

Forecasts for the UK economy

A comparison of independent forecasts

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This edition of the comparison contains 23 new forecasts, all of which were received between August 3rd and August 12th, 2009. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2009 and 2010 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2009

	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August		
	August	July	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	-4.2	-4.0	-4.7	-3.1	-4.3
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	1.1	1.1	-0.6	2.5	1.2
- RPI	-1.2	-1.3	-2.8	0.0	-1.2
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.90	1.99	1.60	2.60	1.82
Current account (£bn)	-30.1	-29.5	-56.0	-11.0	-28.4
PSNB (2009-10: £bn)	180.1	180.8	152.1	205.0	179.0

Forecasts for 2010

	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		August		
	August	July	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	0.8	0.7	-0.8	2.0	1.0
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	1.7	1.7	-0.3	3.5	1.7
- RPI	2.7	2.7	-0.1	4.2	2.5
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	2.17	2.29	1.57	2.80	2.14
Current account (£bn)	-27.9	-28.7	-63.3	-0.5	-24.7
PSNB (2010-11: £bn)	182.7	184.2	154.0	220.0	179.9

+ Independent and City averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (August: 23 institutions, July: 8 institutions, June: 6 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 - 2009: 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
City forecasters										
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Aug *	-4.4	-3.3	1.8	-12.9	-1.3 f	-5.2	-12.1	-13.9	0.9
Barclays Capital	Aug *	-4.5	-3.2	3.5	-13.4	-8.2	-4.3	-10.5	-8.9	-0.3
BNP Paribas	May	-4.4	-3.3	3.2	-12.3	-9.0	-4.4	-12.0	-11.6	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	-4.6	-3.0	2.2	-14.0	-1.2	-5.0	-14.0	-14.5	0.6
Citigroup	Jul	-4.4	-2.2	2.4	-17.5	-14.5	-5.0	-8.2	-9.8	0.6
Commerzbank	Aug *	-4.4	-3.1	3.0	-13.7	-16.0	-5.0	-11.6	-12.6	0.7
Credit Suisse	Aug *	-4.2	-2.5	2.5	-21.5	-16.0	-4.4	-11.0	-11.5	0.5
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jul	-4.3	-2.8	2.3	-13.4	-11.7	-4.5	-12.2	-12.1	0.3
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Jul	-3.5	-3.1	2.5	-11.4	-	-4.4	-11.5	-13.7	-
Deutsche Bank	Jun	-3.8	-2.5	3.0	-8.4	-15.5	-3.7	-11.2	-10.8	0.2
Fortis Bank	Jan	-1.9	-2.4	2.7	-5.4	-	-1.9	1.1	0.4	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug *	-4.4	-2.7	1.9	-16.7	-1.0 f	-5.0	-9.2	-11.6	1.0
Hermes	Feb	-3.0	-3.2	2.8	-4.7	-0.8	-2.6	-5.3	-4.1	-0.2
HSBC	Jul	-3.8	-3.1	2.1	-12.6	-13.4	-4.7	-13.4	-14.9	0.9
ING Financial Markets	Aug *	-4.4	-3.2	1.9	-14.0	-8.3	-5.0	-10.9	-12.5	0.8
J P Morgan	Aug *	-4.4	-3.1	2.8	-11.0	-25.6	-5.2	-8.1	-10.3	0.9
Lloyds TSB	Jul	-4.2	-3.9	2.5	-11.4	-11.7	-4.7	-11.9	-11.6	-
Lombard Street	Jun	-3.1	-1.9	3.6	-10.1	-4.3	-2.7	-9.1	-6.9	-0.4
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	-4.2	-2.5	2.2	-11.3	-27.7	-5.1	-10.3	-12.6	1.0
RBC Capital Markets	Jun	-3.6	-2.8	4.0	-8.7	-9.5	-3.2	-7.0	-5.5	-0.2
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Aug *	-4.5	-3.0	1.7	-12.4	-17.6	-5.0	-10.4	-11.8	0.5
Schroders Investment Management	Aug *	-4.6	-2.9	1.6	-14.9	-9.9	-4.9	-11.1	-12.0	0.6
Societe Generale	Jul	-4.2	-2.8	3.6	-14.5	-15.5	-4.7	-11.3	-12.2	0.6
Standard Chartered Bank	Aug *	-4.2	-3.3	3.0	-12.5	-12.3	-4.5	-6.6	-7.7	0.5
UBS	Aug *	-4.2	-2.9	2.6	-12.0	-1.5 f	-4.8	-11.3	-12.6	0.7
Non-City forecasters										
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	-4.4	-1.8	3.2	-13.8	-16.1	-4.0	-11.2	-9.3	-0.3
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	-4.1	-3.4	2.2	-10.3	-13.1	-4.6	-12.2	-12.8	0.6
CBI	Jun	-3.9	-2.9	4.6	-11.1	-10.0	-4.3	-11.1	-11.8	0.6
CEBR	Aug *	-4.3	-3.4	2.5	-16.0	-11.9	-5.3	-9.6	-12.9	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-3.5	-2.2	2.7	-13.4	-11.9	-4.1	-11.8	-12.7	0.6
Experian Business Strategies	Jul	-4.3	-3.4	2.2	-12.2	-5.7	-4.2	-13.0	-12.0	0.1
EIU	Aug *	-4.6	-3.4	3.0	-14.2	-10.4	-4.7	-12.4	-12.3	0.4
IHS Global Insight	Aug *	-4.5	-3.1	2.4	-15.6	-	-5.1	-12.0	-13.3	0.6
ITEM Club	Aug *	-4.4	-3.2	2.5	-13.0	-0.8 f	-3.7	-10.0	-9.7	0.2
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-3.2	1.3 b	1.7 m	-13.1 d	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	-4.3	-3.5	4.7	-13.9	-13.7	-4.8	-8.7	-9.9	0.6
Oxford Economics	Aug *	-4.7	-3.5	2.0	-14.9	-12.4	-5.3	-11.4	-12.5	0.7
EC	Aug *	-3.8	-3.4	3.6	-12.3	-1.2 f	-4.7	-10.5	-13.0	1.1
OECD	Jun	-4.2	-3.4	4.8	-12.5	-1.7 f	-3.3	-12.1	-13.5	0.8
IMF	Jul	-4.1	-3.8	2.7	-11.4	-1.0 f	-3.8	-8.3	-10.5	0.9
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Independent		-4.2	-3.0	2.8	-13.1	-12.3	-4.5	-10.8	-11.6	0.5
New (marked *)		-4.3	-3.0	2.6	-14.0	-13.7	-4.8	-10.7	-11.7	0.6
City		-4.2	-2.9	2.5	-13.0	-13.7	-4.6	-10.6	-11.4	0.5
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Highest		-3.1	-1.8	4.8	-8.4	-1.2	-2.7	-6.6	-5.5	1.1
Lowest		-4.7	-3.9	1.6	-21.5	-27.7	-5.3	-14.0	-14.9	-0.4
Median		-4.3	-3.1	2.5	-13.0	-12.1	-4.7	-11.2	-12.1	0.6
HM Treasury	Apr	-3¼ : -3¼	-3¼ : -2¼	4%	-11¼ : -10%	-1 f	-4 : -3½	-9 : -8½	-9½ : -9	½

