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KEY FINDINGS

The headline CPI (for all urban areas) annual inflation rate in May 2012 was 5,7%. This rate was 0,4 of a percentage point lower than the corresponding annual rate of 6,1% in April 2012. On average, prices increased by 0,1% between April 2012 and May 2012.

The **food and non-alcoholic beverages** index decreased by 0,2% between April 2012 and May 2012. The annual rate decreased to 6,6% in May 2012 from 8,7% in April 2012. The following components in the food and non-alcoholic beverages index decreased: fruit (-2,7%), meat (-1,0%), oils and fats (-0,8%), vegetables (-0,7%) and hot beverages (-0,3%). The following components increased: cold beverages (1,3%), sugar, sweets and desserts (1,1%), milk, eggs and cheese (0,7%), fish (0,4%), bread and cereals (0,2%) and other food (0,1%).

The **alcoholic beverages and tobacco** index increased by 0,2% between April 2012 and May 2012. The annual rate was unchanged at 7,3% in May 2012.

The **housing and utilities** index increased by 0,1% between April 2012 and May 2012. The annual rate was unchanged at 6,7% in May 2012.

The **transport** index increased by 0,4% between April 2012 and May 2012, mainly due to a 28c/litre increase in the price of petrol. The annual rate decreased to 6,7% in May 2012 from 6,9% in April 2012.

The provinces with an annual inflation rate lower than or equal to headline inflation were Limpopo (5,7%) and Gauteng (5,5%). The provinces with an annual inflation rate higher than headline inflation were Northern Cape (7,2%), Eastern Cape (6,7%), KwaZulu-Natal (6,2%), Mpumalanga (6,0%), Free State (5,9%), North West (5,9%) and Western Cape (5,3%).

NOTES

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No surveys in addition to the published surveys will be conducted in June 2012.

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TABLES

Table A - Consumer Price Index: Indices and percentage changes

Index description			Weight	Index (2008=100)			Percentage change	
				May 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012	Month-on-month	Year-on-year
CPI Headline			100,00	116,6	123,1	123,2	+0,1	+5,7
Analytical series	CPI per expenditure quintile	1	1,78	117,5	125,5	125,6	+0,1	+6,9
		2	3,88	117,5	125,4	125,4	0,0	+6,7
		3	7,17	117,4	125,0	125,0	0,0	+6,5
		4	15,61	117,5	124,9	125,0	+0,1	+6,4
		5	71,56	116,2	122,3	122,5	+0,2	+5,4
	CPI for all goods		54,20	114,5	120,6	120,8	+0,2	+5,5
	CPI for durable goods		14,79	99,2	98,5	98,3	-0,2	-0,9
	CPI for semi-durable goods		6,73	106,7	108,2	107,9	-0,3	+1,1
	CPI for non-durable goods		32,68	123,0	133,1	133,7	+0,5	+8,7
	CPI for services		45,80	119,0	126,0	126,0	0,0	+5,9
	CPI for pensioners		..	118,1	125,2	125,3	+0,1	+6,1
	CPI for administered prices	Total	14,66	124,0	137,2	138,1	+0,7	+11,4
		Regulated	9,62	122,5	137,3	138,6	+0,9	+13,1
		Not regulated	5,04	126,7	137,0	137,0	0,0	+8,1
	CPI for food and non-alcoholic beverages (NAB)		15,68	117,8	125,9	125,6	-0,2	+6,6
	CPI excluding food and NAB		84,32	116,4	122,5	122,8	+0,2	+5,5
	CPI excluding petrol		96,07	116,7	122,7	122,7	0,0	+5,1
	CPI excluding food and NAB and petrol		80,39	116,5	122,1	122,1	0,0	+4,8
	CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol, VAT, assessment rates, and finance charges		77,05	116,3	121,7	121,7	0,0	+4,6
	CPI excluding housing		77,44	115,6	121,7	121,8	+0,1	+5,4
	CPI excluding petrol and energy		94,39	115,7	121,2	121,2	0,0	+4,8
	CPI excluding energy		98,32	115,6	121,7	121,8	+0,1	+5,4
	CPI excluding food and NAB, petrol and energy		78,71	115,2	120,3	120,3	0,0	+4,4
	CPI excluding owners' equivalent rent		87,79	117,1	123,8	124,0	+0,2	+5,9
	CPI excluding administered prices		85,34	115,3	120,6	120,6	0,0	+4,6
	CPI administered prices excluding petrol and paraffin		10,57	128,1	139,2	139,2	0,0	+8,7
Geographic indices	CPI for primary urban areas		62,76	116,4	122,8	122,9	+0,1	+5,6
	CPI for secondary urban areas		20,33	117,1	124,0	124,2	+0,2	+6,1
	CPI for rural areas [1]		16,91	116,0	123,2	123,5	+0,2	+6,5
	CPI for total country		100,00	116,5	123,1	123,2	+0,1	+5,8
	CPI per province	Western Cape	18,33	117,0	123,0	123,2	+0,2	+5,3
		Eastern Cape	9,91	117,3	124,9	125,2	+0,2	+6,7
		Northern Cape	1,66	116,0	124,3	124,4	+0,1	+7,2
		Free State	6,45	117,5	124,3	124,4	+0,1	+5,9
		KwaZulu-Natal	14,08	115,4	122,4	122,5	+0,1	+6,2
		North West	5,79	116,1	123,1	123,0	-0,1	+5,9
		Gauteng	32,77	116,3	122,6	122,7	+0,1	+5,5
		Mpumalanga	5,47	117,5	124,5	124,6	+0,1	+6,0
		Limpopo	5,54	115,7	121,8	122,3	+0,4	+5,7

