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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The calculation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is based on the monthly change in the prices of all the goods and services purchased by an average household.

The expenditure on goods and services purchased by an average household is derived from the quinquennial survey on the Income and Expenditure of Households. The results of this survey is also used to determine the relative importance (weight) of each item in the "basket" of goods and services purchased by an average household. The prices of the identified goods and services ("basket") are measured monthly in order to compile the CPI.

SURVEY ON THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF HOUSEHOLDS

The survey on the income and expenditure of households was undertaken by the CSS in October 1995 and covered 30 000 households throughout South Africa. Unlike the 1990 survey on the expenditure of households which covered the 12 main metropolitan areas only, the 1995 survey covered all urban areas as well as non-urban (rural) areas. In each of the various magisterial districts of South Africa, a sample of households were selected to participate in the survey.

This sample was pro rata to the number of households in the urban as well as the non-urban areas. The sample survey in the respective areas provided for the participation of all types and sizes of households (dwelling houses, town houses, flats, hostels, informal type dwellings and traditional dwellings).

The data is weighted by the population of each area to obtain the complete expenditure pattern of an average household in the various areas in South Africa.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW GOODS AND SERVICES

With the 1995 survey on the income and expenditure of households, expenditure on goods and services which were not explicitly measured in the 1990 survey, was also measured. This includes in particular:

Home owner's costs:

Levy (sectional title, etc)

Medical and health expenses:

Traditional healers (sangoma, inyanga)

Communication:

Purchases of cellular telephones, fax machines and telephone answering machines for household purposes

Link to the cellular telephone network

Subscription to Internet/Beltel

Courier services

Recreation and entertainment:

Personal computers, software and consumable goods

Other goods and services:

Lobola/dowry paid

UPDATED CPI BASKET

The expenditure patterns of households change with time as their needs and buying preferences change. To ensure that the CPI gives an accurate and reliable reflection of price changes of goods and services purchased by the average household, it is necessary to update the consumer basket (weighting structure) from time to time. The various goods and services purchased by an average household and the calculated weights (relative importance of the various goods and services) used in the calculation of the CPI as from January 1997 are shown in detail in the attached tables.

WEIGHTS

This statistical release contains the weights for the **metropolitan areas in total** according to the new 1995 weighting structure of the CPI. The weights are shown for the various expenditure-group categories as well as for the core inflation index. (See pages 2 and 3 of Statistical release P0141.1 of 27 February 1997).

SHIFTS IN WEIGHTING STRUCTURE

Significant shifts in the relative importance (weights) of goods and services of the CPI basket are housing (which increased from 20,54% in 1990 to 24,05% in 1995), household operation (which increased from 2,57% to 4,69% mainly due to expenditure on domestic workers, which increased from 0,83% to 3,19%), communication (which increased from 1,61% to 3,05%), clothing and footwear (which decreased from 7,02% to 4,78%), and furniture and equipment (which decreased from 5,50% to 3,93%). More information regarding shifts in the CPI weighting structure appears in the two tables on page 3.

EXPENDITURE GROUP CATEGORIES

To depict household group categories, *expenditure* group categories are used instead of the *income* group categories (lower, middle and higher income groups) as used in the past. This is done in accordance with international (International Labour Office) guidelines. The boundaries of the expenditure group categories were obtained by calculating the quintiles (five equal groups) of the total number of households in South Africa and placing the break-point at the total expenditure of the top household (ranked according to expenditure) in each of the quintiles.

The five expenditure group categories or quintiles were defined according to total expenditure per household as in October 1995 as:

- Very low expenditure group - up to R6 340
- Low expenditure group - R6 341 up to R11 590
- Middle expenditure group - R11 591 up to R21 909
- High expenditure group - R21 910 up to R49 498
- Very high expenditure group - R49 499 and more

From the 1995 weights, in the table on page 3, it can be seen that the very low expenditure- group category, although representing 20% of the population, through its expenditure contributes only 0,51% to the total CPI

ROUNDING OFF

The weights are rounded off independently of one another. Their sum may, therefore, not necessarily add to the totals shown.