Table 2 - 2009: 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
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Aug *	1.3	-1.3	0.8	1.7	-	0.50	59.0	-
Barclays Capital	Aug *	1.9	-0.1	2.1	-	-	0.50	-	-
BNP Paribas	May	1.1	-1.1	0.7	-1.0	-	0.50	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	0.8	-2.4	0.3	0.6	80.7	0.50	60.0	12.3
Citigroup	Jul	1.7	0.0	2.0	0.5	84.5	0.50	61.3	-
Commerzbank	Aug *	1.2	-0.6	1.5	1.5	81.0	0.50	58.6	12.4
Credit Suisse	Aug *	1.4	-0.7	1.3	-	-	0.50	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jul	-0.6	-2.1	-1.0	2.1	81.2	0.50	59.7	14.8
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Jul	1.1	-	-	-	-	0.50	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Jun	1.5	-0.9	1.4	1.0	74.0	0.50	-	16.4
Fortis Bank	Jan	0.4	-	-	3.1	-	0.50	62.0	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug *	2.0	-0.9	1.5	2.1	87.0 g	-	58.0	11.9 g
Hermes	Feb	1.0	-1.0	0.0	3.0	76.0	0.50	-	10.0
HSBC	Jul	1.2	-1.6	1.7	1.2	-	0.50	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Aug *	1.4	-2.1	-	1.1	-	0.50	-	13.5
J P Morgan	Aug *	1.9	-	-	-	-	0.50	-	-
Lloyds TSB	Jul	0.7	-1.0	0.9	0.3	79.6	0.50	62.0	15.2
Lombard Street	Jun	0.5	-1.9	0.3	1.7	-	0.50	-	11.4
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	1.2	-1.1	0.9	1.2	79.2 g	0.50	-	-
RBC Capital Markets	Jun	0.6	-1.5	1.1	-	-	0.50	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Aug *	1.3	-1.1	0.8	0.9	80.0	0.50	62.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	Aug *	1.5	-0.6	1.3	-0.4	-	0.50	59.0	-
Societe Generale	Jul	1.2	-	-	1.4	81.0	0.50	60.0	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Aug *	1.3	-	-	-	-	0.50	62.0	-
UBS	Aug *	1.4	-0.8	1.2	1.7	-	0.50	-	-
Non-City forecasters									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	1.1	-2.1	0.9	1.9	81.9	0.50	61.3	3.6 k
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	1.4 h	-1.7 h	1.8 h	2.5 j	80.7 h	0.6 hl	46.9	-
CBI	Jun	1.4	-0.9	1.2	0.0	81.4	0.50	65.0	-
CEBR	Aug *	1.2	-0.8	1.3	1.2	-	0.50	70.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	2.5	0.0	2.1	2.5	80.0	0.75	60.0	15.0
Experian Business Strategies	Jul	0.5	-1.6	0.5	0.0	82.0	0.50	62.6	-
EIU	Aug *	0.9	-2.8	-0.3	1.8	85.0	0.50	59.0	-
IHS Global Insight	Aug *	1.1	-1.5	0.6	0.7	-	0.50	60.2	14.0
ITEM Club	Aug *	0.9	-1.3	1.0	1.2	86.7	0.50	55.0	12.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	1.5	3.5	83.6 k	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	-0.1	-1.7 h	0.1	0.2 j	86.0 k	0.50	59.3 n	-
Oxford Economics	Aug *	1.0	-0.8	1.2	1.0	83.7	0.50	60.9	10.3
EC	Aug *	0.0	-	-	0.9 j	-	-	52.9	-
OECD	Jun	1.9 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jul	0.8	-	-	3.1 i	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Independent		1.1	-1.2	1.0	1.2	81.4	0.5	59.8	13.4
New (marked *)		1.2	-1.2	1.1	1.4	82.0	0.5	59.9	12.8
City		1.2	-1.1	1.0	1.1	80.1	0.5	60.4	13.7
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		2.5	0.0	2.1	3.5	86.7	0.8	70.0	16.4
Lowest		-0.6	-2.8	-1.0	-0.4	74.0	0.5	46.9	10.3
Median		1.2	-1.1	1.2	1.2	81.1	0.5	60.0	13.5
HM Treasury	Apr	1	-1%	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3 - 2009: 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 2009-10)
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Aug *	-4.1	-	-1.3	8.10 aa	-10.4	-	-29.0	180.0
Barclays Capital	Aug *	-	2.1	-1.7	-	-10.2	-	-53.9	175.0
BNP Paribas	May	-14.3 x	-	-2.3	2.30	-12.6	-	-	195.0
Capital Economics	Aug *	-12.0 x	-0.5	-2.5	1.96	-10.8	-15.0	-30.0	200.0
Citigroup	Jul	-5.1 xy	-0.1	-2.6	2.24	-10.4	-	-21.4	184.7
Commerzbank	Aug *	-2.1 y	1.5	-2.4	2.02	-11.0	-10.0	-25.2	165.0
Credit Suisse	Aug *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jul	-16.2 z	2.2	-4.8	2.60	-10.2	-10.0	-33.2	184.5
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Jun	-16.4 xy	-	-	1.83	-9.0	-	-21.5	175.0
Fortis Bank	Jan	-7.8 xy	-	-	1.64	-	-	-62.0	123.0
Goldman Sachs	Aug *	-	2.8	-2.2	1.77	-11.4	-	-11.0	173.6
Hermes	Feb	0.0 y	-2.0	-3.0	1.75	-5.0	0.0	-22.0	-
HSBC	Jul	-	-	-	1.80	-10.7	-	-	190.0
ING Financial Markets	Aug *	-11.8 x	-	-	1.90	-10.1	-	-28.0	200.0
J P Morgan	Aug *	-	-	7.7 q	-	-9.3	-	-38.1	184.0 r
Lloyds TSB	Jul	-	0.8	-3.6	2.00	-11.2	-11.6	-28.4	182.8
Lombard Street	Jun	-10.8 y	3.3	-2.2	-	-	-	-54.5	155.0
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	-	-1.1	-2.2	-	-10.6	-	-	162.8
RBC Capital Markets	Jun	-12.1 x	-	-	-	-	-	-	185.0
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Aug *	-	-0.7	-1.9	1.90	-10.2	-	-24.5	175.0
Schroders Investment Management	Aug *	-2.4 x	-	-1.1	1.80	-8.0	-	-23.0	-
Societe Generale	Jul	-10.0 x	1.6	-6.3	1.90	-10.6	-5.0	-28.0	190.0
Standard Chartered Bank	Aug *	-	-	-	1.80	-	-	-24.0	200.0
UBS	Aug *	-5.7 x	0.6	-2.6 k	1.90	-10.9	-	-28.5	176.5
Non-City forecasters									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	-5.2 z	-	-2.4	1.71	-10.3	-12.3	-42.1	152.1
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	-	1.6	-1.9 k	1.60 h	-11.4	-1.9 t	-24.0	189.8 hr
CBI	Jun	-9.4 z	2.4	-3.6	1.96	-11.6	-	-30.6	172.3
CEBR	Aug *	-7.3 x	-0.4	-1.4	1.70	-	-	-	182.0
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-8.0 x	3.5	-2.2	1.70	-9.5	-7.0	-18.0	150.0 r
Experian Business Strategies	Jul	-9.9 z	0.9	-2.9	2.06	-11.0	-6.2	-34.1	202.0
EIU	Aug *	-	0.5	-2.5	8.9 q	-9.7	-	-17.9	205.0
IHS Global Insight	Aug *	-3.1 x	-1.5	-2.3	1.85	-9.9	-	-32.0	189.0
ITEM Club	Aug *	-6.0 z	1.1	-1.1	1.82	-10.0	-14.2	-34.0	184.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	-	1.60	-	-	-25.8	165.1
NIESR	Aug *	-8.8 hz	2.3	-1.8	2.38 hp	-	-10.1 o	-23.7	165.7
Oxford Economics	Aug *	-7.5 z	-0.2	-2.6	1.85	-10.9	-14.2	-31.4	176.1
EC	Aug *	-	-	-2.4	8.2 hq	-	-	-2.8 a	178.4
OECD	Jun	-	1.8	-2.3	8.2 q	-	-	-56.0	-12.8 ahs
IMF	Jul	-	-	-1.7	7.4 hq	-	-12.2 o	-2.0 a	9.8 ah
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Independent		-8.3	1.1	-2.5	1.9	-10.4	-10.6	-30.1	180.1
New (marked *)		-6.5	0.7	-2.0	1.8	-10.2	-12.1	-28.4	179.0
City		-9.1	0.8	-2.6	2.0	-10.3	-10.3	-29.0	180.0
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		-2.1	3.5	-1.1	2.6	-8.0	-5.0	-11.0	205.0
Lowest		-16.4	-1.5	-6.3	1.6	-11.6	-15.0	-56.0	152.1
Median		-8.0	1.1	-2.3	1.9	-10.4	-10.8	-28.4	179.2
HM Treasury	Apr	-	-1¼ : -¾	-	-	-12% : -12%	-10% o	-48%	175

Table 4 - 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
City forecasters										
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Aug *	1.1	-0.9	1.7	-3.1	1.1 f	0.4	1.8	-1.0	0.7
Barclays Capital	Aug *	1.2	-0.3	1.8	0.6	3.3	1.2	7.8	6.8	0.1
BNP Paribas	May	-0.9	-1.4	2.2	-8.4	-5.0	-1.0	-1.9	-2.2	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	0.5	-1.0	2.0	-4.0	0.0	0.4	-3.0	-3.0	0.1
Citigroup	Jul	0.6	1.2	1.6	-10.0	2.5	1.0	6.0	6.9	-0.4
Commerzbank	Aug *	1.0	0.6	1.4	-2.7	-4.7	1.1	0.5	1.2	-0.2
Credit Suisse	Aug *	1.8	1.3	2.5	-3.0	-3.4	1.9	2.5	2.5	-0.1
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jul	0.6	-0.1	0.8	0.9	-4.5	0.9	0.0	1.0	-0.3
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Jul	0.8	-0.2	0.7	-6.0	-	0.0	0.0	-2.9	-
Deutsche Bank	Jun	1.2	1.1	2.7	-1.3	-5.7	1.8	-0.2	2.1	-0.6
Fortis Bank	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug *	1.5	0.6	1.3	-7.4	1.0 f	0.5	5.1	1.7	0.8
Hermes	Feb	-0.3	-1.8	3.1	-1.7	-0.6	-0.8	1.0	-0.7	0.5
HSBC	Jul	1.6	-0.3	1.6	-1.4	0.8	1.1	0.2	-1.6	0.5
ING Financial Markets	Aug *	1.3	0.2	1.0	-2.9	26.9	0.9	5.3	3.5	0.4
J P Morgan	Aug *	1.9	0.4	1.6	2.3	-22.0	1.3	7.1	4.4	0.6
Lloyds TSB	Jul	0.2	-1.4	0.9	-2.7	-0.9	-0.2	-2.7	-0.5	-
Lombard Street	Jun	0.9	0.6	1.5	-1.9	1.0	0.8	3.1	2.4	0.1
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	1.3	0.2	1.0	-0.3	-23.0	0.7	3.1	0.6	0.6
RBC Capital Markets	Jun	0.2	-1.2	3.2	-0.3	-1.8	0.5	0.3	1.2	-0.3
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Aug *	1.3	0.3	0.7	-1.6	-2.6	1.3	1.9	1.7	0.0
Schroders Investment Management	Aug *	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.9	-4.9	0.0	2.4	1.3	0.2
Societe Generale	Jul	1.3	0.8	0.2	-4.6	-1.0	0.9	4.3	2.5	0.4
Standard Chartered Bank	Aug *	1.2	-0.6	1.8	-2.5	1.4	0.7	2.1	0.4	0.5
UBS	Aug *	1.5	0.2	2.8	-1.3	0.2 f	0.7	5.5	2.1	0.8
Non-City forecasters										
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	2.0	2.6	2.5	0.9	3.5	3.8	8.1	13.9	-2.2
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	-0.5	-1.1	0.4	-3.9	-4.1	-0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0
CBI	Jun	0.7	0.5	1.0	-0.5	5.0	0.8	0.1	0.6	-0.1
CEBR	Aug *	0.7	-1.0	0.9	-3.8	-1.1	-0.2	2.3	-0.4	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-0.8	-1.2	1.5	-6.9	1.5	-0.5	-2.8	-1.2	-0.4
Experian Business Strategies	Jul	0.3	-0.6	1.0	-0.8	4.4	0.5	-0.9	0.2	-0.3
EIU	Aug *	-0.5	-1.6	1.6	-5.0	-1.0	-0.7	2.8	1.6	0.2
IHS Global Insight	Aug *	0.5	-0.6	2.5	-6.8	-	0.2	1.0	-0.2	0.3
ITEM Club	Aug *	0.6	-0.2	1.0	-2.0	0.8 f	-0.2	5.2	4.8	0.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	2.0	1.4 b	2.0 m	3.7 d	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	1.0	-1.1	1.1	-2.9	-0.6	0.1	7.4	3.5	0.9
Oxford Economics	Aug *	0.3	-0.5	0.8	-2.8	-4.2	0.1	0.7	-0.1	0.2
EC	Aug *	0.1	-1.5	2.9	-6.3	1.1 f	-0.2	-0.9	-2.0	0.3
OECD	Jun	0.2	-0.3	1.0	-4.2	0.1 f	-0.6	1.0	-1.0	0.5
IMF	Jul	-0.4	-1.5	1.6	-6.2	0.6 f	-1.6	0.1	-2.0	0.6
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Independent		0.8	-0.2	1.4	-2.9	-1.3	0.5	2.2	1.4	0.1
New (marked *)		1.0	-0.2	1.5	-2.8	-1.9	0.6	3.0	1.9	0.2
City		1.1	0.1	1.4	-2.4	-2.2	0.8	2.4	1.5	0.2
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Highest		2.0	2.6	3.2	2.3	26.9	3.8	8.1	13.9	0.9
Lowest		-0.8	-1.6	-0.4	-10.0	-23.0	-1.6	-3.0	-3.0	-2.2
Median		0.8	-0.3	1.5	-2.7	-1.0	0.5	1.9	1.1	0.2
HM Treasury	Apr	1 : 1½	0 : ½	1	-3¼ : -2¾	1 f	½ : 1	¾ : 1¼	-¾ : -¼	½