[1] The CPI for rural areas uses weights for rural areas but prices from secondary areas.

Note: Unless otherwise stated all tables refer to all urban areas.

Table B - Consumer Price Index: Index numbers and year-on-year rates**Base year: 2008=100**

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Average [1]
Year														
2010	Index	109,5	110,2	111,1	111,3	111,5	111,5	112,2	112,3	112,4	112,6	112,8	113,0	111,7
	Rate	6,2	5,7	5,1	4,8	4,6	4,2	3,7	3,5	3,2	3,4	3,6	3,5	4,3
2011	Index	113,5	114,3	115,7	116,0	116,6	117,1	118,1	118,3	118,8	119,4	119,7	119,9	117,3
	Rate	3,7	3,7	4,1	4,2	4,6	5,0	5,3	5,3	5,7	6,0	6,1	6,1	5,0
2012	Index	120,6	121,3	122,6	123,1	123,2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Rate	6,3	6,1	6,0	6,1	5,7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

[1] Annual average.

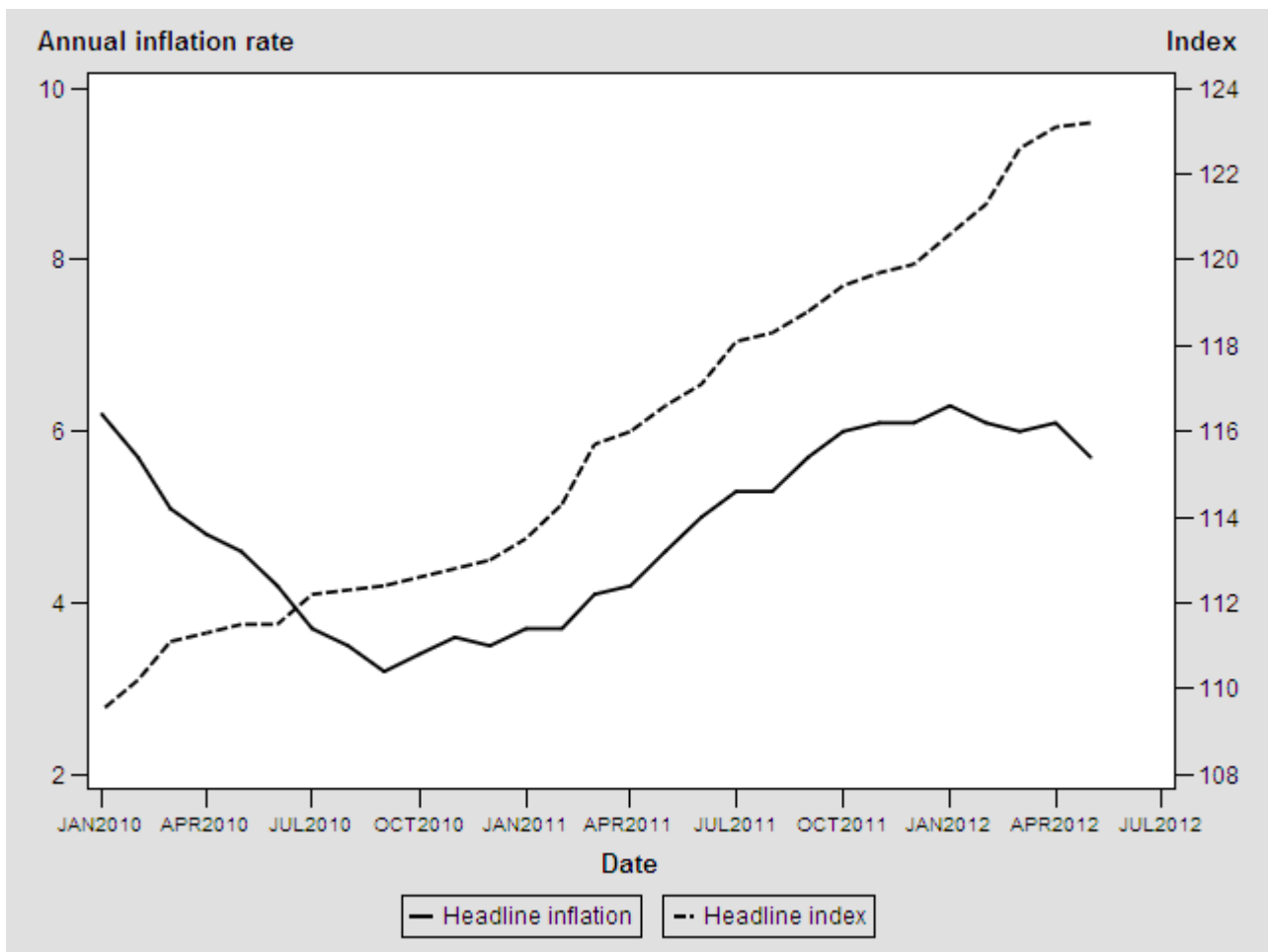
CPI headline: Index numbers and inflation rate