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CHANGES IN THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN
METROPOLITAN AREAS

1995 Weights

	Expenditure group categories						Pensioners
	Total	Very low	Low	Middle	High	Very high	
All items	100,00						100,00
Very low expenditure group	0,51	100,00					
Low expenditure group	1,78		100,00				
Middle expenditure group	5,24			100,00			
High expenditure group	17,70				100,00		
Very high expenditure group	74,77					100,00	
Commodities	55,00	71,17	63,38	62,94	58,94	53,36	53,64
Services	45,00	28,83	36,62	37,06	41,06	46,64	46,36
Food	18,02	40,73	34,39	31,12	25,42	14,84	21,06
Non-alcoholic beverages	0,82	0,93	1,26	1,14	0,91	0,76	0,85
Alcoholic beverages	1,18	1,02	1,27	1,70	1,43	1,10	0,97
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	0,95	2,05	1,85	1,92	1,35	0,76	1,02
Clothing and footwear	4,76	5,66	5,71	7,28	6,54	4,16	4,29
Housing	24,07	22,52	25,44	21,38	22,69	24,42	29,09
Fuel and power	3,11	8,91	6,57	5,42	4,32	2,53	3,95
Furniture and equipment	3,94	1,01	2,14	3,36	5,30	3,73	3,98
Household operation	4,69	2,88	2,59	2,69	3,21	5,25	4,43
Medical care and health expenses	5,95	0,75	1,26	2,10	5,63	6,44	5,22
Transport	14,74	5,29	7,24	8,40	8,61	16,88	10,28
Communication	3,06	1,08	2,06	2,80	2,82	3,16	3,26
Recreation and entertainment	2,38	0,28	0,76	0,99	1,37	2,77	1,81
Reading matter	0,74	0,15	0,30	0,56	0,71	0,77	0,70
Education	2,04	0,52	0,62	1,01	1,67	2,23	0,88
Personal care	3,06	3,92	3,44	3,68	3,71	2,87	3,08
Other goods and services	6,49	2,30	3,10	4,45	4,31	7,33	5,13

1990 Weights

	Income group categories				Pensioners
	Total	Lower income group	Middle income group	Higher income group	
All items	100,00				100,00
Lower income group	19,42	100,00			
Middle income group	24,09		100,00		
Higher income group	56,50			100,00	
Commodities	57,92	64,20	60,58	54,62	51,78
Services	42,08	35,80	39,42	45,38	48,21
Food	18,64	25,16	20,85	15,45	19,87
Non-alcoholic beverages	0,69	1,06	0,76	0,53	0,53
Alcoholic beverages	0,96	1,60	0,97	0,74	0,72
Cigarettes, cigars and tobacco	1,21	2,53	1,47	0,65	0,69
Clothing and footwear	7,02	11,28	7,35	5,41	4,08
Housing	20,54	16,20	19,46	22,49	30,18
Fuel and power	3,26	3,90	3,45	2,96	3,89
Furniture and equipment	5,50	5,58	6,17	5,18	4,24
Household operation	2,57	3,27	2,32	2,44	1,96
Medical care and health expenses	5,22	4,51	5,43	5,37	5,70
Transport	14,43	8,52	13,38	16,92	10,74
Communication	1,61	2,05	2,06	1,27	1,73
Recreation and entertainment	3,71	2,08	3,21	4,49	3,05
Reading matter	0,75	0,78	0,86	0,70	0,65
Education	1,76	1,38	1,68	1,92	0,92
Personal care	2,64	3,06	2,95	2,36	2,04
Other goods and services	9,49	7,04	7,63	11,12	9,03

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
DETAILED WEIGHTS - METROPOLITAN AREAS

