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This edition of the comparison contains 29 new forecasts. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2000 and 2001 and show the average of this months new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2000	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		October range		
	October	September	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	3.0	3.0	2.7	3.3	3.0
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	3.1	3.2	1.8	3.6	3.1
- RPI exc MIPs	2.1	2.1	1.5	2.4	2.1
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.05	1.06	0.98	1.11	1.05
Current account (£bn)	-15.9	-16.9	-27.5	-9.0	-15.3
PSNB** (2000-01:£bn)	-15.5	-11.6	-28.0	-8.0	-16.5

Forecasts for 2001	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		October range		
	October	September	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.7	2.7	1.5	3.3	2.7
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.4	2.5	1.6	3.2	2.4
- RPI exc MIPs	2.4	2.4	1.3	3.7	2.4
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.98	1.02	0.84	1.10	0.99
Current account (£bn)	-18.2	-18.3	-28.2	-7.2	-17.6
PSNB** (2001-02: £bn)	-9.9	-8.5	-26.7	-1.9	-10.6

⁺ Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (October: institutions 29, September: institutions 3, August: institutions 1).

*Based on new forecasts received for the comparison this month

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

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

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2000				October 2000		Table 1		
	GDP & its components, at constant prices								
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise								
	GDP	Private Consumption	Government expenditure	Fixed Investment	Change in Inventories (£bn)	Domestic demand	Exports (goods & services)	Imports (services)	
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Oct*	3.0	3.6	1.9	2.0	1.9	3.5	7.8	8.5
Barclays Bank	Oct*	3.0	3.6	2.8	1.5	2.8	3.5	7.1	8.3
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.9	3.5	2.1	2.0	2.4	3.3	7.5	8.1
Capital Economics	Oct*	2.8	3.5	2.0	2.0	2.3	3.3	7.0	8.0
Charterhouse	Oct*	3.3	3.9	1.4	2.4	2.6	3.6	7.6	8.1
Chase Manhattan	Oct*	3.0	3.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	3.7	7.0	8.8
Credit Lyonnais	Oct*	2.9	3.4	2.5	1.9	2.1	3.4	7.6	8.5
Credit Suisse First Boston	Oct*	2.8	3.5	1.7	2.1	2.4	3.3	7.0	8.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	3.1	3.7	3.6	2.1	2.1	3.8	6.9	8.5
Deutsche Bank	Sep	3.0	3.8	2.4	1.4	3.0	3.6	7.9	9.1
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Sep	2.8	3.2	2.0	1.6	2.9	3.2	6.9	7.9
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	2.7	3.9	1.9	-1.1	2.0	3.1	6.3	6.9
Goldman Sachs	Oct*	3.0	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.4	3.6	7.2	8.6
Hermes	Oct*	3.2	3.6	3.6	2.7	1.9	3.8	7.4	8.5
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	2.9	3.5	1.8	0.8	0.5	3.2	7.6	8.0
J P Morgan	Oct*	3.2	3.6	1.9	2.1	2.4	3.4	7.6	8.2
Lehman Brothers	Sep	3.1	3.8	2.0	1.5	2.8	3.6	8.2	8.9
Lombard St	Oct*	3.3	3.3	4.5	4.0	1.5	3.9	7.0	8.5
Merrill Lynch	Oct*	3.0	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	2.9	3.5	2.1	1.9	0.6	3.5	7.6	9.2
Natwest Group	Apr	3.0	3.2	3.5	4.2	1.3	3.7	4.9	6.6
RBSFM	Jul	2.8	3.3	2.2	2.2	1.7	3.2	6.4	7.5
Salomon S Barney/Citibank	Oct*	3.1	3.7	2.3	3.4	2.9	3.9	8.0	9.8
Schroders	Oct*	3.2	3.6	-	1.0	-	3.3	8.9	8.9
S.G.	Oct*	3.0	2.9	2.0	1.6	2.5	3.4	7.6	3.7
Standard Chartered	Apr	3.4	3.8	3.7	6.0	2.0	4.5	3.8	6.8
Warburg Dillon Read	Oct*	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.0	3.1	3.3	7.8	8.4
WestLB Panmure	Mar	3.7	4.0	2.5	5.8	-1.9	3.9	7.3	7.4
Williams de Broe	Oct*	3.3	3.6	2.6	4.1	2.8	4.0	6.9	8.5
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Oct*	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	2.7	3.3	7.5	7.8
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.8	3.6	3.5	3.2	0.4	3.7	5.0	7.3
CBI	Oct*	3.1	3.7	2.9	1.9	4.3	3.9	5.9	8.5
CEBR	Jun	2.9	2.8	2.9	4.7	0.1	3.8	7.3	8.9
DRI	Oct*	3.0	3.4	2.2	2.0	3.0	3.5	6.8	7.8
EIU	Oct*	3.0	3.8	3.0	3.2	-	3.9	6.1	8.0
Henley	Oct*	3.1	3.6	2.9	1.9	3.1	3.7	5.8	7.2
ITEM Club	Aug	3.1	3.7	3.8	2.8	0.4	3.5	8.1	10.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	2.7	2.0 c	3.9 d	2.5 e	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Jul	3.2	3.6	2.0	3.3	3.0	3.8	6.9	8.3
OEF	Oct*	3.1	3.6	2.8	3.0	2.3	3.8	6.8	8.4
Primark WEFA	Jul	2.8	3.6	1.8	1.7	1.8	3.3	6.3	7.0
EC	Apr	3.3	3.1	3.1	5.2	-0.4	3.6	6.9	7.3
OECD	Jun	2.9	3.3	3.8	3.8	-	3.5	8.5	9.8
IMF	Apr	3.0	2.6	2.8	3.3	0.4	2.7	6.2	5.8
Average of Forecast made in last 3 months									
Independent		3.0	3.6	2.4	2.1	2.4	3.5	7.3	8.2
New (marked *)		3.0	3.6	2.4	2.1	2.4	3.6	7.2	8.1
City		3.0	3.6	2.3	2.0	2.3	3.5	7.4	8.2
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		3.3	3.9	4.5	4.1	4.3	4.0	8.9	10.0
Lowest		2.7	2.9	1.4	-1.1	0.4	3.1	5.8	3.7
HM Treasury	Mar	2 ³ / ₄ -3 ¹ / ₄	3 ¹ / ₂ -3 ³ / ₄	4	3 ¹ / ₄ -3 ¹ / ₂	1/4	3 ³ / ₄ -4	5 ¹ / ₂ -6	7 ³ / ₄ -8 ¹ / ₄

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2000 Inflation and monetary indicators				October 2000	Table 2			
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise								
	RPI (Q4)	RPI exc MIPs (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)	3- month interest rate(Q4,%)	Oil price \$	M0 (2000-1)	M4	
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Oct*	3.2	2.0	4.6	104.8	6.35	29.0	6.2	7.8
Barclays Bank	Oct*	3.3	2.2	4.6	-	6.10	-	6.0	5.0
Barclays Capital	Oct*	3.2	2.1	4.6	107.3	6.40	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Oct*	3.0	2.0	4.5	106.0	6.10	28.0	8.0	7.0
Charterhouse	Oct*	3.5	2.4	4.6	104.6	6.53	-	7.1	8.5
Chase Manhattan	Oct*	1.8	1.7	4.5	108.0	6.20	26.0	-	-
Credit Lyonnais	Oct*	3.0	2.0	4.7	105.0	6.25	28.7	-	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Oct*	3.0	2.0	4.9	-	6.25	-	7.8	5.4
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	3.4	2.1	4.6	104.0	6.00	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Sep	3.2	2.0	4.5	104.0	6.50	28.0	6.7	6.7
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Sep	2.8	2.0	4.7	104.5	6.00	-	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	2.6	1.8	4.8	106.0	6.00	27.5	6.7	7.5
Goldman Sachs	Oct*	3.0	2.1	4.4	100.0	6.50	28.9	5.7 jk	8.2
Hermes	Oct*	3.3	2.0	4.9	104.2	6.30	-	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	3.0	2.1	4.0	108.8	6.00	29.0	-	-
J P Morgan	Oct*	3.6	2.2	5.2	-	6.20	-	-	-
Lehman Brothers	Sep	3.0	1.9	4.8	104.0	6.25	27.9	7.5	6.0
Morgan Stanley	Oct*	3.3	2.3	4.6	104.0	6.30	28.0	-	8.5
Merrill Lynch	Oct*	-	2.0	4.6	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	3.4	2.4	4.4	105.4	6.50	-	-	5.1
Natwest Group	Apr	3.1	2.4	5.8	103.0	6.80	22.0	6.5	5.5
RBSFM	Jul	3.3	2.2	5.3	104.0	6.25	25.0	-	-
Salomon S Barney/Citibank	Oct*	3.3	2.2	4.5	104.5	6.40	29.0	-	-
Schroders	Oct*	2.6	1.5	3.8	-	6.00	-	-	-
S.G.	Oct*	2.2	-	4.5	105.0	6.25	27.6	6.5	7.0
Standard Chartered	Apr	2.5	2.2	4.2	97.0	6.50	23.0	13.0	7.0
Warburg Dillon Read	Oct*	3.1	2.1	4.7	-	6.00	29.0	-	-
WestLB Panmure	Mar	2.4	2.2	5.1	115.3	6.80	-	5.3	7.0
Williams de Broe	Oct*	2.9	2.0	4.5	106.7	6.00	28.8	6.3	8.2
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Oct*	3.1	2.1	4.7	104.0	6.00	29.5	-	-
Cambridge Econ	Jun	3.0 k	2.1 k	5.4	107.8 k	6.20 ks	24.0	-	-
CEBI	Oct*	3.2	2.3	4.8	106.8	6.00 s	26.0	-	-
CEBR	Jun	2.6	1.8	5.6	102.1	6.20 s	27.0	-	-
CEI	Oct*	3.3	2.3	4.5	-	6.34	30.2	6.8	7.1
CEIU	Oct*	3.1	2.1	4.7	107.1	6.25	28.9	-	-
Henley	Oct*	3.3	2.4	4.9	-	6.50	-	-	-
TEM Club	Aug	3.2	2.0	5.1	104.0	6.30	28.0	4.5 k	8.1
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	2.3	4.9	105.8	6.10	-	-	-
NIESR	Jul	3.3	1.8	5.1	104.8	6.40	26.6	6.0	9.5
JEF	Oct*	3.0	2.1	4.4	106.2	6.30	28.8	7.1	7.6
Primark WEFA	Jul	3.4	2.1	5.0	-	6.50	-	-	-
EC	Apr	-	-	5.0	-	-	24.2	-	-
JECD	Jun	-	-	-	-	6.60	-	-	-
MF	Apr	-	2.1	4.7 i	-	-	-	-	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		3.1	2.1	4.6	105.2	6.23	28.3	6.9	7.0
New (marked *)		3.1	2.1	4.6	105.4	6.23	28.4	6.9	7.1
City		3.0	2.0	4.6	105.1	6.22	28.2	6.9	6.9
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		3.6	2.4	5.2	108.8	6.53	30.2	8.0	8.5
Lowest		1.8	1.5	3.8	100.0	6.00	26.0	6.0	5.0
HM Treasury	Mar	-	2¼	-	-	-	-	-	-

