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## FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

### A comparison of independent forecasts, October 2002

This edition of the comparison contains 17 new forecasts. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2002 and 2003 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2002	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		October range		
	October	September	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.6	1.6	0.6	2.0	1.6
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.5	2.1
- RPI ex MIPs	2.1	2.2	1.5	2.6	2.2
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.97	0.98	0.90	1.10	0.97
Current account (£bn)	-20.3	-21.4	-26.8	-14.1	-19.2
PSNB** (2002-03: £bn)	13.2	12.7	8.0	20.1	13.4
Forecasts for 2003	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		October range		
	October	September	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.5	2.6	-0.3	3.1	2.4
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.8	2.8	1.6	4.0	2.7
- RPI ex MIPs	2.4	2.4	1.7	3.3	2.4
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.98	0.98	0.80	1.25	0.99
Current account (£bn)	-22.5	-23.4	-36.7	-13.8	-22.6
PSNB** (2003-04: £bn)	17.2	16.6	7.0	24.3	17.7

<sup>+</sup> Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (October: 17 Institutions, September: 8 Institutions, August: 6 Institutions).

\*Based on new forecasts received for the comparison this month

\*\*PSNB: Public Sector Net Borrowing (Treasury forecast excluding windfall taxes institutions, and associated spending).

Note: All the averages exclude non-standard entries (see footnotes a to ff).

## GDP &amp; its components, at constant prices

Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise

Forecasters & date of forecasts		GDP	Consumption Private Govt.	Fixed Invm.	Change in Inventories	Domestic demand	Exports (goods & services)	Imports	Net trade Contribution to GDP	
<b>City forecasters</b>										
Bank of America	Sep	1.3	3.3	3.8	-3.4	0.1	2.4	-	-	-1.1
Barclays Capital	Oct*	1.5	3.5	4.5	-4.9	-1.4	2.0	-0.3	1.1	-0.5
Bridgewell	Oct*	2.0	3.6	4.7	-4.3	-1.2	2.2	0.2	1.3	-0.5
Capital Economics	Sep	1.5	3.2	5.0	-2.5	1.0	2.7	-3.5	0.5	-1.2
Citigroup	Sep	1.7	3.7	3.6	-2.3	-0.1	2.5	-0.4	1.8	-0.9
Credit Lyonnais	Sep	1.5	3.5	3.6	-3.1	0.7	2.4	-1.0	1.7	-1.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Sep	1.8	3.6	4.5	-3.5	1.2	2.6	-0.8	2.0	-1.1
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	1.5	3.6	4.0	-3.5	-0.3	2.4	-1.3	1.4	-0.9
Deutsche Bank	Oct*	1.5	3.7	4.4	-4.7	0.0	2.4	-0.7	1.6	-0.9
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	1.5	3.3	3.1	-0.2	0.7	2.5	-3.0	0.8	-1.2
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	0.6	3.0	3.8	-6.0	-1.3	1.4	-1.7	0.7	-0.9
Friends, Ivory and Sime <sup>1</sup>	Sep	2.0	3.0	4.6	-2.0	1.0	3.0	-	-	-1.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.0	3.1	3.1	-0.7	-	2.3	1.5	2.0	-0.4
Goldman Sachs	Aug	1.7	3.5	4.4	-2.8	0.6	2.6	0.2	2.8	-1.1
Hermes	Oct*	1.5	3.5	4.0	-4.9	-1.0	2.0	0.4	1.7	-0.5
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	1.6	3.5	3.8	-3.0	0.2	2.4	-1.4	1.3	-0.7
ING Financial Markets	May	2.0	3.2	3.5	0.7	1.0	2.7	0.0	2.2	-0.9
J P Morgan	Sep	1.6	3.7	4.4	-2.0	-1.1	2.7	-1.5	1.3	-1.0
Lehman Brothers	Oct*	1.8	3.9	4.0	-4.2	0.4	2.5	-0.7	1.4	-0.8
Lombard St	Oct*	1.8	3.7	5.0	-5.0	1.1	2.6	-1.0	1.4	-0.9
Merrill Lynch	Jun	2.2	3.6	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	1.4	3.2	5.6	-3.9	0.9	2.4	-0.9	1.8	-1.3
RBSFM	Aug	1.6	3.0	4.9	-2.9	0.7	2.3	-0.8	1.5	-0.7
Standard Chartered	Aug	1.4	2.4	5.5	1.0	-1.0	2.4	-2.5	2.0	-1.0
UBS Warburg	Aug	1.6	2.1	4.0	-3.4	-	2.5	-2.0	0.9	-1.1
WestLB AG	Oct*	1.5	3.3	4.5	-4.0	0.2	2.3	-0.3	1.3	-0.6
Williams de Broe	Oct*	1.6	3.5	3.8	-3.1	-0.6	2.3	-0.4	1.7	-1.0
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
Cambridge Econ	Jun	1.7	3.3	3.7	-0.6	-0.8	2.4	-1.3	1.1	-0.9
CBI	Oct*	1.5	2.9	4.0	-1.4	0.1	2.3	-0.2	2.1	-0.9
CEBR	Jul	1.5	2.8	2.7	0.6	1.5	2.4	-1.8	1.2	-
DRI-WEFA	Aug	1.7	3.1	3.0	-0.1	-	2.6	0.0	2.3	-0.8
EBS <sup>2</sup>	Sep	1.4	3.3	3.4	-2.4	0.5	2.4	-1.7	1.3	-1.3
EIU	Oct*	1.6	3.3	3.7	-5.1	1.6	2.1	-0.4	1.3	-0.6
ITEM Club	May	1.7	3.5	3.1	-0.3	-0.1	2.7	-1.3	1.6	-1.1
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	1.8	2.6 c	5.9 d	1.7 e	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug	1.9	2.7	4.5	-1.8	1.7	2.4	-0.1	1.6	-
OEF	Oct*	1.5	3.6	4.0	-4.5	-0.5	2.2	-0.7	1.3	-0.8
EC	May	2.0	2.6	3.3	2.1	-0.1 h	2.6	1.1	2.8	-0.7
OECD	May	1.9	3.1	2.8	-0.2	0.1	2.5	0.7	2.6	-0.8
IMF	Oct*	1.7	3.5	2.9	-1.9	-	2.5	-0.8	1.3	-0.8
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Independent		1.6	3.3	4.2	-3.2	0.1	2.4	-0.9	1.5	-0.9
New (marked *)		1.6	3.5	4.2	-4.0	-0.1	2.2	-0.6	1.4	-0.8
City		1.6	3.3	4.4	-3.4	0.0	2.4	-1.0	1.5	-0.9
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Highest		2.0	3.9	5.6	1.0	1.7	3.0	0.4	2.8	-0.5
Lowest		0.6	2.1	2.9	-6.0	-1.4	1.4	-3.5	0.5	-1.3
HM Treasury	Apr	2-2½	3-3½	3¼	1½-2	0.9 - 1.6	2¾-3¼	-1½to-1	1-1½	-

