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This edition of the comparison contains 23 new forecasts. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2001 and 2002 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2001	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		June range		
	June	May	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.3	2.4	1.6	2.9	2.3
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	1.7	1.7	0.9	2.7	1.7
- RPI exc MIPs	2.0	1.9	1.3	2.7	2.0
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.00	1.00	0.89	1.10	0.98
Current account (£bn)	-19.7	-19.3	-31.0	-14.1	-19.1
PSNB** (2001-02: £bn)	-8.4	-8.3	-28.8	0.9	-8.9

Forecasts for 2002	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		June range		
	June	May	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.6	2.7	0.4	3.3	2.6
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- RPI	2.5	2.5	1.1	3.9	2.6
- RPI exc MIPs	2.3	2.3	1.4	3.4	2.4
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.03	1.03	0.75	1.18	1.01
Current account (£bn)	-20.7	-21.0	-39.3	-9.8	-20.8
PSNB** (2002-03: £bn)	-3.3	-2.9	-29.1	10.0	-4.4

⁺ Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (June: 22 Institutions, May: 8 Institutions, April: 6 Institutions).

*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).

		2001				June 2001		Table 1	
		GDP & its components, at constant prices							
		Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise							
Forecasters & date of forecasts	GDP	Private		Government	Fixed	Change in Inventories (£bn)	Domestic demand	Exports goods & services	Imports
		Consumption		expenditure	Invm.				
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Apr	2.4	3.1	3.7	4.1	-0.9	3.0	6.5	7.4
Barclays Bank	Jun*	2.1	2.7	3.9	2.0	0.8	2.6	5.0	6.3
Barclays Capital	Jun*	2.4	2.8	3.4	4.9	0.6	3.0	4.6	6.2
Capital Economics	Jun*	2.0	2.5	3.7	3.0	1.3	2.7	3.5	5.5
Charterhouse	Jun*	2.9	3.9	4.1	3.5	-0.6	3.4	5.8	7.1
Citigroup	Jun*	2.6	3.3	3.5	6.8	0.3	3.7	5.4	8.1
Credit Lyonnais	Apr	2.1	3.0	4.3	4.9	-1.2	3.2	5.0	6.5
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jun*	2.5	3.0	2.5	5.0	1.3	3.1	5.3	6.7
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jun*	2.2	2.7	4.2	4.1	1.4	3.0	6.2	7.9
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.1	2.8	3.8	2.4	0.5	2.7	4.7	5.9
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Feb	2.4	2.9	4.2	2.2	0.2	2.7	4.5	5.0
Economic Perspectives	May	1.6	2.7	3.5	-0.2	1.7	2.3	4.8	6.3
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.5	2.9	4.6	4.8	1.5	3.5	6.3	8.3
Goldman Sachs	Jun*	2.1	3.0	4.0	4.2	0.0	2.9	6.5	8.4
Hermes	Jan	2.6	3.2	5.1	3.2	3.7	3.5	4.8	7.2
HSBC Econ & Strategy	May	2.2	3.0	4.4	3.2	3.0	2.9	2.3	4.4
J P Morgan	Jun*	2.2	2.9	4.5	3.4	0.7	3.2	3.0	6.5
Lehman Brothers	Jan	2.6	3.3	4.5	3.8	2.9	3.6	5.7	7.9
Lombard St	Jun*	2.8	3.0	3.7	5.3	2.0	3.4	4.8	6.5
Merrill Lynch	Apr	2.6	3.2	4.0	2.5	2.0	3.2	5.0	5.5
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Jun*	1.9	2.6	3.9	1.0	-0.2	2.6	6.4	7.7
RBSFM	Jun*	2.2	3.1	3.0	4.7	1.1	3.2	5.0	7.5
Schroders	May	2.0	2.6	4.4	4.2	-0.2	2.9	2.3	4.9
S.G.	Jan	2.5	3.0	3.7	-	2.0	2.8	4.7	5.3
Standard Chartered	Mar	2.0	3.0	4.3	5.0	-1.0	3.0	5.0	7.5
Warburg Dillon Read	Mar	2.2	3.2	3.1	2.3	-0.3	2.6	3.8	4.9
WestLB Panmure	May	2.5	2.8	3.5	3.0	1.0	3.0	5.3	6.0
Williams de Broe	Jun*	2.5	3.1	3.6	6.2	1.4	3.6	3.7	6.7
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Jun*	2.5	3.1	3.8	4.9	-0.4	3.3	5.7	7.2
Cambridge Econ	Jun*	2.1	2.6	3.8	2.2	2.0	2.7	3.7	5.1
CBI	Jun*	2.1	2.7	4.9	3.4	-0.1	2.9	4.5	6.4
CEBR	Jun*	2.7	3.2	3.0	5.7	4.5	3.6	4.7	7.6
DRI	Jun*	2.4	2.7	4.0	3.5	0.8	3.1	4.9	5.9
EIU	Jun*	2.3	2.9	4.0	3.0	-	3.1	2.8	4.8
Henley	May	2.6	3.5	4.8	2.3	3.2	3.5	4.3	6.4
ITEM Club	May*	2.0	2.8	4.8	1.7	0.0	2.9	4.6	6.6
Liverpool Macro Research	Jun*	2.1	2.5 c	5.3 d	2.3 e	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Apr*	2.4	2.7	4.2	3.7	0.0	2.9	5.6	6.4
OEF	Jun*	2.2	2.9	4.2	4.1	1.4	3.3	5.7	7.9
Primark WEFA	Dec	2.6	2.5	4.4	3.3	1.2	2.9	5.2	5.7
EC	Apr	2.7	3.1	4.4	3.3	2.6	3.4	6.2	7.6
OECD	May	2.5	3.0	4.3	3.3	-0.1	3.1	6.6	7.7
IMF	May	2.6	2.9	4.1	-	-	3.2	-	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		2.3	2.9	4.0	3.7	1.0	3.1	4.9	6.6
New (marked *)		2.3	2.9	3.9	3.9	0.9	3.1	4.9	6.8
City		2.3	2.9	3.8	3.8	0.8	3.1	4.9	6.7
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		2.9	3.9	4.9	6.8	4.5	3.7	6.6	8.4
Lowest		1.6	2.5	2.5	-0.2	-1.2	2.3	2.3	4.4
HM Treasury	Mar	2¼-2½	3¼ - 3½	4¼	5½-5¾	-2	3¼ - 3½	5½-5¾	7½-7¾