Other variables									
Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise									
Forecasters & dates of forecasts		RHDI	Employment	Claimant unemp (Q4-mns)	Industrial production	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 00-00)
International forecasters									
Amro	Oct*	2.8	0.6	1.10	1.5	1.1	8.9	-11.8	-18.7
Barclays Bank	Oct*	2.7	0.7	-	1.5	-	-15.0	-	-12.0
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.5	0.8	1.07	1.8	1.4	-	-13.7	-23.0
Capital Economics	Oct*	3.0	0.7	1.10	1.3	1.3	6.2	-16.0	-15.0
Charterhouse	Oct*	3.3	1.2	0.98	1.8	1.5	-	-15.8	-21.6
Citigroup	Oct*	3.5	0.6	1.11	1.2	1.2	9.3	-14.6	-30.0
Credit Lyonnais	Oct*	-	-	1.00	1.4	1.1	7.0	-16.2	-37.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Oct*	3.0	0.3	1.00	2.3	-	-	-15.0	-30.0
Euro Area Institute of Research	Oct*	2.7	0.5	1.03	-	-	-	-15.4	-20.0
Deutsche Bank	Sep	2.6	0.8	1.02	1.7	1.0	-	-15.0	-30.0
Deutsche Bank Kleinwort Benson	Sep	2.0	0.8	1.02	1.4	1.2	-	-19.4	-10.9
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	2.7	0.2	1.10	1.5	1.3	6.5	-23.0	-10.0
Goldman Sachs	Oct*	2.8	0.6	1.08	1.6	1.3	-	-15.2	-13.9
JP Morgan	Oct*	2.6	0.5	1.07	2.1	-	-	-16.6	-15.4
SBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	3.0	-	-	1.6	1.1	-	-15.0	-8.0
JP Morgan	Oct*	-	-	3.7 x	2.0	1.5	-	-13.9	-25.0
Lehman Brothers	Sep	3.5	1.5	1.04	1.6	1.7	10.6	-27.5	-10.0
Morgan Stanley	Oct*	3.0	1.0	1.00	-	-	-	-13.8	-30.0
Merrill Lynch	Oct*	-	-	-	-	1.1	-	-16.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	3.6	0.8	1.10	1.5	1.1	-	-16.0	-28.0
Northwest Group	Apr	5.4	-	1.11	0.7	1.0	-	-12.3	-7.0
BSFM	Jul	2.3	1.1	1.68 aa	1.2	1.2	4.7	-16.0	-8.0
Salomon S Barney/Citibank	Oct*	2.5	0.7	1.01	1.9	1.3	-	-20.3	-8.1
Shroders	Oct*	-	-	-	2.5	2.6	-	-9.0	-28.0
Standard G.	Oct*	2.2	0.7	1.01	2.0	1.5	7.5	-14.0	-11.0
Standard Chartered	Apr	-	1.2	1.00	3.0	2.7	-	-17.0	-9.0
Sturgis Dillon Read	Oct*	-	-	1.10	1.4	1.3	-	-12.0	-20.0
WestLB Panmure	Mar	3.5	1.8	1.00	2.6	2.7	-	-11.0	-7.00
Williams de Broe	Oct*	-	0.9	1.05	1.7	1.3	11.5	-15.3	-20.5
Non-City forecasters									
SL	oct*	2.7	0.6	1.00	1.3	1.0	8.9	-13.0	-27.3
Cambridge Econ	Jun	3.2	1.0	1.30 k	1.5	1.3	3.6 hh	-16.9	2.7
BI	oct*	3.1	0.7	1.00	1.6	1.4	7.0	-20.3	-12.5
EBR	Jun	3.5	1.4	1.00	-	1.1	-	-17.0	-38.6
RI	oct*	3.5	1.1	-	1.8	-	-	-15.2	17.4
U	oct*	3.0	0.7	1.06	1.6	1.3	10.1	-15.1	-
Wanley	oct*	3.0	0.8	1.10	-	1.0	-	-17.4	-
EM Club	Aug	-	0.9	1.64 aa	1.7	1.5	10.7	-17.8	-12.0
Everpool Macro Research	oct*	-	-	1.05	-	-	-	-13.8	-32.5
ESR	Jul	3.0	0.8	1.05	-	1.5	10.1	-14.6	-10.1
EF	oct*	2.6	0.6	1.00	1.3	1.1	12.0	-15.5	-8.7
Finmark WEFA	Jul	3.2	0.4	1.13	1.7	1.6	8.9	-16.1	-16.0
C	Apr	2.7 ff	1.0	1.65 aa	2.3	2.4	8.1	-13.8	-8.5
ECD	Jun	-	0.9	5.70 x	-	2.0	-	-26.0	-
IF	Apr	-	-0.3	4.30 x	-	-	-	-22.1	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		2.9	0.7	1.05	1.7	1.3	7.2	-15.9	-15.5
Marked (*)		2.9	0.7	1.05	1.7	1.3	6.7	-15.3	-16.4
City		2.8	0.7	1.05	1.7	1.3	5.8	-15.9	-15.2
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		3.6	1.5	1.11	2.5	2.6	12.0	-9.0	-8.0
Lowest		2.0	0.2	0.98	1.2	1.0	-15.0	-27.5	-28.0
UK Treasury	Mar	3¾-4	-	-	-	1¾-2¼	7.0	-20½	-6

