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a comparison of independent forecasts



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This edition of the comparison contains 26 new forecasts, all of which were received between May 1st and May 9th 2013. The tables below summarise the average and range of independent forecasts for 2013 and 2014 and show the average of this month's new forecasts.

Forecasts for 2013

	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		May		
	May	April	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	0.8	0.8	0.2	1.5	0.8
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.7	2.7	2.1	3.3	2.7
- RPI	3.2	3.2	2.3	3.9	3.1
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.59	1.59	1.45	1.80	1.58
Current account (£bn)	-47.7	-48.2	-60.0	-21.2	-48.8
PSNB (2013-14: £bn)	110.6	107.5	96.0	124.6	111.0

Forecasts for 2014

	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		May		
	May	April	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.5	1.6	0.5	2.4	1.5
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.5	2.5	1.7	3.7	2.4
- RPI	3.1	3.1	2.3	4.0	3.0
Claimant unemployment (Q4: mn)	1.56	1.55	1.33	1.90	1.55
Current account (£bn)	-43.5	-43.7	-67.6	-22.1	-44.9
PSNB (2013-14: £bn)	101.7	101.0	84.7	126.3	101.5

+ Independent averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months (May 26 institutions, April: 4 institutions, March: 4 institutions).

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

Note: All the averages given are the mean and exclude non-standard entries except for house-price inflation (see notation)

Table I - 2013: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Change in inventories contribution (% of GDP)	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade contribution (% of GDP)	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	1.0	0.4	-1.6	3.3	0.1	-	-	-	0.5	-
Barclays Capital	Feb	1.0	0.5	-0.4	-0.2	0.3	0.5	2.0	0.3	0.6	-2.2
Capital Economics	May *	0.2	0.9	-1.0	1.5	0.2	0.7	-2.2	-1.5	-0.2	-7.2
Citigroup	May *	0.5	1.3	0.2	-3.3	-0.2	0.1	-0.3	-1.4	0.4	-
Commerzbank	May *	0.8	1.2	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.9	-1.8	-1.6	-0.1	-2.1
Credit Suisse	May *	0.9	0.9	-0.2	2.8	0.0	0.8	1.7	1.2	0.1	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	0.7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	0.5	0.7	-0.7	1.4	0.0	0.5	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	-
Fathom Consulting	May *	0.8	1.4	0.2	1.6	-0.2	1.2	-1.8	-1.2	-0.2	-1.1
Goldman Sachs	May *	1.3	1.3	0.8	1.5	0.3	1.4	0.8	1.2	-0.1	-3.6 i
HSBC	Apr	0.8	0.8	0.3	1.4	-0.1	0.1	-0.9	-1.5	-	-
ING Financial Markets	May *	0.9	1.2	0.2	2.7	0.0	1.0	4.3	4.3	0.0	-
Lombard Street	Feb	1.2	1.4	-0.4	3.7	0.1	1.3	0.7	1.1	-0.2	-3.8
Morgan Stanley	May *	0.7	0.8	0.0	1.2	0.1	0.7	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-
Nomura	May *	0.4	1.2	-0.6	1.1	-0.2	0.6	2.6	3.0	-0.2	-1.5
RBS Global Banking & Markets	May *	0.8	0.8	-0.2	2.2	-	0.5	3.5	2.3	0.3	-
Santander GBM	May *	1.0	1.5	0.7	0.2	-0.1	1.0	-1.2	-1.4	0.1	-2.4
Schroders Investment Management	Apr	0.6	1.0	0.1	1.3	-0.2	0.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.1	-2.1
Scotiabank	May *	0.6	1.4	0.5	2.2	-	1.1	-0.5	1.1	-	-
Societe Generale	May *	0.6	0.6	-1.3	1.5	-0.1	0.2	2.9	1.6	0.4	-
Standard Chartered Bank	May *	0.7	0.6	-0.5	1.1	-	0.7	2.5	2.4	0.0	-
UBS	Mar	0.8	1.1	-0.3	1.9	0.1	0.8	2.1	2.1	0.0	-
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Apr	0.6	1.0	0.4	1.4	0.2	0.7	1.1	1.2	-0.1	-2.2
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	0.9	1.7	0.2	2.8	0.0	1.1	-0.8	0.1	-0.3	-
Cambridge Econometrics	Mar	0.7	1.1	-0.7	0.5	0.0	0.6	1.3	1.0	0.1	-
CBI	Mar	1.0	1.1	-0.8	2.8	0.1	1.1	3.1	3.2	-0.1	-3.4
CEBR	May *	0.9	0.9	0.4	1.6	0.0	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.3	-
Economic Perspectives	May *	1.5	0.9	-0.5	4.7	-0.1	1.0	1.2	-0.5	0.6	-
Experian Economics	May *	0.8	1.2	-1.2	2.3	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.0	-
EIU	May *	0.8	1.0	0.4	1.4	-0.1	1.0	1.5	2.0	-0.2	-
IHS Global Insight	May *	0.9	1.5	-0.4	2.1	-	1.0	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1	-
ITEM Club	May *	0.7	1.2	0.4	1.2	-0.1	1.0	0.6	1.4	-0.2	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	0.8	0.6 c	2.3 m	2.4 d	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May *	0.9	1.1	1.0	2.0	-0.1	1.1	-1.1	-0.5	-0.2	-
Oxford Economics	May *	0.9	1.2	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.9	-0.1	-0.3	0.1	-5.6
EC	May *	0.6	0.8	0.4	1.8	-0.3	0.9 f	1.3	1.3	0.0	-2.6
OECD	Dec	0.9	1.6	-3.0	2.5	-	1.0	2.4	2.6	-0.1	-
IMF	May *	0.7	-	-	15.1 a	-	-	0.5	2.0	-	-3.9
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Independent		0.8	1.1	-0.1	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.0	-3.1
New (marked *)		0.8	1.1	0.0	1.6	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.0	-3.3
City		0.7	1.0	-0.1	1.3	0.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	-2.7
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Highest		1.5	1.7	1.0	4.7	0.3	1.4	4.3	4.3	0.6	-1.1
Lowest		0.2	0.6	-1.3	-3.3	-0.3	0.1	-2.2	-1.6	-0.3	-7.2
Median		0.8	1.1	0.1	1.5	0.0	0.8	0.8	1.1	0.0	-2.4
OBR	Mar	0.6	0.5	0.4	2.2	-0.2	0.5	1.5	1.0	0.1	-3.6

Table 2 - 2013: 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 x10FC Growth
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	1.8	1.7	-	-	-	0.50	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb	2.7	3.4	3.4	2.7	-	0.50	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	2.4	2.9	2.8	1.0	83.5	0.50	95.0	2.0
Citigroup	May *	2.7	3.2	3.2	0.7	79.5	0.50	113.6	-
Commerzbank	May *	2.7	3.4	3.4	0.6	81.3	0.50	111.9	-
Credit Suisse	May *	2.6	3.0	3.1	-	-	0.50	112.0	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	2.5	-	-	-	-	0.50	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	3.1	3.9	-	2.0	77.3	0.50	112.5	-
Fathom Consulting	May *	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	79.4	0.50	118.0	-
Goldman Sachs	May *	2.6	3.3	-	1.6	84.0 g	0.50	101.0	2.2 g
HSBC	Apr	2.9	3.5	-	1.6	-	0.50	-	-
ING Financial Markets	May *	2.2	3.3	3.0	1.6	-	0.50	105.0	-
Lombard Street	Feb	2.1	2.3	-	-	78.0	0.50	95.0	3.9
Morgan Stanley	May *	2.9	3.3	3.4	1.7	-	0.50	-	-
Nomura	May *	2.6	3.0	3.1	1.3	-	0.50	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	May *	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.3	77.0	0.50	100.0	-
Santander GBM	May *	2.8	3.3	3.3	1.6	-	0.50	115.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	Apr	3.0	3.4	3.5	1.8	-	0.50	-	-
Scotiabank	May *	2.5	2.9	3.5	0.4	-	0.50	-	-
Societe Generale	May *	2.8	2.9	3.0	1.5	79.0	0.50	112.0	-
Standard Chartered Bank	May *	2.4	-	-	-	-	0.50	109.0	-
UBS	Mar	2.9	3.5	-	2.3	-	0.50	-	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	Apr	2.8	3.5	3.5	2.3	-	0.50	110.0	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	2.6	2.5	3.0	2.0	76.3	0.50	108.8	5.2
Cambridge Econometrics	Mar	2.4 h	3.0	-	2.2	100.2 k	0.50 h	110.2	-
CBI	Mar	2.3	2.8	2.7	1.7	80.6	0.50	110.0	-
CEBR	May *	2.5	3.2	3.3	1.3	80.1	0.50	105.0	-
Economic Perspectives	May *	3.3	3.6	3.8	2.2	77.0	0.75	120.0	7.0
Experian Economics	May *	2.9	3.6	3.3	1.8	82.2	0.50	100.1	-
EIU	May *	3.2	3.2	3.1	1.0	79.8	0.50	106.6	-
IHS Global Insight	May *	2.8	3.2	3.2	1.8	-	0.50	103.5	-
ITEM Club	May *	2.6	3.0	3.0	1.8	80.0	0.50	108.0	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	2.7	-	3.2	2.2	83.3	1.00	-	-
NIESR	May *	2.8	3.3	3.2	1.2 j	81.6 k	0.50	106.1 n	-
Oxford Economics	May *	2.5	3.0	3.1	1.1	78.2	0.50	105.3	-
EC	May *	2.8 h	-	-	2.6 jw	-	-	104.9	-
OECD	Dec	1.9 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	May *	2.7 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Independent		2.7	3.2	3.2	1.6	79.7	0.53	108.2	4.7
New (marked *)		2.7	3.1	3.1	1.5	79.8	0.53	107.7	4.7
City		2.7	3.2	3.1	1.5	79.6	0.50	108.7	2.0
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		3.3	3.9	3.8	2.3	83.5	1.00	120.0	7.0
Lowest		2.1	2.3	2.2	0.4	76.3	0.50	95.0	2.0
Median		2.7	3.2	3.2	1.7	79.7	0.50	108.9	5.2
OBR	Mar	2.7	2.9	3.2	1.4	79.3	0.50	113.4	-

