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# FORECASTS FOR THE UK ECONOMY

## A comparison of independent forecasts, June 2010

This edition of the comparison contains 21 new forecasts, all of which were received between June 1st and June 9th 2010. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2010 and 2011 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

### Forecasts for 2010

	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		June		
	June	May	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.2	1.2	0.9	2.2	1.3
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.6	2.3	1.5	3.5	2.8
- RPI	3.7	3.2	2.4	5.4	4.0
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.67	1.72	1.45	2.00	1.65
Current account (£bn)	-19.8	-19.7	-42.3	8.1	-19.1
PSNB (2010-11: £bn)	156.5	163.8	131.2	189.1	151.9

### Forecasts for 2011

	Independent <sup>+</sup>				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		June		
	June	May	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	2.2	2.2	1.2	3.2	2.1
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	1.8	1.8	0.3	3.3	1.9
- RPI	3.1	3.0	1.4	4.2	3.2
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.68	1.69	1.43	2.30	1.70
Current account (£bn)	-18.7	-18.6	-62.9	17.8	-16.5
PSNB (2011-12: £bn)	131.2	139.4	89.0	201.0	126.3

+ Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (June: 21 institutions, May: 8 institutions, April: 4 institutions).

\*Calculated from new forecasts received for the comparison this month.

Note: All the averages exclude non-standard entries except for house-price inflation (see notation).

**Table I - 2010: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)**

Forecasters and 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>										
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jan	1.6	-0.3	1.6	0.5	0.6 f	-	3.4	0.5	0.7
Barclays Capital	Jun *	1.2	0.9	1.2	-2.0	-0.8	1.5	6.6	7.3	-0.4
BNP Paribas	Jun *	1.6	0.8	2.4	0.6	1.0	2.4	4.6	7.3	-
Capital Economics	Jun *	1.0	0.0	2.0	-0.5	-0.3	1.1	5.0	5.0	-0.1
Citigroup	Jun *	1.4	0.7	2.2	-3.2	-2.7	1.3	6.5	6.0	0.0
Commerzbank	Jun *	1.1	0.9	1.8	-0.6	-3.1	1.7	4.2	5.8	-0.6
Credit Suisse	Jun *	1.5	1.0	2.7	-3.8	-1.3	1.7	5.3	5.3	-0.1
Daiwa Capital Markets	May	1.0	0.5	-0.6	-3.7	-1.6	0.6	4.8	3.5	0.4
Deutsche Bank	Apr	1.5	0.9	2.7	-4.9	0.8	0.4	4.2	4.2	-0.1
Goldman Sachs	Jun *	1.4	0.0	1.9	0.8	1.1 f	1.8	5.8	6.7	-0.4
HSBC	Jun *	2.0	0.5	1.8	-0.1	-1.8	1.7	5.0	3.3	0.4
ING Financial Markets	Apr	1.0	0.7	1.1	-3.7	14.5	1.0	7.5	6.9	0.0
J P Morgan	May	1.4	0.7	1.7	-1.9	-2.0	1.6	7.2	7.1	-0.2
Lombard Street	Jun *	1.6	-0.2	1.8	1.8	2.5	1.9	7.3	7.9	-0.4
Morgan Stanley	Jun *	1.0	0.2	1.2	-2.1	-5.0	1.0	5.2	5.2	-0.1
Nomura	Jun	1.3	0.6	1.6	0.6	-5.7	2.0	4.8	6.1	-0.5
RBC Capital Markets	Apr	1.0	0.4	3.0	-1.3	-4.0	1.5	4.2	4.8	-0.5
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Jun *	1.0	0.6	2.2	0.0	-	1.3	4.0	5.4	-0.3
Schroders Investment Management	May	1.3	0.7	2.1	1.5	0.7	2.2	4.9	8.0	-1.0
Societe Generale	May	1.4	0.9	1.3	-4.1	-2.5	1.2	6.6	5.4	0.2
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun *	1.0	-0.2	0.5	-3.6	0.8	0.6	1.9	1.0	0.7
UBS	Jun *	1.5	1.0	2.3	-0.7	0.4	1.0	8.6	7.6	0.1
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
British Chambers of Commerce	Jun *	1.3	0.7	2.6	-0.7	-15.2 k	1.6	4.2	5.9	-0.5
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jun *	1.0	1.6	2.3	1.2	0.2	2.8	5.1	11.4	-2.1
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun *	1.0	-0.1	1.1	-2.3	-2.9	1.1	3.5	2.5	0.2
CBI	Apr	1.0	0.7	1.2	-3.3	-1.2	1.1	4.7	5.3	-0.3
CEBR	May	1.3	0.3	1.6	-1.7	-2.0	1.1	7.0	6.8 k	-
Economic Perspectives	Jun *	2.2	-0.3	1.3	2.7	-2.0	1.5	3.6	1.6	0.5
Experian Business Strategies	Mar	1.0	0.5	1.3	0.5	-6.5	1.4	2.5	3.9	-0.4
EIU	Jun *	0.9	-0.3	1.7	-1.5	-3.0	1.0	4.0	3.7	0.0
IHS Global Insight	Jun *	1.1	-0.4	2.0	-1.1	-	1.6	3.7	4.5	-0.5
ITEM Club	May	1.0	0.5	1.7	-2.7	1.1	1.2	7.2	6.6	-0.3
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec	1.8	0.8 b	1.1 m	3.3 d	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May	1.0	0.3	0.6	-2.0	-4.0	0.8	9.1	8.3	0.0
Oxford Economics	Jun *	1.1	0.5	1.8	-2.2	1.6	1.6	4.0	5.4	-0.5
EC	May	1.2	0.6	1.5	-0.9	0.8 f	0.6 f	5.2	5.3	-0.2
OECD	Nov	1.2	-0.2	3.3	-5.2	-	0.3	4.4	0.9	0.9
IMF	Apr	1.3	0.2	-	-	0.7 f	0.6	-	-	-
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Independent		1.2	0.5	1.7	-1.3	-1.0	1.4	5.2	5.6	-0.2
New (marked *)		1.3	0.4	1.8	-0.9	-1.0	1.5	4.9	5.4	-0.2
City		1.3	0.6	1.8	-1.5	-0.5	1.4	5.4	5.7	-0.1
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Highest		2.2	1.6	3.0	2.7	14.5	2.8	9.1	11.4	0.7
Lowest		0.9	-0.4	-0.6	-4.9	-6.5	0.4	1.9	1.0	-2.1
Median		1.2	0.5	1.7	-1.4	-1.6	1.4	5.0	5.4	-0.2
<b>HM Treasury</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>1 : 1½</b>	<b>0 : ½</b>	<b>1¼</b>	<b>-2¼ : -2¼</b>	<b>1¼ f</b>	<b>¾ : 1¼</b>	<b>2¾ : 3¼</b>	<b>2 : 2½</b>	<b>¼</b>