<sup>1</sup>Previously Royal & Sun Alliance<sup>2</sup>Previously BSL

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2002 Inflation and monetary indicators						October 2002	Table 2
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise							M4
	RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)	BoE Repo Rate(Q4,%)	Oil price(\$)		
<b>City forecasters</b>								
Bank of America	Sep	-	2.2	4.0	-	4.00	25.0	6.4
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.3	2.4	3.7	106.9	4.00	-	-
Bridgewell	Oct*	2.5	2.5	4.2	104.4	4.00	-	8.9
Capital Economics	Sep	1.2	1.9	3.5	104.0	4.00	21.5	6.0
Citigroup	Sep	2.1	2.1	3.7	104.5	4.00	24.0	-
Credit Lyonnais	Sep	2.0	2.1	3.7	103.0	4.00	24.5	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Sep	1.9	2.1	3.5	105.0	4.00	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	2.0	2.0	4.0	103.7	4.00	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Oct*	2.2	2.3	3.8	105.8	3.85	26.8	6.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.4	2.3	3.5	-	4.50	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	1.6	1.8	3.8	103.0	4.00	25.0	7.0
Friends, Ivory and Sime	Sep	2.0	2.4	4.2	-	4.00	-	6.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.3	2.4	4.0	103.9	5.00	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug	1.4	1.9	3.9	102.0	-	22.9	4.3 jk
Hermes	Oct*	2.5	2.3	3.6	107.0	3.75	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	1.5	2.1	3.9	107.0	4.00	28.0	-
ING Financial Markets	May	2.7	2.3	3.6	106.5	4.50	22.0	7.5
J P Morgan	Sep	2.1	2.5	-	-	4.00	24.6	-
Lehman Brothers	Oct*	2.5	2.5	3.8	104.6	4.00	26.0	-
Lombard St	Oct*	2.3	2.5	4.5	105.0	4.00	28.0	6.2
Merrill Lynch	Jun	2.5	2.5	4.0	-	5.00	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	2.2	2.3	4.1	102.1	4.00	-	-
RBSFM	Aug	1.9	2.0	4.0	105.5	4.00	24.5	-
Standard Chartered	Aug	1.7	1.6	3.5	102.0	4.00	24.0	5.0
UBS Warburg	Aug	2.1	1.8	4.2	-	4.50	22.5	-
WestLB AG	Oct*	2.0	2.3	4.3	106.0	4.00	26.0	6.0
Williams de Broe	Oct*	1.6	1.8	3.9	105.5	4.00	25.6	6.2
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Jun	1.7 k	2.4 k	3.5 n	105.5 k	4.10 ks	23.7	-
CBI	Oct*	1.9	2.1	3.7	105.0	4.00	23.8	-
CEBR	Jul	3.1	2.8	3.1	102.3	4.03	24.9	4.7
DRI-WEFA	Aug	2.4	2.6	3.4	-	4.25	-	6.0
EBS	Sep	2.0	2.1	3.0	104.0	4.00	24.6	-
EIU	Oct*	1.7	2.1	4.1	106.9	4.00	25.2	-
ITEM Club	May	1.0	2.1	3.6	105.5	4.20	25.0	4.9
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	2.4	3.2	107.0	4.20	-	-
NIESR	Aug	2.2	2.2	4.2	105.3	4.10 ks	23.6	-
OEF	Oct*	2.0	2.0	4.0	105.9	4.00	25.7	5.9
EC	May	1.8 k	2.5 ak	4.3 n	106.3 k	4.10 k	-	-
OECD	May	-	2.3	4.6	-	4.20 ks	-	-
IMF	Oct*	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.0	2.1	3.8	104.8	4.02	24.8	6.3
New (marked *)		2.1	2.2	3.9	105.4	3.99	26.0	6.6
City		2.0	2.1	3.9	104.6	4.00	24.9	6.4
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		2.5	2.6	4.5	107.0	4.50	28.0	8.9
Lowest		1.2	1.5	3.0	102.0	3.75	21.5	5.0
HM Treasury	Apr	-	2¼	-	-	-	-	-

## Other variables

Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		RHDI	Employment	Claimant unemp. (Q4-mns)	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£ bn)	PSNB (£bn 02-03)
<b>City forecasters</b>								
Bank of America	Sep	-	-	-	0.9	-	-22.6	-
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.3	0.1	0.96	-3.6	-	-16.2	12.0 cc
Bridgewell	Oct*	2.4	0.0	0.94	-3.6	-	-14.1	17.6
Capital Economics	Sep	2.5	0.1	1.00	-3.0	3.0	-22.0	14.0
Citigroup	Sep	4.4	0.2	0.95	-4.3	-	-24.6	16.6
Credit Lyonnais	Sep	-	-	0.95	-3.6	4.0	-21.5	13.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Sep	2.5	0.0	1.00	-2.8	-	-18.0	9.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	1.9	0.2	0.94	-	-	-21.8	13.0
Deutsche Bank	Oct*	2.4	-	0.95	-3.4	-	-17.5	8.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.5	-0.1	1.03	-2.9	-	-23.0	6.0
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	1.9	-0.4	1.10	-4.0	2.0	-23.0	13.0
Friends, Ivory and Sime	Sep	3.0	0.2	0.95	-3.0	-	-20.0	12.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	-	-	1.01	-	-	-21.0	10.6
Goldman Sachs	Aug	3.1	0.3	0.95	-2.2	-	-24.8	13.4
Hermes	Oct*	-	-0.1	0.95	-	-	-17.0	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	4.1	0.2	1.00	-3.9	2.4	-17.4	22.0 cc
ING Financial Markets	May	2.6	0.1	1.00	-2.6	1.3	-20.7	7.6
J P Morgan	Sep	-	-	0.95	-	-	-22.6	15.0
Lehman Brothers	Oct*	3.6	0.1	0.90	-3.4	0.0	-22.2	9.0
Lombard St	Oct*	3.8	0.2	0.95	-	-	-18.2	16.0 cc
Merrill Lynch	Jun	-	-	-	-2.5	-	-26.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	0.8	0.1	1.00	-4.2	-	-20.0	11.0
RBSFM	Aug	1.9	0.6	0.95	-3.3	1.9	-21.1	13.9
Standard Chartered	Aug	2.2	-0.2	1.05	-3.5	1.5	-25.0	13.0
UBS Warburg	Aug	-	-	1.00	-3.0	-	-21.0	12.0
WestLB AG	Oct*	2.3	0.6	0.94	-5.0	3.0	-17.0	-
Williams de Broe	Oct*	-	0.1	0.94	-3.9	2.9	-19.1	15.9
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.6	0.2	1.10 k	-2.5	1.7 hh	-25.0	8.2 kcc
CBI	Oct*	1.8	0.1	1.03	-3.3	2.8	-20.1	20.1
CEBR	Jul	2.3	0.1	1.01	-2.9	-	-21.9	14.0
DRI-WEFA	Aug	3.1	0.6	3.30 x	-2.5	-	-21.4	9.5
EBS	Sep	2.5	0.0	1.00	-3.9	3.4	-19.0	15.5
EIU	Oct*	2.5	0.3	0.94	-3.4	3.0	-20.4	-
ITEM Club	May	2.3	0.0	0.95	-3.2	0.0	-20.3	10.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	-	0.97	-	-	-26.8	6.1 cc
NIESR	Aug	2.6	0.4	0.96	-2.7	2.6 w	-18.2	1.3 gk
OEF	Oct*	2.3	0.2	0.94	-3.8	2.3	-16.3	13.1
EC	May	-	0.2	5.30 aa	-	2.9	-2.5 g	0.2 g
OECD	May	-	0.3	5.30 aa	-	-	-1.9 g	0.8 gk
IMF	Oct*	-	-0.3	5.20 aa	-	-	-2.1 g	0.8 gk
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.6	0.1	0.97	-3.3	2.5	-20.3	13.2
New (marked *)		2.5	0.1	0.97	-3.8	2.3	-19.2	13.4
City		2.7	0.1	0.97	-3.3	2.3	-20.3	12.9
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		4.4	0.6	1.10	0.9	4.0	-14.1	20.1
Lowest		0.8	-0.4	0.90	-5.0	0.0	-26.8	8.0
HM Treasury	Apr	1¼ -1¾	-	-	-3 to -2½	2¼	-25¾	10

