

CONSTRUCTION PRICE INDEX

(Cost Price Index for the construction of a single storey house - Input Price Index)

2nd Quarter 1996

1. Introduction

This issue of the Economic Indicators presents the monthly Construction Price Index (residential) for the 2nd quarter of 1996. An overview of the evolution of the index since July 1995 is also included. A detailed description of the model dwelling used for constructing the index is given at the Annex.

2. Changes in the Construction Price Index

At the end of the 1st quarter of 1996 the Construction Price Index stood at 107.1. A marginal increase has been registered in April (107.2) and in May (107.3). A more significant increase of 2.7% was observed in June (110.2).

The index for each month compared with the corresponding month of 1995 shows increases of 2.3% for April, 2.1% for May and 4.9% for June.

3. Changes by input categories

Movements by input categories are shown in Tables A1 to A5 and Chart 1. No change was observed in the "Labour", "Hire of Plant" and "Transport" categories during the 2nd quarter of 1996. However, the index for the "Materials" category moved up from 107.2 in March to reach 107.3 in April, 107.5 in May and 112.4 in June.

The change in April is attributable mainly to an increase of about 10% in the costs of kitchen sink, while the change in May was the result of a 7% increase in the price of steel bars and a 9% increase in the price of plywood. The sharper increase in June is due to increases in the prices of almost all construction materials, the more significant being cement (3%), sand (11%), aggregates (15%), blocks (10%) and steel sections for metal openings (11%). It is to be noted that no change was observed in the input category "Transport" although the price of fuel was increased in June.

The net contributions of the input categories that have affected the index from month to month during the period July 1995 to June 1996 are shown in Table A4.

Quarterly averages of the monthly indices by input categories and the percentage change from quarter to quarter are shown in Table A5.

4. Changes by work categories

Changes by work categories are shown in Tables B1 to B5. As expected, the price increases in the inputs noted above have affected the work categories in which these items are predominant. Thus, higher prices of kitchen sink in April caused the index for "Plumbing and Sanitary installation" to increase by 0.5%.

Likewise, a rise in the price of steel bars in May caused "Reinforcement" to move up by 1.2%. In the same month "Softwood Joinery" increased by 0.6% due to higher prices of plywood.

In June, increases were noted in all work categories, the more important being "Concrete" (3.8%), "Blockwork" (6.1%) and "Steel windows and doors" (5.2%).

Table B4 shows the net contributions of the work categories that have affected the index from month to month during the period from July 1995 to June 1996.

Quarterly averages of the monthly indices by work categories and the percentage change from quarter to quarter are shown in Table B5.

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(Base : 4th Quarter 1993 = 100)

Table A1: Monthly sub-indices by input categories, July 1995 - June 1996

Input Categories	Weight	1995												1996					
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun						
LABOUR	32.8	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	
HIRE OF PLANT	4.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	
MATERIALS :	58.7	105.3	105.7	105.9	106.3	106.4	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	106.6	
Hardcore (rempissage)	1.0	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.9	
Cement	12.0	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	104.7	107.3	
Sand	5.3	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	100.4	109.6	
Aggregate	2.4	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	114.9	132.4	
Block	3.9	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	126.5	
Steel bars (anneature)	5.1	108.3	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	109.0	117.6	
Galvanised corrugated cast iron sheeting	1.5	102.3	103.8	103.8	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	118.0	124.4	
Timber: (a) Carpentry	6.1	103.4	103.4	103.3	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	105.1	
(b) Joinery	2.4	97.2	97.2	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	97.3	102.5	
Steel sections & ironmongery for metal openings	4.9	101.7	101.7	102.4	102.5	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	102.8	108.6	
Ceramic tiles	1.4	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	108.4	
Glass,putty and oil	0.8	104.1	104.1	104.1	104.1	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	105.4	111.8	
Paint	1.9	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.2	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	130.1	
Plumbing	2.1	101.7	102.0	102.0	102.0	103.2	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	113.2	
Sanitary installation	2.0	103.8	103.8	106.6	106.7	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	112.1	
Electrical installation	3.2	101.5	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	104.9	113.6	
Other	2.7	106.2	106.7	107.2	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	107.3	110.2	
TRANSPORT	4.5	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	
OVERALL INDEX	100.0	106.1	106.2	106.4	106.6	106.7	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.7	106.8	106.8	106.8	107.0	107.1	107.2	107.3	110.2	

