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Key findings

Table 1: Contract price adjustment provisions (CPAP) work group indices

Noteworthy month-on-month changes in March 2024 were as follows:

Work group 122 – non metal roofing: the index increased by 4,3%. There were changes of 5,5% in the PPI index for roof tiles (accounting for 40,0% of this group) and 5,0% in the PPI index for prefabricated cement and concrete (accounting for 40,0% of this group).

Work group 114 – reinforcement: the index increased by 3,8%. There was a change of 4,9% in the PPI index for reinforcing metal work (accounting for 75,0% of this group).

Work group 148 – plumbing: the index decreased by 0,8%. There was a change of -5,7% in the PPI index for non-structural ceramic ware (accounting for 20,0% of this group).

Work group 110 – concrete (excluding formwork): the index decreased by 1,1%. There was a change -3,3% in the PPI index for cement (accounting for 45,0% of this group).

Tables 2 and 3: Construction input price index (CIPI)

The annual change in the index for total construction was 7,2% in March 2024. The index increased by 0,9% month-on-month.

The following indices recorded noteworthy month-on-month changes:

- nails, screws and metal fasteners (12,0%);
- prefabricated concrete and cement (5,0%);
- reinforcing metal work (4,9%);
- ceiling boards (3,5%);
- electrical components (-1,8%);
- construction tyres (-1,9%); and
- cement (-3,3%).

Table 4: Mining and construction plant and equipment price indices

The annual change in the index for plant and equipment was 6,8% in March 2024. The index decreased by 0,1% month-on-month.

Table 5: Mechanical and electrical engineering input price indices

The annual change in the index for mechanical engineering was 7,2% in March 2024. The index increased by 0,1% month-on-month.

The annual change in the index for electrical engineering was 6,5% in March 2024. The index increased by 0,2% month-on-month.

Table 6: Civil engineering material price indices

The annual change in the index for civil engineering material was 7,0% in March 2024. The index decreased by 0,4% month-on-month.

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Detailed results

Table 1 – Contract price adjustment provisions (CPAP) work group indices

Base: Dec 2023=100

Year and month		102	104	106	110	111	112	113	114
		Alterations	Earthworks	Piling	Concrete (excluding formwork)	Formwork	Precast concrete	Post tensioning	Reinforcement
2023	Mar	96,7	95,5	97,0	98,6	97,7	99,4	99,1	102,9
	Apr	97,1	96,2	97,4	98,4	98,4	98,3	99,2	102,3
	May	97,2	96,3	97,6	98,3	98,5	98,4	99,2	103,1
	Jun	97,4	96,7	97,7	98,0	98,3	98,2	99,3	103,1
	Jul	98,3	99,0	99,7	99,7	98,2	98,5	99,5	101,9
	Aug	98,6	99,2	99,9	100,0	98,2	98,5	99,6	101,1
	Sep	99,2	99,6	100,0	99,9	98,8	98,8	99,7	101,2
	Oct	100,1	100,0	100,3	100,3	99,3	99,1	100,0	101,1
	Nov	100,0	99,9	100,2	100,1	99,9	99,3	100,0	101,3
	Dec	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
2024	Jan	100,1	100,3	101,9	102,0	101,1	102,3	100,0	107,3
	Feb	101,1	100,9	102,9	105,3	100,7	103,0	105,7	106,5
	Mar	101,9	101,2	103,3	104,1	101,2	103,5	105,9	110,6

Year and month		116	118	120	122	124	125	126	129
		Brick and block work	Masonry	Water proofing	Non metal roofing	Metal roofing (steel)	Metal roofing (aluminium)	Carpentry and joinery	Ceilings
2023	Mar	93,7	97,0	89,1	98,9	96,0	103,4	100,2	93,8
	Apr	92,4	98,3	90,3	100,1	100,5	96,6	100,7	96,7
	May	94,3	99,5	90,6	100,0	100,5	101,2	100,6	98,6
	Jun	94,4	98,6	95,3	99,3	98,7	105,7	100,5	98,8
	Jul	95,4	98,9	90,4	99,1	96,9	99,3	99,0	99,9
	Aug	97,0	99,6	92,6	99,0	97,0	92,8	99,1	100,5
	Sep	97,3	99,4	96,2	99,1	97,1	97,8	99,7	100,6
	Oct	96,4	98,4	100,4	98,5	97,2	99,2	99,5	101,1
	Nov	99,0	99,6	99,9	98,2	100,0	99,0	99,9	101,7
	Dec	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
2024	Jan	100,5	100,0	98,7	97,8	98,8	97,7	102,0	102,6
	Feb	99,4	100,9	99,3	99,6	98,9	98,9	101,7	103,3
	Mar	101,0	101,3	99,4	103,9	99,1	101,3	102,2	105,7