Forecasters & date of forecasts	2001 Inflation and monetary indicators							June 2001		Table2	
	Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise							Oil price(\$)	M0 (2001-2002)	M4	
	RPI (Q4)	RPI exc MIPs (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)	3-month Interest Rate(Q4,%)						
City forecasters											
Abn Amro	Apr	1.8	1.9	4.6	107.7	5.55	24.0	7.0	9.0		
Barclays Bank	Jun*	1.4	2.1	4.2	-	5.00	24.0	-	-		
Barclays Capital	Jun*	1.5	2.2	4.9	104.9	5.45 s	-	-	-		
Capital Economics	Jun*	0.9	1.5	4.3	104.5	4.50	18.5	7.0	7.0		
Charterhouse	Jun*	2.7	2.7	6.3	103.7	5.90	-	7.8	9.1		
Citigroup	Jun*	1.5	2.0	5.0	102.9	5.20	25.0	-	-		
Credit Lyonnais	Apr	1.4	1.8	4.3	103.0	4.75	26.0	-	-		
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jun*	1.8	2.0	4.5	-	5.25	-	6.0	7.5		
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jun*	2.0	2.1	4.7	104.0	5.25	-	-	-		
Deutsche Bank	Apr	0.9	1.6	4.8	104.5	5.00	20.0	6.9	7.1		
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Feb	1.2	1.7	4.6	102.0	5.80	25.0	-	-		
Economic Perspectives	May	1.6	1.3	4.5	100.0	5.00	24.0	5.7	8.5		
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.5	2.2	5.0	100.8	5.50	-	-	-		
Goldman Sachs	Jun*	1.7	1.9	4.7	97.5	5.00	23.6	5.5 jk	7.8 jk		
Hermes	Jan	1.8	2.0	4.4	100.0	5.50	-	-	-		
HSBC Econ & Strategy	May	1.9	1.9	4.6	103.5	4.90	23.0	-	-		
J P Morgan	Jun*	2.5	2.2	-	-	5.20	27.7	-	-		
Lehman Brothers	Jan	2.4	2.2	4.3	102.2	5.75	24.0	-	-		
Lombard St	Jun*	1.7	2.3	4.9	102.0	5.50	28.0	-	8.3		
Merrill Lynch	Apr	2.0	2.1	5.0	-	5.20	-	-	9.5		
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Jun*	1.5	2.0	4.7	101.9	4.90	-	-	7.7		
RBSFM	Jun*	1.6	2.1	4.8	101.5	5.25	26.2	-	-		
Schroders	May	1.8	1.9	4.3	102.0	5.00	24.0	-	-		
S.G.	Jan	-	2.1	4.3	101.0	6.00	23.5	7.0	8.5		
Standard Chartered	Mar	2.3	1.7	4.2	101.0	5.00	22.0	6.0	9.0		
Warburg Dillon Read	Mar	1.5	1.8	4.2	-	5.50	23.5	7.0	7.5		
WestLB Panmure	May	1.6	1.7	4.5	101.0	5.10	24.0	-	-		
Williams de Broe	Jun*	1.3	1.9	4.6	106.0	5.10	27.2	7.1	9.4		
Non-City forecasters											
BSL	Jun*	1.5	1.9	5.0	102.5	5.00	25.4	-	-		
Cambridge Econ	Jun*	1.9 k	2.0 k	4.8 n	104.8 k	5.40 ks	26.4	-	-		
CBI	Jun*	1.3	1.8	4.5	104.5	4.75	25.1	-	-		
CEBR	Jun*	2.1	2.0	3.9	103.2	5.90 s	17.5	-	-		
DRJ	Jun*	2.2	2.1	4.8	-	5.00	26.7	5.5	5.3		
EIU	Jun*	2.0	2.1	4.3	103.1	5.30	24.2	-	-		
Henley	May	1.6	1.8	4.3	-	5.50	-	-	-		
ITEM Club	May*	1.3	1.9	4.5	100.0	5.00	28.0	6.0	7.0		
Liverpool Macro Research	Jun*	-	2.2	3.9	105.9	5.50	-	-	-		
NIESR	Apr*	1.4	1.7	4.5	104.4	5.25	24.5	-	-		
OEF	Jun*	1.5	1.9	4.3	105.0	5.30	25.4	6.7	5.2		
Primark WEFA	Dec	2.3	2.4	4.4	103.9	5.75	25.0	-	-		
EC	Apr	1.8 k	1.4 ak	4.2 n	-	-	24.4	-	-		
OECD	May	-	-	-	-	5.40	-	-	-		
IMF	May	2.3	2.2	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months											
Independent		1.7	2.0	4.6	103.1	5.16	24.5	6.6	7.7		
New (marked *)		1.7	2.0	4.6	103.2	5.16	24.9	6.6	7.4		
City		1.7	2.0	4.7	102.9	5.15	24.3	6.8	8.3		
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months											
Highest		2.7	2.7	6.3	107.7	5.90	28.0	7.8	9.5		
Lowest		0.9	1.3	3.9	97.5	4.50	17.5	5.5	5.2		
HM Treasury	Mar	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-		

