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## FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

### A comparison of independent forecasts, September 2002

This edition of the comparison contains 19 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		September range		
	September	August	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.6	1.7	0.6	2.1	1.5
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.0	2.1	1.2	3.1	1.9
- RPI ex MIPs	2.2	2.2	1.6	2.8	2.1
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.98	0.98	0.90	1.10	0.97
Current account (£bn)	-21.4	-21.6	-25.0	-17.3	-21.2
PSNB** (2002-03: £bn)	12.7	12.4	6.8	20.1	13.2
Forecasts for 2003	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August range		
	September	August	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.6	2.7	-0.1	3.2	2.5
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	3.2	2.3
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	0.98	0.98	0.82	1.25	0.97
Current account (£bn)	-23.4	-23.1	-44.3	-15.0	-22.5
PSNB** (2003-04: £bn)	16.6	15.7	6.0	24.3	16.9

<sup>+</sup> Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (September: 19 Institutions, August: 8 Institutions, July: 3 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).

Forecasters & date of forecasts	Table 1									
	2002					September 2002				
	GDP & its components, at constant prices									
Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise										
		GDP	Consumption	Fixed	Change in	Domestic	Exports	Imports	Net trade	
			Private	Govt.	Invnm.	Inventories	demand	(goods & services)	Contribution	
						(£bn)			to GDP	
<b>City forecasters</b>										
Abn Amro	Feb	1.8	3.0	4.3	0.7	0.2	2.6	1.0	3.2	-0.9
Bank of America	Sep*	1.3	3.3	3.8	-3.4	0.1	2.4	-	-	-1.1
Barclays Capital	Sep*	1.7	3.1	5.4	-2.7	1.9	2.7	-1.5	1.6	-1.2
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	Sep*	1.5	3.2	4.4	-3.0	0.4	2.3	-1.8	1.0	-0.8
Deutsche Bank	Sep*	1.4	3.5	4.1	-3.3	0.4	2.4	-1.4	1.7	-1.1
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	1.5	3.3	3.1	-0.2	0.7	2.5	-3.0	0.8	-1.2
Economic Perspectives	Sep*	0.6	2.4	5.9	-5.5	-0.8	1.6	-2.6	0.3	-1.0
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	Sep*	1.5	3.4	3.9	-3.8	0.6	2.3	-0.6	1.7	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Sep*	1.6	3.5	3.8	-3.0	0.2	2.4	-1.4	1.3	-1.0
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	Aug	1.8	3.8	5.7	-5.0	-1.5	2.5	0.5	2.6	-0.9
Lombard St	Jul	2.0	3.5	6.0	-1.1	1.5	3.3	-2.3	1.6	-1.4
Merrill Lynch	Jun	2.2	3.6	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Sep*	1.7	3.2	3.5	-3.0	0.9	2.5	-0.8	2.2	-1.1
RBSFM	Aug	1.6	3.0	4.9	-2.9	0.7	2.3	-0.8	1.5	-0.7
Schroders	Dec	1.7	2.9	4.6	-4.7	0.1	1.9	-0.4	0.3	-0.8
S.G.	Jan	1.6	3.1	2.7	-0.4	2.7	2.0	-0.3	1.5	-0.6
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	Jul	1.8	3.5	4.5	-2.0	1.5	2.8	-2.0	1.0	-1.1
Williams de Broe	Sep*	1.4	3.3	3.7	-1.7	0.2	2.4	-1.1	2.1	-1.4
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
Cambridge Econ	Sep*	1.7	3.3	3.7	-0.6	-0.8	2.4	-1.3	1.1	-0.9
CBI	Sep*	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	Jan	1.7	2.3	3.3	-1.3	-	1.8	-1.9	-0.9	-0.3
ITEM Club	May	1.7	3.5	3.1	-0.3	-0.1	2.7	-1.3	1.6	-1.1
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug	2.1	2.5 c	5.5 d	3.0 e	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug	1.9	2.7	4.5	-1.8	1.7	2.4	-0.1	1.6	-
OEF	Sep*	1.5	3.6	4.0	-3.5	-0.2	2.4	-1.3	1.4	-1.0
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	May	2.0	2.7	3.2	2.9	-0.1	2.7	1.1	3.3	-0.9
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Independent		1.6	3.2	4.3	-2.4	0.4	2.5	-1.2	1.6	-1.0
New (marked *)		1.5	3.3	4.2	-2.8	0.3	2.4	-1.3	1.5	-1.1
City		1.6	3.2	4.5	-2.8	0.4	2.5	-1.4	1.6	-1.1
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Highest		2.1	3.8	6.0	1.0	1.9	3.3	0.5	2.8	-0.7
Lowest		0.6	2.1	2.7	-5.5	-1.5	1.6	-3.5	0.3	-1.4
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

		2002			September 2002		Table 2	
		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>								
Abn Amro	Feb	2.5	1.9	4.4	107.4	4.50	18.0	9.9
Bank of America	Sep*	-	2.2	4.0	-	4.00	25.0	6.4
Barclays Capital	Sep*	2.1	2.3	3.7	106.9	4.00	-	-
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	Sep*	1.8	1.9	3.8	104.0	4.00	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Sep*	2.2	2.3	3.8	102.9	4.00	-	6.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.4	2.3	3.5	-	4.50	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Sep*	1.6	1.8	3.8	103.0	4.00	24.0	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	Sep*	2.5	2.3	3.4	107.0	3.75	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Sep*	1.5	2.2	3.9	104.4	4.00	29.0	-
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	Aug	2.1	2.2	3.7	101.0	4.00	23.0	-
Lombard St	Jul	2.5	2.7	4.4	101.0	4.50	25.0	6.8
Merrill Lynch	Jun	2.5	2.5	4.0	-	5.00	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Sep*	2.2	2.3	4.0	100.9	4.25	-	-
RBSFM	Aug	1.9	2.0	4.0	105.5	4.00	24.5	-
Schroders	Dec	2.8	2.1	4.0	103.0	4.75	18.0	-
S.G.	Jan	-	2.3	3.5	107.0	4.25	24.5	7.5
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	Jul	2.0	2.3	3.3	103.0	4.50	26.0	6.0
Williams de Broe	Sep*	1.4	1.6	3.9	104.5	4.00	24.9	6.4
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Sep*	1.7 k	2.4 k	3.5 n	105.5 k	4.10 ks	23.7	-
CBI	Sep*	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	Jan	2.4	2.2	4.3	105.2	5.00	18.3	-
ITEM Club	May	1.0	2.1	3.6	105.5	4.20	25.0	4.9
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug	-	2.5	2.9	111.2	5.80	-	-
NIESR	Aug	2.2	2.2	4.2	105.3	4.10 ks	23.6	-
OEF	Sep*	2.0	2.0	4.0	103.7	4.00	25.1	6.0
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	May	-	2.3	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.0	2.2	3.7	104.0	4.13	24.3	6.0
New (marked *)		1.9	2.1	3.7	104.2	4.00	24.6	6.1
City		1.9	2.1	3.8	103.6	4.07	24.4	6.2
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		3.1	2.8	4.4	111.2	5.80	29.0	7.0
Lowest		1.2	1.6	2.9	100.9	3.75	21.5	4.7
HM Treasury	Apr	-	2¼	-	-	-	-	-