Group/Item	Expenditure group						Pen- sioners	Core
	Total	Very low	Low	Middle	High	Very high		
All items	100,00						100,00	100,00
Very low expenditure group	0,51	100,00						
Low expenditure group	1,78		100,00					
Middle expenditure group	5,24			100,00				
High expenditure group	17,70				100,00			
Very high expenditure group	74,77					100,00		
Commodities	55,00	71,17	63,38	62,94	58,94	53,36	53,64	60,19
Services	45,00	28,83	36,62	37,06	41,06	46,64	46,36	39,81
All items, excluding housing	75,93	77,47	74,56	78,62	77,31	75,58	70,91	87,40
All items, excluding food	81,98	59,27	65,61	68,88	74,58	85,16	78,94	87,45
1. FOOD	18,02	40,73	34,39	31,12	25,42	14,84	21,06	12,55
1.1 GRAIN PRODUCTS	3,31	12,60	9,13	7,61	5,20	2,37	4,05	4,33
White bread	0,69	1,53	1,65	1,55	1,18	0,49	0,82	0,90
Brown and whole-wheat bread	0,43	2,42	1,94	1,44	0,67	0,25	0,60	0,56
Other bread and bread rolls	0,10	0,02	0,05	0,07	0,10	0,10	0,08	0,13
Cake flour	0,27	0,79	0,65	0,64	0,45	0,19	0,30	0,36
Bread flour	0,13	1,16	0,50	0,25	0,31	0,06	0,14	0,17
Breakfast oats	0,07	0,06	0,04	0,07	0,09	0,07	0,09	0,10
Corn flakes/breakfast cereals	0,23	0,18	0,13	0,23	0,28	0,23	0,30	0,31
Mealie meal	0,38	3,33	1,96	1,37	0,65	0,20	0,51	0,50
Mealie rice/samp	0,11	0,67	0,45	0,27	0,17	0,07	0,15	0,14
Rice	0,37	1,74	1,28	1,02	0,64	0,23	0,49	0,48
Spaghetti, macaroni and other pasta	0,18	0,37	0,17	0,18	0,20	0,18	0,21	0,24
Biscuits	0,13	0,04	0,09	0,13	0,14	0,12	0,13	0,16
Rusks	0,01	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,01	0,01
Cake, tarts, pies and other baked products	0,04	0,02	0,03	0,04	0,05	0,04	0,05	0,06
Other grain products	0,17	0,27	0,19	0,34	0,26	0,13	0,17	0,21
1.2 MEAT	5,33	9,77	9,16	8,32	7,53	4,47	6,07	0,06
Fresh - beef and veal	1,22	2,68	2,72	2,20	1,90	0,95	1,40	0,00
- mutton and lamb	1,19	1,46	1,30	1,54	1,79	1,02	1,33	0,00
- pork	0,37	0,34	0,44	0,35	0,32	0,39	0,40	0,00
- poultry (including frozen)	0,96	2,83	2,27	1,90	1,35	0,76	1,16	0,00
- boerewors	0,41	1,05	0,82	0,89	0,66	0,31	0,53	0,00
- other sausage	0,08	0,15	0,09	0,08	0,10	0,07	0,10	0,00
Bacon	0,11	0,05	0,10	0,06	0,11	0,11	0,13	0,00
Ham	0,04	0,01	0,01	0,04	0,05	0,03	0,04	0,00
Other cold meat	0,21	0,06	0,09	0,23	0,31	0,19	0,22	0,00
Other meat and meat products	0,74	1,14	1,32	1,03	0,94	0,64	0,76	0,06
1.3 FISH AND OTHER SEAFOOD	0,80	0,87	1,12	1,03	1,05	0,70	0,90	0,19
Fresh or chilled	0,31	0,27	0,41	0,39	0,45	0,27	0,40	0,00
Frozen	0,07	0,05	0,07	0,07	0,08	0,06	0,07	0,00
Smoked, dried and salted	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
Tinned fish	0,13	0,32	0,34	0,29	0,17	0,10	0,14	0,17
Fish paste	0,01	0,03	0,04	0,03	0,02	0,01	0,02	0,02
Other fish	0,28	0,20	0,26	0,25	0,33	0,26	0,27	0,00
1.4 MILK, CHEESE AND EGGS	1,90	3,29	3,00	3,03	2,56	1,68	2,17	2,46
Fresh milk	0,76	1,62	1,12	1,12	0,97	0,67	0,88	0,98
Cheese	0,29	0,05	0,17	0,26	0,32	0,28	0,31	0,37
Condensed/evaporated/sterilized milk	0,13	0,15	0,26	0,20	0,17	0,11	0,16	0,17
Milk powder	0,11	0,32	0,28	0,26	0,19	0,08	0,14	0,15
Other milk products, including creamers, whiteners and mixtures	0,29	0,57	0,42	0,53	0,41	0,25	0,29	0,38
Eggs	0,32	0,58	0,75	0,66	0,50	0,29	0,39	0,41
1.5 FATS AND OILS	0,85	2,06	1,86	1,66	1,31	0,66	1,02	1,12
Butter	0,19	0,48	0,36	0,31	0,30	0,15	0,21	0,24
Fats	0,03	0,09	0,08	0,05	0,04	0,02	0,03	0,04
Cooking and salad oil	0,26	0,86	0,73	0,59	0,41	0,19	0,31	0,34
Margarine	0,27	0,48	0,50	0,50	0,39	0,22	0,35	0,36
Peanut butter	0,10	0,15	0,19	0,21	0,17	0,08	0,12	0,14
1.6 FRUIT AND NUTS	1,08	0,84	1,09	1,40	1,33	0,99	1,28	0,41
Deciduous fruit	0,28	0,35	0,38	0,44	0,35	0,25	0,33	0,00
Subtropical fruit	0,22	0,21	0,29	0,30	0,29	0,19	0,28	0,00
Citrus fruit	0,17	0,18	0,23	0,29	0,24	0,14	0,24	0,00
Other fresh fruit	0,05	0,01	0,03	0,03	0,05	0,05	0,06	0,00
Canned fruit	0,08	0,02	0,04	0,09	0,10	0,07	0,09	0,10
Dried, crystallized fruit	0,02	0,00	0,01	0,03	0,02	0,03	0,03	0,03
Fruit juices	0,20	0,06	0,09	0,16	0,20	0,21	0,19	0,26
Nuts	0,03	0,00	0,01	0,02	0,03	0,03	0,03	0,01
Other fruit and nut products	0,03	0,01	0,01	0,04	0,05	0,02	0,03	0,01