**Table 2 - 2010: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4)	RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Q4) (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	M4
<b>City forecasters</b>									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jan	2.0	3.3	-	1.9	-	1.00	-	-
Barclays Capital	Jun *	3.0	4.3	4.2	-	-	0.50	-	-
BNP Paribas	Jun *	3.0	4.2	4.1	3.2	-	0.50	-	-
Capital Economics	Jun *	2.9	4.3	4.4	3.0 k	81.6	0.50	60.0	3.5
Citigroup	Jun *	3.5	4.2	4.1	2.3	80.5	0.50	79.8	-
Commerzbank	Jun *	2.3	3.0	3.0	2.7	82.1	0.50	74.8	4.0
Credit Suisse	Jun *	2.9	3.9	4.0	-	-	1.00	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	May	2.6	3.3	3.5	2.0	76.1	0.50	79.3	4.5
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.7 k	3.4 k	-	-	-	-	-	3.5
Goldman Sachs	Jun *	1.8	4.2	-	3.5	84.0 g	-	80.0	10.6 g
HSBC	Jun *	2.9	3.9	3.9	3.4	-	0.50	80.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Apr	1.8	2.5	-	1.0	-	0.50	-	4.5
J P Morgan	May	2.6 k	-	3.6 k	-	-	0.75 k	-	-
Lombard Street	Jun *	2.4	2.9	-	3.0	-	1.00	-	3.6 k
Morgan Stanley	Jun *	2.7	3.9	3.9	1.7	81.8	0.50	-	-
Nomura	Jun	2.8	4.4	-	1.8	81.9	0.75	85.0	-
RBC Capital Markets	Apr	2.0	2.5	2.4	-	-	0.50	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Jun *	3.5	5.4	5.3	1.5	78.7	1.00	79.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	May	2.1	3.4	3.4	2.6	-	0.75 k	-	-
Societe Generale	May	2.9	-	-	1.5	80.0	0.50	85.0	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun *	2.2	-	-	-	-	0.50	82.0	-
UBS	Jun *	3.1	4.6	4.6	2.3	-	0.75	-	-
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jun *	3.4	5.3	5.2	2.8	-	1.00	70.0	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jun *	2.1	2.8	3.4	2.4	76.1	0.80	78.2	2.2 k
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun *	2.2 h	2.6 h	2.5 h	1.4 j	84.3 h	0.70 hl	77.1	-
CBI	Apr	1.7	2.6	1.9	-	81.8	1.00	80.1	-
CEBR	May	2.3	2.4	-	2.6	77.5	0.50	79.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Jun *	2.8	3.8	3.5	2.7	72.0	1.70	75.0	7.0
Experian Business Strategies	Mar	2.1	3.5	3.2	1.4	90.0	1.00	82.9	-
EIU	Jun *	2.8	4.3	4.0	2.4	80.2	0.50	80.2	-
IHS Global Insight	Jun *	2.5	3.3	3.3	2.2	-	0.50	74.0	4.7
ITEM Club	May	2.4	3.6	2.4	2.0	77.5	0.80	75.0	3.3
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec	-	-	1.9	3.7	83.0 k	-	-	-
NIESR	May	2.7	3.9 h	3.2	2.9 j	79.4 k	0.75	80.6 n	-
Oxford Economics	Jun *	2.6	3.5	3.6	3.0	81.2	0.50	80.2	6.4
EC	May	1.5	-	-	1.4 j	-	-	-	-
OECD	Nov	1.7 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	2.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		2.6	3.7	3.7	2.4	79.7	0.7	77.9	4.6
New (marked *)		2.8	4.0	4.0	2.7	79.0	0.7	76.5	5.1
City		2.6	3.8	3.9	2.4	79.8	0.6	78.5	4.0
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		3.5	5.4	5.3	3.5	90.0	1.7	85.0	7.0
Lowest		1.5	2.4	1.9	1.0	72.0	0.5	60.0	3.3
Median		2.6	3.8	3.6	2.4	80.1	0.5	79.3	4.5
HM Treasury	Mar	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 3 - 2010: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		House price inflation (Q4)	Real household disposable income	Employment growth	Claimant unemployment (Q4,millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in manufactures	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2010-11)
<b>City forecasters</b>									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jan	-	-	0.1	8.10 aa	3.0	-	-20.0	177.0
Barclays Capital	Jun *	4.6 y	0.1	-0.2	-	1.2	-	-29.0	157.0
BNP Paribas	Jun *	5.5	-	-0.3	1.45	3.1	-	-16.0	150.0
Capital Economics	Jun *	-5.0 y	-1.0	-1.5	6.60 aa	3.0	-	-14.8	165.0
Citigroup	Jun *	5.2 k	-1.2	-1.1	1.58	1.8	-	8.1	131.2
Commerzbank	Jun *	4.4 y	2.5	-0.4	1.51	4.2	4.3	-17.4	147.0
Credit Suisse	Jun *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	140.0
Daiwa Capital Markets	May	3.5 z	-0.6	-0.9	1.66	2.0	6.9	-27.5	158.0
Deutsche Bank	Apr	6.0 xy	-	-	8.10 aa	-	-	-5.1 k	165.0
Goldman Sachs	Jun *	-	-	-0.6	-	4.2	-	-13.8 k	161.0
HSBC	Jun *	-	-	-	-	3.2	-	-16.1	148.0
ING Financial Markets	Apr	7.0 x	-2.5	-	1.86	1.7	-	-16.0	175.0
J P Morgan	May	-	-	7.6 q	-	1.8 k	-	-29.0	158.0 r
Lombard Street	Jun *	1.5 y	-0.8	-0.9	-	-	-	-23.9	140.0
Morgan Stanley	Jun *	-	-0.6	-0.6	-	3.6	-	-	145.7
Nomura	Jun	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	135.7
RBC Capital Markets	Apr	1.4 x	-	-	-	-	-	-	170.0
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Jun *	-	0.3	-0.4	1.70	1.3	-	-10.2	145.0
Schroders Investment Management	May	1.4 x	-	-0.8	1.59	4.6	-	-19.0	158.0
Societe Generale	May	7.0 x	2.3	-0.5	1.80	3.2	7.5	-15.0	160.0
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun *	-	-	-	1.60	-	-	-14.0	160.0
UBS	Jun *	-	-	-	1.70	1.2	-	-14.0	145.0
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jun *	4.0 x	-	-	1.62	3.0	4.8	-22.0	147.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jun *	16.5 z	-	-1.4	1.72	3.2	12.9	-40.8	189.1
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun *	-	0.3	-1.5 k	1.90 h	1.0	1.1 t	-26.2	169.5 hr
CBI	Apr	0.4 z	1.2	-0.5	1.64	1.4	-	-36.6	177.0
CEBR	May	5.4 x	0.0	-0.8	1.70	-	-	-	161.0 r
Economic Perspectives	Jun *	2.0 x	-2.0	-0.2	2.00	3.0	9.0	-16.0	140.0 r
Experian Business Strategies	Mar	0.5 z	2.1	-1.0	1.80	0.9	-	-42.3	179.9
EIU	Jun *	-	0.6	-0.6	1.69	2.8	-	-14.6	150.0
IHS Global Insight	Jun *	1.0 x	0.4	-0.6	1.65	2.9	-	-24.8	162.0
ITEM Club	May	-1.0 z	0.4	-0.6	1.60	2.7	5.7	-1.7	166.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec	-	-	-	1.69	-	-	-30.7	71.6 k
NIESR	May	4.8 hz	0.6	-1.0	2.61 hp	-	9.6 o	-1.1	159.9
Oxford Economics	Jun *	1.2 z	-0.3	-0.9	1.61	3.5	8.6	-33.8	151.1
EC	May	-	-	-0.3	7.8 hq	-	-	-1.8 a	165.7 k
OECD	Nov	-	-	-	9.3 q	-	-	-2.4 a	13.3 ahs
IMF	Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.7 a	11.4 ah
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		3.5	0.1	-0.7	1.67	2.6	7.5	-19.8	156.5
New (marked *)		3.7	-0.1	-0.7	1.65	2.7	7.9	-19.1	151.9
City		3.5	-0.1	-0.7	1.65	2.7	6.2	-16.9	152.8
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		16.5	2.5	-0.2	2.00	4.6	12.9	8.1	189.1
Lowest		-5.0	-2.5	-1.5	1.45	0.9	4.3	-42.3	131.2
Median		3.8	0.2	-0.6	1.66	3.0	7.2	-16.7	158.0
HM Treasury	Mar	-	2 : 2½	-	1¾	1½ : 2	4½	-35	163

