

Table 1 Consumer Price Indices and Year-on-year Rates of Change  
at Section Level for December 2012  
(Oct. 2009 - Sep. 2010 = 100)

| Section  | Composite CPI      |                        | CPI(A)             |                        | CPI(B)             |                        | CPI(C)             |                        |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
|  | Index for Dec 2012 | % change over Dec 2011 | Index for Dec 2012 | % change over Dec 2011 | Index for Dec 2012 | % change over Dec 2011 | Index for Dec 2012 | % change over Dec 2011 |
| Food   | 116.0              | +4.3                   | 116.9              | +4.5                   | 116.1              | +4.4                   | 114.2              | +3.7                   |
| <i>Meals bought away from home</i>                 | 113.0              | +4.3                   | 113.3              | +4.4                   | 113.3              | +4.4                   | 112.1              | +4.1                   |
| <i>Food, excluding meals bought away from home</i> | 120.8              | +4.3                   | 121.6              | +4.6                   | 121.5              | +4.6                   | 118.1              | +3.0                   |
| Housing #  | 118.8              | +5.1                   | 122.9              | +6.2                   | 117.7              | +4.7                   | 115.7              | +4.3                   |
| <i>Private housing rent</i>                        | 117.5              | +4.9                   | 118.5              | +5.6                   | 117.7              | +4.7                   | 116.4              | +4.5                   |
| <i>Public housing rent</i>                         | 147.5              | +9.7                   | 147.4              | +9.7                   | 147.8              | +9.8                   | -                  | -                      |
| Electricity, gas and water                         | 91.0               | +4.1                   | 89.2               | +4.1                   | 91.5               | +3.7                   | 94.8               | +4.8                   |
| Alcoholic drinks and tobacco                       | 120.8              | *                      | 123.8              | +0.7                   | 120.8              | -0.1                   | 111.8              | -2.4                   |
| Clothing and footwear                              | 116.0              | +3.0                   | 115.6              | +3.4                   | 115.0              | +3.5                   | 117.4              | +2.3                   |
| Durable goods                                      | 92.3               | -2.0                   | 91.0               | -2.6                   | 92.2               | -2.1                   | 93.1               | -1.5                   |
| Miscellaneous goods                                | 107.3              | +1.5                   | 107.0              | +2.3                   | 108.0              | +1.7                   | 106.8              | +0.4                   |
| Transport  | 109.0              | +2.1                   | 106.8              | +1.5                   | 108.3              | +2.0                   | 111.7              | +2.8                   |
| Miscellaneous services                             | 109.2              | +3.0                   | 106.0              | +2.0                   | 109.2              | +2.9                   | 111.2              | +3.8                   |
| <i>Selected major groups</i>                       |                    |                        |                    |                        |                    |                        |                    |                        |
| <i>Educational services</i>                        | 108.2              | +3.7                   | 107.7              | +3.9                   | 107.7              | +3.7                   | 109.0              | +3.7                   |
| <i>Information and communications services</i>     | 94.8               | -1.8                   | 95.3               | -1.6                   | 94.5               | -1.9                   | 94.5               | -1.9                   |
| <i>Medical services</i>                            | 108.0              | +1.5                   | 107.6              | +1.8                   | 108.2              | +1.9                   | 108.1              | +1.0                   |
| <b>All items</b>                                   | <b>112.9</b>       | <b>+3.7</b>            | <b>114.3</b>       | <b>+4.2</b>            | <b>112.4</b>       | <b>+3.6</b>            | <b>111.9</b>       | <b>+3.3</b>            |

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

- Not applicable.

Note:

The CPI(A), CPI(B) and CPI(C) are compiled with 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 2009/10-based CPI series are as follows:

|               | Approximate percentage of households covered | Average monthly household expenditure range (at 2009/10 prices) | Average monthly household expenditure range (adjusted to 2012 prices) |
|---------------|--|---|---|
|               | (%)  | (\$)  | (\$)  |
| CPI(A)        | 50   | 4,500 - 18,499  | 5,000 - 20,500  |
| CPI(B)        | 30   | 18,500 - 32,499   | 20,500 - 36,000   |
| CPI(C)        | 10   | 32,500 - 65,999   | 36,000 - 72,900   |
| Composite CPI | 90   | 4,500 - 65,999  | 5,000 - 72,900  |

# Apart from "Private housing rent" and "Public housing rent", the "Housing" section also includes "Management fees and other housing charges" and "Materials for house maintenance".