Cost Price Index for the construction of a single storey house (Input Price Index)
(Base : 4th Quarter 1993 = 100)

Table A2: Percentage change from previous month by input categories, July 1995 - June 1996

Input Categories	Weight	1995												1996									
		Jun to Jul	Jul to Aug	Aug to Sep	Sep to Oct	Oct to Nov	Nov to Dec	Dec-95 to Jan96	Jan to Feb	Feb to Mar	Mar to Apr	Apr to May	May to Jun										
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun										
LABOUR	32.8	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
HIRE OF PLANT	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MATERIALS :	58.7	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	4.6
Hardcore (rempissage)	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Cement	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Sand	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	9.2
Aggregate	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2
Block	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.9
Steel bars (armature)	5.1	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1
Galvanised corrugated cast iron sheeting	1.5	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	13.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4
Timber: (a) Carpentry	6.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
(b) Joinery	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	4.7
Steel sections & ironmongery for metal openings	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.7
Ceramic tiles	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.5
Glass,putty and oil	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8
Paint	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9
Plumbing	2.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.4
Sanitary installation	2.0	0.3	0.0	2.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	3.4
Electrical installation	3.2	0.0	3.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.8
Other	2.7	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2
TRANSPORT	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OVERALL CHANGE	100.0	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.7

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(Base : 4th Quarter 1993 = 100)

Table A3: Percentage change from corresponding month of previous year by input categories, January 1996 to June 1996

Input Categories	Weight	Jan 95 to Jan-96	Feb 95 to Feb-96	Mar 95 to Mar-96	Apr 95 to Apr-96	May 95 to May-96	Jun 95 to Jun-96
LABOUR	32.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7
HIRE OF PLANT	4.0	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MATERIALS :	58.7	2.3	2.7	2.8	2.3	2.1	6.7
Hardcore (remplissage)	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Cement	12.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4
Sand	5.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	9.6
Aggregate	2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2
Block	3.9	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0	10.9
Steel bars (armature)	5.1	0.7	0.7	3.3	3.3	5.3	8.5
Galvanised corrugated cast iron sheeting	1.5	16.2	16.2	16.2	15.9	15.3	21.6
Timber: (a) Carpentry	6.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7	1.6
(b) Joinery	2.4	-1.1	-1.1	-1.1	0.1	0.8	5.4
Steel sections & ironmongery for metal openings	4.9	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	6.8
Ceramic tiles	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.8	0.8	1.3
Glass,putty and oil	0.8	2.0	2.2	1.8	1.6	1.6	7.4
Paint	1.9	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.3	0.2	3.2
Plumbing	2.1	5.7	7.1	6.8	6.7	6.7	11.2
Sanitary installation	2.0	5.3	5.3	4.4	4.8	4.8	8.4
Electrical installation	3.2	3.9	9.1	9.1	9.0	9.0	12.0
Other	2.7	4.5	4.5	3.7	2.0	2.1	4.1
TRANSPORT	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
OVERALL CHANGE	100.0	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1	4.9

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Table A4: Net contributions of input categories that have affected the index from month to month, July 1995 - June 1996