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
DETAILED WEIGHTS - METROPOLITAN AREAS (Continued)

Group/Item	Expenditure group						Pen- sioners	Core
	Total	Very low	Low	Middle	High	Very high		
1.7 VEGETABLES	1.80	4.56	3.95	3.32	2.56	1.44	2.13	0.17
Potatoes	0.35	1.64	1.14	0.78	0.51	0.25	0.44	0.00
Onions	0.18	0.70	0.52	0.41	0.29	0.13	0.22	0.00
Tomatoes	0.23	0.82	0.61	0.49	0.35	0.17	0.27	0.00
Green beans	0.07	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.10	0.00
Cabbage	0.10	0.46	0.39	0.29	0.16	0.07	0.13	0.00
Carrots	0.10	0.19	0.17	0.18	0.14	0.09	0.13	0.00
Pumpkin and marrows	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.08	0.13	0.00
Squashes	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.00
Beetroot	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.07	0.00
Sweet potatoes	0.04	0.03	0.08	0.06	0.07	0.03	0.05	0.00
Lettuce	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.00
Other fresh vegetables	0.14	0.26	0.26	0.25	0.21	0.11	0.15	0.00
Dried, dehydrated vegetables	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.11	0.06	0.03	0.05	0.06
Canned vegetables	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.14	0.11	0.07	0.10	0.11
Frozen vegetables	0.20	0.05	0.18	0.18	0.21	0.20	0.19	0.00
Other vegetable products	0.03	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.02	0.02	0.00
1.8 SUGAR	0.59	3.07	2.01	1.49	0.91	0.40	0.78	0.77
White sugar	0.49	2.96	1.92	1.39	0.81	0.30	0.66	0.64
Other sugar	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.13
1.9 COFFEE, TEA AND COCOA	0.72	2.24	1.63	1.41	1.00	0.57	0.94	0.93
Coffee	0.37	1.01	0.80	0.69	0.51	0.30	0.47	0.48
Tea	0.30	1.19	0.80	0.68	0.45	0.21	0.42	0.38
Cocoa, chocolate drinks and other hot drinks	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.07
1.10 OTHER FOOD PRODUCTS	1.64	1.43	1.44	1.85	1.97	1.56	1.72	2.11
Salt	0.07	0.25	0.17	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.09	0.09
Spices and flavouring	0.36	0.26	0.30	0.41	0.47	0.34	0.41	0.47
Vinegar	0.06	0.08	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.07	0.08
Yeast, baking powder and bicarbonate of soda	0.06	0.15	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.05	0.08	0.08
Custard powder and puddings	0.07	0.02	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.06	0.08	0.09
Canned soup, soup powder and stock cubes	0.08	0.06	0.08	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.09	0.10
Chocolates	0.19	0.07	0.08	0.13	0.18	0.20	0.18	0.24
Other sweets	0.04	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.06
Ice cream	0.15	0.02	0.05	0.10	0.17	0.15	0.13	0.20
Jam, syrup and honey	0.23	0.38	0.41	0.44	0.31	0.19	0.26	0.30
Jelly powder	0.06	0.01	0.05	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.08	0.07
Other related sugar products	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01
All other food products	0.26	0.08	0.04	0.10	0.21	0.29	0.21	0.32
2. NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.82	0.93	1.26	1.14	0.91	0.76	0.85	1.06
Aerated	0.54	0.70	0.97	0.73	0.60	0.50	0.56	0.70
Other non-alcoholic beverages	0.28	0.23	0.29	0.41	0.31	0.26	0.29	0.36
3. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	1.18	1.02	1.27	1.70	1.43	1.10	0.97	1.53
Spirits	0.36	0.18	0.22	0.28	0.35	0.38	0.26	0.47
Wine	0.22	0.07	0.11	0.11	0.19	0.24	0.26	0.28
Beer, including sorghum beer	0.59	0.74	0.94	1.31	0.88	0.46	0.45	0.76
Other alcoholic beverages	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.02
4. CIGARETTES, CIGARS AND TOBACCO	0.95	2.05	1.85	1.92	1.35	0.76	1.02	1.24
Cigarettes	0.93	1.90	1.75	1.85	1.33	0.75	0.97	1.22
Other	0.02	0.15	0.10	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.02
5. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	4.76	5.66	5.71	7.28	6.54	4.16	4.29	6.25
5.1 CLOTHING	3.55	4.06	4.18	5.32	4.80	3.14	3.17	4.66
5.1.1 WOMEN'S CLOTHING	1.20	1.52	1.24	1.52	1.57	1.10	1.29	1.58
Coats and blazers	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06
Dresses and slack suits	0.26	0.42	0.32	0.36	0.35	0.23	0.27	0.34
Slacks and skirts	0.39	0.47	0.38	0.44	0.47	0.36	0.40	0.50
Blouses	0.16	0.22	0.15	0.20	0.21	0.14	0.17	0.21
Jerseys	0.11	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.10	0.13	0.15
Other outer clothing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dressing gowns	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.04
Night wear	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06
Underwear	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.16	0.15	0.10	0.12	0.15
Stockings	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.07	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.07