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2001					October 2000		Table 4		
	GDP & its components, at constant prices									
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise									
		GDP	Private Consumption	Government expenditure	Fixed investment	Change in Inventories (£bn)	Domestic demand	Exports (goods & services)	Imports	
City forecasters										
Abn Amro	Oct*	2.8	2.7	4.5	4.8	0.3	3.1	6.1	6.7	
Barclays Bank	Oct*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.9	2.4	4.4	3.8	2.0	3.0	4.6	4.8	
Capital Economics	Oct*	2.5	3.0	4.0	2.5	2.8	3.1	3.5	5.0	
Charterhouse	Oct*	2.8	3.2	2.8	3.6	2.6	3.1	5.4	6.0	
Chase Manhattan	Oct*	2.9	3.2	4.0	8.3	4.4	4.4	6.1	9.7	
Credit Lyonnais	Oct*	2.3	2.5	4.3	3.8	1.0	2.9	5.6	6.8	
Credit Suisse First Boston	Oct*	2.5	2.8	2.7	4.0	1.2	2.8	7.1	7.5	
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	2.7	2.4	4.8	4.8	2.7	3.4	5.8	7.2	
Deutsche Bank	Sep	3.0	3.3	4.8	3.3	3.3	3.6	6.2	7.1	
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Sep	2.8	2.7	3.8	3.3	1.2	2.7	5.1	4.8	
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	1.5	2.7	2.5	-2.7	2.4	1.8	4.2	4.5	
Goldman Sachs	Oct*	2.5	2.5	3.9	6.3	2.4	3.5	5.9	8.1	
Hermes	Oct*	3.3	2.6	4.3	5.7	0.9	3.4	6.6	6.4	
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	2.4	2.7	4.3	1.5	-0.1	2.7	3.4	4.0	
J P Morgan	Oct*	3.0	3.0	4.3	3.4	0.7	3.1	5.1	4.8	
Lehman Brothers	Sep	3.1	3.7	4.3	4.1	1.5	3.7	6.5	7.6	
Lombard St	Oct*	2.7	2.4	3.5	3.0	2.2	2.8	5.5	5.5	
Merrill Lynch	Oct*	2.5	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-	
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	2.5	2.4	5.0	3.0	-0.2	2.8	6.4	7.0	
Natwest Group	Apr	2.4	2.1	3.2	2.8	1.7	2.4	5.1	4.4	
RBSFM	Jul	2.4	2.3	4.0	2.7	2.0	2.6	4.6	4.9	
Salomon S Barney/Citibank	Oct*	3.0	3.1	5.8	4.9	0.5	3.7	7.7	9.0	
Schroders	Oct*	2.8	2.6	-	1.1	-	2.6	4.6	6.8	
S.G.	Oct*	2.9	2.8	4.1	3.5	2.0	3.1	5.8	5.9	
Standard Chartered	Apr	2.9	3.0	4.0	5.0	2.3	3.1	4.2	5.0	
Warburg Dillon Read	Oct*	2.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.8	2.8	5.2	5.1	
WestLB Panmure	Mar	3.8	3.6	2.4	7.1	-1.9	4.0	6.4	6.3	
Williams de Broe	Oct*	2.5	2.4	6.9	4.6	2.7	3.7	3.5	6.6	
Non-City forecasters										
BSL	Oct*	2.7	2.7	3.8	3.2	2.8	3.0	7.4	7.7	
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.3	2.4	3.1	2.8	0.6	2.6	4.5	5.0	
CBI	Oct*	2.7	2.6	4.7	3.2	3.1	2.9	5.0	5.3	
CEBR	Jun	1.9	1.9	3.0	4.5	0.8	2.7	6.5	8.1	
DRI	Oct*	2.9	2.6	3.7	4.0	2.9	2.8	6.8	6.4	
EIU	Oct*	2.4	2.8	3.2	2.9	-	2.9	6.3	7.0	
Henley	Oct*	2.7	2.6	4.6	3.8	2.3	3.1	3.8	4.7	
ITEM Club	Aug	2.6	2.6	3.4	5.5	0.0	3.3	6.6	8.0	
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	2.7	0.6 c	5.7 d	1.2 e	-	-	-	-	
NIESR	Jul	3.6	2.9	4.5	5.2	3.2	3.6	7.6	7.0	
OEF	Oct*	2.7	2.7	4.2	4.4	2.7	3.3	6.0	7.3	
Primark WEFA	Jul	2.7	2.3	4.1	3.6	1.2	2.8	5.7	5.5	
EC	Apr	3.0	2.6	3.5	4.0	-0.4	3.0	6.1	5.7	
OECD	Jun	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.4	-	2.9	6.7	7.7	
IMF	Apr	2.0	1.8	2.7	2.9	-0.2	2.1	4.9	4.4	
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months										
Independent		2.7	2.8	4.1	3.7	1.9	3.1	5.6	6.4	
New (marked *)		2.7	2.7	4.1	3.6	2.0	3.1	5.5	6.4	
City		2.7	2.8	4.2	3.6	1.8	3.1	5.5	6.4	
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months										
Highest		3.3	3.7	6.9	8.3	4.4	4.4	7.7	9.7	
Lowest		1.5	2.4	2.5	-2.7	-0.2	1.8	3.4	4.0	
HM Treasury	Mar	2¼-2¾	'2-2½	2¾	3¾-4¼	0	2½-3	5½-6	5½-6	

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2001					October 2000		Table 5	
	Inflation and monetary indicators					3-month interest rate(Q4,%)	Oil price(\$)	M0 (2001-2002)	M4
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise								
	RPI (Q4)	RPI exc MIPs (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)					
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Oct*	3.2	2.7	5.0	100.8	6.80	26.0	5.6	8.6
Barclays Bank	Oct*	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	5.0
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.3	2.5	4.3	106.4	6.35	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Oct*	1.7	2.0	4.3	100.0	5.50	20.0	6.0	7.0
Charterhouse	Oct*	3.1	2.7	5.2	100.3	6.78	-	6.9	8.3
Chase Manhattan	Oct*	2.2	2.1	4.8	106.9	6.50	25.5	-	-
Credit Lyonnais	Oct*	2.1	2.1	4.6	100.0	5.76	25.0	-	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Oct*	2.3	2.0	4.5	-	6.25	-	5.0	4.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	2.8	2.3	5.0	99.0	6.25	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Sep	2.5	2.5	4.6	102.5	6.20	20.0	5.5	6.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Sep	2.0	2.2	4.8	103.0	6.10	-	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	1.6	1.3	4.5	100.0	5.50	23.0	5.0	8.5
Goldman Sachs	Oct*	3.1	2.5	4.7	95.0	6.40	26.0	5.5	7.7 jk
Hermes	Oct*	2.6	2.2	4.6	100.7	6.50	-	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	1.6	2.3	4.9	99.6	5.00	23.0	-	-
J P Morgan	Oct*	3.0	2.7	5.0	-	6.90	-	-	-
Lehman Brothers	Sep	2.9	2.7	5.0	101.0	6.75	22.9	4.1	5.6
Lombard St	Oct*	2.4	3.7	5.2	98.0	7.00	28.0	-	7.5
Merrill Lynch	Oct*	-	2.7	5.1	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	2.3	2.5	4.4	102.8	6.20	27.5	-	6.0
Natwest Group	Apr	1.9	2.3	4.3	99.5	6.00	19.0	6.0	6.0
RBSFM	Jul	2.6	2.6	4.6	99.9	6.08	23.0	-	-
Salomon S Barney/Citibank	Oct*	3.1	2.5	5.4	101.4	6.70	27.0	-	-
Schroders	Oct*	2.4	2.4	4.0	-	6.00	-	-	-
S.G.	Oct*	2.5	-	4.3	102.0	5.75	23.5	6.0	7.0
Standard Chartered	Apr	2.7	1.9	3.8	92.0	6.00	20.0	9.0	5.0
Warburg Dillon Read	Oct*	1.7	1.9	4.5	-	5.50	23.5	-	-
WestLB Panmure	Mar	2.5	2.3	4.9	114.0	6.80	-	6.0	6.8
Williams de Broe	Oct*	2.7	2.7	4.7	105.2	6.40	31.5	4.9	9.2
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Oct*	2.3	2.1	6.0	102.5	6.00	31.5	-	-
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.3 k	2.4 k	4.6	107.4 k	5.90 ks	24.0	-	-
CBI	Oct*	2.4	2.4	5.0	105.1	6.00 s	23.5	-	-
CEBR	Jun	3.1	2.4	5.5	100.2	6.50 s	28.8	-	-
DRI	Oct*	2.7	2.5	4.4	-	6.28	28.4	5.0	6.5
EIU	Oct*	2.4	2.4	4.7	104.8	6.00	25.4	-	-
Henley	Oct*	2.2	2.2	4.0	-	6.00	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Aug	2.5	2.3	5.1	99.0	6.10	26.0	2.0 k	8.4 k
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	2.4	4.2	106.1	6.00	-	-	-
NIESR	Jul	3.0	2.4	5.4	103.9	6.60	25.1	6.0	10.4
OEF	Oct*	2.5	2.2	4.8	100.3	6.30	27.0	6.8	7.3
Primark WEFA	Jul	2.2	2.4	4.1	-	5.75	-	-	-
EC	Apr	-	-	4.7	-	-	21.2	-	-
OECD	Jun	-	-	-	-	7.00	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	-	2.5	4.1 i	-	-	-	-	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		2.4	2.4	4.7	101.7	6.19	25.4	5.5	6.9
New (marked *)		2.4	2.4	4.7	101.8	6.18	25.9	5.6	7.1
City		2.4	2.4	4.7	101.3	6.22	24.8	5.4	6.9
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		3.2	3.7	6.0	106.9	7.00	31.5	6.9	9.2
Lowest		1.6	1.3	4.0	95.0	5.00	20.0	4.1	4.0
HM Treasury	Mar	-	2½	-	-	-	-	-	-