Table 3 - 2013: 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 goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2013-14)
City forecasters										
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-4.0 y	-	-	8.60 q	1.2	-	-32.0	425.0	115.0
Barclays Capital	Feb	2.1 y	0.4	0.6	1.55	-1.4	-	-50.1	-	99.1
Capital Economics	May *	0.0 y	0.0	0.0	1.70	-1.0	3.5	-60.0	425.0	109.0
Citigroup	May *	-1.3 k	-0.7	1.0	1.52	-1.0	-	-41.1	450.0	113.5
Commerzbank	May *	0.3 y	2.7	0.9	1.51	-1.6	2.8	-43.1	-	113.8
Credit Suisse	May *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-39.4	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	1.50	-	-	-35.0	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	1.0 xy	-	-	1.59	-1.5	-	-48.7	375.0	112.0
Fathom Consulting	May *	-1.7 x	0.9	1.0	1.59	-	-	-60.0	-	110.0
Goldman Sachs	May *	-	1.8	0.7	1.52	0.2	-	-51.0	-	106.0
HSBC	Apr	-	-	-	-	-1.9	-	-	-	-
ING Financial Markets	May *	2.0 x	1.0	0.6	1.58	0.5	-	-48.0	425.0	110.0
Lombard Street	Feb	-0.1 k	0.2	-0.4	-	-	-	-54.0	425.0	110.0
Morgan Stanley	May *	-	-0.7	1.0	-	-0.9	-	-	375.0	108.1
Nomura	May *	1.6 z	-	1.3	-	-1.6	-	-52.8	-	102.8
RBS Global Banking & Markets	May *	-	0.5	0.5	1.60	-0.2	-	-38.0	375.0	115.0
Santander GBM	May *	-	-	1.0	1.56	-0.7	-	-57.4	375.0	114.0
Schroders Investment Management	Apr	1.6 x	-	0.7	1.68	-0.1	-	-50.0	450.0	113.0
Scotiabank	May *	- y	-	0.6	1.51	-1.1	-	-	375.0	-
Societe Generale	May *	4.0 x	-	1.2	1.63	-1.4	-	-48.0	375.0	120.0
Standard Chartered Bank	May *	-	-	-	1.50	-	-	-	-	110.0
UBS	Mar	-	-	-	1.62	0.3	-	-45.0	-	110.0
Non-City forecasters										
British Chambers of Commerce	Apr	-	-	-	-	-0.5	3.0	-48.0	425.0	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	3.3 z	-	0.1	1.56	-0.6	4.5	-53.2	375.0	124.3
Cambridge Econometrics	Mar	-	1.7	0.6	1.70 h	0.0	2.8 t	-21.2	-	99.1
CBI	Mar	-	0.4	0.2	1.55	0.7	-	-49.7	-	111.6
CEBR	May *	1.0 kz	1.1	0.8	1.55	-1.2	2.5	-39.0	400.0	114.0
Economic Perspectives	May *	2.0 x	-0.5	0.5	1.80	2.0	5.0	-35.0	375.0	120.0
Experian Economics	May *	2.4 z	0.2	0.6	1.68	0.1	-	-52.3	-	104.5
EIU	May *	-	0.4	0.8	1.62	-1.4	-	-58.1	425.0	115.0
IHS Global Insight	May *	2.5 x	0.5	0.9	1.63	-0.4	-	-46.3	425.0	96.0
ITEM Club	May *	0.5 z	1.2	-	1.55	0.3	3.9	-60.0	-	108.0
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	-	-	-	1.45	-	-	-52.2	-	98.2
NIESR	May *	2.5 hz	0.7	0.6	2.63 hp	-	4.2	-40.9	-	124.6
Oxford Economics	May *	0.9 z	0.7	0.0	1.56	-0.7	2.7	-48.7	425.0	104.8
EC	May *	-	-	0.5	8.00 hq	-	-	-2.7 a	-	-6.8 a ab
OECD	Dec	-	-	0.4 k	8.30 hq	-	-	-3.5 a	-	-6.9 k
IMF	May *	-	-	-	7.83 hq	-	-	-106.0 k	-	110.2 h
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Independent		1.3	0.7	0.7	1.59	-0.5	3.6	-47.7	402.9	110.6
New (marked *)		1.3	0.6	0.7	1.58	-0.6	3.6	-48.8	400.0	111.0
City		0.8	0.7	0.8	1.58	-0.8	3.2	-48.7	400.0	111.2
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Highest		4.0	2.7	1.3	1.80	2.0	5.0	-21.2	450.0	124.6
Lowest		-1.7	-0.7	0.0	1.45	-1.9	2.5	-60.0	375.0	96.0
Median		1.3	0.6	0.7	1.57	-0.6	3.5	-48.7	400.0	110.0
OBR	Mar	1.0 z	0.2	0.9	1.61	-	3.7	-41.9	-	107.7

