance Charges	
Fees charged by plumbers, electricians, carpenters and decorators	
Gas service charges	
DIY Materials	
Ready mixed filler	Wallpaper
Wallpaper paste	Paint
Varnish	Paint brush
Various tools - eg hammer drill, screwdriver	Aluminium ladder
Door handle	Taps
Power point	Ceramic tiles
Pieces of timber	Hire of domestic steam wallpaper stripper
Dwelling Insurance and Ground Rent	
Dwelling insurance premiums of selected companies	
Ground rent proxy (price index for houses purchased with a mortgage)	

Fuel and Light

Coal and Solid Fuels	
Coal	Smokeless fuel
Electricity	
Average of the electricity companies' tariffs	
Gas	
Average of the gas companies' tariffs	
Oil and Other Fuels	
Butane gas	Kerosene

Household Goods

Furniture

Dining room furniture – eg table, chairs
Bedroom furniture – eg wardrobe, beds, wall hanging mirror
Living room furniture – eg armchair, sofa bed, leather settee, bookcase, table lamp
Kitchen furniture – various kitchen units
Outdoor furniture – eg wooden patio set

Furnishings

Selected carpets	Other floor coverings
Rug	Curtains
Fabric roller blind	Duvet
Duvet cover	Bed sheet
Towels	

Electrical Appliances

Cooker – electric	Washing machine
Fridge / freezer	Microwave oven
Dishwasher	Vacuum cleaner
Cordless telephone	Mobile phone handsets
Electric shower	
Selected small appliances – eg iron, kettle, fan heater	
Personal appliances – eg hair dryer, electric razor	

Other Household Equipment

Cooker - gas	Gas fire
Kitchen equipment - eg ovenware, pans, scissors, plastic food container	
Tableware - eg crockery set, cutlery set	
Glassware - eg tumbler	

Household Consumables

Washing powder	Washing-up liquid
Dishwasher tablets	Light bulbs
Aluminium foil	Toilet rolls
Kitchen roll	Fabric conditioner
Bin liners	Household cream cleaner
Cleaning cloths	Bleach
Ball point pen	Wrapping paper
Envelopes	Greeting card
Printer paper	Inkjet cartridge
Clear sticky tape	Batteries

Pet Care

Cat and dog food – moist and dry	
Small pet – eg hamster	Animal cage
Vets' fees	Annual booster injection
Pet flea drops	Dog kennel boarding fees

Household Services

Postal Charges

Charges for letters, parcels, postal orders

Telephone Charges

British Telecom charges – eg line/instrument rentals, call and operator charges	
Cable supplier charges – calls and line rentals	
Mobile phone charges – PAYG and contract	Cost of directory enquiries
Subscription to the Internet	

Domestic Services

Domestic help fees	In home care assistant fees
Childminder fees	Gardeners' fees
Window cleaning	Dry cleaning charges
Driving lesson fee	Home delivery charges
Charge for home removals	Self-storage fees
Charge various electrical equipment repairs - eg washing machine, TV, PC	Charge for watch repairs
Electrical service charges	
Cost of catering for a function	

Fees and Subscriptions

Trade unions and professional organisations subscriptions	
Estate agents' fees	
House conveyancing fees	Surveyors' fee for house valuation
Charge for home buyers' survey	Home contents' insurance premiums
Fee for birth and death certificates	Marriage licences
Passport fee	Various bank fees – eg overdraft charges
Foreign exchange commission	Driving test fees
Private school fees	Evening classes
Solicitors' fees – including will drafting	UK University tuition fees
Cost of basic funeral / cremation	Pet insurance
Charges for advertisements in newspapers - local, national	

Clothing and Footwear

Mens' Outerwear

Suit	Coat
Trousers - formal, casual	Casual jacket
Fleece	Jeans
Jumper	Various shirts
Tracksuit bottoms	T-shirts
Shorts	Replica football team shirt
Branded sports sweatshirt	

Womens' Outerwear

Blouses	Skirts
Dresses	Trousers
Jeans	T-shirt
Tops	Shorts
Cardigan	Jackets
Coats	Jumper
Rainwear	Swimwear

Childrens' Outerwear

Schoolwear – trousers, skirts	Tops – sports and fashion
Dresses	Jeans
Jumpers/sweatshirts	Jackets
Babygro/sleepsuit	Infants' trousers – eg jeans