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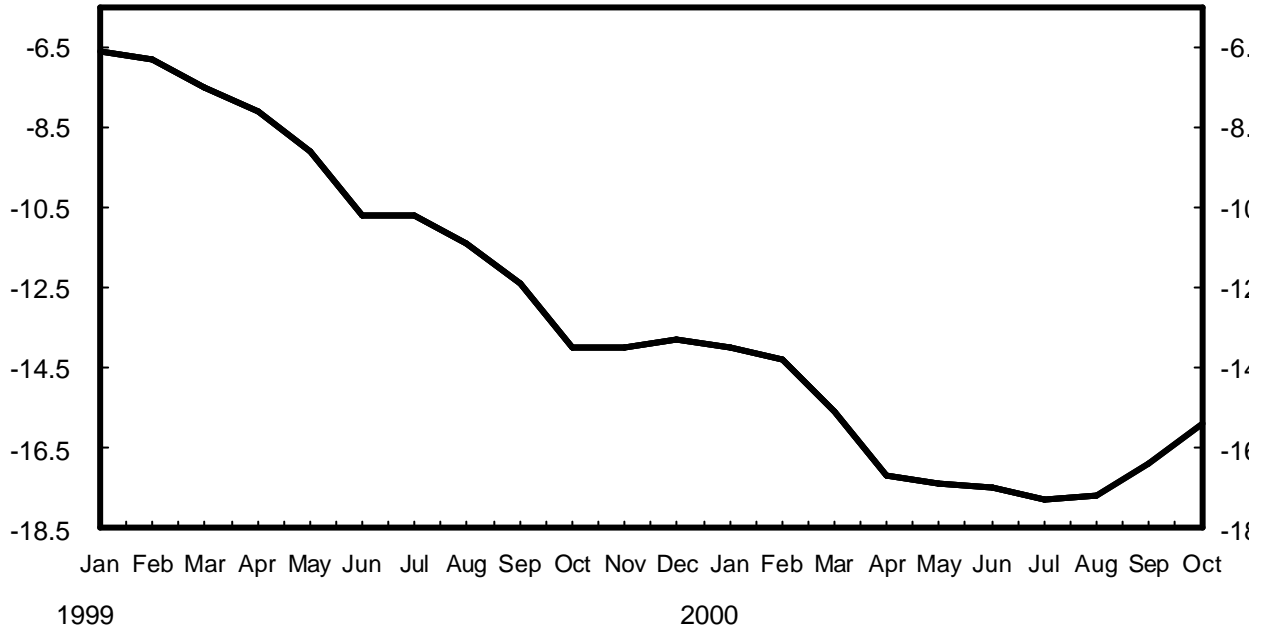
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Other variables									
Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise									
Forecasters & dates of forecasts	RHDI	Employment	Claimant unemp. (Q4-mns)	Industrial production	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£ bn)	PSNB (£bn 01-02)	
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Oct*	2.3	0.6	1.00	2.0	1.7	8.0	-16.6	-10.8
Barclays Bank	Oct*	2.8	0.5	-	2.0	-	-17.0	-	-8.0
Barclays Capital	Oct*	2.7	0.2	1.07	3.1	2.9	-	-15.6	-7.5 cc
Capital Economics	Oct*	2.0	0.3	1.00	2.3	2.3	5.5	-16.0	-15.0
Charterhouse	Oct*	3.0	0.8	0.90	1.8	1.7	-	-22.4	-26.7
Chase Manhattan	Oct*	3.7	0.3	1.04	1.2	1.2	6.9	-25.8	-10.0 cc
Credit Lyonnais	Oct*	-	-	1.00	1.8	1.3	5.0	-22.5	-8.0 cc
Credit Suisse First Boston	Oct*	2.8	0.1	1.00	2.5	-	-	-15.0	-30.0 cc
Daiwa Institute of Research	Oct*	3.1	0.2	1.05	-	-	-	-21.3	-15.0
Deutsche Bank	Sep	3.1	0.5	0.95	2.6	2.4	-	-19.0	-7.3 cc
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Sep	3.1	0.7	0.94	2.0	2.1	-	-24.7	-3.4
Economic Perspectives	Oct*	2.2	0.3	1.05	2.2	2.0	5.0	-19.0	-3.0
Goldman Sachs	Oct*	2.8	0.3	0.96	2.2	2.0	-	-23.3	-10.4
Hermes	Oct*	3.0	0.5	1.00	3.0	-	-	-18.8	-10.0
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Oct*	2.4	-	-	1.2	1.2	-	-12.0	-4.0
J P Morgan	Oct*	-	-	3.9 x	3.9	2.5	-	-17.5	-6.0 cc
Lehman Brothers	Sep	3.0	1.0	0.93	2.4	2.9	7.9	-28.0	-10.0
Lombard St	Oct*	2.9	0.6	0.90	-	-	-	-16.3	-5.0 cc
Merrill Lynch	Oct*	-	-	-	-	1.8	-	-16.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Oct*	3.9	0.9	1.10	1.2	1.3	-	-16.0	-7.0 cc
Natwest Group	Apr	5.3	-	1.07	2.6	2.4	-	-10.8	-5.5
RBSFM	Jul	2.9	0.4	1.65 aa	2.4	2.2	5.1	-14.4	-7.3
Salomon S Barney/Citibank	Oct*	4.1	1.3	0.84	2.3	2.0	-	-28.2	-1.9
Schroders	Oct*	-	-	-	2.4	2.5	-	-9.0	-5.0
S.G.	Oct*	2.5	0.6	0.90	2.2	2.0	6.0	-13.0	-10.0
Standard Chartered	Apr	-	0.9	1.20	3.4	3.5	-	-15.0	-7.0
Warburg Dillon Read	Oct*	-	-	1.00	2.5	2.4	-	-10.0	-16.0
WestLB Panmure	Mar	2.8	1.2	0.90	2.5	2.4	-	-9.0	-11.0
Williams de Broe	Oct*	-	0.4	1.06	3.6	3.4	7.3	-25.1	-11.9
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Oct*	4.2	0.9	1.00	1.8	2.0	5.5	-18.4	-10.6
Cambridge Econ	Jun	2.8	0.5	1.40 k	1.4	1.7	3.1 hh	-18.6	8.6 kcc
CBI	Oct*	3.7	1.1	0.90	2.1	1.9	5.7	-16.9	-10.6
CEBR	Jun	3.1	1.2	0.90	-	2.0	-	-18.8	-17.6 cc
DRI	Oct*	4.1	1.1	-	2.0	-	-	-10.1	13.1 ccl
EIU	Oct*	2.8	0.5	1.00	2.0	1.9	7.9	-18.8	-
Henley	Oct	3.0	0.1	1.10	-	2.2	-	-19.2	-
ITEM Club	Aug	-	-0.1	1.70 aa	2.1	2.2	7.7	-18.5	-6.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Oct*	-	-	0.90	-	-	-	-7.2	-16.6 cc
NIESR	Jul	3.6	0.7	1.08	-	2.4	7.4	-12.3	-8.2
OEF	Oct*	2.5	0.3	1.00	1.7	2.1	7.7	-21.7	-34.7 cc
Primark WEFA	Jul	2.4	0.3	1.11	2.5	2.5	7.1	-15.2	-14.2
EC	Apr	3.5 ff	1.0	1.62 aa	2.0	2.0	7.2	-13.4	-7.3
OECD	Jun	-	0.5	5.80 x	-	2.6	-	-31.0	-
IMF	Apr	-	-	4.50 x	-	-	-	-30.5	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		3.0	0.5	0.98	2.2	2.1	4.9	-18.2	-9.9
New (marked *)		3.0	0.5	0.99	2.2	2.0	4.5	-17.6	-10.6
City		2.9	0.5	0.98	2.3	2.1	3.8	-18.8	-10.1
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		4.2	1.3	1.10	3.9	3.4	8.0	-7.2	-1.9
Lowest		2.0	-0.1	0.84	1.2	1.2	-17.0	-28.2	-26.7
HM Treasury	Mar	2¾-3¼	-	-	-	1¾-2¼	6½	-21	-5.0

