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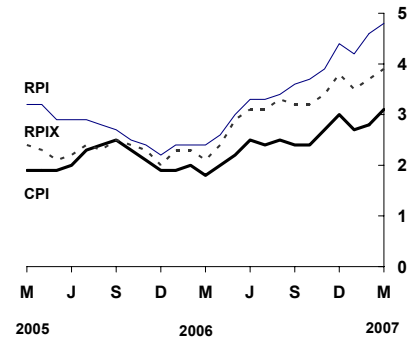
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Consumer price indices March 2007

In the year to March, the consumer prices index (CPI) rose by 3.1 per cent, up from 2.8 per cent in February.

In the year to March, the all items retail prices index (RPI) rose by 4.8 per cent, up from 4.6 per cent in February.

Over the same period, the all items RPI excluding mortgage interest payments index (RPIX) rose by 3.9 per cent, up from 3.7 per cent in February.



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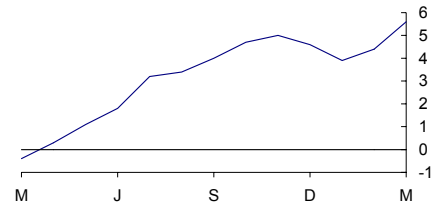
		Consumer prices index (CPI)		All items retail prices index (RPI)		All items RPI excluding mortgage interest payments (RPIX)	
		Index (2005 =100)	Per cent change over 12 months	Index (Jan 1987 =100)	Per cent change over 12 months	Index (Jan 1987 =100)	Per cent change over 12 months
2006	Oct	103.2	2.4	200.4	3.7	195.5	3.2
	Nov	103.4	2.7	201.1	3.9	196.2	3.4
	Dec	104.0	3.0	202.7	4.4	197.4	3.8
2007	Jan	103.2	2.7	201.6	4.2	196.1	3.5
	Feb	103.7	2.8	203.1	4.6	197.1	3.7
	Mar	104.2	3.1	204.4	4.8	198.3	3.9

Main contributions to the change in the 12-month rate¹

CPI

The largest upward effect on the CPI annual rate came from food and non-alcoholic beverages. Shop-bought milk prices increased by over 2 per cent in March, compared with a fall of around 8 per cent last year when widespread reductions were led by supermarket chains. Small upward effects came from bread and cereals and meat, where prices rose in March but fell a year ago. A partially offsetting downward contribution came from fruit, as prices fell by more than a year ago.

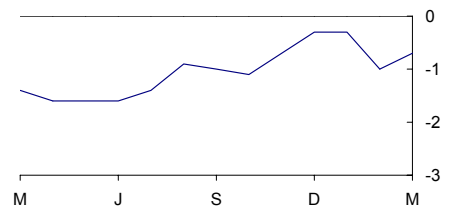
Food and non-alcoholic beverages
CPI percentage changes over 12 months



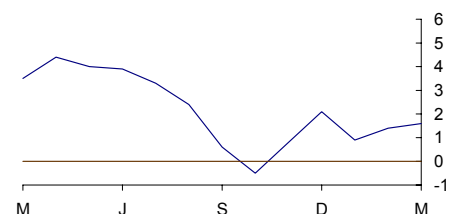
Further large upward effects came from:

- Furniture, household equipment and routine maintenance, where prices for furniture and furnishings rose by more than a year ago, showing a record monthly increase of nearly 10 per cent in March, in the lead up to Easter special offers. There was also a large upward effect from major household appliances, where prices rose in March but fell a year ago;
- Recreation and culture, where upward contributions came from games, toys and hobbies, with prices for computer games increasing this year but falling a year ago, and cultural services, where admission prices for theatres and live music events rose in March but fell last year; and
- Transport, where petrol prices rose by nearly 2.5 pence per litre in March compared with little change a year ago. Partially offsetting small downward effects came from air and sea fares, both of which fell in March.

Recreation and culture
CPI percentage changes over 12 months



Transport
CPI percentage changes over 12 months



Small upward contributions came from clothing and footwear and restaurants and hotels, where prices in March rose by more than a year ago.

A large downward effect on the CPI annual rate came from housing and household services, mainly due to gas and, to a lesser extent, electricity. Some new reductions in gas tariffs recorded in March offset the continued phasing in of increases in others, leading gas prices to fall over the month. In March 2006, tariffs for both gas and electricity rose by around 3 per cent.

¹ The CPI and RPI use different classification systems. Background Note 11 shows how, for each of the two indices, the main categories contributing to changes in the 12-month rate relate to each other

RPI

The largest upward contribution to the change in the RPI annual rate came from household goods, where, as in the CPI, the month on month increase in furniture prices was a record high. Prices rose for most items in March, especially bedroom furniture. There was also a large upward contribution from electrical appliances, where prices rose this year but fell a year ago.

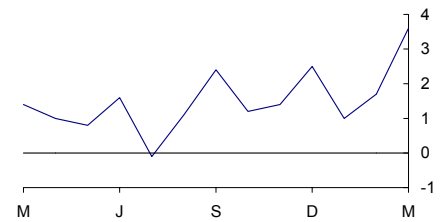
Another large upward effect came from food, entirely due to non-seasonal food as prices overall rose in March but fell last year. The largest effect was from milk, where the increase in prices contrasted with reductions recorded between February and March 2006. Small effects also came from a number of other sections as prices overall rose by more than a year ago.

Small upward effects came from:

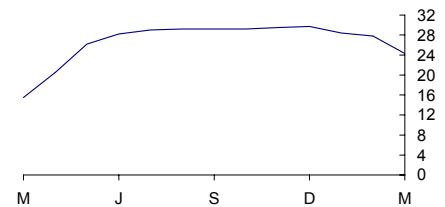
- Housing, mainly due to depreciation costs that are excluded from the CPI, which rose this year but fell a year ago, reflecting movements in the smoothed house price index used to calculate this component; and
- Motoring expenditure, where there were a number of offsetting effects. A large upward contribution came from petrol and oil as petrol pump prices increased in March but showed little change a year ago. This was partially offset by a large downward contribution from vehicle tax and insurance, where smaller increases than a year ago were recorded for insurance premiums, and a small downward contribution from purchase of motor vehicles, where second hand car prices fell by more than in March 2006.

A large downward contribution came from fuel and light, due to gas and electricity. As in the CPI, a mixture of newly available reduced tariffs and the continued phasing in of recent increases resulted in little change in electricity prices, and an overall fall in gas prices between February and March. Both gas and electricity prices rose in March 2006.

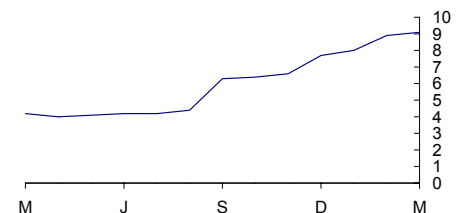
Household goods
RPI percentage changes over 12 months



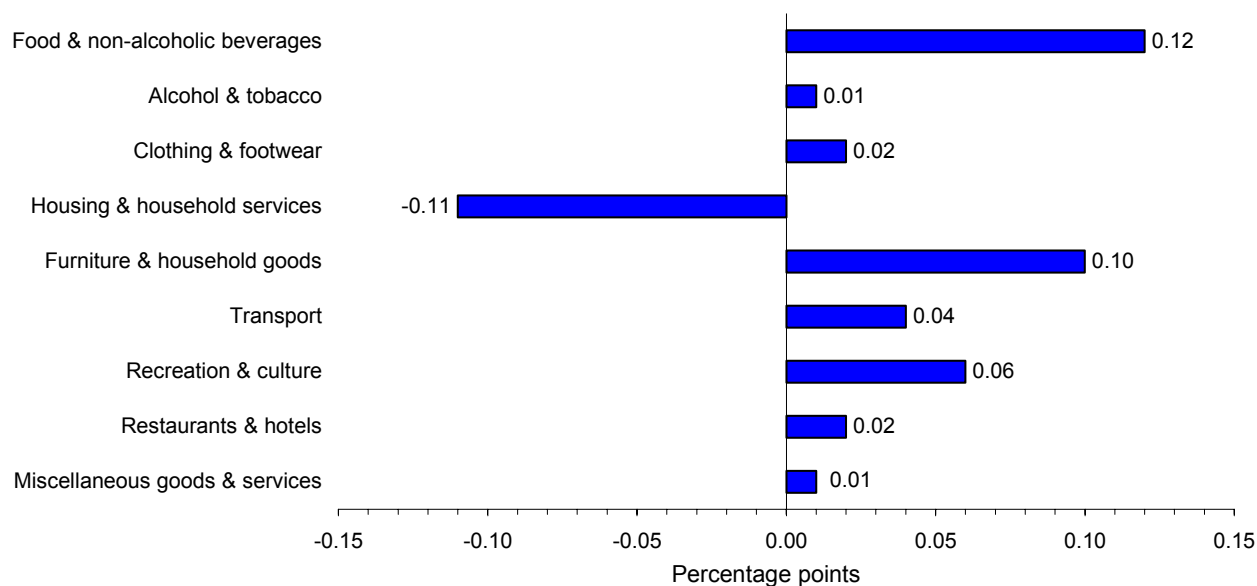
Fuel and light
RPI percentage changes over 12 months



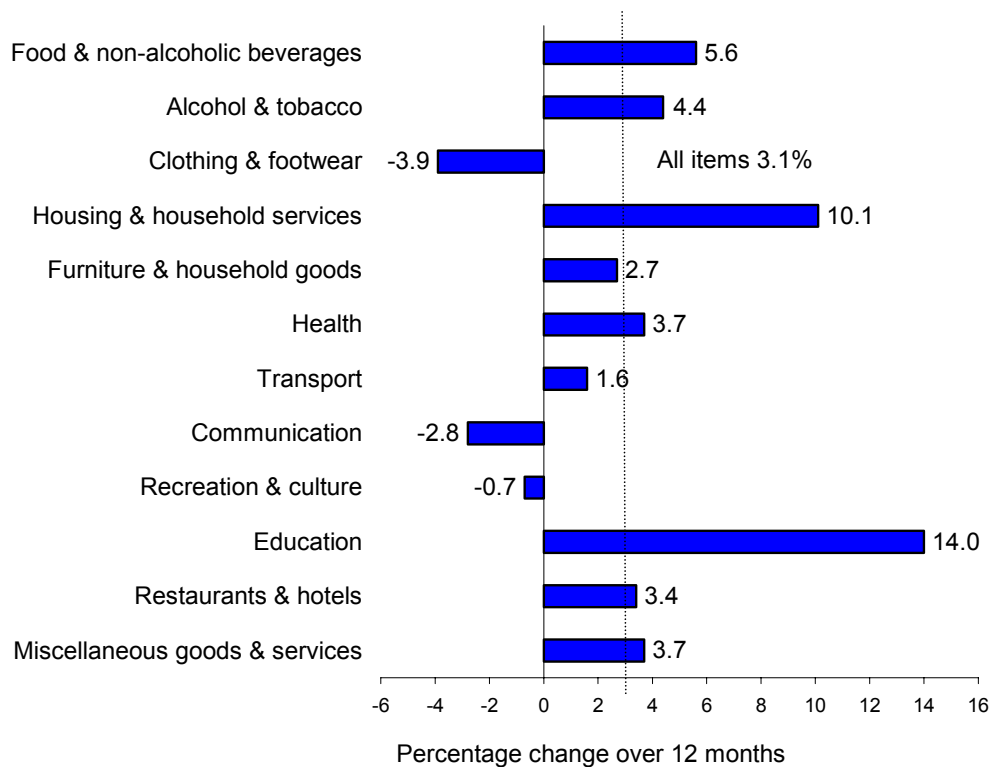
Housing
RPI percentage changes over 12 months



CPI main contributions¹ to the change in the all items 12-month rate between February 2007 and March 2007 (0.3 percentage points).



