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## A comparison of independent forecasts

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**FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY**  
**A comparison of independent forecasts, August 2003**

This edition of the comparison contains 22 new forecasts, all of which were received between the 4th and 13th of August. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2003 and 2004 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2003	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August range		
	August	July	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.8	1.8	0.8	2.2	1.7
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.5	2.5	2.1	3.4	2.5
- RPI ex MIPs	2.5	2.5	2.0	3.2	2.5
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.99	0.98	0.92	1.09	0.99
Current account (£bn)	-16.7	-14.8	-39.3	-2.7	-15.4
PSNB (2003-04: £bn)	31.5	31.2	24.6	35.2	31.8

Forecasts for 2004	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August range		
	August	July	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.4	2.4	-0.2	3.2	2.3
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.7	2.7	1.7	3.6	2.6
- RPI ex MIPs	2.3	2.3	1.5	3.0	2.3
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.02	1.01	0.79	1.30	1.00
Current account (£bn)	-20.7	-17.7	-43.4	-1.2	-20.8
PSNB (2004-05: £bn)	33.8	33.7	27.0	44.9	34.5

+ Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (August: 22 Institutions, July: 8 Institutions, June: 7 Institutions)

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

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

**Table 1 - 2003: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)**

**Aug 2003 Comparison**

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		GDP	Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Fixed Investment	Change in Inventories (£bn)	Domestic Demand	Total Exports	Total Imports	Net Trade Contribution
<b>City Forecasters</b>										
ABN AMRO	Apr	1.4	2.3	4.1	-0.6	0.2	2.3	0.6	3.1	-1.0
Bank of America	Aug *	1.7	2.2	3.6	0.0	2.2	2.2 kk	0.8	2.6	-0.8
Barclays Capital	Jul	2.0	2.8	3.6	0.8	3.9	3.1	-1.6	1.9	-1.3
Bridgewell	Aug *	1.2	2.2	4.1	-1.1	-0.7	1.9	-1.7	0.7	-0.8
Capital Economics	Aug *	1.8	2.5	3.7	0.5	3.4	2.8	-1.5	2.0	-1.0
Citigroup	Aug *	1.9	3.2	4.2	1.0	-2.1	2.7	-0.6	2.1	-0.8
Credit Lyonnais	Aug *	1.8	2.7	4.4	0.1	0.4	2.5	0.3	2.5	-0.9
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jul	2.1	2.8	4.6	0.6	0.6	2.8	1.1	3.1	-0.9
Daiwa Institute of Research	Aug *	1.7	2.6	4.2	-1.2	-0.1	2.2	-0.8	1.0	-0.7
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	1.8	2.7	4.6	0.4	0.5	2.8	0.5	3.0	-1.1
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	0.8	2.1	4.2	-1.7	-1.5	1.6	-1.6	0.9	-0.9
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.0	2.3	3.6	2.5	3.7	3.0	-0.5	2.7	-1.1
Goldman Sachs	Jul	1.8	2.6	2.9	-0.5	0.0 h	2.1	0.0	1.2	-0.5
Hermes	Aug *	1.9	2.8	3.7	0.7	2.5	2.9	-0.2	3.0	-1.2
HSBC Economics and Strategy	Aug *	1.7	2.5	4.0	0.9	0.5	2.3	0.4	2.1	-0.9
ING Financial Markets	Jun	1.7	2.9	3.8	1.0	4.4	3.2	-2.1	2.6	-1.7
ISIS Asset Management plc	Jun	2.2	2.5	4.5	1.0	4.2	2.6	-0.2	3.1	-1.3
J P Morgan	Jul	1.9	2.5	4.8	-0.3	8.6	3.3	0.4	1.8	-0.6
Lehman Brothers	Aug *	1.7	2.3	4.5	-0.5	0.8	2.3	-2.0	0.3	-0.8
Lombard Street	Jul	1.8	2.5	3.8	1.0	1.5	2.7	1.0	3.0	-0.9
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	1.7	2.2	3.9	0.0	-	2.2	0.8	2.3	-0.7
RBSFM	Aug *	1.8	2.8	5.0	-0.7	0.8	2.6	-0.2	2.4	-0.8
Schroders Investment Management	Jul	1.7	2.2	3.9	2.1	-0.2	2.4	0.9	3.1	-0.9
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun	1.9	2.7	3.9	1.7	2.0	3.0	-1.3	2.0	-1.2
UBS	Aug *	1.7	2.6	4.9	-0.3	-0.1	2.5	-0.4	2.2	-1.0
WestLB AG	Aug *	1.7	2.2	4.4	0.5	0.9	2.6	1.2	3.2	-0.9
Williams de Broe	Aug *	1.9	2.1	4.7	3.7	1.6	3.0	2.9	5.5	-1.4
<b>Non-City Forecasters</b>										
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	2.0	2.6	3.9	1.1	1.5	2.5	0.6	3.1	-1.0
CBI	Jun	2.1	2.4	3.2	2.9	0.6	2.7	-0.1	1.8	-0.7
CEBR	Jul	1.6	2.2	2.3	0.3	4.0	2.3	0.2	2.3	-
Economy.com	Jun	1.8	2.7	4.0	-0.3	-0.1	1.8	1.0	2.5	-0.8
Experian Business Strategies	Aug *	1.8	2.8	4.1	1.5	1.6	3.0	-1.6	-0.9	-0.2
EIU	Jan	1.9	1.8	3.3	1.0	-	2.0	2.1	2.3	-0.2
Global Insight	Aug *	1.8	2.8	2.7	1.1	-	2.9	-0.3	2.8	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	1.7	2.2	4.4	0.2	0.0	2.4	0.0	1.8	-1.1
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	1.7	3.8 c	4.1 d	-0.9 e	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	1.9	2.2	3.4	2.3	0.4	2.4	-0.1	1.6	-0.6
OEF	Aug *	1.7	2.6	4.2	-1.2	-0.1	2.2	-0.8	1.0	-0.7
EC	May	2.2	2.3	4.0	3.4	-0.5	2.8	1.9	3.6	-0.8
OECD	May	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.9	0.3 h	2.4	2.1	2.9	-0.5
IMF	Apr	2.0	2.1	3.6	3.1	0.1	2.7	0.6	2.5	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Independent		1.8	2.5	4.0	0.5	1.4	2.6	-0.1	2.2	-0.9
New (marked *)		1.7	2.5	4.1	0.3	0.6	2.5	-0.2	2.0	-0.9
City		1.7	2.5	4.2	0.4	1.5	2.6	-0.2	2.3	-1.0
<b>Range of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Highest		2.2	3.2	5.0	3.7	8.6	3.3	2.9	5.5	-0.2
Lowest		0.8	2.1	2.3	-1.7	-2.1	1.6	-2.1	-0.9	-1.7
Median		1.8	2.6	4.1	0.5	0.8	2.6	-0.1	2.2	-0.9
HM Treasury	Apr	2 to 2½	2½ to 3	3%	4¼ to 4¾	-0.3 to 0.2	3 to 3½	1¼ to 1½	4 to 4¼	-1¼

**Table 2 - 2003: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

Aug 2003 Comparison

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average Earnings	Sterling Index (Q4)	Bank of England Repo Rate (Q4,%)	Oil price (\$)	M4
<b>City Forecasters</b>								
ABN AMRO	Apr	2.0	2.6	3.8	99.5	2.75	24.8	-
Bank of America	Aug *	2.3	2.3	3.0	-	3.25	25.5	5.2
Barclays Capital	Jul	2.5	2.6	3.8	99.8	3.50	-	-
Bridgewater	Aug *	3.4	3.1	3.7	97.5	4.00	-	5.3
Capital Economics	Aug *	2.2	2.3	3.0	99.2	3.00	25.0	8.0
Citigroup	Aug *	2.5	2.6	3.4	97.5	3.50	25.0	-
Credit Lyonnais	Aug *	2.6	2.7	3.7	100.0	3.25	27.0	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jul	2.5	2.8	-	-	3.50	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Aug *	2.5	2.6	3.8	99.4	3.50	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	2.4	2.5	3.3	100.3	3.00	-	6.5
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	2.2	2.1	3.5	97.0	3.25	26.0	7.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.3	2.4	4.0	101.3	3.75	26.0	-
Goldman Sachs	Jul	3.0	2.8	3.9	97.0	3.50	27.9	7.8
Hermes	Aug *	2.5	2.5	3.8	95.0	3.50	-	-
HSBC Economics and Strategy	Aug *	2.7	2.7	3.4	96.7	3.25	28.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Jun	2.6	2.7	4.2	-	3.50	-	6.2
ISIS Asset Management plc	Jun	2.6	2.5	3.5	-	3.50	-	-
J P Morgan	Jul	2.4	2.4	-	-	3.75	26.7	-
Lehman Brothers	Aug *	2.5	2.6	3.3	96.4	3.50	-	-
Lombard Street	Jul	2.7	2.6	4.0	97.0	3.25	25.0	8.0
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	2.2	2.4	3.4	-	3.25 j	-	-
RBSFM	Aug *	2.2	2.4	3.8	97.3	3.50	27.7	-
Schroders Investment Management	Jul	2.4	2.5	3.2	-	3.50	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun	2.2	2.3	3.4	97.0	3.50	24.0	6.0
UBS	Aug *	2.7	2.5	3.9	104.0	3.50	26.5	5.5
WestLB AG	Aug *	3.1	2.5	3.2	101.0	3.50	25.0	6.0
Williams de Broe	Aug *	2.2	2.4	3.9	99.3	3.50	28.1	7.7
<b>Non-City Forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	2.9 k	2.7 k	3.5 n	103.5 k	3.80 ks	25.9	-
CBI	Jun	2.3	2.4	4.0	100.0	3.50	24.8	-
CEBR	Jul	2.1	2.0	4.3	102.5	3.42	28.4	4.0
Economy.com	Jun	3.2	3.2	3.5	99.0	3.90	26.5	6.6
Experian Business Strategies	Aug *	2.5	2.6	4.0	99.0	3.50	27.1	-
EIU	Jan	2.6	2.3	3.8	103.9	4.25	24.5	-
Global Insight	Aug *	-	2.8	3.3	-	3.50	-	6.2
ITEM Club	Aug *	2.5	2.5	3.8	99.7	3.60	30.0	7.5
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	2.5	2.8	102.7	3.50	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	2.5	2.5	-	99.5	3.54 s	25.4 ii	-
OEF	Aug *	2.6	2.7	3.8	99.4	3.50	28.4	6.9
EC	May	2.5 a	1.1 ak	4.5 n	-	-	27.6	-
OECD	May	1.8 kll	3.1 k	4.5 n	-	3.80 ks	-	-
IMF	Apr	-	2.8	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.5	2.5	3.6	99.0	3.47	26.6	6.5
New (marked *)		2.5	2.5	3.5	99.0	3.43	26.9	6.5
City		2.5	2.5	3.6	98.4	3.44	26.2	6.6
<b>Range of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Highest		3.4	3.2	4.3	104.0	4.00	30.0	8.0
Lowest		2.1	2.0	2.8	95.0	3.00	24.0	4.0
Median		2.5	2.5	3.7	99.3	3.50	26.5	6.5
HM Treasury	Apr	-	2%	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3 - 2003: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