Year and month		130	132	134	136	138	140	141	142
		Resilient floor and wall coverings	Ironmongery	Structural steelwork in buildings	Metalwork	Partitioning systems	Aluminium work	Stainless steel work	In situ finishes
2023	Mar	99,2	91,9	97,6	98,4	99,6	96,3	107,5	97,3
	Apr	99,3	91,9	98,5	98,0	99,3	96,2	107,3	97,3
	May	99,3	92,4	98,9	98,4	99,7	99,4	105,3	97,6
	Jun	99,4	92,5	98,4	97,8	99,7	99,5	100,2	97,5
	Jul	99,6	95,8	98,1	97,2	98,3	97,0	100,7	98,6
	Aug	99,6	95,9	97,6	96,5	98,3	97,1	100,8	99,0
	Sep	99,8	96,0	98,1	97,0	98,8	97,2	99,9	99,3
	Oct	100,0	96,7	98,5	97,3	98,5	96,2	99,8	99,9
	Nov	100,0	96,6	100,0	99,0	99,3	100,0	99,7	100,0
	Dec	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
2024	Jan	101,7	103,3	101,0	101,1	102,0	100,2	100,1	100,6
	Feb	101,9	103,5	100,1	99,8	101,9	100,6	100,6	102,5
	Mar	102,1	103,7	100,1	99,7	102,3	101,0	101,0	102,3

Table 1 – Contract price adjustment provisions (CPAP) work group indices (concluded)

Base: Dec 2023=100

Year and month		144	146	148	149	150	152	154	160
		Tiling	Drainage	Plumbing	Aluminium shop fronts and pre-glazed windows	Glazing	Painting	Roadwork	Electrical installations
2023	Mar	98,6	95,9	98,8	96,8	97,3	99,3	95,5	100,0
	Apr	98,8	96,2	98,8	96,9	97,4	99,2	96,3	100,1
	May	98,8	96,5	98,7	98,2	97,4	100,0	95,6	100,1
	Jun	98,8	96,4	97,6	98,3	97,4	99,5	97,6	99,0
	Jul	99,3	99,2	99,7	97,4	97,5	99,6	97,0	98,6
	Aug	99,4	99,5	99,9	97,6	97,5	100,2	97,9	97,2
	Sep	99,6	99,7	99,8	98,7	99,9	100,5	100,0	98,9
	Oct	100,0	100,3	100,1	98,4	100,0	100,6	102,3	99,3
	Nov	100,0	100,2	100,1	100,0	100,0	100,4	100,8	98,8
	Dec	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
2024	Jan	100,1	99,8	99,9	100,1	100,0	100,6	100,9	99,4
	Feb	101,1	100,6	100,4	100,5	100,1	100,5	102,8	99,2
	Mar	101,4	101,1	99,6	101,6	102,3	101,6	103,4	100,1

Year and month		162	170	171	172	173	180	181	190
		Electrical reticulation	Mechanical services	Ductwork installations	Refrigeration installations	Steel water pipe installations	Lump sum domestic buildings	Commercial / industrial buildings	Preliminaries
2023	Mar	100,7	95,1	96,1	99,4	96,9	97,2	97,8	96,3
	Apr	99,8	94,3	98,5	99,6	95,1	97,2	97,9	96,3
	May	100,9	94,9	98,7	99,5	96,9	97,7	98,1	96,0
	Jun	100,9	94,9	97,3	98,5	96,9	97,3	98,0	95,6
	Jul	99,2	97,1	98,3	100,7	99,5	97,9	98,5	97,3
	Aug	96,3	97,8	98,3	100,0	98,6	98,3	98,7	98,1
	Sep	98,6	99,0	98,1	100,7	98,2	98,9	99,4	100,5
	Oct	99,1	99,0	98,1	101,2	97,7	99,1	99,8	102,4
	Nov	98,2	99,4	100,0	100,0	99,0	99,7	100,0	101,7
	Dec	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0
2024	Jan	99,1	99,5	99,5	101,6	99,4	100,4	100,7	99,3
	Feb	99,4	99,5	99,2	101,6	98,4	100,7	101,2	100,5
	Mar	100,5	99,9	99,3	101,9	100,4	101,3	101,8	101,6