		2001					June 2001	Table 3		
		Other variables								
Forecasters & dates of forecasts		Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise								
		RHDI	Employment	Claimant unemp. (Q4-mns)	Industrial production	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£ bn)	PSNB (£bn 01-02)	
City forecasters										
Abn Amro	Apr	3.7	0.3	1.00	0.7	0.8	6.2	-22.3	-8.4	
Barclays Bank	Jun*	2.8	0.4	1.00	-	0.0	-	-20.0	-5.0	
Barclays Capital	Jun*	3.1	0.4	1.00	-0.6	0.3	-	-17.4	-3.0 cc	
Capital Economics	Jun*	3.0	0.0	0.90	0.5	0.5	3.5	-18.0	-12.0	
Charterhouse	Jun*	4.9	0.9	0.89	0.3	0.5	-	-17.3	-10.8	
Citigroup	Jun*	4.9	0.4	0.89	-0.1	0.7	-	-28.4	-8.3	
Credit Lyonnais	Apr	-	-	1.10	0.5	0.7	5.0	-19.8	-3.0 cc	
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jun*	2.8	0.1	1.00	0.1	-	-	-16.0	-6.0	
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jun*	3.0	0.3	0.99	-	-	-	-17.6	-8.0	
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.5	-	1.07	1.0	1.5	-	-18.6	-6.0	
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Feb	3.4	0.4	0.99	1.7	2.2	-	-22.1	-9.3	
Economic Perspectives	May	2.2	0.1	1.05	1.4	1.3	5.0	-19.0	-3.0	
Fortis Bank	Apr	-	0.5	0.98	-	1.3	-	-19.0	-	
Goldman Sachs	Jun*	3.3	0.2	0.99	0.3	1.0	-	-22.8	0.9	
Hermes	Jan	2.8	0.2	1.00	1.5	-	-	-25.5	-	
HSBC Econ & Strategy	May	2.6	0.3	1.04	1.1	1.1	6.0	-23.0	-5.0	
J P Morgan	Jun*	-	-	-	-0.1	-	-	-20.8	-6.0 cc	
Lehman Brothers	Jan	2.4	0.2	1.10	1.0	0.8	9.7	-16.3	-10.0	
Lombard St	Jun*	3.5	0.6	0.95	-	-	-	-20.0	-7.0 cc	
Merrill Lynch	Apr	-	-	0.95	-	-	-	-20.0	-8.0	
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Jun*	4.5	0.3	1.10	-0.1	0.1	-	-17.0	0.1 cc	
RBSFM	Jun*	4.2	0.6	1.00	0.0	0.7	-	-19.4	-3.5	
Schroders	May	3.0	0.2	1.00	0.0	0.0	-	-17.1	-	
S.G.	Jan	2.5	0.5	1.10	1.5	1.5	6.0	-18.0	-10.0	
Standard Chartered	Mar	2.5	0.4	1.00	1.3	1.6	3.8	-23.0	-16.0	
Warburg Dillon Read	Mar	-	-	1.00	1.1	1.0	-	-10.0	-10.0	
WestLB Panmure	May	-	0.5	0.98	1.0	1.5	6.0	-18.0	-10.0	
Williams de Broe	Jun*	-	0.5	1.00	-0.1	0.4	5.5	-18.7	-17.4	
Non-City forecasters										
BSL	Jun*	3.3	0.3	0.96	-0.1	0.0	3.5	-21.0	-8.6	
Cambridge Econ	Jun*	3.0	0.5	1.10 k	0.6	0.2	2.9 hh	-17.4	-16.2 kcc	
CBI	Jun*	2.5	0.1	1.03	0.3	0.1	3.5	-21.6	-3.9	
CEBR	Jun*	2.5	0.4	0.98	-	3.1	-	-17.7	-13.4 cc	
DRI	Jun*	1.8	0.7	-	1.6	-	-	-14.1	-9.4	
EIU	Jun*	3.2	0.3	1.00	0.9	0.8	4.4	-23.5	-	
Henley	May	3.4	0.2	1.10	-	2.1	-	-21.9	-	
ITEM Club	May*	2.5	0.0	1.48 aa	1.0	0.9	-	-18.8	-28.8	
Liverpool Macro Research	Jun*	-	-	1.00	-	-	-	-15.5	-13.6	
NIESR	Apr*	2.7	0.3	1.04	0.2	1.3	8.0	-15.9	-1.1	
OEF	Jun*	3.1	0.3	0.97	-0.3	0.1	6.8	-19.5	-7.3	
Primark WEFA	Dec	2.7	0.3	1.06	2.5	2.0	7.8	-18.3	-	
EC	Apr	4.1	0.5	1.53 aak	1.4	2.2	7.7 w	-20.5	-10.2 ee	
OECD	May	-	0.5	5.40 x	-	2.6	-	-31.0	-	
IMF	May	2.4	0.5	5.30 x	-	-	-	-	-	
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months										
Independent		3.2	0.4	1.00	0.4	0.9	5.5	-19.7	-8.4	
New (marked *)		3.2	0.4	0.98	0.2	0.6	5.0	-19.1	-8.9	
City		3.4	0.4	0.99	0.3	0.7	5.3	-19.6	-7.4	
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months										
Highest		4.9	0.9	1.10	1.6	3.1	8.0	-14.1	0.9	
Lowest		1.8	0.0	0.89	-0.6	0.0	3.5	-31.0	-28.8	
HM Treasury	Mar	4¼ - 4½	-	-	-	1¼-2	6%	-21%	-6.0	

		2002				June 2001		Table 4	
GDP & its components, at constant prices									
Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise									
Forecasters & date of forecasts		GDP	Private	Government	Fixed	Change in	Domestic	Exports	Imports
(£bn)									
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Apr	3.1	3.7	4.1	3.7	0.4	3.9	5.4	7.3
Barclays Bank	Jun*	2.3	2.2	3.8	2.5	1.3	2.6	5.5	5.7
Barclays Capital	Jun*	2.9	2.6	3.5	2.9	2.0	3.0	3.2	3.4
Capital Economics	Jun*	2.5	1.8	4.5	2.0	1.6	2.3	3.0	2.5
Charterhouse	Jun*	2.5	2.8	3.6	1.9	-1.4	2.7	5.1	5.1
Citigroup	Jun*	2.8	3.1	4.2	5.2	0.8	3.7	3.8	6.0
Credit Lyonnais	Apr	2.6	2.7	3.5	3.4	2.0	3.3	5.1	6.6
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jun*	2.8	2.8	2.7	5.0	1.5	3.2	6.0	6.5
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jun*	2.7	2.6	4.3	2.7	3.7	3.2	6.7	6.3
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.5	2.8	3.6	3.5	1.8	3.2	4.1	5.9
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Feb	2.9	2.7	4.2	3.1	0.4	3.0	7.1	7.0
Economic Perspectives	May	0.4	2.2	3.5	-4.9	1.2	1.2	4.7	6.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.6	2.4	3.4	5.7	6.7
Goldman Sachs	Jun*	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.4	2.8	3.7	8.3	8.8
Hermes	Jan	2.7	3.0	3.0	3.5	3.3	3.0	6.1	6.4
HSBC Econ & Strategy	May	2.4	2.5	4.7	1.9	1.5	2.7	0.8	3.1
J P Morgan	Jun*	2.8	3.3	4.0	3.1	1.0	2.6	5.0	5.0
Lehman Brothers	Jan	3.3	2.8	4.1	7.6	4.0	4.0	5.7	7.2
Lombard St	Jun*	2.5	2.6	3.5	1.5	1.5	2.3	4.3	3.5
Merrill Lynch	Apr	3.0	3.2	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.2	7.0	7.5
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Jun*	2.8	3.1	4.9	2.7	0.5	3.2	7.0	7.2
RBSFM	Jun*	2.8	3.2	4.1	2.7	2.0	3.3	5.4	6.5
Schroders	May	2.6	2.7	5.1	3.1	0.0	3.3	2.1	4.1
S.G.	Jan	3.1	2.6	3.1	3.5	2.0	2.9	5.3	4.4
Standard Chartered	Mar	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0	-0.5	3.5	5.3	6.0
Warburg Dillon Read	Mar	3.0	3.4	3.4	2.2	0.1	3.2	4.1	4.5
WestLB Panmure	May	2.8	2.8	3.0	3.8	1.5	3.0	5.5	6.0
Williams de Broe	Jun*	2.3	1.9	4.8	2.4	2.4	2.7	3.2	4.1
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Jun*	2.9	2.5	3.6	5.5	2.1	3.5	4.8	6.1
Cambridge Econ	Jun*	2.0	2.1	2.9	1.7	0.9	2.1	4.7	4.4
CBI	Jun*	2.7	2.8	4.3	4.0	0.6	3.3	4.7	6.1
CEBR	Jun*	2.4	2.4	3.3	5.8	4.9	3.1	6.0	6.8
DRI	Jun*	2.6	2.5	3.7	4.5	2.8	3.4	5.1	6.3
EIU	Jun*	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.9	-	2.9	3.6	4.4
Henley	May	3.1	2.9	3.9	4.2	2.3	3.2	4.2	4.4
ITEM Club	May*	2.3	2.4	4.1	1.7	0.0	2.6	4.2	4.8
Liverpool Macro Research	Jun*	3.2	2.3 c	5.3 d	0.9 e	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Apr*	2.6	2.5	3.3	4.6	1.1	3.2	3.7	5.0
OEF	Jun*	2.7	3.0	4.3	2.6	3.3	3.4	5.8	7.1
Primark WEFA	Dec	2.6	2.3	2.7	3.4	1.4	2.6	6.3	5.7
EC	Apr	3.0	2.8	4.1	4.0	2.0	3.2	7.4	7.3
OECD	May	2.6	2.6	3.3	3.0	0.0	2.8	7.0	7.0
IMF	May	2.8	2.9	4.0	-	-	3.1	-	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		2.6	2.7	3.8	3.0	1.6	3.0	4.9	5.7
New (marked *)		2.6	2.6	3.8	3.2	1.7	3.0	5.0	5.5
City		2.6	2.8	3.9	2.7	1.5	3.0	4.9	5.6
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		3.3	3.7	5.1	5.8	4.9	3.9	8.3	8.8
Lowest		0.4	1.8	2.7	-4.9	-1.4	1.2	0.8	2.5
HM Treasury	Mar	2¼-2¾	2½-3	3¾	3-3½	0-1	2¾-3¼	4¾-5¼	6¼-6¾