**Aug 2003 Comparison**

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		Real Household Disposable Income	Employment	Claimant Unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing Output	World Trade in Manufactures	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2003-04)
<b>City Forecasters</b>								
ABN AMRO	Apr	1.6	-0.4	1.00	0.0	2.0	-23.0	31.1
Bank of America	Aug *	-	-	-	0.0	-	-3.6	-
Barclays Capital	Jul	1.9	0.0	0.99	0.0	-	-17.6	32.4 cc
Bridgewell	Aug *	0.9	0.0	0.99	0.0	-	-29.9	33.6
Capital Economics	Aug *	1.2	0.0	1.00	0.0	3.0	-22.0	34.0
Citigroup	Aug *	1.4	0.5	0.92	-0.3	-	-10.6	35.2
Credit Lyonnais	Aug *	-	-	0.97	-0.1	4.0	-11.4	35.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-12.0	33.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Aug *	2.2	0.4	0.97	-	-	-12.8	32.0
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	2.0	-	0.99	-0.3	-	-13.5	33.0
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	1.3	-0.3	1.00	-1.2	2.0	-27.0	32.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.0	0.5	3.10 x	-0.1	-	-16.0	27.0
Goldman Sachs	Jul	3.1	0.5	0.97	0.1	-	-9.8	34.7
Hermes	Aug *	-	0.0	1.04	-	-	-18.0	-
HSBC Economics and Strategy	Aug *	2.3	-0.3	1.04	-0.1	-	-18.0	33.0
ING Financial Markets	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ISIS Asset Management plc	Jun	-	-	0.97	0.9	-	-18.0	-
J P Morgan	Jul	-	-	-	-0.6	-	-2.7	30.0
Lehman Brothers	Aug *	0.5	-0.5 rr	1.00	-0.4	-	-13.0	34.0
Lombard Street	Jul	2.0	0.1	0.98	-	-	-25.0	32.0
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	1.5	0.6	-	0.0	-	-	31.0
RBSFM	Aug *	2.5	0.4	0.99	0.1	3.2	-17.2	32.2
Schroders Investment Management	Jul	-	-	3.35 x	1.1	-	-32.0	30.6
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun	2.5	-0.5	1.00	1.6	-	-18.0	30.0
UBS	Aug *	1.9	0.4	0.94	0.5	-	-5.1	30.0
WestLB AG	Aug *	2.4	0.2	0.96	0.0	4.0	-8.0	32.0
Williams de Broe	Aug *	-	0.0	0.94	0.3	7.3	-22.2	31.9
<b>Non-City Forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	2.7	0.1	1.00 k	-0.3	2.1 hh	-16.1	29.3 kcc
CBI	Jun	1.9	0.2	1.00	0.3	5.6	-16.4	27.3
CEBR	Jul	1.8	-0.5	1.02	-1.0	-	-18.9	24.6
Economy.com	Jun	2.7	0.5	0.93	-0.3	-	-39.3	35.1
Experian Business Strategies	Aug *	2.3	0.3	0.99	-0.3	5.0	-8.3	25.8
EIU	Jan	2.1	-0.1	1.00	1.3	5.1	-16.1	-
Global Insight	Aug *	-	0.6	-	-0.2	-	-10.9	28.4
ITEM Club	Aug *	2.2	0.5	1.00	-0.1	3.7	-10.0	31.3
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	1.09	-	-	-36.8	25.4 cc
NIESR	Aug *	1.5	0.2	0.99	-0.1	3.6 w	-	26.1
OEF	Aug *	2.2	0.4	0.97	0.1	3.5	-10.8	33.5
EC	May	2.5	0.5	-	0.7	-	-14.3	26.9 ee
OECD	May	-	0.2	5.40 aa	-	-	-1.4 g	-
IMF	Apr	-	0.2	5.40 aa	-	-	-2.0 g	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.0	0.2	0.99	0.0	4.1	-16.7	31.5
New (marked *)		1.8	0.2	0.99	-0.1	4.0	-15.4	31.8
City		1.8	0.1	0.98	0.1	3.9	-16.0	32.5
<b>Range of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Highest		3.1	0.6	1.09	1.6	7.3	-2.7	35.2
Lowest		0.5	-0.5	0.92	-1.2	2.0	-39.3	24.6
Median		2.0	0.2	0.99	0.0	3.9	-16.3	32.0
HM Treasury	Apr	2 to 2½	-	-	¼ to ¾	4¼ w	-23¼	27

**Table 4 - 2004: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)**

**Aug 2003 Comparison**

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		GDP	Private Consumption	Government Consumption	Fixed Investment	Change in Inventories (£bn)	Domestic Demand	Total Exports	Total Imports	Net Trade Contribution
<b>City Forecasters</b>										
ABN AMRO	Apr	2.4	1.6	3.8	4.4	0.0	2.4	4.2	4.0	-0.2
Bank of America	Aug *	1.5	0.8	2.7	1.6	1.6	1.3 kk	4.1	2.7	0.3
Barclays Capital	Jul	3.1	2.8	4.1	3.5	3.0	3.1	4.4	4.2	-0.3
Bridgewell	Aug *	1.5	1.4	2.5	0.5	-1.0	1.4	3.9	3.2	0.0
Capital Economics	Aug *	2.3	-0.5	4.5	3.5	1.7	0.8	4.5	0.0	1.5
Citigroup	Aug *	3.2	4.3	1.5	5.2	0.4	4.2	6.1	8.2	-1.0
Credit Lyonnais	Aug *	2.6	2.3	3.0	4.5	1.8	3.0	5.0	5.7	-0.7
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jul	2.8	2.8	3.5	4.5	0.8	3.2	5.0	5.5	-0.6
Daiwa Institute of Research	Aug *	2.9	2.3	3.9	3.0	1.0	2.9	6.2	5.5	-0.2
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	2.5	2.8	3.6	3.8	0.7	3.4	5.0	6.2	-0.9
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-0.2	0.1	3.3	-2.4	-1.5	0.2	-0.6	0.6	-0.5
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.0	1.8	2.9	5.4	4.0	2.6	8.1	6.0	0.4
Goldman Sachs	Jul	2.9	2.3	2.9	2.5	0.1 h	2.6	6.9	5.4	0.1
Hermes	Aug *	1.9	1.5	2.9	2.3	2.2	1.9	2.9	2.5	-0.1
HSBC Economics and Strategy	Aug *	1.6	1.2	2.3	1.9	2.0	1.1	2.3	0.7	0.4
ING Financial Markets	Jun	2.5	2.7	3.9	4.8	0.4	3.4	6.5	7.9	-1.1
ISIS Asset Management plc	Jun	2.2	1.5	4.4	2.8	4.0	2.2	7.7	4.0	0.1
J P Morgan	Jul	2.8	2.6	4.5	3.4	9.2	3.1	6.2	2.7	0.9
Lehman Brothers	Aug *	2.5	2.0	3.1	-0.4	4.2	2.2	6.2	4.6	0.1
Lombard Street	Jul	2.9	1.8	3.8	3.0	2.5	2.5	4.0	2.5	0.3
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	2.4	1.7	3.3	3.5	-	2.3	5.3	4.4	0.0
RBSFM	Aug *	3.1	2.7	4.2	4.8	1.0	3.3	6.5	6.5	-0.3
Schroders Investment Management	Jul	2.2	1.3	4.0	2.9	-1.0	2.0	4.2	3.2	0.1
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun	2.3	2.1	3.4	3.2	0.1	2.3	2.8	2.7	-0.2
UBS	Aug *	2.0	2.1	4.0	1.1	-0.9	2.1	2.8	3.0	-0.3
WestLB AG	Aug *	2.5	2.3	4.2	3.7	0.8	3.1	6.3	6.2	-0.5
Williams de Broe	Aug *	2.8	1.7	3.7	8.3	2.5	3.2	10.4	9.9	-0.7
<b>Non-City Forecasters</b>										
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.3	0.6	2.8	5.5	5.2	-0.3
CBI	Jun	2.5	1.8	3.7	2.4	1.8	2.3	4.4	3.5	0.0
CEBR	Jul	1.9	1.7	2.6	1.3	5.1	1.3	4.5	2.5	-
Economy.com	Jun	2.8	2.9	2.5	2.0	2.6	2.5	4.8	4.2	-0.8
Experian Business Strategies	Aug *	2.3	1.8	3.0	4.3	2.3	2.5	2.1	2.1	-0.2
EIU	Jan	2.3	1.3	2.8	2.4	-	2.4	4.9	4.8	-0.3
Global Insight	Aug *	2.6	2.5	2.7	3.7	-	2.6	5.0	4.6	-
ITEM Club	Aug *	2.5	2.2	4.0	2.9	0.0	2.7	5.9	3.4	-0.8
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	1.9	3.0 c	4.0 d	0.0 e	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	2.7	1.5	3.7	4.9	1.5	2.5	5.2	4.2	0.0
OEF	Aug *	2.9	2.4	3.9	2.9	1.0	2.9	6.3	5.6	-0.2
EC	May	2.6	2.2	1.0	4.2	1.4	2.5	5.6	4.9	-0.1
OECD	May	2.6	2.3	2.8	6.7	0.4 h	3.4	8.4	9.6	-1.1
IMF	Apr	2.5	2.1	3.0	3.2	0.0	2.4	3.9	3.6	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Independent		2.4	2.0	3.4	3.0	1.6	2.5	5.0	4.2	-0.2
New (marked *)		2.3	1.9	3.3	3.0	1.1	2.4	4.8	4.3	-0.2
City		2.4	1.9	3.5	3.0	1.5	2.5	5.0	4.3	-0.1
<b>Range of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Highest		3.2	4.3	4.5	8.3	9.2	4.2	10.4	9.9	1.5
Lowest		-0.2	-0.5	1.5	-2.4	-1.5	0.2	-0.6	0.0	-1.1
Median		2.5	2.1	3.6	3.1	1.5	2.5	5.0	4.2	-0.2
HM Treasury	Apr	3 - 3½	2½ to 2¾	4	4¾ to 5¼	-0.5 to 0.9	3 to 3½	8¾ to 8¾	7¼ to 7¾	-¼