Table 4 - 2014: Growth in GDP and its components (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Change in inventories contribution (% of GDP)	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade contribution (% of GDP)	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
City forecasters											
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb	2.1	1.5	-1.4	6.3	0.2	1.7	4.7	3.3	0.4	-1.7
Capital Economics	May *	1.5	1.0	-2.0	6.0	0.1	1.1	0.5	-0.5	0.3	-7.2
Citigroup	May *	0.5	1.4	-0.6	-2.7	1.6 k	0.4	4.5	3.7	0.1	-
Commerzbank	May *	1.5	1.8	-0.8	2.6	0.0	1.3	2.7	2.3	0.1	-1.6
Credit Suisse	May *	2.0	1.4	-1.9	6.4	0.0	1.4	5.1	3.1	0.6	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	1.8	1.4	-1.4	3.9	0.2	1.3	3.3	1.8	0.5	-
Fathom Consulting	May *	1.1	0.9	-0.5	1.8	0.1	0.7	0.7	-0.3	0.3	-1.0
Goldman Sachs	May *	2.0	1.4	0.8	3.5	0.3	1.9	3.3	2.7	0.1	-3.9 i
HSBC	Apr	1.7	1.1	-1.0	4.9	0.0	1.2	3.9	2.3	-	-
ING Financial Markets	May *	2.0	2.0	-0.1	4.6	0.1	1.9	7.9	7.4	0.1	-
Lombard Street	Feb	1.7	1.8	-1.5	3.8	0.0	1.7	3.1	3.0	0.0	-3.7
Morgan Stanley	May *	1.3	0.5	-1.0	5.2	0.0	0.9	5.5	4.1	0.4	-
Nomura	May *	0.9	1.2	-1.5	3.6	-0.2	0.8	3.4	2.9	0.1	-1.0
RBS Global Banking & Markets	May *	1.5	1.3	-1.0	4.4	-	1.2	5.7	4.7	0.3	-
Santander GBM	May *	1.7	1.6	0.7	3.2	0.1	1.7	4.8	4.8	-0.1	-2.2
Schroders Investment Management	Apr	1.3	1.1	-1.4	3.7	0.2	1.1	4.0	3.3	0.1	-2.0
Scotiabank	May *	1.4	1.0	0.8	6.0	-	1.6	0.7	2.0	-	-
Societe Generale	May *	1.2	0.8	-2.0	3.4	0.0	0.6	4.4	2.6	0.6	-
Standard Chartered Bank	May *	1.5	1.7	-1.2	4.1	-	1.5	5.3	5.0	0.0	-
UBS	Mar	1.2	1.6	0.0	3.5	0.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	-0.3	-
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	Apr	1.7	1.9	0.0	3.7	0.2	1.7	3.3	3.2	0.0	-2.3
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	2.4	2.6	0.0	6.2	0.2	2.7	6.1	6.9	-0.4	-
Cambridge Econometrics	Mar	1.4	1.6	-1.6	4.7	0.0	1.3	2.7	2.2	0.1	-
CBI	Mar	2.0	1.9	-1.4	5.2	0.2	1.8	6.4	5.8	0.1	-2.9
CEBR	May *	1.3	0.7	-0.6	3.5	0.1	0.9	2.4	1.2	0.4	-
Economic Perspectives	May *	1.7	1.4	-1.1	5.6	-0.1	1.3	2.0	0.7	0.4	-
Experian Economics	May *	1.6	1.5	-2.4	6.8	0.0	1.4	4.1	3.4	0.2	-
EIU	May *	1.1	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.0	1.1	2.7	2.7	-0.1	-
IHS Global Insight	May *	1.4	1.6	-0.6	3.7	-	1.3	2.5	2.4	0.1	-
ITEM Club	May *	1.9	1.9	-0.5	7.0	0.0	2.1	4.4	4.6	-0.2	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	2.0	1.4 c	2.1 m	2.3 d	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May *	1.5	1.3	-0.6	6.7	0.0	1.7	4.4	4.9	-0.2	-
Oxford Economics	May *	1.9	1.5	-0.7	5.4	0.0	1.6	3.5	2.7	0.2	-5.4
EC	May *	1.7	1.3	-0.5	4.5	0.0	1.4	3.9	2.6	0.4	-1.8
OECD	Dec	1.6	1.4	-1.8	3.7	-	1.1	3.6	2.0	-	-
IMF	May *	1.5	-	-	15.5 a	-	-	3.1	3.0	-	-3.9
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Independent		1.5	1.4	-0.7	4.3	0.1	1.4	3.7	3.2	0.1	-2.8
New (marked *)		1.5	1.4	-0.7	4.3	0.0	1.4	3.7	3.2	0.2	-3.0
City		1.4	1.3	-0.8	3.8	0.1	1.2	3.8	3.0	0.2	-2.5
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months											
Highest		2.4	2.6	1.0	7.0	0.3	2.7	7.9	7.4	0.6	-1.0
Lowest		0.5	0.5	-2.4	-2.7	-0.2	0.4	0.5	-0.5	-0.4	-7.2
Median		1.5	1.4	-0.7	4.4	0.0	1.3	3.7	2.9	0.1	-2.2
OBR	Mar	1.8	1.2	-0.7	6.7	0.0	1.6	4.4	3.8	0.1	-3.7

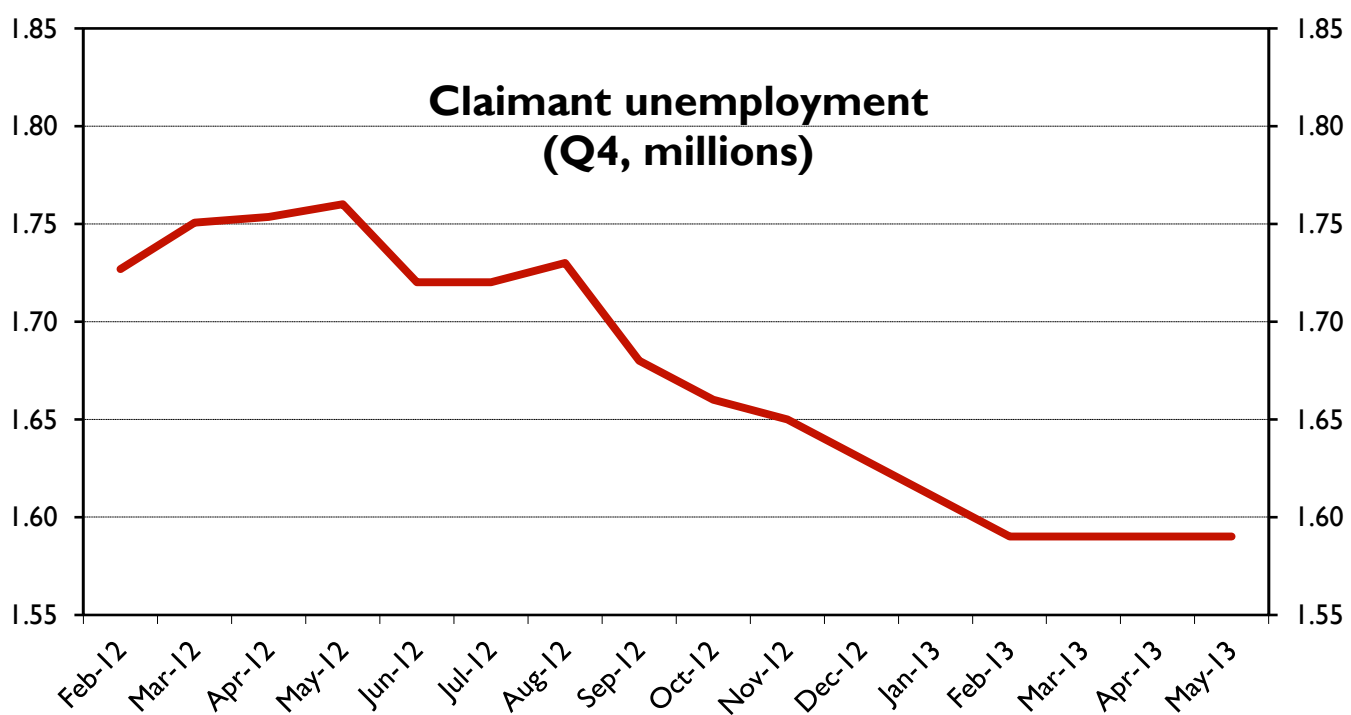
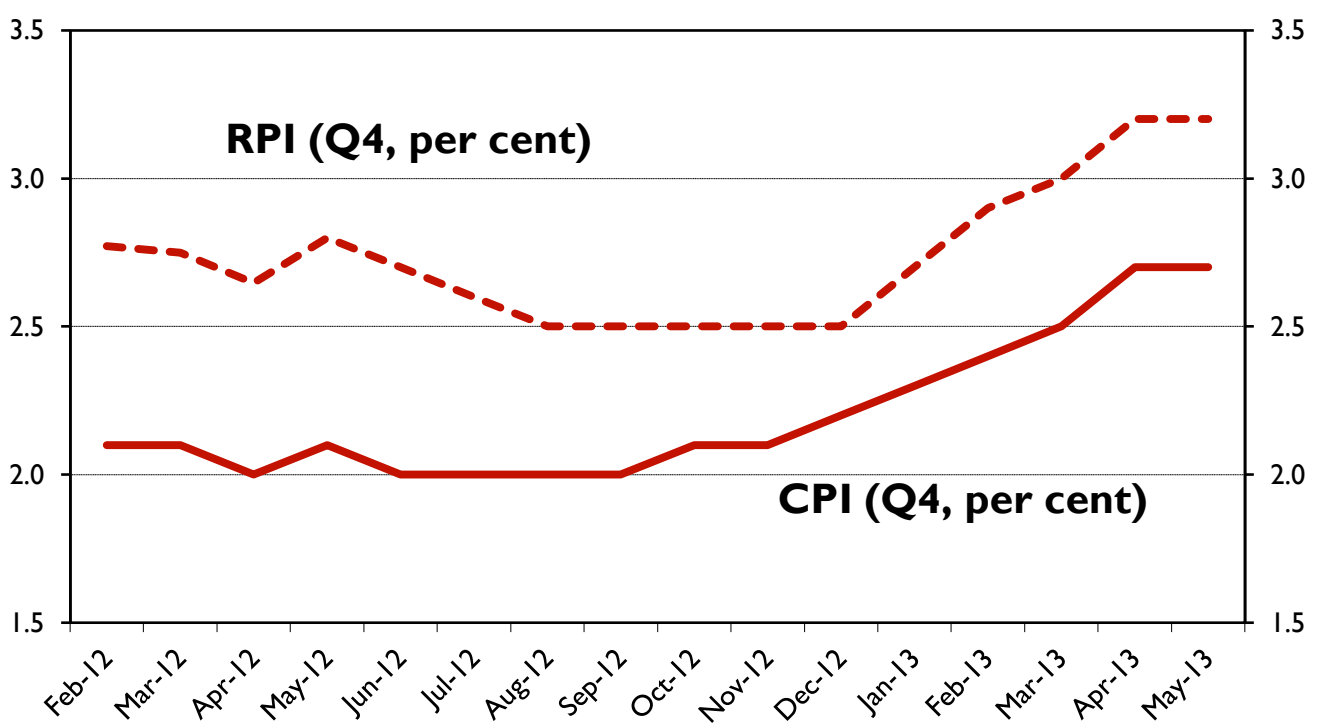
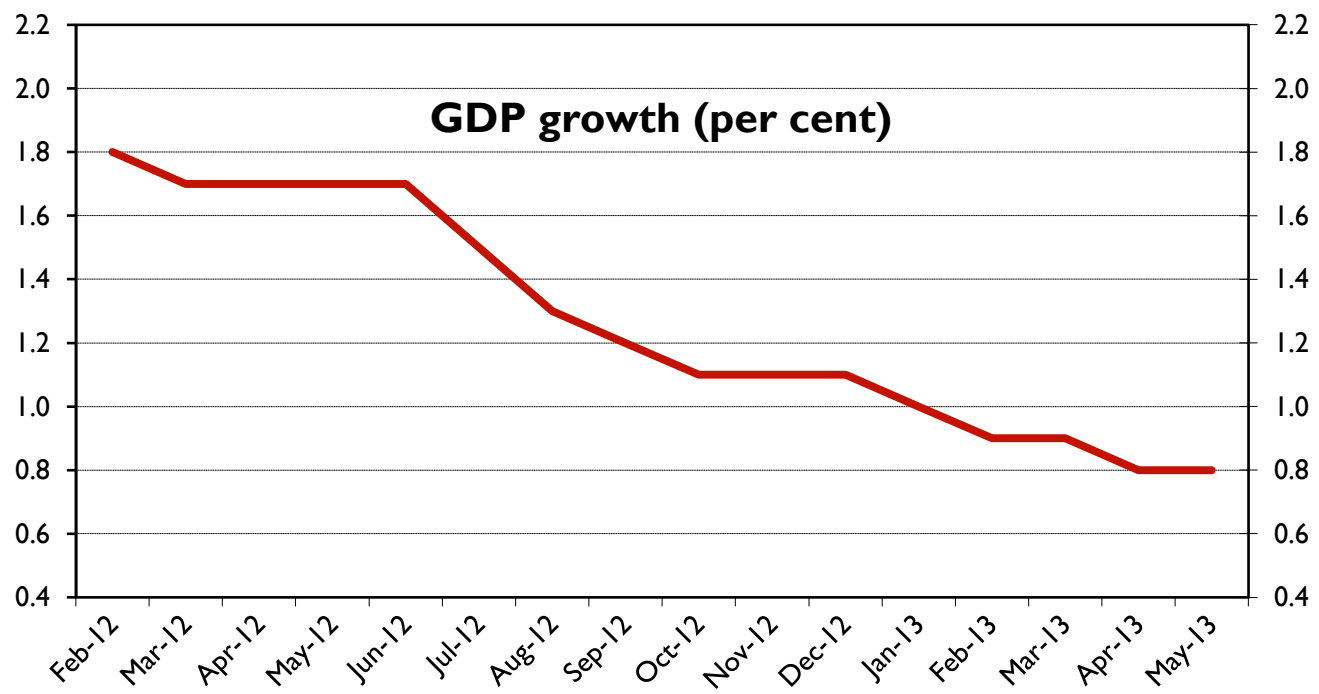
Table 5 - 2014: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