Table 2 Movements of Consumer Price Indices, December 2010 - December 2012

| <u>Year/month</u> | <u>CPI</u>                     |               |               |               |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | <u>Composite</u><br><u>CPI</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(C)</u> |
| 2010 Dec          | +2.9 (+2.7)                    | +3.3 (+2.8)   | +2.7 (+2.5)   | +2.8 (+2.8)   |
| 2011 Jan          | +3.4 (+3.4)                    | +3.6 (+3.5)   | +3.2 (+3.2)   | +3.5 (+3.5)   |
| Feb               | +3.6 (+3.5)                    | +3.8 (+3.5)   | +3.5 (+3.5)   | +3.5 (+3.5)   |
| Mar               | +4.4 (+4.3)                    | +4.8 (+4.4)   | +4.2 (+4.2)   | +4.2 (+4.2)   |
| Apr               | +4.6 (+4.4)                    | +5.0 (+4.7)   | +4.5 (+4.5)   | +4.2 (+4.1)   |
| May               | +5.2 (+5.1)                    | +5.6 (+5.3)   | +5.2 (+5.1)   | +4.9 (+4.8)   |
| Jun               | +5.6 (+5.5)                    | +5.9 (+5.6)   | +5.6 (+5.5)   | +5.4 (+5.4)   |
| Jul               | +7.9 (+5.8)                    | +12.5 (+5.9)  | +6.2 (+5.8)   | +5.4 (+5.7)   |
| Aug               | +5.7 (+6.3)                    | +5.4 (+6.3)   | +5.8 (+6.3)   | +6.0 (+6.3)   |
| Sep               | +5.8 (+6.4)                    | +5.2 (+6.1)   | +6.0 (+6.5)   | +6.3 (+6.5)   |
| Oct               | +5.8 (+6.4)                    | +5.2 (+6.2)   | +6.0 (+6.5)   | +6.2 (+6.5)   |
| Nov               | +5.7 (+6.4)                    | +5.3 (+6.3)   | +6.0 (+6.5)   | +5.9 (+6.2)   |
| Dec               | +5.7 (+6.4)                    | +5.3 (+6.3)   | +5.9 (+6.5)   | +5.9 (+6.2)   |
| 2012 Jan          | +6.1 (+6.7)                    | +5.4 (+6.4)   | +6.3 (+6.9)   | +6.4 (+6.7)   |
| Feb               | +4.7 (+5.4)                    | +4.2 (+5.5)   | +4.9 (+5.5)   | +4.7 (+5.0)   |
| Mar               | +4.9 (+5.6)                    | +4.3 (+5.6)   | +5.2 (+5.8)   | +5.1 (+5.4)   |
| Apr               | +4.7 (+5.6)                    | +4.2 (+5.5)   | +5.0 (+5.7)   | +4.9 (+5.3)   |
| May               | +4.3 (+5.1)                    | +3.8 (+5.1)   | +4.6 (+5.3)   | +4.3 (+4.8)   |
| Jun               | +3.7 (+4.5)                    | +3.3 (+4.7)   | +4.0 (+4.7)   | +3.7 (+4.2)   |
| Jul               | +1.6 (+4.2)                    | -2.4 (+4.3)   | +3.5 (+4.4)   | +3.7 (+3.8)   |
| Aug               | +3.7 (+3.7)                    | +4.1 (+3.8)   | +3.8 (+3.9)   | +3.2 (+3.3)   |
| Sep               | +3.8 (+3.9)                    | +4.3 (+4.4)   | +3.9 (+4.0)   | +3.3 (+3.4)   |
| Oct               | +3.8 (+3.8)                    | +4.3 (+4.3)   | +3.7 (+3.8)   | +3.2 (+3.3)   |
| Nov               | +3.7 (+3.8)                    | +4.2 (+4.2)   | +3.6 (+3.7)   | +3.3 (+3.4)   |
| Dec               | +3.7 (+3.8)                    | +4.2 (+4.3)   | +3.6 (+3.6)   | +3.3 (+3.4)   |

