

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change
at Section Level for March 2006
(Oct. 1999 - Sep. 2000 = 100)

<u>Section</u>	<u>Composite CPI</u>		<u>CPI(A)</u>		<u>CPI(B)</u>		<u>CPI(C)</u>	
	Index for Mar 2006	% change over Mar 2005	Index for Mar 2006	% change over Mar 2005	Index for Mar 2006	% change over Mar 2005	Index for Mar 2006	% change over Mar 2005
Food	98.8	+0.6	99.1	+0.7	98.8	+1.0	98.0	-0.3
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	98.5	+1.0	98.8	+1.3	98.2	+1.3	98.7	+0.2
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	99.2	-0.1	99.6	+0.1	100.1	+0.4	96.8	-1.1
Housing [#]	83.8	+4.3	85.6	+3.6	83.6	+4.7	81.9	+4.4
<i>Private housing rent</i>	80.9	+5.3	81.2	+5.0	81.4	+5.6	79.7	+4.9
<i>Public housing rent</i>	99.7	+0.1	99.7	+0.1	99.7	+0.1	-	-
Electricity, gas and water	111.3	+5.2	110.6	+5.1	111.4	+5.2	112.7	+5.3
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	105.0	-1.1	105.1	-1.2	105.0	-1.1	104.5	-0.3
Clothing and footwear	97.1	-1.2	99.1	-0.5	100.0	-0.7	90.8	-2.7
Durable goods	76.1	-1.6	77.3	-1.8	74.9	-2.0	76.7	-0.9
Miscellaneous goods	118.7	+5.8	112.5	+2.6	117.1	+5.4	126.5	+9.0
Transport	101.9	+1.3	100.5	+1.2	102.2	+1.4	102.8	+1.4
Miscellaneous services	95.4	*	93.0	-0.3	95.8	*	96.9	+0.2
<i>Selected major groups</i>								
<i>Educational services</i>	107.7	+2.0	107.3	+2.3	106.7	+1.8	109.7	+2.1
<i>Telephone and other communications services</i>	64.9	-2.5	67.0	-2.3	63.1	-2.6	64.8	-2.6
<i>Medical services</i>	105.8	+0.8	106.0	+0.2	107.2	+0.7	104.0	+1.4
All items	94.2	+1.8	94.8	+1.5	94.0	+2.0	93.6	+2.0

* Denotes a figure within $\pm 0.05\%$.

- Not applicable.

Note:

The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) are compiled by reference to the average expenditure patterns for different groups of households as obtained from the Household Expenditure Survey. By aggregating the expenditure patterns of all households covered by the above three indices, a Composite CPI is also compiled.

The expenditure ranges of the households covered in the 1999/2000-based CPI series are as follows:

	<u>Approximate percentage of households covered</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (at 1999/2000 prices)</u>	<u>Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2005 prices)</u>
	(%)	(\$)	(\$)
CPI(A)	50	4,500 - 18,499	4,300 - 17,200
CPI(B)	30	18,500 - 32,499	17,200 - 30,100
CPI(C)	10	32,500 - 65,999	30,100 - 61,000
Composite CPI	90	4,500 - 65,999	4,300 - 61,000

Apart from "Private housing rent" and "Public housing rent", the "Housing" section also includes "Management fee and other housing charges" and "Tools and materials for house maintenance".