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 x10FC Growth
City forecasters									
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb	2.4	3.4	3.3	3.5	-	1.25	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	1.7	2.4	2.4	1.5	82.4	0.50	90.0	3.5
Citigroup	May *	2.4	3.0	3.0	1.5	79.5	0.50	115.6	-
Commerzbank	May *	2.3	2.7	2.6	2.6	83.1	0.50	119.3	-
Credit Suisse	May *	2.6	3.4	3.3	-	-	0.50	110.0	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	2.3	3.2	-	3.0	77.9	0.75	113.3	-
Fathom Consulting	May *	2.2	2.3	2.2	1.8	76.6	0.50	126.0	-
Goldman Sachs	May *	2.3	3.3	-	2.2	84.0 g	0.50	100.0	4.2 g
HSBC	Apr	3.0	3.8	-	2.4	-	0.50	-	-
ING Financial Markets	May *	2.1	2.9	3.0	2.5	-	0.75	110.0	-
Lombard Street	Feb	2.2	2.4	-	-	82.0	0.50	95.0	4.4
Morgan Stanley	May *	2.7	3.2	3.2	2.9	-	0.75	-	-
Nomura	May *	2.4	3.0	3.1	2.1	-	0.50	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	May *	2.6	3.1	3.1	3.0	75.5	0.50	98.0	-
Santander GBM	May *	2.7	3.3	3.2	2.0	-	0.75	115.0	-
Schroders Investment Management	Apr	3.3	3.4	3.6	2.1	-	0.50	-	-
Scotiabank	May *	2.2	3.1	3.6	1.7	-	0.50	-	-
Societe Generale	May *	2.9	2.8	2.8	1.9	79.0	0.50	112.0	-
Standard Chartered Bank	May *	2.4	-	-	-	-	0.50	105.0	-
UBS	Mar	2.9	3.8	-	2.0	-	0.50	-	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	Apr	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.9	-	0.50	110.0	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	1.8	2.5	2.6	2.4	74.7	1.50	109.0	6.5
Cambridge Econometrics	Mar	2.3	3.2	-	3.0	101.2 k	0.80	115.6	-
CBI	Mar	2.2	2.5	2.4	2.2	79.9	1.00	117.0	-
CEBR	May *	2.2	2.9	2.9	1.9	80.3	0.50	106.0	-
Economic Perspectives	May *	3.7	4.0	4.2	2.7	75.0	1.50	125.0	12.0
Experian Economics	May *	2.4	3.2	3.0	3.0	85.0	0.50	105.3	-
EIU	May *	2.8	3.0	3.1	1.3	80.5	0.50	104.8	-
IHS Global Insight	May *	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.3	-	0.50	94.4	-
ITEM Club	May *	2.5	3.0	2.9	3.0	79.0	0.50	112.0	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	2.5	-	3.0	2.8	82.7	2.00	-	-
NIESR	May *	2.3	3.0	2.8	2.7 j	81.9 k	0.50	98.8 n	-
Oxford Economics	May *	1.9	2.9	2.8	2.5	81.4	0.50	108.1	-
EC	May *	2.5 h	-	-	2.8	-	-	99.2	-
OECD	Dec	1.8 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	May *	2.5 h	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Independent		2.5	3.1	3.0	2.3	79.5	0.67	109.2	7.3
New (marked *)		2.4	3.0	3.0	2.3	79.6	0.68	108.2	7.3
City		2.5	3.1	3.0	2.2	79.1	0.56	109.5	3.5
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months									
Highest		3.7	4.0	4.2	3.0	85.0	2.00	126.0	12.0
Lowest		1.7	2.3	2.2	1.3	74.7	0.50	90.0	3.5
Median		2.4	3.0	3.0	2.4	79.7	0.50	110.0	6.5
OBR	Mar	2.1	2.9	3.1	2.8	83.4	0.50	101.7	-