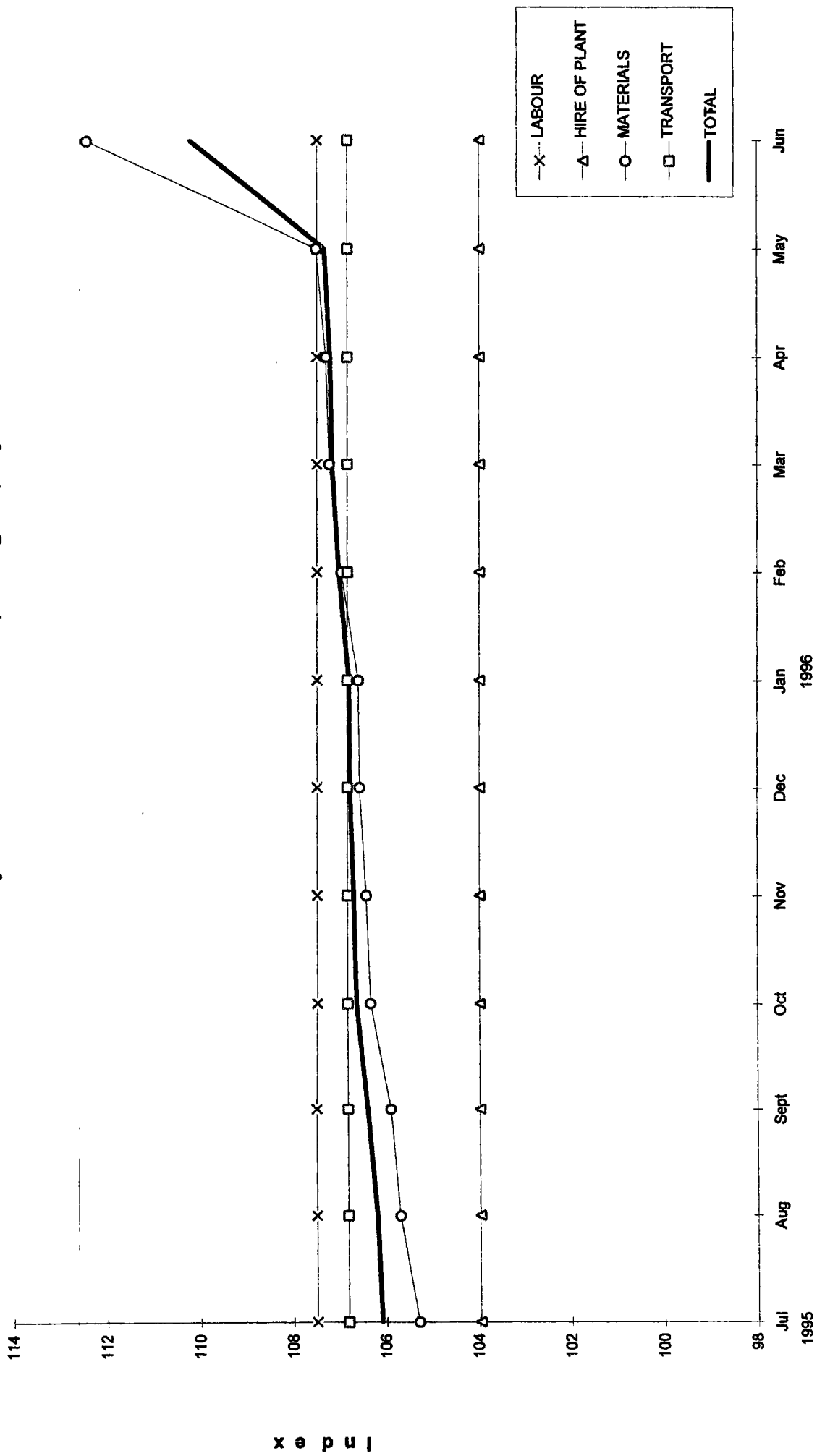
Input Categories	Weight	1995												1996																					
		Jun to Jul	Jul to Aug	Aug to Sep	Sep to Oct	Oct to Nov	Nov to Dec	Dec 95 to Jan-96	Jan to Feb	Feb to Mar	Mar to Apr	Apr to May	May to Jun																						
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan-96	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun																						
LABOUR	32.8	+0.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00												
HIRE OF PLANT	4.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00										
MATERIALS :	58.7	+0.02	+0.18	+0.12	+0.27	+0.06	+0.08																												
Hardcore (remplissage)	1.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00									
Cement	12.0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								
Sand	5.3	0.00	0.00	+0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00							
Aggregate	2.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00						
Block	3.9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Steel bars (armature)	5.1	0.00	+0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
Galvanised corrugated cast iron sheeting	1.5	0.00	+0.03	0.00	+0.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
Timber: (a) Carpentry	6.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
(b) Joinery	2.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Steel sections & ironmongery for metal openings	4.9	0.00	0.00	+0.04	0.00	+0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Ceramic tiles	1.4	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Glass,putty and oil	0.8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Paint	1.9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Plumbing	2.1	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	+0.04	+0.08																												
Sanitary installation	2.0	+0.01	0.00	+0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Electrical installation	3.2	0.00	+0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	2.7	+0.01	0.01	+0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT	4.5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	100.0	+0.96	+0.18	+0.12	+0.27	+0.06	+0.08																												

