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INDEX OF ACTUAL LABOUR COST IN BUILDING INDUSTRY INCREASED

The national index of actual labour cost shows a quarterly increase of 1,0% from February 1997 to May 1997. The index for artisans shows a quarterly increase of 2,0% and that of other workers an increase of 0,9%.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The data in respect of average actual wage rates in the building industry are based on a sample survey. The survey covers private contractors and subcontractors in building and contracting, painting and decorating, plumbing and electrical contracting.

2. Tables 1 and 2

The Central Statistical Service started under instruction of the Joint Building Contracts Committee a survey on the actual labour cost component on a national basis, with effect from February 1991. Table 1 shows the total actual labour cost, which includes the actual wage paid as well as fringe benefits paid. Table 2 shows the indices of actual labour cost.

3. Actual wage rates relate to the remuneration of production workers for ordinary hours worked and include actual basic wages. Overtime payments, the employer's contributions to personnel funds such as pension, medical and holiday funds, as well as all other allowances and bonuses are excluded.

4. Actual labour cost includes, in addition to actual wage rates, the fringe benefits received.

5. Symbols used:

- * = revised
- .. = data not available
- p = preliminary
- e = estimate
- f = final

6. The figures for the latest quarter are provisional and subject to revision.

TABLE 1 - TOTAL ACTUAL LABOUR COST PER HOUR - NATIONAL

	YEAR AND MONTH				
	May 1996	Aug 1996	Nov 1996	Feb 1997	May 1997
	R	R	R	R	R
1. ARTISANS					
1.1 CARPENTER, JOINER	16,23	16,22	16,49	16,49	17,13
1.2 BRICKLAYER	13,97	13,93	14,02	13,98	14,21
1.3 PLASTERER	14,62	13,62	13,50	13,52	13,75
1.4 PAINTER	9,97	10,70	11,31	11,37	10,88
1.5 PLUMBER	17,98	18,33	18,80	18,40	18,68
1.6 ELECTRICIAN, ELECTRICAL WIREMAN	20,90	20,35	20,75	21,87	21,13
2. PLANT OPERATORS	10,06	9,94	9,99	10,21	10,74
3. LEARNER ARTISANS	9,27	9,34	9,39	9,66	9,99
4. LABOURERS					
4.1 LABOURER - BUILDING INDUSTRY	6,10	6,22	6,20	6,29	6,58
4.2 LABOURER - ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING INDUSTRY	6,78	7,16	7,16	7,27	7,70

TABLE 2 - INDICES OF ACTUAL LABOUR COST - NATIONAL

	YEAR AND MONTH				
	May 1996	Aug 1996	Nov 1996	Feb 1997	May 1997
1. ARTISANS	148,9	150,0	150,9	153,6	156,7 f
1.1 ELECTRICAL	139,8	141,0	142,9	145,4	149,3 f
1.2 OTHER	152,4	153,5	154,2	157,0	160,0 f
2. OTHER WORKERS	145,7	148,3	150,1	154,2	155,6 f
2.1 ELECTRICAL	138,9	138,0	140,8	142,1	147,7 f
2.2 OTHER	149,8	152,9	154,7	159,3	160,2 f
3. ALL WORKERS	147,9	150,3	152,1	156,0	157,6 f
3.1 ELECTRICAL	141,4	140,9	143,5	145,0	150,3 f

3.2 OTHER

| 151,4

154,2

156,0

160,3

161,4 f

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