		2002		September 2002		Table 3		
		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>								
Abn Amro	Feb	3.3	-0.2	1.10	-1.4	3.1	-27.0	5.4
Bank of America	Sep*	-	-	-	0.9	-	-22.6	-
Barclays Capital	Sep*	2.1	0.1	0.96	-3.8	-	-21.2	12.0 cc
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	Sep*	1.8	0.2	0.90	-	-	-19.4	13.0
Deutsche Bank	Sep*	1.9	-	0.97	-4.1	-	-21.7	8.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.5	-0.1	1.03	-2.9	-	-23.0	6.0
Economic Perspectives	Sep*	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	Sep*	-	0.3	0.95	-	-	-20.0	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Sep*	-	0.3	0.95	-3.9	-	-19.0	13.0 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	Aug	3.4	0.4	0.97	-2.8	-0.4	-22.0	6.8
Lombard St	Jul	3.3	0.1	0.95	-	-	-17.3	17.0 cc
Merrill Lynch	Jun	-	-	-	-2.5	-	-26.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Sep*	0.8	0.1	1.00	-3.4	-	-18.0	10.0
RBSFM	Aug	1.9	0.6	0.95	-3.3	1.9	-21.1	13.9
Schroders	Dec	1.9	-0.3	1.10	-1.2	-	-26.1	-
S.G.	Jan	-	-0.3	1.10	-2.0	3.0	-25.0	10.0
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	Jul	3.5	0.3	0.93	-3.0	3.0	-22.0	-
Williams de Broe	Sep*	-	0.5	0.92	-4.0	3.2	-23.5	11.7
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Sep*	2.6	0.2 Jun	1.10 k	-2.5	1.7 hh	-25.0	8.2 kcc
CBI	Sep*	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	Jan	2.6	-0.2	1.19	-1.1	1.1	-20.3	-
ITEM Club	May	2.3	0.0	0.95	-3.2	0.0	-20.3	10.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug	-	-	1.07	-	-	-24.6	4.0 cc
NIESR	Aug	2.6	0.4	0.96	-2.7	2.6 w	-18.2	1.3 gk
OEF	Sep*	1.9	0.2	0.94	-3.4	2.3	-21.8	13.4
EC	May	-	0.2	5.30 aæ	-	2.9	-2.5	g 0.2 g
OECD	May	-	0.3	5.30 aæ	-	-	-1.9	g 0.8 gk
IMF	May	-	-0.1	5.40 aæ	-	-	-0.9	g 0.9 gk
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.5	0.2	0.98	-3.1	2.4	-21.4	12.7
New (marked *)		2.3	0.1	0.97	-3.3	3.0	-21.2	13.2
City		2.6	0.2	0.97	-3.2	2.3	-21.4	12.2
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		4.4	0.6	1.10	0.9	4.0	-17.3	20.1
Lowest		0.8	-0.4	0.90	-4.3	-0.4	-25.0	6.8
HM Treasury	Apr	1¼ -1¾	-	-	-3 to -2½	2¼	-25¾	10