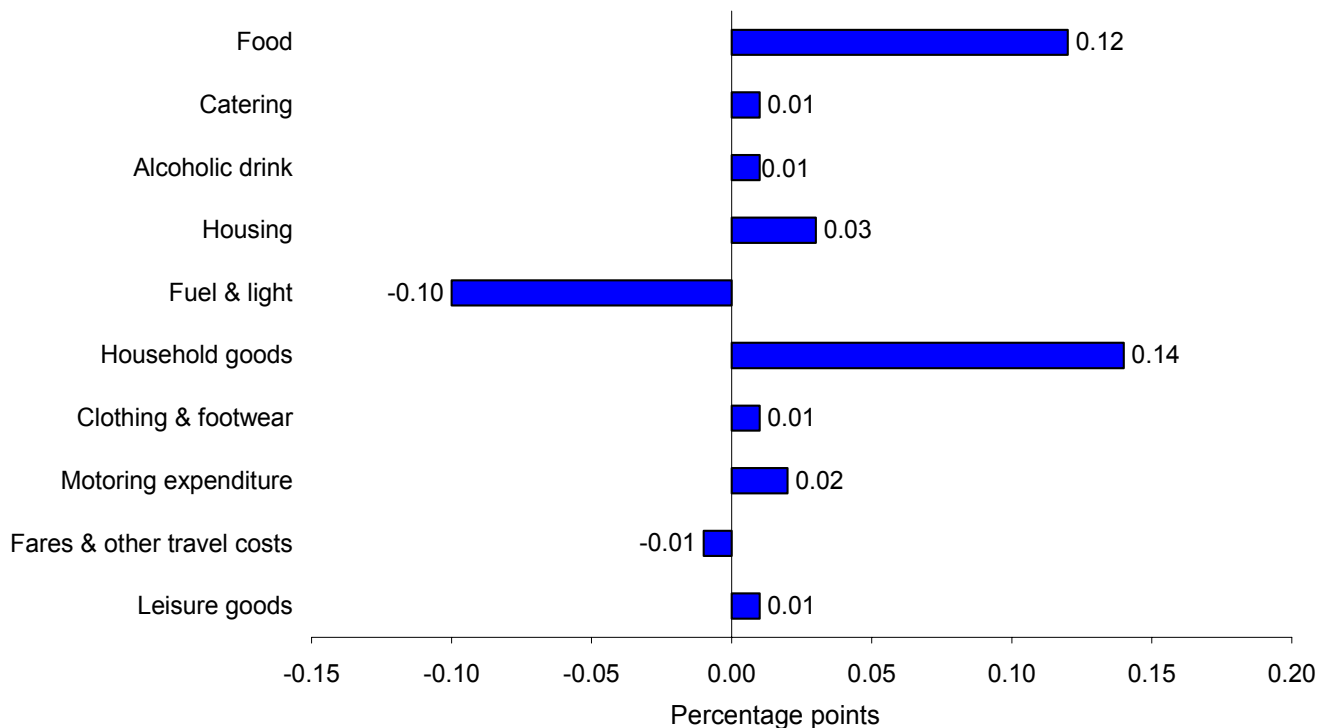
CPI comparison of the 12-month percentage changes



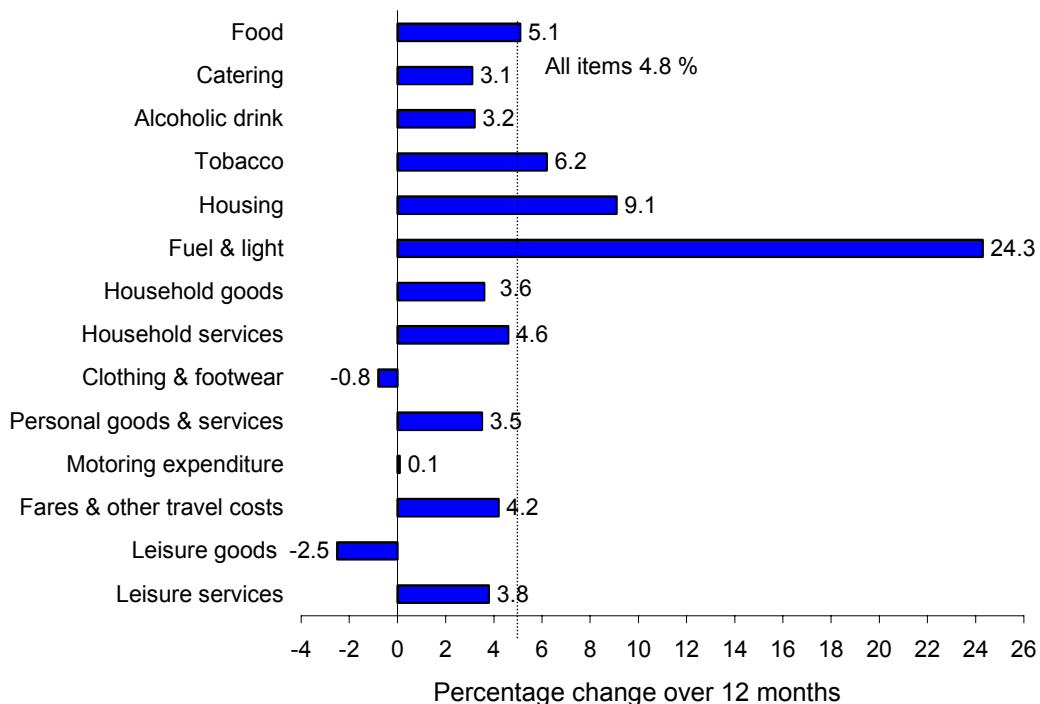
¹ Individual contributions to the change in the 12-month rate may not sum to the total due to rounding.



RPI main contributions¹ to the change in the all items 12-month rate between February 2007 and March 2007 (0.2 percentage points).



RPI comparison of 12-month percentage changes



¹ Individual contributions to the change in the 12-month rate may not sum to the total due to rounding.

BACKGROUND NOTES

Relevance

- 1 The consumer prices index (CPI) is the main United Kingdom domestic measure of consumer price inflation for macroeconomic purposes. It forms the basis for the Government's inflation target that the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is required to achieve.
- 2 Internationally, the CPI is known as the Harmonised Index of Consumer Prices (HICP). HICPs are calculated in each Member State of the European Union, according to rules specified in a series of European Regulations developed by Eurostat in conjunction with the EU Member States. HICPs are used to compare inflation rates across the European Union. Since January 1999 it has also been used by the European Central Bank (ECB) as the measure of price stability across the euro area.
- 3 The retail prices index (RPI) is the most long-standing general purpose measure of inflation in the United Kingdom and is available from June 1947. It is used for a variety of purposes by both government and external users including the indexation of various incomes and prices and the uprating of pensions, benefits and index-linked gilts.

Methodology

- 4 The CPI and the RPI are compiled using the same underlying price data, based on a large and representative selection of around 650 individual goods and services for which price movements are measured in around 150 randomly selected areas throughout the UK. Around 120,000 separate price quotations are used every month to compile the indices. The outlets in which the prices are collected are selected randomly. Expenditure weights are held constant for one year at a time.
- 5 The selection of goods and services that are priced to compile the CPI and RPI is reviewed annually. The contents of the 2007 basket are described in an article published on the National Statistics website at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=1746>
The expenditure weights used to compile the indices are also updated each year. Additional details of the updated CPI and RPI weights for 2007 will be available from the National Statistics website in an article entitled Consumer Prices Index and Retail Prices Index: Updating Weights for 2007, published on 30 April 2007.
- 6 Rates of change for the CPI are calculated from unrounded index levels, rather than on the published indices, which are rounded to one decimal place. The use of unrounded indices increases the accuracy of the calculation. The unrounded index levels are available on request. By contrast, rates of change for the RPI are calculated from the published rounded indices.

Reliability

- 7 Once the RPI indices are published they are never revised. CPI indices are revisable although past revisions have been minimal with the exception of those arising from re-referencing of the CPI to 2005=100, which took place with the publication of the January 2006 indices.

Comparability

- 8 The CPI's coverage of goods and services was extended in stages in the areas of health, education, childcare and insurance, with effect from the January 2000, 2001, and 2002 indices. In 2000, there was also a change to the population basis for the weights which was broadened from private households to include expenditure by foreign visitors and residents of institutional households. Further details can be found in a series of Economic Trends articles: http://www.statistics.gov.uk/about/methodology_by_theme/cpi
- 9 The official CPI series starts in 1996 but estimates for earlier periods are available back to 1988. These estimates are broadly consistent with data from 1996 but should be treated with some caution. The following article provides more detail:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=31&Pos=4&ColRank=1&Rank=1>
- 10 RPI data are available back to 1947 but have been re-referenced on several occasions since then, generally accompanied by changes to the coverage and/or structure of the detailed sub-components. Details of these changes are given in Appendices 1 and 2 of the CPI Technical Manual:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=2328&More=N>

Coherence

- 11 The CPI and RPI both measure the average change from month to month in the prices of consumer goods and services purchased in the UK. However, they differ in both coverage and methodology. A detailed description of these differences is given in an article entitled "The New Inflation Target: the Statistical Perspective":
www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=10913. The differences are summarised below:
 - In the CPI, the geometric mean is used to combine the individual prices into elementary indices at the most basic level whereas the RPI uses arithmetic means.
 - The CPI excludes a number of RPI series mainly relating to housing costs (for example, council tax), and in particular to owner occupiers' housing costs (including mortgage interest payments, house depreciation and buildings insurance). In addition, the CPI excludes the annual road fund licence and, from 2006, TV licences which are classified as taxes in the UK National Accounts, and Trades Union subscriptions which by convention are not part of household expenditure.
 - The CPI includes series for university accommodation fees, foreign students' university tuition fees, and unit trust and stockbrokers' charges, none of which are included in the RPI.