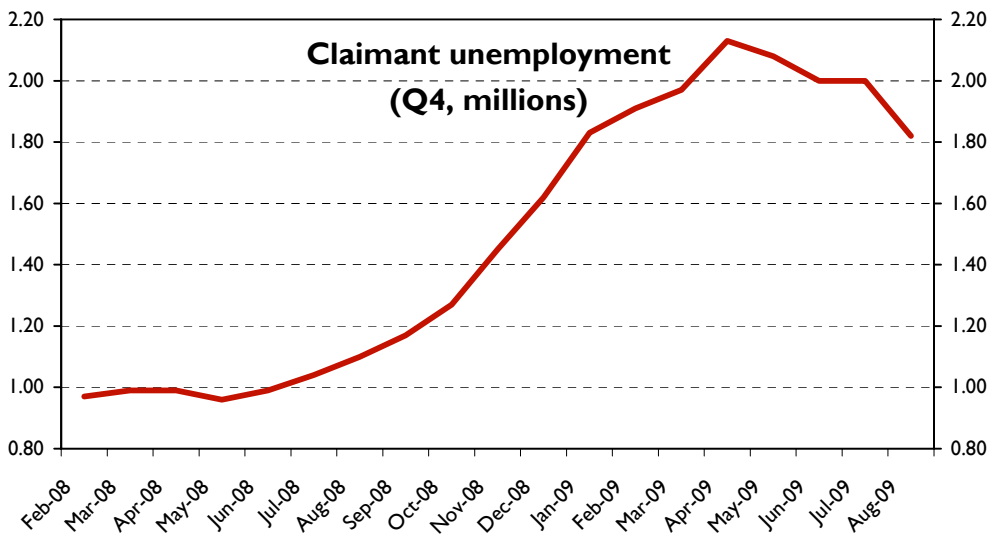
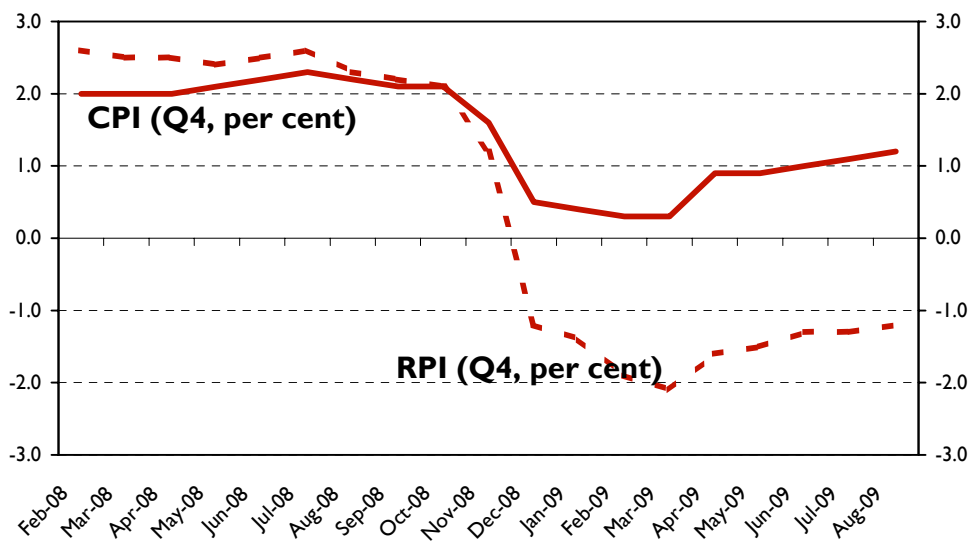
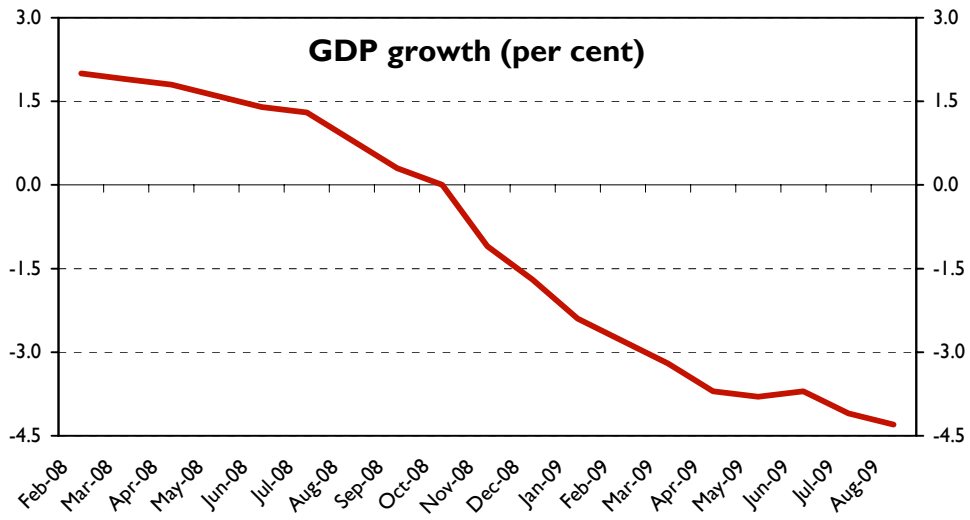
Table 5 - 2010: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

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
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Aug *	1.4	2.5	1.7	2.0	-	2.00	75.0	-
Barclays Capital	Aug *	1.8	3.7	-	-	-	1.50	-	-
BNP Paribas	May	0.5	1.4	1.0	1.2	-	0.50	-	-
Capital Economics	Aug *	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-3.1	84.4	0.50	50.0	5.0
Citigroup	Jul	3.5	4.0	2.8	1.8	84.5	1.83	73.5	-
Commerzbank	Aug *	1.9	4.2	2.6	3.1	83.9	1.17	73.5	6.3
Credit Suisse	Aug *	2.1	4.1	3.0	-	-	2.00	-	-
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jul	1.8	4.2	2.1	2.6	90.3	2.25	66.9	6.6
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Jul	1.5	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Jun	1.6	3.1	1.4	2.9	88.0	1.75	-	6.0
Fortis Bank	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug *	2.0	0.2	2.0	4.4	93.0 g	-	80.0	10.5 g
Hermes	Feb	1.5	1.8	1.0	3.0	80.0	2.00	-	8.0
HSBC	Jul	1.9	4.1	3.0	3.2	-	2.00	-	-
ING Financial Markets	Aug *	1.7	3.5	-	1.5	-	2.50	-	10.0
J P Morgan	Aug *	2.3	-	-	-	-	1.25	-	-
Lloyds TSB	Jul	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.7	78.0	1.00	80.0	6.6
Lombard Street	Jun	1.9	3.0	2.6	2.2	-	1.50	-	8.4
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	2.6	4.1	2.7	3.0	81.2 g	3.00	-	-
RBC Capital Markets	Jun	1.4	1.5	1.2	-	- g	1.00	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Aug *	1.7	2.0	1.4	0.5	78.9	1.40	69.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	Aug *	1.7	1.7	1.7	2.0	-	1.00	76.0	-
Societe Generale	Jul	1.4	-	-	1.1	84.0	1.00	82.0	-
Standard Chartered Bank	Aug *	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.50	81.0	-
UBS	Aug *	1.6	2.3	1.3	3.4	-	1.00	-	-
Non-City forecasters									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	-0.3	1.1	0.4	2.0	78.5	1.90	71.0	3.8 k
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	1.8 h	2.6 h	2.1 h	1.2 j	83.8 h	0.7 hl	51.9	-
CBI	Jun	1.4	2.8	1.4	2.3	83.0	2.00	65.0	-
CEBR	Aug *	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.1	-	0.75	82.0	-
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	2.8	3.5	3.2	2.7	77.0	2.00	75.0	20.0
Experian Business Strategies	Jul	2.7	3.4	2.6	2.1	90.0	1.50	79.1	-
EIU	Aug *	2.4	1.7	1.8	2.2	86.0	0.75	70.0	-
IHS Global Insight	Aug *	1.4	2.1	1.6	2.2	-	1.50	65.6	10.6
ITEM Club	Aug *	1.3	3.7	1.8	2.2	86.0	0.75	70.0	6.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	1.5	3.4	85.7 k	-	-	-
NIESR	Aug *	2.2	1.6 h	2.4	3.1 j	86.8 k	1.75	67.7 n	-
Oxford Economics	Aug *	0.8	1.6	1.5	2.4	86.4	0.50	74.1	4.5
EC	Aug *	1.2	-	-	1.5 j	-	-	63.5	-
OECD	Jun	1.2 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	Jul	1.0	-	-	3.3 i	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Independent		1.7	2.7	1.9	2.2	83.9	1.5	71.5	8.2
New (marked *)		1.7	2.5	1.9	2.1	82.6	1.4	71.7	8.9
City		1.8	2.7	1.9	1.9	83.0	1.5	72.7	7.0
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		3.5	4.2	3.2	4.4	90.3	3.0	82.0	20.0
Lowest		-0.3	-0.1	0.1	-3.1	77.0	0.5	50.0	4.5
Median		1.7	2.8	1.8	2.2	84.4	1.5	73.5	6.6
HM Treasury	Apr	1	2½	-	-	-	-	-	-

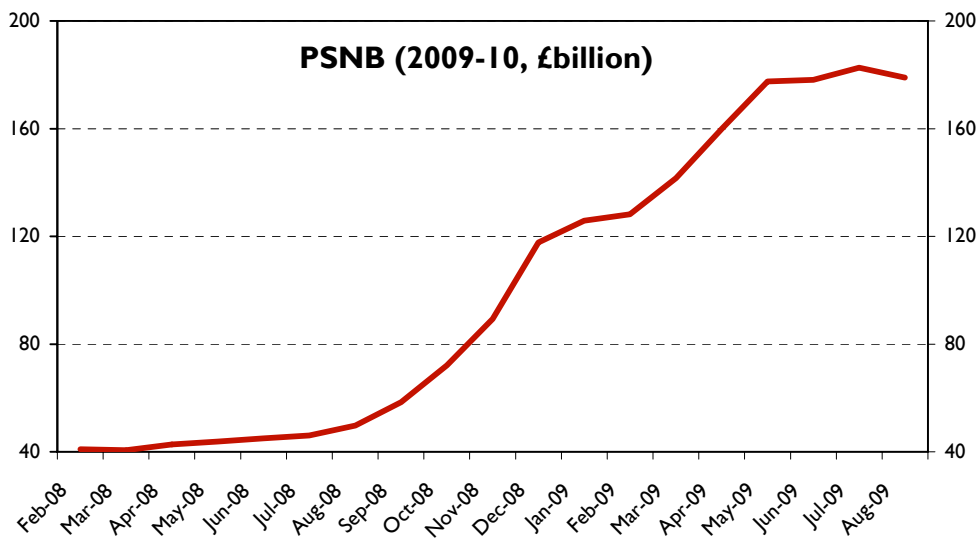
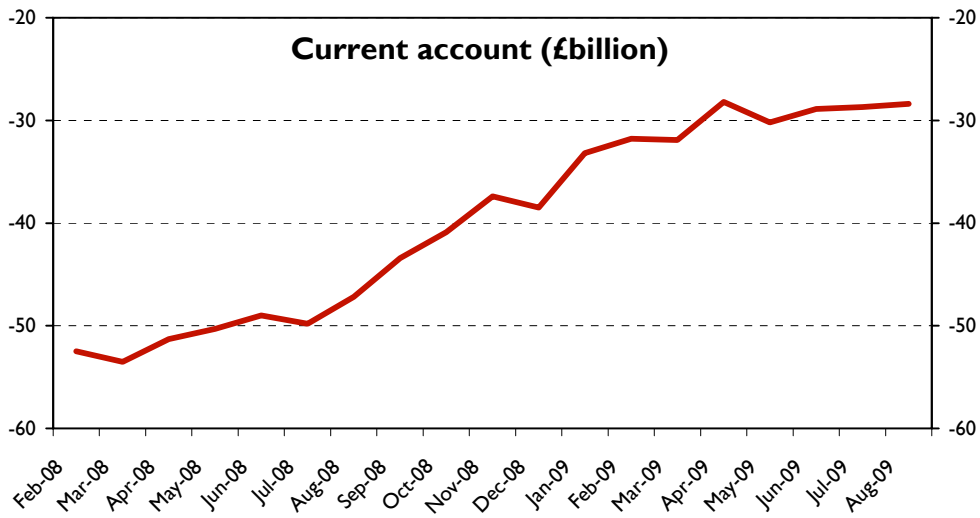
Table 6 - 2010: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