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Inflation and monetary indicators

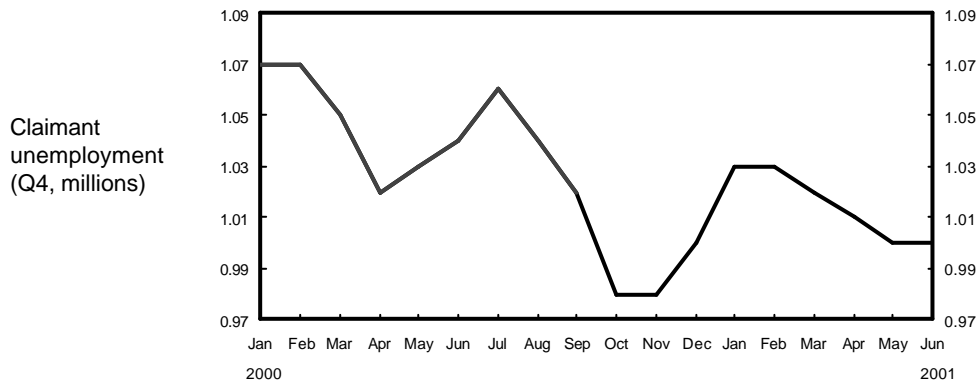
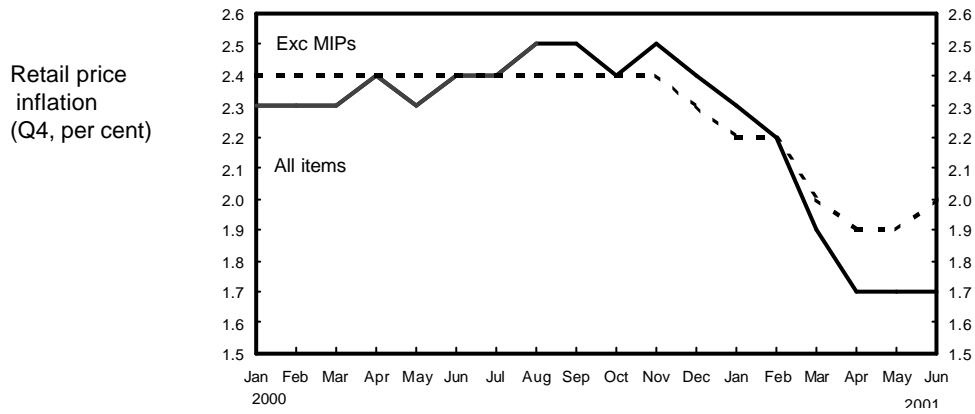
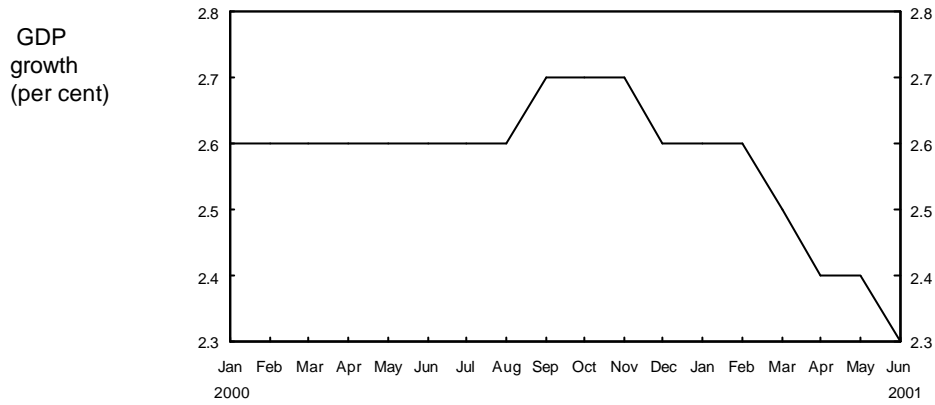
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Forecasters & date of forecasts		RPI (Q4)	RPI exc MIPs (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index(Q4)	3-month Interest Rate(Q4,%)	Oil price(\$)	M0 (2001-2002)	M4
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Apr	3.4	2.8	4.8	105.2	6.05	24.0	5.8	10.2
Barclays Bank	Jun*	2.3	2.2	4.2	-	5.00	20.0	-	-
Barclays Capital	Jun*	2.5	2.4	4.4	100.0	5.90 s	-	-	-
Capital Economics	Jun*	1.6	1.8	4.0	101.9	4.50	20.0	5.0	6.0
Charterhouse	Jun*	3.9	3.4	5.9	100.6	6.65	-	6.1	8.2
Citigroup	Jun*	3.3	2.5	5.9	99.9	6.00	22.0	-	-
Credit Lyonnais	Apr	2.6	2.2	4.4	99.0	5.25	26.0	-	-
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jun*	2.3	2.3	4.8	-	5.75	-	6.0	7.5
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jun*	2.4	2.3	5.3	101.0	5.50	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.3	2.3	4.5	103.9	5.00	20.0	6.8	5.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Feb	2.5	2.2	4.6	102.0	6.10	22.0	-	-
Economic Perspectives	May	1.1	1.4	3.8	100.0	4.50	18.0	4.5	6.2
Fortis Bank	Apr	3.1	2.5	4.8	99.0	6.30	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Jun*	2.3	2.1	4.5	95.0	5.60	22.0	5.3 jk	8.8 jk
Hermes	Jan	2.2	2.2	4.4	102.0	5.50	-	-	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	May	2.6	2.4	4.6	102.2	5.50	25.0	-	-
J P Morgan	Jun*	2.4	2.5	-	-	5.20	22.0	-	-
Lehman Brothers	Jan	3.2	2.7	5.3	102.9	6.50	24.0	-	-
Lombard St	Jun*	2.8	3.1	5.3	98.0	6.50	26.0	-	5.9
Merrill Lynch	Apr	2.4	2.4	4.8	-	5.80	-	-	9.0
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Jun*	2.6	2.3	4.7	101.3	5.90	-	-	6.1
RBSFM	Jun*	3.1	2.6	5.0	99.5	5.92	26.2	-	-
Schroders	May	2.4	2.2	4.4	100.0	5.50	18.0	-	-
S.G.	Jan	-	2.5	4.9	97.0	6.00	22.0	6.5	8.5
Standard Chartered	Mar	2.7	2.0	4.0	104.0	5.25	25.0	7.0	8.0
Warburg Dillon Read	Mar	2.0	2.0	3.8	-	5.50	18.5	7.3	7.5
WestLB Panmure	May	2.3	2.3	4.7	99.0	5.50	22.0	-	-
Williams de Broe	Jun*	3.3	3.0	4.8	102.8	5.80	27.9	4.2	8.6
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Jun*	1.9	1.8	4.5	101.6	5.00	24.9	-	-
Cambridge Econ	Jun*	2.3 k	2.4 k	4.4 n	101.9 k	5.10 ks	25.9	-	-
CBI	Jun*	2.4	2.3	4.4	102.3	4.75	25.0	-	-
CEBR	Jun*	2.4	2.2	4.0	103.7	6.10 s	17.5	-	-
DRI	Jun*	2.8	2.3	3.8	-	5.50	24.3	4.9	5.2
EIU	Jun*	2.5	2.4	4.5	102.2	6.00	24.0	-	-
Henley	May	1.4	1.6	4.1	-	5.40	-	-	-
ITEM Club	May*	2.5	2.3	4.4	97.0	5.25	25.0	3.9	4.7
Liverpool Macro Research	Jun*	-	2.8	2.9	105.8	5.40	-	-	-
NIESR	Apr*	1.9	2.0	4.9	103.3	5.25	24.0	-	-
OEF	Jun*	2.4	2.2	4.4	101.0	6.00	24.6	6.3	6.4
Primark WEFA	Dec	2.3	2.3	4.5	100.0	6.00	20.0	-	-
EC	Apr*	2.3 k	1.7 ak	4.4 n	-	-	26.3	-	-
OECD	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	May	2.5	2.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		2.5	2.3	4.6	101.0	5.54	23.2	5.4	6.8
New (marked *)		2.6	2.4	4.6	100.9	5.57	23.6	5.2	6.5
City		2.6	2.4	4.7	100.5	5.61	22.6	5.5	7.3
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		3.9	3.4	5.9	105.8	6.65	27.9	6.8	10.2
Lowest		1.1	1.4	2.9	95.0	4.50	17.5	3.9	4.7
HM Treasury	Mar	-	2½	-	-	-	-	-	-