Table C - Contribution of different groups to the annual percentage change in the CPI

Product group	Contribution	
	Apr 2012	May 2012
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	+1,4	+1,0
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	+0,5	+0,4
Clothing and footwear	+0,1	+0,1
Housing and utilities	+1,6	+1,5
Household contents and services	+0,1	+0,1
Health	+0,1	+0,1
Transport	+1,2	+1,2
Education	+0,2	+0,2
Restaurants and hotels	+0,2	+0,2
Miscellaneous goods and services	+0,8	+0,8
Residual	-0,1	+0,1
All Items	+6,1	+5,7

Table D - Contribution of different groups to the monthly percentage change in the CPI

Product group	Contribution	
	Apr 2012	May 2012
Transport	+0,3	+0,1
Residual	+0,1	0,0
All Items	+0,4	+0,1

Table E - Consumer Price Index: Group and product indices and percentage changes

Index description			Weight	Index (2008=100)			Percentage change	
				May 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012	Month-on-month	Year-on-year
All Items			100,00	116,6	123,1	123,2	+0,1	+5,7
Food and non-alcoholic beverages			15,68	117,8	125,9	125,6	-0,2	+6,6
	Food		14,27	116,9	125,3	124,9	-0,3	+6,8
		Processed	6,79	118,8	126,9	127,3	+0,3	+7,2
		Unprocessed	7,48	115,1	123,9	122,7	-1,0	+6,6
		Bread and cereals	3,08	112,2	120,5	120,7	+0,2	+7,6
		Meat	4,59	116,6	126,1	124,8	-1,0	+7,0
		Fish	0,66	115,1	127,5	128,0	+0,4	+11,2
		Milk, eggs and cheese	1,79	114,2	122,7	123,6	+0,7	+8,2
		Oils and fats	0,53	113,4	117,1	116,2	-0,8	+2,5
		Fruit	0,47	123,2	132,9	129,3	-2,7	+5,0
		Vegetables	1,63	120,7	124,2	123,3	-0,7	+2,2
		Sugar, sweets and desserts	0,77	129,3	141,3	142,8	+1,1	+10,4
		Other food	0,75	123,3	131,5	131,6	+0,1	+6,7
	Non-alcoholic beverages		1,41	127,5	131,8	133,1	+1,0	+4,4
		Hot beverages	0,34	131,1	141,6	141,2	-0,3	+7,7
		Cold beverages	1,07	126,4	128,9	130,6	+1,3	+3,3
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco			5,58	129,4	138,5	138,8	+0,2	+7,3
	Alcoholic beverages		3,29	123,8	134,7	135,2	+0,4	+9,2
		Spirits	0,94	123,1	132,4	133,3	+0,7	+8,3
		Wine	0,72	120,5	125,9	126,7	+0,6	+5,1
		Beer	1,63	125,7	139,8	140,1	+0,2	+11,5
	Tobacco		2,29	137,4	143,9	144,1	+0,1	+4,9
Clothing and footwear			4,11	108,6	112,3	112,5	+0,2	+3,6
	Clothing		2,90	109,2	113,7	113,8	+0,1	+4,2
	Footwear		1,21	107,0	109,0	109,3	+0,3	+2,1
Housing and utilities			22,56	119,9	127,8	127,9	+0,1	+6,7
	Actual rentals for housing		3,49	116,3	121,5	121,5	0,0	+4,5
	Owners' equivalent rent		12,21	112,9	117,8	117,8	0,0	+4,3
	Maintenance and repair		1,68	119,7	126,1	127,4	+1,0	+6,4
	Water and other services		3,31	122,3	133,5	133,5	0,0	+9,2
	Electricity and other fuels		1,87	168,1	196,7	196,8	+0,1	+17,1
Household contents and services			5,86	107,5	109,7	110,0	+0,3	+2,3
	Furnishings, floor coverings and textiles		2,17	92,9	91,5	91,5	0,0	-1,5
	Appliances, tableware and equipment		1,05	108,5	109,3	109,7	+0,4	+1,1
	Supplies and services		2,64	119,2	124,7	125,2	+0,4	+5,0
	Domestic workers' wages		1,99	117,7	124,2	124,2	0,0	+5,5
Health			1,47	126,4	132,8	133,1	+0,2	+5,3
	Medical products		0,57	124,0	127,7	128,3	+0,5	+3,5
	Medical services		0,90	127,9	136,1	136,1	0,0	+6,4
Transport			18,80	107,3	114,0	114,5	+0,4	+6,7
	Purchase of vehicles		11,25	102,6	102,9	102,6	-0,3	0,0
	Private transport operation		4,82	116,5	132,6	135,4	+2,1	+16,2
		Petrol	3,93	113,7	132,6	135,8	+2,4	+19,4
		Other running costs	0,89	128,5	132,6	133,7	+0,8	+4,0
	Public transport		2,73	110,4	126,5	126,7	+0,2	+14,8
Communication			3,22	97,7	96,7	96,6	-0,1	-1,1
	Postal services and telecommunication services		2,90	103,2	102,8	102,7	-0,1	-0,5
	Telecommunication equipment		0,32	48,4	42,1	41,9	-0,5	-13,4
Recreation and culture			4,19	112,2	111,5	111,1	-0,4	-1,0
	Recreational equipment		2,23	98,4	93,9	95,2	+1,4	-3,3
	Recreational and cultural services		1,25	129,4	134,2	134,2	0,0	+3,7
	Books, newspapers and stationery		0,71	124,9	126,6	120,2	-5,1	-3,8
Education			2,19	132,5	144,4	144,4	0,0	+9,0
	Primary and secondary education		1,28	135,4	146,9	146,9	0,0	+8,5
	Tertiary		0,90	128,3	140,8	140,8	0,0	+9,7