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Table 4

## GDP &amp; its components, at constant prices

Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise

Forecasters & date of forecasts		Consumption		Fixed Invm.	Change in Inventories	Domestic demand (£bn)	Exports	Imports	Net trade Contribution to GDP	
		GDP	Private Govt.							
<b>City forecasters</b>										
Bank of America	Sep	2.0	2.0	3.1	2.9	0.2	2.5	-	-	-0.6
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.1	2.5	3.1	-3.1	1.8	2.0	5.3	4.6	-0.1
Bridgewell	Oct*	2.8	2.0	4.3	1.8	0.0	2.5	5.9	4.8	0.1
Capital Economics	Sep	2.5	1.5	4.0	2.0	0.6	1.9	4.5	2.5	0.4
Citigroup	Sep	2.8	2.5	2.4	3.2	0.8	2.7	8.9	4.2	0.1
Credit Lyonnais	Sep	2.6	2.8	3.2	3.2	2.0	3.1	6.2	6.8	-0.7
Credit Suisse First Boston	Sep	2.8	3.0	3.4	2.5	2.1	3.1	5.5	5.5	-0.4
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	2.7	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.4	3.2	5.7	6.4	-0.5
Deutsche Bank	Oct*	2.5	3.2	3.0	2.4	1.8	3.4	4.0	5.7	-1.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.7	2.4	3.2	3.6	1.3	2.8	5.1	5.4	-0.4
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	-0.3	0.3	3.1	-6.4	-1.4	-0.2	-0.9	0.7	0.0
Friends, Ivory and Sime	Sep	3.0	2.5	4.3	0.4	0.5	2.8	-	-	0.2
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.1	2.9	3.6	5.1	-	3.6	7.0	7.6	-0.5
Goldman Sachs	Aug	2.9	3.0	3.1	6.2	3.3	3.8	7.5	9.0	-1.1
Hermes	Oct*	2.5	2.7	2.9	0.1	-0.3	2.4	4.8	4.0	0.0
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.8	1.1	2.6	5.2	5.2	-0.2
ING Financial Markets	May	3.3	3.2	3.9	6.3	2.5	4.0	6.8	8.1	-1.0
J P Morgan	Sep	3.1	3.5	5.6	3.9	-1.3	3.9	5.9	4.6	0.1
Lehman Brothers	Oct*	2.8	4.1	3.6	2.1	4.3	4.1	3.4	6.6	-1.5
Lombard St	Oct*	3.1	3.2	4.0	1.0	1.5	3.0	5.0	4.5	-0.1
Merrill Lynch	Jun	3.2	2.8	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	2.7	2.6	6.8	3.2	1.2	3.7	7.1	8.5	-1.2
RBSFM	Aug	2.8	2.5	3.5	3.9	2.0	3.0	6.4	6.4	-0.2
Standard Chartered	Aug	2.2	2.0	3.5	3.5	1.0	2.4	1.0	2.0	-0.2
UBS Warburg	Aug	2.4	2.2	2.3	0.9	-	2.1	8.9	7.2	0.1
WestLB AG	Oct*	2.5	2.5	3.8	2.5	1.3	2.8	5.8	5.8	-0.4
Williams de Broe	Oct*	2.8	1.9	2.4	9.4	1.2	3.4	7.6	8.3	-0.9
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.0	0.2	3.0	7.5	7.1	-0.4
CBI	Oct*	2.7	1.8	3.1	4.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.0	-0.3
CEBR	Jul	2.3	1.6	2.7	1.7	1.8	1.9	5.9	4.6	-
DRI-WEFA	Aug	2.7	2.7	3.5	4.1	-	3.2	7.7	7.5	-0.3
EBS	Sep	2.4	2.0	2.3	5.5	2.4	2.9	4.7	5.5	-0.7
EIU	Oct*	1.8	1.7	3.2	0.8	3.0	2.0	4.0	3.9	-0.2
ITEM Club	May	2.8	3.0	4.0	2.1	0.2	3.2	6.5	6.8	-0.6
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	2.6	2.0 c	6.1 d	0.8 e	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug	2.7	2.9	3.2	3.7	2.2	3.1	5.3	6.0	-
OEF	Oct*	2.6	3.0	3.1	1.9	1.7	3.1	5.3	6.0	-0.7
EC	May	3.0	2.8	3.3	3.7	0.2 h	3.2	5.9	6.1	-0.5
OECD	May	2.8	2.5	4.0	3.3	0.0	2.9	8.8	8.3	-0.4
IMF	Oct*	2.4	2.4	1.7	3.3	-	2.4	4.4	3.9	-0.1
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Independent		2.5	2.5	3.4	2.5	1.4	2.8	5.3	5.3	-0.4
New (marked *)		2.4	2.5	3.4	1.8	1.4	2.7	4.7	5.1	-0.4
City		2.5	2.5	3.6	2.2	1.1	2.8	5.4	5.4	-0.4
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Highest		3.1	4.1	6.8	9.4	4.3	4.1	8.9	9.0	0.4
Lowest		-0.3	0.3	1.7	-6.4	-1.4	-0.2	-0.9	0.7	-1.5
HM Treasury	Apr	3-3½	2¼ - 2¾	3¼	5¾ - 6¼	0.1-1.7	3-3½	7¾ - 8¼	6½ - 7	-

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Table 5

## Inflation and monetary indicators

Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise

Forecasters & date of forecasts		RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)	BoE Repo Rate(Q4,%)	Oil price(\$)	M4
<b>City forecasters</b>								
Bank of America	Sep	-	2.4	3.9	-	4.00	25.5	6.2
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.4	2.2	3.7	109.5	4.75	-	-
Bridgewell	Oct*	4.0	3.3	5.3	99.2	5.25	-	7.7
Capital Economics	Sep	1.6	2.1	4.3	100.5	4.75	20.0	7.0
Citigroup	Sep	4.0	3.2	4.8	102.4	5.60	24.0	-
Credit Lyonnais	Sep	2.7	2.3	4.5	99.0	4.50	25.2	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Sep	3.0	2.5	4.5	105.0	5.00	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	3.0	2.1	4.2	100.9	5.00	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Oct*	2.6	2.3	4.4	103.2	4.20	22.0	6.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.5	2.3	4.2	-	5.00	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	2.1	1.7	3.5	101.0	4.00	21.0	6.0
Friends, Ivory and Sime	Sep	2.7	2.6	4.8	-	4.75	-	7.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.3	2.7	4.8	99.9	5.25	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug	3.2	2.4	4.6	97.0	-	23.0	4.1 jk
Hermes	Oct*	2.2	2.2	4.6	105.0	4.50	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	2.6	2.6	4.8	106.6	4.00	25.0	-
ING Financial Markets	May	2.8	2.1	4.2	107.1	4.75	20.0	7.2
J P Morgan	Sep	2.3	2.4	-	-	5.00	24.5	-
Lehman Brothers	Oct*	3.4	2.4	4.7	99.5	5.75	27.0	-
Lombard St	Oct*	3.1	3.3	5.1	100.0	5.00	25.0	7.5
Merrill Lynch	Jun	2.0	2.5	4.7	-	5.00	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	3.0	2.5	4.6	100.0	4.50	-	-
RBSFM	Aug	3.2	2.6	5.0	103.4	4.92	25.5	-
Standard Chartered	Aug	2.5	2.3	4.0	98.0	4.50	23.0	6.0
UBS Warburg	Aug	2.9	2.4	4.5	-	4.50	20.0	-
WestLB AG	Oct*	2.3	2.3	4.5	102.0	4.75	24.0	6.0
Williams de Broe	Oct*	2.1	1.9	4.3	99.1	4.80	29.0	7.9
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.6 k	2.3 k	4.5 n	102.7 k	5.10 ks	24.9	-
CBI	Oct*	2.8	2.4	4.6	103.6	4.50	25.4	-
CEBR	Jul	1.9	1.7	3.8	103.3	4.28	21.0	4.4
DRI-WEFA	Aug	3.6	2.5	4.2	-	5.50	-	6.9
EBS	Sep	2.2	1.9	3.3	100.6	4.50	25.6	-
EIU	Oct*	2.6	2.3	4.3	106.2	4.25	24.7	-
ITEM Club	May	2.2	2.1	4.6	100.9	5.10	25.0	5.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	2.2	4.0	110.2	4.70	-	-
NIESR	Aug	3.1	2.5	4.9	103.9	4.70 ks	22.1	-
OEF	Oct*	3.0	2.1	4.3	103.5	5.00	26.8	5.1
EC	May	2.7 k	2.5 ak	4.5 n	105.2 k	4.60 k	-	-
OECD	May	-	2.3	5.0	-	5.10 ks	-	-
IMF	Oct*	-	2.6	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.8	2.4	4.4	102.4	4.73	24.2	6.6
New (marked *)		2.7	2.4	4.4	103.1	4.68	25.0	6.6
City		2.8	2.4	4.5	101.6	4.73	24.0	6.7
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		4.0	3.3	5.3	110.2	5.75	29.0	7.9
Lowest		1.6	1.7	3.3	97.0	4.00	20.0	5.1
HM Treasury	Apr	-	2½	-	-	-	-	-