**Table 5 - 2004: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

Aug 2003 Comparison

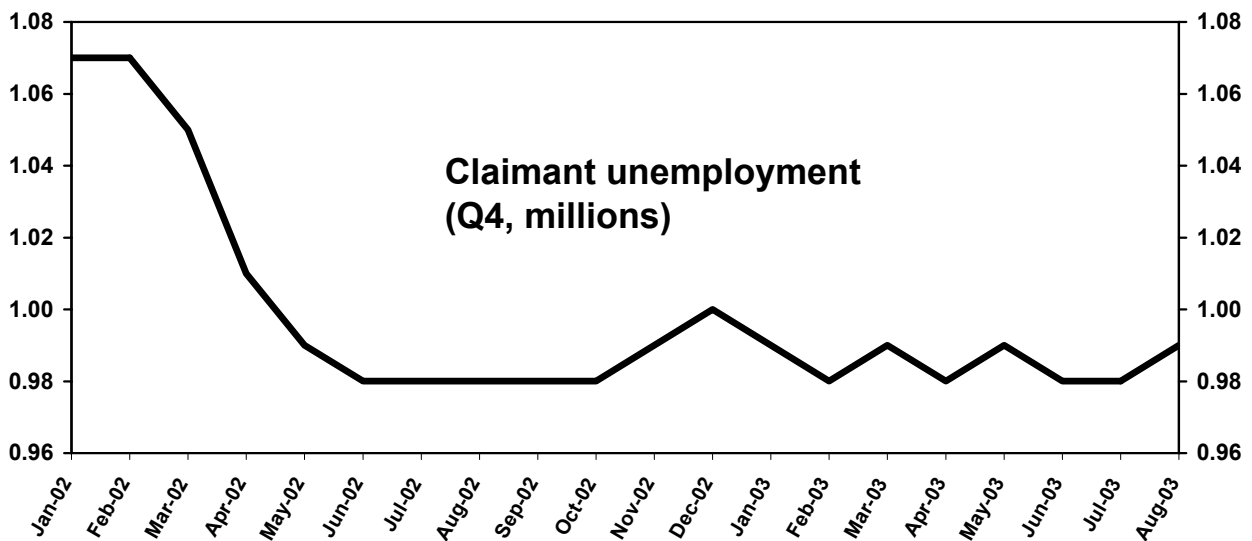
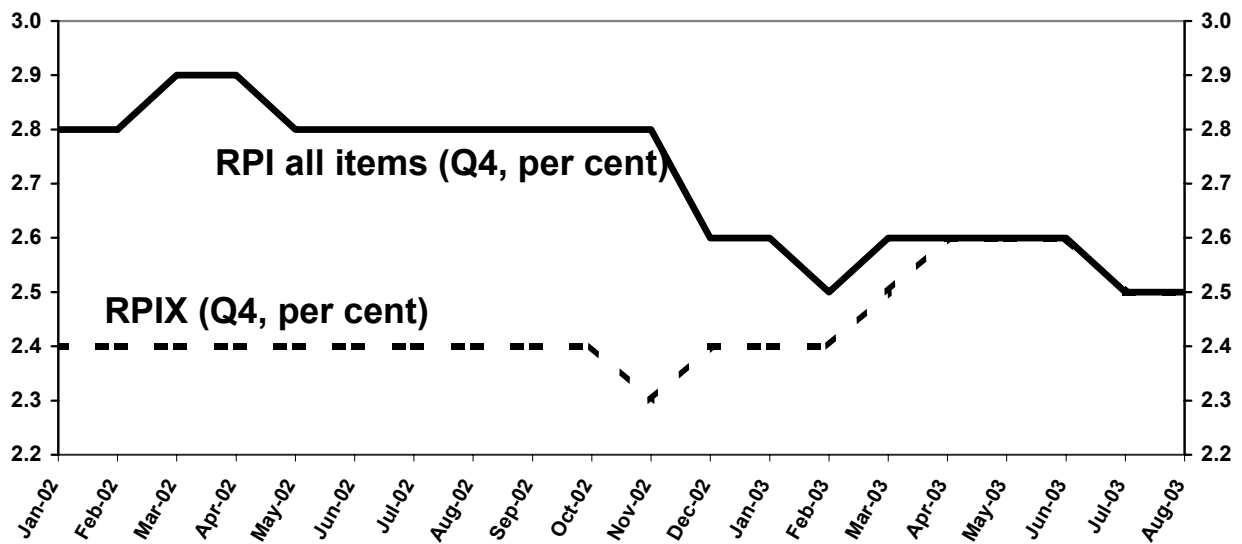
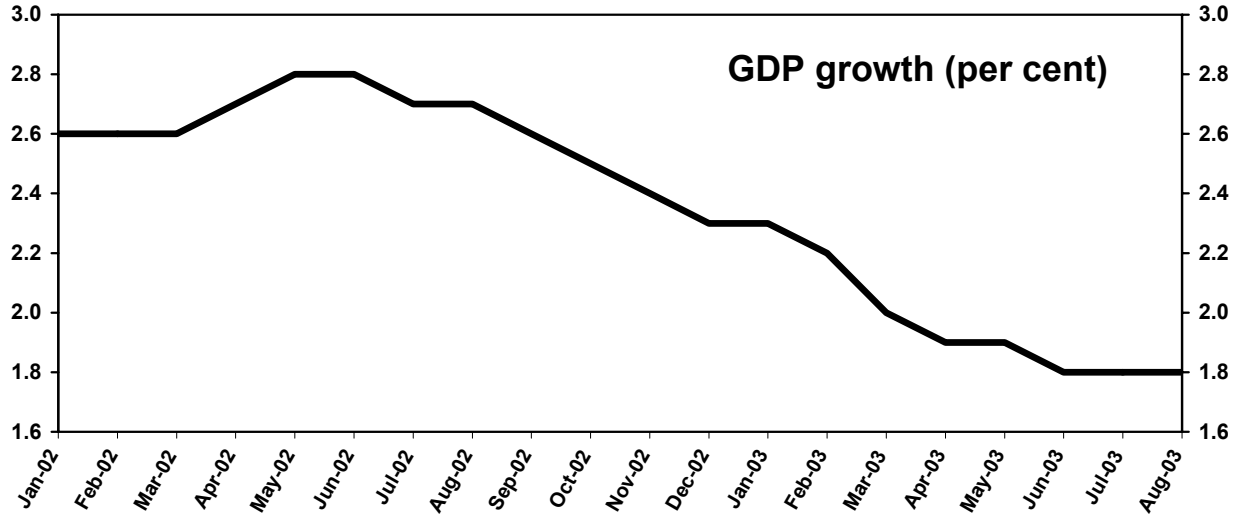
Forecasters & dates of forecasts		RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average Earnings	Sterling Index (Q4)	Bank of England Repo Rate (Q4,%)	Oil price (\$)	M4
<b>City Forecasters</b>								
ABN AMRO	Apr	2.6	2.6	4.3	99.5	2.75	19.0	-
Bank of America	Aug *	1.9	1.8	2.9	-	3.00	26.0	7.0
Barclays Capital	Jul	2.4	2.4	4.4	101.2	4.42	-	-
Bridgewater	Aug *	3.1	3.0	3.9	93.1	4.75	-	6.3
Capital Economics	Aug *	2.5	2.0	3.5	95.0	3.50	20.0	8.0
Citigroup	Aug *	3.6	2.9	4.4	95.6	4.20	25.0	-
Credit Lyonnais	Aug *	2.8	2.5	4.2	98.0	3.75	24.0	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jul	2.6	2.5	-	-	4.00	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Aug *	3.4	2.3	4.4	103.0	4.50	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	2.6	2.4	4.3	97.0	3.50	-	6.2
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	1.7	1.5	3.3	95.0	3.75	23.0	6.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.3	2.6	4.5	100.5	5.25	24.0	-
Goldman Sachs	Jul	3.0	2.3	4.5	95.0	4.80	25.0	8.2
Hermes	Aug *	1.7	1.7	3.5	102.0	3.00	-	-
HSBC Economics and Strategy	Aug *	2.2	2.4	3.0	90.1	2.75	25.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Jun	2.8	2.0	-	-	4.50	-	7.3
ISIS Asset Management plc	Jun	3.0	2.6	4.5	-	4.00	-	-
J P Morgan	Jul	2.7	2.1	-	-	4.25	24.6	-
Lehman Brothers	Aug *	3.0	2.4	3.4	91.3	4.00	-	-
Lombard Street	Jul	2.7	2.5	4.4	95.0	4.25	23.0	7.0
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	2.9	2.4	3.5	-	4.00 j	-	-
RBSFM	Aug *	2.9	2.6	4.5	93.5	4.67	25.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	Jul	2.4	2.2	3.9	-	3.75	-	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun	2.5	2.4	3.6	100.0	3.75	22.0	5.5
UBS	Aug *	2.1	2.0	4.0	104.0	3.50	23.0	5.0
WestLB AG	Aug *	2.4	2.3	3.5	97.0	4.50	23.0	6.0
Williams de Broe	Aug *	2.3	2.0	4.3	95.1	4.50	28.5	7.9
<b>Non-City Forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	2.8 k	2.3 k	4.5 n	98.3 k	4.20 ks	27.2	-
CBI	Jun	2.8	2.5	4.5	100.0	4.00	24.2	-
CEBR	Jul	2.1	2.2	4.4	98.5	2.94	25.4	4.4
Economy.com	Jun	2.9	2.7	3.7	110.0	5.00	24.0	6.5
Experian Business Strategies	Aug *	2.7	2.3	5.3	98.8	4.00	25.8	-
EIU	Jan	2.5	2.4	3.6	103.5	4.75	19.1	-
Global Insight	Aug *	-	2.6	4.1	-	4.25	-	4.7
ITEM Club	Aug *	3.0	2.3	4.6	97.2	3.90	27.0	6.5
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	2.2	3.5	102.7	4.20	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	2.9	2.5	-	97.8	3.96 s	22.6 ii	-
OEF	Aug *	3.3	2.2	4.4	103.1	4.50	24.9	6.0
EC	May	2.4 a	1.2 ak	4.6 n	-	-	23.5	-
OECD	May	2.3 kll	2.8 k	4.5 n	-	4.30 ks	-	-
IMF	Apr	-	2.6	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.7	2.3	4.0	98.0	4.01	24.6	6.4
New (marked *)		2.6	2.3	3.9	97.3	3.94	24.6	6.3
City		2.6	2.3	3.9	96.7	3.98	24.1	6.7
<b>Range of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Highest		3.6	3.0	5.3	110.0	5.00	28.5	8.2
Lowest		1.7	1.5	2.9	90.1	2.75	20.0	4.4
Median		2.7	2.4	4.2	97.5	4.00	24.9	6.3
HM Treasury	Apr	-	2½	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 6 - 2004: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

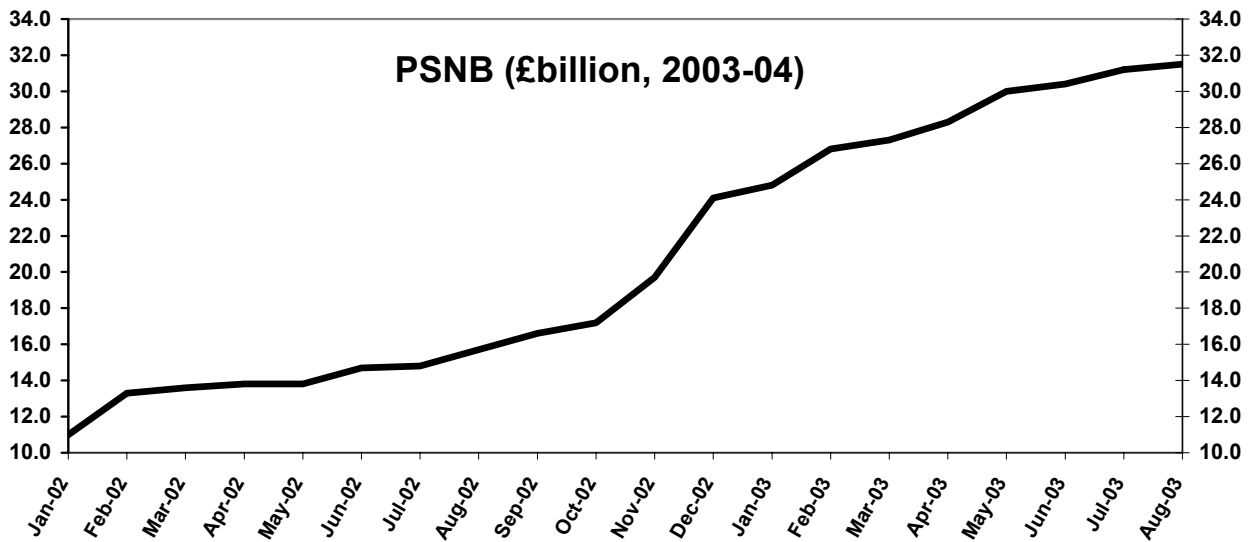
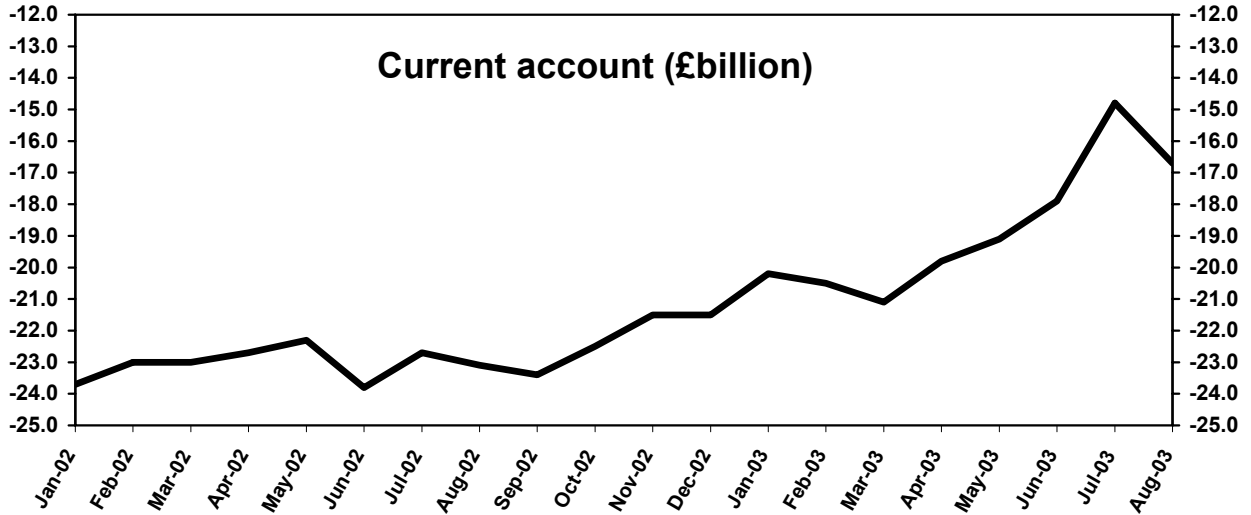
**Aug 2003 Comparison**

