

**The rate of change of the price index of goods and services sections covered by  
the Social Security Assistance Index of Prices**

Commodity/service section	Annual rate of change (%)										Rate of change as comparing Nov 2009 to Oct 2010 with Nov 1999 to Oct 2000 (%)
	Nov 2000 to Oct 2001	Nov 2001 to Oct 2002	Nov 2002 to Oct 2003	Nov 2003 to Oct 2004	Nov 2004 to Oct 2005	Nov 2005 to Oct 2006	Nov 2006 to Oct 2007	Nov 2007 to Oct 2008	Nov 2008 to Oct 2009	Nov 2009 to Oct 2010	
Food	-1.3	-2.4	-1.8	1.0	2.7	1.9	4.8	14.9	3.3	1.8	26.6
<i>Meals bought away from home</i>	-0.5	-1.5	-1.7	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.6	5.9	2.7	1.3	10.5
<i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i>	-1.7	-2.9	-1.9	1.4	3.7	2.3	6.4	19.4	3.6	2.0	35.1
Electricity, gas and water	-4.1	-3.4	-0.3	11.6	5.1	3.6	-2.2	-0.2	-48.5	62.5 <sup>1</sup>	-8.3
Alcoholic drinks and tobacco	2.7	3.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2	-3.9	-0.9	1.6	18.7	7.8	31.8
Clothing and footwear	-5.3	1.6	-4.0	6.2	2.6	1.0	4.3	3.2	2.6	2.6	15.3
Durable goods	-3.3	-3.0	-4.6	-0.5	-0.4	-3.8	-1.9	-0.2	-0.8	-1.4	-18.3
Miscellaneous goods	3.6	-0.3	-0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	1.9	6.0	3.3	2.9	17.7
Transport	0.3	-0.5	-0.9	-1.1	0.6	0.6	-0.1	0.3	1.7	0.5	1.5
Miscellaneous services	1.7	-1.1	-1.9	-0.6	-0.1	0.2	0.1	1.0	-0.1	0.5	-0.2
<b>All commodity and service sections</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>16.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> A significant year-on-year increase was recorded for "electricity, gas and water" mainly because some households had used up the Government's one-off electricity charge subsidy.