**Table 4 - 2011: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)**

Forecasters and 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>										
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Jun *	2.2	2.6	-4.2	2.2	2.0	1.2	8.5	4.5	1.0
BNP Paribas	Jun *	1.4	1.2	-0.8	4.0	2.0	1.2	7.5	6.0	-
Capital Economics	Jun *	1.5	1.0	-1.5	2.5	0.0	1.0	3.5	1.5	0.6
Citigroup	Jun *	2.6	1.8	0.3	1.3	6.2	2.0	7.3	5.0	0.6
Commerzbank	Jun *	2.0	2.6	-1.1	1.4	1.5	1.9	3.2	3.0	0.0
Credit Suisse	Jun *	2.5	1.8	1.8	3.8	1.2	2.3	6.0	5.0	0.1
Daiwa Capital Markets	May	2.9	2.1	-2.2	0.4	2.6	1.2	8.1	2.3	1.7
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.5	2.0	1.3	1.5	0.4	1.8	4.1	2.5	0.3
Goldman Sachs	Jun *	3.2	0.9	-0.6	7.7	0.9 f	2.5	7.4	4.6	0.6
HSBC	Jun *	2.7	1.5	-0.9	5.2	1.0	1.7	5.8	2.2	0.9
ING Financial Markets	Apr	1.5	0.8	-1.0	2.8	6.1	1.1	8.2	6.5	0.3
J P Morgan	May	3.2	2.1	0.4	4.2	9.5	2.9	4.6	3.7	0.1
Lombard Street	Jun *	2.6	2.5	-0.3	2.1	3.8	1.9	6.8	4.1	0.6
Morgan Stanley	Jun *	1.2	1.2	-2.5	-2.7	3.8	0.4	5.2	2.4	0.7
Nomura	Jun *	2.5	2.7	-1.5	4.8	-4.7	2.2	5.0	3.7	0.2
RBC Capital Markets	Apr	2.3	1.9	-0.5	4.3	2.0	2.1	5.1	4.3	0.1
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Jun *	2.3	0.8	-0.1	4.5	-	1.5	4.8	1.9	0.8
Schroders Investment Management	May	2.4	1.6	-0.8	9.2	3.3	2.3	7.8	7.2	-0.1
Societe Generale	May	2.3	1.5	-1.5	3.9	3.4	1.6	8.8	6.0	0.6
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun *	1.8	1.0	0.2	2.8	4.0	1.3	3.2	1.3	1.1
UBS	Jun *	2.7	1.9	0.7	5.4	0.2	2.1	9.8	7.7	0.4
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>										
British Chambers of Commerce	Jun *	2.0	0.6	2.2	1.7	-3.8 k	1.9	3.8	3.3	-0.1
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jun *	2.6	3.6	1.2	7.1	7.2	4.1	8.9	13.3	-1.9
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun *	1.6	1.5	-0.9	2.0	2.3	1.7	4.5	3.5	0.2
CBI	Apr	2.5	1.9	-1.5	4.3	8.7	2.1	6.2	4.6	0.3
CEBR	May	1.4	0.2	-1.4	3.0	2.0	0.6	4.7	1.8 k	-
Economic Perspectives	Jun *	1.5	-0.6	-1.5	6.4	0.5	0.4	1.9	-1.7	1.0
Experian Business Strategies	Mar	2.1	1.8	-1.5	1.9	2.7	1.8	3.8	2.6	0.2
EIU	Jun *	1.3	0.5	-1.5	3.3	2.0	0.8	4.4	2.8	0.4
IHS Global Insight	Jun *	1.8	1.2	-1.0	2.7	-	1.6	4.5	3.5	0.2
ITEM Club	May	2.7	0.9	0.0	6.2	0.2	1.7	10.1	6.1	1.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May	2.0	0.9	-1.5	0.8	2.8	0.9	10.1	5.6	1.1
Oxford Economics	Jun *	2.3	1.6	-1.3	1.2	5.6	1.1	6.3	2.2	1.0
EC	May	2.1	1.5	-1.5	4.4	0.6 f	1.3 f	5.4	4.1	0.2
OECD	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	2.5	1.4	-	-	0.5 f	1.9	-	-	-
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Independent		2.2	1.5	-0.7	3.4	2.8	1.7	6.0	4.1	0.4
New (marked *)		2.1	1.5	-0.6	3.2	2.7	1.6	5.7	3.8	0.4
City		2.3	1.7	-0.7	3.4	2.5	1.7	6.2	4.1	0.5
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>										
Highest		3.2	3.6	2.2	9.2	9.5	4.1	10.1	13.3	1.7
Lowest		1.2	-0.6	-4.2	-2.7	-4.7	0.4	1.9	-1.7	-1.9
Median		2.3	1.5	-1.0	3.2	2.3	1.7	5.6	3.7	0.4
<b>HM Treasury</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>3 : 3½</b>	<b>2¼ : 3¼</b>	<b>-1½</b>	<b>4½ : 5</b>	<b>½ f</b>	<b>2¼ : 2¼</b>	<b>4 : 4½</b>	<b>1½ : 2</b>	<b>¾</b>

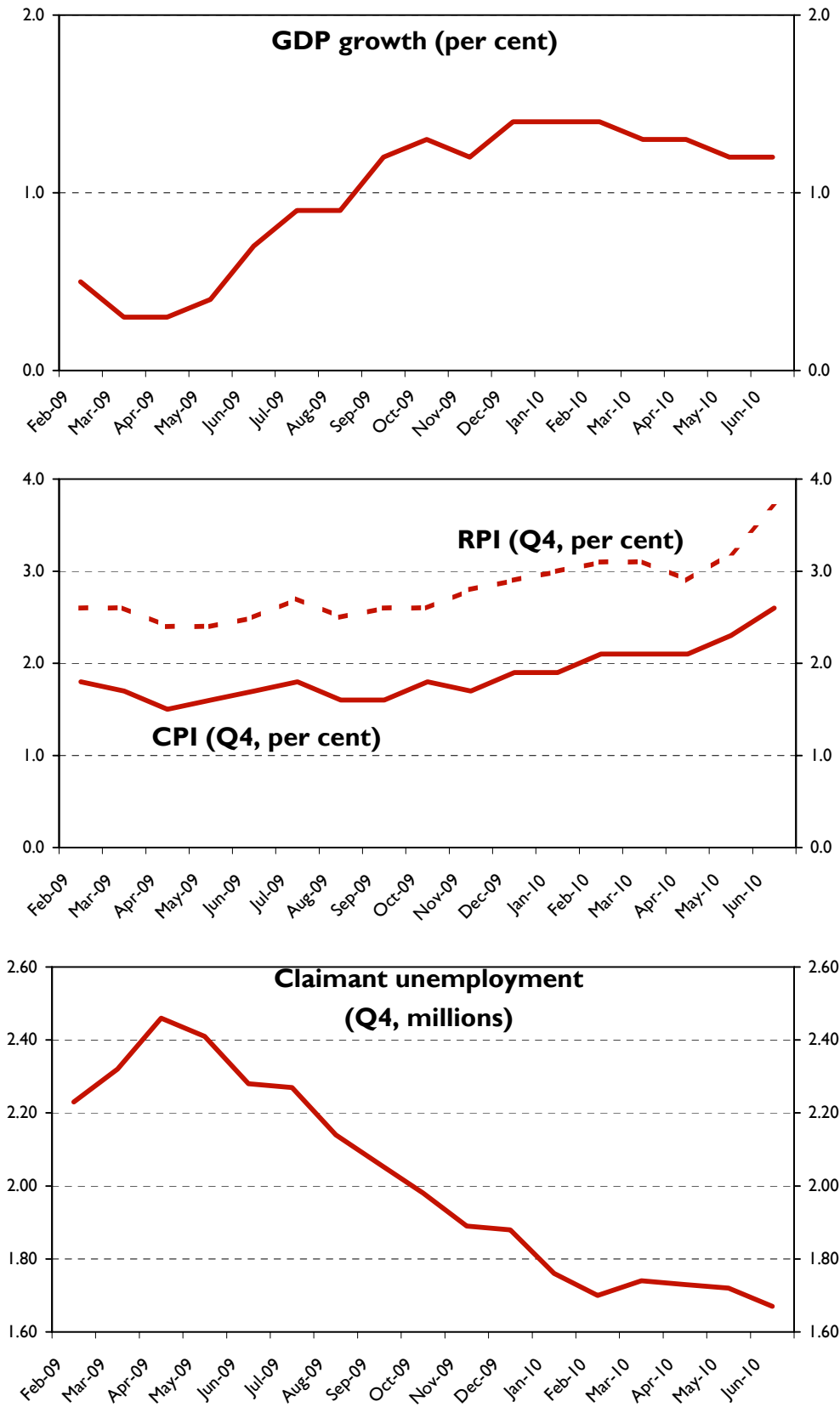
**Table 5 - 2011: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4)	RPI (Q4)	RPIX (Q4)	Average earnings	Sterling index (Q4) (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	M4
<b>City forecasters</b>									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Jun *	1.9	4.0	3.0	-	-	2.50	-	-
BNP Paribas	Jun *	1.5	2.6	2.4	2.3	-	0.50	-	-
Capital Economics	Jun *	0.3	1.4	1.5	-0.5 k	87.5	0.50	60.0	4.5
Citigroup	Jun *	2.4	3.6	3.1	3.0	81.3	1.42	84.5	-
Commerzbank	Jun *	1.9	4.0	2.1	2.4	83.5	1.67	76.8	8.3
Credit Suisse	Jun *	1.6	2.6	2.0	-	-	2.00	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	May	1.7	3.5	2.2	2.6	78.9	0.75	80.5	5.9
Deutsche Bank	Apr	0.7 k	2.4 k	-	-	-	-	-	6.5
Goldman Sachs	Jun *	1.7	3.7	-	3.8	-	-	95.0	9.6 g
HSBC	Jun *	2.9	4.2	3.3	3.8	-	2.00	80.0	-
ING Financial Markets	Apr	2.1	2.1	-	1.6	-	2.00	-	4.5
J P Morgan	May	1.7 k	-	2.4 k	-	-	1.25 k	-	-
Lombard Street	Jun *	1.4	2.2	-	2.8	-	2.00	-	6.1 k
Morgan Stanley	Jun *	1.7	3.0	2.3	2.1 k	89.3 g	2.00	-	-
Nomura	Jun *	1.8	3.4	-	-	-	1.50	95.0	-
RBC Capital Markets	Apr	1.2	2.9	1.4	-	-	3.00	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Jun *	2.3	4.0	3.8	1.9	77.6	2.50	82.5	-
Schroders Investment Management	May	3.2	3.7	3.5	3.5	-	1.75 k	-	-
Societe Generale	May	1.5	-	-	-	84.0	2.50	100.0	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun *	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.50	93.0	-
UBS	Jun *	1.8	3.8	3.1	2.7	-	2.25	-	-
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jun *	2.4	4.1	3.7	3.0	-	2.50	70.0	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jun *	0.8	2.4	2.0	2.7	74.5	2.50	80.0	4.0 k
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun *	2.4 h	3.3 h	3.0 h	2.5 j	92.1 h	2.20 hl	80.8	-
CBI	Apr	1.8	2.6	2.1	-	85.3	2.00	90.1	-
CEBR	May	1.6	2.2	-	2.2	79.8	0.90	83.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Jun *	3.3	2.8	3.3	3.5	66.0	2.50	80.0	15.0
Experian Business Strategies	Mar	1.9	3.4	2.3	2.8	93.9	3.00	90.9	-
EIU	Jun *	2.8	4.0	3.5	2.5	80.5	1.50	78.5	-
IHS Global Insight	Jun *	1.8	2.9	2.5	2.7	-	2.25	81.8	6.5
ITEM Club	May	1.8	3.1	1.8	3.1	80.0	1.30	80.0	4.3
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May	1.8	2.2 h	2.2	2.7 j	79.9 k	1.75	84.0 n	-
Oxford Economics	Jun *	1.6	2.6	2.2	2.2	83.1	1.41	86.1	2.5
EC	May	1.4	-	-	1.6 j	-	-	-	-
OECD	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		1.8	3.1	2.6	2.8	81.1	1.8	83.3	6.4
New (marked *)		1.9	3.2	2.7	2.8	79.3	1.8	80.6	7.4
City		1.8	3.2	2.6	2.8	82.1	1.7	84.7	5.9
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		3.3	4.2	3.8	3.8	93.9	3.0	100.0	15.0
Lowest		0.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	66.0	0.5	60.0	2.5
Median		1.8	3.1	2.3	2.7	80.9	2.0	81.8	5.9
HM Treasury	Mar	1½	2¼	-	-	-	-	-	-