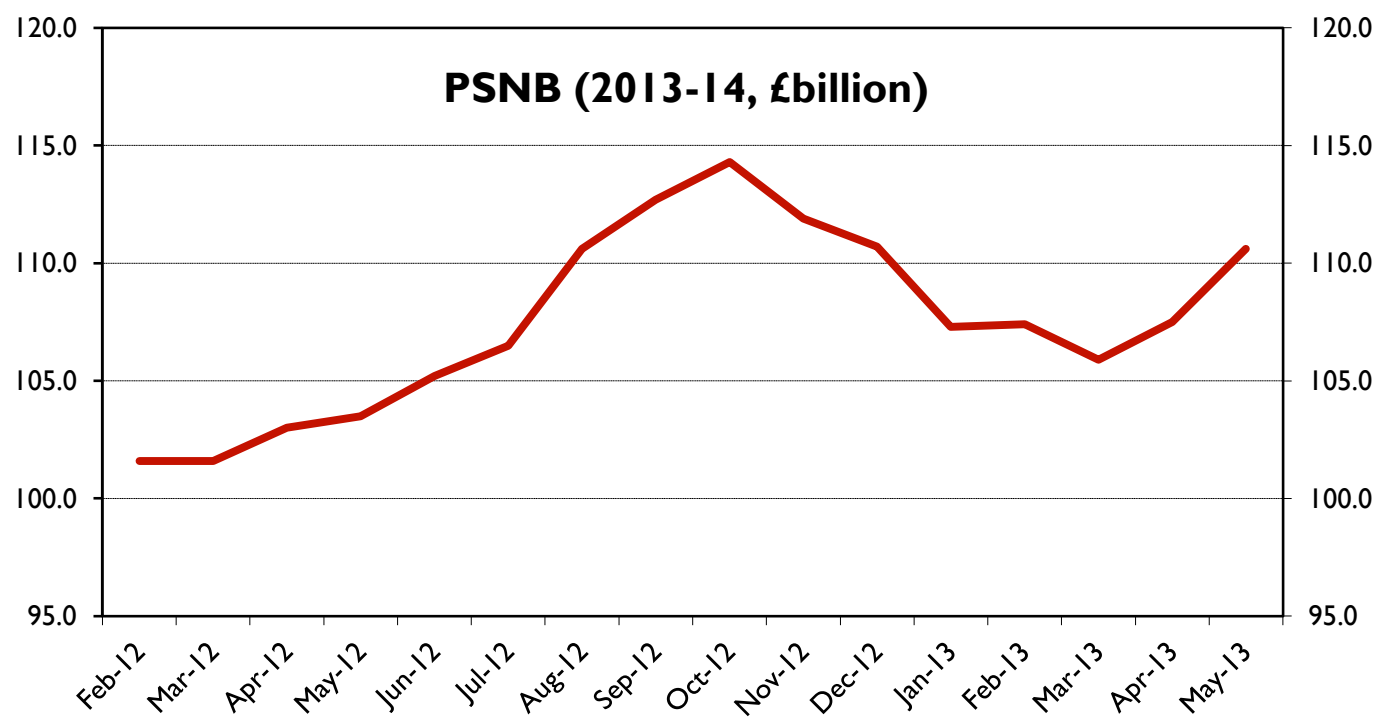
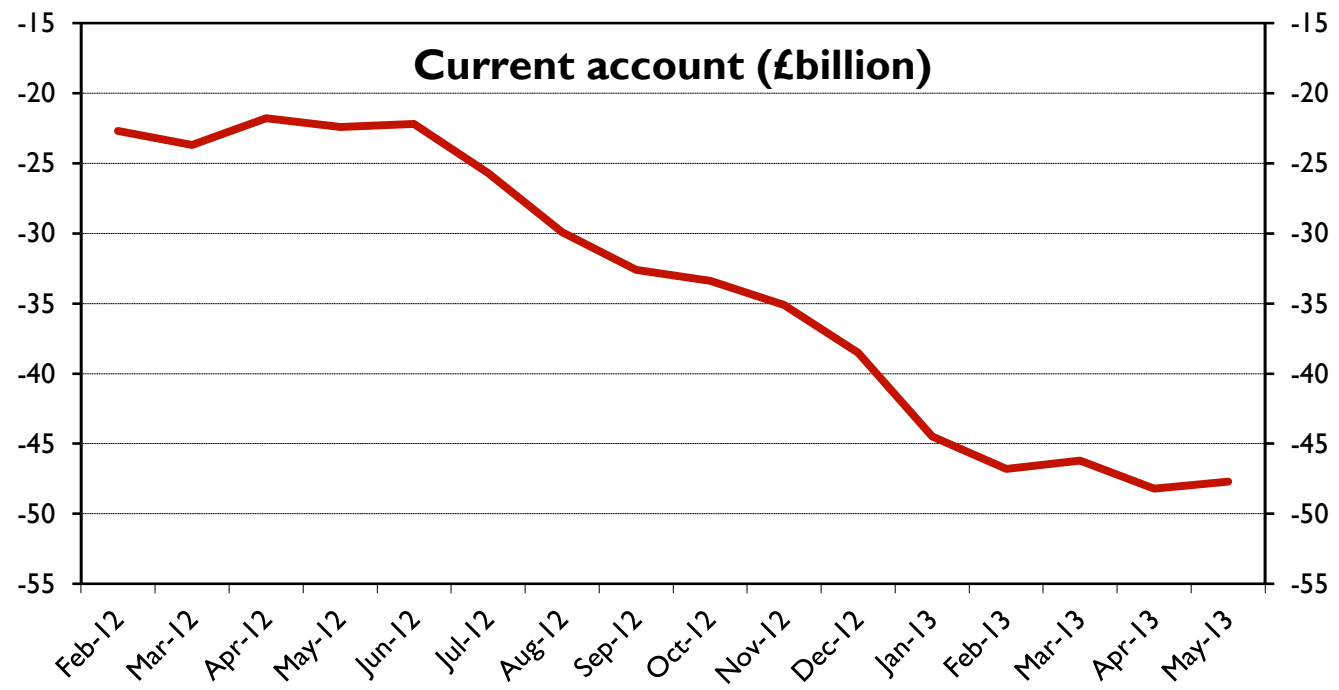
Table 6 - 2014: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		House price inflation (Q4)	Real household disposable income	Employment growth	Claimant unemployment (Q4,millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (£bn)	PSNB (£bn 2014-15)
City forecasters										
Bank of America - Merrill Lynch	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barclays Capital	Feb	5.9 y	0.2	0.3	1.59	2.9	-	-51.4	-	87.8
Capital Economics	May *	0.0 y	1.0	-1.0	1.70	1.5	4.0	-45.0	500.0	100.0
Citigroup	May *	0.5	0.0	0.7	1.59	0.8	-	-44.2	450.0	112.2
Commerzbank	May *	2.1 y	3.0	0.7	1.46	0.1	5.0	-39.8	-	102.1
Credit Suisse	May *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-24.6	-	-
Daiwa Capital Markets	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Apr	0.0	-	-	1.56	0.3	-	-40.3	375.0	105.0
Fathom Consulting	May *	-2.6 x	1.0	0.2	1.58	-	-	-55.0	-	102.0
Goldman Sachs	May *	-	1.7	1.1	1.50	2.0	-	-45.0	-	89.0
HSBC	Apr	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	-
ING Financial Markets	May *	3.5	2.0	1.0	1.50	2.0	-	-42.0	420.0	95.0
Lombard Street	Feb	2.1 k	0.3	-0.2	-	-	-	-56.6	475.0	92.0
Morgan Stanley	May *	-	-0.1	0.6	-	2.6	-	-	375.0	104.1
Nomura	May *	1.8 z	-	1.4	-	-0.4	-	-54.5	-	87.2
RBS Global Banking & Markets	May *	-	0.9	0.3	1.62	1.0	-	-32.0	375.0	105.0
Santander GBM	May *	-	-	0.9	1.53	0.9	-	-64.7	375.0	107.0
Schroders Investment Management	Apr	2.5 x	-	0.9	1.53	1.3	-	-55.0	450.0	112.0
Scotiabank	May *	-	-	0.3	1.44	1.1	-	-	375.0	-
Societe Generale	May *	4.0 x	-	0.4	1.65	1.5	-	-33.0	375.0	109.0
Standard Chartered Bank	May *	-	-	-	1.50	-	-	-	-	100.0
UBS	Mar	2.5	-	-	1.66	1.7	-	-24.0	-	95.0
Non-City forecasters										
British Chambers of Commerce	Apr	-	-	-	-	1.0	3.3	-45.0	425.0	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	6.9 z	-	0.6	1.47	3.5	10.0	-67.6	375.0	126.3
Cambridge Econometrics	Mar	-	2.3	0.6	1.70	1.3	3.2	-22.1	-	98.2
CBI	Mar	-	1.3	0.4	1.48	2.2	-	-43.8	-	101.8
CEBR	May *	2.7 kz	0.6	0.4	1.51	0.6	3.0	-35.0	400.0	107.0
Economic Perspectives	May *	5.0 x	-0.5	0.5	1.90	1.5	6.0	-25.0	375.0	105.0
Experian Economics	May *	3.0 z	1.1	0.6	1.54	2.0	-	-45.5	-	99.1
EIU	May *	-	0.6	0.4	1.61	0.4	-	-57.8	500.0	106.0
IHS Global Insight	May *	3.0 x	1.3	1.0	1.62	1.6	-	-41.8	425.0	96.4
ITEM Club	May *	3.2 z	1.0	-	1.44	4.0	6.6	-51.0	-	98.0
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	-	-	-	1.33	-	-	-52.8	-	84.7
NIESR	May *	-0.9 hz	1.4	0.6	2.65 hp	-	5.8	-37.5	-	107.9
Oxford Economics	May *	1.3 z	1.1	0.6	1.55	2.3	5.4	-49.9	425.0	90.6
EC	May *	-	-	1.1	7.90 hq	-	-	-2.0 a	-	-6.3 a ab
OECD	Dec	-	-	0.9 k	8.04 hq	-	-	-3.1 a	-	-6.0 k
IMF	May *	-	-	-	7.78 hq	-	-	-108.3 k	-	104.0 h
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Independent		2.3	1.1	0.6	1.56	1.4	5.2	-43.5	411.5	101.7
New (marked *)		2.5	1.0	0.6	1.55	1.5	5.7	-44.9	410.4	101.5
City		1.4	1.2	0.6	1.56	1.1	4.5	-42.8	407.0	101.6
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months										
Highest		6.9	3.0	1.4	1.90	4.0	10.0	-22.1	500.0	126.3
Lowest		-2.6	-0.5	-1.0	1.33	-0.4	3.0	-67.6	375.0	84.7
Median		2.5	1.0	0.6	1.54	1.4	5.2	-44.2	400.0	102.0
OBR	Mar	2.0 z	0.4	0.3	1.62	-	5.6	-36.9	-	97.3