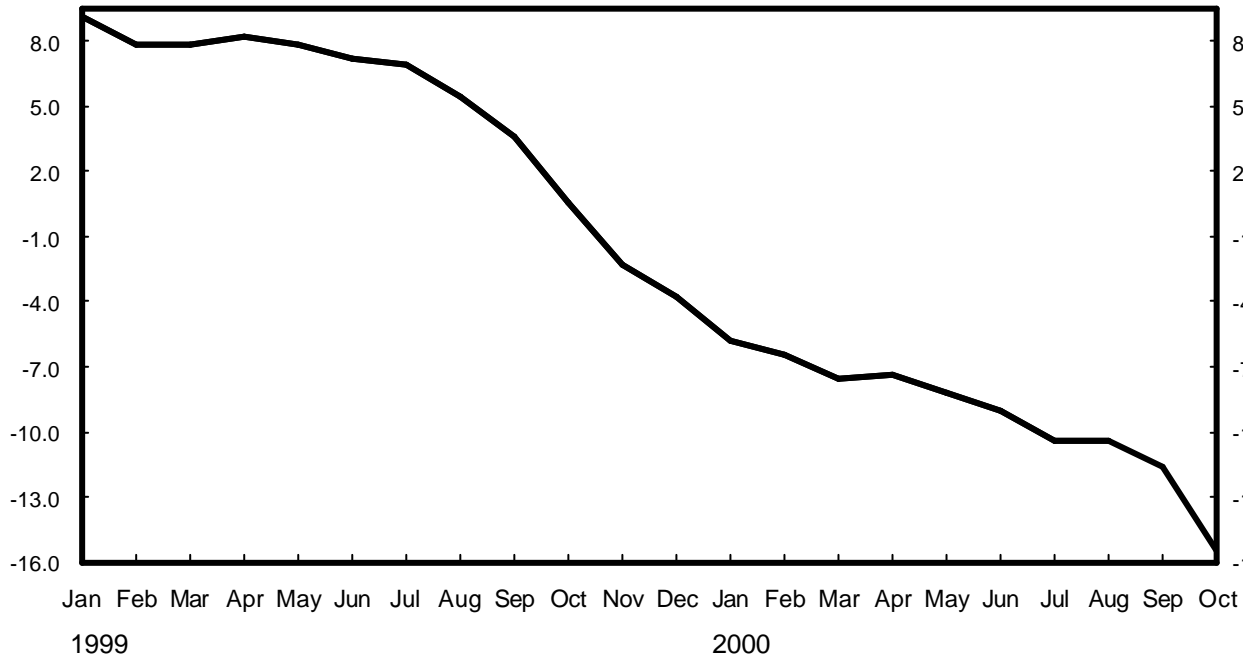
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Independent average January 1999 -October 2000

Current account
(£ billion)



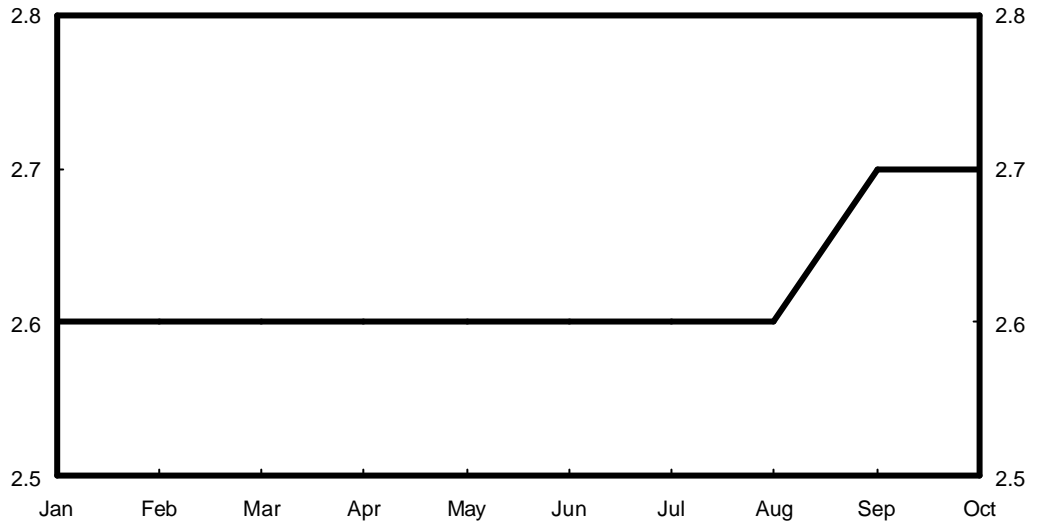
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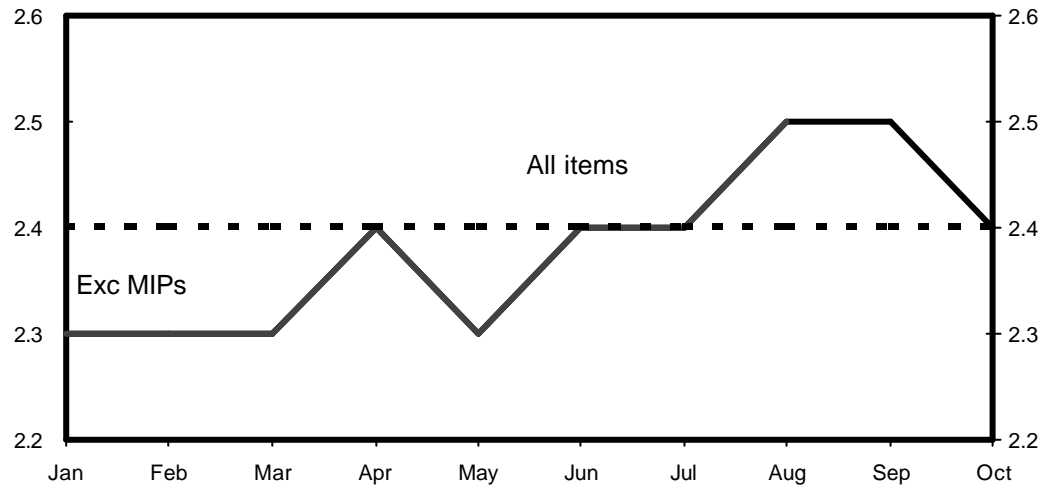
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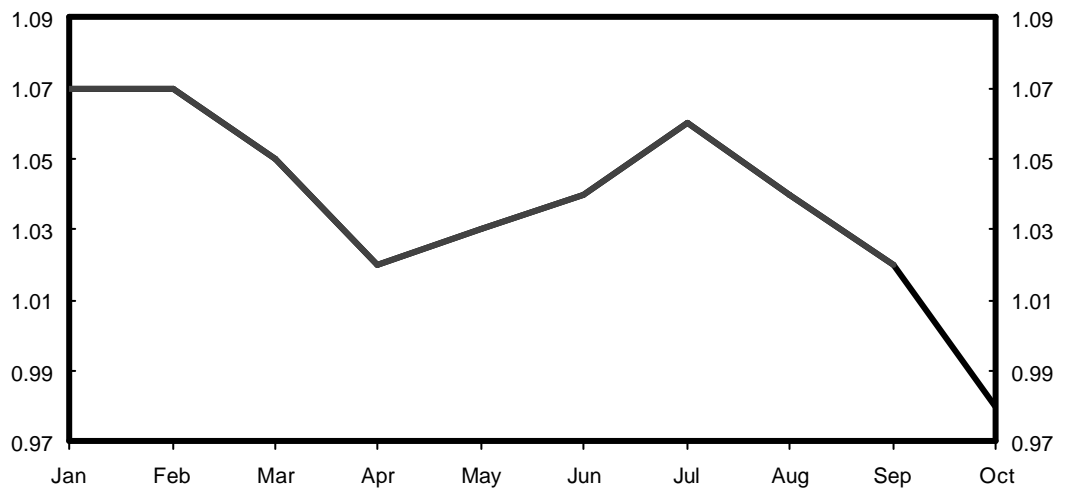
GDP growth (per cent)



Retail price inflation (Q4, per cent)