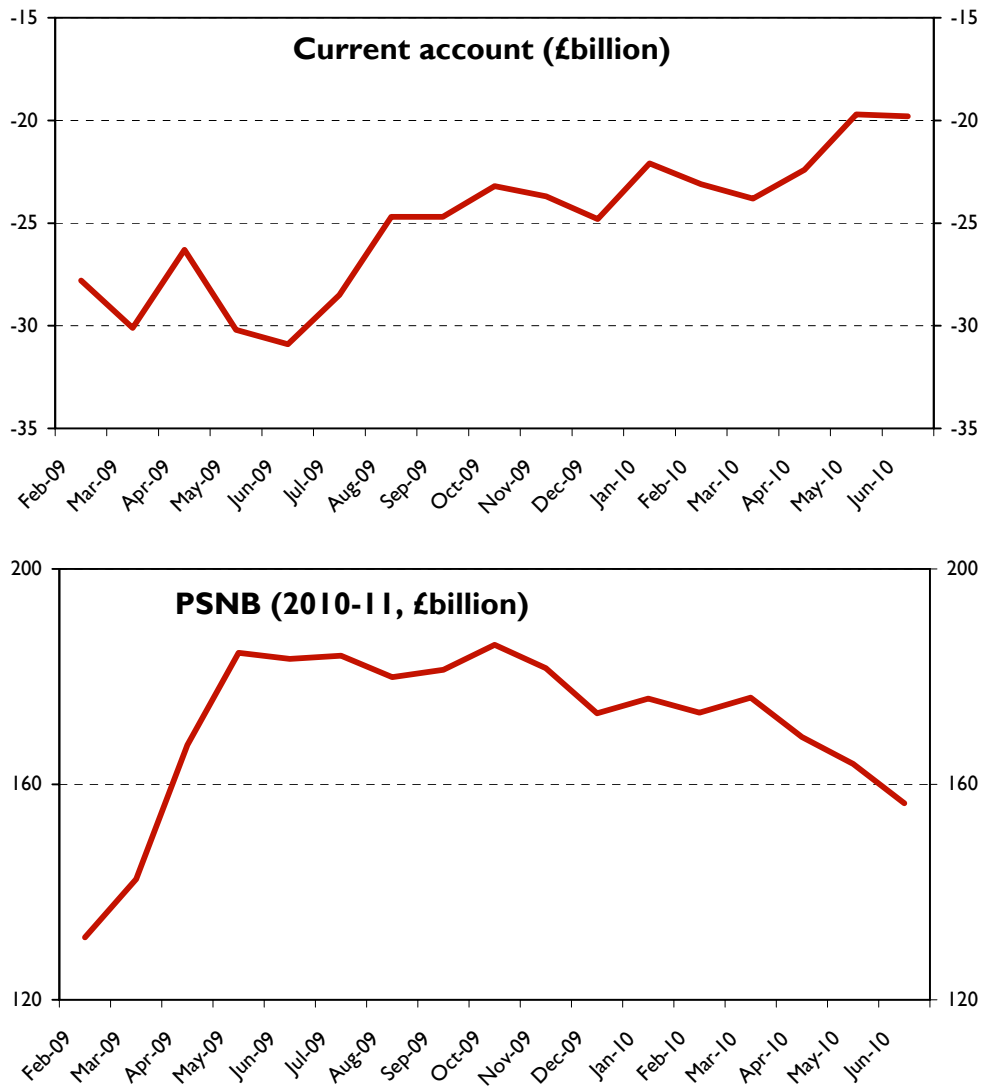
**Table 6 - 201 I: Growth in other selected variables (% change)**