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)
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Aug *	0.0	-	-0.6	8.70 aa	3.5	-	-19.0	183.0
Barclays Capital	Aug *	-	1.0	-0.4	-	0.3	-	-63.3	173.0
BNP Paribas	May	-5.0 x	-	-2.4	2.70	-2.2	-	-	240.0
Capital Economics	Aug *	-8.6 y	-0.5	-2.0	2.12	1.7	4.5	-20.0	185.0
Citigroup	Jul	0.0 xy	-2.3	-2.7	2.31	0.6	-	-23.7	192.5
Commerzbank	Aug *	-0.3 y	3.8	-1.4	2.00	-1.1	2.5	-27.5	185.0
Credit Suisse	Aug *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	170.0
Daiwa Institute of Research	Jul	-6.0 z	1.5	-2.7	2.80	4.4	4.7	-38.8	192.4
Daiwa Securities SMBC	Jul	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Jun	-6.5 xy	-	-	2.00	2.5	-	-11.0	175.0
Fortis Bank	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Aug *	-	2.0	-1.0	2.21	2.1	-	-0.5	165.3
Hermes	Feb	5.0 y	0.0	-1.0	2.00	-2.0	5.0	-18.0	-
HSBC	Jul	-	-	-	1.90	1.5	-	-	188.0
ING Financial Markets	Aug *	-3.5 x	-	-	2.40	-0.8	-	-20.0	190.0
J P Morgan	Aug *	-	-	8.8 q	-	2.5	-	-37.2	190.0 r
Lloyds TSB	Jul	-	-0.2	-1.8	2.20	1.4	4.7	-29.7	185.4
Lombard Street	Jun	1.5 y	2.1	-0.7	-	-	-	-52.1	175.0
Morgan Stanley	Aug *	-	0.6	-0.6	-	1.5	-	-	165.0
RBC Capital Markets	Jun	-2.8 x	-	-	-	-	-	-	190.0
RBS Global Banking & Markets	Aug *	-	1.2	-1.1	2.10	1.6	-	-14.2	180.0
Schroders Investment Management	Aug *	-2.0 x	-	-0.1	2.40	2.0	-	-12.0	-
Societe Generale	Jul	0.0 x	1.5	0.0	2.00	2.9	2.0	-15.0	200.0
Standard Chartered Bank	Aug *	-	-	-	2.50	-	-	-20.0	210.0
UBS	Aug *	-3.3 x	2.9	-1.1 k	2.30	1.2	-	-16.0	173.3
Non-City forecasters									
Beacon Economic Forecasting	Aug *	10.0 z	-	-1.0	1.84	4.3	19.8	-61.9	173.9
Cambridge Econometrics	Jun	-	-0.2	-1.8 k	2.3 h	0.8	0.6 t	-29.0	194.4 hr
CBI	Jun	2.2 z	0.8	-1.5	2.00	1.4	-	-41.3	182.2
CEBR	Aug *	2.0 x	0.0	-1.6	2.10	-	-	-	154.0
Economic Perspectives	Aug *	-2.0 x	-2.5	-0.9	2.30	1.5	2.0	-12.0	180.0 r
Experian Business Strategies	Jul	0.5 z	-0.1	-1.9	2.53	0.3	4.3	-42.8	202.6
EIU	Aug *	-	1.2	-2.2	10.5 q	0.8	-	-13.3	220.0
IHS Global Insight	Aug *	-2.2 x	1.0	-1.7	2.25	1.0	-	-25.0	194.0
ITEM Club	Aug *	-2.0 z	0.9	1.0	1.96	3.3	1.2	-33.0	180.0
Liverpool Macro Research	Aug *	-	-	-	1.57	-	-	-26.5	162.3
NIESR	Aug *	-8.8 hz	2.0	-1.0	2.76 hp	-	9.6 o	-20.8	168.6
Oxford Economics	Aug *	-2.7 z	0.5	-2.0	2.01	0.6	4.5	-27.8	184.8
EC	Aug *	-	-	-0.9	9.4 hq	-	-	-2.8 a	181.6
OECD	Jun	-	0.6	-2.6	9.7 q	-	-	-56.0	-14.0 ahs
IMF	Jul	-	-	-1.4	9.2 hq	-	1.0 o	-1.5 a	10.9 ah
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Independent		-1.3	0.8	-1.3	2.2	1.6	5.0	-27.9	182.7
New (marked *)		-1.2	1.0	-1.0	2.1	1.5	5.8	-24.7	179.9
City		-2.6	1.1	-1.1	2.2	1.6	3.7	-23.6	182.8
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		10.0	3.8	1.0	2.8	4.4	19.8	-0.5	220.0
Lowest		-8.6	-2.5	-2.7	1.6	-1.1	1.2	-63.3	154.0
Median		-2.0	0.9	-1.2	2.1	1.5	4.4	-25.0	182.6
HM Treasury	Apr	-	% : %	-	-	% : %	% o	-51	173