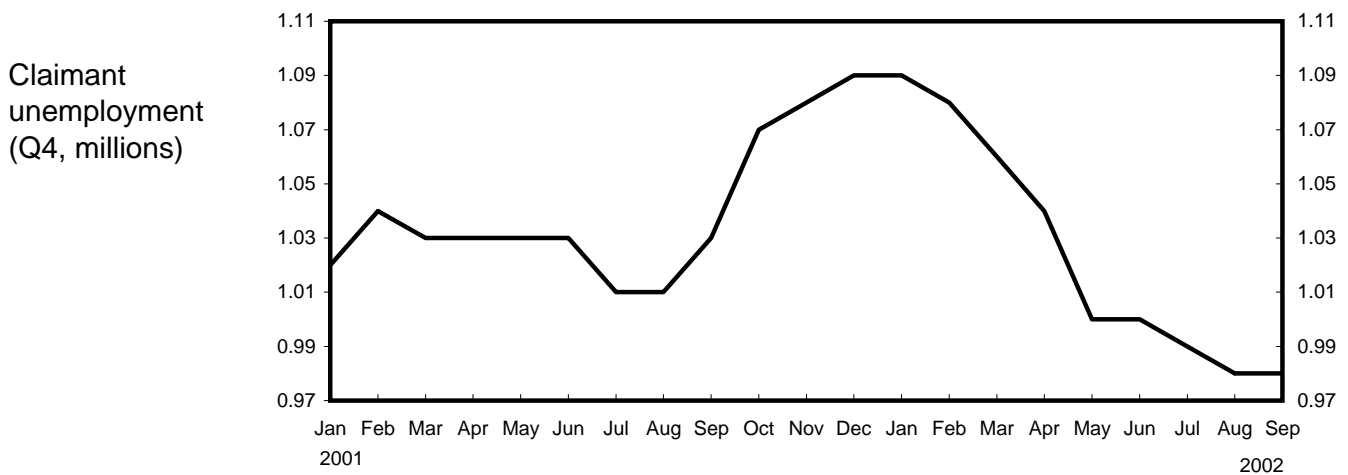
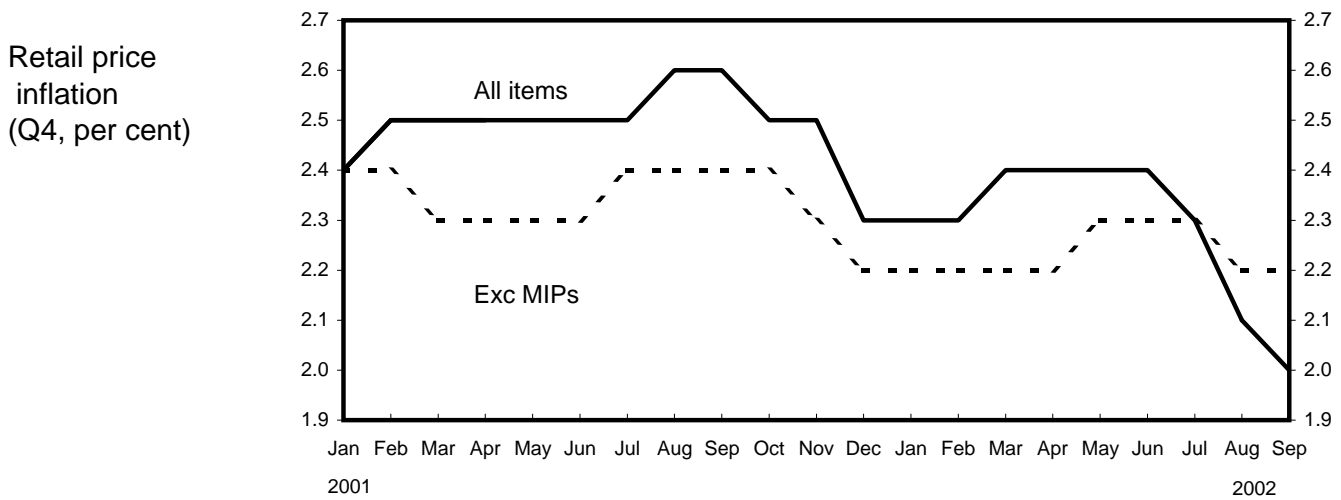
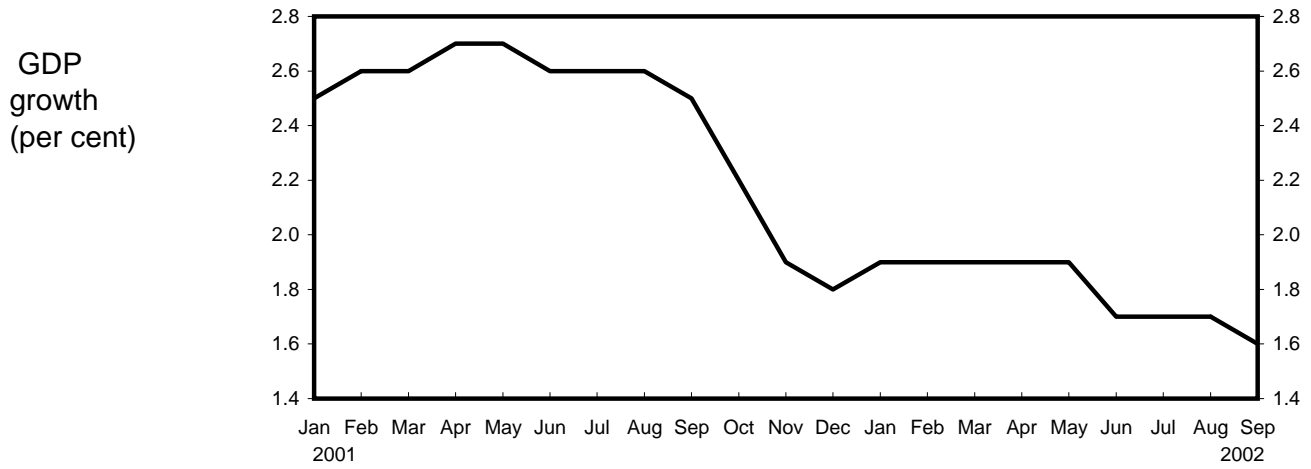
		2003			September 2002			Table 4		
GDP & its components, at constant prices										
Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise										
Forecasters & date of forecasts		Consumption			Fixed Invm.	Change in Inventories	Domestic demand	Exports (goods & services)	Imports	Net trade Contribution to GDP
		GDP	Private	Govt.						
<b>City forecasters</b>										
Abn Amro	Feb	2.7	1.7	3.8	4.5	0.4	2.6	7.0	6.1	-0.1
Bank of America	Sep*	2.0	2.0	3.1	2.9	0.2	2.5	-	-	-0.6
Barclays Capital	Sep*	2.5	2.2	3.5	2.1	2.3	2.4	6.7	5.8	-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	Sep*	2.7	2.6	3.7	2.9	-1.8	2.6	7.6	6.5	0.1
Deutsche Bank	Sep*	2.8	3.0	3.4	3.7	1.6	3.3	6.1	6.7	-0.7
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.7	2.4	3.2	3.6	1.3	2.8	5.1	5.4	-0.4
Economic Perspectives	Sep*	-0.1	0.3	4.3	-6.2	-1.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	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	Sep*	2.5	2.6	3.4	0.1	1.9	2.5	4.6	4.3	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Sep*	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.8	1.1	2.6	5.2	5.2	-0.4
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	Aug	3.0	3.3	4.3	0.2	4.5	3.7	4.7	6.1	-0.9
Lombard St	Jul	2.6	2.3	3.5	1.1	1.5	2.3	5.0	3.5	0.2
Merrill Lynch	Jun	3.2	2.8	-	3.0	-	-	-	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Sep*	3.2	2.7	5.7	5.4	1.3	3.9	9.4	10.0	-0.8
RBSFM	Aug	2.8	2.5	3.5	3.9	2.0	3.0	6.4	6.4	-0.2
Schroders	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S.G.	Jan	2.3	2.0	3.0	0.8	0.5	2.5	4.3	4.1	-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	Jul	3.0	3.0	4.3	4.5	2.0	3.5	6.8	7.0	-0.6
Williams de Broe	Sep*	2.9	2.1	2.9	8.7	1.2	3.4	8.1	8.6	-0.9
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
Cambridge Econ	Sep*	2.9	2.8	3.1	3.0	0.2	3.0	7.5	7.1	-0.4
CBI	Sep*	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	Jan	2.2	1.5	3.4	1.6	-	2.2	4.8	4.3	-0.1
ITEM Club	May	2.8	3.0	4.0	2.1	0.2	3.2	6.5	6.8	-0.6
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug	2.7	1.7 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	Sep*	2.7	3.0	3.7	2.1	1.4	3.1	5.7	6.4	-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	May	2.8	2.8	2.6	4.4	-	3.0	5.5	5.7	-0.5
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Independent		2.6	2.4	3.5	2.9	1.3	2.8	5.9	5.6	-0.3
New (marked *)		2.5	2.4	3.6	2.8	0.9	2.8	5.8	5.4	-0.3
City		2.6	2.5	3.6	2.6	1.2	2.8	5.9	5.6	-0.3
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>										
Highest		3.2	3.5	5.7	8.7	4.5	3.9	9.4	10.0	0.4
Lowest		-0.1	0.3	2.3	-6.2	-1.8	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-1.1
HM Treasury	Apr	3-3½	2¼ - 2¾	3¼	5¾ - 6¼	0.1-1.7	3-3½	7¾ - 8¼	6½ - 7	-

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2003      September 2002						Table 5	
	Inflation and monetary indicators						Oil price(\$)	M4
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise							
	RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)	BoE Repo Rate(Q4,%)			
<b>City forecasters</b>								
Abn Amro	Feb	3.2	2.3	4.6	107.1	5.00	21.0	6.0
Bank of America	Sep*	-	2.4	3.9	-	4.00	25.5	6.2
Barclays Capital	Sep*	2.8	2.5	5.2	109.5	4.75	-	-
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	Sep*	2.8	2.0	3.7	100.8	4.75	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Sep*	2.9	2.3	4.4	102.1	5.00	-	6.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.5	2.3	4.2	-	5.00	-	-
Economic Perspectives	Sep*	2.3	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	Sep*	2.2	2.2	4.6	105.0	4.50	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Sep*	3.1	2.6	4.8	102.6	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	Aug	3.7	2.6	4.2	99.5	5.75	19.0	-
Lombard St	Jul	3.1	3.2	5.2	96.0	5.00	25.0	7.4
Merrill Lynch	Jun	2.0	2.5	4.7	-	5.00	-	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Sep*	3.0	2.5	4.6	99.3	5.25	-	-
RBSFM	Aug	3.2	2.6	5.0	103.4	4.92	25.5	-
Schroders	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S.G.	Jan	-	2.4	4.0	104.0	5.75	24.0	8.5
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	Jul	2.0	2.3	4.0	100.0	5.25	27.0	6.0
Williams de Broe	Sep*	2.3	2.2	4.3	97.4	4.80	27.0	8.4
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Sep*	2.6 k	2.3 k	4.5 n	102.7 k	5.10 ks	24.9	-
CBI	Sep*	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	Jan	2.6	2.4	4.4	104.1	5.25	20.2	-
ITEM Club	May	2.2	2.1	4.6	100.9	5.10	25.0	5.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug	-	2.3	4.0	112.9	5.80	-	-
NIESR	Aug	3.1	2.5	4.9	103.9	4.70 ks	22.1	-
OEF	Sep*	3.0	2.1	4.2	100.9	5.00	25.3	6.5
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	May	-	2.8	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.8	2.4	4.4	101.8	4.82	23.8	6.5
New (marked *)		2.7	2.3	4.4	102.0	4.70	24.5	6.7
City		2.8	2.4	4.4	101.0	4.79	23.6	6.7
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		4.0	3.2	5.2	112.9	5.80	27.0	8.4
Lowest		1.6	1.7	3.3	96.0	4.00	19.0	4.4
HM Treasury	Apr	-	2½	-	-	-	-	-