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		House price inflation (Q4)	Real household disposable income	Employment growth	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in manufactures	Current account (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2010-11)
<b>City forecasters</b>									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Jun *	8.7 y	0.2	0.4	-	1.1	-	-17.4	135.0
BNP Paribas	Jun *	3.5	-	-0.5	1.60	2.5	-	-8.5	115.0
Capital Economics	Jun *	-10.0 y	1.0	-1.0	6.60 aa	4.0	-	-7.8	130.0
Citigroup	Jun *	13.9 k	0.7	0.0	1.52	0.8	-	17.8	89.0
Commerzbank	Jun *	2.4 y	2.1	0.0	1.52	1.3	4.4	-22.5	139.0
Credit Suisse	Jun *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0
Daiwa Capital Markets	May	0.0 z	0.6	0.1	1.47	3.6	7.5	-19.2	135.5
Deutsche Bank	Apr	-2.5 xy	-	-	8.00 aa	-	-	0.0 k	130.0
Goldman Sachs	Jun *	-	-	1.5	-	4.7	-	-2.7 k	129.0
HSBC	Jun *	-	-	-	-	5.4	-	-7.4	115.0
ING Financial Markets	Apr	4.0 x	0.0	-	1.75	2.6	-	-18.5	125.0
J P Morgan	May	-	-	7.3 q	-	2.6 k	-	-29.8	120.0 r
Lombard Street	Jun *	0.6 y	2.2	-0.2	-	-	-	-26.3	115.0
Morgan Stanley	Jun *	-	0.1	0.3	-	2.7	-	-	126.6
Nomura	Jun *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	128.8
RBC Capital Markets	Apr	2.1 x	-	-	-	-	-	-	140.0
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Jun *	-	1.4	0.2	1.60	2.9	-	-2.5	110.0
Schroders Investment Management	May	4.5 x	-	0.3	1.51	3.7	-	-30.0	120.0
Societe Generale	May	4.0 x	2.0	0.2	2.10	3.5	10.0	-10.0	140.0
Standard Chartered Bank	Jun *	-	-	-	1.60	-	-	-20.0	135.0
UBS	Jun *	-	-	-	1.70	2.9	-	-6.0	121.0
<b>Non-City forecasters</b>									
British Chambers of Commerce	Jun *	4.5 x	-	-	1.70	2.0	4.6	-23.0	116.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Jun *	13.8 z	-	0.4	1.63	5.4	14.8	-62.9	201.0
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun *	-	1.2	-0.2 k	2.10 h	2.4	1.1 t	-23.7	144.0 hr
CBI	Apr	0.8 z	1.0	0.0	1.60	2.3	-	-36.7	149.0
CEBR	May	3.4 x	0.6	-0.7	1.80	-	-	-	125.0 r
Economic Perspectives	Jun *	5.0 x	-1.0	0.6	2.30	1.5	6.0	-12.0	120.0 r
Experian Business Strategies	Mar	2.5 z	2.4	0.3	1.56	2.5	-	-49.7	162.7
EIU	Jun *	-	1.3	-0.2	1.90	1.5	-	-6.6	138.0
IHS Global Insight	Jun *	4.8 x	1.3	0.3	1.65	2.8	-	-22.0	135.0
ITEM Club	May	1.7 z	1.5	0.2	1.43	5.6	7.8	-0.3	165.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May	-1.9 hz	0.9	0.1	2.73 hp	-	5.7 o	-12.5	135.5
Oxford Economics	Jun *	0.8 z	0.9	-0.2	1.65	3.5	6.7	-29.1	124.4
EC	May	-	-	0.7	7.40 hq	-	-	-2.0 a	141.2 k
OECD	Nov	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Apr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1.6 a	9.4 ah
<b>Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Independent		3.3	1.0	0.1	1.68	3.0	7.7	-18.7	131.2
New (marked *)		4.4	1.0	0.1	1.70	2.8	7.3	-16.5	126.3
City		2.6	1.0	0.1	1.64	3.0	7.3	-13.9	123.9
<b>Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months</b>									
Highest		13.9	2.4	1.5	2.30	5.6	14.8	17.8	201.0
Lowest		-10.0	-1.0	-1.0	1.43	0.8	4.4	-62.9	89.0
Median		3.4	1.0	0.2	1.61	2.7	7.1	-18.9	130.0
HM Treasury	Mar	-	1 : 1½	-	1½	3½ : 4	5½	-36	131