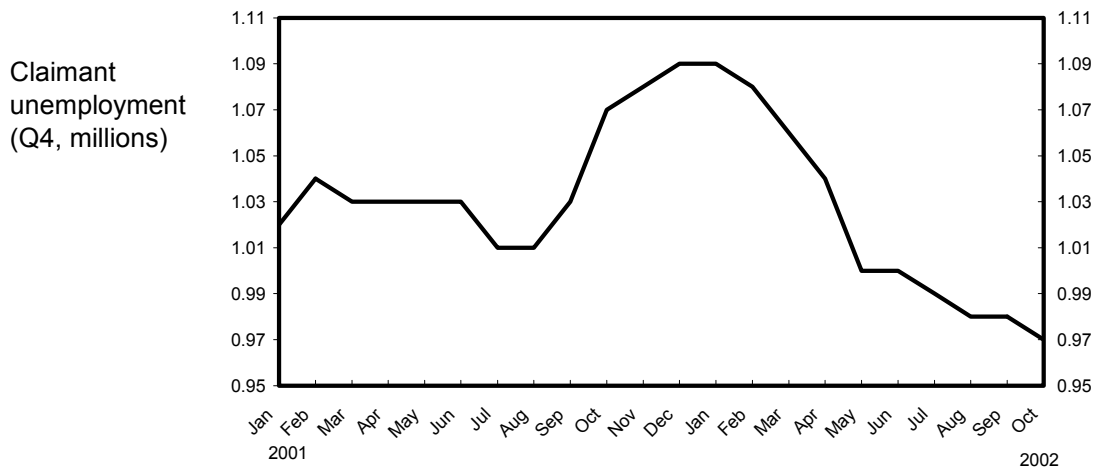
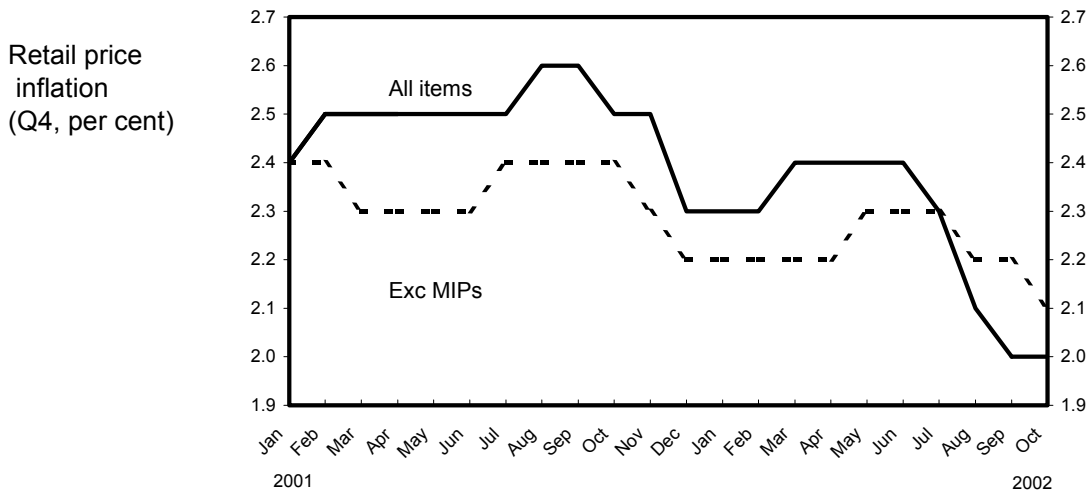
## Other variables

## Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		RHDI	Employment	Claimant unemp. (Q4-mns)	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£ bn)	PSNB (£bn 03-04)
<b>City forecasters</b>								
Bank of America	Sep	-	-	-	0.6	-	-21.6	-
Barclays Capital	Oct*	1.4	-0.3	1.06	3.0	-	-15.1	16.0 cc
Bridgwell	Oct*	1.1	0.4	0.99	1.9	-	-26.7	20.7
Capital Economics	Sep	3.0	0.1	1.00	3.0	6.0	-15.0	14.0
Citigroup	Sep	3.4	0.5	0.82	1.0	-	-28.1	24.3
Credit Lyonnais	Sep	-	-	0.95	2.0	5.0	-21.5	18.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Sep	2.6	0.5	1.00	1.7	-	-18.0	18.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	2.1	0.3	0.96	-	-	-28.3	17.0
Deutsche Bank	Oct*	2.8	-	1.00	2.1	-	-23.9	16.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.4	0.3	1.01	2.7	-	-26.2	9.2
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	0.9	-0.6	1.25	0.5	3.5	-19.0	24.0
Friends, Ivory and Sime	Sep	2.0	0.4	0.90	2.5	-	-16.0	18.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	-	-	0.98	-	-	-25.0	12.0
Goldman Sachs	Aug	3.4	0.7	0.90	3.3	-	-36.7	18.1
Hermes	Oct*	-	0.2	0.95	-	-	-19.0	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	3.1	-0.3	1.02	2.0	5.4	-16.0	26.0 cc
ING Financial Markets	May	2.8	0.5	0.90	3.4	7.8	-23.8	10.4
J P Morgan	Sep	-	-	0.95	-	-	-20.4	18.0
Lehman Brothers	Oct*	5.3	0.7	0.80	2.1	3.7	-28.3	15.0
Lombard St	Oct*	3.5	0.2	0.98	-	-	-18.2	24.0 cc
Merrill Lynch	Jun	-	-	-	3.2	-	-20.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	1.5	0.7	0.90	2.5	-	-21.0	7.0
RBSFM	Aug	2.1	0.7	1.01	3.3	5.7	-23.5	15.0
Standard Chartered	Aug	2.0	0.1	1.00	2.0	4.0	-28.0	16.0
UBS Warburg	Aug	-	-	1.00	2.4	-	-19.0	15.0
WestLB AG	Oct*	3.3	0.4	0.92	2.5	6.0	-20.0	-
Williams de Broe	Oct*	-	0.7	0.87	2.7	11.8	-32.8	21.4
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Jun	3.2	0.4	1.20 k	1.8	3.0 hh	-26.0	14.2 kcc
CBI	Oct*	1.9	0.5	1.01	2.3	5.0	-24.2	20.9
CEBR	Jul	1.6	-0.4	1.06	1.9	-	-21.6	24.3
DRI-WEFA	Aug	2.2	1.0	3.20 x	2.7	-	-24.1	11.5
EBS	Sep	2.6	-0.1	1.10	1.6	6.3	-17.6	17.3
EIU	Oct*	2.3	-0.1	1.02	1.5	6.7	-13.8	-
ITEM Club	May	2.7	0.4	0.90	1.9	6.7	-25.0	13.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	-	1.10	-	-	-34.4	10.7 cc
NIESR	Aug	3.5	0.6	1.02	2.5	7.8 w	-22.5	1.1 gk
OEF	Oct*	2.1	0.3	0.96	2.0	8.0	-21.4	17.0
EC	May	-	0.6	5.30 aa	-	6.6 w	-2.6 g	0.5 g
OECD	May	-	0.6	5.30 aa	-	-	-2.1 g	1.3 gk
IMF	Oct*	-	0.2	5.30 aa	-	-	-2.3 g	1.1 gk
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.5	0.3	0.98	2.1	5.9	-22.5	17.2
New (marked *)		2.4	0.2	0.99	2.1	6.3	-22.6	17.7
City		2.6	0.3	0.96	2.2	5.7	-22.4	17.4
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		5.3	1.0	1.25	3.3	11.8	-13.8	24.3
Lowest		0.9	-0.6	0.80	0.5	3.5	-36.7	7.0
HM Treasury	Apr	2 - 2½	-	-	2¼ - 2¾	8½	-23¾	13