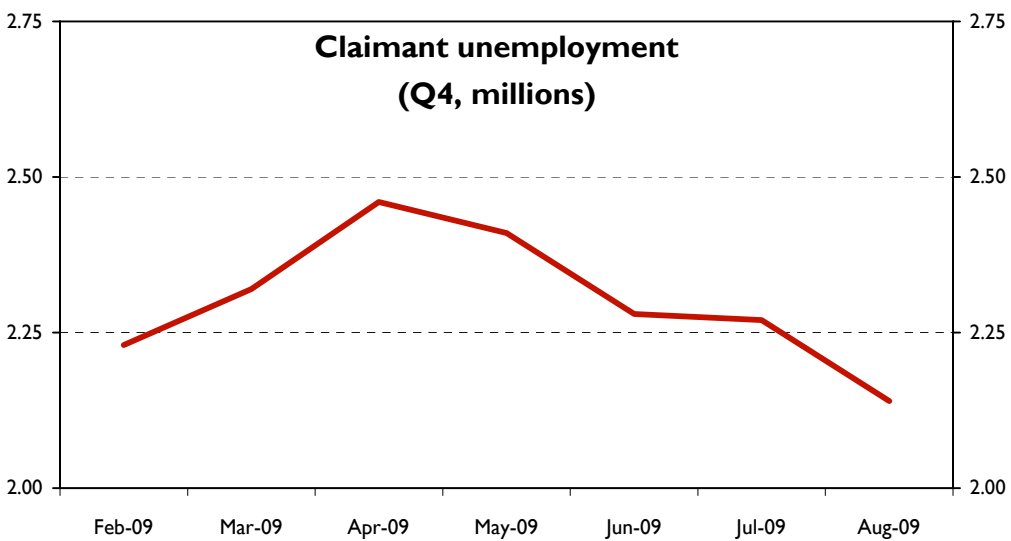
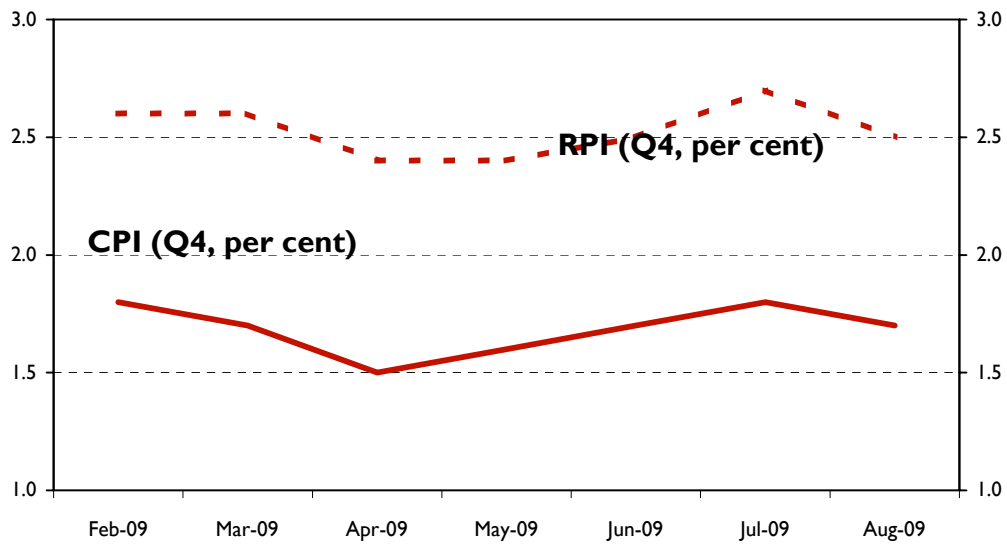
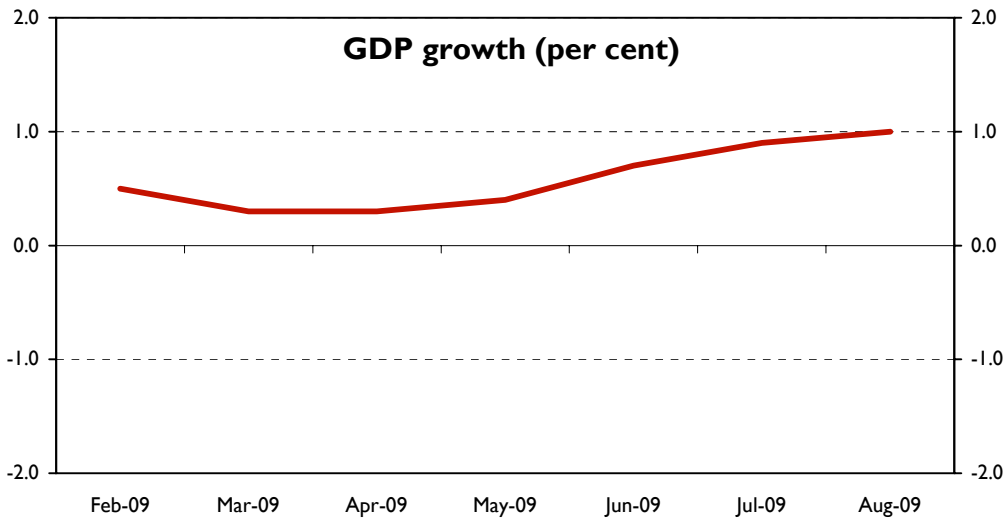
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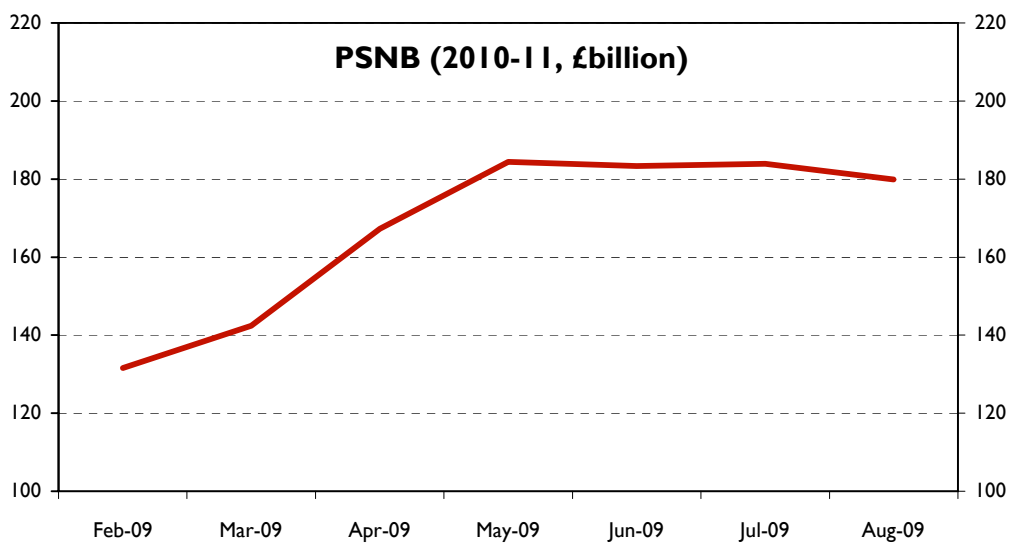
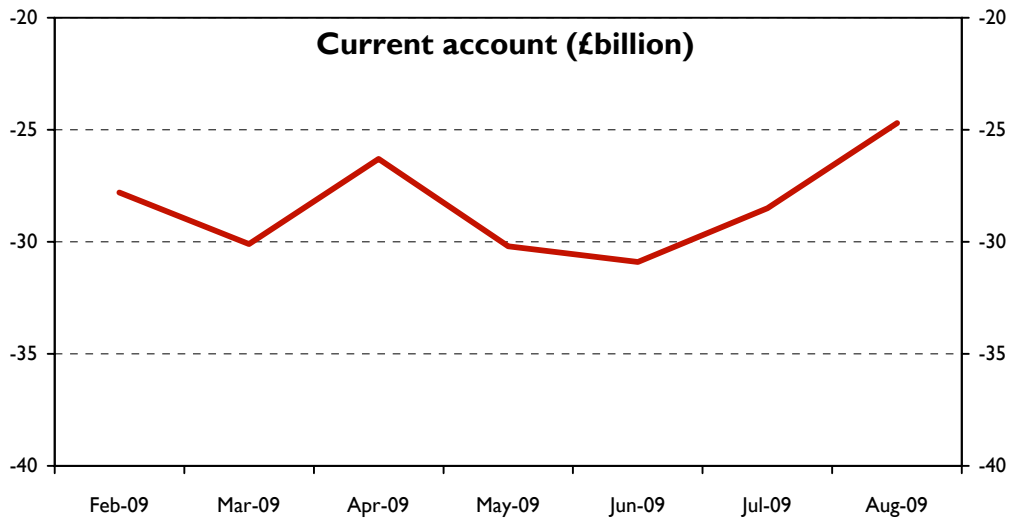
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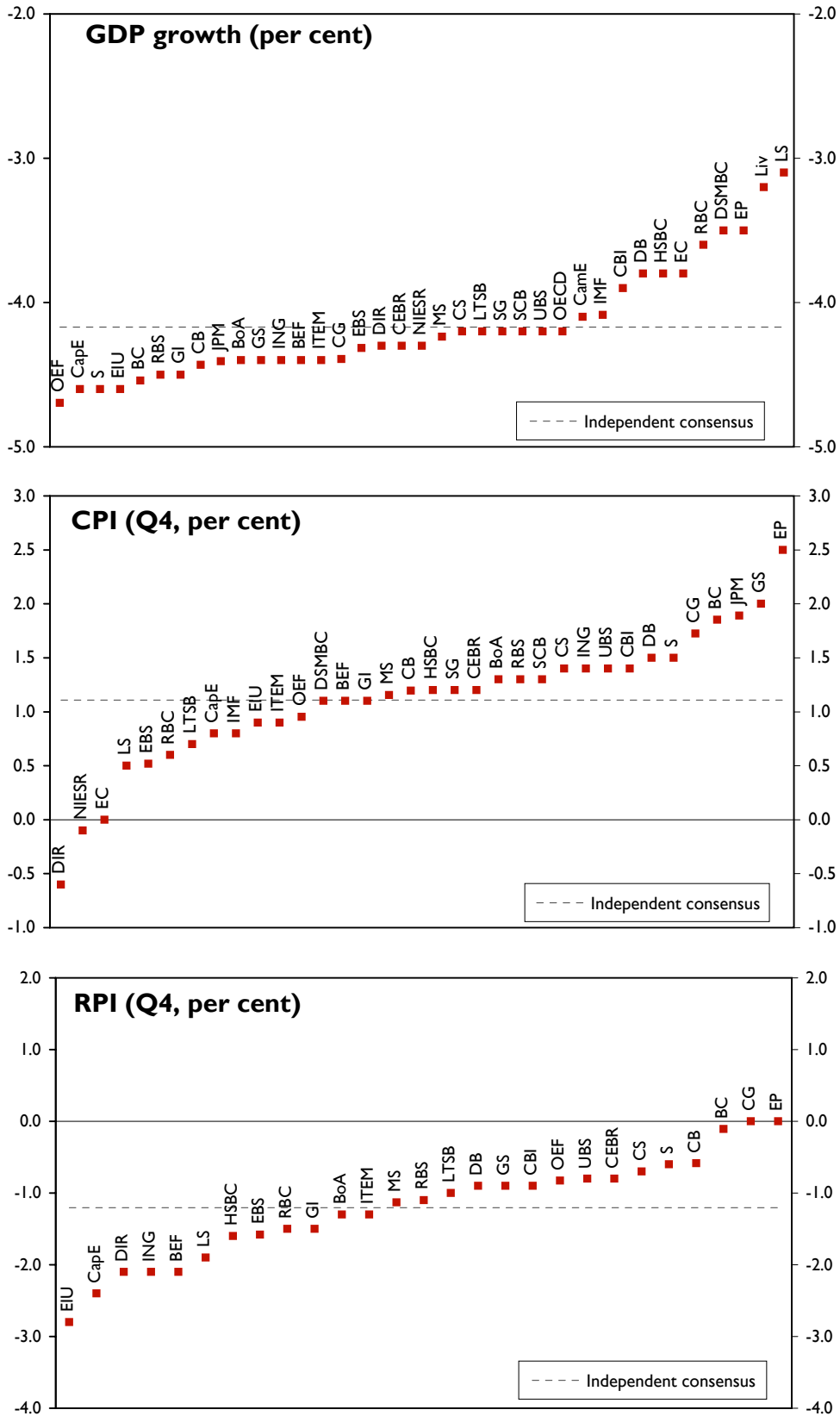
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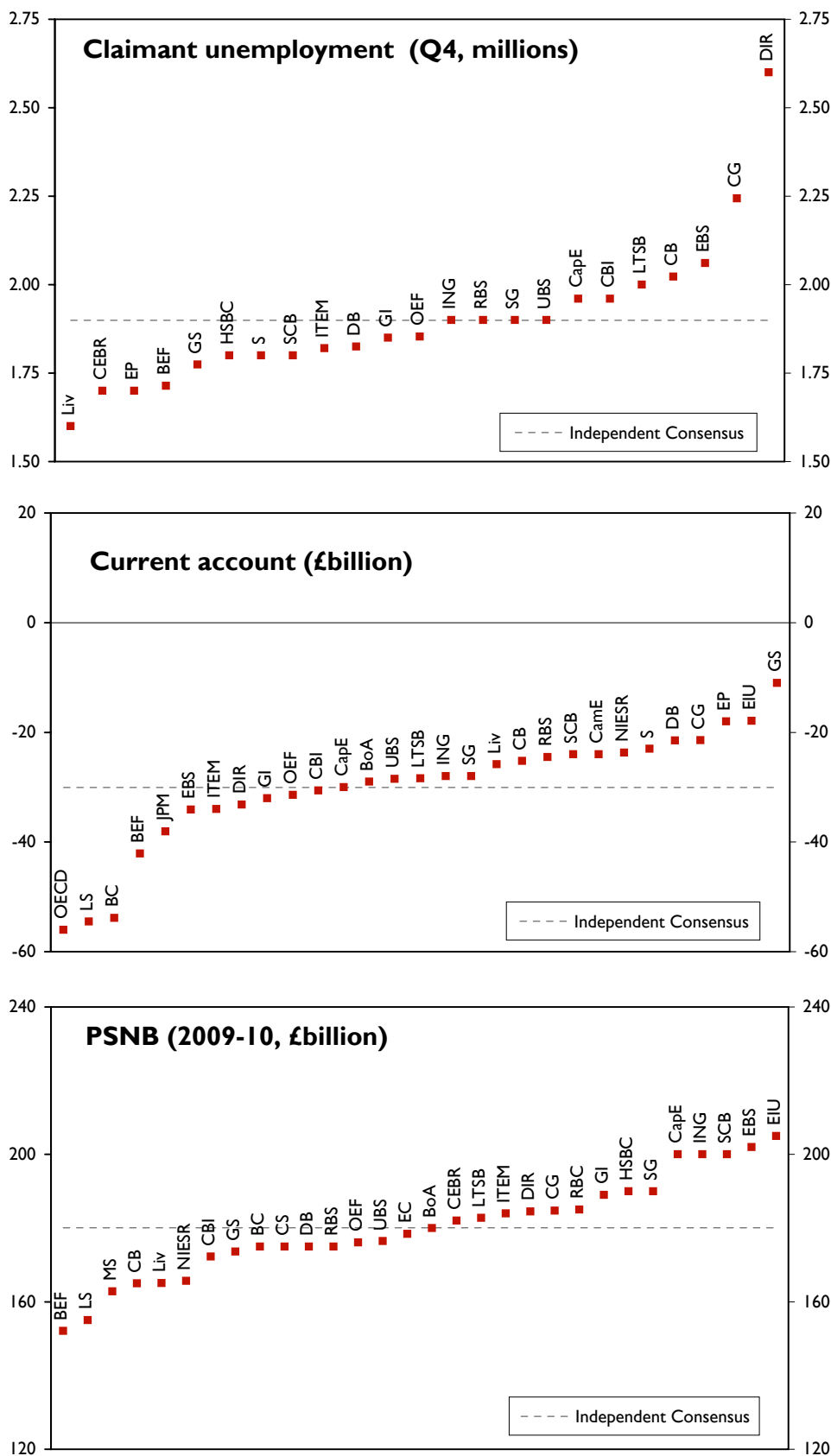
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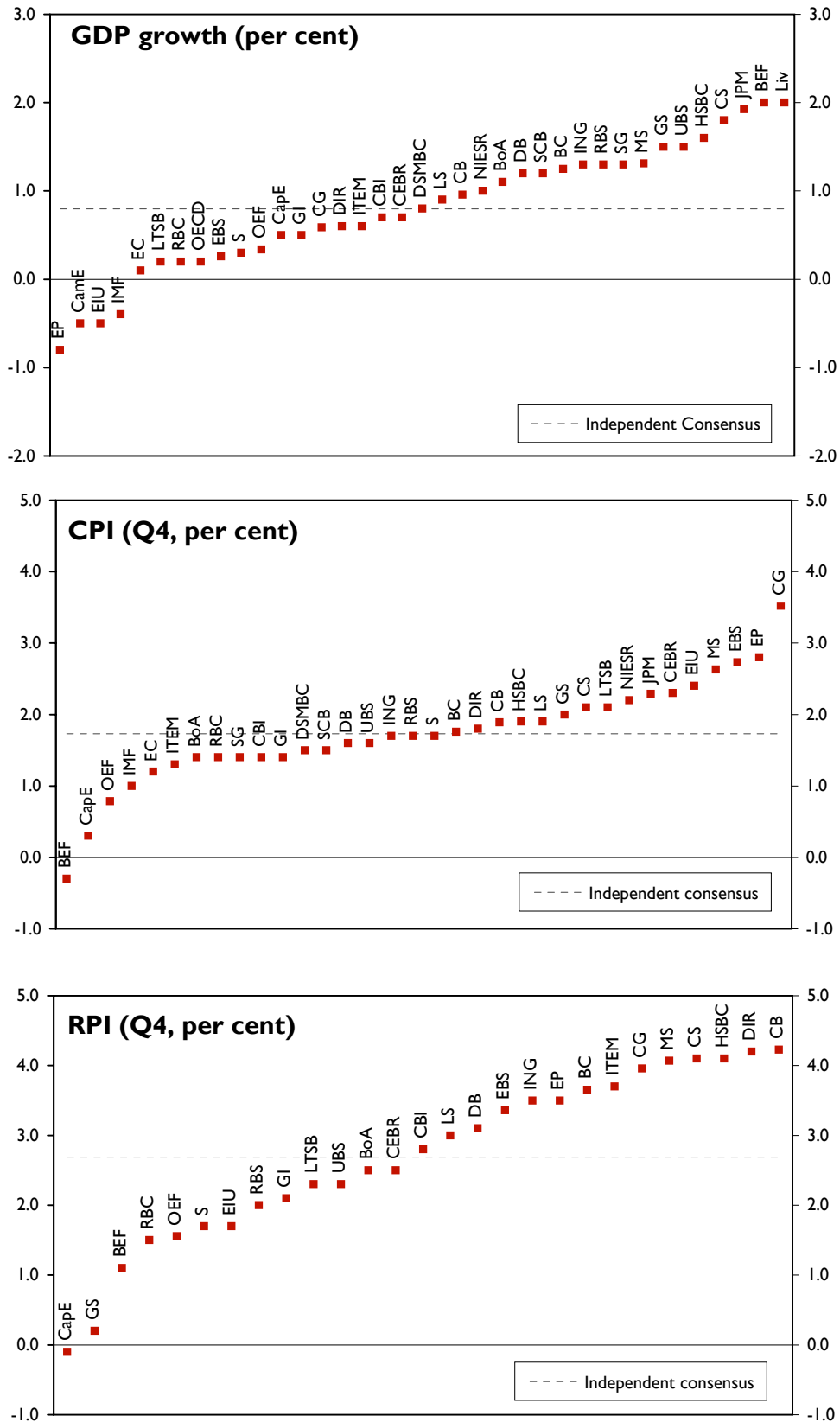
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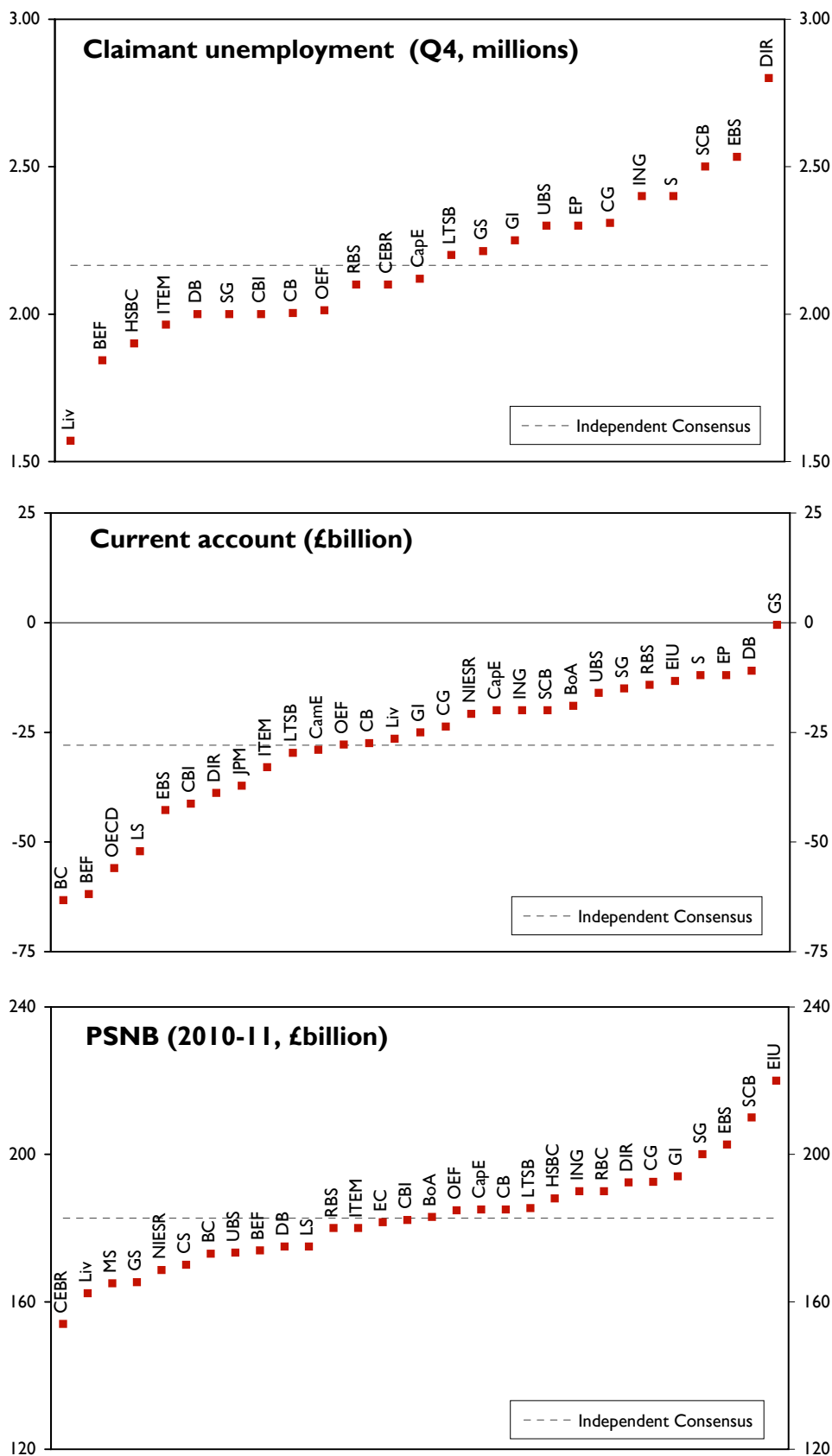
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Medium-term forecasts, August 2009