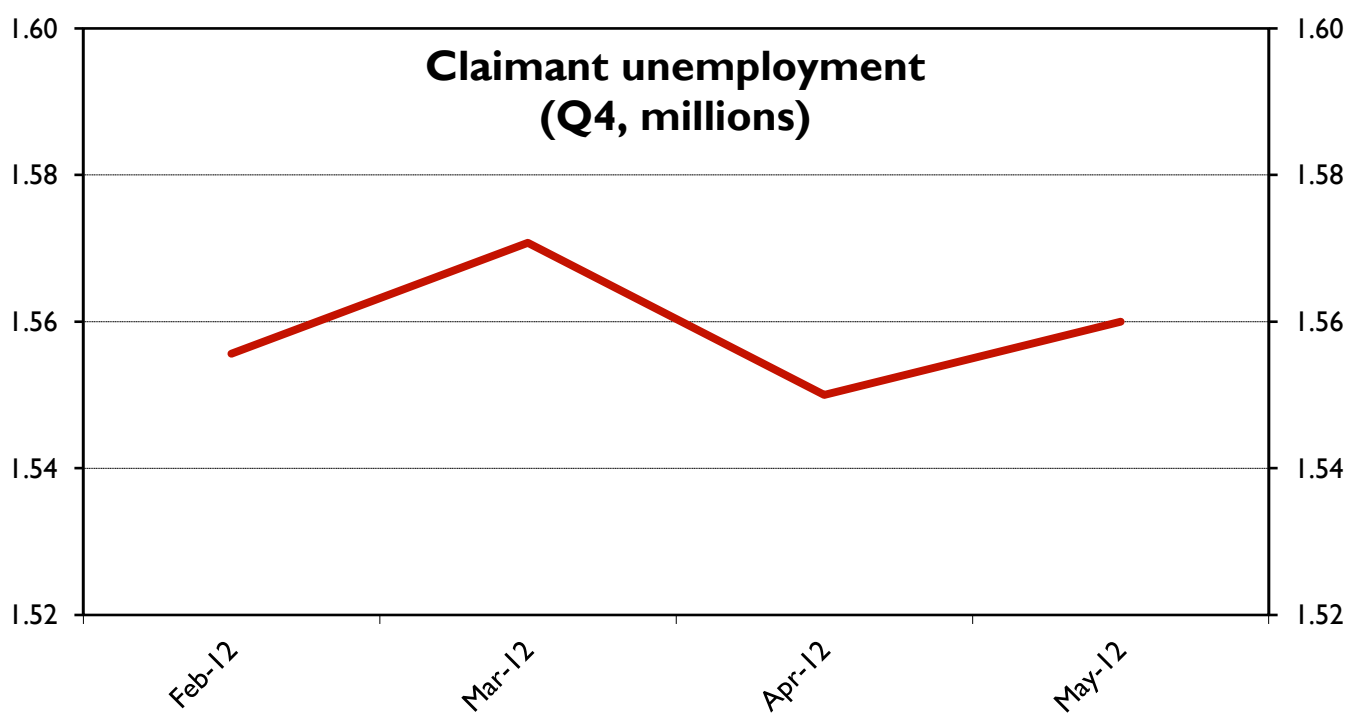
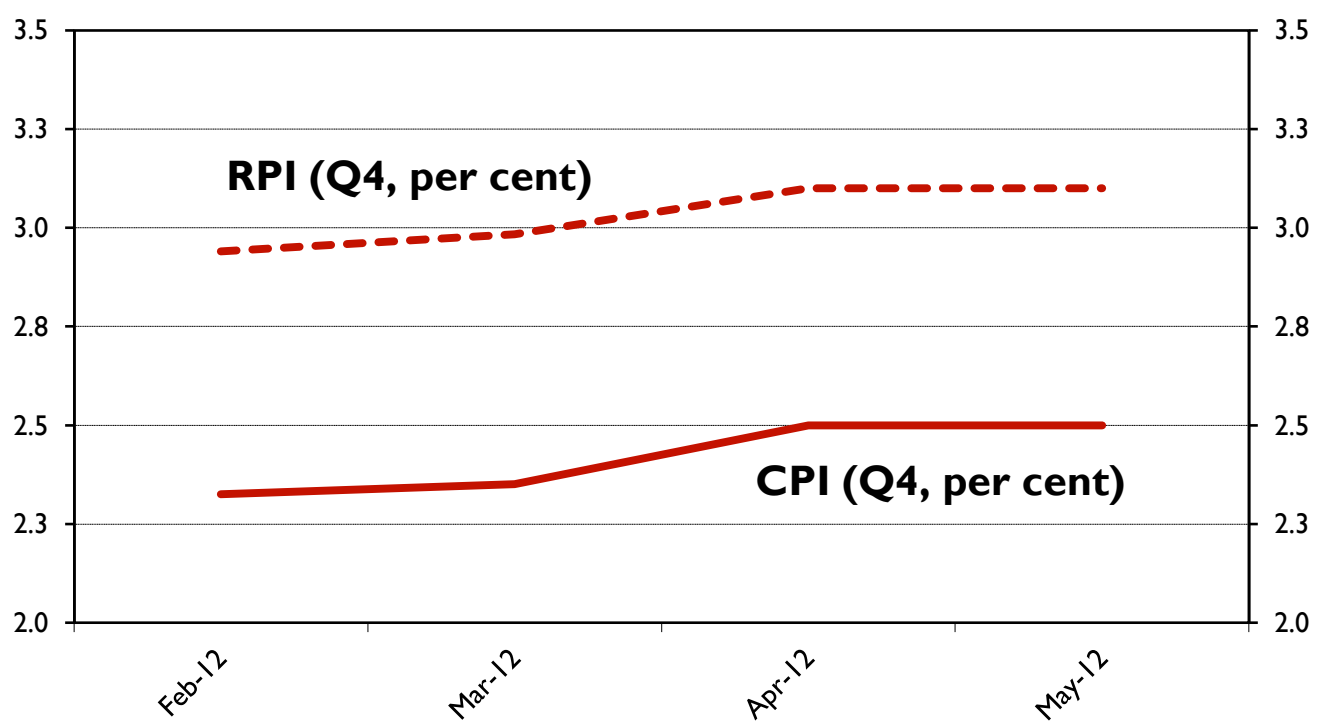
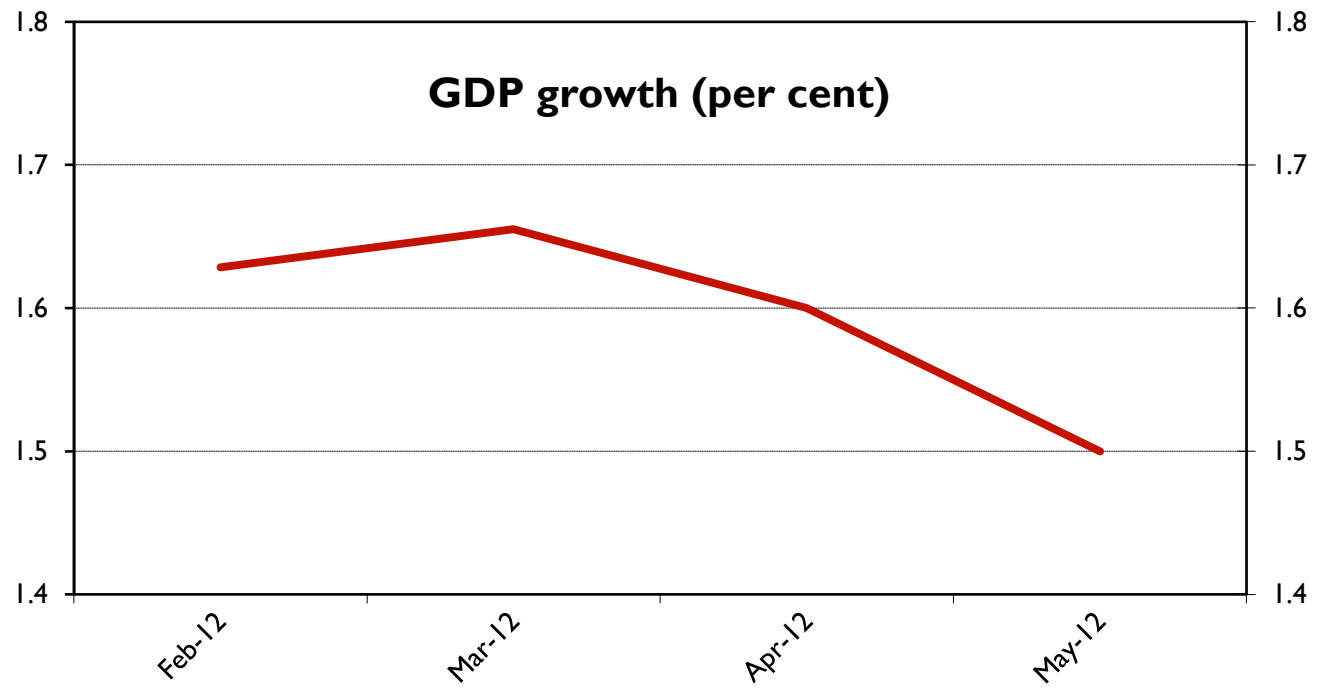
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