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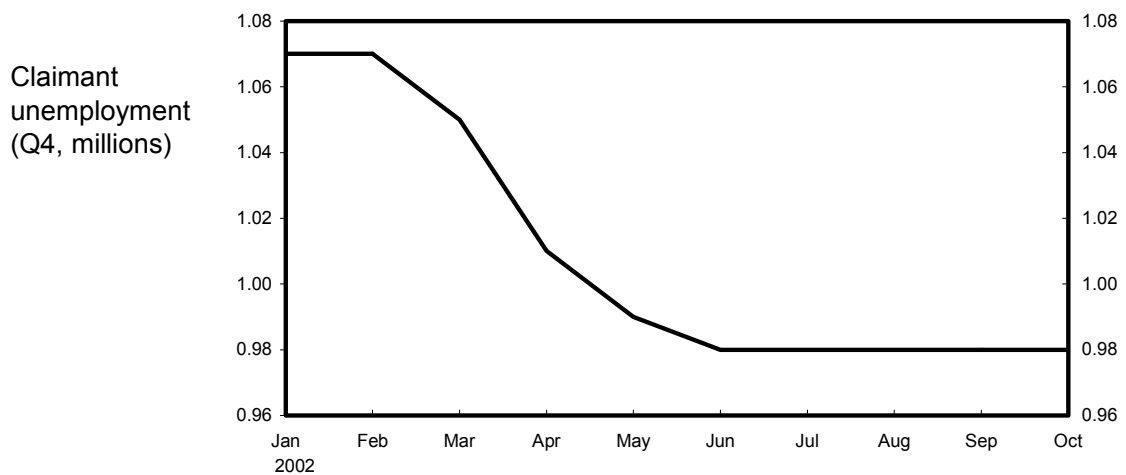
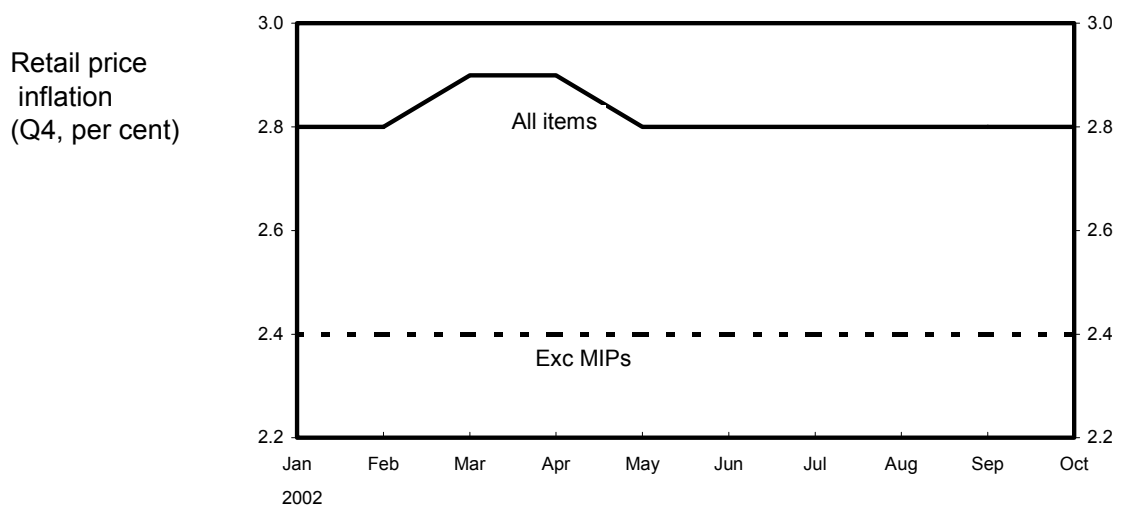
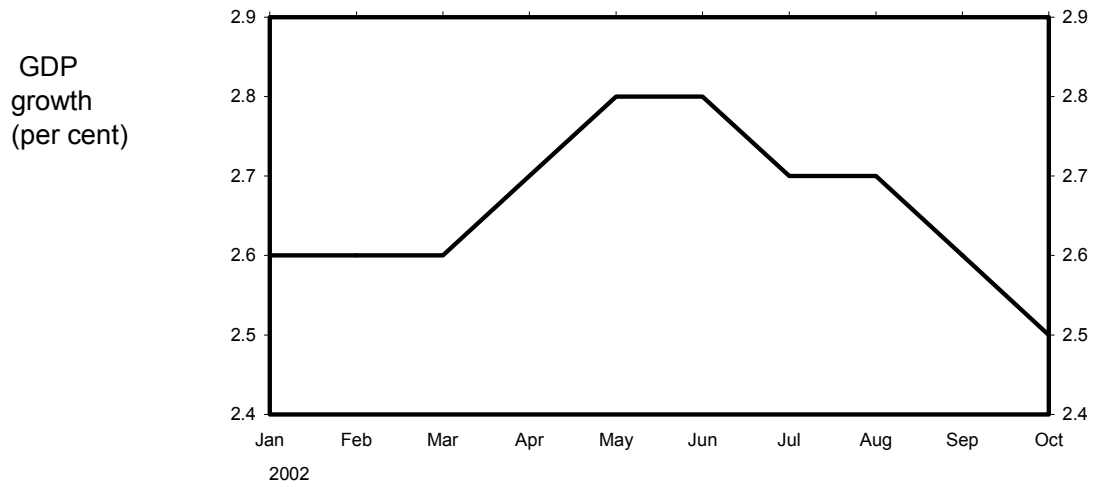
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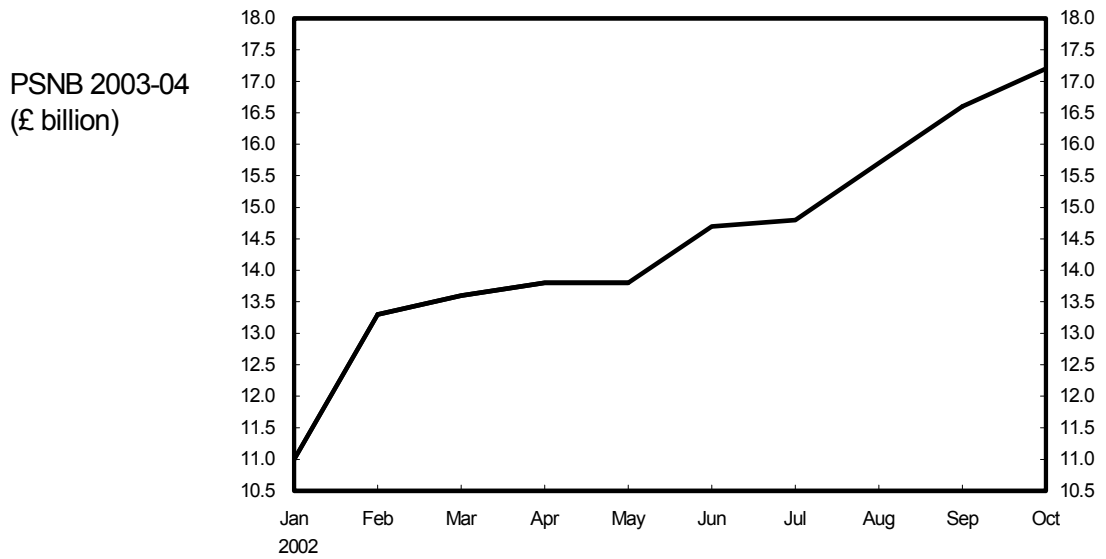
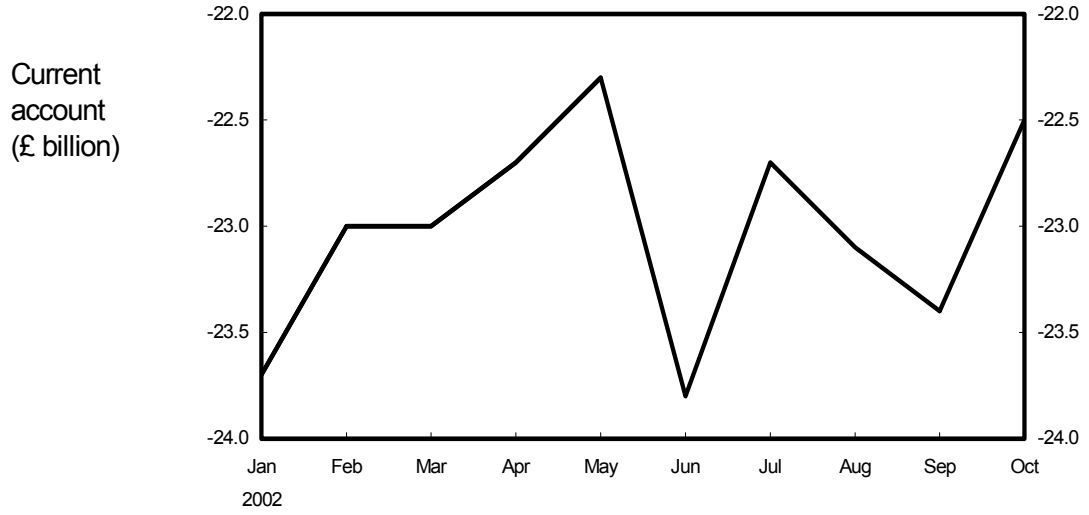
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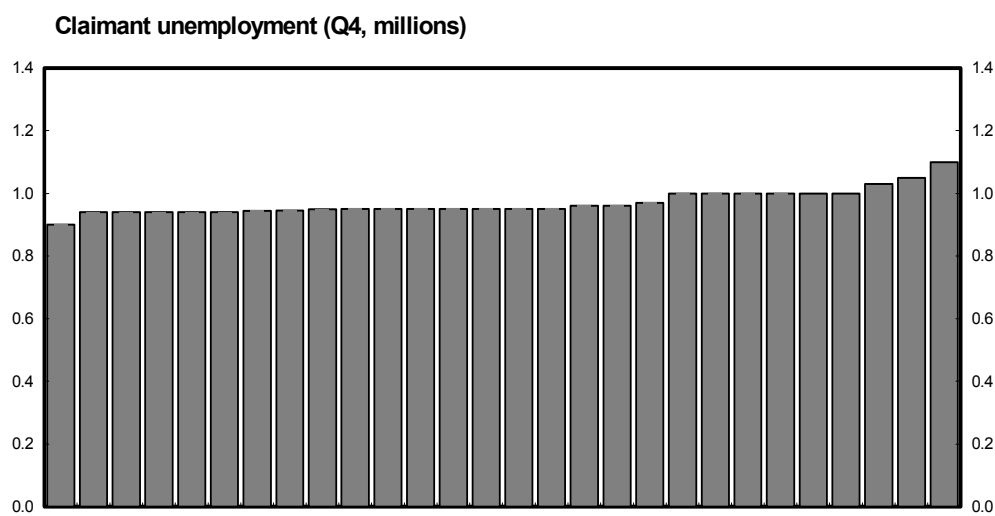
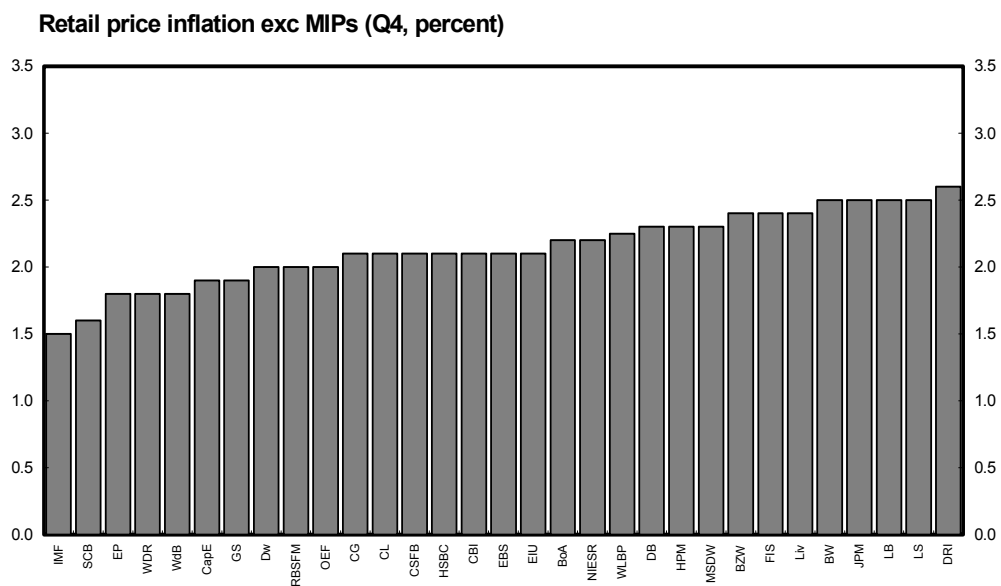
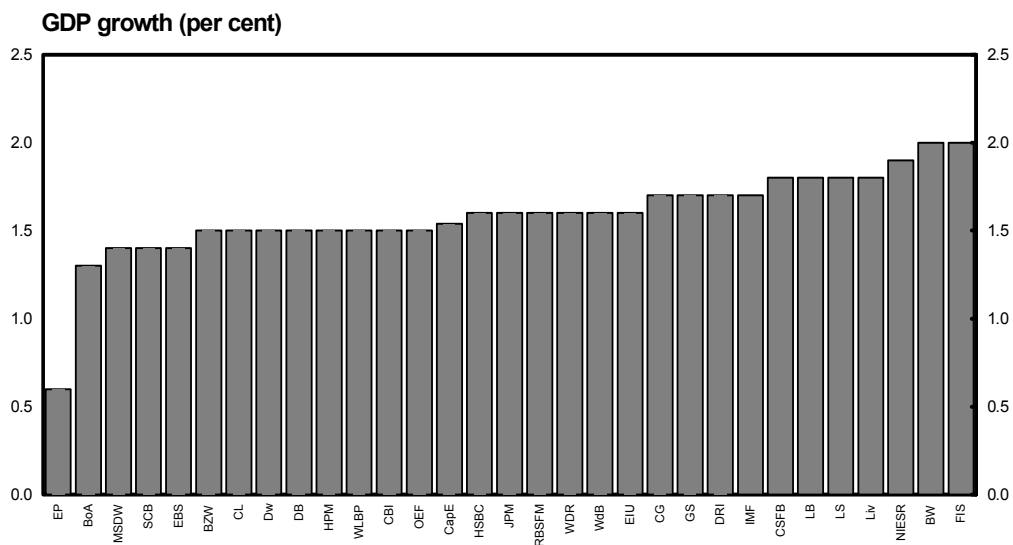
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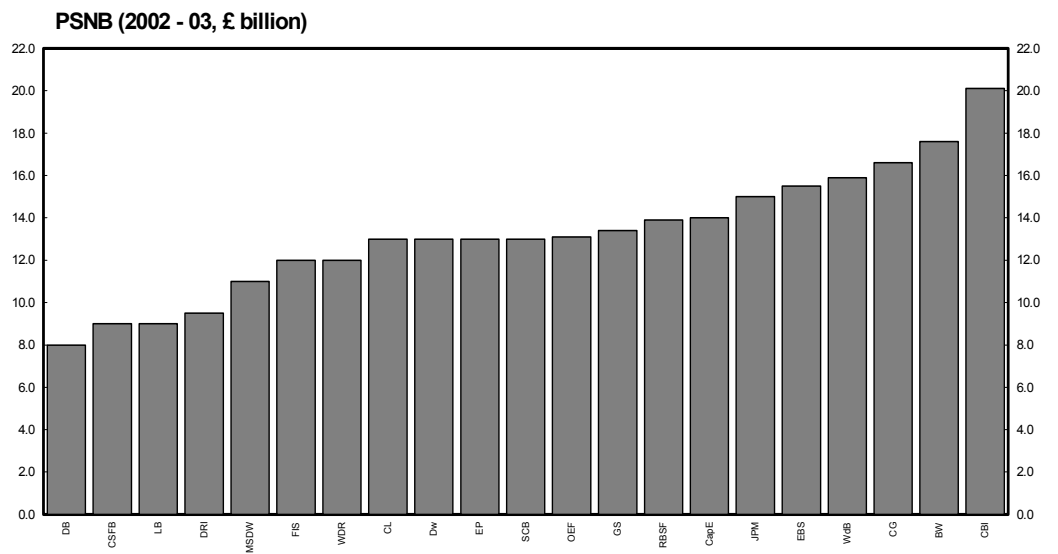
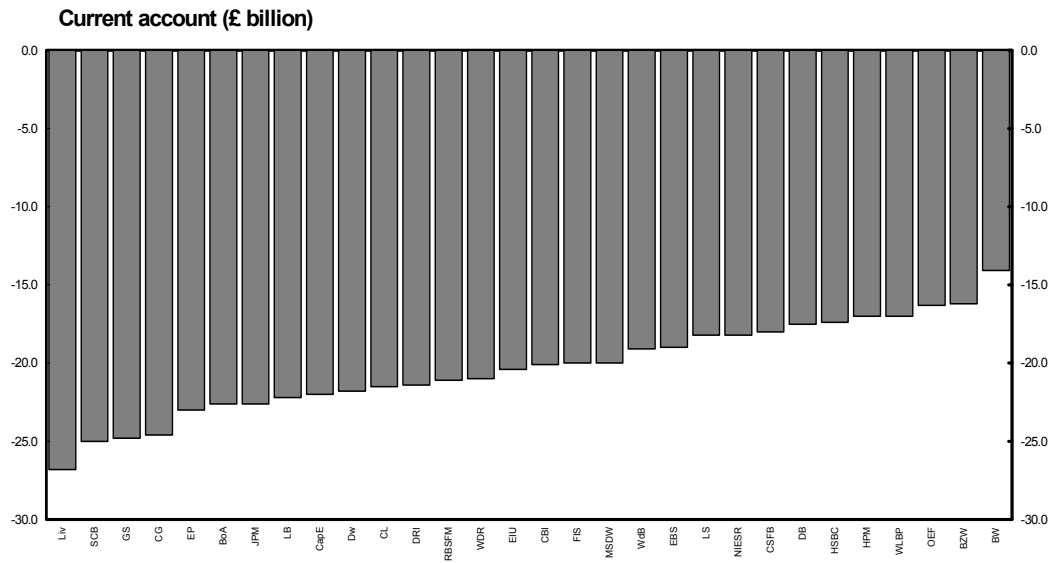
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### August 2002 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)