This edition of the comparison contains 16 new medium-term projections for the calendar years 2009 to 2013, and the fiscal years 2009-10 to 2012-13. The table below summarises the independent average, which is the average of all medium-term projections.

	Independent average				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
GDP growth (per cent)	-4.2	0.6	1.9	2.4	2.6
Inflation rate (per cent)					
- CPI	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.8	2.2
- RPI	-1.1	1.8	2.2	2.8	2.7
Claimant unemployment (mn)	1.68	2.16	2.08	1.93	1.86
Current account (£bn)	-29.1	-28.9	-30.0	-27.0	-26.0

	Independent average			
	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
PSNB (£bn)	180.1	182.6	160.4	137.6

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

GDP (percentage change)					GDP deflator (percentage change)					
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	
City forecasters										
-4.5	1.2	2.2	-	-	Barclays Capital	*	1.1	1.1	1.1	-
-4.5	1.2	1.4	2.0	3.8	BNP Paribas	*	-	-	-	-
-4.6	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	Capital Economics	*	-	-	-	-
-3.9	0.1	1.4	3.2	-	Citigroup		2.7	2.8	2.6	-
-4.4	1.0	1.7	2.1	3.1	Commerzbank	*	0.9	1.5	2.5	2.4
-3.9	0.4	2.2	3.1	3.2	Daiwa Institute of Research		0.9	0.8	1.8	1.8
-4.4	1.5	3.6	2.4	-	Goldman Sachs	*	1.9 h	1.2 h	1.8 h	3.0 h
-3.0	-0.3	1.0	2.0	3.0	Hermes		-	-	-	-
-3.8	-0.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	HSBC		-	-	-	-
-4.4	1.3	2.2	2.6	2.5	ING	*	-	-	-	-
-4.2	-0.1	1.8	2.8	2.3	Lloyds TSB		-	-	-	-
-4.5	1.3	1.6	2.0	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	1.4	1.5	-	-
-4.6	0.3	2.4	2.4	2.5	Schroders Investment Management	*	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-4.4	2.0	3.0	2.6	2.3	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	1.9	1.4	0.4	1.5
-4.1	-0.5	1.9	2.2	2.6	Cambridge Econometrics		2.0	1.7	2.2	2.1
-4.3	0.7	1.2	1.7	1.5	CEBR	*	-	-	-	-
-4.6	-0.5	0.9	1.3	1.7	EIU	*	-	-	-	-
-3.9	0.2	1.8	2.0	2.0	Experian		-0.3	0.6	1.8	1.8
-4.5	0.5	1.7	2.4	2.7	IHS Global Insight	*	-	-	-	-
-4.4	0.6	2.0	2.5	-	ITEM Club	*	1.7	2.7	2.9	2.6
-3.2	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.0	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
-4.3	1.0	1.8	2.4	-	NIESR	*	-0.2 h	0.3 h	2.2 h	2.1 h
-4.7	0.3	2.2	3.2	3.5	OEF	*	0.4	1.1	1.6	2.2
-4.2	0.6	1.9	2.4	2.6	Independent average		1.3	1.5	1.9	2.1
-4.4	0.9	2.0	2.3	2.7	New forecasts (marked *)		1.2	1.6	1.7	2.2
-3.0	2.0	3.6	3.2	3.8	Highest		2.7	2.8	2.9	2.6
-4.7	-0.5	0.9	1.3	1.5	Lowest		-0.3	0.6	0.4	1.5

Table M2: Medium-term forecasts for domestic demand and net trade contribution

Domestic demand (percentage change)					Contribution of net trade to GDP growth (per cent)					
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
City forecasters										
-4.3	1.2	-	-	-	Barclays Capital	*	-0.3	0.1	0.2	-
-	-	-	-	-	BNP Paribas	*	-	-	-	-
-0.5	0.4	1.1	-	-	Capital Economics	*	0.6	0.1	0.4	-
-4.1	0.8	1.6	4.0	-	Citigroup		0.1	-0.6	-0.1	-0.7
-5.0	1.1	1.7	1.8	2.9	Commerzbank	*	0.7	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
-4.4	0.5	2.4	3.1	2.8	Daiwa Institute of Research		0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
-5.0	0.5	-	-	-	Goldman Sachs	*	1.0	0.8	-	-
-2.6	-0.8	1.0	2.5	4.0	Hermes		-0.2	0.5	0.0	-0.5
-3.9	-0.3	-	-	-	HSBC		0.3	0.3	0.6	0.6
-5.0	0.9	2.0	2.6	2.7	ING	*	0.8	0.4	0.1	-0.1
-4.6	-0.4	-	-	-	Lloyds TSB		-	-	-	-
-5.0	1.3	1.2	1.5	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	0.5	0.0	0.4	0.5
-4.9	0.0	2.4	2.8	2.7	Schroders Investment Management	*	0.6	0.2	-0.1	-0.5
Non-City forecasters										
-4.0	3.8	3.3	2.5	2.5	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	-0.3	-2.2	-0.6	-0.1
-4.6	-0.5	1.9	2.2	2.6	Cambridge Econometrics		0.6	0.0	0.0	-0.1
-5.9	-0.6	1.0	0.7	0.8	CEBR	*	-	-	-	-
-4.7	-0.7	0.5	0.9	1.0	EIU	*	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.4
-3.2	0.4	1.7	2.1	2.0	Experian		-0.4	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
-5.1	0.2	1.6	2.4	2.7	IHS Global Insight	*	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.0
-3.7	-0.2	1.3	3.0	-	ITEM Club	*	0.2	0.0	0.6	-0.5
-	-	-	-	-	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
-4.8	0.1	0.6	-	-	NIESR	*	0.6	0.9	1.2	-
-5.3	0.1	1.5	2.5	2.9	OEF	*	0.7	0.2	0.6	0.5
-4.3	0.4	1.6	2.3	2.5	Independent average		0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0
-4.5	0.6	1.5	2.1	2.3	New forecasts (marked *)		0.5	0.1	0.3	0.1
-0.5	3.8	3.3	4.0	4.0	Highest		1.0	0.9	1.2	0.6
-5.9	-0.8	0.5	0.7	0.8	Lowest		-0.4	-2.2	-0.6	-0.7