Forecasters & dates of forecasts	2002		June 2001				Table 6		
	RHDI	Other variables			Industrial production	Manuf'g output	World Trade	Current account (£ bn)	PSNB (£bn 02-03)
		Percentage changes on a year earlier unless stated otherwise							
		Employment	Claimant unemp. (Q4-mns)						
City forecasters									
Abn Amro	Apr	2.6	0.6	1.00	2.3	1.6	6.0	-31.2	0.5
Barclays Bank	Jun*	2.3	0.2	1.00	-	1.5	-	-22.0	5.0
Barclays Capital	Jun*	3.3	0.0	1.00	1.8	1.8	-	-22.0	1.0
Capital Economics	Jun*	2.5	-0.2	1.10	1.5	1.5	3.0	-21.2	-6.0
Charterhouse	Jun*	2.9	0.1	1.01	2.1	1.5	-	-24.1	-5.1
Citigroup	Jun*	4.2	1.0	0.75	1.2	1.2	-	-39.3	1.6
Credit Lyonnais	Apr	-	-	1.10	1.8	1.6	7.0	-23.4	-1.0
Credit Suisse First Boston	Jun*	3.0	0.1	1.05	2.0	-	-	-16.0	0.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jun*	3.3	0.5	1.00	-	-	-	-18.2	-2.5
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.8	-	1.07	2.0	2.0	-	-23.4	-1.0
Dresdner Kleinwort Benson	Feb	3.0	0.9	0.88	2.7	2.9	-	-23.0	-0.6
Economic Perspectives	May	1.7	-0.6	1.18	0.9	1.3	3.5	-17.0	10.0
Fortis Bank	Apr	-	0.4	0.99	-	1.4	-	-16.0	-
Goldman Sachs	Jun*	2.8	0.5	0.97	3.4	3.7	-	-29.2	1.1
Hermes	Jan	2.8	0.4	1.00	2.0	-	-	-26.0	-
HSBC Econ & Strategy	May	2.4	0.3	1.10	0.7	0.7	4.0	-15.0	3.0
J P Morgan	Jun*	-	-	-	2.3	-	-	-16.4	-3.0
Lehman Brothers	Jan	2.9	1.1	1.00	1.8	1.8	7.9	-18.2	-5.0
Lombard St	Jun*	2.9	0.0	1.00	-	-	-	-18.0	7.0
Merrill Lynch	Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-16.0	-
Morgan Stanley Dean Witter	Jun*	4.2	1.0	1.10	1.2	0.5	-	-17.0	-0.4
RBSFM	Jun*	3.8	0.4	0.89	2.3	2.1	-	-21.4	3.4
Schroders	May	3.0	0.0	1.07	1.5	1.5	-	-19.5	-
S.G.	Jan	2.5	0.5	1.15	2.0	2.0	7.0	-15.0	-4.0
Standard Chartered	Mar	2.8	0.8	1.00	1.9	2.1	4.2	-19.0	-8.0
Warburg Dillon Read	Mar	-	-	1.00	1.5	1.5	-	-10.0	-3.0
WestLB Panmure	May	-	0.4	1.00	1.8	1.8	8.0	-20.0	-4.0
Williams de Broe	Jun*	-	0.3	0.99	2.9	2.5	7.4	-24.7	-9.1
Non-City forecasters									
BSL	Jun*	3.0	0.6	0.93	1.9	1.7	4.0	-25.0	-2.9
Cambridge Econ	Jun*	2.6	-0.1	1.20 k	1.1	1.3	3.3 hh	-13.9	-3.3
CBI	Jun*	2.0	0.4	1.05	0.6	0.8	4.7	-22.3	-3.0
CEBR	Jun*	3.2	-0.3	1.05	-	3.1	-	-22.2	-1.3
DRI	Jun*	2.4	0.5	-	2.8	-	-	-13.7	-2.5
EUJ	Jun*	3.0	0.2	1.04	1.8	1.7	6.3	-15.3	-
Henley	May	3.6	-0.1	1.10	-	2.3	-	-21.9	-
ITEM Club	May*	2.8	-0.7	1.49 aa	1.4	1.2	-	-20.6	-29.1
Liverpool Macro Research	Jun*	-	-	1.05	-	-	-	-9.8	-19.5
NIESR	Apr*	3.6	0.0	1.15	1.1	2.1	6.5	-19.3	-0.5
OEF	Jun*	3.0	0.4	1.04	1.5	1.3	7.8	-27.1	-3.5
Primark WEFA	Dec	2.5	0.2	1.00	2.7	2.5	7.0	-16.8	-
EC	Apr	3.7	0.7	1.49 aak	2.0	2.0	7.9 w	-23.0	-9.3
OECD	May	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	May	2.7	0.5	5.40 x	-	-	-	-	-
Average of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Independent		3.0	0.2	1.03	1.8	1.7	5.7	-20.7	-3.3
New (marked *)		3.0	0.2	1.01	1.8	1.7	5.7	-20.8	-4.4
City		3.0	0.3	1.02	1.9	1.7	5.6	-21.4	-0.4
Range of Forecasts made in last 3 months									
Highest		4.2	1.0	1.18	3.4	3.7	8.0	-9.8	10.0
Lowest		1.7	-0.7	0.75	0.6	0.5	3.0	-39.3	-29.1
HM Treasury	Mar	2½-3	-	-	-	1½-2	6½	-25¼	1