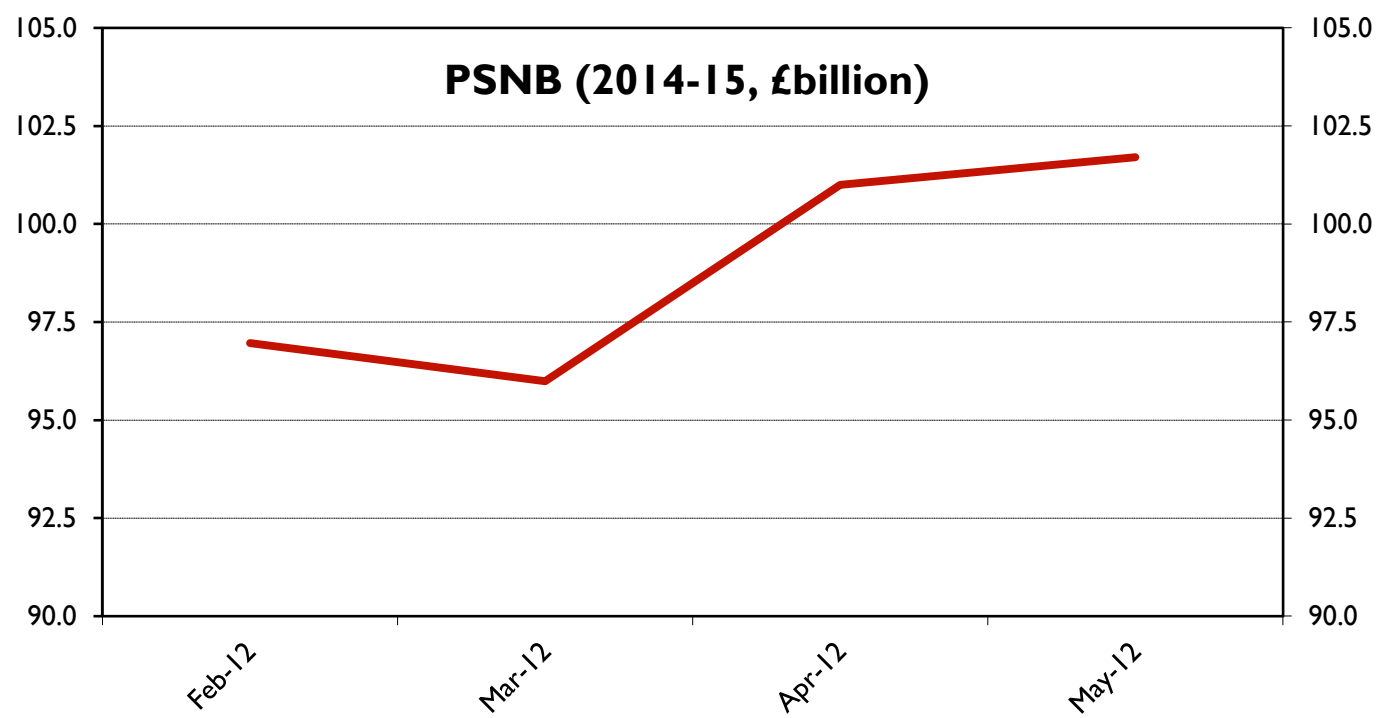
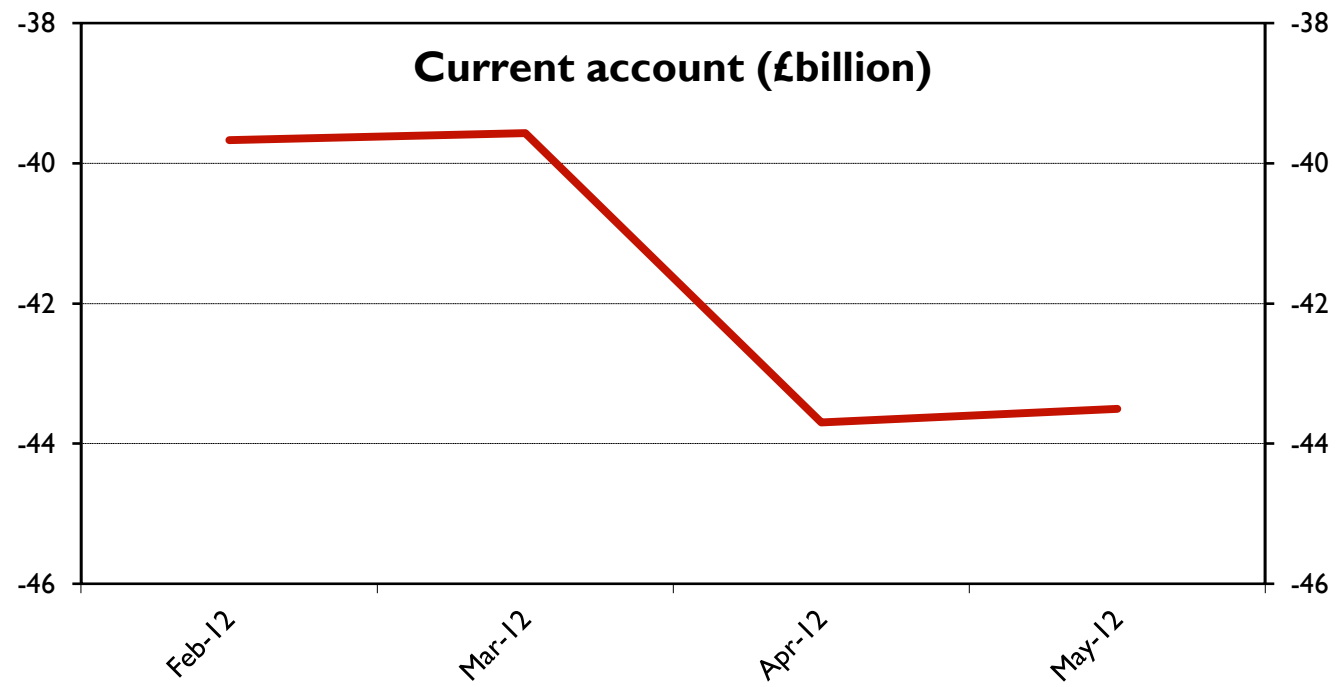
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