- The CPI is categorised according to the international classification system, COICOP (Classification Of Individual CONsumption by Purpose). The way in which this maps to the RPI groupings is shown in the following table:

COICOP Divisions	RPI Groups
01 Food & non-alcoholic beverages	Food
02 Alcohol & tobacco	Alcoholic drink (off sales) Tobacco
03 Clothing & footwear	Clothing & footwear
04 Housing & household services	Housing (exc. Mortgage interest payments, depreciation, council tax & building insurance) Fuel & light
05 Furniture & household goods	Household goods Domestic services
06 Health	Personal goods & services (health-related items)
07 Transport	Motoring expenditure Fares & other travel costs
08 Communication	Household services (exc. domestic services & fees and subscriptions)
09 Recreation & culture	Leisure goods Leisure services
10 Education	Fees & subscriptions (education-related items)
11 Restaurants & hotels	Catering Alcoholic drink (on sales)
12 Miscellaneous goods & services	Personal goods & services (non health-related items) Fees & subscriptions (non education-related items)

- The index for the purchase of new cars in the CPI is quality adjusted and based on actual published prices for new cars. New car prices in the RPI are imputed from movements in second hand car prices.
- The CPI weights are based on expenditure by all private households, foreign visitors to the UK and residents of institutional households. In the RPI, weights are based on expenditure by private households only, excluding the highest income households and pensioner households mainly dependent on state benefits.
- In the construction of the CPI weights, amounts paid out in insurance claims are distributed among the COICOP headings according to the nature of the claims' expenditure, with the residual (the service charge) being allocated to the relevant insurance heading. For the RPI weights, total expenditure (that is, gross of claims paid out) is assigned to the relevant insurance heading.

- 12 A breakdown of the difference between the CPI and RPI annual rates of inflation is shown in Table 10 of the CPI First Release.

Accessibility

- 13 This release includes the March 2007 data, collected on 13 March. Future publication dates are 15 May, 12 June, 17 July, 14 August, 18 September and 16 October. The European Commission (Eurostat) released figures for the harmonised index of consumer prices (HICP) for the month of March 2007 for EU member states, together with an EU average, on 16 April 2007. Further information on HICP for the European Union, Eurozone and other EU Member States is available from Eurostat's HICP web page:
http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/pls/portal/url/page/PGP_DS_HICP

Further information

- 14 A more detailed quality report for this First Release is available at:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/CCI/article.asp?ID=1585>
- 15 A full description of how the CPI and RPI are compiled is given in the Consumer Price Indices Technical Manual 2006 edition:
<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=2328>

General

- 16 Details of the policy governing the release of new data are available from the press office. Also available is a list of the names of those given pre-publication access to contents of this release.
- 17 In line with Consumer Price Indices Pre-Release arrangements, an advance copy of the CPI First Release was provided to the Governor of the Bank of England 40.5 hours ahead of publication. Also in line with these arrangements, as the annual rate for CPI was 3.1%, the Governor is allowed to share this information with MPC members as part of the process of consulting them on the letter to the Chancellor.
- 18 Complete runs of series in this release are available to download free of charge at: <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/timeseries>. Alternatively, for low-cost tailored data call Online Services on 020 7533 5675 or email: tailored@statistics.gov.uk
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1 CPI, RPI and other selected indices: the latest three years

	Consumer prices index (CPI) ¹		Consumer prices index excluding indirect taxes (CPIY) ³		Consumer prices index at constant tax rates (CPI-CT)		All items retail prices index (RPI)		All items RPI excluding			
	Index (2005=100)	Percentage change over 12 months	Index (2005=100)	Percentage change over 12 months	Index (2005=100)	Percentage change over 12 months	Index (Jan 13, 1987=100)	Percentage change over 12 months	mortgage interest payments (RPIX)		mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes (RPIY) ²	
		Index (Jan 13, 1987=100)		Percentage change over 12 months		Index (Jan 13, 1987=100)		Percentage change over 12 months	Index (Jan 13, 1987=100)	Percentage change over 12 months		
	D7BT	D7G7	EL2Q	EL2S	EAC7	EAD6	CHAW	CZBH	CHMK	CDKQ	CBZW	CBZX
2004 Mar	97.4	1.1	97.3	1.1	97.5	1.0	184.6	2.6	182.5	2.1	174.3	1.7
Apr	97.8	1.1	97.6	1.1	97.8	1.0	185.7	2.5	183.6	2.0	174.9	1.8
May	98.1	1.5	98.0	1.4	98.2	1.3	186.5	2.8	184.3	2.3	175.6	2.2
Jun	98.1	1.6	97.9	1.5	98.1	1.4	186.8	3.0	184.2	2.3	175.6	2.3
Jul	97.8	1.4	97.7	1.4	97.9	1.2	186.8	3.0	183.8	2.2	175.1	2.0
Aug	98.1	1.3	97.9	1.3	98.1	1.1	187.4	3.2	184.3	2.2	175.7	2.0
Sep	98.2	1.1	98.0	1.0	98.2	0.9	188.1	3.1	184.7	1.9	176.1	1.7
Oct	98.4	1.2	98.3	1.2	98.5	1.1	188.6	3.3	185.1	2.1	176.6	2.0
Nov	98.6	1.5	98.5	1.4	98.7	1.4	189.0	3.4	185.4	2.2	176.9	2.2
Dec	99.1	1.7	99.1	1.7	99.2	1.6	189.9	3.5	186.4	2.5	177.9	2.5
2005 Jan	98.6	1.6	98.5	1.7	98.6	1.5	188.9	3.2	185.2	2.1	176.7	2.0
Feb	98.8	1.7	98.8	1.7	98.9	1.6	189.6	3.2	185.9	2.1	177.4	2.0
Mar	99.3	1.9	99.3	2.0	99.3	1.8	190.5	3.2	186.8	2.4	178.3	2.3
Apr	99.7	1.9	99.6	2.0	99.6	1.9	191.6	3.2	187.8	2.3	179.0	2.3
May	100.0	1.9	100.0	2.0	100.0	1.8	192.0	2.9	188.2	2.1	179.4	2.2
Jun	100.0	2.0	100.0	2.2	100.0	1.9	192.2	2.9	188.3	2.2	179.5	2.2
Jul	100.1	2.3	100.1	2.5	100.1	2.3	192.2	2.9	188.3	2.4	179.5	2.5
Aug	100.4	2.4	100.5	2.6	100.4	2.3	192.6	2.8	188.6	2.3	179.8	2.3
Sep	100.6	2.5	100.6	2.6	100.6	2.4	193.1	2.7	189.3	2.5	180.5	2.5
Oct	100.7	2.3	100.8	2.5	100.7	2.3	193.3	2.5	189.5	2.4	180.7	2.3
Nov	100.7	2.1	100.8	2.3	100.7	2.1	193.6	2.4	189.7	2.3	180.9	2.3
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May	102.2	2.2	102.3	2.3	102.1	2.2	197.7	3.0	193.6	2.9	184.5	2.8
Jun	102.5	2.5	102.6	2.6	102.4	2.4	198.5	3.3	194.2	3.1	185.2	3.2
Jul	102.5	2.4	102.6	2.4	102.4	2.3	198.5	3.3	194.2	3.1	185.2	3.2
Aug	102.9	2.5	103.0	2.6	102.8	2.4	199.2	3.4	194.9	3.3	186.0	3.4
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1 Inflation rates prior to 1997 and index levels prior to 1996 are estimated. Further details are given in *Economic Trends No. 541 December 1998*. These details are also available on the National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk/cci/article.asp?ID=31