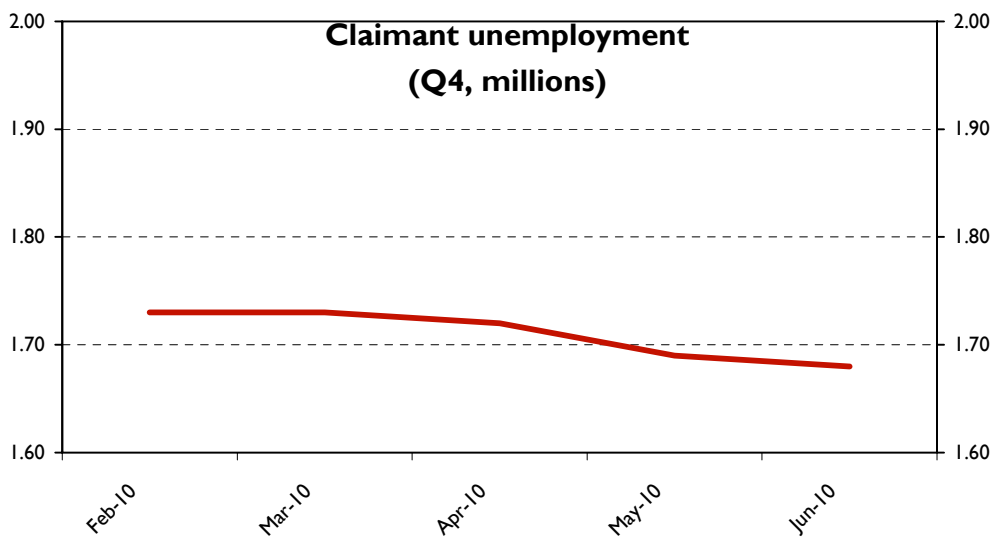
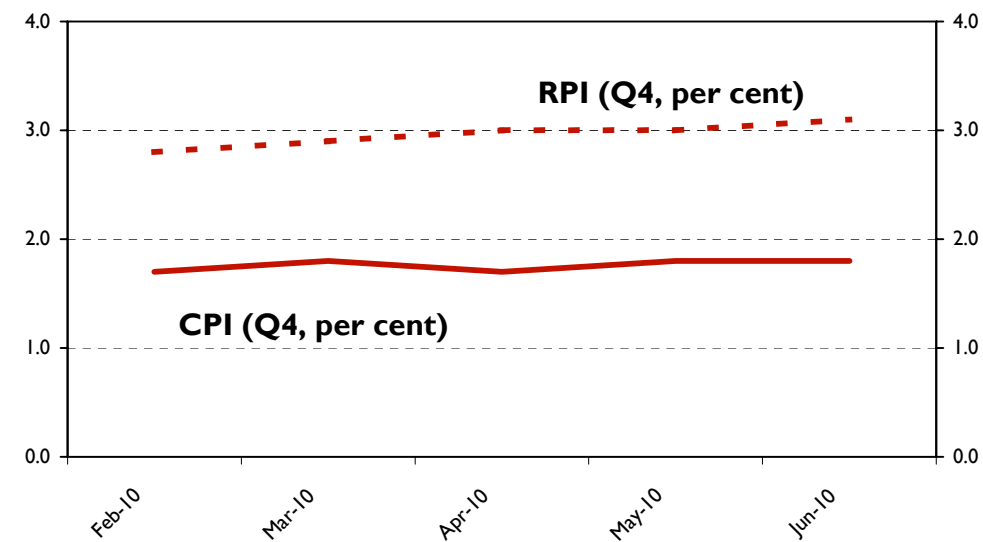
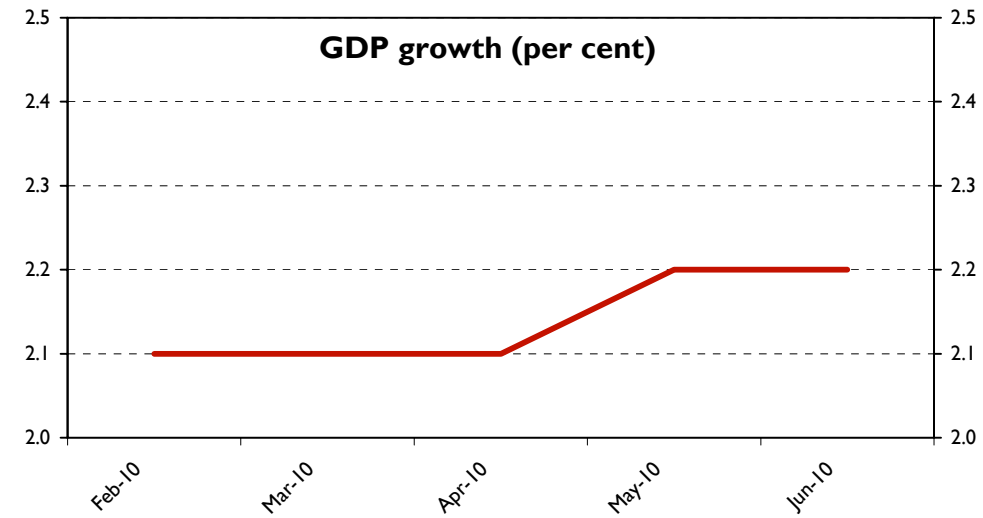
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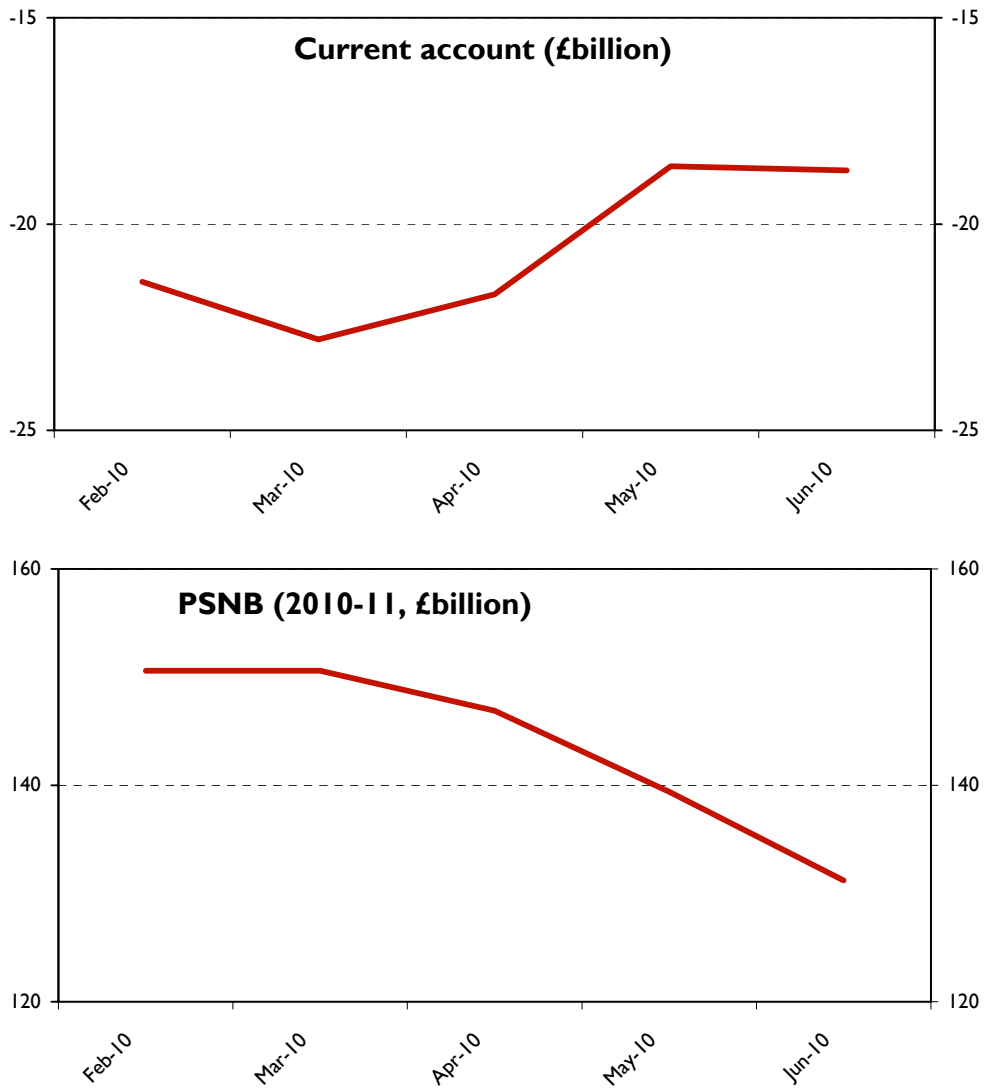
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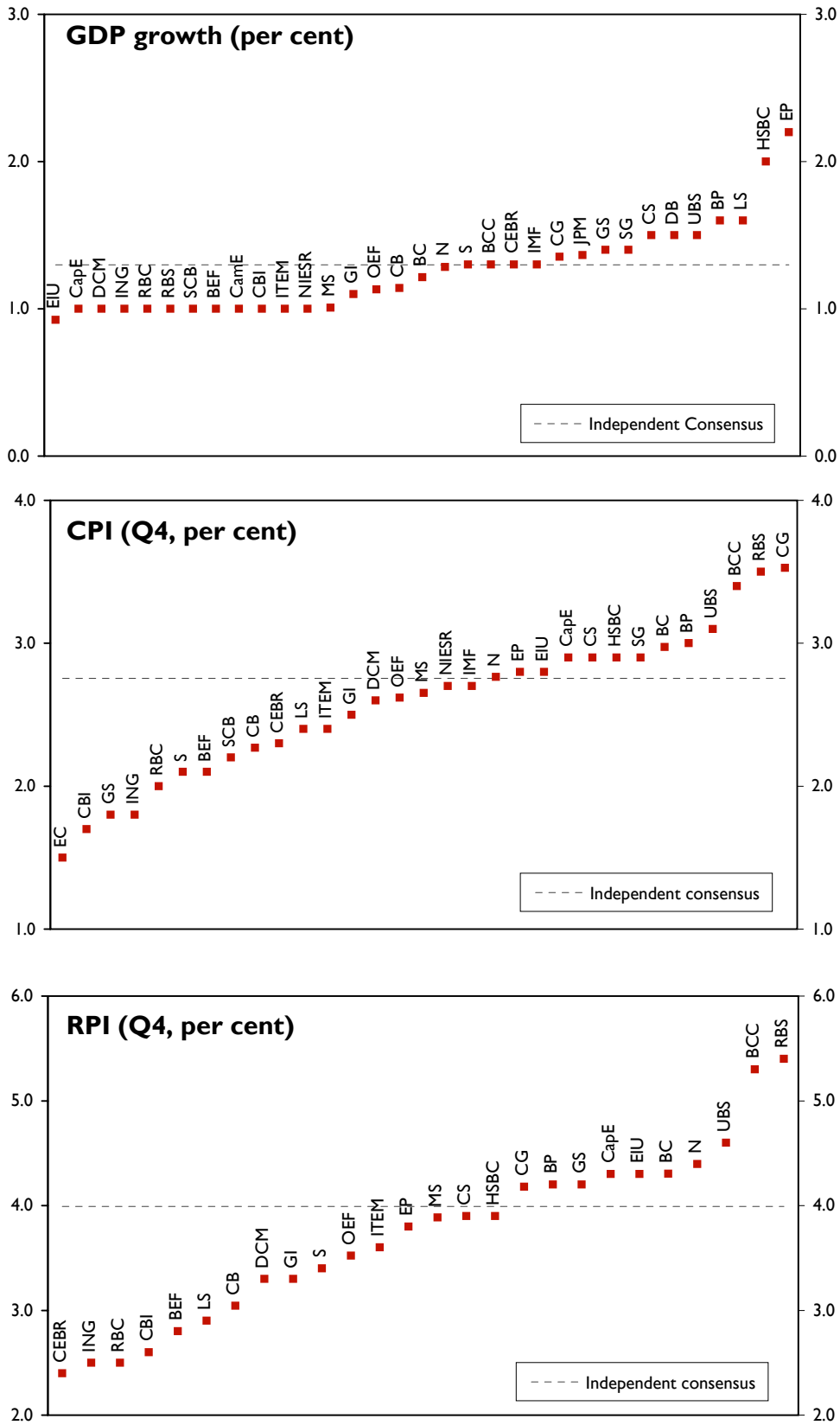
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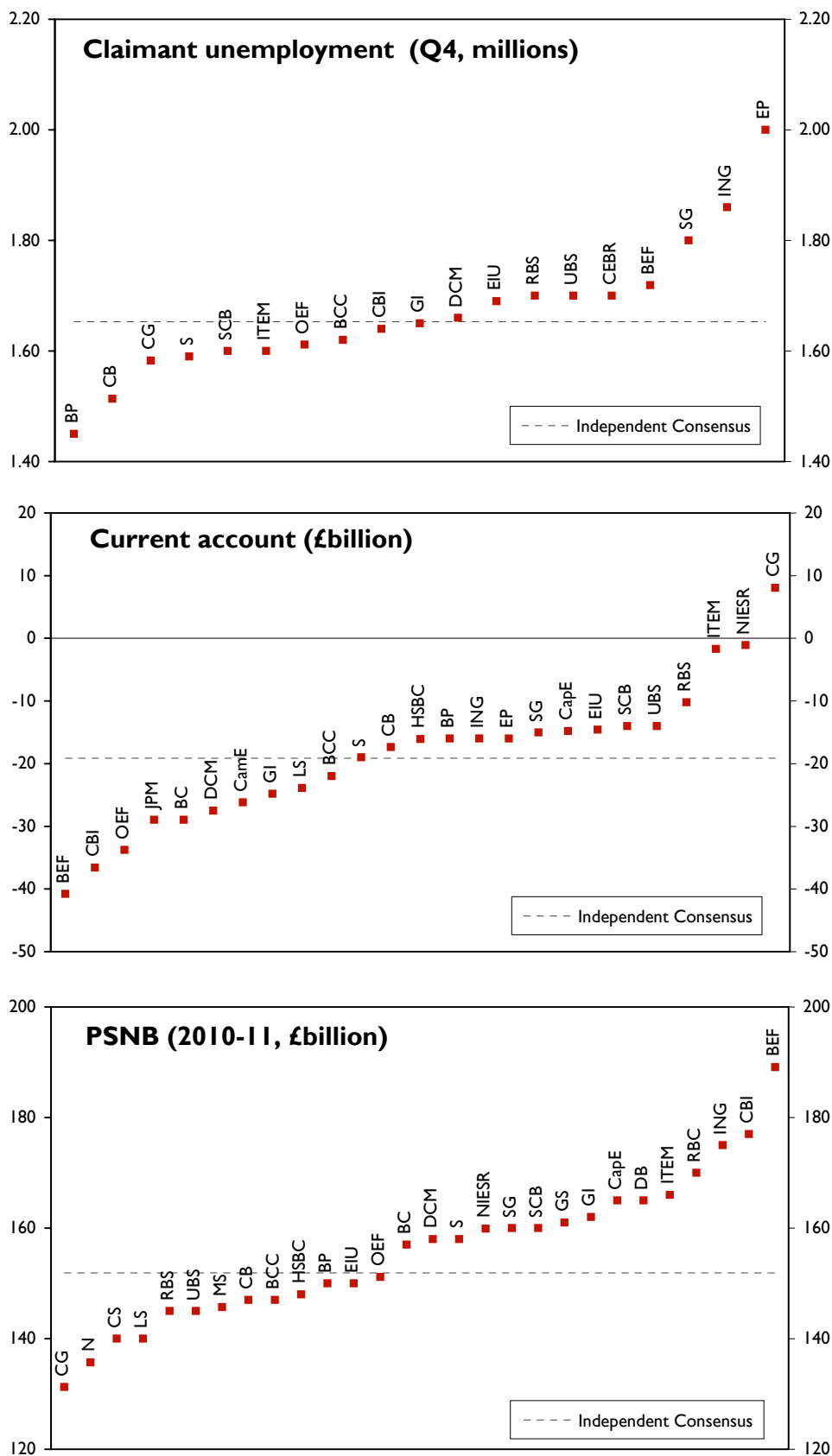