Forecasters & dates of forecasts		Real Household Disposable Income	Employment	Claimant Unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing Output	World Trade in Manufactures	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2004-05)
<b>City Forecasters</b>								
ABN AMRO	Apr	2.7	-0.1	1.00	2.2	6.9	-17.7	43.5
Bank of America	Aug *	-	-	-	2.2	-	-2.0	-
Barclays Capital	Jul	2.7	-0.1	0.97	2.1	-	-21.6	29.5 cc
Bridgewell	Aug *	1.7	0.5	1.03	2.2	-	-36.4	44.9
Capital Economics	Aug *	1.3	0.1	1.10	4.0	5.0	-16.0	32.0
Citigroup	Aug *	2.7	0.6	0.79	1.0	-	-24.8	39.8
Credit Lyonnais	Aug *	-	-	0.95	2.0	6.0	-17.5	33.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-18.0	33.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Aug *	3.0	0.5	0.96	-	-	-20.9	29.6
Deutsche Bank	Aug *	2.6	-	1.02	1.9	-	-23.1	34.0
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	0.7	-1.0	1.20	-0.5	2.0	-30.0	38.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.1	1.0	2.80 x	2.2	-	-18.0	26.0
Goldman Sachs	Jul	3.0	0.7	1.01	3.9	-	-16.5	33.6
Hermes	Aug *	-	0.0	1.07	-	-	-10.0	-
HSBC Economics and Strategy	Aug *	1.3	-0.5	1.22	1.5	-	-13.0	35.0
ING Financial Markets	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ISIS Asset Management plc	Jun	-	-	1.30	2.4	-	-16.0	-
J P Morgan	Jul	-	-	-	2.6	-	-1.2	27.0
Lehman Brothers	Aug *	2.3	0.1	1.00	0.6	-	-26.0	38.0
Lombard Street	Jul	2.6	0.1	0.98	-	-	-30.0	35.0
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	2.1	0.8	-	2.3	-	-	28.0
RBSFM	Aug *	2.6	0.7	0.90	2.8	5.7	-24.2	33.7
Schroders Investment Management	Jul	-	-	3.75 x	3.2	-	-29.7	34.1
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun	2.0	-0.8	1.10	2.0	-	-16.0	32.0
UBS	Aug *	2.1	0.2	0.95	2.5	-	-8.0	36.0
WestLB AG	Aug *	2.6	0.6	0.93	2.0	6.5	-12.0	36.0
Williams de Broe	Aug *	-	0.8	0.84	3.9	13.1	-36.3	34.0
<b>Non-City Forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	3.2	0.1	1.00 k	1.5	2.9 hh	-18.6	28.7 kcc
CBI	Jun	2.2	0.6	0.96	1.9	6.0	-19.2	32.2
CEBR	Jul	2.2	-0.6	1.15	0.7	-	-20.2	31.2
Economy.com	Jun	3.9	1.3	0.90	1.9	-	-39.4	32.7
Experian Business Strategies	Aug *	3.0	0.1	1.03	0.9	4.5	-16.1	36.3
EIU	Jan	2.2	0.1	1.15	2.2	6.4	-11.7	-
Global Insight	Aug *	-	0.7	-	2.7	-	-10.7	32.9
ITEM Club	Aug *	2.2	0.7	0.96	2.9	6.7	-25.0	30.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	1.12	-	-	-43.4	26.2 cc
NIESR	Aug *	1.7	0.1	1.04	2.3	7.1 w	-	34.2
OEF	Aug *	2.9	0.5	0.96	2.8	6.7	-20.9	30.6
EC	May	2.9	0.5	-	2.0	-	-13.7	28.4 ee
OECD	May	-	0.5	5.20 aa	-	-	-2.0 g	-
IMF	Apr	-	0.5	5.30 aa	-	-	-2.3 g	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.4	0.3	1.02	2.1	6.2	-20.7	33.8
New (marked *)		2.2	0.3	1.00	2.1	6.2	-20.8	34.5
City		2.2	0.2	1.02	2.2	6.4	-19.5	34.3
<b>Range of Forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>								
Highest		3.9	1.3	1.30	4.0	13.1	-1.2	44.9
Lowest		0.7	-1.0	0.79	-0.5	2.0	-43.4	27.0
Median		2.4	0.5	1.00	2.2	6.0	-19.7	33.7
HM Treasury	Apr	2½ to 3	-	-	2¼ to 2½	8½ w	-23¼	24