2 The taxes excluded are council tax, VAT, duties, vehicle excise duty, insurance tax and air passenger duty.

3 The taxes excluded are VAT, duties, insurance premium tax, air passenger duty, stamp duty on share transactions.

Source: National Statistics

2 CPI: Detailed figures for 13 March 2007

	Percentage change over			Percentage change over		
	Index (2005 =100)	1 mth	12 mths	Index (2005 =100)	1 mth	12 mths
CPI (overall index)	104.2	0.5	3.1			
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages	106.0	0.5	5.6	06.2 Out-patient services	107.0	- 4.0
02 Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	105.6	0.4	4.4	06.2.1/3 Medical services & paramedical services	104.8	- 1.5
03 Clothing and footwear	92.8	1.0	-3.9	06.2.2 Dental services	109.4	- 6.6
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	115.0	-0.1	10.1	06.3 Hospital services	110.1	0.1 7.0
05 Furniture, household equipment and maintenance	102.9	3.3	2.7	07.1 Purchase of vehicles	99.9	-0.2 0.3
06 Health	104.8	-0.1	3.7	07.1.1A New cars	102.0	0.2 1.5
07 Transport	103.1	0.3	1.6	07.1.1B Second-hand cars	96.0	-0.8 -2.1
08 Communication	98.1	-0.1	-2.8	07.1.2/3 Motorcycles and bicycles	99.8	-0.4 1.3
09 Recreation and culture	98.2	-0.1	-0.7	07.2 Operation of personal transport equipment	105.5	1.5 1.8
10 Education	117.8	-	14.0	07.2.1 Spare parts and accessories	102.1	-0.4 -
11 Restaurants and hotels	105.7	0.4	3.4	07.2.2 Fuels and lubricants	102.2	2.5 -0.9
12 Miscellaneous goods and services	106.2	0.4	3.7	07.2.3 Maintenance and repairs	110.1	0.4 5.3
All goods	102.8	0.8	2.5	07.2.4 Other services	109.5	2.2 5.6
All services	105.8	0.1	3.7	07.3 Transport services	102.9	-1.6 3.3
01.1 Food	105.8	0.6	5.5	07.3.1 Passenger transport by railway	108.8	-0.4 5.1
01.1.1 Bread and cereals	105.5	1.6	4.4	07.3.2 Passenger transport by road	106.4	0.2 1.8
01.1.2 Meat	104.5	0.3	5.0	07.3.3 Passenger transport by air	84.9	-4.7 1.4
01.1.3 Fish	116.0	-0.4	12.6	07.3.4 Passenger transport by sea and inland waterway	104.9	-7.0 3.9
01.1.4 Milk, cheese and eggs	104.6	2.4	5.3	08.1 Postal services	114.3	- 13.1
01.1.5 Oils and fats	108.0	0.2	6.6	08.2/3 Telephone and telefax equipment and services	97.3	-0.1 -3.4
01.1.6 Fruit	99.0	-2.1	1.9	09.1 Audio-visual equipment and related products	83.3	-1.6 -8.8
01.1.7 Vegetables including potatoes and tubers	110.8	0.7	10.2	09.1.1 Reception and reproduction of sound and pictures	80.0	-2.5 -11.3
01.1.8 Sugar, jam, syrups, chocolate and confectionery	105.8	0.2	3.6	09.1.2 Photographic, cinematographic and optical equipment	66.0	2.0 -15.0
01.1.9 Food products (nec)	100.9	0.6	1.9	09.1.3 Data processing equipment	76.8	-4.7 -14.8
01.2 Non-alcoholic beverages	107.4	0.3	6.0	09.1.4 Recording media	95.7	-0.6 -2.4
01.2.1 Coffee, tea and cocoa	109.6	0.7	10.2	09.1.5 Repair of audio-visual equipment & related products	106.5	0.1 4.5
01.2.2 Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices	106.5	0.2	4.5	09.2 Oth. major durables for recreation & culture	100.4	- 1.6
02.1 Alcoholic beverages	101.9	1.0	1.7	09.2.1/2 Major durables for in/outdoor recreation	100.4	- 1.6
02.1.1 Spirits	101.7	1.7	1.1	09.3 Other recreational items, gardens and pets	97.8	0.5 -2.1
02.1.2 Wine	102.7	0.7	2.2	09.3.1 Games, toys and hobbies	94.6	0.9 -4.7
02.1.3 Beer	99.9	0.6	1.2	09.3.2 Equipment for sport and open-air recreation	97.6	0.4 0.1
02.2 Tobacco	108.2	0.1	6.2	09.3.3 Gardens, plants and flowers	102.0	-0.6 1.6
03.1 Clothing	92.6	1.1	-4.1	09.3.4/5 Pets, related products and services	105.3	-0.1 3.2
03.1.2 Garments	91.9	1.1	-4.6	09.4 Recreational and cultural services	106.8	0.4 5.1
03.1.3 Other clothing and clothing accessories	99.8	1.0	0.9	09.4.1 Recreational and sporting services	107.5	- 4.4
03.1.4 Cleaning, repair and hire of clothing	106.7	0.1	4.0	09.4.2 Cultural services	106.5	0.6 5.3
03.2 Footwear including repairs	94.1	0.4	-2.0	09.5 Books, newspapers and stationery	104.8	-0.4 2.3
04.1 Actual rentals for housing	104.6	-	3.1	09.5.1 Books	104.4	-1.1 1.6
04.3 Regular maintenance and repair of the dwelling	104.9	-	3.9	09.5.2 Newspapers and periodicals	109.1	0.3 4.7
04.3.1 Materials for maintenance and repair	102.7	-0.2	3.3	09.5.3/4 Misc. printed matter, stationery, drawing materials	98.9	-0.6 -0.8
04.3.2 Services for maintenance and repair	108.2	0.2	4.7	09.6 Package holidays	100.0	- 1.3
04.4 Water supply and misc. services for the dwelling	108.2	-	5.5	10.0 Education	117.8	- 14.0
04.4.1 Water supply	109.0	-	5.7	11.1 Catering services	105.5	0.4 3.5
04.4.3 Sewerage collection	107.5	-	5.2	11.1.1 Restaurants & cafes	105.4	0.4 3.3
04.5 Electricity, gas and other fuels	140.3	-0.3	24.9	11.1.2 Canteens	106.6	0.3 4.6
04.5.1 Electricity	135.7	-	22.5	11.2 Accommodation services	106.7	0.4 2.8
04.5.2 Gas	152.6	-0.8	33.5	12.1 Personal care	104.9	0.8 3.6
04.5.3 Liquid fuels	102.9	3.4	-10.6	12.1.1 Hairdressing and personal grooming establishments	106.1	0.2 3.7
04.5.4 Solid fuels	114.3	0.1	8.3	12.1.2/3 Appliances and products for personal care	104.5	1.0 3.6
05.1 Furniture, furnishings and carpets	106.6	7.4	3.9	12.3 Personal effects (nec)	104.7	0.3 3.9
05.1.1 Furniture and furnishings	108.5	9.7	5.1	12.3.1 Jewellery, clocks and watches	107.1	0.3 4.9
05.1.2 Carpets and other floor coverings	99.4	-0.9	-0.6	12.3.2 Other personal effects	100.8	0.3 2.1
05.2 Household textiles	93.1	-0.7	-3.6	12.4 Social protection	109.4	0.2 5.8
05.3 Household appliances, fitting and repairs	96.4	2.1	2.3	12.5 Insurance	104.9	- 4.7
05.3.1/2 Major appliances and small electric goods	95.7	2.4	2.5	12.5.2 House contents insurance	103.6	-0.3 7.1
05.3.3 Repair of household appliances	102.6	-	1.2	12.5.3 Health insurance	112.0	- 8.6
05.4 Glassware, tableware and household utensils	99.1	0.4	0.9	12.5.4 Transport insurance	102.8	0.2 2.4
05.5 Tools and equipment for house and garden	102.0	-0.3	1.0	12.6 Financial services (nec)	105.1	0.3 2.1
05.6 Goods and services for routine maintenance	107.5	0.7	4.2	12.6.2 Other financial services (nec)	105.2	0.3 2.1
05.6.1 Non-durable household goods	106.2	1.0	3.3	12.7 Other services (nec)	109.2	- 4.8
05.6.2 Domestic services and household services	108.6	0.3	5.0			
06.1 Medical products, appliances and equipment	100.0	-0.3	0.9			
06.1.1 Pharmaceutical products	100.8	-0.7	1.5			
06.1.2/3 Other medical and therapeutic equipment	99.6	-	0.6			

Key: - zero or negligible .. not available (nec) not elsewhere covered

Source: National Statistics

4 CPI: Detailed figures by division¹

	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	Furniture, household equipment & routine maintenance	Health ²	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education ²	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services ²	CPI (overall index)
COICOP Division	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	
Weights													
2007	CHZR 103	CHZS 43	CHZT 62	CHZU 115	CHZV 68	CHZW 24	CHZX 152	CHZY 24	CHZZ 153	CJUU 18	CJUV 138	CJUW 100	CHZQ 1 000
Monthly indices (2005=100)													
	D7BU	D7BV	D7BW	D7BX	D7BY	D7BZ	D7C2	D7C3	D7C4	D7C5	D7C6	D7C7	D7BT
2005 Mar	100.8	98.7	101.3	97.7	100.7	98.9	98.0	100.4	100.2	98.7	98.7	98.8	99.3
Apr	99.9	99.8	100.9	99.6	99.3	99.5	98.5	100.5	100.7	98.7	99.5	99.3	99.7
May	100.6	100.2	101.0	99.8	100.1	99.7	99.5	100.1	100.4	98.7	99.8	99.4	100.0
Jun	100.6	100.3	100.6	100.0	100.4	99.8	99.6	100.3	100.3	98.7	99.9	99.6	100.0
Jul	99.4	100.6	96.5	100.4	99.4	100.6	102.1	99.5	99.8	98.7	100.3	100.4	100.1
Aug	99.6	100.5	98.2	100.4	99.6	100.8	103.3	99.9	99.3	98.7	100.6	100.6	100.4
Sep	99.7	100.3	99.9	100.7	100.2	100.7	102.2	99.8	99.6	100.8	100.8	100.8	100.6
Oct	99.5	100.7	99.9	101.7	99.4	101.0	102.0	99.5	99.7	103.3	101.2	101.2	100.7
Nov	100.1	100.7	100.5	102.3	100.5	101.0	100.4	99.6	99.5	103.3	101.2	101.4	100.7
Dec	100.7	100.2	100.1	102.8	102.8	100.3	100.7	99.4	99.5	103.3	101.4	101.5	101.0
2006 Jan	100.4	101.0	96.0	103.3	97.8	101.0	101.2	100.9	98.6	103.3	101.5	102.0	100.5
Feb	101.0	100.8	95.9	103.6	98.5	101.1	101.4	101.0	99.4	103.3	101.9	102.1	100.9
Mar	100.4	101.1	96.5	104.5	100.3	101.0	101.4	100.9	98.9	103.3	102.2	102.4	101.1
Apr	100.2	102.3	96.5	107.3	98.5	102.2	102.9	100.9	99.1	103.3	102.5	103.3	101.7
May	101.7	102.5	97.2	108.8	99.3	102.6	103.5	99.7	98.9	103.3	103.0	103.4	102.2
Jun	102.4	103.6	96.7	109.7	100.2	102.5	103.5	100.0	98.7	103.3	103.1	103.9	102.5
Jul	102.6	103.4	92.2	110.5	98.1	103.0	105.5	99.8	98.4	103.3	103.5	104.0	102.5
Aug	103.0	103.8	94.4	110.9	99.1	103.4	105.8	99.2	98.4	103.3	103.6	104.5	102.9
Sep	103.6	103.7	96.4	111.5	100.6	103.6	102.9	99.6	98.6	107.9	103.8	104.7	103.0
Oct	104.2	103.9	96.6	112.7	99.0	104.2	101.5	100.4	98.6	117.8	104.2	105.0	103.2
Nov	105.1	103.4	97.2	113.7	100.0	104.1	101.1	100.3	98.7	117.8	104.5	105.0	103.4
Dec	105.4	103.0	96.0	114.5	103.3	104.2	102.8	99.9	99.2	117.8	104.7	104.9	104.0
2007 Jan	104.4	104.5	92.0	114.9	98.3	104.8	102.1	99.0	98.3	117.8	104.9	105.1	103.2
Feb	105.4	105.1	91.9	115.1	99.6	104.9	102.8	98.1	98.4	117.8	105.2	105.8	103.7
Mar	106.0	105.6	92.8	115.0	102.9	104.8	103.1	98.1	98.2	117.8	105.7	106.2	104.2
Percentage change on a year earlier													
	D7G8	D7G9	D7GA	D7GB	D7GC	D7GD	D7GE	D7GF	D7GG	D7GH	D7GI	D7GJ	D7G7
2005 Mar	1.7	2.2	-5.1	5.8	-	2.6	4.0	-2.9	-0.7	5.0	2.8	3.6	1.9
Apr	1.0	2.0	-5.3	6.5	-1.0	2.7	3.8	-3.2	-0.6	5.0	3.3	4.3	1.9
May	1.4	2.3	-5.5	6.4	-1.0	2.8	3.3	-3.6	-0.5	5.0	3.3	4.3	1.9
Jun	2.2	2.3	-4.8	6.4	-0.6	2.7	3.4	-2.9	-1.2	5.0	3.2	4.6	2.0
Jul	1.7	2.2	-4.8	6.7	0.6	3.4	4.6	-2.5	-1.5	5.0	3.4	5.2	2.3
Aug	2.2	1.8	-4.4	6.3	0.2	3.7	5.4	-2.1	-2.0	5.0	3.5	5.1	2.4
Sep	2.0	1.4	-5.3	6.5	-0.2	3.1	6.0	-1.2	-1.6	4.7	3.7	5.1	2.5
Oct	1.5	1.9	-5.3	6.5	-0.2	3.0	5.8	-1.6	-1.5	4.7	3.7	4.2	2.3
Nov	1.7	2.5	-5.1	6.5	0.1	2.9	4.1	-1.2	-1.5	4.7	3.5	4.3	2.1
Dec	1.7	2.5	-4.2	6.4	-	2.4	2.8	-1.0	-1.7	4.7	3.5	4.2	1.9
2006 Jan	1.2	2.3	-4.7	6.3	-0.8	2.3	5.1	0.5	-2.1	4.7	3.4	3.5	1.9
Feb	1.1	1.6	-4.7	6.4	-0.5	2.3	4.2	0.4	-0.8	4.7	3.5	3.6	2.0
Mar	-0.4	2.5	-4.7	7.0	-0.4	2.1	3.5	0.5	-1.4	4.7	3.6	3.7	1.8
Apr	0.3	2.5	-4.4	7.7	-0.8	2.7	4.4	0.3	-1.6	4.7	3.0	4.0	2.0
May	1.1	2.2	-3.7	9.0	-0.8	2.9	4.0	-0.4	-1.6	4.7	3.2	4.1	2.2
Jun	1.8	3.3	-3.9	9.8	-0.1	2.7	3.9	-0.3	-1.6	4.7	3.2	4.4	2.5
Jul	3.2	2.8	-4.5	10.0	-1.3	2.4	3.3	0.3	-1.4	4.7	3.2	3.6	2.4
Aug	3.4	3.3	-3.9	10.5	-0.5	2.6	2.4	-0.7	-0.9	4.7	3.0	3.9	2.5
Sep	4.0	3.4	-3.5	10.7	0.3	2.8	0.6	-0.2	-1.0	7.1	2.9	3.9	2.4
Oct	4.7	3.2	-3.3	10.8	-0.4	3.1	-0.5	0.9	-1.1	14.0	3.0	3.8	2.4
Nov	5.0	2.7	-3.2	11.1	-0.5	3.1	0.8	0.7	-0.7	14.0	3.2	3.5	2.7
Dec	4.6	2.7	-4.1	11.4	0.6	3.9	2.1	0.5	-0.3	14.0	3.2	3.3	3.0
2007 Jan	3.9	3.5	-4.1	11.2	0.5	3.8	0.9	-1.8	-0.3	14.0	3.3	3.1	2.7
Feb	4.4	4.2	-4.2	11.1	1.2	3.7	1.4	-2.8	-1.0	14.0	3.3	3.6	2.8
Mar	5.6	4.4	-3.9	10.1	2.7	3.7	1.6	-2.8	-0.7	14.0	3.4	3.7	3.1