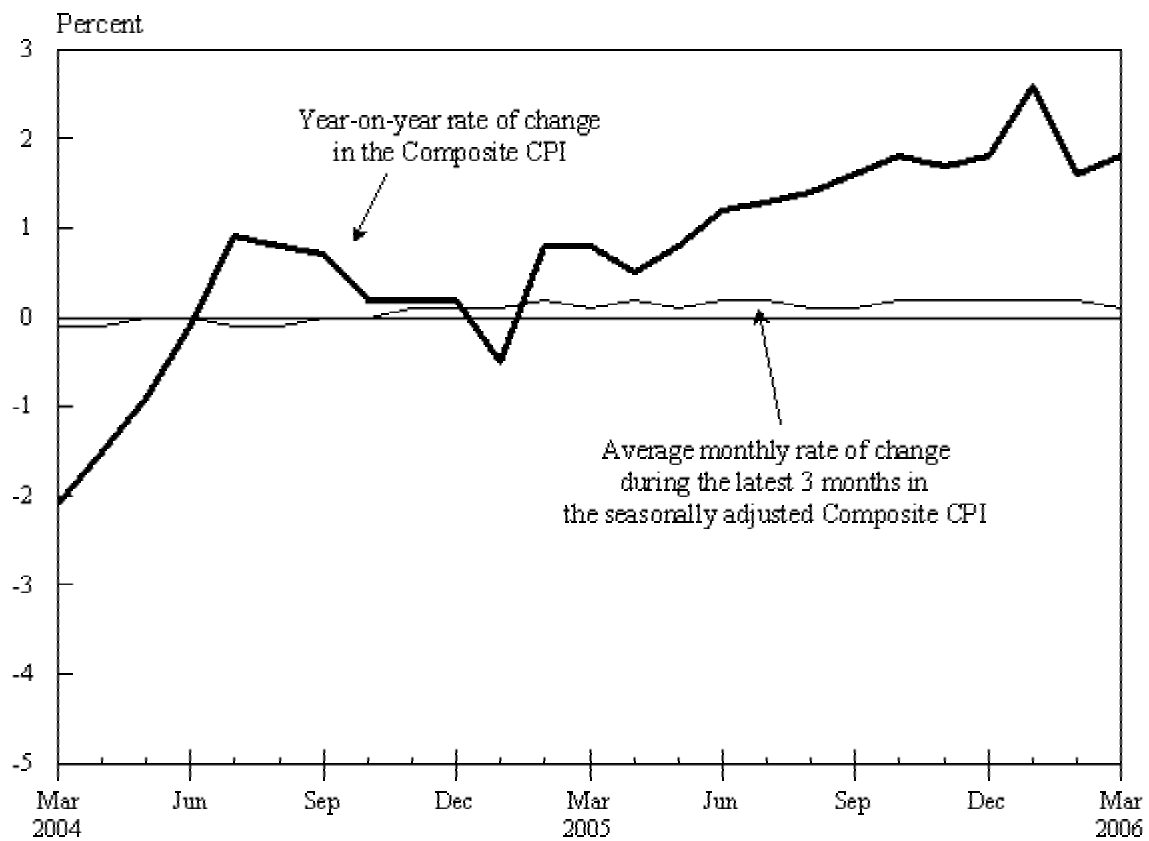
Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, March 2004 - March 2006

		CPI				Seasonally adjusted CPI #			
		Year-on-year rate of change (%)				Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)			
<u>Year/month</u>		Composite				Composite			
		<u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>	<u>CPI</u>	<u>CPI(A)</u>	<u>CPI(B)</u>	<u>CPI(C)</u>
2004	Mar	-2.1	-1.8	-2.1	-2.5	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Apr	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.6	-0.1	*	-0.1	-0.1
	May	-0.9	-0.7	-0.9	-1.1	*	+0.1	*	*
	Jun	-0.1	+0.1	-0.2	-0.3	*	+0.1	*	*
	Jul	+0.9	+1.5	+0.8	+0.4	-0.1	*	-0.1	-0.2
	Aug	+0.8	+1.4	+0.7	+0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
	Sep	+0.7	+1.3	+0.6	+0.3	*	*	*	-0.1
	Oct	+0.2	+0.4	+0.1	-0.1	*	*	*	*
	Nov	+0.2	+0.6	+0.2	-0.2	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Dec	+0.2	+0.5	+0.2	-0.1	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
2005	Jan	-0.5	-0.2	-0.5	-1.0	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	*
	Feb	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.5	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.1
	Mar	+0.8	+1.1	+0.8	+0.3	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Apr	+0.5	+0.7	+0.4	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	May	+0.8	+0.9	+0.8	+0.8	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.2
	Jun	+1.2	+1.3	+1.2	+1.0	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Jul	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+1.3	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.1
	Aug	+1.4	+1.3	+1.4	+1.5	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1
	Sep	+1.6	+1.5	+1.7	+1.7	+0.1	*	+0.1	+0.1
	Oct	+1.8	+1.7	+1.9	+1.9	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Nov	+1.7	+1.5	+1.8	+1.7	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Dec	+1.8	+1.7	+1.9	+1.9	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
2006	Jan	+2.6	+2.3	+2.7	+2.8	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2	+0.2
	Feb	+1.6	+1.3	+1.7	+1.9	+0.2	+0.1	+0.2	+0.2
	Mar	+1.8	+1.5	+2.0	+2.0	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1	+0.1

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



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