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Group/Item	Expenditure group						Pen- sioners	Core
	Total	Very low	Low	Middle	High	Very high		
5.1.2 MEN'S CLOTHING	1.14	1.36	1.65	1.60	1.50	1.02	0.92	1.48
Coats	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Lounge and dress suits	0.17	0.05	0.11	0.15	0.19	0.17	0.13	0.22
Jackets	0.12	0.04	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.16
Trousers - long	0.39	0.62	0.78	0.68	0.57	0.32	0.29	0.51
- other	0.01	0.01	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Shirts	0.19	0.26	0.29	0.28	0.25	0.17	0.16	0.25
Jerseys	0.09	0.21	0.10	0.13	0.12	0.08	0.08	0.12
Underwear	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.09
Night wear	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.06
Socks and stockings	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.06
Other men's clothing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
5.1.3 GIRLS' CLOTHING	0.54	0.55	0.70	0.94	0.76	0.46	0.41	0.71
5.1.4 BOYS' CLOTHING	0.48	0.47	0.44	1.00	0.74	0.38	0.38	0.62
5.1.5 INFANTS' CLOTHING	0.08	0.08	0.11	0.14	0.12	0.07	0.04	0.11
5.1.6 MATERIAL, KNITTING WOOL, HIRE AND MAKING-UP OF CLOTHING	0.11	0.08	0.04	0.12	0.11	0.11	0.13	0.16
Material	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.10
Knitting wool and yarns	0.01	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02
Patterns, lace and sewing cotton	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
Cost of making-up and repairs	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
Hire of clothing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
5.2' FOOTWEAR	1.21	1.60	1.53	1.96	1.74	1.02	1.12	1.59
Women's	0.41	0.55	0.44	0.57	0.58	0.35	0.45	0.53
Men's	0.16	0.27	0.22	0.31	0.25	0.12	0.15	0.21
Girls'	0.43	0.49	0.63	0.64	0.59	0.38	0.35	0.57
Boys'	0.17	0.23	0.17	0.33	0.26	0.13	0.13	0.22
Infants'	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02
Repair of footwear	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04
6. HOUSING	24.07	22.52	25.44	21.38	22.69	24.42	29.09	12.60
6.1 RENT	3.31	4.68	4.63	4.69	4.91	2.55	2.82	4.31
House rent	1.92	3.48	2.19	1.93	2.23	1.66	1.20	2.50
Flat rent	1.07	0.97	1.53	2.30	2.14	0.67	1.36	1.40
Town house rent	0.32	0.23	0.91	0.46	0.54	0.22	0.26	0.41
6.2 HOME-OWNER'S COSTS	19.21	13.82	17.55	14.63	15.82	20.51	24.30	6.29
Interest	12.91	2.01	2.56	4.22	7.78	15.07	5.79	0.00
Assessment rates	1.47	1.81	1.66	1.55	1.63	1.42	1.99	0.00
Sanitary service	0.47	1.44	1.06	0.82	0.65	0.38	0.64	0.62
Refuse removal	0.51	1.73	1.28	0.92	0.72	0.41	0.67	0.67
Insurance of buildings	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.06	0.11	0.11	0.13
Repairs and maintenance	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.12	1.06	0.42	0.97
Levy (sectional title etc.)	0.33	0.00	0.46	0.47	0.57	0.26	0.73	0.42
Cost of ownership	2.67	6.83	10.52	6.56	4.29	1.80	13.95	3.48
6.3 OTHER	1.55	4.02	3.26	2.06	1.96	1.36	1.97	2.00
Water	1.27	3.30	2.56	1.97	1.68	1.08	1.61	1.65
Boarding - hostels	0.16	0.36	0.35	0.06	0.26	0.14	0.18	0.20
- holiday	0.12	0.36	0.35	0.03	0.02	0.14	0.18	0.15
7. FUEL AND POWER	3.11	8.91	6.57	5.42	4.32	2.53	3.95	4.03
Electricity	2.93	6.66	5.34	4.76	4.08	2.45	3.74	3.82
Gas	0.05	0.30	0.15	0.11	0.08	0.03	0.06	0.06
Petroleum products	0.06	1.38	0.73	0.38	0.07	0.01	0.07	0.07
Methylated spirits	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
Wood and coal	0.06	0.57	0.32	0.16	0.09	0.03	0.08	0.07
Other	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
8. FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT	3.94	1.01	2.14	3.36	5.30	3.73	3.98	5.14
8.1 FURNITURE	1.62	0.08	0.54	1.18	2.27	1.52	1.68	2.10
Bedroom suites	0.09	0.00	0.02	0.11	0.14	0.08	0.13	0.12
Diningroom suites	0.36	0.02	0.15	0.27	0.60	0.31	0.31	0.47
Lounge suites	0.55	0.00	0.22	0.30	0.90	0.50	0.52	0.71
Kitchen sets and units	0.19	0.00	0.08	0.21	0.24	0.18	0.24	0.25
Loose items of furniture	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.02	0.08	0.05	0.09
Carpets	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.15	0.11	0.17
Other floor coverings	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.02
Other furniture	0.16	0.01	0.04	0.20	0.25	0.14	0.23	0.21
Repair of furniture	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.02	0.06	0.08	0.06