Key: - zero or negligible

¹ Inflation rates prior to 1997 and index levels prior to 1996 are estimated. Further details are given in *Economic Trends No. 541 December 1998*. These details are also available on the National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk/cpi/article.asp?ID=31

² The coverage of these categories was extended in January 2000; further extensions to coverage came into effect in January 2001 for health and miscellaneous goods and services; the coverage of miscellaneous goods and services was further extended with effect from January 2002 (details are given in a series of Economic Trends articles available on the National Statistics website: www.statistics.gov.uk/cpi)

Source: National Statistics

6 CPI goods and services: the latest three years

Percentage change over 12 months

	Goods components					Services components					
	Food & non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages & tobacco	Energy ¹	Non-energy industrial goods ²	All goods	Housing services ³	Travel & transport services ³	Recreational & personal services ³	Communication	Miscellaneous & other services ³	All services
Weights	CHZR	CHZS	A9F3	A9ER	ICVH	A9FG	A9FJ	A9FL	CHZY	A9FQ	ICVI
2007	103	43	75	326	547	70	65	209	24	85	453
Monthly	D7G8	D7G9	DKL5	DKK3	D7NM	DKN2	DKN5	DKN7	D7GF	DKO4	D7NN
2004 Mar	1.9	1.9	0.9	-2.1	-0.6	2.7	4.8	1.8	0.2	6.1	3.1
Apr	1.3	2.0	2.8	-1.9	-0.5	3.0	2.4	2.2	0.8	5.9	3.0
May	1.0	2.0	7.5	-2.0	-0.1	3.0	4.4	2.3	0.6	5.8	3.3
Jun	0.8	1.9	7.9	-1.7	0.1	3.1	4.6	2.3	0.9	5.5	3.3
Jul	0.1	2.1	7.1	-1.9	-0.3	3.2	5.3	2.5	-1.1	5.0	3.4
Aug	-0.2	1.9	7.1	-2.3	-0.6	3.2	5.7	2.7	-1.1	5.0	3.5
Sep	-0.7	2.2	7.1	-2.5	-0.8	3.2	4.8	2.6	-2.6	5.0	3.2
Oct	-0.6	2.0	9.3	-2.4	-0.6	3.4	4.2	2.8	-2.1	4.9	3.2
Nov	-0.5	2.2	10.9	-2.4	-0.3	3.5	5.7	2.9	-1.9	5.0	3.5
Dec	-0.1	2.1	10.6	-2.0	-0.1	3.5	6.3	3.0	-2.2	5.0	3.7
2005 Jan	0.4	2.5	9.0	-2.2	-0.2	3.5	5.3	3.2	-2.3	5.5	3.7
Feb	0.8	2.9	9.6	-2.6	-0.2	3.5	5.8	3.3	-2.7	5.6	3.8
Mar	1.7	2.2	10.1	-2.2	0.2	3.6	6.8	3.2	-2.9	5.5	3.9
Apr	1.0	2.0	11.5	-2.2	0.1	4.3	4.9	3.4	-3.2	6.5	4.0
May	1.4	2.3	8.3	-2.2	-0.1	4.3	6.3	3.4	-3.6	6.6	4.2
Jun	2.2	2.3	8.7	-2.1	0.2	4.2	6.0	3.1	-2.9	6.8	4.1
Jul	1.7	2.2	11.2	-1.9	0.5	4.4	6.9	3.2	-2.5	7.7	4.5
Aug	2.2	1.8	12.4	-2.1	0.6	4.4	7.5	3.1	-2.1	7.7	4.6
Sep	2.0	1.4	15.4	-2.2	0.7	4.4	6.3	3.2	-1.2	7.5	4.5
Oct	1.5	1.9	13.9	-2.1	0.6	4.0	7.2	3.3	-1.6	6.6	4.4
Nov	1.7	2.5	11.1	-2.0	0.4	3.9	5.8	3.1	-1.2	6.6	4.1
Dec	1.7	2.5	10.2	-2.1	0.3	4.0	3.4	3.1	-1.0	6.6	3.8
2006 Jan	1.2	2.3	12.8	-2.3	0.3	3.9	6.1	2.9	0.5	5.6	3.9
Feb	1.1	1.6	12.5	-1.7	0.6	3.9	4.8	2.9	0.4	5.6	3.7
Mar	-0.4	2.5	12.2	-1.9	0.2	3.9	4.4	2.9	0.5	5.7	3.7
Apr	0.3	2.5	14.4	-2.2	0.5	3.3	6.5	2.7	0.3	5.7	3.8
May	1.1	2.2	19.3	-1.9	1.3	3.3	2.8	2.9	-0.4	5.6	3.3
Jun	1.8	3.3	19.8	-1.7	1.7	3.4	3.2	2.9	-0.3	5.6	3.4
Jul	3.2	2.8	19.4	-2.0	1.8	3.4	2.4	2.9	0.3	4.9	3.2
Aug	3.4	3.3	17.9	-1.3	2.2	3.4	1.6	2.8	-0.7	4.7	2.9
Sep	4.0	3.4	11.6	-1.0	1.8	3.3	3.0	2.8	-0.2	5.3	3.2
Oct	4.7	3.2	9.8	-1.3	1.5	3.4	2.5	3.0	0.9	6.7	3.6
Nov	5.0	2.7	11.7	-1.1	1.8	3.5	3.7	3.1	0.7	6.4	3.7
Dec	4.6	2.7	14.9	-0.8	2.3	3.5	4.1	3.1	0.5	6.4	3.8
2007 Jan	3.9	3.5	12.8	-0.9	2.0	3.8	3.1	3.2	-1.8	6.1	3.6
Feb	4.4	4.2	11.8	-1.0	2.0	3.7	5.0	3.2	-2.8	6.1	3.8
Mar	5.6	4.4	11.6	-0.5	2.5	3.7	4.2	3.3	-2.8	6.1	3.7

Key: - zero or negligible

3 For further information on all of these services components, see 'The Consumer Prices Index: Goods and Services Indices and Special Aggregates', which can be downloaded from: www.statistics.gov.uk/ccj/article.asp?id=1060

1 Comprises 'Electricity, gas and other fuels' (group 04.5) and 'Fuels and lubricants' (class 07.2.2).

2 Comprises all other goods elements of the CPI. For further information, see 'The Consumer Prices Index: Goods and Services Indices and Special Aggregates', which can be downloaded from: www.statistics.gov.uk/ccj/article.asp?id=1060

Source: National Statistics

7 HICP¹ - International comparisons: EU countries

Percentage change over 12 months

	Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Ireland	Italy	Latvia
	D7SK	D7SL	GHY8	D7RO	D7RP	D7SM	D7RQ	D7SN	D7SO	D7SP	D7SQ	D7RR	D7SS	D7ST	D7RS
2004	2.0	1.9	6.1	1.9	2.6	0.9	3.0	0.1	2.3	1.8	3.0	6.8	2.3	2.3	6.2
2005	2.1	2.5	6.0	2.0	1.6	1.7	4.1	0.8	1.9	1.9	3.5	3.5	2.2	2.2	6.9
2006	1.7	2.3	7.4	2.2	2.1	1.9	4.4	1.3	1.9	1.8	3.3	4.0	2.7	2.2	6.6
2005 Mar	2.4	2.8	4.4	2.4	1.1	1.3	4.8	0.9	2.1	1.6	2.9	3.3	1.9	2.2	6.6
Apr	2.3	2.4	5.3	2.7	1.4	1.7	4.7	1.2	2.0	1.4	3.3	3.8	2.2	2.1	7.1
May	2.0	2.3	5.1	2.1	0.9	1.2	2.9	0.6	1.7	1.6	3.2	3.5	2.1	2.3	6.5
Jun	2.0	2.7	6.5	1.5	1.3	1.7	3.2	1.0	1.8	1.8	3.2	3.7	1.9	2.1	6.6
Jul	2.1	2.7	6.0	1.3	1.4	1.8	3.9	0.9	1.8	1.8	3.9	3.6	2.2	2.1	6.3
Aug	1.9	2.9	7.2	1.5	1.4	2.4	4.2	1.0	2.0	1.9	3.6	3.5	2.1	2.1	6.3
Sep	2.6	3.0	7.5	2.1	2.0	2.3	4.9	1.1	2.4	2.5	3.8	3.6	2.7	2.2	7.4
Oct	2.0	2.2	8.2	2.2	2.4	1.9	4.5	0.8	2.0	2.3	3.7	3.1	2.6	2.6	7.7
Nov	1.7	2.3	8.0	2.0	2.2	1.8	4.0	1.0	1.8	2.2	3.4	3.3	2.2	2.4	7.6
Dec	1.6	2.8	7.4	1.4	1.9	2.2	3.6	1.1	1.8	2.1	3.5	3.3	1.9	2.1	7.1
2006 Jan	1.5	2.8	7.6	2.0	2.4	2.0	4.7	1.2	2.3	2.1	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.2	7.6
Feb	1.5	2.8	9.4	2.3	2.4	2.1	4.5	1.3	2.0	2.1	3.1	2.3	2.7	2.2	7.0
Mar	1.3	2.2	9.1	2.6	2.4	1.8	4.0	1.2	1.7	1.9	3.3	2.4	2.8	2.2	6.6
Apr	2.1	2.6	8.5	2.5	2.3	1.8	4.3	1.5	2.0	2.3	3.5	2.4	2.7	2.3	6.1
May	2.1	2.8	9.0	2.5	2.8	2.1	4.6	1.7	2.4	2.1	3.3	2.9	3.0	2.3	7.1
Jun	1.9	2.5	8.4	2.6	2.3	2.1	4.4	1.5	2.2	2.0	3.4	2.9	2.9	2.4	6.3
Jul	2.0	2.4	7.8	2.8	2.4	2.0	4.5	1.4	2.2	2.1	3.9	3.2	2.9	2.3	6.9
Aug	2.1	2.3	7.0	2.7	2.6	1.9	5.0	1.3	2.1	1.8	3.4	4.7	3.2	2.3	6.8
Sep	1.3	1.9	5.4	2.2	2.2	1.5	3.8	0.8	1.5	1.0	3.1	5.9	2.2	2.4	5.9
Oct	1.3	1.7	5.2	1.7	0.8	1.4	3.8	0.9	1.2	1.1	3.1	6.3	2.2	1.9	5.6
Nov	1.6	2.0	5.9	1.3	1.0	1.8	4.7	1.3	1.6	1.5	3.2	6.4	2.4	2.0	6.3
Dec	1.6	2.1	6.1	1.5	1.5	1.7	5.1	1.2	1.7	1.4	3.2	6.6	3.0	2.1	6.8
2007 Jan	1.7	1.7	6.8	1.4	1.4	1.8	5.0	1.3	1.4	1.8	3.0	8.4	2.9	1.9	7.1
Feb	1.7 [†]	1.8	4.6	1.2	1.7	1.9	4.6	1.2	1.2	1.9	3.0	9.0	2.6	2.1	7.2
Mar	1.9*	1.8	4.4	1.4	2.1	1.9	5.6	1.6	1.2	2.0	2.8	9.0	2.9	2.1	8.5