Cost Price Index for the construction of a single storey house (Input Price Index)
(Base : 4th Quarter 1993 = 100)

Table A5 : Quarterly average of monthly indices and percentage changes by input categories, July 1995 - June 1996

Input Categories	Weight	Quarterly average				% change from previous quarter			
		3rd Qr 95	4th Qr 95	1st Qr 96	2nd Qr 96	3rd Qr 95	4th Qr 95	1st Qr 96	2nd Qr 96
LABOUR	32.8	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
HIRE OF PLANT	4.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	104.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MATERIALS :	58.7	105.6	106.4	106.9	109.1	0.5	0.8	0.4	2.0
Hardcore (rempissage)	1.0	102.7	102.7	102.7	102.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Cement	12.0	104.7	104.7	104.7	105.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8
Sand	5.3	100.1	100.4	100.4	103.5	0.1	0.2	0.0	3.1
Aggregate	2.4	114.9	114.9	114.9	120.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.1
Block	3.9	114.1	114.1	114.1	116.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6
Steci bars (armature)	5.1	108.8	109.0	110.0	114.5	0.4	0.2	0.9	4.1
Galvanised corrugated cast iron sheeting	1.5	103.3	118.0	118.0	120.1	1.1	14.2	0.0	1.8
Timber: (a) Carpentry	6.1	103.4	104.1	104.1	104.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.3
(b) Joinery	2.4	97.2	97.3	97.3	99.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	2.0
Steel sections & ironmongery for metal openings	4.9	101.9	102.7	102.8	104.7	0.4	0.7	0.1	1.9
Ceramic tiles	1.4	107.0	107.0	107.0	108.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Glass,putty and oil	0.8	104.1	105.0	105.6	107.7	0.0	0.9	0.6	2.0
Paint	1.9	126.2	126.3	126.4	127.6	3.5	0.1	0.0	1.0
Plumbing	2.1	101.9	104.0	107.9	110.0	0.3	2.1	3.8	1.9
Sanitary installation	2.0	104.7	106.8	107.0	109.7	1.2	1.9	0.2	2.5
Electrical installation	3.2	103.8	104.9	108.7	111.6	2.3	1.1	3.6	2.7
Other	2.7	106.7	107.3	107.9	108.7	0.9	0.6	0.5	0.7
TRANSPORT	4.5	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Overall index and change	100.0	106.2	106.7	107.0	108.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.2

Chart 1: Monthly sub-indices for the main input categories, July 1995 - June 1996



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Cost Price Index for the construction of a single storey house (Input Price Index)
(Base : 4th Quarter 1993 = 100)

Table B3: Percentage change from corresponding month of previous year by work categories, January 1996 to June 1996

Work Categories	Weight	Jan 95 to Jan-96	Feb 95 to Feb-96	Mar 95 to Mar-96	Apr 95 to Apr-96	May 95 to May-96	Jun 95 to Jun-96
1. Setting up	2.9	8.8	8.8	8.8	8.7	8.4	12.9
2. Setting out	0.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.7	1.7	2.8
3. Temporary works	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.3	0.3	2.8
4. Site preparation,excavation & disposal,hardcore filling	5.5	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	2.2
5. Concrete	20.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.6
6. Reinforcement	8.3	1.4	1.3	3.0	3.0	4.2	6.2
7. Formwork (coffrage)	9.8	1.7	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.6
8. Blockwork	7.6	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.7	0.7	6.9
9. Softwood joinery	2.8	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	0.4	0.9	4.9
10. Ironmongery	0.9	5.8	5.8	5.8	2.8	2.8	3.5
11. Steel windows & doors	5.3	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	6.4
12. Rendering to wall/ceiling (crepissage)	9.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	3.1
13. Bed & screed to floor/roof	4.1	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	4.1
14. Tiling	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.2	1.8	1.8	2.2
15. Glazing	1.0	1.8	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5	6.2
16. Painting	4.3	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.6	1.4	2.5
17. Plumbing/sanitary inst.	5.9	4.6	5.1	4.7	4.7	4.8	7.5
18. Electrical installation	5.1	3.2	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	8.8
19. Drainage	2.6	2.2	2.2	1.5	0.8	0.8	4.4
OVERALL CHANGE	100.0	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.1	4.9