Other Clothing

Underwear – eg pants and bra	Socks
Tights	Nightwear – eg nightdress/pyjamas
Tie	Scarf
Baseball caps	Knitting wool

Footwear

Shoes – formal, school, casual and fashion	
Boots – formal, fashion and outdoor/adventure	
Training shoes – sportswear and casual	
Sandals	Slippers
Wellingtons	

Personal Goods and Services

Personal Articles

Umbrella	Handbag
Watch	Spectacle frames
Prescription lenses	Contact lenses
Luggage – trolley case	Flower vase
Picture / photo frame	Wall hanging mirror
Sunglasses	Various items of personal jewellery

Chemists' Goods
 NHS prescription charges
 Condoms
 Disposable nappies
 Selected medicines and surgical goods - eg contact lens solution, indigestion tablets, pain killer tablets, plasters
 Toiletries - eg toilet soap, toothpaste, deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, hair gel, permanent hair colourant, razor cartridge blades, sunscreen cream / lotion
 Various cosmetics - eg lipstick, face cream, perfume, mascara

Personal Services

Hairdressing charges	Full leg wax
Basic manicure	Dental charges
Eye tests charges	Dental insurance
Subscriptions to private medical plans	Private surgery fees
Non NHS medical services – eg physiotherapy, chiropractic medicine	
Residential and nursing home fees	
Slimming club fees	Delivered flowers

Motoring Expenditure

Purchase of Motor Vehicles

Second-hand cars	Proxy for new cars
New motorcycles	Second-hand motorcycles
Caravans	

Maintenance of Motor Vehicles

Car service	MOT test fee
Roadside recovery services	Car steering lock
Automatic car wash	
Hourly labour charge for car mechanical repairs	
Selected spare parts and accessories - eg wiper blade, battery, tyres	

Petrol and Oil

Ultra low sulphur	Ultra low sulphur diesel
Motor oil	

Vehicle Tax and Insurance

Vehicle excise duty
 Selection of premiums charged by a sample of motor insurance companies

Fares and Other Travel Costs

Rail Fares

British rail fares	London Transport fares
Northern Ireland rail fares	EuroTunnel fares

Bus and Coach Fares

Fares charged by principal bus and coach operators

Other Travel Costs

Taxi fares	Minicab fares
Self-drive car and van hire charges	Various ferry and sea fares
Air fares	Road tolls
Other means of transport - eg bicycles, boats	Car park charges

Leisure Goods

Audio-visual Equipment

Colour televisions - including portables	Video recorder
Portable CD/radio cassette player	Personal CD player
Audio systems	DVD player
Car CD/radio	PCs – desktop and laptop
PC peripherals	

CDs and Tapes

Pre-recorded and blank video cassettes	
Pre-recorded DVDs, including DVDs purchased over the Internet	
CDs, including CDs purchased over the Internet	
Recordable CD	Selected CD-ROMs

Toys, Photographic and Sports Goods

Various toys, including some toys purchased over the Internet – eg soft toys, construction toys, activity toys, dolls

Board games

Computer games consoles

Computer games

Digital camera

Other cameras - including disposable

Film

Film processing

Acoustic guitar

Sleeping bag

Barbecue (gas)

Sports equipment – eg golf balls, squash racquet, football, fishing rod, football boots

Books and Newspapers

Adult and childrens' fiction and non-fiction paperback and hardback books – including some books purchased over the Internet

National daily newspapers

Sunday newspapers

Provincial newspapers

Adults' periodicals

Childrens' periodicals

Gardening Products

Compost

Selected varieties of plants, bushes, cut flowers, seeds

Garden sundries - eg garden spade, gloves, large decorative outdoor plant pot

Lawnmowers

Grass/edge strimmer

Leisure Services

TV Licences and rental

Television licence fees

Rentals for various types of TV

DVD and video cassette recorder

Rentals for video / DVD films

Digital television monthly subscription fees

Digital television installation fees

Cable TV subscriptions

Entertainment and Recreation

Squash court hire

Fees for leisure evening classes

Play-groups

Private health club / gym membership

Charges for exercise classes

Ten-pin bowling session

Golf green fees

Horse racing admissions

Admission to cinemas, theatres, dancing, live music, football matches, historic monuments, museums, leisure parks and other attractions, swimming pools, leisure centres

Foreign Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of foreign destinations, accommodation and holiday types, including late-booked holidays

Holiday insurance

UK Holidays

Package holidays covering a range of UK destinations, accommodation and holiday types