	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	United Kingdom ¹	EICP ² EU 25 average ³	EICP ² EU 27 average ³	Monetary Union Area average ⁴
	D7RT	D7SU	D7RU	D7SV	D7RV	D7SX	GHY7	D7RW	D7RX	D7SY	D7SZ	D7G7	D7RY	GJ2E	D7SR
2004	1.2	3.2	2.7	1.4	3.6	2.5	11.9	7.5	3.7	3.1	1.0	1.3	2.0	..	2.1
2005	2.7	3.8	2.5	1.5	2.2	2.1	9.1	2.8	2.5	3.4	0.8	2.1	2.2	..	2.2
2006	3.8	3.0	2.6	1.7	1.3	3.0	6.6	4.3	2.5	3.6	1.5	2.3	2.2	..	2.2
2005 Mar	3.2	3.5	2.6	1.5	3.4	2.3	8.7	2.4	3.3	3.4	0.5	1.9	2.1	..	2.1
Apr	3.2	3.7	2.0	1.3	3.1	2.0	10.0	2.7	2.7	3.5	0.4	1.9	2.1	..	2.1
May	1.9	3.7	2.4	1.0	2.1	1.8	10.0	2.4	2.1	3.0	0.2	1.9	2.0	..	2.0
Jun	2.0	3.2	2.1	1.5	1.4	0.6	9.7	2.6	1.7	3.2	0.8	2.0	2.0	..	2.1
Jul	1.9	4.0	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.9	9.4	2.1	2.0	3.3	0.7	2.3	2.1	..	2.2
Aug	2.3	4.3	2.5	1.6	1.8	2.5	8.9	2.1	1.8	3.3	1.1	2.4	2.2	..	2.2
Sep	2.5	4.7	2.0	1.7	1.9	2.7	8.5	2.3	3.2	3.8	1.1	2.5	2.5	..	2.6
Oct	3.0	5.0	3.0	1.5	1.6	2.6	8.2	3.5	3.2	3.5	0.9	2.3	2.4	..	2.5
Nov	2.9	3.6	4.3	1.6	1.1	2.5	8.7	3.6	2.1	3.4	1.2	2.1	2.3	..	2.3
Dec	3.0	3.4	3.4	2.0	0.8	2.5	8.7	3.9	2.4	3.7	1.3	1.9	2.1	..	2.2
2006 Jan	3.5	4.1	2.4	1.8	0.9	2.7	9.0	4.1	2.6	4.2	1.1	1.9	2.3	..	2.4
Feb	3.4	3.9	2.3	1.4	0.9	3.0	8.6	4.3	2.3	4.1	1.1	2.0	2.2	..	2.3
Mar	3.1	3.7	2.9	1.4	0.9	3.8	8.5	4.3	2.0	3.9	1.5	1.8	2.1	..	2.2
Apr	3.4	3.5	3.5	1.8	1.2	3.7	7.0	4.4	2.8	3.9	1.8	2.0	2.3	..	2.5
May	3.6	3.6	3.5	1.8	1.5	3.7	7.3	4.8	3.4	4.1	1.9	2.2	2.4	..	2.5
Jun	3.7	3.9	3.3	1.8	1.5	3.5	7.2	4.5	3.0	4.0	1.9	2.5	2.4	..	2.5
Jul	4.4	3.4	3.6	1.7	1.4	3.0	6.2	5.0	1.9	4.0	1.8	2.4	2.4	..	2.4
Aug	4.3	3.1	3.0	1.9	1.7	2.7	6.1	5.0	3.1	3.8	1.6	2.5	2.3	..	2.3
Sep	3.3	2.0	3.1	1.5	1.4	3.0	5.5	4.5	2.5	2.9	1.2	2.4	1.9	..	1.7
Oct	3.7	0.6	1.7	1.3	1.1	2.6	4.8	3.1	1.5	2.6	1.2	2.4	1.8	..	1.6
Nov	4.4	1.8	0.9	1.6	1.3	2.4	4.7	3.7	2.4	2.7	1.5	2.7	2.1	..	1.9
Dec	4.5	2.3	0.8	1.7	1.4	2.5	4.9	3.7	3.0	2.7	1.4	3.0	2.1	..	1.9
2007 Jan	4.0	2.3	1.2	1.2	1.6	2.6	4.1	2.2	2.8	2.4	1.6	2.7	..	2.1	1.8
Feb	4.4	1.8	0.8	1.4	1.9	2.3	3.9	2.0	2.3	2.5	1.7	2.8	..	2.1	1.8
Mar	4.8	2.4	0.5	1.9*	2.4	2.4	3.7	2.1	2.6	2.5	1.6	3.1	..	2.2*	1.9*

Key: - zero or negligible .. Not available * Provisional

† Date of earliest revision ◊ Estimated

1 Published as the CPI in the UK.

2 The EICP (European Index of Consumer Prices) is the official EU aggregate. It covers 15 member states until April 2004, 25 member states from May 2004, and 27 members from Jan 2007, the new member states being integrated using a chain index formula.

The EU 25 annual average for 2004 is calculated from the EU 15 average from January to April and the EU 25 average from May to December.

3 The coverage of the European Union was extended to include Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia from 1 May 2004 and Bulgaria and Romania from 1 Jan 2007.