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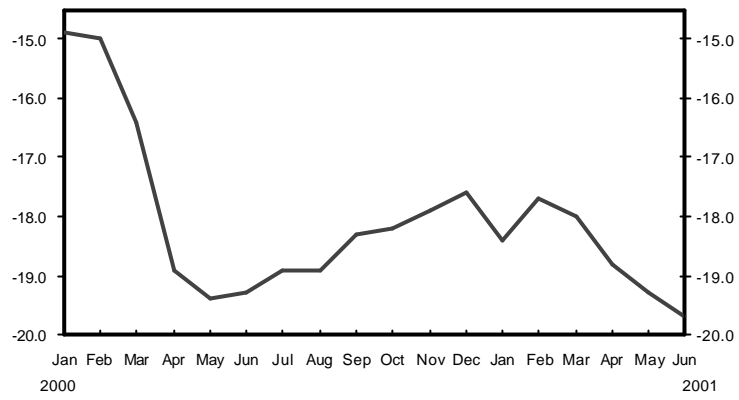
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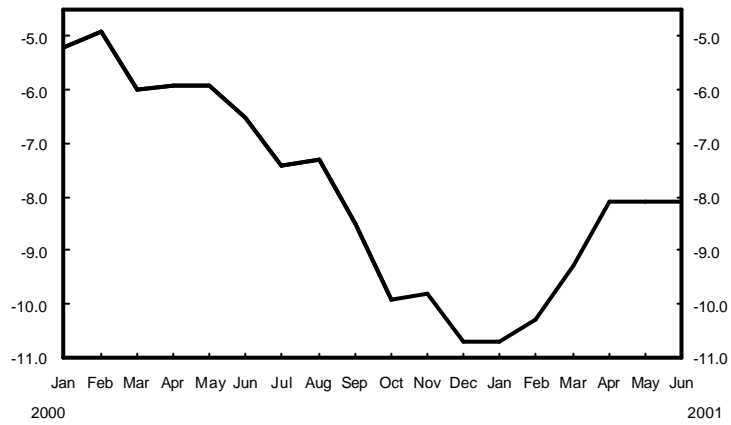
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Current account
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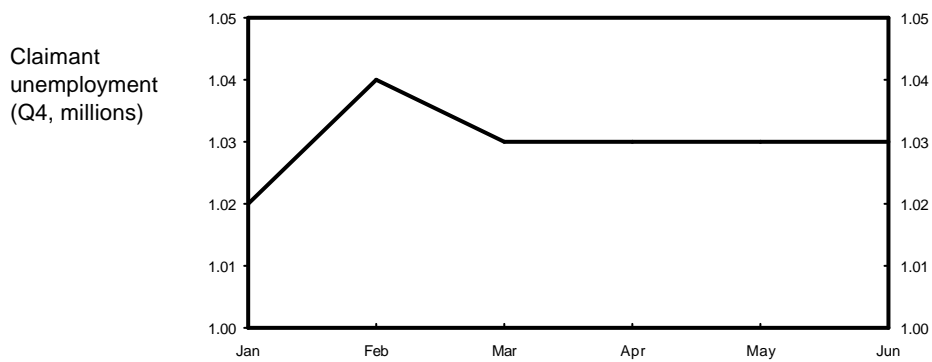
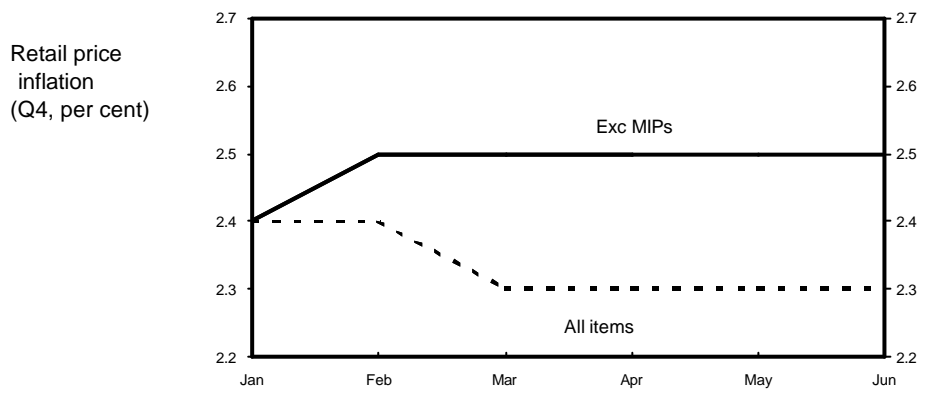
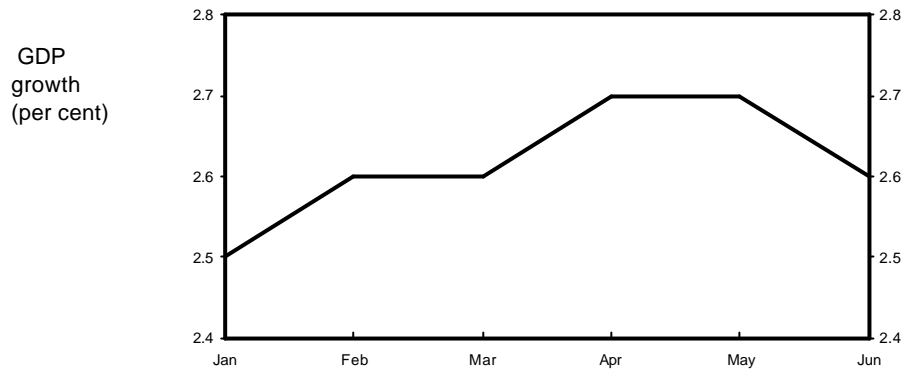