Table 2 – Construction input price index (CIPI): material purchases by type of service

Service	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Feb 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Mar 2023
Total construction	100,00	97,0	103,1	104,0	0,9	7,2
Site preparation	1,57	93,1	104,4	104,5	0,1	12,2
Civil engineering; Building of complete structures	63,93	97,1	103,9	104,6	0,7	7,7
Building installation	16,98	96,9	101,1	101,5	0,4	4,7
Building completion	15,33	97,2	102,5	103,6	1,1	6,6
Renting of construction or demolition equipment with operators	2,19	99,8	101,5	107,9	6,3	8,1

Table 3 – Construction input price index (CIPI): material purchases for the whole industry

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Feb 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Mar 2023
Total construction	100,00	97,0	103,1	104,0	0,9	7,2
Construction stone and sand	5,01	102,1	107,9	108,5	0,6	6,3
Aggregate stone	4,00	103,8	109,6	110,3	0,6	6,3
Sand	0,50	100,1	101,2	101,2	0,0	1,1
Granite, sandstone and other monumental and building stone	0,51	97,4	100,7	100,8	0,1	3,5
Carpets (excluding mats and rugs)	2,07	100,0	107,5	107,5	0,0	7,5
Builders' carpentry of wood	1,35	113,7	103,4	103,4	0,0	-9,1
Paints	2,75	104,0	99,3	100,9	1,6	-3,0
Construction tyres	0,40	99,1	101,7	99,8	-1,9	0,7
Construction pipes, tubes and fittings	6,84	94,8	99,7	100,0	0,3	5,5
Tubes, pipes, tube-fittings and pipe-fittings of copper	2,78	99,1	99,3	99,9	0,6	0,8
Construction plastic pipes, tubes and fittings	4,06	92,7	100,0	100,0	0,0	7,9
Vinyl sheeting and flooring	1,28	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Construction bricks and tiles	7,37	96,5	99,7	101,2	1,5	4,9
Bricks	3,27	94,1	98,8	100,2	1,4	6,5
Tiles	4,10	99,0	100,3	102,0	1,7	3,0
Cement	7,37	97,1	106,6	103,1	-3,3	6,2
Ready-mix concrete	9,26	101,6	106,9	106,2	-0,7	4,5
Prefabricated concrete and cement	1,93	101,3	97,2	102,1	5,0	0,8
Ceiling boards	0,25	91,7	104,9	108,6	3,5	18,4
Pre-mix asphalt	4,08	91,8	99,9	99,8	-0,1	8,7
Bituminous mixtures	2,88	85,5	96,8	96,6	-0,2	13,0
Construction structural and reinforcing steel	26,69	98,3	105,3	108,1	2,7	10,0
Reinforcing metal work	14,43	105,4	108,2	113,5	4,9	7,7
Equipment for scaffolding, shuttering and propping	1,70	101,5	97,5	98,7	1,2	-2,8
Welded angles, shapes and sections for use in manufactured structures	1,88	97,3	111,3	111,3	0,0	14,4
Steel door and window frames	8,68	90,9	100,0	100,0	0,0	10,0
Construction electric motors, generators or transformers	4,08	84,3	102,6	102,2	-0,4	21,2
Electrical components	3,79	94,2	101,5	99,7	-1,8	5,8
Electrical cable	6,78	98,2	100,5	101,8	1,3	3,7
Construction electricity distribution and control equipment	4,73	100,0	100,0	100,0	0,0	0,0
Nails, screws and metal fasteners	1,09	100,8	100,0	112,0	12,0	11,1