		2003		September 2002		Table 6		
		Other variables						
Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise		RHDI	Employment	Claimant unemp. (Q4-mns)	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£ bn)	PSNB (£bn 03-04)
Forecasters & dates of forecasts								
<b>City forecasters</b>								
Abn Amro	Feb	2.5	1.1	1.00	3.1	-	-28.0	14.5
Bank of America	Sep*	-	-	-	0.6	-	-21.6	-
Barclays Capital	Sep*	2.4	-0.1	0.99	3.3	-	-20.0	16.0 cc
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	Sep*	2.0	0.3	0.90	-	-	-22.1	16.0
Deutsche Bank	Sep*	2.8	-	0.95	2.1	-	-26.0	15.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasser	Jun	2.4	0.3	1.01	2.7	-	-26.2	9.2
Economic Perspectives	Sep*	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	Sep*	-	0.2	0.95	-	-	-20.5	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	Sep*	-	0.0	1.02	2.0	-	-20.0	20.0 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	Aug	4.4	0.8	0.89	2.2	6.2	-25.4	11.8
Lombard St	Jul	3.0	-0.2	1.10	-	-	-20.5	20.0 cc
Merrill Lynch	Jun	-	-	-	3.2	-	-20.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Sep*	1.7	0.9	0.90	4.2	-	-18.0	6.0
RBSFM	Aug	2.1	0.7	1.01	3.3	5.7	-23.5	15.0
Schroders	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S.G.	Jan	-	0.3	1.10	1.5	6.0	-30.0	10.0
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	Jul	3.0	0.4	0.90	2.0	8.0	-27.0	-
Williams de Broe	Sep*	-	0.8	0.86	2.8	11.6	-44.3	10.5
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>								
Cambridge Econ	Sep*	3.2	0.4 Jun	1.20 k	1.8	3.0	-26.0	14.2 kcc
CBI	Sep*	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	Jan	2.2	0.1	1.25	1.7	7.1	-22.1	-
ITEM Club	May	2.7	0.4	0.90	1.9	6.7	-25.0	13.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug	-	-	1.08	-	-	-28.5	7.9 cc
NIESR	Aug	3.5	0.6	1.02	2.5	7.8	-22.5	1.1 gk
OEF	Sep*	2.1	0.3	0.96	2.7	8.2	-28.3	17.0
EC	May	-	0.6	5.30 aa	-	6.6	-2.6	g 0.5 g
OECD	May	-	0.6	5.30 aa	-	-	-2.1	g 1.3 gk
IMF	May	-	0.4	5.40 aa	-	-	-0.5	g 1.2 gk
<b>Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Independent		2.5	0.3	0.98	2.3	6.3	-23.4	16.6
New (marked *)		2.4	0.3	0.97	2.1	6.5	-22.5	16.9
City		2.6	0.3	0.96	2.3	6.3	-23.2	16.1
<b>Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months</b>								
Highest		4.4	1.0	1.25	4.2	11.6	-15.0	24.3
Lowest		0.9	-0.6	0.82	0.5	3.5	-44.3	6.0
HM Treasury	Apr	2 - 2½	-	-	2¼ - 2¾	8½	-23¾	13

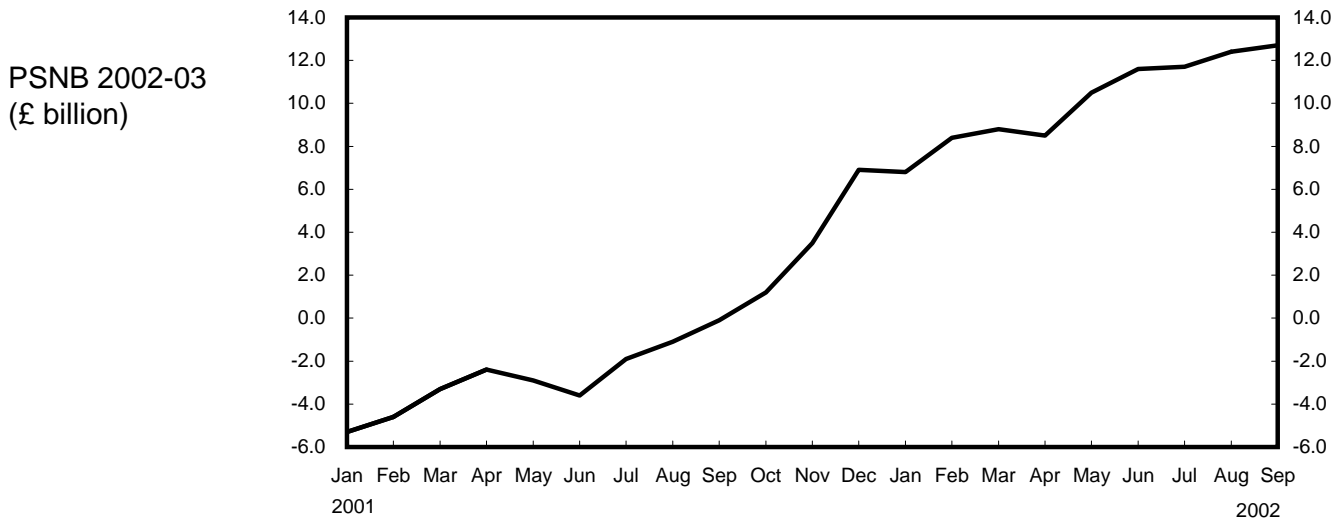
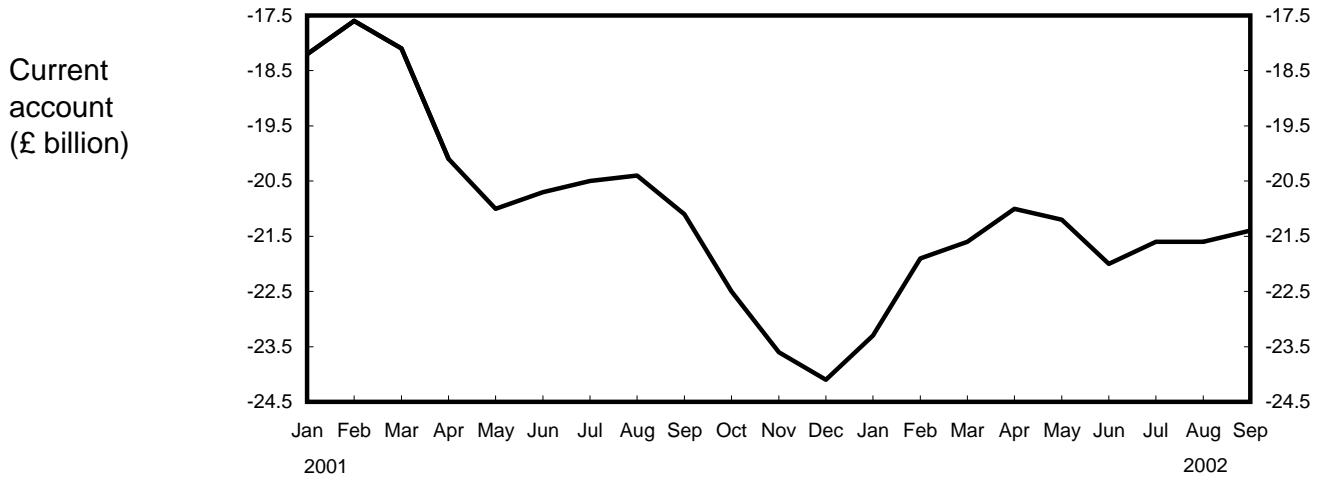
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Independent average, January 2001 - September 2002