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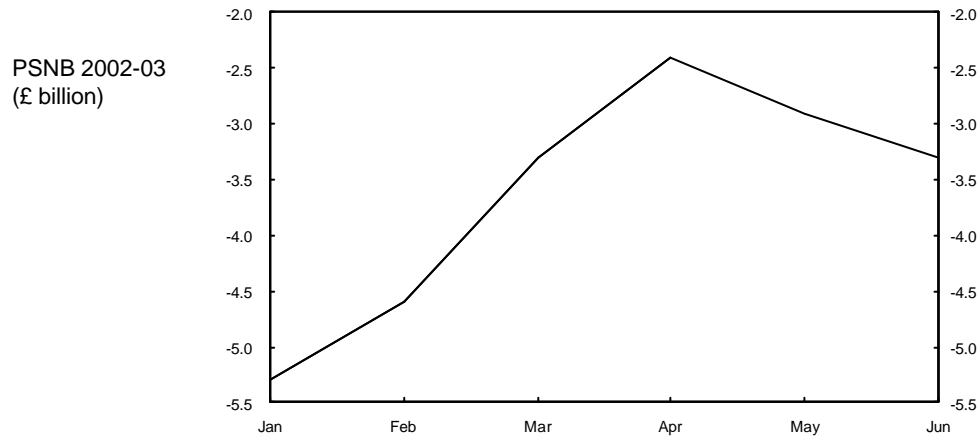
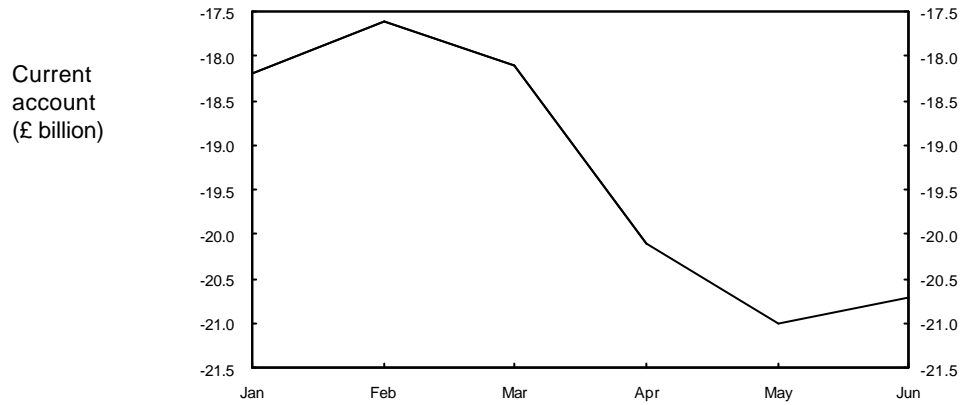
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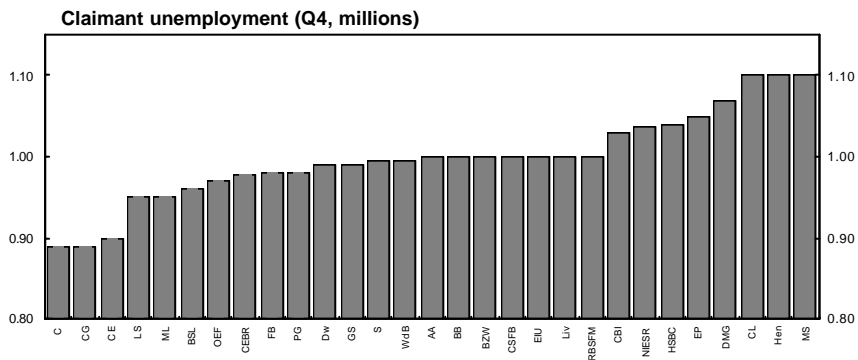
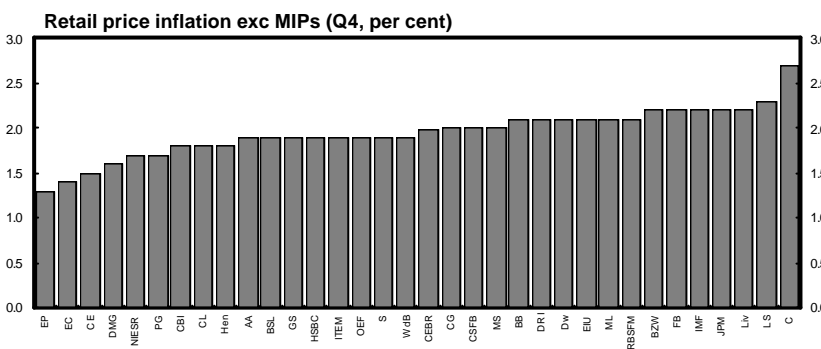
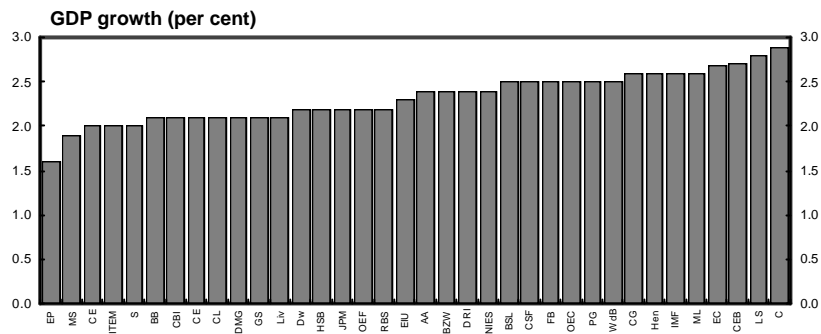
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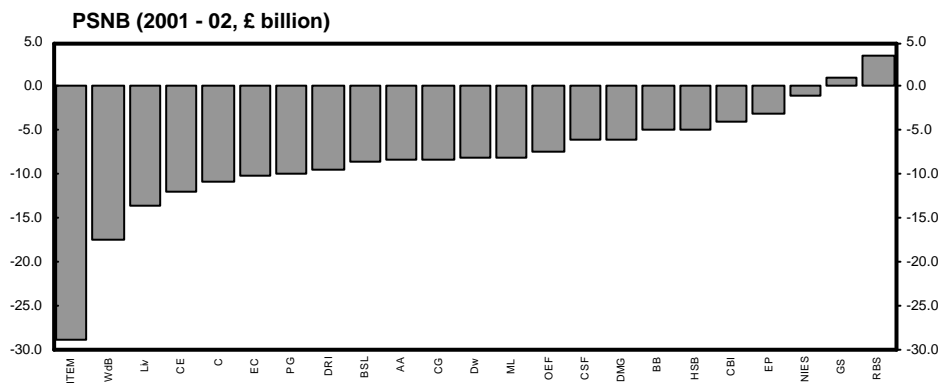
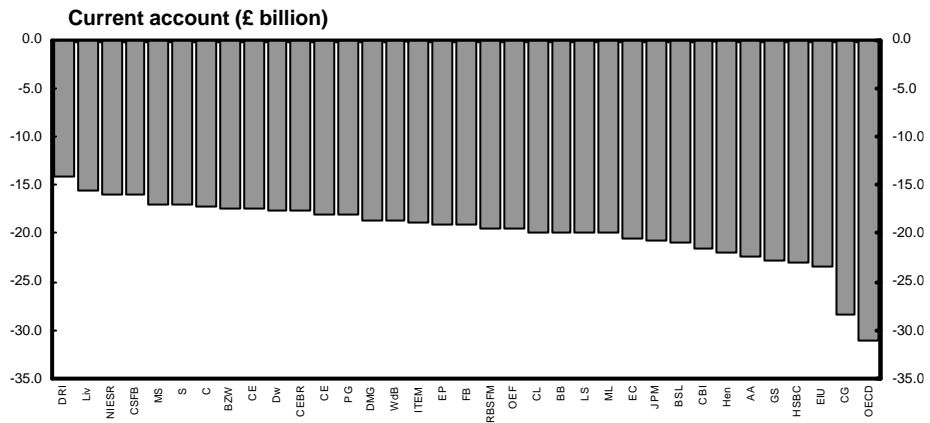
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June 2001 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)