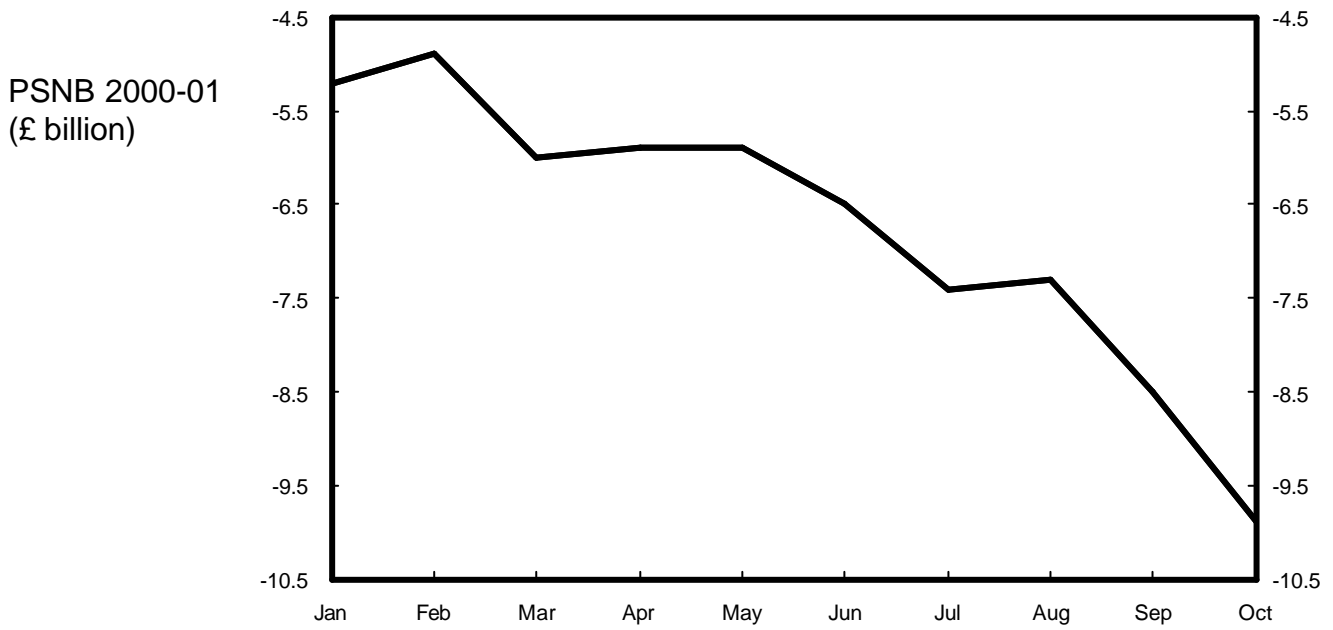
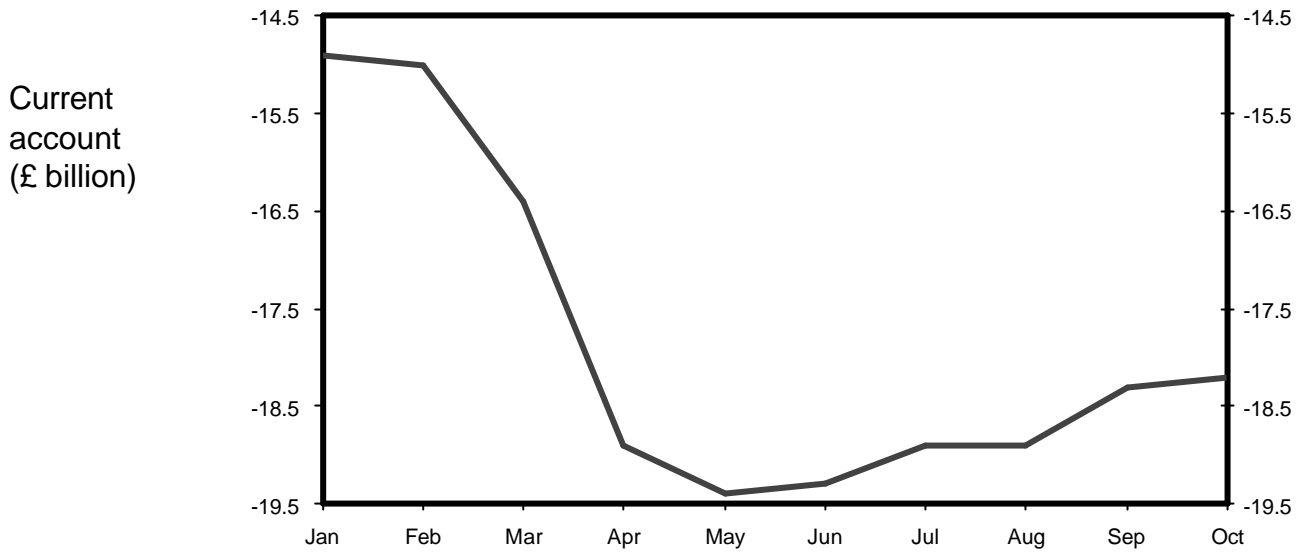


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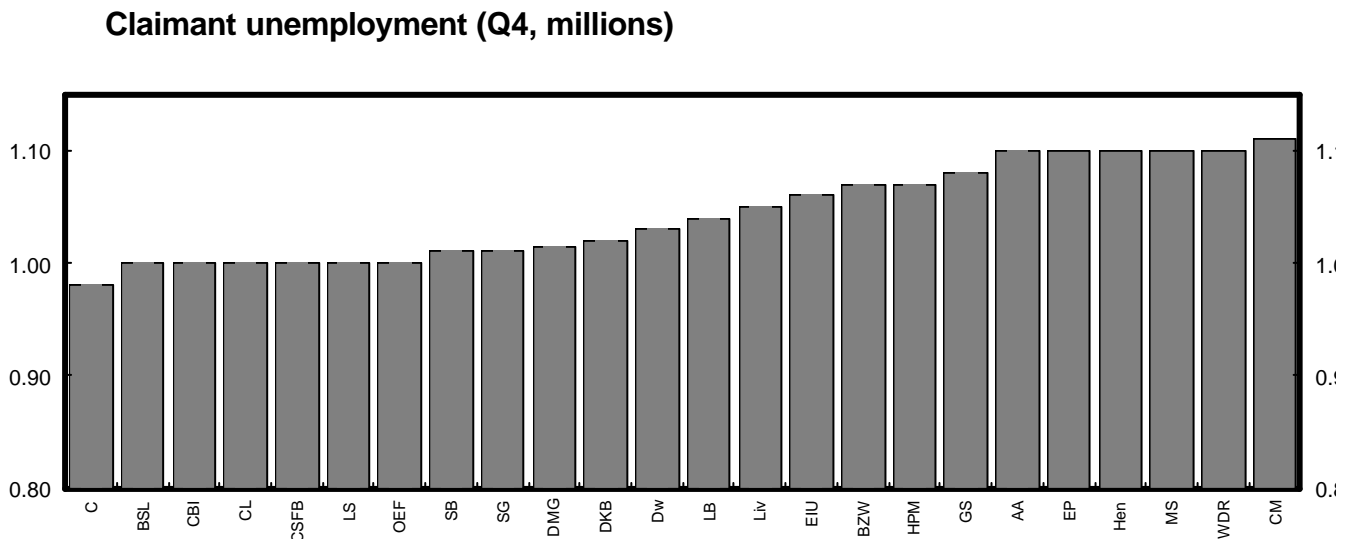
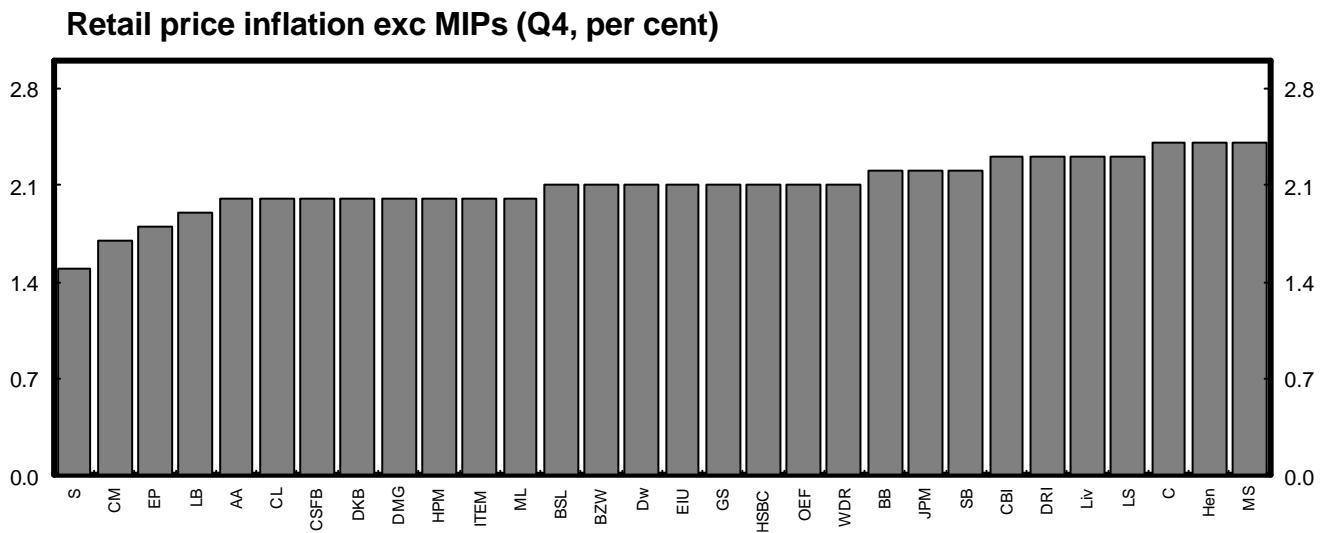
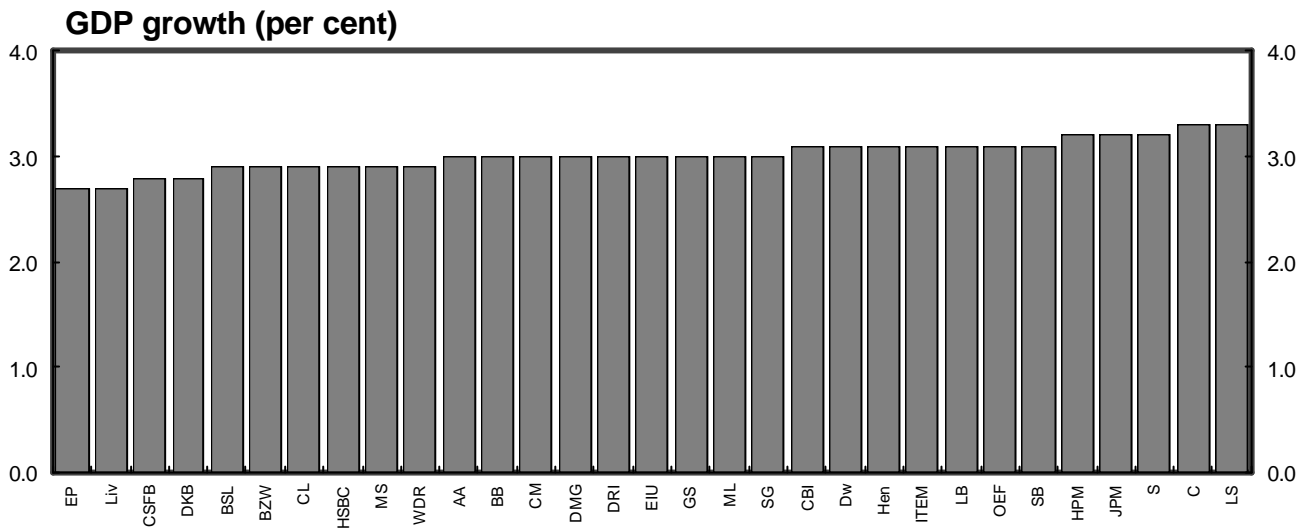
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Independent average, January 2000 - October 2000