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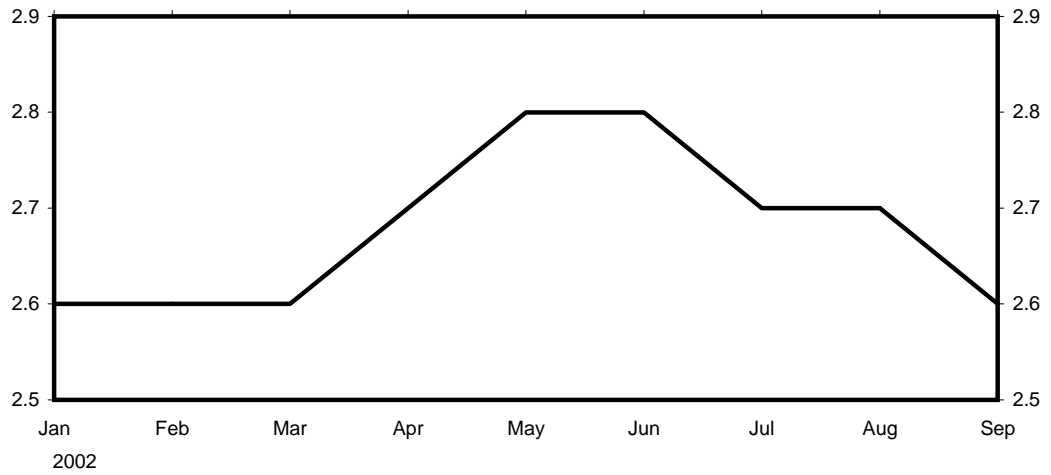
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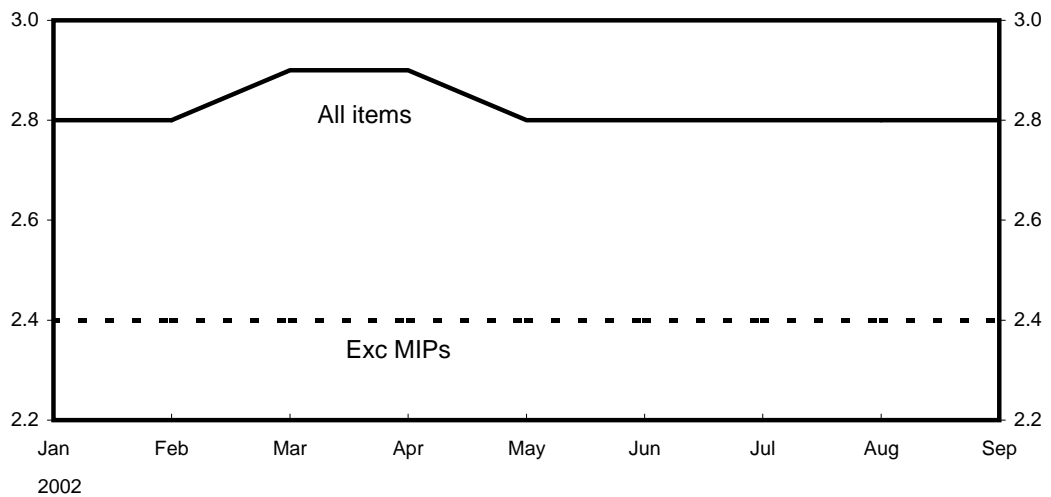
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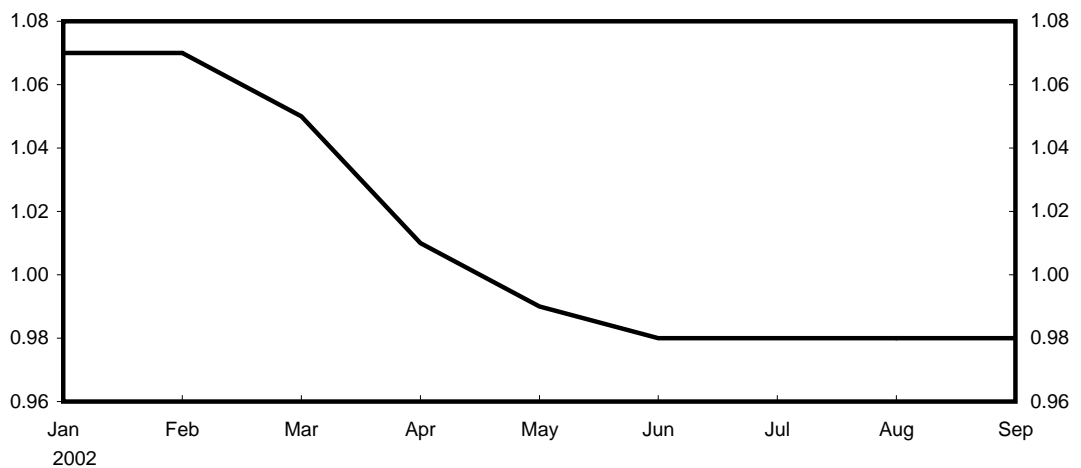
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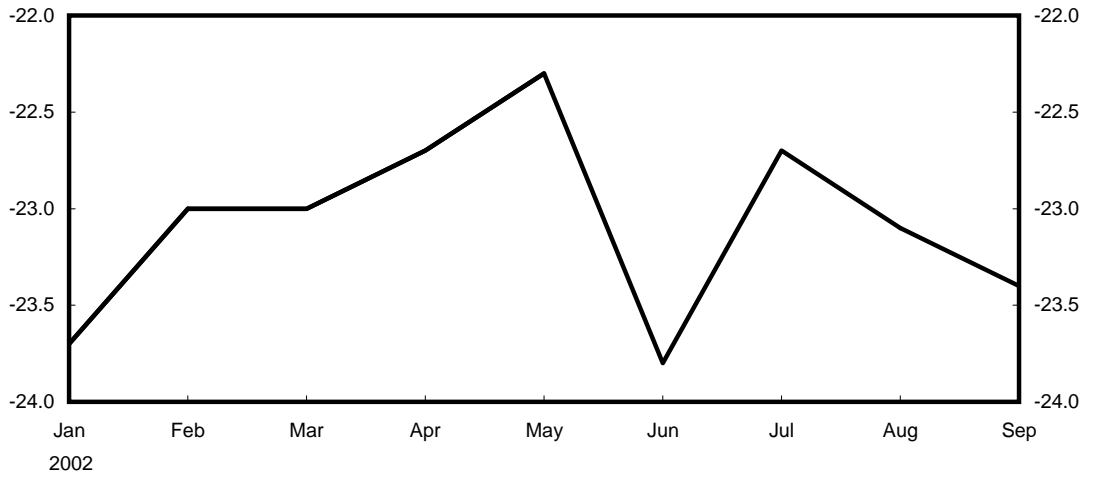