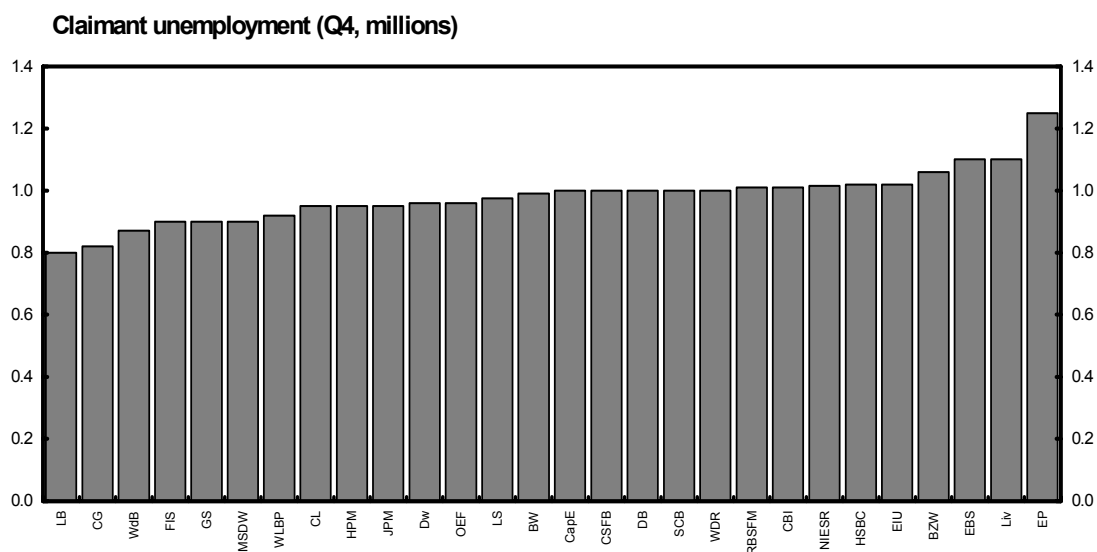
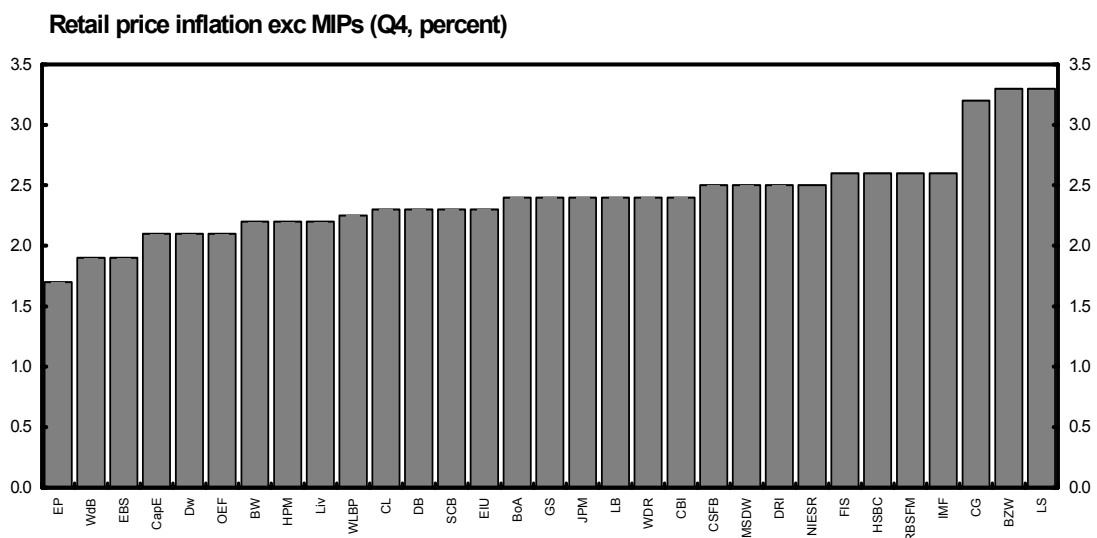
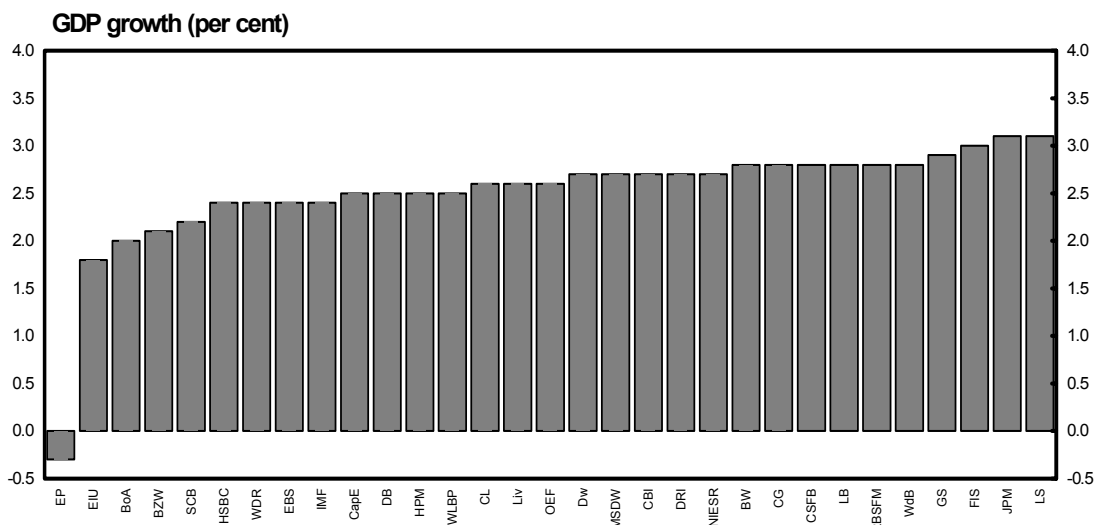