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Group/Item	Expenditure group						Pen- sioners	Core
	Total	Very low	Low	Middle	High	Very high		
8.2 APPLIANCES	1.08	0.31	0.46	0.85	1.35	1.07	1.22	1.43
Electrical								
- Refrigerators	0.10	0.02	0.04	0.11	0.17	0.09	0.10	0.13
- Freezers	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.04
- Deep freeze/refrigerator combination	0.18	0.03	0.07	0.19	0.30	0.15	0.17	0.23
- Stoves and ovens	0.20	0.09	0.08	0.15	0.30	0.19	0.29	0.26
- Washing machines, tumble dryers	0.18	0.00	0.00	0.09	0.16	0.20	0.20	0.24
- Vacuum cleaners and polishers	0.08	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.04	0.10	0.10	0.11
- Sewing machines, overlockers	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06
- Other electrical appliances	0.20	0.02	0.10	0.16	0.21	0.21	0.21	0.26
Non-electrical								
- Stoves and heaters	0.02	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.03
- Sewing and knitting machines	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
- Other non-electrical appliances	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03
Repairs	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04
8.3 OTHER HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND TEXTILES	1.24	0.62	1.14	1.33	1.68	1.14	1.08	1.61
Glassware and plasticware	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.02	0.05
Metalware	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03
Curtains	0.18	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.21	0.12	0.23
Blankets	0.12	0.24	0.39	0.25	0.22	0.09	0.13	0.16
Sheets, pillowcases and bedspreads	0.22	0.08	0.15	0.20	0.31	0.20	0.21	0.28
Mattresses	0.40	0.24	0.32	0.62	0.75	0.31	0.34	0.52
Other textiles	0.11	0.02	0.09	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.10	0.15
Gardening equipment	0.02	0.00	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03
Other equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Light bulbs and plugs	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.06
Other	0.07	0.00	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.08	0.08	0.09
Repairs	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01
9. HOUSEHOLD OPERATION	4.69	2.88	2.59	2.69	3.21	5.25	4.43	6.12
9.1 HOUSEHOLD CONSUMABLES	1.14	2.64	1.96	1.87	1.40	0.99	1.16	1.48
Soap	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.02
Washing powder	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.03
Liquid detergents and bleaches	0.37	1.26	0.90	0.86	0.56	0.27	0.44	0.48
Brushes and brooms	0.05	0.03	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.05	0.07
Floor polish and cleaning materials	0.05	0.13	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.04	0.06	0.07
Shoe and other polish and cleaning materials	0.11	0.28	0.22	0.26	0.19	0.08	0.13	0.15
Scouring materials	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05
Fertilizer and lime	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.03	0.05
Disinfectants and swimming pool chemicals	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.17	0.05	0.17
Matches and candles	0.07	0.57	0.41	0.23	0.12	0.03	0.07	0.09
Other	0.23	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.22	0.24	0.24	0.30
9.2 DOMESTIC WORKERS	3.19	0.12	0.30	0.26	1.33	3.93	2.92	4.16
9.3 OTHER HOUSEHOLD SERVICES	0.36	0.12	0.33	0.56	0.48	0.33	0.35	0.48
Laundry and dry-cleaning services	0.25	0.11	0.33	0.54	0.39	0.20	0.26	0.33
Other household services	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.13	0.09	0.15
10. MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH EXPENSES	5.95	0.75	1.26	2.10	5.63	6.44	5.22	7.74
Doctors fees, nurses fees and fees for related services	2.69	0.29	0.58	0.94	2.55	2.92	2.33	3.51
Hospital, nursing-home fees and fees for related services	0.72	0.11	0.17	0.31	0.71	0.76	0.62	0.93
Medical and pharmaceutical products	1.18	0.33	0.35	0.42	1.10	1.28	1.16	1.54
Therapeutic appliances and equipment	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.14	0.11	0.15
Contributions to aid funds	1.24	0.02	0.15	0.39	1.20	1.34	1.00	1.61
11. TRANSPORT	14.74	5.29	7.24	8.40	8.61	16.88	10.28	19.24
11.1 VEHICLES	5.25	0.03	0.05	0.11	0.63	6.86	3.67	6.84
11.2 RUNNING COSTS	5.75	0.02	0.28	0.72	2.36	7.07	3.55	7.51
Petrol and diesel	4.10	0.01	0.15	0.52	1.71	5.04	2.23	5.34
Oil and grease	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.07
Tyres and tubes	0.26	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.12	0.32	0.22	0.35
Batteries	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.04
Spare parts	0.19	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.08	0.24	0.09	0.25
Repairs	0.34	0.00	0.07	0.03	0.08	0.44	0.33	0.46
Servicing, retreading, washing and related services	0.26	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.10	0.32	0.23	0.33
License and registration	0.12	0.00	0.02	0.05	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.15
Insurance	0.20	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.25	0.17	0.26
Parking fees	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.04	0.10
Other running costs	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.15	0.05	0.16