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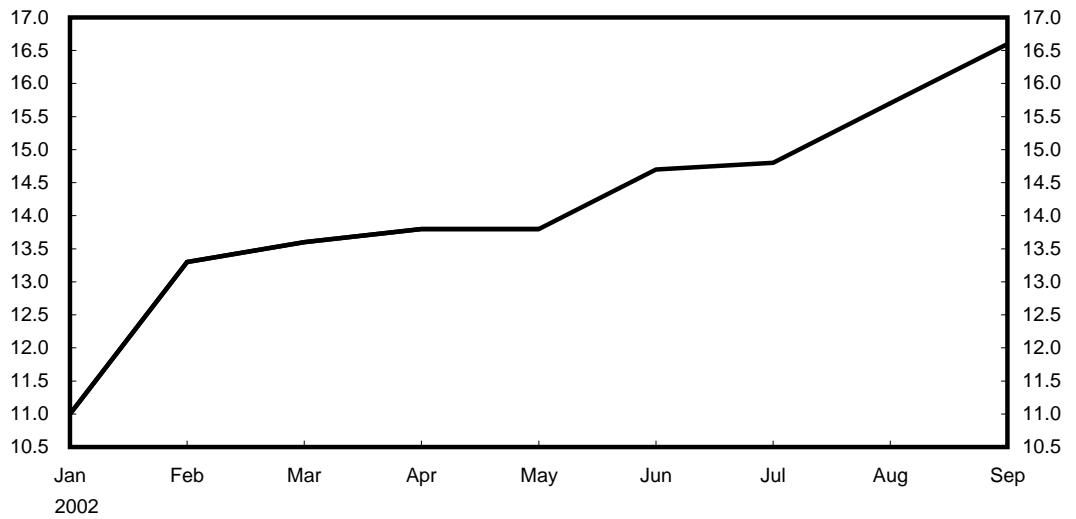
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Current account  
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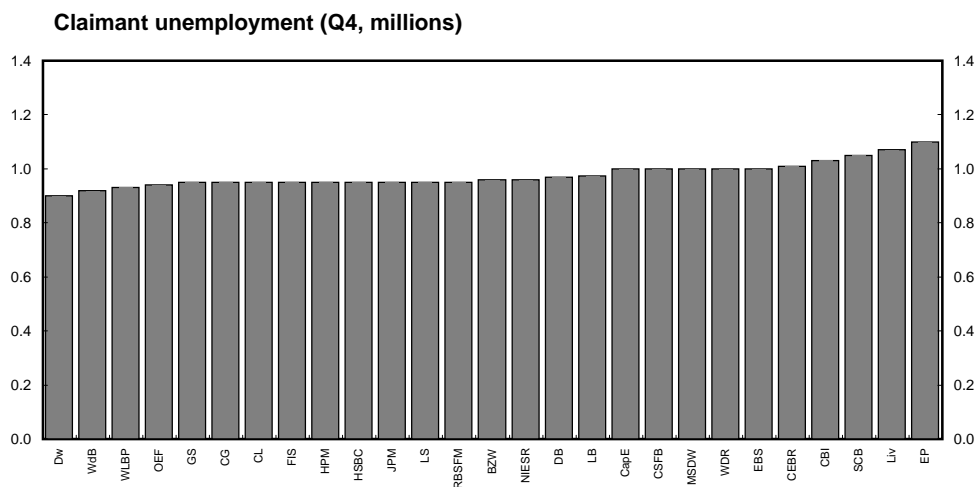
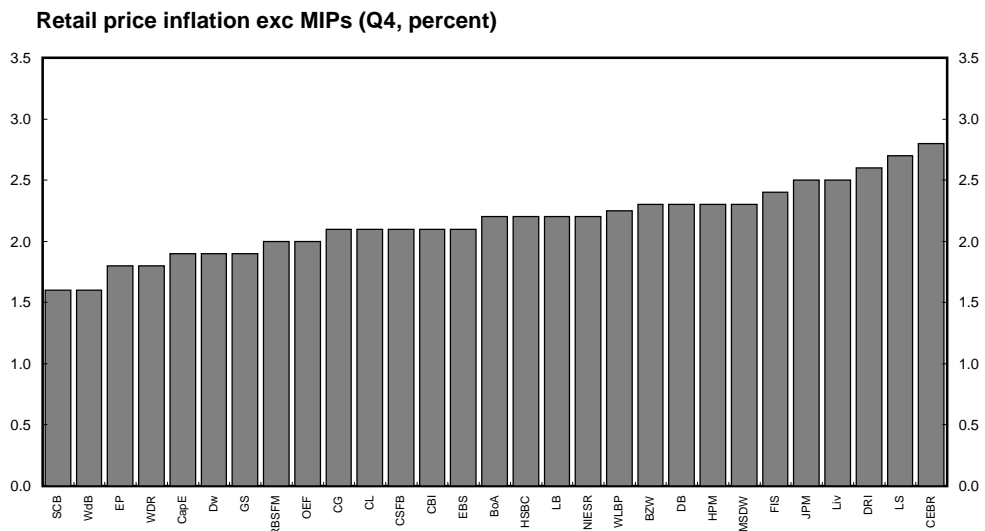
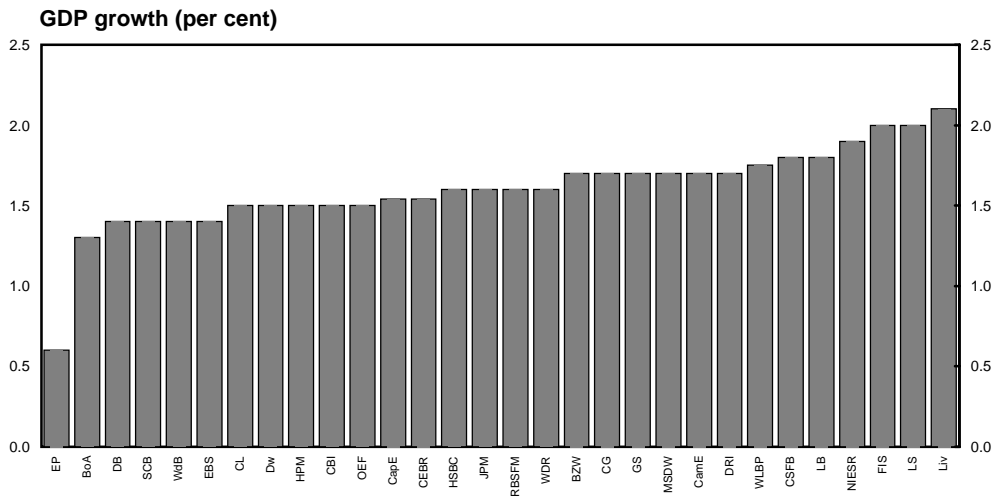