4 The coverage of the Monetary Union Area index was extended to include Greece with effect from Jan 2001.

Sources: National Statistics; Eurostat

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	Weights	Index (January 1987=100)						Percentage change over 12 months						Percentage change over
		2007	Index (January 1987=100)					Percentage change over 12 months						1 month
			2006 Oct	2006 Nov	2006 Dec	2007 Jan	2007 Feb	2007 Mar	2006 Oct	2006 Nov	2006 Dec	2007 Jan	2007 Feb	2007 Mar
Tobacco	29	347.9	348.0	348.1	354.0	355.5	355.7	4.7	4.1	4.1	5.8	6.2	6.2	0.1
Cigarettes	26	355.6	355.6	355.8	361.7	363.2	363.4	4.8	4.0	4.1	5.7	6.2	6.2	0.1
Other tobacco	3	276.9	276.8	276.9	282.0	283.7	283.6	4.5	3.9	3.9	5.8	6.3	6.2	-
Housing	238	308.9	310.0	313.8	315.7	319.4	320.4	6.4	6.6	7.7	8.0	8.9	9.1	0.3
Rent	53	280.8	281.3	281.5	282.5	282.6	282.5	2.9	3.0	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.2	-
Mortgage interest payments	55	330.3	332.8	347.6	351.7	365.7	368.6	13.1	13.2	17.4	17.9	21.9	21.9	0.8
Depreciation (Jan 1995 = 100)	50	278.3	279.5	281.1	282.8	285.6	287.2	6.6	6.9	7.5	8.2	8.8	9.7	0.6
Council tax and rates	40	280.7	280.7	280.7	280.7	280.7	280.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	-
Water and other charges	12	354.1	354.1	354.1	354.1	354.1	354.1	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	-
Repairs and maintenance charges	12	317.1	317.6	318.9	324.1	324.8	325.6	4.7	4.5	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.5	0.2
Do-it-yourself materials	9	160.7	161.1	162.4	162.8	164.1	164.1	2.5	2.9	3.5	3.1	3.9	3.6	-
Dwelling insurance and ground rent	7	279.2	280.1	279.5	281.5	283.0	281.2	2.5	2.6	2.2	2.1	1.0	0.3	-0.6
Fuel and light	39	214.5	219.0	222.7	222.6	223.6	223.1	29.2	29.5	29.7	28.4	27.8	24.3	-0.2
Coal and solid fuels	1	197.3	199.5	199.5	199.8	200.2	200.5	7.9	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.1	8.3	0.1
Electricity	18	198.8	202.6	205.0	206.0	206.7	206.7	27.3	27.1	27.3	26.7	25.7	22.5	-
Gas	18	231.1	238.7	243.3	243.9	244.8	242.8	41.5	40.8	40.6	39.9	39.8	34.3	-0.8
Oil and other fuels	2	249.3	240.0	249.4	235.2	240.1	247.1	-8.4	-3.0	-2.2	-10.1	-9.8	-8.0	2.9
Household goods	66	146.1	147.9	154.6	144.3	147.1	153.8	1.2	1.4	2.5	1.0	1.7	3.6	4.6
Furniture	23	164.0	168.5	187.7	162.4	165.0	185.8	2.6	2.5	5.3	2.5	3.3	8.3	12.6
Furnishings	11	158.1	158.4	162.5	154.0	160.1	158.5	0.6	-0.5	0.7	0.1	1.3	0.1	-1.0
Electrical appliances	8	74.7	74.2	73.3	71.2	72.6	74.2	-3.6	-3.4	-4.1	-6.2	-6.4	-1.5	2.2
Other household equipment	4	140.3	142.5	141.8	139.0	142.6	143.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.2	0.7	2.1	2.0	0.4
Household consumables	13	160.1	160.8	161.2	161.5	162.4	163.2	2.0	2.7	2.1	2.5	2.4	2.4	0.5
Pet care	7	171.4	171.4	171.8	170.4	172.7	172.8	3.6	3.2	3.1	2.2	3.2	3.1	0.1
Household services	65	196.6	196.2	196.3	196.3	196.0	196.5	5.6	5.3	5.1	4.5	4.5	4.6	0.3
Postage	1	200.2	200.2	200.2	200.2	200.2	200.2	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	13.1	-
Telephones, telemessages, etc	22	88.6	88.4	88.2	87.7	86.8	86.9	0.2	-0.1	-0.5	-2.2	-3.2	-3.1	0.1
Domestic services	14	295.0	295.7	296.6	300.2	300.3	301.1	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.9	5.7	5.8	0.3
Fees and subscriptions	28	291.8	290.7	291.1	291.0	292.1	293.1	9.7	9.2	9.2	9.2	10.2	10.1	0.3
Clothing and footwear	44	95.9	96.3	95.0	91.3	92.4	93.8	-0.3	-0.4	-1.3	-1.4	-1.0	-0.8	1.5
Men's outerwear	9	97.5	98.2	97.5	92.5	94.0	95.3	-0.4	0.1	-0.9	-1.4	-1.5	-1.2	1.4
Women's outerwear	15	70.6	70.6	69.0	65.2	66.1	68.0	-0.8	-1.5	-3.4	-3.8	-3.4	-2.9	2.9
Childrens' outerwear	5	89.7	90.5	90.8	87.4	87.2	87.3	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	1.6	0.9	0.1
Other clothing	6	149.6	151.1	150.9	148.1	149.2	149.7	0.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.4	1.4	0.3
Footwear	9	110.3	110.4	108.3	106.8	108.3	109.2	-0.5	-0.4	-0.7	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.8
Personal goods and services	39	211.2	211.3	211.9	211.8	213.1	213.8	3.1	2.9	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5	0.3
Personal articles	11	136.9	137.0	138.1	136.5	138.0	139.5	3.6	3.0	3.8	5.1	4.3	4.7	1.1
Chemists goods	15	191.3	191.1	190.8	191.0	192.3	192.3	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.6	-
Personal services	13	359.1	360.0	360.7	364.0	364.4	364.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.9	4.9	4.9	0.1
Motoring expenditure	133	183.5	183.8	184.6	185.4	185.1	186.0	-1.9	-0.9	0.8	-0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5
Purchase of motor vehicles	53	105.2	104.9	104.5	105.5	105.8	105.0	-1.9	-2.0	-1.8	-2.0	-1.5	-2.0	-0.8
Maintenance of motor vehicles	20	298.0	300.3	301.4	303.8	303.9	304.8	5.9	6.0	6.0	5.4	5.3	5.2	0.3
Petrol and oil	36	254.4	253.2	259.0	256.2	253.1	259.8	-7.6	-4.6	0.8	-2.0	-3.8	-1.2	2.6
Vehicle tax and insurance	24	282.3	286.9	285.3	289.1	289.9	290.4	1.3	2.1	2.3	3.5	5.3	3.0	0.2
Fares and other travel costs	20	228.1	226.1	234.4	229.6	236.4	234.8	-0.2	1.5	2.0	1.9	4.9	4.2	-0.7
Rail fares	5	247.6	250.9	249.4	257.4	261.9	260.6	3.1	3.9	3.6	5.0	5.6	5.1	-0.5
Bus and coach fares	4	259.3	261.4	262.3	270.0	271.1	272.2	-0.3	1.1	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.3	0.4
Other travel costs	11	199.4	194.2	208.2	195.0	203.5	201.3	-1.7	0.4	1.6	0.8	5.7	4.8	-1.1
Leisure goods	41	91.2	91.6	92.2	91.0	91.6	91.1	-2.3	-1.6	-1.1	-1.7	-2.8	-2.5	-0.5
Audio-visual equipment	8	16.8	16.9	16.9	16.7	16.5	15.9	-10.6	-9.6	-9.6	-9.2	-11.3	-11.7	-3.6
CDs and tapes	5	97.4	99.2	101.8	101.3	99.9	99.8	-2.5	-0.1	1.4	-1.6	0.7	-1.1	-0.1
Toys, photographic and sports goods	12	89.6	89.1	89.4	88.9	88.2	89.1	-4.4	-4.0	-3.1	-1.6	-5.2	-3.0	1.0
Books and newspapers	10	251.9	253.2	254.5	247.1	256.9	256.5	6.4	5.7	6.6	3.7	4.0	4.0	-0.2
Gardening products	6	142.7	144.2	145.3	144.9	148.3	146.8	0.1	1.1	0.8	0.0	1.3	0.4	-1.0
Leisure services	68	270.5	270.8	271.4	271.8	272.4	272.7	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.8	3.7	3.8	0.1
Television licences and rentals	11	166.1	166.1	166.2	166.1	166.1	166.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.7	-
Entertainment and other recreation	16	361.3	360.1	362.3	359.6	363.2	364.7	6.1	5.1	4.6	5.1	5.9	6.5	0.4
Foreign holidays (Jan 1993 = 100)	34	169.5	170.3	170.4	171.5	171.5	171.4	1.0	1.8	2.0	3.1	2.9	2.8	-0.1
UK holidays (Jan 1994 = 100)	7	166.2	166.3	166.8	167.5	167.5	168.0	4.5	4.7	4.6	5.0	3.8	3.8	0.3

Key: - zero or negligible

Source: National Statistics

9 RPI goods and services¹: the latest three years

Percentage change over 12 months

	Goods components				All goods	Services components				All services
	Food	Alcohol & tobacco	Petrol & oil ²	Other goods ³		Rent	Utilities ⁴	"Shop" services ⁵	"Non-shop" services ⁶	
Weights										
	CZGZ	CBVW	DOHB	DOHC	DOHD	CZXD	DOHE	DOHF	DOHG	DOHH
2007	105	95	38	240	478	53	76	133	115	377
Monthly										
	CCYY	CZBK	DOGQ	DOGI	DOGD	CZCQ	DOGF	DOGG	DOGH	DOGE
2004 Mar	1.9	2.5	-2.8	-1.3	-0.1	1.9	3.6	3.8	2.3	3.1
Apr	1.3	2.6	-	-1.3	0.1	2.0	4.4	4.1	1.5	3.1
May	0.8	2.4	8.9	-1.5	0.5	2.1	4.3	4.2	1.6	3.1
Jun	0.5	2.4	9.5	-1.5	0.5	2.2	4.5	4.0	1.9	3.2
Jul	-0.1	2.5	8.1	-1.9	0.1	2.2	3.7	4.2	2.5	3.3
Aug	-0.2	2.4	8.1	-2.1	-0.1	2.3	3.6	4.3	2.9	3.4
Sep	-0.7	2.4	8.0	-2.5	-0.4	2.2	3.1	4.1	2.5	3.2
Oct	-0.5	2.4	11.1	-2.4	-0.2	2.6	3.6	4.0	2.6	3.3
Nov	-0.4	2.4	11.9	-2.6	-0.1	2.8	4.8	4.0	3.1	3.7
Dec	-0.1	2.4	9.1	-2.0	0.1	2.8	5.8	4.1	3.7	4.1
2005 Jan	0.3	2.7	5.2	-2.8	-0.5	3.0	6.4	4.2	2.7	4.0
Feb	0.8	3.0	6.4	-2.9	-0.4	3.1	5.9	4.3	2.3	3.8
Mar	1.4	2.4	8.1	-2.2	0.2	3.1	5.4	4.3	2.6	3.8
Apr	0.8	2.6	11.4	-2.5	0.1	3.6	5.8	4.3	2.7	4.0
May	1.3	2.7	5.5	-2.5	-0.1	3.6	5.7	4.3	3.0	4.1
Jun	2.0	2.7	6.6	-2.3	0.2	3.5	5.8	4.3	2.7	4.0
Jul	1.4	2.7	11.3	-1.7	0.7	3.8	5.8	4.3	2.7	4.0
Aug	1.7	2.5	13.7	-2.0	0.8	3.8	5.9	4.1	2.0	3.7
Sep	1.5	2.5	18.4	-1.9	1.1	3.8	6.5	4.4	2.0	3.9
Oct	1.0	2.7	14.0	-1.7	0.9	3.2	7.4	4.5	2.1	4.1
Nov	1.3	2.9	8.6	-1.4	0.7	3.2	7.7	4.6	1.8	4.1
Dec	1.1	2.9	8.0	-1.3	0.7	3.2	7.3	4.6	0.6	3.7
2006 Jan	0.8	2.8	13.6	-1.4	1.0	3.0	7.2	4.3	1.3	3.8
Feb	0.8	2.5	12.9	-1.1	1.1	3.0	7.4	4.2	1.2	3.8
Mar	-0.5	3.0	10.1	-1.2	0.6	3.0	8.6	4.1	1.7	4.1
Apr	0.2	2.7	9.6	-1.3	0.7	2.8	9.9	4.2	2.3	4.6
May	0.9	2.7	13.8	-0.8	1.4	2.8	11.7	4.1	1.5	4.6
Jun	1.5	3.2	12.4	-0.5	1.6	2.9	12.9	4.1	1.8	5.0
Jul	2.7	3.0	10.7	-0.9	1.5	3.0	13.8	4.1	1.5	5.0
Aug	2.9	3.4	7.6	-0.2	1.8	3.0	13.9	4.0	1.7	5.1
Sep	3.5	3.4	-3.4	0.4	1.2	2.9	14.2	4.0	2.3	5.3
Oct	4.2	3.3	-7.6	-	0.8	2.9	15.1	4.2	3.3	5.8
Nov	4.5	3.2	-4.6	0.1	1.2	3.0	15.0	4.1	3.9	6.0
Dec	4.1	3.2	0.6	0.4	1.8	3.0	15.0	4.1	4.0	6.1
2007 Jan	3.7	3.6	-2.6	-0.3	1.1	3.3	14.2	4.2	4.6	6.1
Feb	4.0	4.0	-4.3	-	1.2	3.2	13.7	4.3	5.4	6.3
Mar	5.1	4.1	-1.7	0.5	2.0	3.2	12.2	4.4	4.8	5.9

Key: - zero or negligible

1 All components of the RPI are included in the above breakdown with the exception of mortgage interest payments, council tax and depreciation.

2 Including fuel oil.

3 The 'other goods' category comprises DIY materials, coal & solid fuels, household goods, clothing & footwear, personal articles, chemists goods, purchase of motor vehicles and leisure goods.

4 The 'utilities' category comprises water, electricity, gas, postage, telephone charges and rail fares.

5 The 'shop services' category comprises catering, repairs & maintenance charges, domestic services, personal services, maintenance of motor vehicles, TV licence & rentals and entertainment & recreation charges.

6 The 'non-shop services' category comprises dwelling insurance & ground rent, fees and subscriptions, vehicle tax and insurance, bus & coach fares, other travel costs, foreign holidays and UK holidays.