Table M3: Medium-term forecasts for CPI and RPI inflation

CPI inflation (annual average, per cent)					RPI inflation (annual average, per cent)					
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
City forecasters										
2.0	2.4	1.5	-	-	Barclays Capital	*	-0.8	3.8	-	-
1.8	1.2	-0.2	0.7	4.0	BNP Paribas	*	-	-	-	-
1.8	0.5	-0.1	-	-	Capital Economics	*	-1.5	-0.6	-0.2	-
1.5	3.0	2.8	2.1	-	Citigroup		1.4	2.9	1.8	2.3
1.8	2.1	1.5	2.5	2.1	Commerzbank	*	-1.0	3.4	3.2	5.5
1.6	1.3	1.8	1.8	1.5	Daiwa Institute of Research		-0.8	3.0	2.0	1.2
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	-	Goldman Sachs	*	-0.9	0.2	2.5	2.5
1.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.2	Hermes		-0.1	1.3	2.0	2.5
1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	HSBC		-1.2	3.0	2.5	2.5
1.9	1.6	1.9	2.0	2.0	ING	*	-	-	-	-
1.8	0.7	0.8	1.5	2.5	Lloyds TSB		-1.3	0.6	1.4	2.5
1.9	1.6	1.8	2.0	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	-1.1	1.8	2.5	2.7
1.9	1.7	1.9	2.0	2.0	Schroders Investment Management	*	-0.9	1.7	1.5	3.3
Non-City forecasters										
1.8	0.8	-1.2	-0.5	0.2	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	-1.5	0.8	0.5	0.5
1.4	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.5	Cambridge Econometrics		-1.7	2.6	2.6	1.7
1.8	2.0	1.4	1.7	1.6	CEBR	*	-1.1	2.3	1.8	2.1
1.7	2.1	2.5	3.8	4.0	EIU	*	-1.9	1.0	2.9	3.8
1.0	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.8	Experian		-2.2	1.8	3.1	3.2
1.8	1.4	1.7	1.9	2.2	IHS Global Insight	*	-	-	-	-
1.8	1.1	1.6	2.0	-	ITEM Club	*	-1.3	2.4	4.7	6.4
-	-	-	-	-	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
1.3	1.3	1.8	1.6	-	NIESR	*	-1.7	1.6	2.8	-
1.7	0.7	0.9	1.3	1.7	OEF	*	-1.0	1.4	1.7	2.5
1.7	1.6	1.4	1.8	2.2	Independent average		-1.1	1.8	2.2	2.8
1.8	1.5	1.3	1.8	2.2	New forecasts (marked *)		-1.2	1.7	2.2	3.3
2.0	3.0	2.8	3.8	4.0	Highest		1.4	3.8	4.7	6.4
1.0	0.5	-1.2	-0.5	0.2	Lowest		-2.2	-0.6	-0.2	0.5

Table M4: Medium-term forecasts for the sterling index and official Bank rate

Sterling index (annual average, Jan 2005=100)					Official Bank rate (annual average, per cent)					
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Barclays Capital	*	0.63	1.17	2.58	-
-	-	-	-	-	BNP Paribas	*	0.50	0.50	0.50	2.00
80.7	84.4	85.0	-	-	Capital Economics	*	0.50	0.50	0.50	-
78.0	78.0	80.0	83.2	-	Citigroup		0.63	0.50	2.58	4.33
80.0	82.6	86.8	89.5	92.9	Commerzbank	*	0.63	0.75	2.10	3.77
77.4	83.0	88.3	92.1	92.4	Daiwa Institute of Research		0.50	0.50	1.25	1.50
87.0 g	93.0 g	95.0 g	95.0 g	-	Goldman Sachs	*	-	-	-	-
78.0	79.0	82.0	90.0	95.0	Hermes		0.50	0.50	2.00	3.00
-	-	-	-	-	HSBC		0.50	2.00	4.00	4.00
-	-	-	-	-	ING	*	0.60	1.25	3.50	4.50
75.0	73.0	72.0	71.0	70.0	Lloyds TSB		0.80	0.50	1.00	2.00
79.5	79.3	-	-	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	0.75	0.80	2.50	3.50
-	-	-	-	-	Schroders Investment Management	*	0.64	0.63	2.00	3.50
Non-City forecasters										
80.6	80.0	77.5	77.9	79.2	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	0.60	1.20	3.20	4.10
80.7	83.8	81.2	83.2	82.8	Cambridge Econometrics		0.60	0.70	2.20	4.20
-	-	-	-	-	CEBR	*	0.63	0.56	1.25	1.50
84.6	85.8	86.2	91.4	95.3	EIU	*	0.50	0.56	2.88	5.75
80.8	87.0	93.1	94.0	94.0	Experian		0.65	0.88	2.75	4.13
-	-	-	-	-	IHS Global Insight	*	0.63	0.71	3.13	4.27
84.1	86.7	86.5	85.6	-	ITEM Club	*	0.60	0.70	2.00	4.00
83.4	85.6	86.0	86.1	86.5	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
83.7 k	86.4 k	87.1 k	87.4 k	-	NIESR	*	0.60	1.20	3.00	3.60
81.0	85.7	88.6	92.9	93.7	OEF	*	0.65	0.50	1.04	2.04
80.3	82.4	84.1	86.4	88.2	Independent average		0.6	0.8	2.2	3.5
81.7	83.8	85.2	87.2	89.5	New forecasts (marked *)		0.6	0.8	2.2	3.5
84.6	87.0	93.1	94.0	95.3	Highest		0.8	2.0	4.0	5.8
75.0	73.0	72.0	71.0	70.0	Lowest		0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5

Table M5: Medium-term forecasts for claimant unemployment

Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions)						
		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
City forecasters						
Barclays Capital	*	-	-	-	-	-
BNP Paribas	*	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	*	4.9 aa	6.5 aa	6.6 aa	-	-
Citigroup		1.81	2.30	2.32	2.05	-
Commerzbank	*	1.57	1.98	1.96	1.90	1.83
Daiwa Institute of Research		1.91	2.55	2.74	2.64	2.47
Goldman Sachs	*	1.77	2.21	1.37	1.21	-
Hermes		4.8 aa	5.2 aa	5.0 aa	4.5 aa	4.0 aa
HSBC		1.70	2.50	1.70	1.60	1.50
ING	*	5.20 aa	7.50 aa	7.00 aa	5.80 aa	4.60 aa
Lloyds TSB		1.80	2.10	1.90	1.70	1.70
RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	1.60	1.80	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	*	1.50	2.20	2.50	2.30	2.00
Non-City forecasters						
Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	1.55 aa	1.81 aa	1.84 aa	1.76 aa	1.61 aa
Cambridge Econometrics		1.60	2.30	2.40	2.40	2.40
CEBR	*	1.90	2.30	2.30	2.20	2.10
EIU	*	8.0 q	10.0 q	10.3 q	9.8 q	9.0 q
Experian		1.59	2.26	2.17	1.75	1.44
IHS Global Insight	*	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	*	1.61 aa	1.96 aa	1.83 aa	1.47 aa	-
Liverpool Macro Research	*	1.44	1.59	1.55	1.51	1.46
NIESR	*	2.38 p	2.76 p	2.92 p	-	-
OEF	*	1.65	1.98	2.02	1.87	1.70
Independent average		1.68	2.16	2.08	1.93	1.86
New forecasts (marked *)		1.63	2.01	1.95	1.83	1.82
Highest		1.91	2.55	2.74	2.64	2.47
Lowest		1.44	1.59	1.37	1.21	1.44

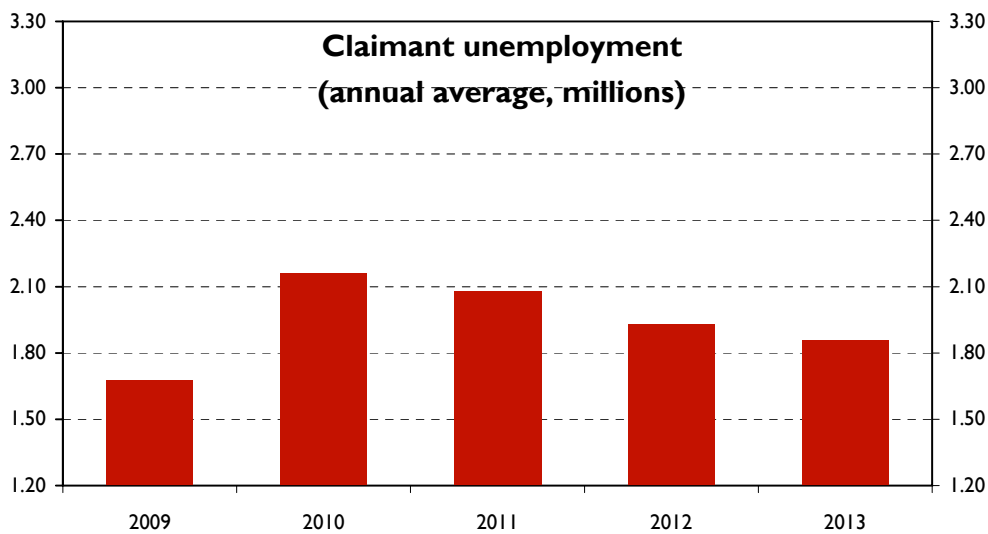
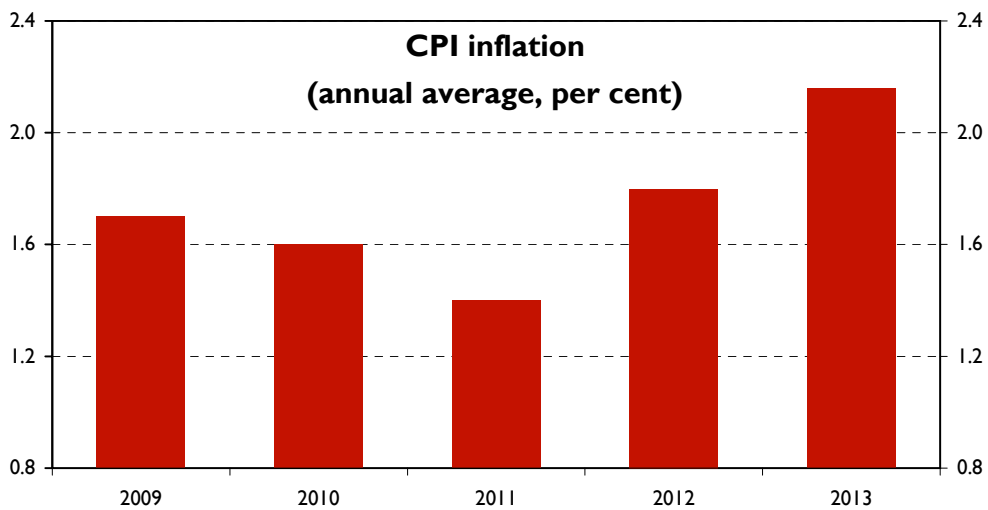
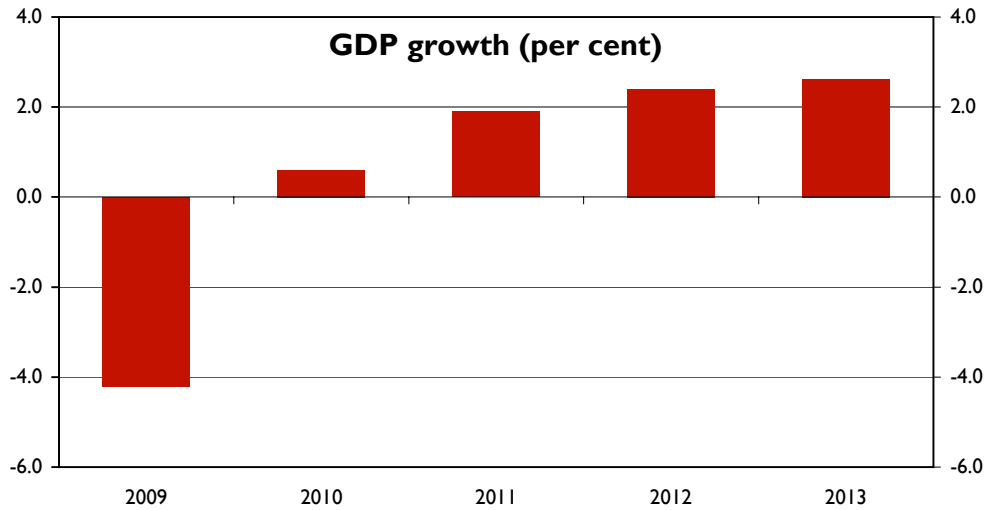
Table M6: Medium-term forecasts for the current account