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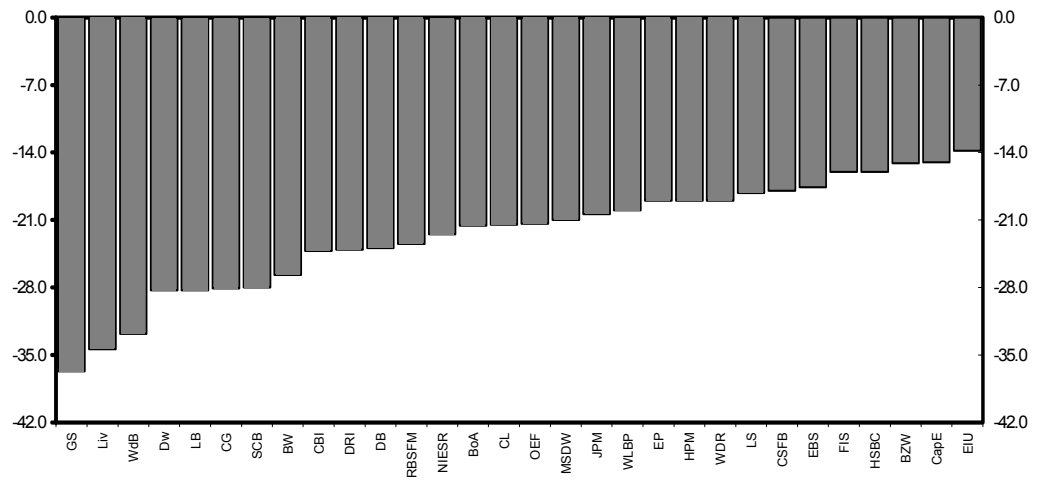
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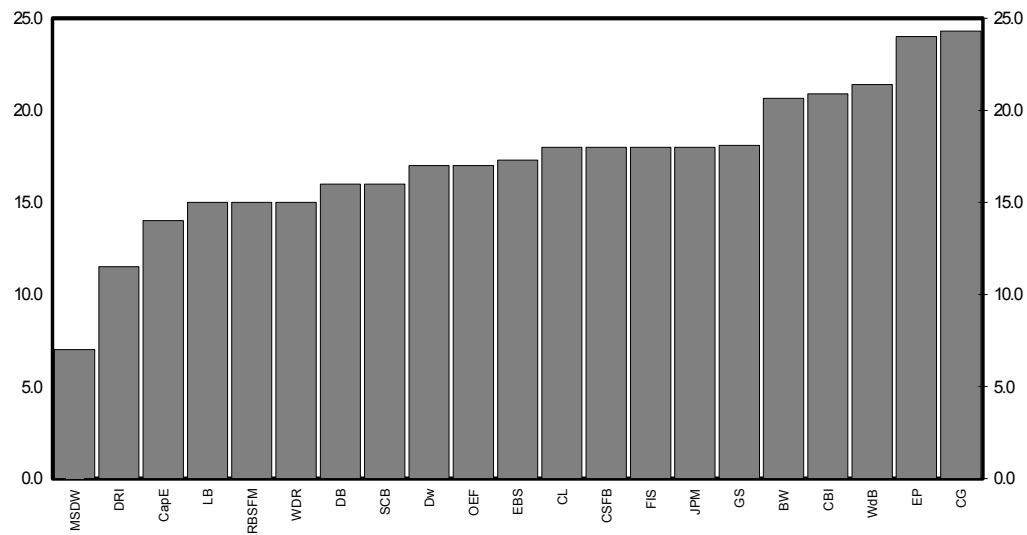
## Forecasts for 2003