Cost Price Index for the construction of a single storey house (Input Price Index)
(Base : 4th Quarter 1993 = 100)

Table B5 : Quarterly average of monthly indices and percentage changes by work categories, July 1995 - June 1996

Work Categories	Weight	Quarterly average				% change from previous quarter			
		3rd Qr 95	4th Qr 95	1st Qr 96	2nd Qr 96	3rd Qr 95	4th Qr 95	1st Qr 96	2nd Qr 96
1. Setting up	2.9	104.1	111.9	111.9	113.5	0.9	7.5	0.0	1.4
2. Setting out	0.5	105.6	105.8	105.8	106.2	1.5	0.2	0.0	0.4
3. Temporary works	1.1	103.7	103.6	103.6	104.4	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.8
4. Site preparation,excavation & disposal,hardcore filling	5.5	105.8	105.8	105.8	105.9	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.1
5. Concrete	20.1	105.9	105.9	105.9	107.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	1.3
6. Reinforcement	8.3	108.3	108.4	109.0	111.8	1.2	0.1	0.5	2.6
7. Formwork, cofferage)	9.8	105.9	106.4	106.4	106.4	0.9	0.4	0.0	0.1
8. Blockwork	7.6	109.9	109.9	109.9	112.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	2.0
9. Softwood joinery	2.8	98.6	98.7	98.7	100.3	0.3	0.1	0.0	1.7
10. Ironmongery	0.9	110.9	111.2	112.6	112.8	1.2	0.3	1.2	0.2
11. Steel windows & doors	5.3	102.3	103.0	103.1	104.9	0.6	0.7	0.1	1.7
12. Rendering to wall/ceiling (crepsage)	9.8	106.0	106.1	106.1	106.5	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.4
13. Bed & screed to floor/roof	4.1	104.5	104.5	104.5	105.7	0.7	0.1	0.0	1.1
14. Tiling	2.4	107.2	107.4	107.4	108.1	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.7
15. Glazing	1.0	104.7	105.4	105.9	107.6	0.3	0.7	0.5	1.6
16. Painting	4.3	115.9	116.0	116.0	116.4	3.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
17. Plumbing/sanitary inst.	5.9	104.3	105.8	107.3	108.9	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.5
18. Electrical installation	5.1	104.8	105.6	107.9	109.9	2.2	0.7	2.2	1.8
19. Drainage	2.6	105.8	105.9	105.9	107.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.2
Overall index and change	100.0	106.2	106.7	107.0	108.2	1.2	0.5	0.3	1.2

**Description of the model used for establishing the
Construction Price Index**

The model used is a single storey (ground floor) detached house of 108.75 square metres (1,171 square feet) in floor area measured at plinth level to the external face of the external walls.

It comprises two bedrooms, a living-dining room, a kitchen, w.c. and bathroom. The building has concrete block walls, reinforced concrete flat roof, internal flush plywood doors, glazed metal openings, screeded floor and roof, tiling to floor and walls of w.c. and bathroom and kitchen worktop; the ceilings and walls are rendered and painted both internally and externally. Plumbing, sanitary installation and electrical installation are included as well as drainage which is to be connected to the sewerage system. Site works are restricted to spreading and levelling surplus excavated material around the site.

The Index excludes the cost of the building permit and the draughtman's fee; these two items represent 0.2 % and 1.0% of the total cost respectively.

It is assumed that although the house is not constructed by a contractor, the client has recourse to the services of a foreman.