Table 4 – Mining and construction plant and equipment price indices

Product	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Feb 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Mar 2023
Plant and equipment	100,00	94,2	100,7	100,6	-0,1	6,8
Lifting and handling equipment and parts thereof	8,02	98,6	102,0	101,9	-0,1	3,3
Machinery for mining, quarrying and construction and parts thereof	20,09	92,6	102,0	101,4	-0,6	9,5
Moving, grading, levelling, scraping, excavating, tamping, compacting and extracting machinery	13,69	93,0	101,2	100,9	-0,3	8,5
Machinery for sorting, screening, separating, washing, crushing, grinding, mixing and kneading of construction material	6,40	91,9	103,9	102,2	-1,6	11,2
Lorries, trucks and vans exceeding 3,5 tons	71,89	94,5	100,2	100,2	0,0	6,0

Table 5 – Mechanical and electrical engineering input price indices

Service	Weight	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
		Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Feb 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Mar 2023
Mechanical engineering	100,00	96,2	103,0	103,1	0,1	7,2
Electrical engineering	100,00	95,9	101,9	102,1	0,2	6,5

Table 6 – Civil engineering material price indices¹

Product	Index (Dec 2023=100)			% change	
	Mar 2023	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Feb 2024	Mar 2024 vs. Mar 2023
Civil engineering material - total	98,0	105,3	104,9	-0,4	7,0
Civil engineering material (excluding bitumen)	99,5	105,7	105,3	-0,4	5,8
Civil engineering material (excluding reinforcing metal work)	94,1	105,1	104,4	-0,7	10,9
Civil engineering material (excluding reinforcing metal work and bitumen)	99,0	105,2	104,5	-0,7	5,6
Civil engineering material - structures (excluding bitumen)	101,1	105,4	105,1	-0,3	4,0
Civil engineering material - roads, general	98,0	104,5	104,3	-0,2	6,4
Civil engineering material - roads, general (excluding bitumen)	102,1	106,5	106,2	-0,3	4,0
Civil engineering material - roads, refurbishment	95,4	104,1	103,6	-0,5	8,6
Civil engineering material - roads, refurbishment (excluding bitumen)	101,8	106,9	106,3	-0,6	4,4
Civil engineering material - roads, reseal	90,0	100,0	99,7	-0,3	10,8
Civil engineering material - roads, reseal (excluding bitumen)	100,9	106,5	105,9	-0,6	5,0
Civil engineering material - bulk earthworks	99,0	105,1	104,8	-0,3	5,9
Civil engineering material - bulk earthworks (excluding bitumen)	100,4	105,8	105,5	-0,3	5,1

¹ The information in this table is published in conjunction with engineering associations SAFCEC and SAICE.

Glossary

Construction Input Price Indices (CIPI)	The index reflects material purchases in the construction industry.
Contract Price Adjustment Provisions (CPAP)	The CPAP work group indices are used for making adjustments based on cost fluctuations in labour, plant and materials.
Contract Price Adjustment Provisions Steering Committee	The committee is the oversight structure for the Construction Price Adjustment Provisions published by Statistics South Africa (Stats SA) and includes representatives from the following industry associations and organisations: The Association of South African Quantity Surveyors (ASAQS), Electrical Contractors' Association (SA), Master Builders South Africa, South African Institute of Architects, Department of Public Works and Stats SA.
CPAP manuals	The updated CPAP manuals "CPAP Application Manual" and "CPAP Work Groups Composition and Weighting of Sub-Indices" are obtainable from ASAQS' website: www.asaqs.co.za – search for CPAP, or by phoning (012) 406 3304.
Respondent response rate	The respondent response rate for March 2024 was 96,0%. The rate was calculated using the total number of companies where prices were collected as a percentage of the total sample.
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Abbreviations

CIPI	Construction Input Price Indices
CPAP	Contract Price Adjustment Provisions
CPI	Consumer Price Index
PPI	Producer Price Index
SAFCEC	South African Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors
SAICE	South African Institution of Civil Engineering
SARS	South African Revenue Service
SEIFSA	Steel and Engineering Industries Federation of Southern Africa
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