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Group/Item	Expenditure group						Pen- sioners	Core
	Total	Very low	Low	Middle	High	Very high		
11.3 PUBLIC AND HIRED TRANSPORT	3,74	5,24	6,91	7,57	5,62	2,95	3,06	4,89
Bus	0,62	1,02	1,31	1,50	0,96	0,46	0,47	0,81
Train	0,53	0,49	1,07	1,17	1,00	0,37	0,40	0,70
Aircraft	0,26	0,02	0,13	0,13	0,12	0,30	0,33	0,34
Taxi and hired transport	0,57	1,14	1,55	1,62	0,94	0,38	0,89	0,74
Other	1,76	2,57	2,85	3,15	2,60	1,44	0,97	2,30
12. COMMUNICATION	3,06	1,08	2,06	2,80	2,82	3,16	3,26	3,98
Telephone rental and installation	0,63	0,24	0,60	0,83	0,79	0,57	0,86	0,81
Telephone calls	2,07	0,71	1,17	1,87	1,90	2,15	2,21	2,70
Postage	0,15	0,09	0,21	0,10	0,08	0,17	0,13	0,20
Other post office expenses	0,08	0,04	0,08	0,00	0,02	0,10	0,04	0,11
Other	0,13	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,03	0,17	0,02	0,16
13. RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT	2,38	0,28	0,76	0,99	1,37	2,77	1,81	3,10
Radios, tape recorders, compact disc players and record players	0,17	0,01	0,08	0,11	0,15	0,18	0,07	0,22
Television sets	0,28	0,03	0,24	0,25	0,28	0,29	0,17	0,37
Compact discs, magnetic tapes	0,05	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,03	0,07	0,03	0,07
Television licenses	0,25	0,24	0,37	0,46	0,42	0,19	0,30	0,33
Musical instruments	0,08	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,03	0,09	0,32	0,10
Photography								
- Equipment	0,05	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,07	0,03	0,07
- Films and developing	0,04	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,05	0,02	0,05
Computers and telecommunication equipment	0,54	0,00	0,05	0,03	0,09	0,69	0,23	0,70
Aircraft, boats, camping equipment	0,03	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,04	0,01	0,04
Sport equipment	0,04	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,05	0,01	0,05
Hobbies, toys and games	0,05	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,02	0,07	0,03	0,07
Admission fees to bioscopes and zoos	0,07	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,04	0,09	0,05	0,10
Membership fees - scientific and other associations, clubs and libraries	0,12	0,00	0,00	0,03	0,03	0,15	0,04	0,15
Pets - food and feeds	0,07	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,03	0,08	0,08	0,09
- other expenses	0,14	0,00	0,01	0,02	0,07	0,17	0,16	0,19
Plants, seed and flowers	0,05	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,06	0,04	0,06
Other	0,35	0,00	0,01	0,03	0,15	0,43	0,22	0,44
14. READING MATTER	0,74	0,15	0,30	0,56	0,71	0,77	0,70	0,97
Books	0,20	0,01	0,03	0,12	0,18	0,21	0,17	0,26
Newspapers	0,35	0,12	0,19	0,35	0,42	0,34	0,34	0,46
Magazines	0,19	0,02	0,08	0,09	0,11	0,22	0,19	0,25
15. EDUCATION	2,04	0,52	0,62	1,01	1,67	2,23	0,88	2,65
Tuition and attendance fees	1,96	0,47	0,57	0,96	1,61	2,15	0,84	2,55
Other	0,08	0,05	0,05	0,05	0,06	0,08	0,04	0,10
16. PERSONAL CARE	3,06	3,92	3,44	3,68	3,71	2,87	3,08	4,00
Hair dressing, beauty care services	0,77	0,38	0,46	0,68	0,88	0,77	0,81	1,01
Talcum, face and baby powder	0,01	0,02	0,01	0,02	0,01	0,02	0,02	0,02
Lipstick	0,02	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,02	0,03	0,02	0,03
Cologne and perfume	0,07	0,11	0,09	0,09	0,09	0,07	0,07	0,09
Deodorant	0,10	0,13	0,06	0,12	0,10	0,10	0,10	0,13
Toothpaste and toothbrushes	0,22	0,71	0,52	0,41	0,31	0,17	0,25	0,28
Hair preparations	0,39	0,50	0,38	0,45	0,47	0,36	0,37	0,50
Razors, blades and shaving cream	0,16	0,15	0,12	0,18	0,16	0,16	0,13	0,21
Toilet soap	0,21	0,63	0,48	0,36	0,29	0,17	0,24	0,27
Skin creams and preparations	0,20	0,30	0,26	0,26	0,26	0,18	0,21	0,27
Toilet paper	0,30	0,46	0,47	0,56	0,43	0,24	0,36	0,39
Other	0,61	0,53	0,58	0,54	0,69	0,60	0,50	0,80
17. OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	6,49	2,30	3,10	4,45	4,31	7,33	5,13	7,80
Watches and personal jewellery	0,26	0,06	0,10	0,20	0,23	0,27	0,15	0,34
Umbrellas and sunglasses	0,03	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,02	0,03	0,02	0,04
Handbags, traveling bags and school bags	0,07	0,05	0,10	0,07	0,08	0,07	0,05	0,10
Smokers requisites	0,02	0,04	0,02	0,02	0,01	0,02	0,01	0,02
Perambulators and pushcarts	0,01	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,01	0,02	0,00	0,02
Stationery	0,13	0,04	0,15	0,10	0,08	0,15	0,07	0,17
Drinks and prepared food bought away from home	1,32	0,29	0,37	0,49	0,78	1,54	0,79	1,72
Interest on loans and bank charges	0,82	0,26	0,05	0,06	0,19	1,05	0,40	0,38
Life insurance, endowment policies, annuities, mortgage debt insurance	0,34	0,03	0,07	0,13	0,22	0,40	0,24	0,45
Insurance of contents of dwelling	0,16	0,00	0,01	0,01	0,06	0,20	0,15	0,21
Membership fees - trade unions, staff and professional associations	0,13	0,14	0,11	0,10	0,14	0,12	0,10	0,16
Legal and other fees for profes- sional services	0,14	0,00	0,02	0,01	0,05	0,18	0,05	0,19
Funeral and all other expenses	3,06	1,39	2,09	3,25	2,44	3,28	3,10	4,00