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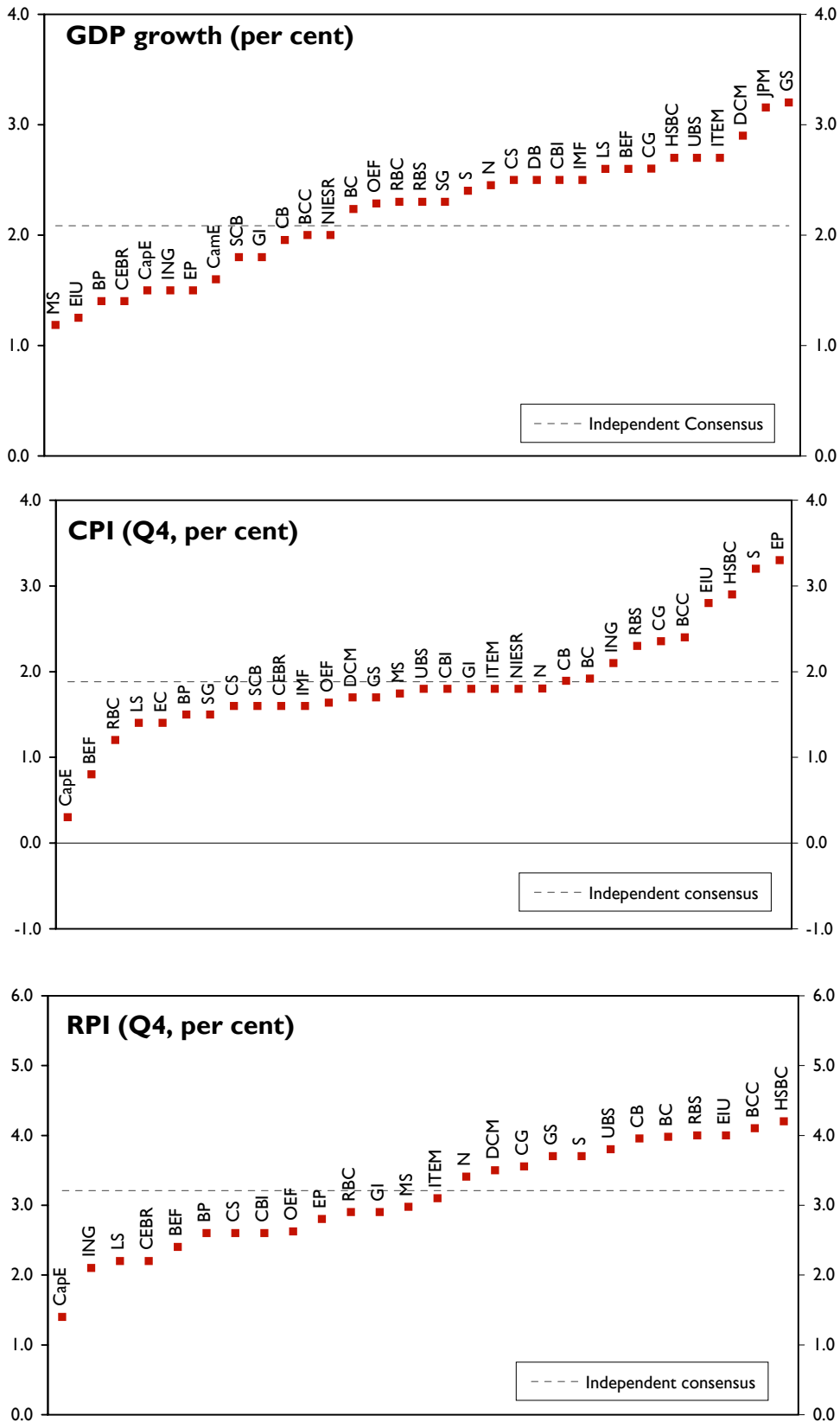
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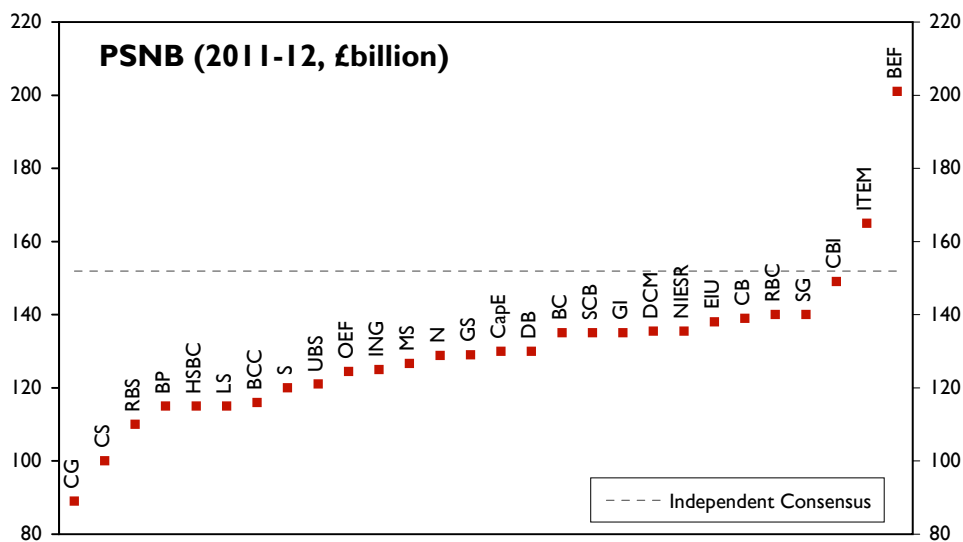
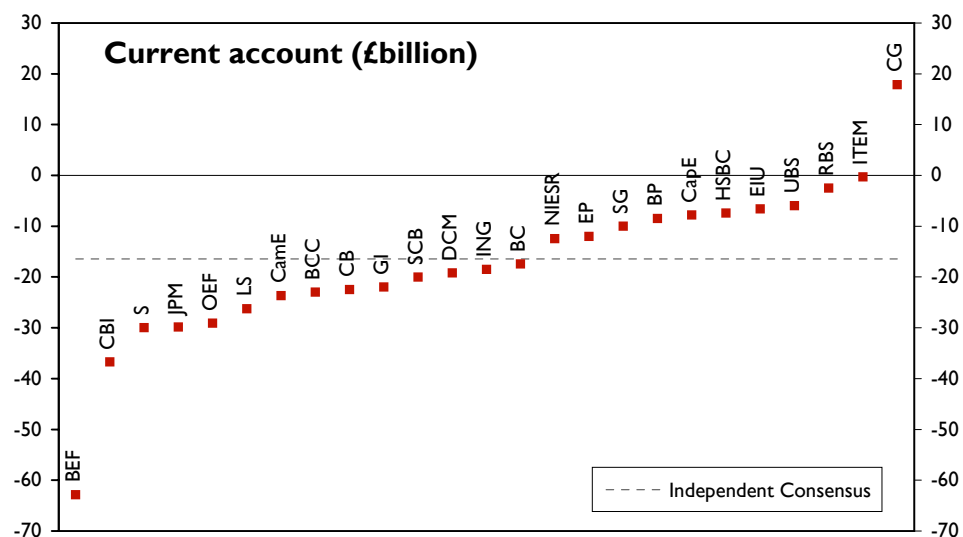
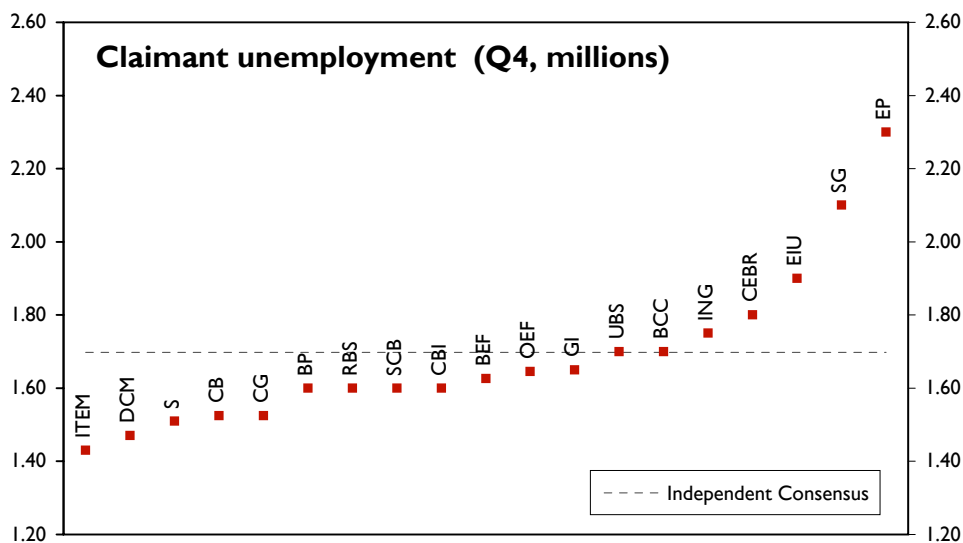
**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2010;  
Claimant unemployment, current account and PSNB (2010-II)  
made in last 3 months**