( ) Denotes the rate of change upon removing the effects of the following Government's one-off relief measures : Government's payment of public housing rentals in July - August 2010, August - September 2011 and July - August 2012; the suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy (subject to maximum cumulative amount of \$3,600 starting from September 2008, \$1,800 starting from July 2011 and \$1,800 starting from July 2012); the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 - March 2012; the public housing rental waiver by Housing Authority in September 2010 and September 2012; and the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April 2012 - March 2013.

Table 3 Movements of Seasonally Adjusted Consumer Price Indices, December 2010 - December 2012

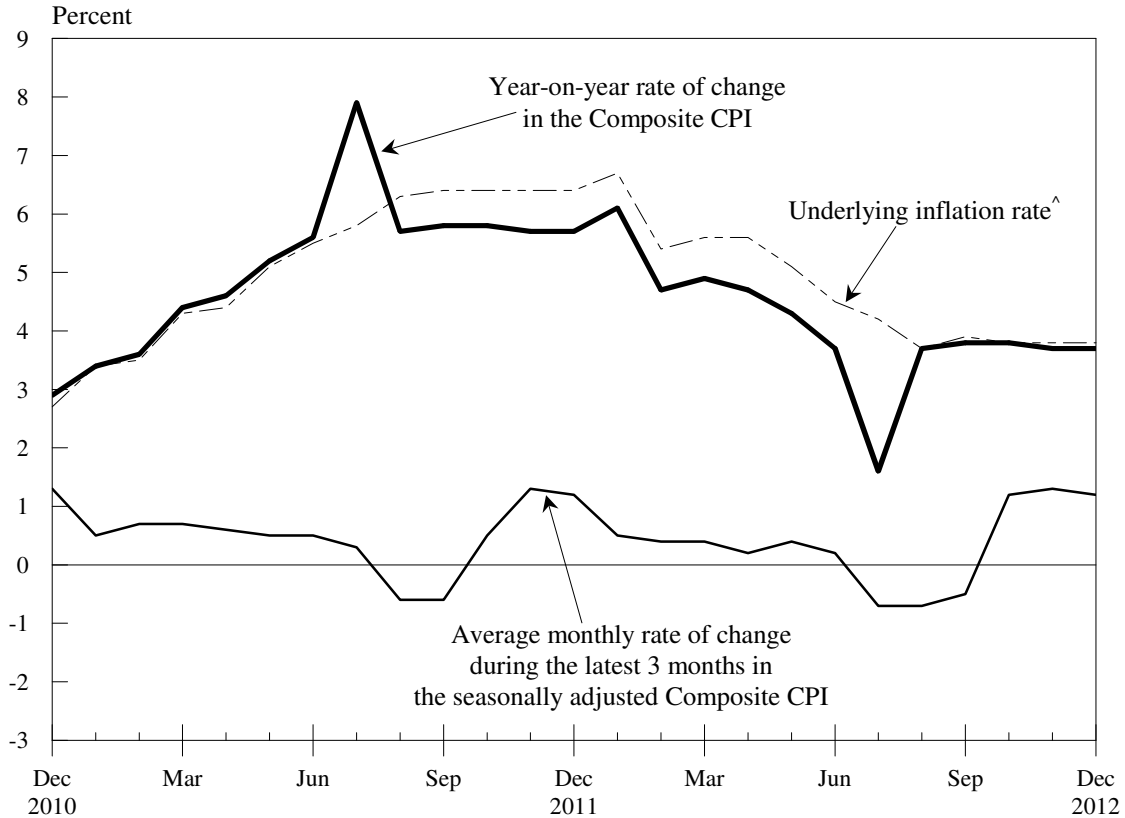
| <u>Year/month</u> | <u>Seasonally adjusted CPI<sup>#</sup></u>                           |               |               |               |
|-------------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|                   | <u>Average monthly rate of change during the latest 3 months (%)</u> |               |               |               |
|                   | <u>Composite</u><br><u>CPI</u>                                       | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(C)</u> |
| 2010 Dec          | +1.3 (+0.4)  | +2.7 (+0.3)   | +0.7 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   |
| 2011 Jan          | +0.5 (+0.5)  | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   |
| Feb               | +0.7 (+0.6)  | +0.7 (+0.6)   | +0.7 (+0.6)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   |
| Mar               | +0.7 (+0.6)  | +0.8 (+0.6)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   |
| Apr               | +0.6 (+0.6)  | +0.6 (+0.5)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   |
| May               | +0.5 (+0.5)  | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.6 (+0.5)   |
| Jun               | +0.5 (+0.6)  | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   | +0.6 (+0.6)   |
| Jul               | +0.3 (+0.5)  | +0.1 (+0.5)   | +0.4 (+0.6)   | +0.4 (+0.6)   |
| Aug               | -0.6 (+0.5)  | -2.2 (+0.5)   | * (+0.5)      | +0.4 (+0.5)   |
| Sep               | -0.6 (+0.5)  | -2.2 (+0.5)   | * (+0.5)      | +0.4 (+0.5)   |