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IMPORTANT CPI ENHANCEMENTS

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"Important enhancements of CSS inflation data have been introduced this month, both in technical detail, and in line with RDP needs", CSS Head Dr Mark Orkin announced today.

RDP-oriented improvements

On the RDP side, the CSS is now breaking out the overall inflation rate into five equal categories or quintiles, defined by levels of household expenditure. Previously there were only three categories, with the lowest including 78% of Africans.

"For the first time policy-makers will have adequately differentiated monthly data regarding the impact of economic developments on the spending power of the very poor," Dr Orkin noted.

"The data have startling implications for development. For example, one finds that the bottom sixty percent of households account for less than 10% of expenditure. And food prices count for 41% of the CPI among the poorest, compared to only 15% among the richest."

More technical detail

On the technical side, there have been three simultaneous improvements. Firstly the "basket" of goods, by which the aggregation of the CPI is weighted, has been updated on the basis of the CSS's 30,000-household survey of income and expenditure in 1995.

"Changes in consumption patters have been incorporated, such as the purchase of home computers among the well-off, or the declining use of wood and coal as electrification advances among the less well-off in urban areas", Dr Orkin commented.

Secondly, in response to users' requests, an index of "core" or underlying inflation is published for the first time, defined in the light of international best practices. Core inflation excludes volatile items such as fresh food, mortgage interest, and certain rates and taxes.

Thirdly, the base of the CPI has been updated from 100 in 1990 to 100 in 1995.

Further improvements forthcoming

In addition, from next month the inflation rate will be published for small-town areas in the provinces, in addition to the fourteen major urban areas covered hitherto.

"This has involved a fifty percent increase in the number of price-questionnaires to be issued and processed, at a time that we face a fifteen percent real cut in our budget", Dr Orkin noted.

"The CSS is also poised to measure and publish a rural CPI. This is of obvious policy importance. But since rural shops tend not to have fax machines, we would have to gather the prices in quarterly face-to-face surveys. And CSS doesn't have the money for that."