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(£ billion)

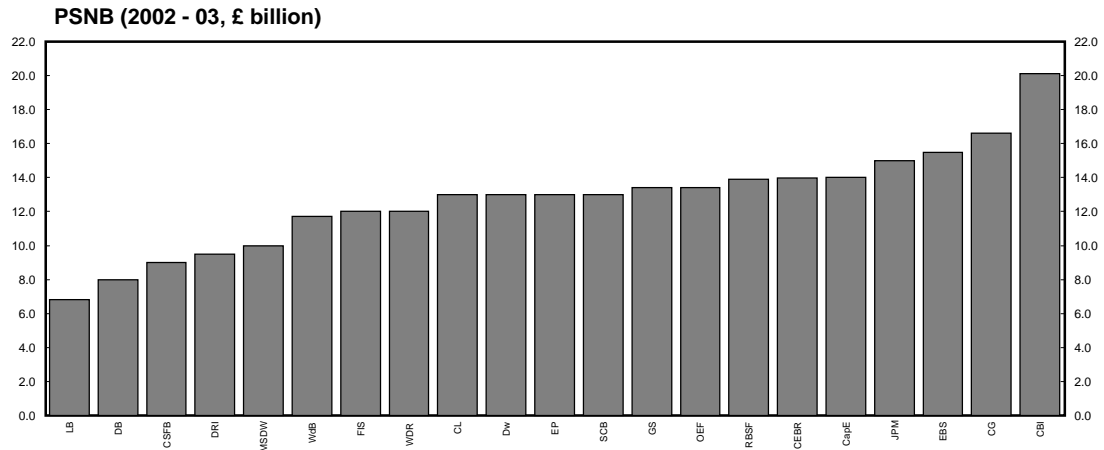
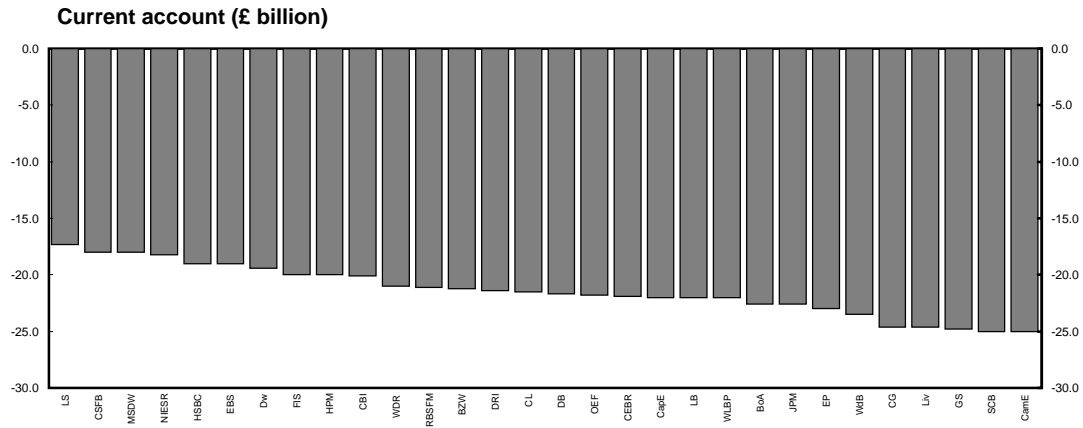