### August 2002 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)

**Current account (£ billion)**



**PSNB (2003-04 £ billion)**



**ANNEX 1: Forecasting institutions referred to in charts and tables:**

BoA:	Bank of America
BW:	Bridgewell
BZW:	Barclays Capital
CamE:	Cambridge Econometrics
CapE:	Capital Economics Ltd
CG:	Citigroup
CBI:	Confederation of British Industry
CEBR:	Centre for Economics and Business Research Ltd
CL:	Credit Lyonnais
CSFB:	Credit Suisse First Boston
Dw:	Daiwa Europe Ltd/DIR
DB:	Deutsche Bank
DKW:	Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein
DRI:	Data Resources Inc. Europe
EBS:	Experian Business Strategies (previously BSL)
EC:	European Commission
EIU:	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP:	Economic Perspectives
FB:	Fortis Bank
FIS:	Friends, Ivory & Sime Plc (previously RSAI)
GS:	Goldman Sachs
	<b>HSBC: HSBC Economics and Strategy</b>
HPM:	Hermes Pension Management Ltd
ING:	ING Financial Markets
IMF:	International Monetary Fund
ITEM:	ITEM Club
JPM:	JP Morgan Chase
LB:	Lehman Brothers
Liv:	Liverpool Macro Research
LS:	Lombard Street Research Ltd
ML:	Merrill Lynch
MSDW:	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
NIESR:	National Institute for Economic and Social Research
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF:	Oxford Economic Forecasting
RBSFM:	Royal Bank Of Scotland Financial Markets
SCB:	Standard Chartered
WDR:	UBS Warburg
WLBP:	WestLB Panmure
WdB:	Williams de Broë

## Notation used in tables:

a:	consumers expenditure deflator
b:	underlying consumers expenditure deflator
c:	non-durable consumption
d:	current and capital expenditure, including stockbuilding
e:	private sector investment, stockbuilding and durable consumption
f:	investment and stockbuilding combined
g:	as a percentage of GDP
h:	contribution to GDP growth - per cent
i:	hourly rate
j:	end period
k:	calendar year
m:	non-oil trade
n:	wages and salaries divided by employees in employment
o:	consumer price deflator to Q4
p:	calculated from general government financial deficit figures adjusted for Privatisation proceeds
q:	forecast growth rates for Q4
r:	various definitions; refer to forecasters for details
s:	3 month interbank rate
t:	billions of dollars
u:	general government current and capital expenditure plus stockbuilding
v:	average of spot price of Brent crude and Dubai light crude
w:	UK export markets
x:	claimant unemployment rate
y:	derived from the consumer price index
z:	OECD real imports of goods and services
aa:	ILO unemployment rate
bb:	households only
cc:	PSNCR (Formerly PSBR)
dd:	harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP)
ee:	general government financial balance
ff:	gross disposable income deflated by implicit price of private consumption
gg:	1990 Prices
hh:	World GDP

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