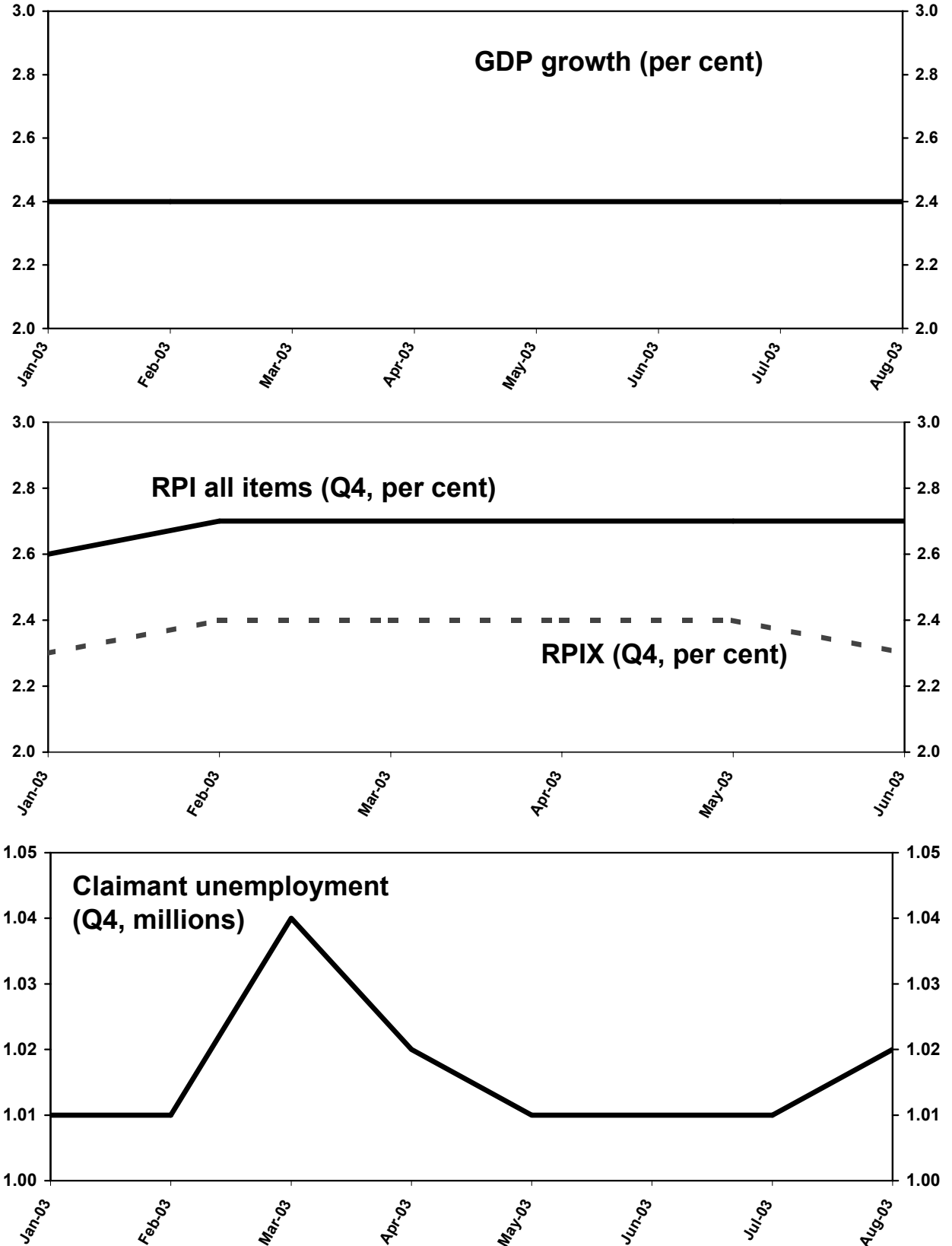
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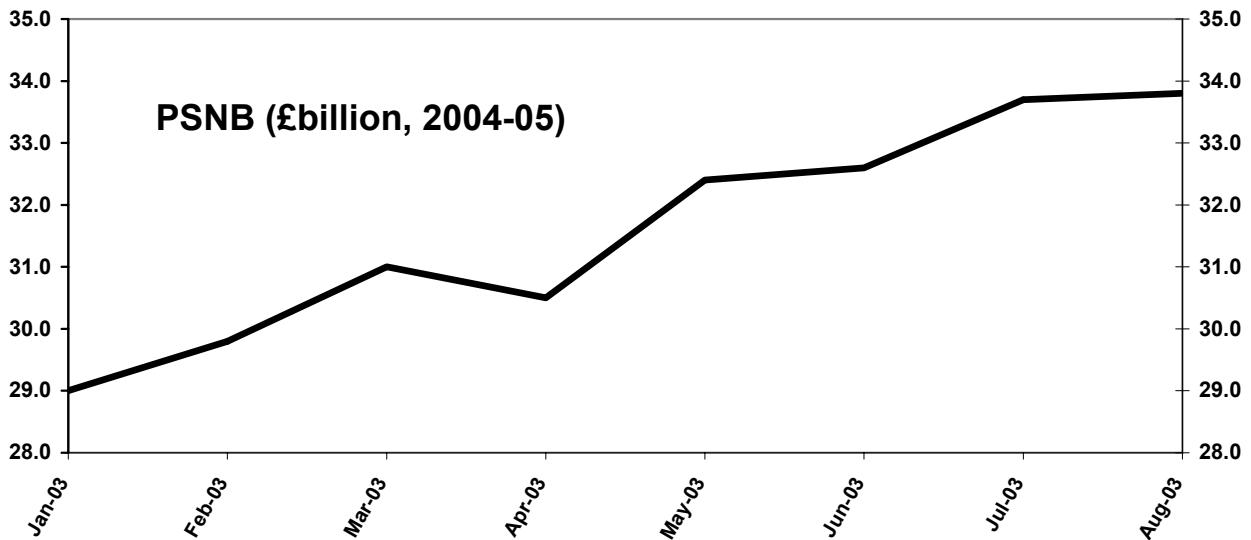
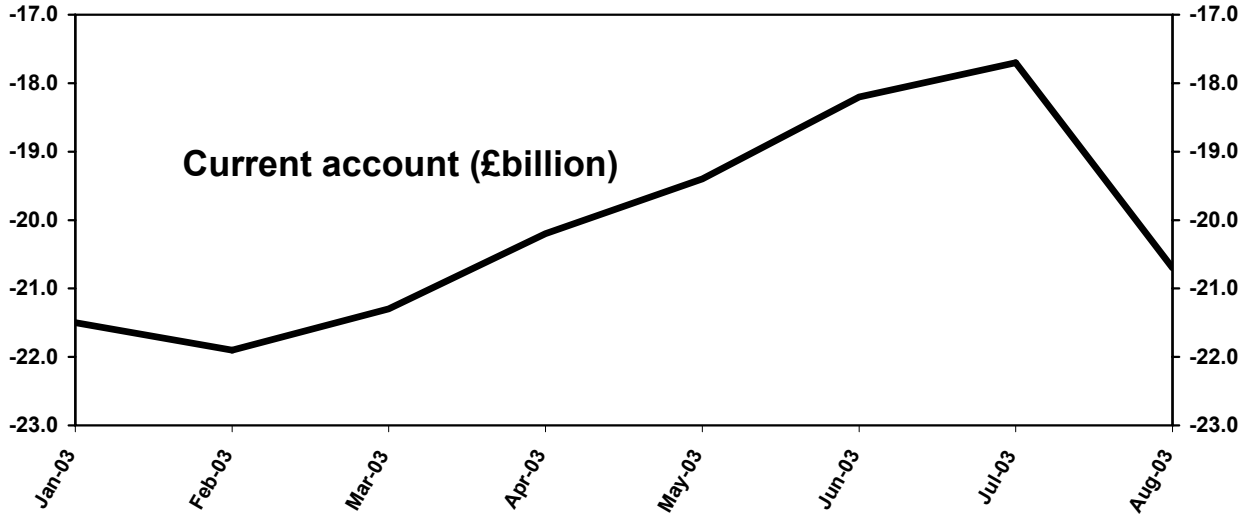
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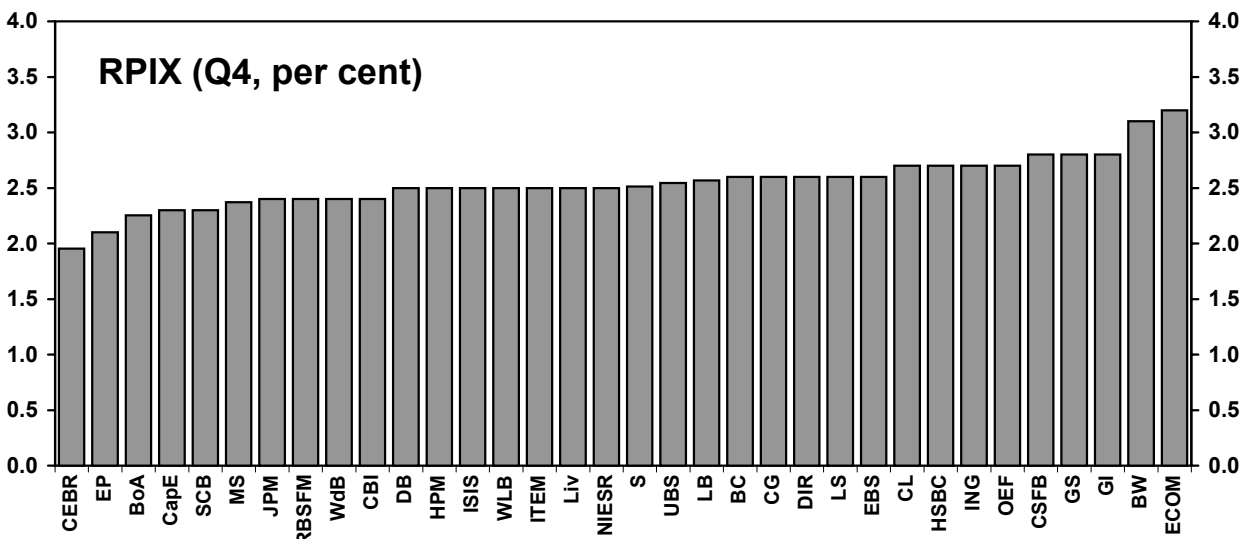
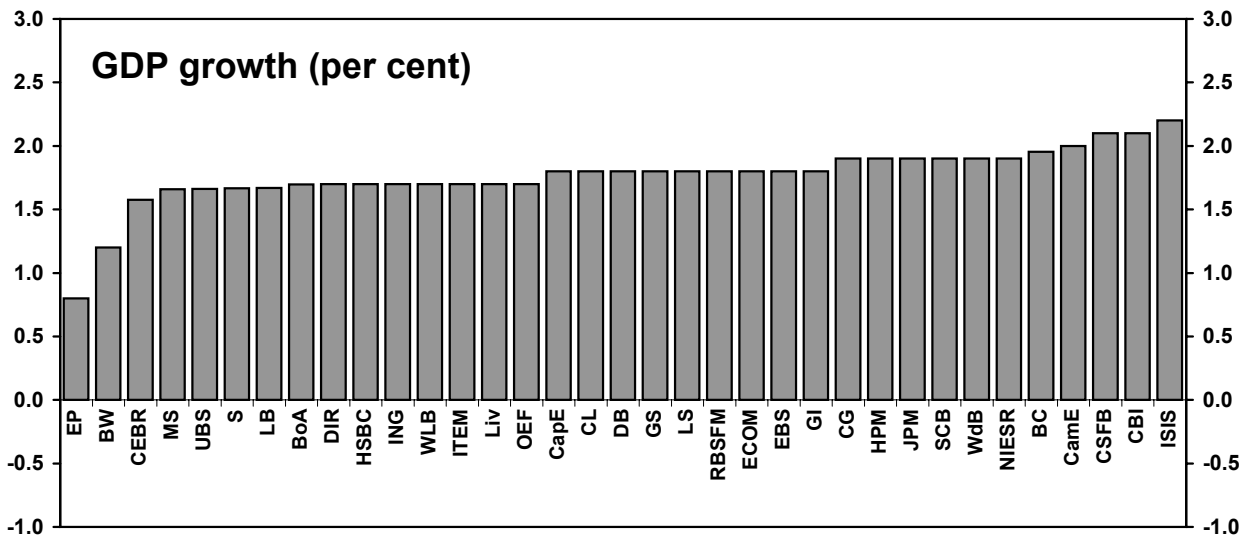
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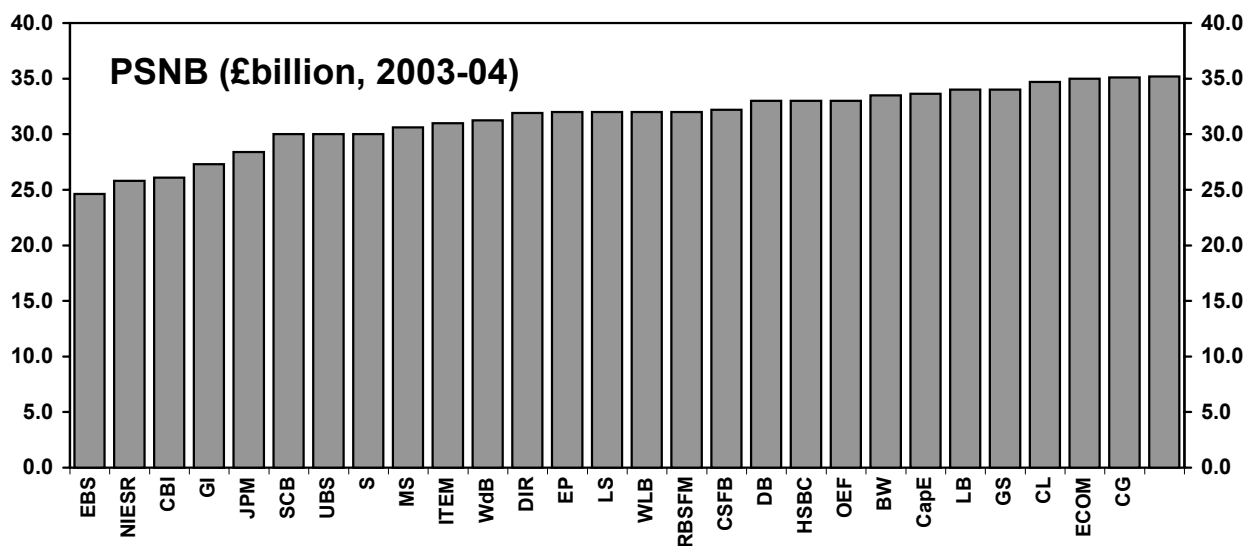
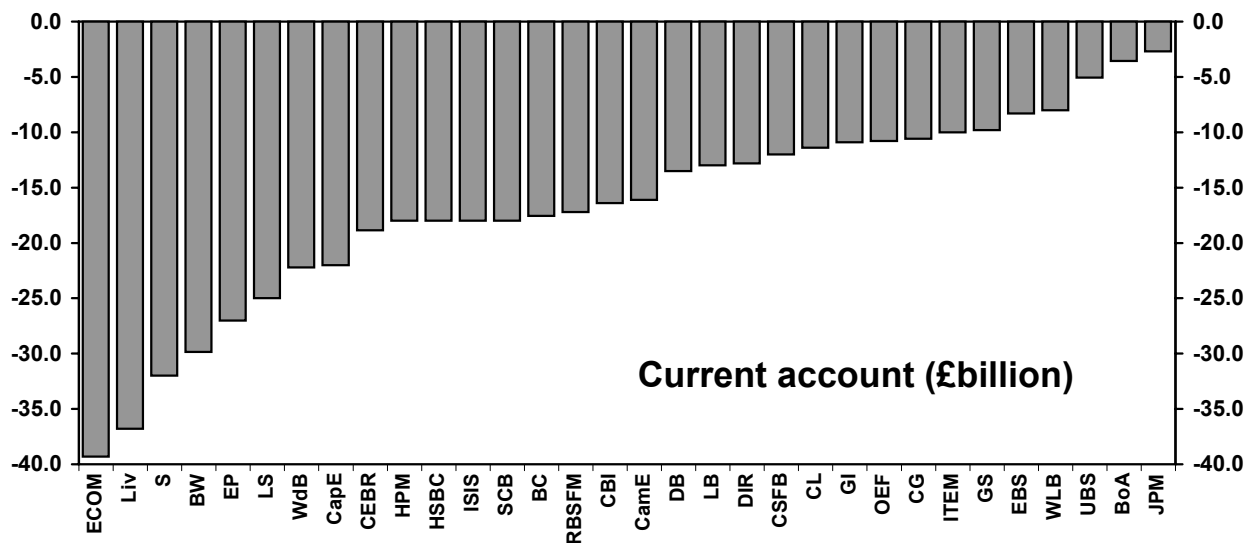