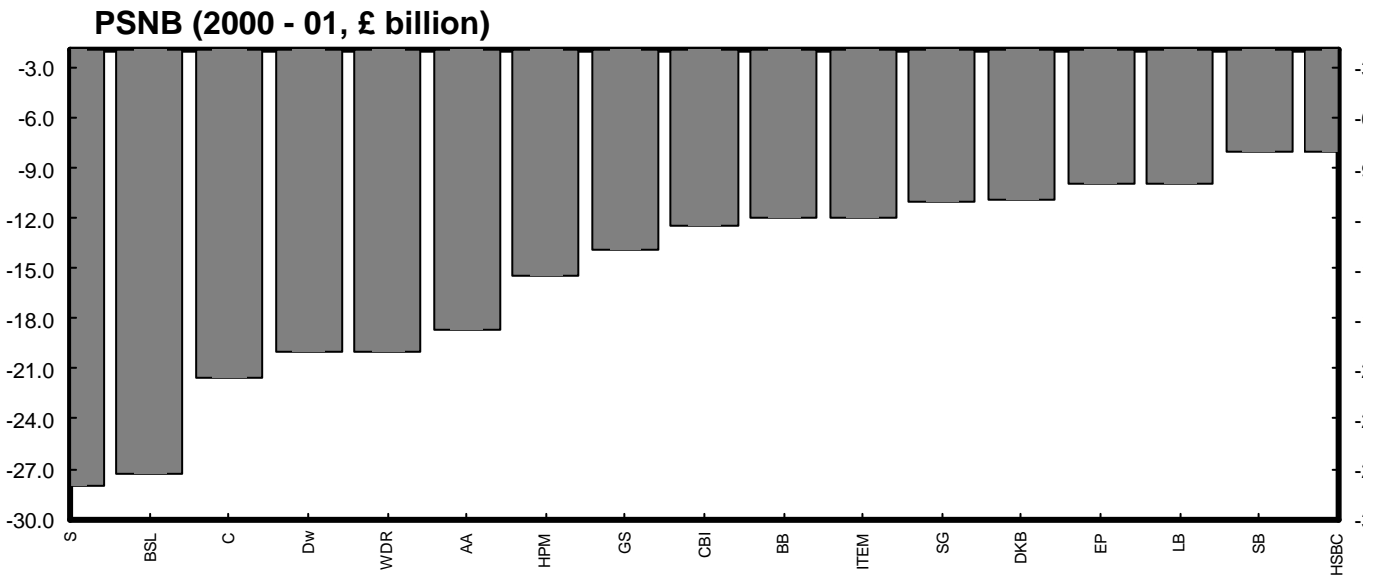
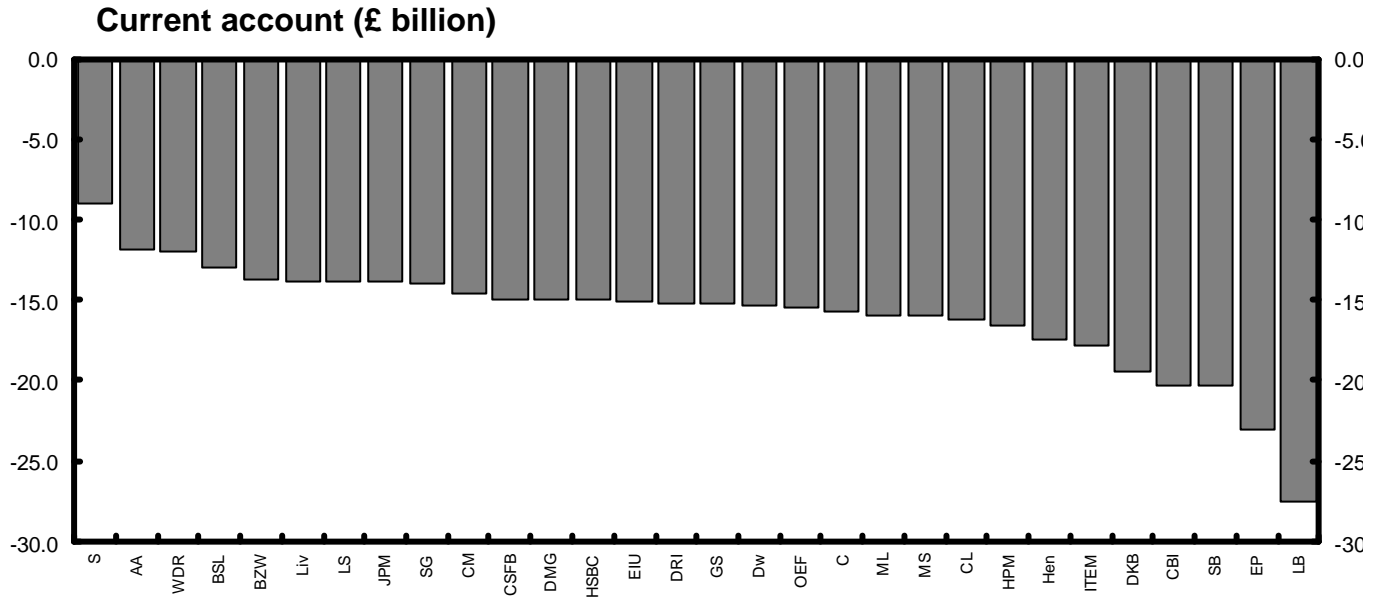
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October 2000 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)