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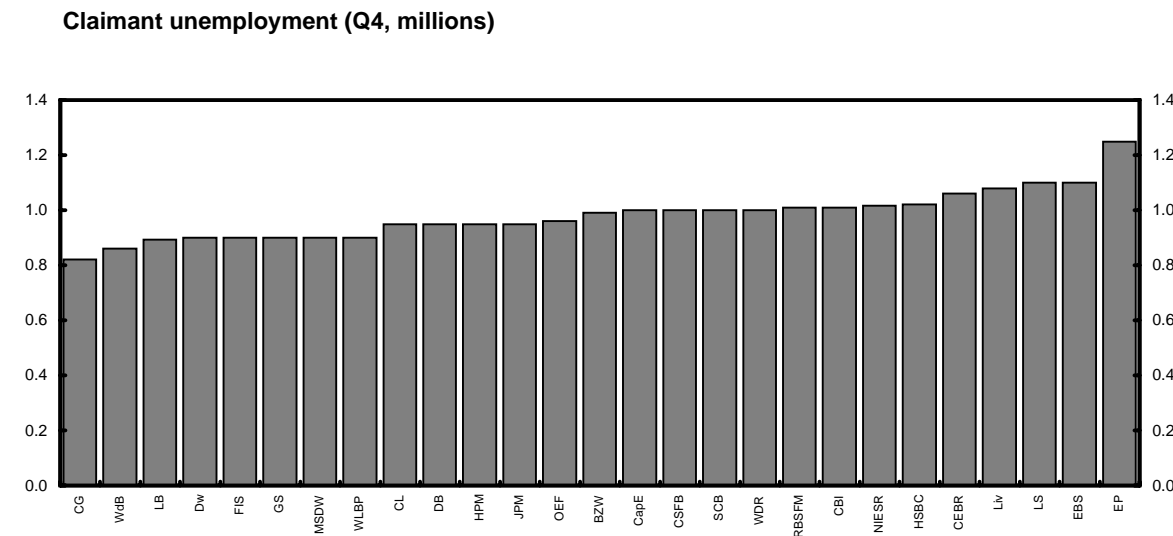
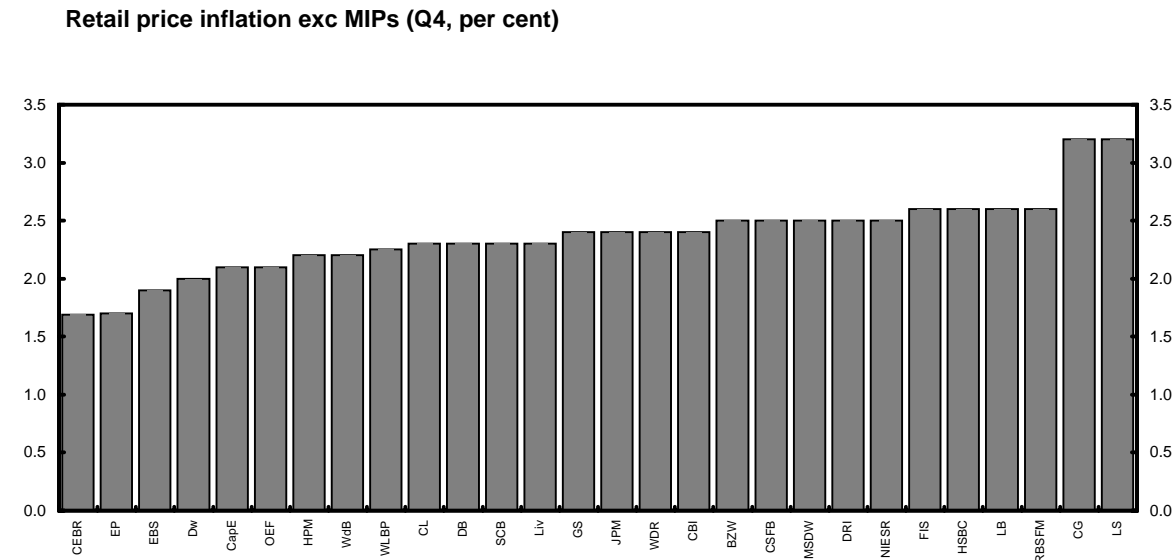
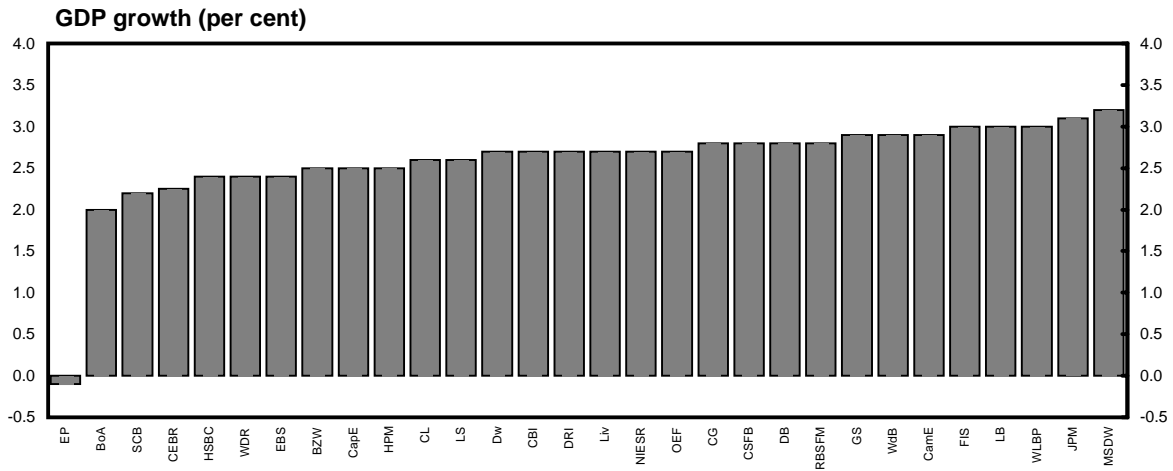
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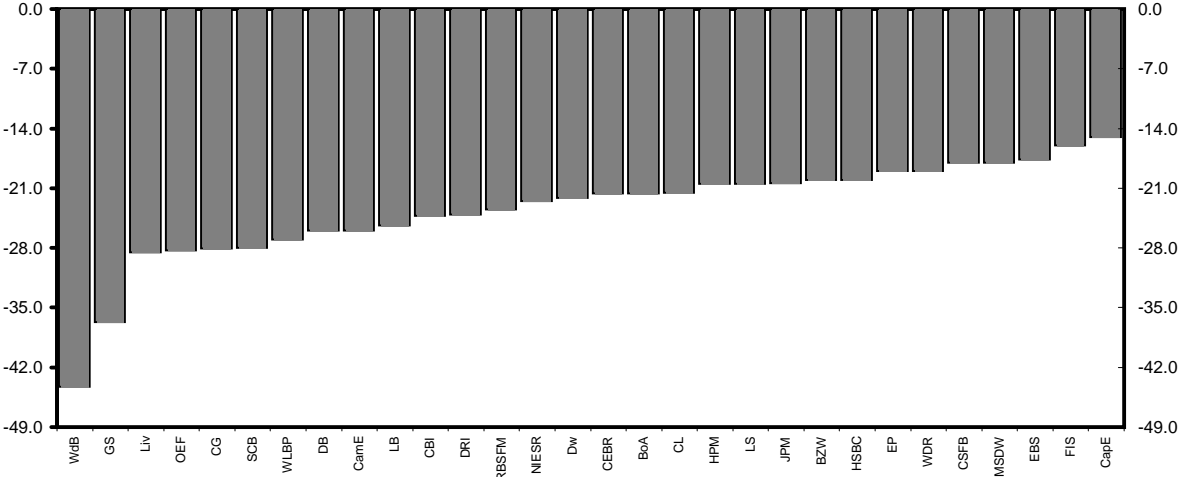
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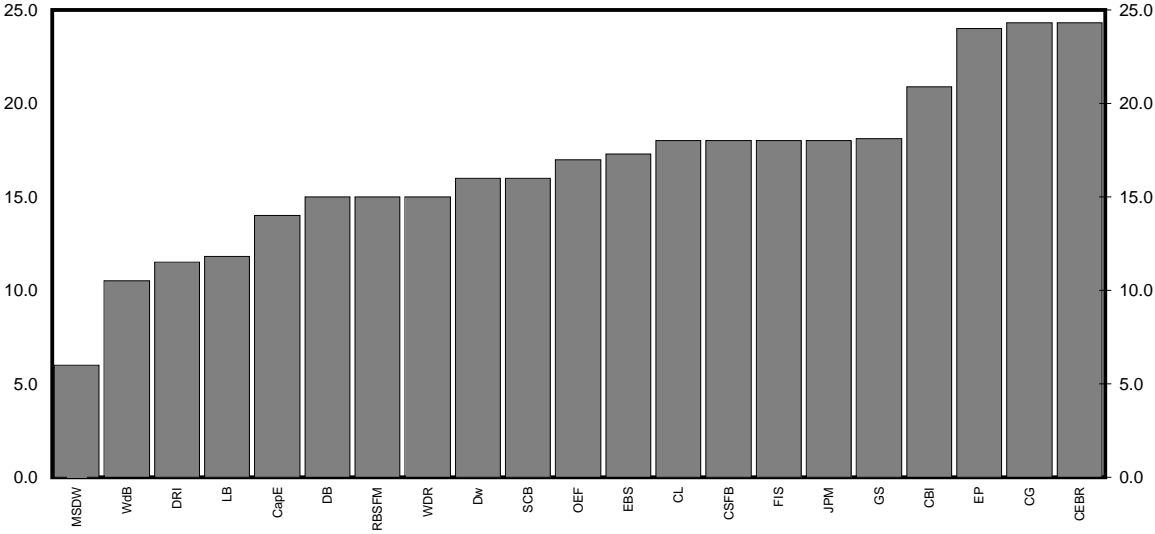
# Forecasts for 2003

## 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:

AA:	Abn Amro
BoA:	Bank of America
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
HSBC:	HSBC Economics and Strategy
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
S:	Schroders
SG:	Societe Generale
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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