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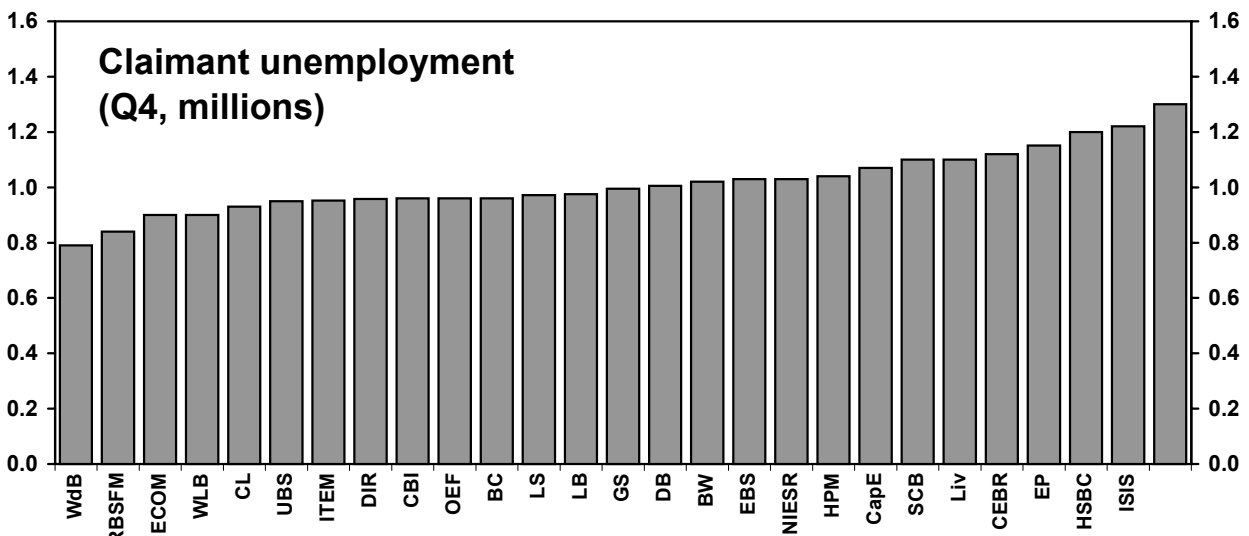
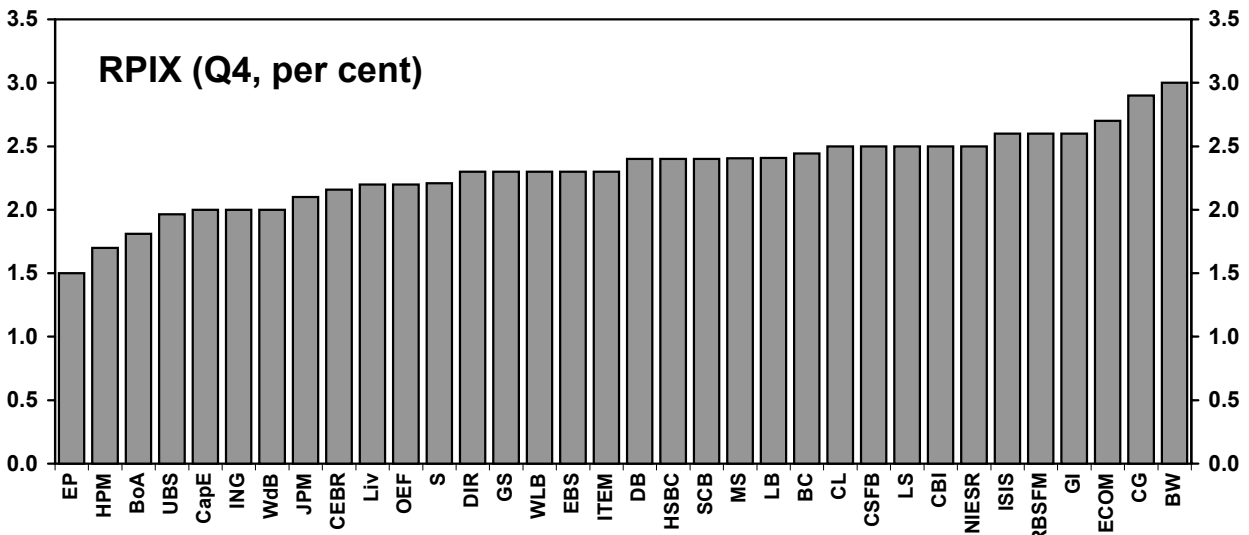
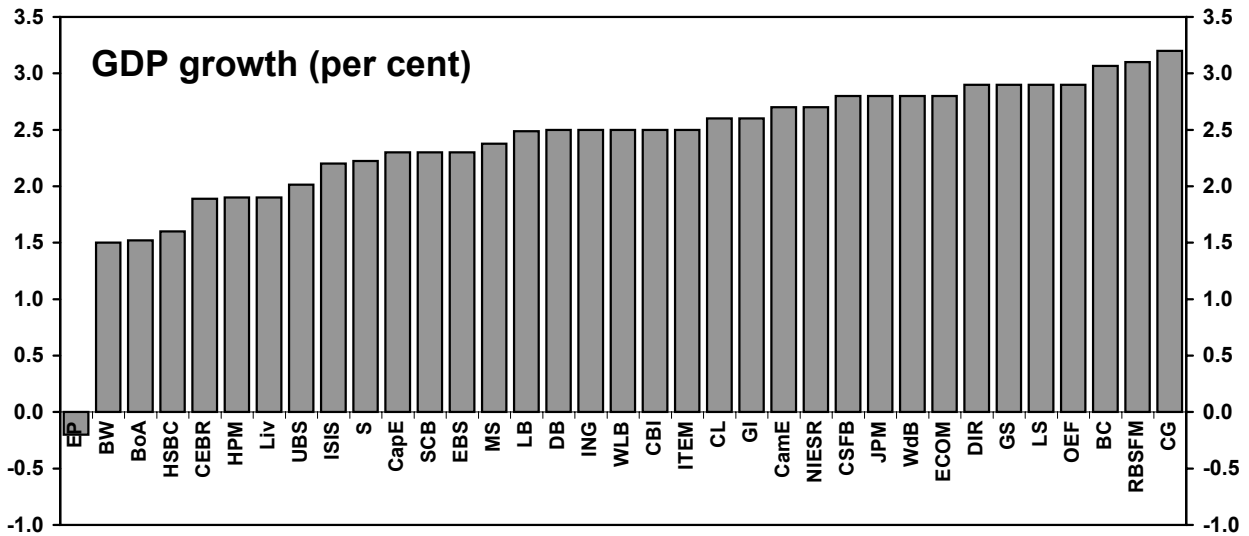
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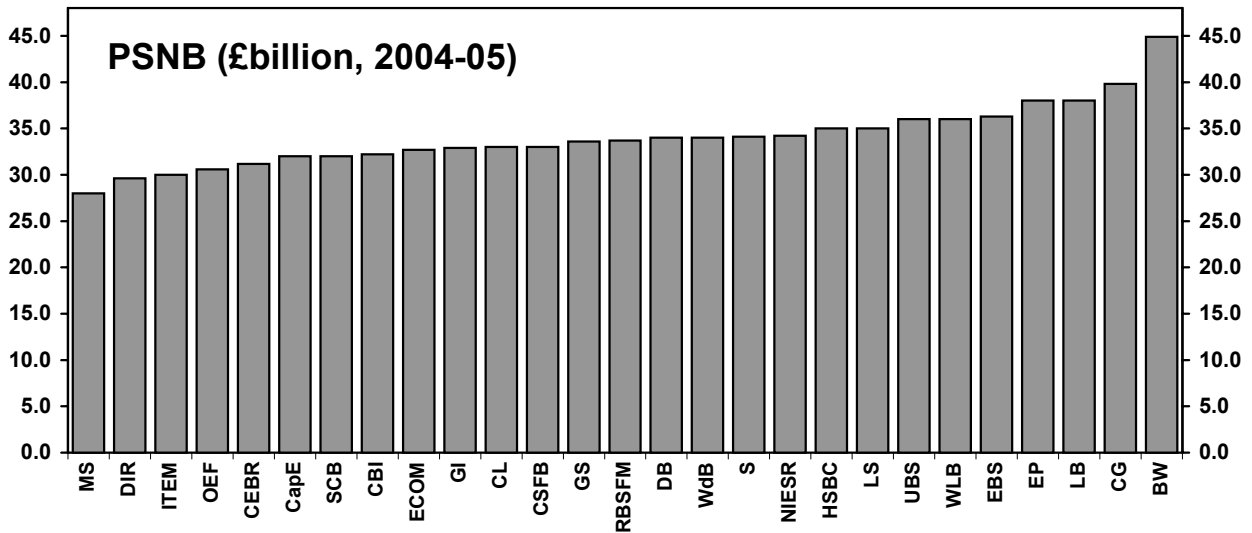
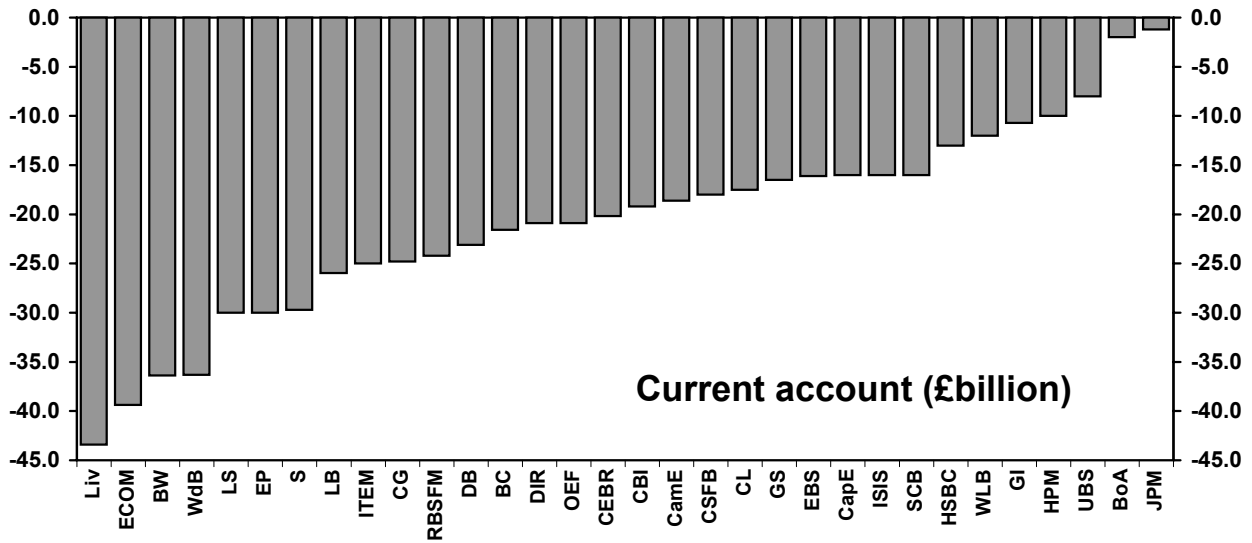
## Range of Forecasts for 2003; Current Account (£bn) and PSNB (2003-04, £bn) made in last 3 months