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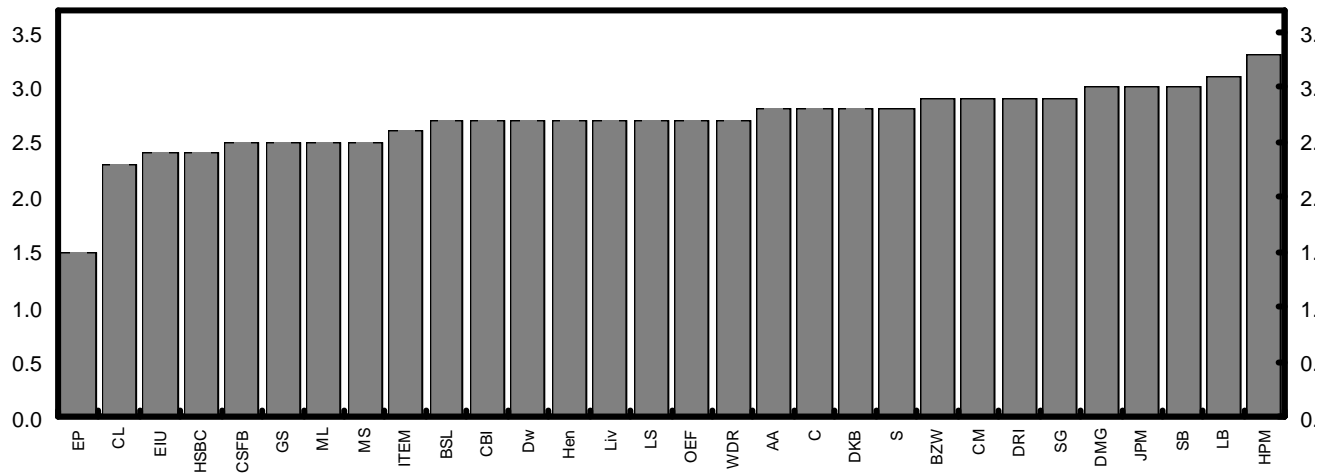
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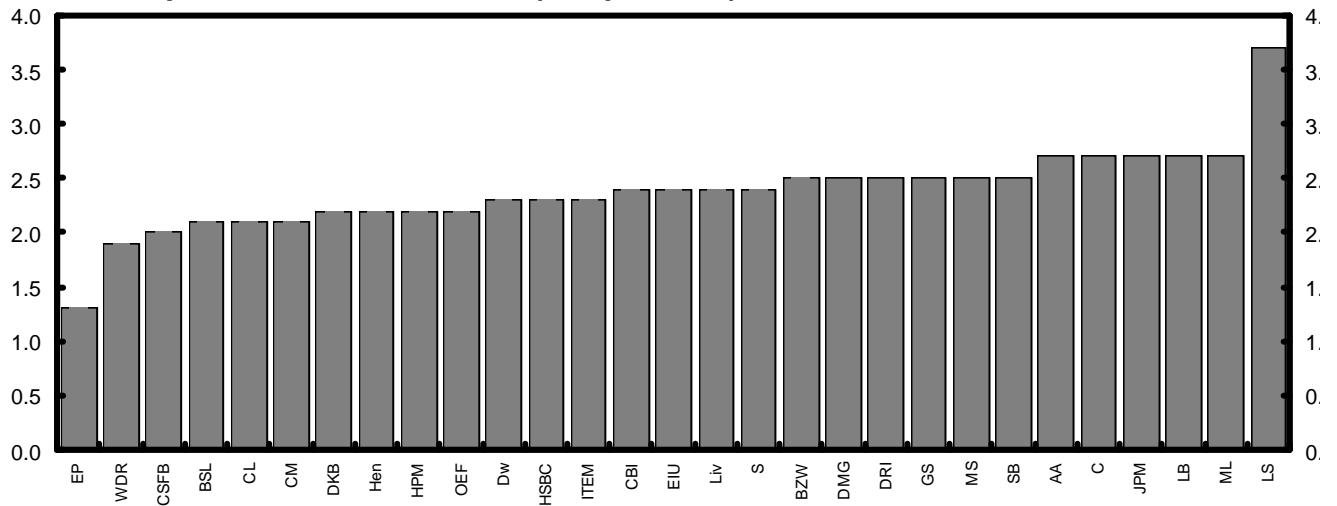
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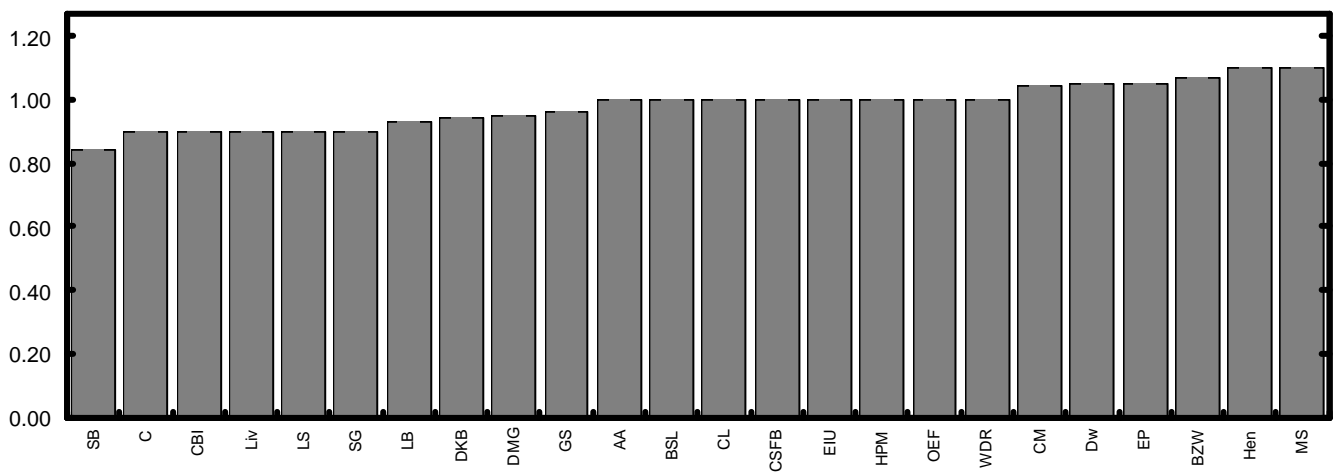
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Retail price inflation exe MIPs (Q4, per cent)



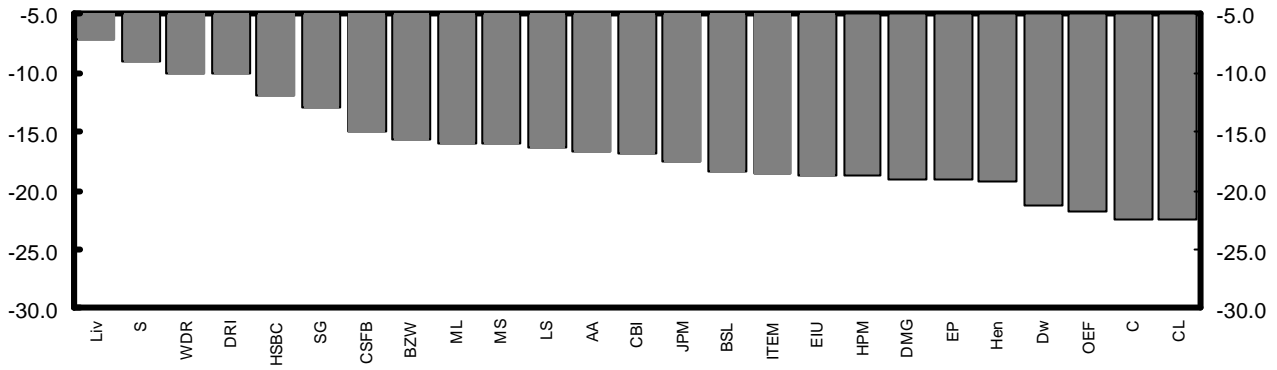
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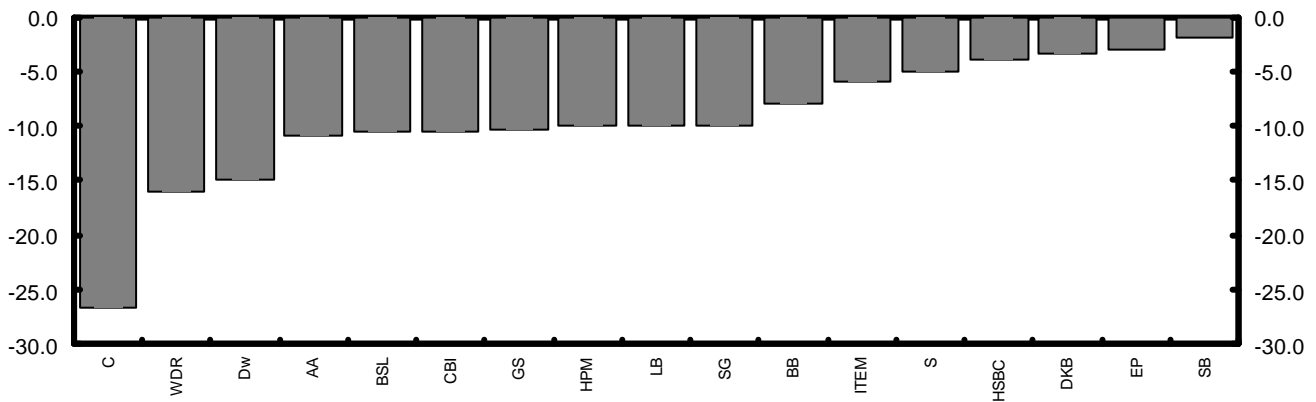
Forecasts for 2001

October 2000 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)

Current account (£ billion)



PSNB (2001- 02 £ billion)



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

AA:	Abn Amro
BB:	Barclays Bank
BZW :	Barclays Capital
BSL:	Business Strategies Ltd
CamE:	Cambridge Econometrics
CapE:	Capital Economics
C:	Charterhouse
CM:	Chase Manhattan
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
DKB:	Dresdner Kleinwort Benson
DRI:	Data Resources Inc. Europe
EC:	European Commission
EIU:	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP:	Economic Perspectives
GNW:	Greenwich Natwest
GS:	Goldman Sachs
Hen:	Henley Forecasting Centre
HSBC:	Economics and Strategy
HPM:	Pensions Management Ltd
IMF:	International Monetary Fund
ITEM:	ITEM Club
JPM:	JP Morgan
LB:	Lehman Brothers
Liv:	Liverpool Mecro Research
LS:	Lombard Street Research Ltd
ML:	Merrill Lynch
MSDW:	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter
NIESR:	National Institute for Economic and Social Research
NG:	Natwest Group
NE:	Nikko Europe
NUIM:	Norwich Union Investment Management
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF:	Oxford Economic Forecasting
RBSFM:	Royal Bank Of Scotland Financial Markets
SB:	Saloman Smith Barney
S:	Schroders
SG:	Societe Generale
WDR:	Warburg Dillon Read
WLBP:	WestLB Panmure
WdB:	Williams de Broë
WEFA:	Primark WEFA

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: base 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
- 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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