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2011; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in last 3 months**



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2011;  
Claimant unemployment, current account and PSNB (2011-12)  
made in last 3 months**



## Annex I: Forecasting institutions referred to in charts and tables

BoA	Bank of America - Merrill Lynch
BC	Barclays Capital
BCC	British Chambers of Commerce
BEF	Beacon Economic Forecasting
BP	BNP Paribas
CamE	Cambridge Econometrics
CapE	Capital Economics
CG	Citigroup
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CEBR	Centre for Economics and Business Research
CB	Commerzbank
CS	Credit Suisse First Boston
DCM	Daiwa Capital Markets
DB	Deutsche Bank
EBS	Experian Business Strategies (previously BSL)
EC	European Commission
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
GI	IHS Global Insight
GS	Goldman Sachs
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
ING	ING Financial Markets
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITEM	ITEM Club
JPM	JP Morgan Chase
Liv	Liverpool Macro Research
LS	Lombard Street Research
MS	Morgan Stanley
N	Nomura
NIESR	National Institute of Economic and Social Research
OECD	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF	Oxford Economic Forecasting
RBC	Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets
RBS	Royal Bank Of Scotland Global Banking & Markets
S	Schroders Investment Management
SG	Societe Generale
SCB	Standard Chartered Bank
UBS	UBS

## Annex 2: Data definitions

GDP	National accounts, Table C2, Code ABMI
Private consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts, Table C2, Code ABJR+HAYO
General government consumption	National accounts, Table C2, Code NMRY
Gross fixed investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPQT
Change in inventories (2003, £bn)	National Accounts, Table C2, Code CAFU
Domestic demand	National Accounts, Table C2, Code YBIM
Exports (goods and services)	National Accounts, Table C2, Code IKBK
Imports (goods and services)	National Accounts, Table C2, Code IKBL
CPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 1, Code D7G7
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 1, Code CZBH
RPIX (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 1, Code CDKQ
Whole Economy Average Weekly Earnings (Total Pay)	Labour market statistics, Table 15
Sterling index (Q4, Jan 2005=100)	Bank of England Monetary and Financial statistics division Code BK67
Official Bank Rate (Q4)	(Previously Bank of England repo rate (Q4)), Code BEDR
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)
House price inflation	Q4 on Q4 annual percentage change in house prices
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 BI, 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: as a percentage of GDP
- b: non-durable consumption
- c: current and capital expenditure, including stockbuilding
- d: private sector investment, stockbuilding and durable consumption
- e: investment and stockbuilding combined
- f: contribution to GDP growth - percentage points
- g: end period
- h: calendar year
- i: growth in hourly earnings
- j: compensation of employees/head
- k: different definitions; refer to forecasters for details
- l: 3 month interbank rate
- m: general government current and capital expenditure plus stockbuilding
- n: average of spot price of Brent crude and Dubai light crude
- o: world trade in goods and services
- p: ILO unemployment - millions
- q: ILO unemployment rate
- r: PSNCR (Formerly PSBR)
- s: general government financial balance
- t: world GDP
- u: OPEC average
- v: final domestic demand
- w: excluding MTIC-related activity
- x: based on Halifax house price index
- y: based on Nationwide house price index
- z: based on CLG house price series
- aa: claimant unemployment rate

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