## Range of Forecasts for 2004; GDP, RPIX and Claimant Unemployment (millions) made in last 3 months



## Range of Forecasts for 2004; Current Account (£bn) and PSNB (2004-05, £bn) made in last 3 months



## Medium-term forecasts, August 2003

This edition of the comparison contains medium-term projections from 13 forecasters for the calendar years 2003 to 2007, and the fiscal years 2003-04 to 2006-07. The table below summarises the independent average, which is the average of medium-term projections made in the last three months.

	Independent average				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
GDP growth (per cent)	1.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4
Inflation rate (per cent)					
- RPI	2.8	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.6
- RPI exc MIPs	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5
Claimant unemployment (millions)	0.99	1.03	1.03	1.04	1.07
Current account (£bn)	-15.6	-21.4	-25.1	-26.7	-29.7

	Independent average			
	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
PSNB (£bn)	30.3	32.7	34.6	34.9

**Table M1: Medium-term forecasts for GDP and the GDP deflator**

August 2003 comparison

<u>GDP (percentage change)</u>					<u>GDP Deflator (percentage change)</u>				
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
<u>City forecasters</u>									
1.9	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.0	William de Broe	2.3	1.9	2.1	3.5
1.7	1.6	2.5	2.3	2.3	HSBC	-	-	-	-
1.7	2.5	3.0	-	-	Lehman Brothers	2.4	2.3	2.3	-
1.7	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.6	Daiwa Institute of Research	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5
1.8	2.9	2.8	2.5	-	Goldman Sachs	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.5
1.9	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.4	Hermes	-	-	-	-
<u>Non-City forecasters</u>									
1.7	1.9	1.7	1.8	2.0	Liverpool Macro Research	-	-	-	-
2.0	2.7	3.1	2.3	2.0	Cambridge Econometrics	3.2	2.9	3.0	2.4
1.7	2.5	3.1	2.7	2.5	ITEM Club	2.9	2.1	2.7	2.8
1.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.7	Global Insight	-	-	-	-
1.8	2.3	2.8	2.7	2.6	Experian Business Strategies	2.2	2.0	1.4	1.4
1.7	2.9	2.6	2.7	2.6	Oxford Economic Forecasting	3.0	2.2	2.1	2.1
1.9	2.7	2.8	2.6	-	NIESR	1.7	1.5	2.4	2.8
1.8	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.4	Independent Average	2.5	2.2	2.3	2.5
2.0	2.9	3.1	2.7	2.7	Highest	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.5
1.7	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	Lowest	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.4

**Table M2: Medium-term forecasts for Domestic Demand and Net Trade**

August 2003 comparison

<u>Domestic Demand (percentage change)</u>					<u>Contribution of net trade to GDP growth (per cent)</u>					
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<u>City forecasters</u>										
3.0	3.2	2.5	1.7	1.9	William de Broe	-1.4	-0.7	0.2	0.6	-0.1
2.3	1.1	2.5	2.0	2.0	HSBC	-0.9	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.3
2.3	2.2	2.3	-	-	Lehman Brothers	-0.8	0.1	0.6	-	-
2.2	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	Daiwa Institute of Research	-0.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-0.2
-	-	-	-	-	Goldman Sachs	-	-	-	-	-
2.3	1.9	2.2	2.4	2.4	Hermes	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<u>Non-City forecasters</u>										
-	-	-	-	-	Liverpool Macro Research	-	-	-	-	-
2.8	2.8	3.2	2.4	2.0	Cambridge Econometrics	-1.0	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	-0.2
2.4	2.7	3.4	2.9	2.6	ITEM Club	-1.1	-0.8	-0.4	-0.6	-0.5
2.9	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.9	Global Insight	-	-	-	-	-
3.0	2.5	2.5	2.1	2.4	Experian Business Strategies	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.4	0.1
2.2	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	Oxford Economic Forecasting	-0.7	-0.2	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2
2.4	2.5	2.3	-	-	NIESR	-0.6	0.0	0.3	-	-
2.5	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.4	Independent average	-0.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
3.0	3.2	3.4	2.9	2.9	Highest	-0.2	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.3
2.2	1.1	2.2	1.7	1.9	Lowest	-1.4	-0.8	-0.5	-0.6	-0.5

**Table M3: Medium-term forecasts for RPI and RPIX inflation (per cent)**

August 2003 comparison

<u>RPI inflation (per cent), annual average</u>					<u>RPIX (per cent), annual average</u>					
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<u>City forecasters</u>										
2.7	2.3	2.6	3.2	3.8	William de Broe	2.7	2.3	2.3	3.1	3.7
2.9	2.1	3.2	3.0	2.8	HSBC	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.8
2.8	2.7	3.2	-	-	Lehman Brothers	2.8	2.5	2.4	-	-
2.9	3.0	2.9	2.4	2.5	Daiwa Institute of Research	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.5	2.5
-	-	-	-	-	Goldman Sachs	2.8	2.3	2.5	2.5	-
2.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.3	Hermes	2.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.3
<u>Non-City forecasters</u>										
-	-	-	-	-	Liverpool Macro Research	2.5	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.8
2.9	2.8	3.2	2.3	1.9	Cambridge Econometrics	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.4
2.9	2.7	3.4	2.8	2.7	ITEM Club	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5
-	-	-	-	-	Global Insight	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.3	2.4
2.8	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.2	Experian Business Strategies	2.8	2.4	2.1	2.1	2.2
2.9	3.0	2.9	2.3	2.3	Oxford Economic Forecasting	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
2.8	2.5	3.2	-	-	NIESR	2.8	2.3	2.6	2.7	-
2.8	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.6	Independent Average	2.8	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.5
2.9	3.0	3.4	3.2	3.8	Highest	2.9	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.7
2.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	1.9	Lowest	2.5	2.0	2.0	1.8	1.8

**Table M4: Medium-term forecasts for Sterling Index and BoE repo rate**

August 2003 comparison

<u>Sterling Index (annual average, 1990=100)</u>					<u>Bank of England repo rate (annual average, per cent)</u>					
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<u>City forecasters</u>										
100.1	96.7	93.0	91.5	92.9	William de Broe	3.70	4.20	5.00	5.20	5.30
98.8	92.7	93.0	95.0	95.0	HSBC	3.56	3.00	4.00	5.00	5.00
99.7	93.1	91.3	-	-	Lehman Brothers	3.65	3.65	4.21	-	-
99.9	102.0	102.6	102.3	102.2	Daiwa Institute of Research	3.60	4.10	4.90	4.50	4.50
97.0	95.0	95.0	95.0	-	Goldman Sachs	4.00 jk	4.00 jk	5.30 jk	5.30 jk	- jk
98.0	100.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	Hermes	3.60	3.30	4.00	5.00	5.00
<u>Non-City forecasters</u>										
102.3	102.5	102.9	104.6	107.9	Liverpool Macro Research	3.60	3.90	4.60	5.40	5.60
103.5	98.3	96.4	96.1	97.0	Cambridge Econometrics	3.80 s	4.20 s	5.10 s	5.20 s	5.00 s
99.7	97.2	95.7	94.5	93.5	ITEM Club	3.60	3.90	4.80	5.00	5.00
-	-	-	-	-	Global Insight	3.65	4.00	4.10	4.00	3.80
99.8	98.9	98.7	98.4	98.1	Experian Business Strategies	3.66	3.94	4.19	4.22	4.12
99.9	102.3	102.5	102.2	102.2	Oxford Economic Forecasting	3.60	4.10	4.90	4.60	4.50
100.2	98.4	96.7	95.3	-	NIESR	3.60 s	3.60 s	4.30 s	4.60 s	-
99.9	98.1	97.7	98.2	99.3	Independent average	3.62	3.81	4.47	4.77	4.76
103.5	102.5	105.0	105.0	107.9	Highest	3.70	4.20	5.00	5.40	5.60
97.0	92.7	91.3	91.5	92.9	Lowest	3.56	3.00	4.00	4.00	3.80

**Table M5: Medium-term forecasts for Claimant unemployment**

August 2003 comparison

Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions)					
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>City forecasters</b>					
William de Broe	0.94	0.88	0.79	0.71	0.64
HSBC	1.04	1.22	1.25	1.25	1.25
Lehman Brothers	0.96	1.00	0.99	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	3.10 x	3.10 x	3.10 x	3.10 x	3.10 x
Goldman Sachs	0.97	1.01	0.94	0.88	-
Hermes	1.04	1.07	1.00	1.00	1.00
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>					
Liverpool Macro Research	1.05	1.12	1.15	1.26	1.31
Cambridge Econometrics	1.00	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30
ITEM Club	3.20 x	3.20 x	3.00 x	3.00 x	3.10 x
Global Insight	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Business Strategies	0.96	1.02	1.04	1.01	0.97
Oxford Economic Forecasting	0.96	0.97	0.95	0.98	1.04
NIESR	0.96	1.02	1.06	-	-
<b>Independent average</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.03</b>	<b>1.04</b>	<b>1.07</b>
Highest	1.05	1.22	1.25	1.26	1.31
Lowest	0.94	0.88	0.79	0.71	0.64

**Table M6: Medium-term forecasts for Current Account**

August 2003 comparison

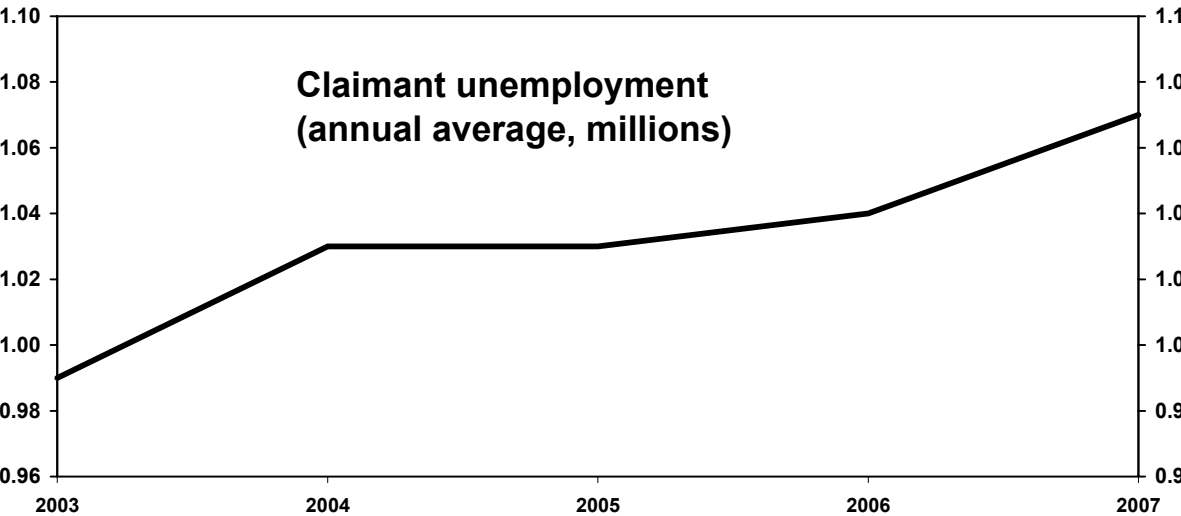
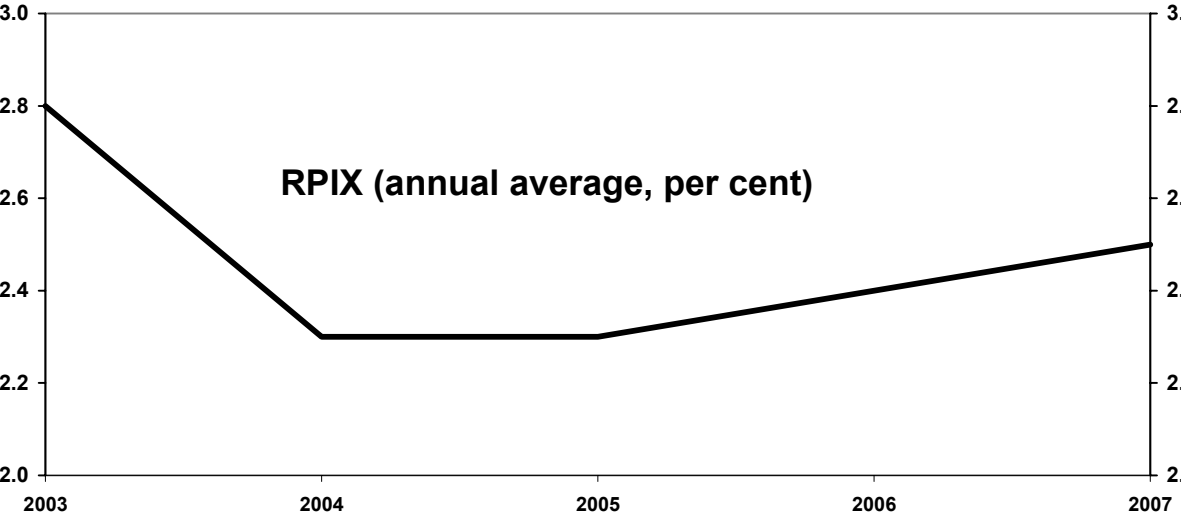
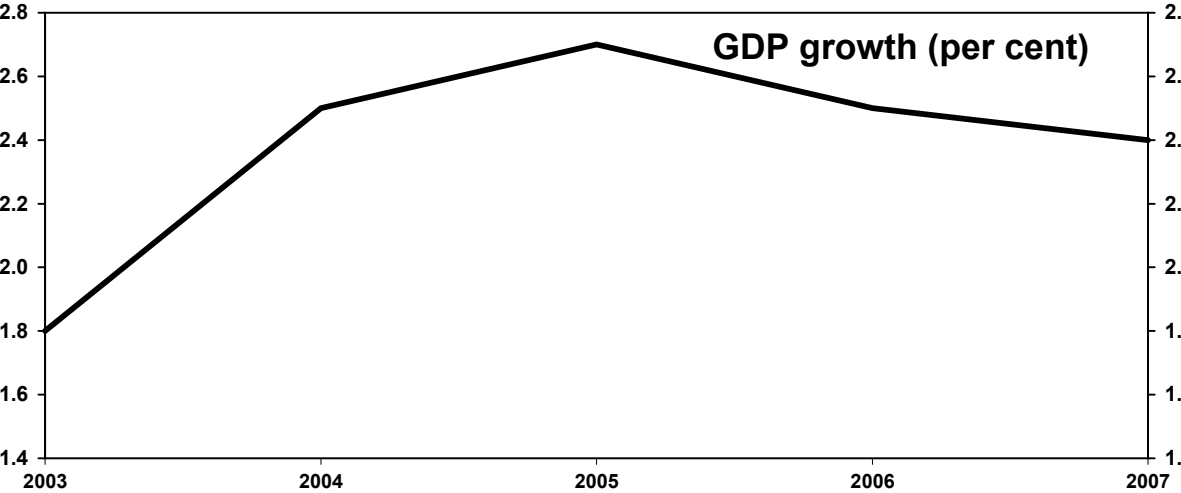
Current Account (£ billion)					Current Account (per cent of money GDP)					
2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
<b>City forecasters</b>										
-22.2	-36.3	-43.8	-46.0	-45.8	William de Broe	-2.0	-3.2	-3.6	-3.6	-3.4
-18.0	-13.0	-	-	-	HSBC	-1.7	-1.1	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5
-13.0	-26.0	-23.2	-	-	Lehman Brothers	-1.2	-2.3	-1.9	-	-
-12.8	-20.9	-22.4	-23.3	-23.0	Daiwa Institute of Research	-1.2	-1.8	-1.9	-1.8	-1.7
-9.8	-16.5	-13.6	-13.2	-	Goldman Sachs	-0.9	-1.4	-1.1	-1.0	-
-18.0	-10.0	-20.0	-20.0	-20.0	Hermes	-1.7	-0.9	-2.0	-2.0	-2
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
-36.8	-43.4	-54.1	-60.9	-71.0	Liverpool Macro Research	-	-	-	-	-
-16.1	-18.6	-16.4	-17.4	-18.3	Cambridge Econometrics	-1.6	-1.8	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5
-10.0	-25.0	-34.0	-38.0	-41.0	ITEM Club	-0.9	-2.2	-2.8	-3.0	-3.1
-10.9	-10.7	-11.5	-10.0	-8.8	Global Insight	-1.0	-0.9	-1.0	-0.8	-0.7
-8.3	-16.1	-14.8	-14.7	-16.6	Experian Business Strategies	-0.8	-1.4	-1.3	-1.2	-1.3
-10.8	-20.9	-22.3	-23.2	-23.0	Oxford Economic Forecasting	-1.0	-1.8	-1.9	-1.8	-1.7
-	-	-	-	-	NIESR	-0.7	-1.8	-1.5	-0.7	-
<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-21.4</b>	<b>-25.1</b>	<b>-26.7</b>	<b>-29.7</b>	<b>Independent average</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.9</b>
-8.3	-10.0	-11.5	-10.0	-8.8	Highest	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-0.7	-0.7
-36.8	-43.4	-54.1	-60.9	-71.0	Lowest	-2.0	-3.2	-3.6	-3.6	-3.4

**Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB**

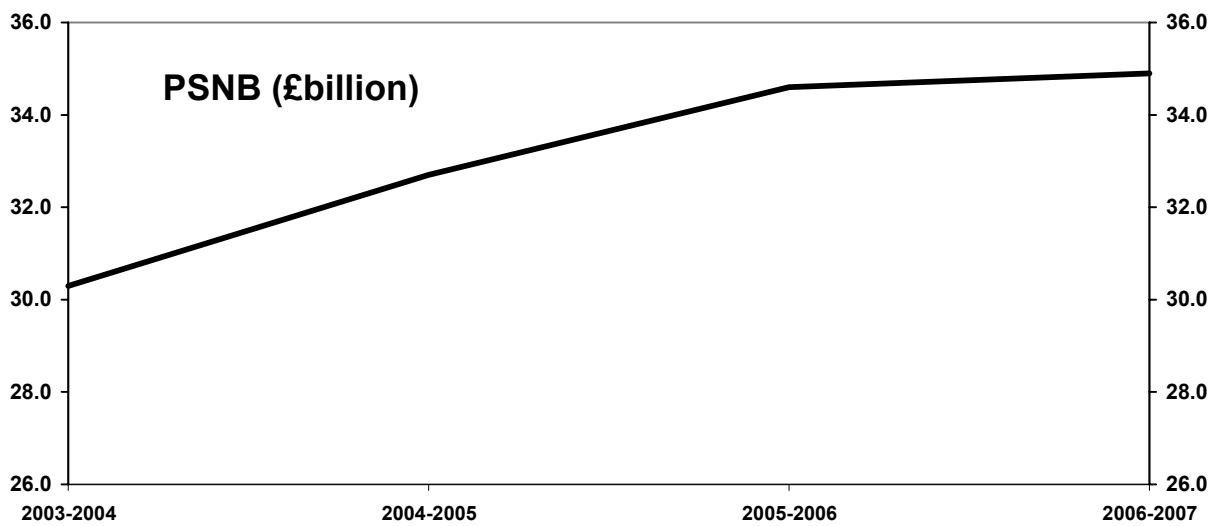
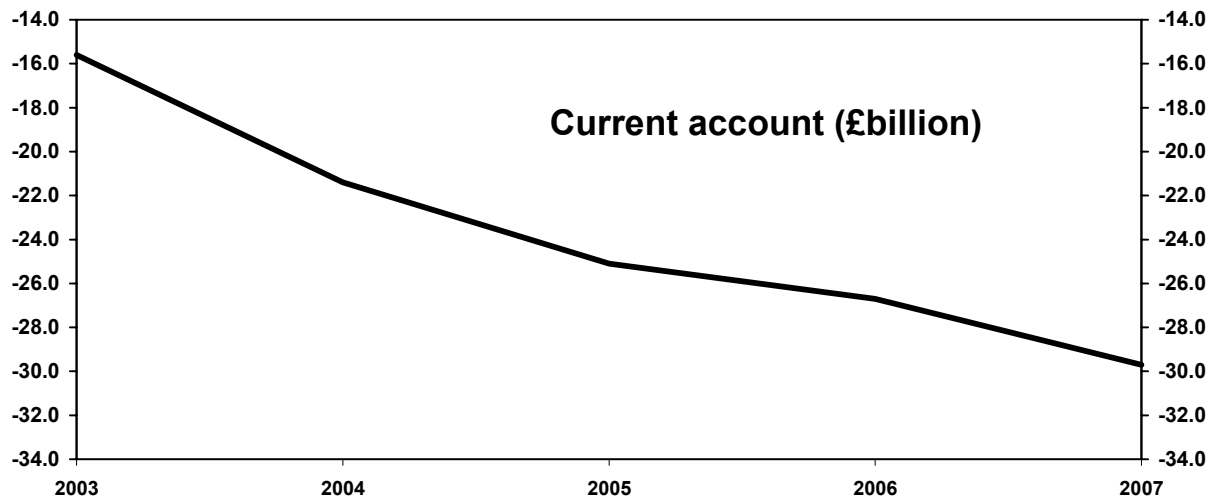
**August 2003 comparison**

<u>PSNB (£ billion)</u>				<u>PSNB (per cent of money GDP)</u>				
2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007		2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007
<u>City forecasters</u>								
31.9	34.0	39.3	46.1	William de Broe	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.5
31.0	35.0	41.0	44.0	HSBC	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.5
34.0	38.0	36.0	-	Lehman Brothers	3.1	3.3	3.0	-
32.0	29.6	28.0	26.5	Daiwa Institute of Research	2.9	2.5	2.3	2.1
34.7	33.6	35.3	33.2	Goldman Sachs	3.1	2.9	2.9	2.6
-	-	-	-	Hermes	-	-	-	-
<u>Non-City forecasters</u>								
25.4	26.2	27.4	26.4	Liverpool Macro Research	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.3
29.3 kcc	28.7 kcc	24.4 kcc	21.2 kcc	Cambridge Econometrics	3.0 kcc	2.8 kcc	2.2 kcc	1.8 kcc
31.3	30.0	31.2	31.5	ITEM Club	2.8	2.6	-2.5	2.4
28.4	32.9	32.2	29.4	Global Insight	2.7	2.9	-2.6	2.1
25.8	36.3	42.1	46.5	Experian Business Strategies	2.3	3.2	3.5	3.7
32.9	30.0	28.4	26.5	Oxford Economic Forecasting	3.0	2.6	2.3	2.1
26.1	34.2	40.0	39.4	NIESR	2.4	3.0	3.3	3.1
30.3	32.7	34.6	34.9	Independent average	2.8	2.8	1.9	2.7
34.7	38.0	42.1	46.5	Highest	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.7
25.4	26.2	27.4	26.4	Lowest	2.3	2.4	-2.6	2.1

# Average of medium-term forecasts for GDP growth, RPIX inflation and Claimant Unemployment



## Average of medium-term forecasts for Current account and PSNB (£billion)



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

AA:	ABN AMRO
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
DIR:	Daiwa Institute of Research
DB:	Deutsche Bank
DKW:	Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein
EBS:	Experian Business Strategies (previously BSL)
EC:	European Commission
ECOM:	Economy.com Inc
EIU:	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP:	Economic Perspectives
FB:	Fortis Bank
GI:	Global Insight (previously DRI-WEFA)
GS:	Goldman Sachs
HSBC:	HSBC Economics and Strategy
HPM:	Hermes Pension Management Ltd
ING:	ING Financial Markets
IMF:	International Monetary Fund
ISIS:	ISIS Asset Management plc (previously FIS)
ITEM:	ITEM Club
JPM:	JP Morgan Chase
LB:	Lehman Brothers
Liv:	Liverpool Macro Research
LS:	Lombard Street Research Ltd
MS:	Morgan Stanley
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
S:	Schroders Investment Management
SCB:	Standard Chartered Bank
UBS:	UBS
WLB:	WestLB AG
WdB:	Williams de Broë

## ANNEX 2: Data Definitions

GDP	National accounts table C2: Code ABMI
Private Consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts table C2, Code ABRJ+HAYO
General Govt consumption	National accounts table C2, Code NMRY
Gross fixed investment	National accounts table C2, Code NPQT
Change in inventories (1995, £bn)	National accounts table C2, Code CAFU
Domestic Demand	National accounts table C2, Code YBIM
Exports (Goods & Services)	National accounts table C2, Code IKBK
Imports (Goods & Services)	National accounts table C2, Code IKBL
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 1, Code CZBH
RPIX (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 1, Code CDKQ
Headline average Earnings	Labour Market Statistics table 15, Code LNNC
Sterling Index (Q4, 1990=100)	ONS code AJHX
Bank of England repo rate (Q4)	(Previously 3 month interbank rate (Q4))
Oil price (\$ per barrel)	Brent crude, annual average
M4 growth	Bank of England Monetary and Financial statistics division Code VQJW, Calendar year (previously financial year)
RHDI	National accounts table J2, Code NRJR
Employment growth	Workforce jobs, Labour Market statistics table 4, Code DYDC
Claimant Unemployment (Q4, mn)	Labour market statistics table 10, code BCJD
Manufacturing Output	National accounts table B1, Code CKYY
World trade in Manufactures	
Current account (£bn)	Balance of payments release table A, Code HBOP
Public Sector Net Borrowing	Public sector finances release table PSF 1 / Public sector accounts table PSAT 1, Code ANNX

### ANNEX 3: 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 market weights
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
ii:	OPEC average
jj:	Industrial output
kk:	Final domestic demand
ll:	GDP deflator
nn:	VAT fraud adjusted
pp:	% change on previous year
qq:	budget deficit as % of GDP

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