Current account (£ billion)					Current account (per cent of money GDP)					
2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
City forecasters										
-53.9	-63.3	-66.7	-	-	Barclays Capital	*	-3.9	-4.4	-4.5	-
-	-	-	-	-	BNP Paribas	*	-	-	-	-
-30.0	-20.0	-10.0	-	-	Capital Economics	*	-2.1	-1.4	-0.7	-
-24.4	-27.3	-23.7	-38.0	-	Citigroup		1.7	1.9	1.6	2.4
-25.2	-27.5	-37.0	-24.1	-18.7	Commerzbank	*	-1.8	-1.9	-2.5	-1.6
-27.9	-30.1	-35.6	-37.9	-30.8	Daiwa Institute of Research		-2.0	-2.1	-2.4	-2.5
-11.0	-0.5	-10.9	-10.8	-	Goldman Sachs	*	-0.8	0.0	-0.7	-0.7
-22.0	-18.0	-25.0	-30.0	-35.0	Hermes		-1.5	-1.2	-1.5	-2.0
-	-	-	-	-	HSBC		-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	ING	*	-	-	-	-
-29.3	-30.1	-28.8	-28.5	-30.0	Lloyds TSB		-2.1	-2.2	-2.0	-1.9
-24.5	-14.3	-	-	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	-1.7	-1.1	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Schroders Investment Management	*	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-42.1	-61.9	-68.8	-56.0	-33.8	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	-3.0	-4.2	-4.6	-3.6
-24.0	-29.0	-28.0	-25.0	-28.0	Cambridge Econometrics		-1.9	-2.3	-2.1	-1.8
-	-	-	-	-	CEBR	*	-	-	-	-
-17.9	-13.3	-8.0	7.9	5.5	EIU	*	-1.3	-1.0	-0.6	0.4
-44.7	-51.4	-56.2	-59.9	-58.8	Experian		-3.2	-3.7	-3.9	-4.0
-32.0	-25.0	-20.0	-19.0	-18.0	IHS Global Insight	*	-2.3	-1.8	-1.4	-1.3
-34.0	-33.0	-19.0	-24.0	-	ITEM Club	*	-2.5	-2.0	-1.2	-1.5
-25.8	-26.5	-27.5	-29.1	-30.4	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
-23.7	-20.8	-21.9	-15.7	-	NIESR	*	-1.7	-1.5	-1.5	-1.0
-31.4	-27.8	-22.3	-15.1	-7.7	OEF	*	-2.3	-2.0	-1.5	-1.0
-29.1	-28.9	-30.0	-27.0	-26.0	Independent average		-1.9	-1.8	-1.8	-1.4
-29.3	-27.8	-28.4	-20.7	-17.2	New forecasts (marked *)		-2.1	-1.9	-1.9	-1.3
-11.0	-0.5	-8.0	7.9	5.5	Highest		1.7	1.9	1.6	2.4
-53.9	-63.3	-68.8	-59.9	-58.8	Lowest		-3.9	-4.4	-4.6	-4.0

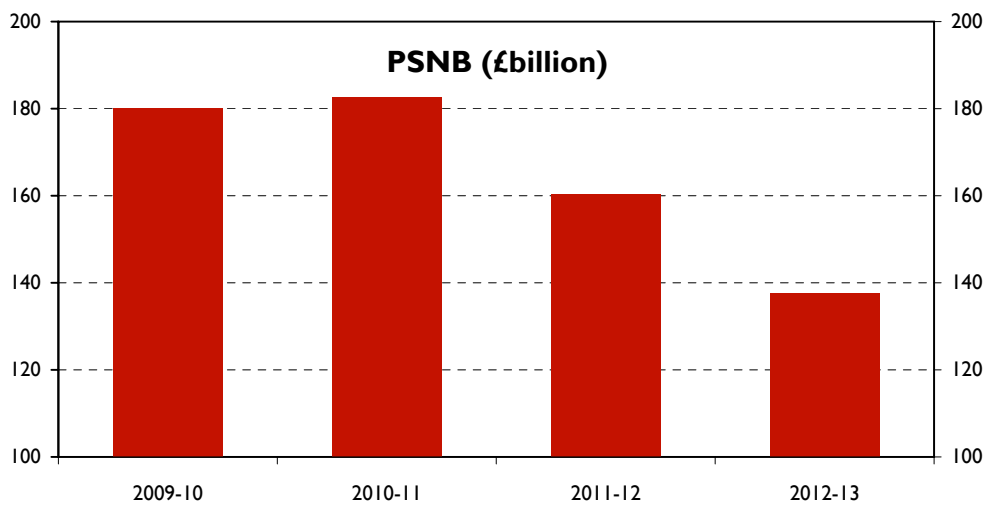
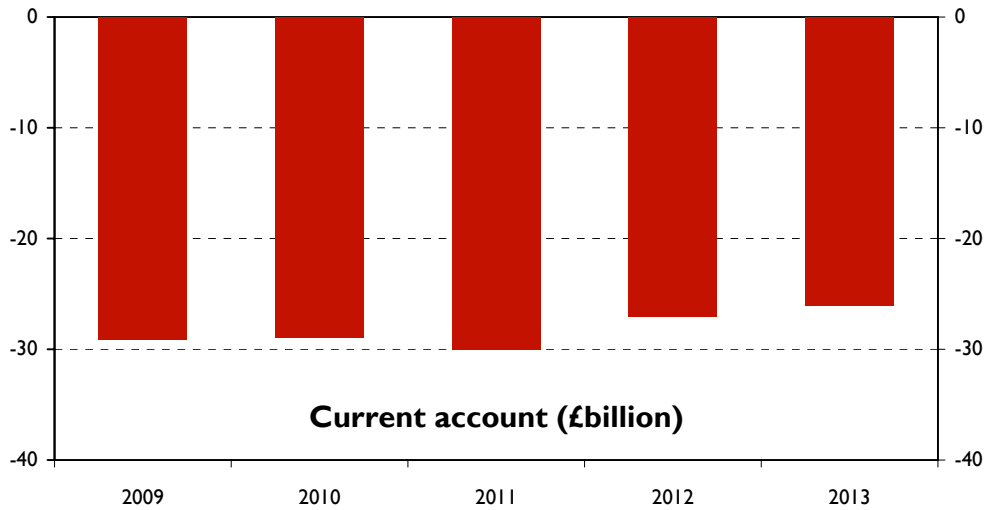
Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB

PSNB (£ billion)				PSNB (per cent of money GDP)				
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13		2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
City forecasters								
175.0	173.0	152.3	-	Barclays Capital	*	12.5	11.9	10.0
-	-	-	-	BNP Paribas	*	-	-	-
200.0	185.0	145.0	118.0	Capital Economics	*	9.8	8.9	6.8
187.1	196.5	179.8	-	Citigroup		13.2	13.5	11.8
165.0	185.0	186.0	186.0	Commerzbank	*	11.6	12.9	12.5
162.5	149.4	120.1	98.2	Daiwa Institute of Research		11.6	10.5	8.1
173.6	165.3	136.6	119.3	Goldman Sachs	*	12.2	11.4	8.7
-	-	-	-	Hermes		-	-	-
190.0	188.0	157.0	131.0	HSBC		13.4	13.1	10.9
200.0	190.0	130.0	75.0	ING	*	14.3	13.5	8.9
190.0	195.0	170.0	150.0	Lloyds TSB		13.3	13.5	11.8
180.0	185.0	-	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	12.8	12.7	-
-	-	-	-	Schroders Investment Management	*	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters								
152.1	173.9	177.8	176.3	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	10.7	11.8	11.7
189.8	194.4	178.0	157.2	Cambridge Econometrics		15.0	15.1	13.3
182.0	191.0	175.0	170.0	CEBR	*	12.9	13.3	11.8
205.0	220.0	187.0	153.0	EIU	*	14.4	15.0	12.9
170.1	170.8	155.8	155.8	Experian		12.3	12.2	10.7
189.0	194.0	173.0	148.0	IHS Global Insight	*	13.7	13.6	11.7
184.0	180.0	160.0	138.0	ITEM Club	*	13.1	12.3	10.4
165.1	162.3	151.1	100.2	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-
165.7	168.6	155.6	138.0	NIESR	*	12.0	11.9	10.6
176.1	184.8	158.0	125.8	OEF	*	12.7	13.1	10.7
180.1	182.6	160.4	137.6	Independent average		12.7	12.6	10.7
179.5	182.7	160.6	137.3	New forecasts (marked *)		12.5	12.5	10.6
205.0	220.0	187.0	186.0	Highest		15.0	15.1	13.3
152.1	149.4	120.1	75.0	Lowest		9.8	8.9	6.8

Average of medium-term forecasts for GDP growth, CPI inflation and claimant unemployment



Average of medium-term forecasts for the current account and PSNB



Annex I: Forecasting institutions referred to in charts and tables

BoA	Bank of America - Merrill Lynch
BC	Barclays Capital
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
DIR	Daiwa Institute of Research
DSMBC	Daiwa Securities SMBC
DB	Deutsche Bank
EBS	Experian Business Strategies (previously BSL)
EC	European Commission
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
FB	Fortis Bank
GI	IHS Global Insight
GS	Goldman Sachs
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
HPM	Hermes Pension Management
ING	ING Financial Markets
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITEM	ITEM Club
JPM	JP Morgan Chase
Liv	Liverpool Macro Research
LTSB	Lloyds TSB
LS	Lombard Street Research
MS	Morgan Stanley
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
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Annex 2: Data definitions

GDP	National accounts, Table C2, Code ABMI
Private consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts, Table C2, Code ABR+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 I, Code D7G7
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table I, Code CZBH
RPIX (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table I, Code CDKQ
Headline average earnings	Labour market statistics, Table I5, Code LNNC
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 I0, 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 I / Public sector accounts, Table PSAT I, 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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