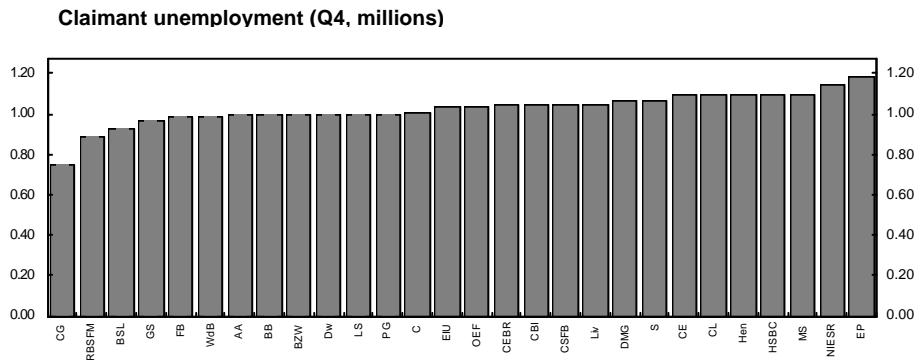
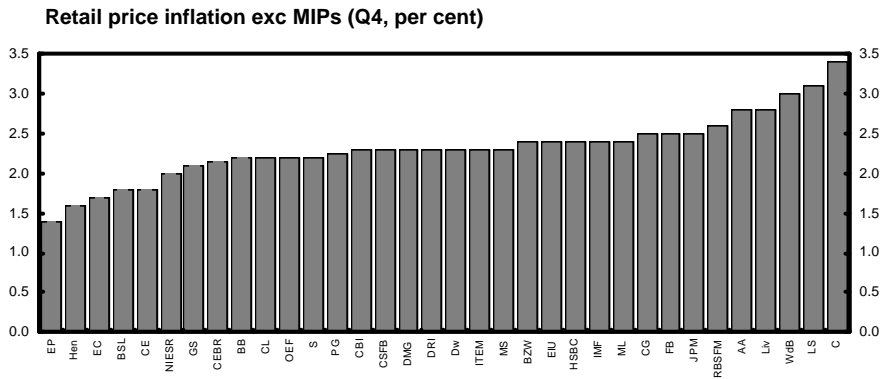
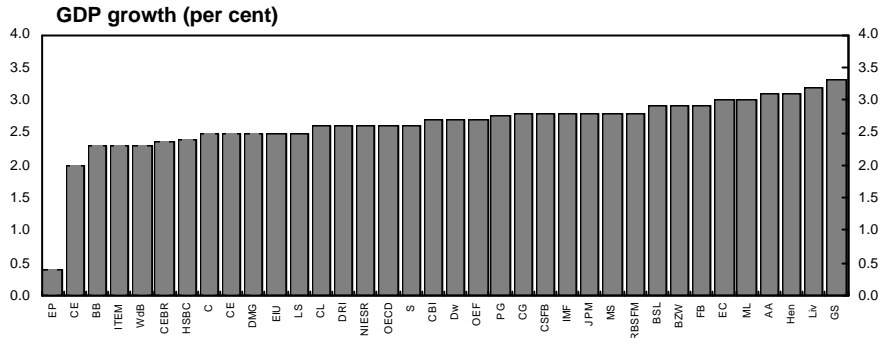


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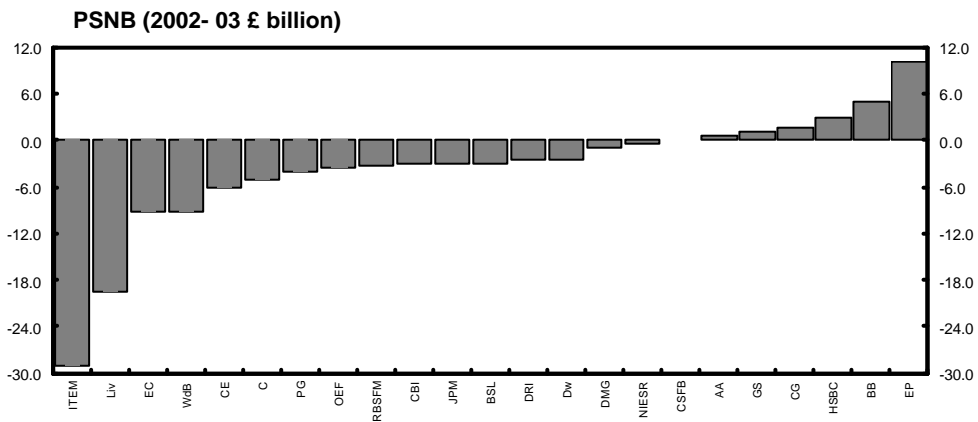
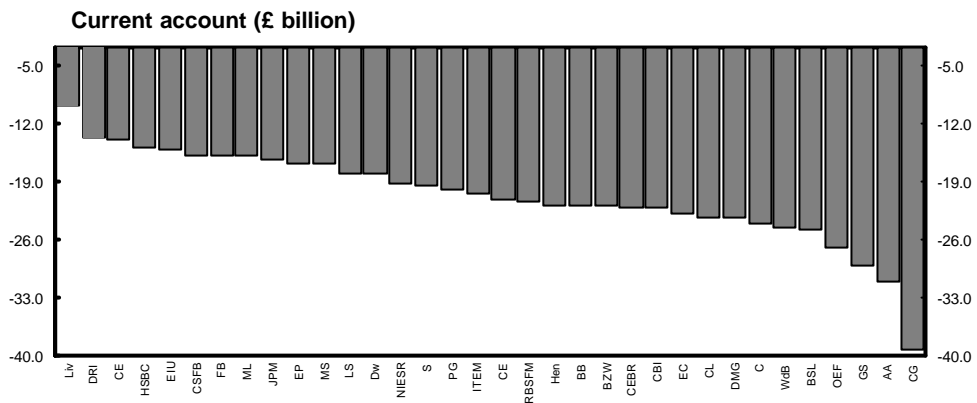


Forecasts for 2002 June 2001 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)



Forecasts for 2002

June 2001 range of forecasts (made in last 3 months)



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
FB:	Fortis Bank
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

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