Source: National Statistics

10 A breakdown of the differences between CPI and RPI

Difference between annual rates CPI - RPI		Breakdown of differences (unrounded figures) ¹						
		housing components excluded from CPI				other differences in coverage of goods and services ⁴		other differences including weights ^{3, 4}
rounded figures		unrounded figures	total	mortgage interest payments	other housing components	formula effect ²		
D7G2		D7G3	D7G4	D7G5	D7FU	D7FV	D7FW	D7FX
2002 Mar	0.2	0.23	0.55	0.95	-0.40	0.09	-0.42	0.01
Apr	-0.1	-0.12	0.32	0.84	-0.52	-0.02	-0.42	0.01
May	-0.3	-0.30	0.04	0.66	-0.62	0.01	-0.42	0.07
Jun	-0.4	-0.40	-0.27	0.46	-0.74	0.13	-0.42	0.15
Jul	-0.4	-0.38	-0.28	0.48	-0.76	0.17	-0.41	0.15
Aug	-0.4	-0.41	-0.33	0.47	-0.80	0.20	-0.43	0.15
Sep	-0.7	-0.70	-0.47	0.38	-0.85	0.12	-0.43	0.07
Oct	-0.7	-0.71	-0.72	0.25	-0.97	0.15	-0.41	0.27
Nov	-1.1	-1.10	-0.94	0.13	-1.06	0.10	-0.43	0.17
Dec	-1.2	-1.27	-1.33	-0.18	-1.15	0.40	-0.47	0.12
2003 Jan	-1.6	-1.61	-1.41	-0.19	-1.22	0.24	-0.42	-0.01
Feb	-1.6	-1.60	-1.41	-0.20	-1.21	0.24	-0.43	-
Mar	-1.6	-1.59	-1.28	-0.11	-1.17	0.18	-0.43	-0.07
Apr	-1.7	-1.67	-1.44	-0.11	-1.32	0.12	-0.44	0.08
May	-1.7	-1.73	-1.39	-0.12	-1.26	0.05	-0.44	0.05
Jun	-1.8	-1.82	-1.32	-0.12	-1.20	-0.06	-0.46	0.01
Jul	-1.8	-1.73	-1.24	-0.12	-1.13	-0.24	-0.43	0.19
Aug	-1.5	-1.56	-1.08	0.01	-1.09	-0.31	-0.41	0.24
Sep	-1.4	-1.35	-1.06	0.01	-1.07	0.01	-0.44	0.14
Oct	-1.2	-1.29	-0.99	0.01	-0.99	0.04	-0.44	0.10
Nov	-1.2	-1.17	-0.99	-0.02	-0.97	0.19	-0.43	0.07
Dec	-1.5	-1.51	-1.11	-0.20	-0.91	-0.22	-0.42	0.23
2004 Jan	-1.2	-1.19	-1.07	-0.21	-0.86	0.02	-0.42	0.28
Feb	-1.2	-1.23	-1.10	-0.21	-0.89	0.05	-0.43	0.26
Mar	-1.5	-1.47	-1.47	-0.48	-0.99	0.07	-0.41	0.34
Apr	-1.4	-1.36	-1.32	-0.50	-0.82	0.08	-0.43	0.30
May	-1.3	-1.30	-1.36	-0.50	-0.86	0.13	-0.44	0.38
Jun	-1.4	-1.46	-1.59	-0.69	-0.90	0.14	-0.43	0.42
Jul	-1.6	-1.66	-1.82	-0.88	-0.94	0.15	-0.42	0.43
Aug	-1.9	-1.89	-1.96	-1.03	-0.93	0.18	-0.47	0.36
Sep	-2.0	-1.97	-2.13	-1.18	-0.95	0.20	-0.45	0.42
Oct	-2.1	-2.07	-2.17	-1.19	-0.99	0.22	-0.46	0.34
Nov	-1.9	-1.98	-2.11	-1.19	-0.92	0.24	-0.47	0.36
Dec	-1.8	-1.84	-1.91	-1.00	-0.91	0.24	-0.49	0.32
2005 Jan	-1.6	-1.55	-1.94	-1.03	-0.92	0.23	-0.48	0.65
Feb	-1.5	-1.50	-1.92	-1.03	-0.89	0.23	-0.51	0.69
Mar	-1.3	-1.32	-1.64	-0.86	-0.79	0.22	-0.53	0.62
Apr	-1.3	-1.22	-1.54	-0.86	-0.68	0.25	-0.52	0.59
May	-1.0	-1.07	-1.43	-0.85	-0.58	0.27	-0.50	0.60
Jun	-0.9	-0.87	-1.18	-0.67	-0.51	0.29	-0.52	0.54
Jul	-0.6	-0.57	-0.89	-0.48	-0.40	0.31	-0.53	0.55
Aug	-0.4	-0.37	-0.84	-0.48	-0.36	0.33	-0.49	0.64
Sep	-0.2	-0.20	-0.43	-0.17	-0.27	0.30	-0.52	0.45
Oct	-0.2	-0.17	-0.37	-0.17	-0.20	0.30	-0.52	0.42
Nov	-0.3	-0.29	-0.36	-0.16	-0.21	0.27	-0.52	0.32
Dec	-0.3	-0.30	-0.35	-0.16	-0.19	0.28	-0.51	0.29
2006 Jan	-0.5	-0.45	-0.29	-0.15	-0.14	0.30	-0.48	0.02
Feb	-0.4	-0.39	-0.32	-0.15	-0.17	0.30	-0.51	0.14
Mar	-0.6	-0.51	-0.36	-0.16	-0.20	0.32	-0.55	0.08
Apr	-0.6	-0.52	-0.33	-0.14	-0.19	0.32	-0.51	-0.01
May	-0.8	-0.72	-0.32	-0.11	-0.20	0.32	-0.54	-0.19
Jun	-0.8	-0.75	-0.26	-0.09	-0.17	0.31	-0.52	-0.27
Jul	-0.9	-0.86	-0.25	-0.09	-0.16	0.28	-0.54	-0.35
Aug	-0.9	-0.95	-0.25	-0.08	-0.17	0.24	-0.54	-0.39
Sep	-1.2	-1.22	-0.71	-0.48	-0.23	0.22	-0.56	-0.17
Oct	-1.3	-1.23	-0.74	-0.49	-0.25	0.24	-0.55	-0.17
Nov	-1.2	-1.20	-0.73	-0.48	-0.24	0.24	-0.55	-0.16
Dec	-1.4	-1.46	-0.91	-0.68	-0.24	0.23	-0.56	-0.22
2007 Jan	-1.5	-1.53	-1.01	-0.72	-0.29	0.23	-0.59	-0.16
Feb	-1.8	-1.78	-1.21	-0.91	-0.30	0.24 [†]	-0.55	-0.26 [†]
Mar	-1.7	-1.75	-1.21	-0.90	-0.31	0.26	-0.57	-0.24

1 The differences due to housing, coverage and formula effect are all calculated independently and are not additive.

Source: National Statistics

2 Difference due to use of different formulae to aggregate prices at the most basic level.

3 This difference is derived as a residual.

4 Revised for Feb 2007, when difference due to petrol collection reference periods in CPI and RPI was accounted for in 'other differences in coverage of goods and services'. Revised and subsequent figures account for this difference in 'other differences including weights'.

Chart for Table 1 – March 2007
CPI RPI and Other Related Indices

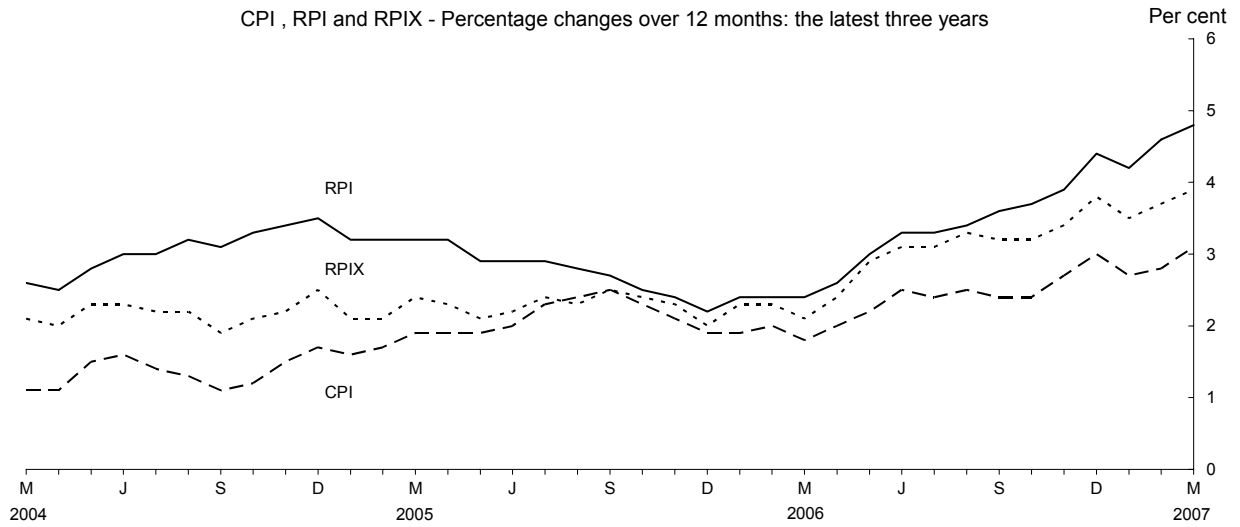


Chart for Table 6 – March 2007
CPI Goods and Services

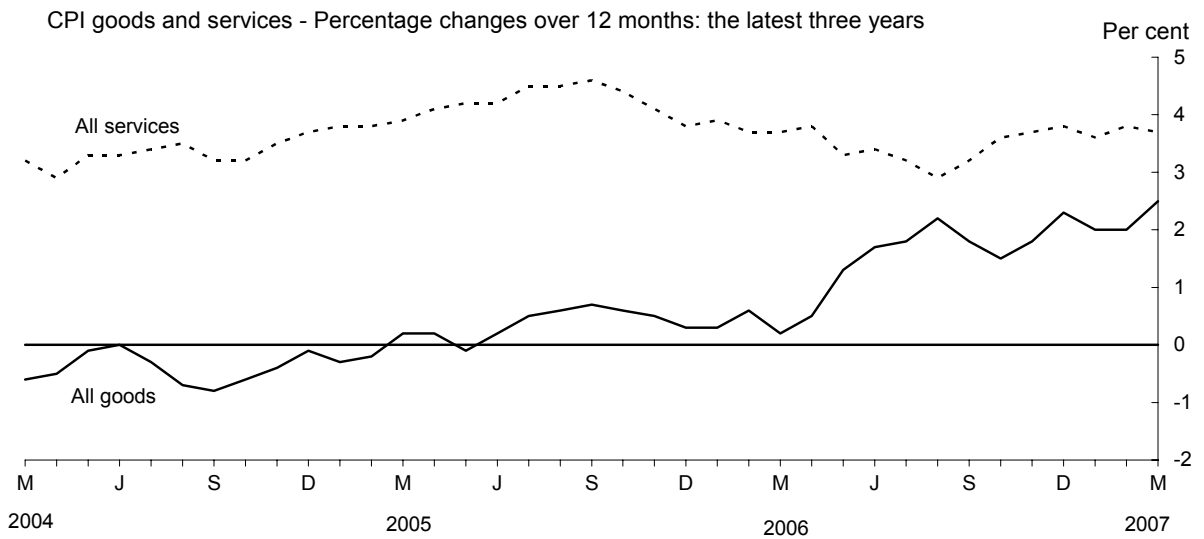


Chart for Table 9 – March 2007
RPI Goods and Services