| Oct               | +0.5 (+0.5)  | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.5 (+0.5)   |
| Nov               | +1.3 (+0.4)  | +2.8 (+0.4)   | +0.7 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   |
| Dec               | +1.2 (+0.4)  | +2.7 (+0.4)   | +0.7 (+0.4)   | +0.3 (+0.3)   |
| 2012 Jan          | +0.5 (+0.5)  | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.5 (+0.5)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   |
| Feb               | +0.4 (+0.4)  | +0.4 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   | +0.3 (+0.3)   |
| Mar               | +0.4 (+0.4)  | +0.4 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.3)   |
| Apr               | +0.2 (+0.3)  | +0.2 (+0.3)   | +0.2 (+0.3)   | +0.2 (+0.3)   |
| May               | +0.4 (+0.4)  | +0.4 (+0.4)   | +0.3 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   |
| Jun               | +0.2 (+0.2)  | +0.2 (+0.2)   | +0.2 (+0.2)   | +0.2 (+0.2)   |
| Jul               | -0.7 (+0.1)  | -2.0 (+0.1)   | -0.1 (+0.1)   | +0.1 (+0.1)   |
| Aug               | -0.7 (+0.1)  | -2.1 (+0.1)   | -0.2 (+0.1)   | +0.1 (+0.1)   |
| Sep               | -0.5 (+0.3)  | -1.9 (+0.4)   | * (+0.3)      | +0.3 (+0.3)   |
| Oct               | +1.2 (+0.4)  | +2.7 (+0.5)   | +0.6 (+0.3)   | +0.3 (+0.3)   |
| Nov               | +1.3 (+0.4)  | +2.8 (+0.6)   | +0.7 (+0.4)   | +0.4 (+0.4)   |
| Dec               | +1.2 (+0.3)  | +2.7 (+0.4)   | +0.6 (+0.3)   | +0.3 (+0.3)   |

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Chart 1 Movements of the Composite Consumer Price Index



^ Denotes the year-on-year rate of change in the Composite CPI upon removing the effects of the following Government's one-off relief measures: Government's payment of public housing rentals in July to August 2010, August to September 2011 and July to August 2012; the suspension of Employees Retraining Levy since August 2008; Government's provision of electricity charge subsidy (subject to a maximum cumulative amount of \$3,600 starting from September 2008, \$1,800 starting from July 2011 and \$1,800 starting from July 2012); the rates concession of up to \$1,500 per quarter in April 2009 to March 2012; the public housing rental waiver by Housing Authority in September 2010 and September 2012; and the rates concession of up to \$2,500 per quarter in April 2012 to March 2013.

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