Table E - Consumer Price Index: Group and product indices and percentage changes (concluded)

Index description			Weight	Index (2008=100)			Percentage change	
				May 2011	Apr 2012	May 2012	Month-on-month	Year-on-year
Restaurants and hotels			2,78	124,4	131,5	132,0	+0,4	+6,1
	Restaurants		1,85	124,6	132,3	133,8	+1,1	+7,4
	Hotels		0,93	123,8	129,8	128,4	-1,1	+3,7
Miscellaneous goods and services			13,56	124,2	130,9	130,9	0,0	+5,4
	Personal care		2,20	118,7	120,6	120,7	+0,1	+1,7
	Insurance		7,71	125,6	134,3	134,3	0,0	+6,9
	Financial services		1,27	124,6	133,5	133,5	0,0	+7,1
	Other services		2,38	124,5	127,7	127,7	0,0	+2,6

GLOSSARY

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Annual percentage change	The annual percentage change is the change in the index of the relevant month of the current year compared with the index of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
Average annual inflation rate	The average annual inflation rate is the change in the average CPI for all items of one year compared with the average CPI for all items of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
Average annual percentage change	The average annual percentage change is the change in the average index of one year compared with the average index of the previous year expressed as a percentage.
CPI for administered prices	An administered price is defined as the price of a product which is set consciously by an individual producer or group of producers and/or any price which can be determined or influenced by government, either directly or through a government agency/institution without reference to market forces. Products and services included are assessment rates, sanitary fees, refuse removal, water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, public transport – trains, motor licences, motor registration, telephone fees, postage, cell calls, television licence, school fees, university/technicons/colleges and university boarding fees.
CPI for regulated prices	Regulated prices are those administered prices that are monitored and controlled by government policy. To this end, price regulation does not necessarily imply the presence of an economic regulator, but the restriction on the extent to which prices may vary, depending on government's policy objective. Products and services included are water, electricity, paraffin, petrol, telephone fees, postage and cell calls.
Inflation rate	The inflation rate is the change in the CPI for all items of the relevant month of the current year compared with the CPI for all items of the same month in the previous year expressed as a percentage.
Monthly percentage change	The monthly percentage change is the change in the CPI of the relevant month compared with the CPI of the previous month expressed as a percentage.
CPI per expenditure quintile	quintile 1 - up to R 14 564; quintile 2 - R 14 565 up to R 23 278; quintile 3 - R 23 279 up to R 36 755; quintile 4 - R 36 756 up to R 79 152; and quintile 5 - R 79 153 and more.

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