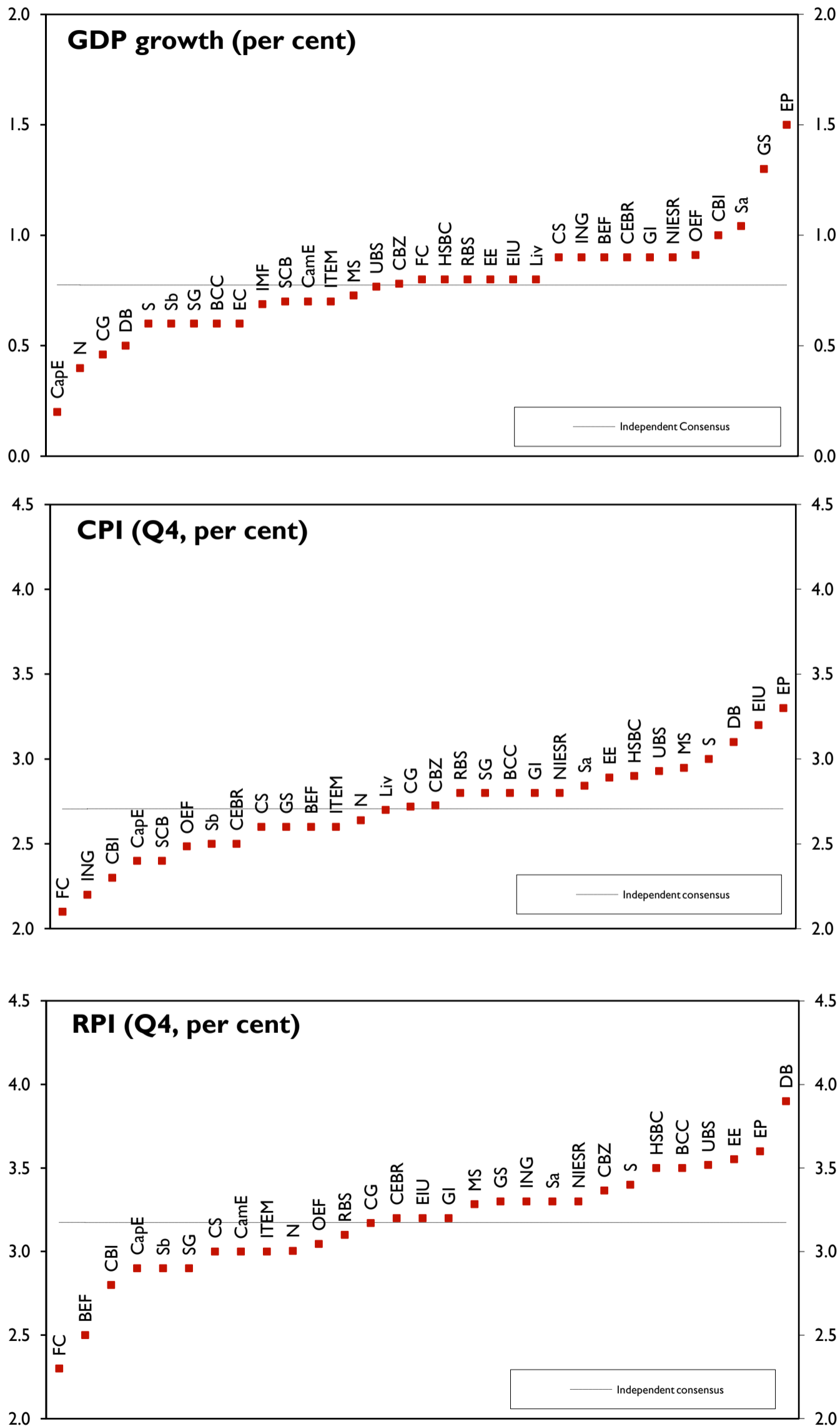
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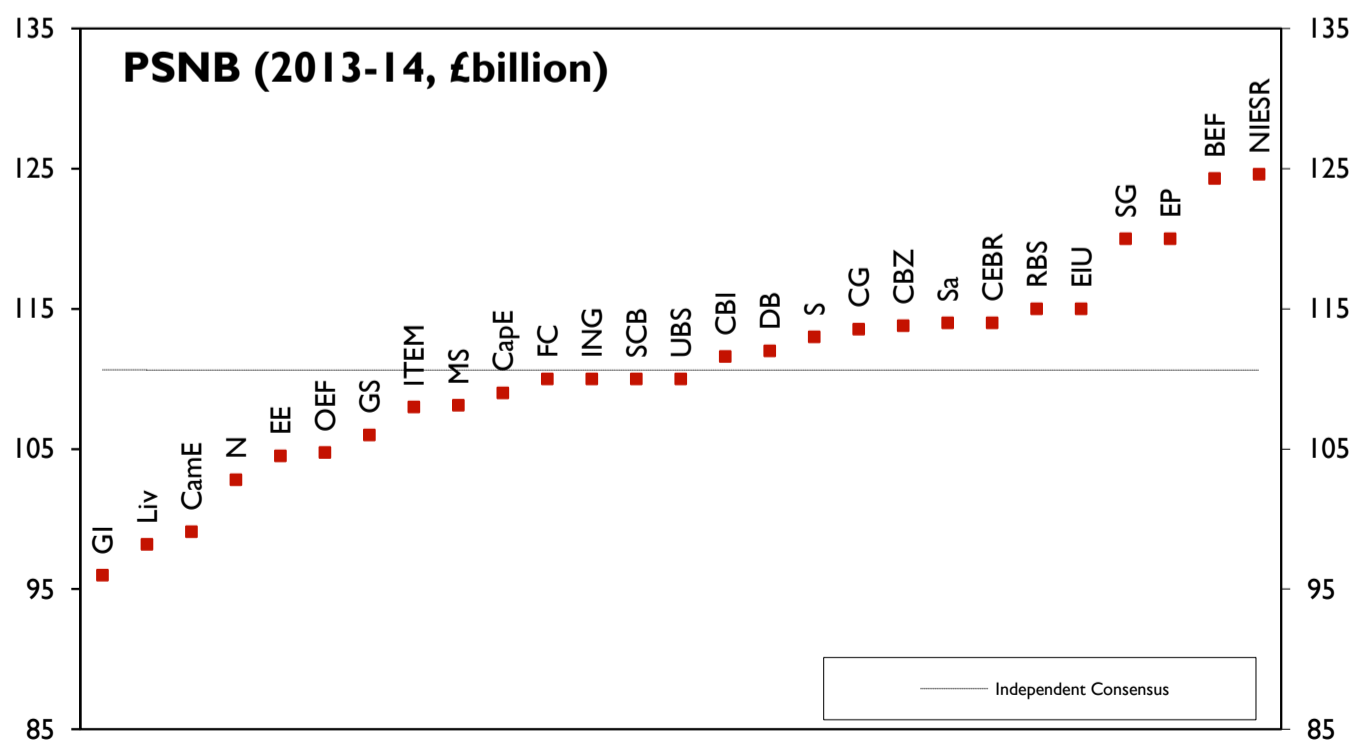
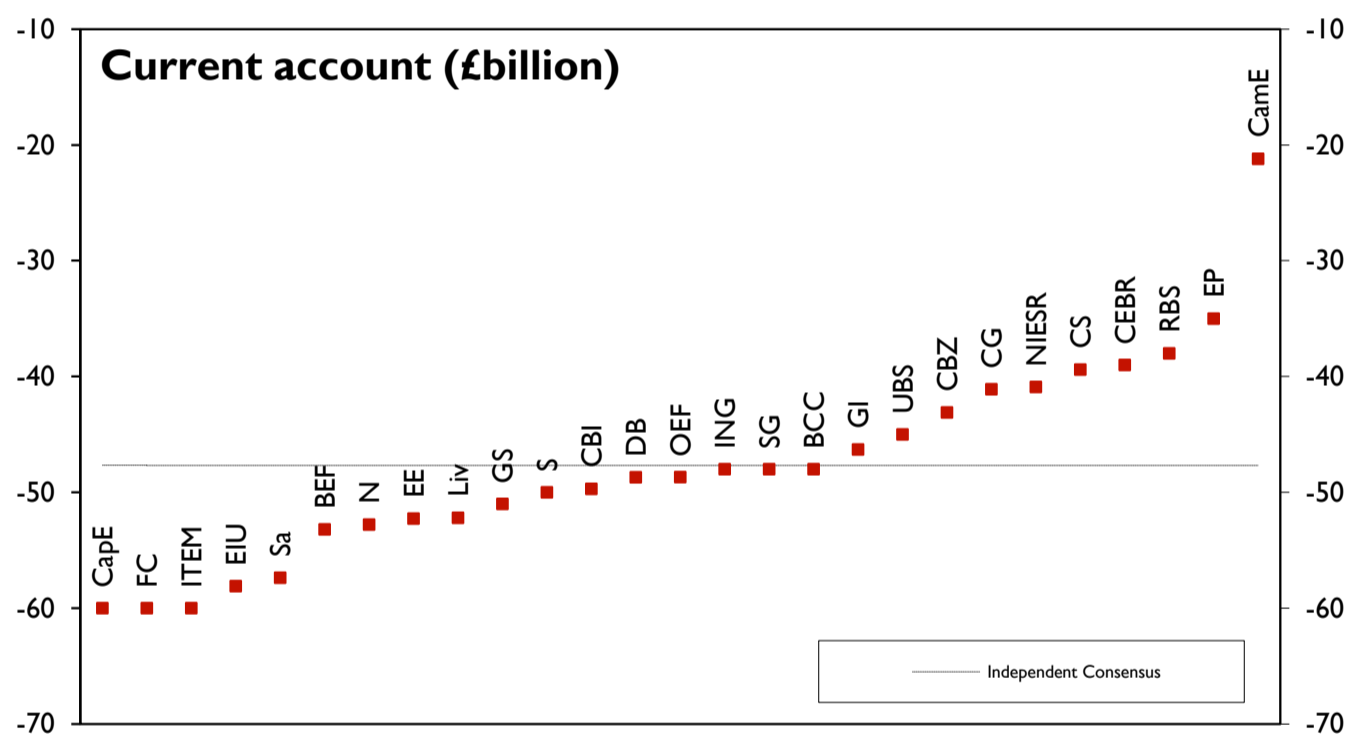
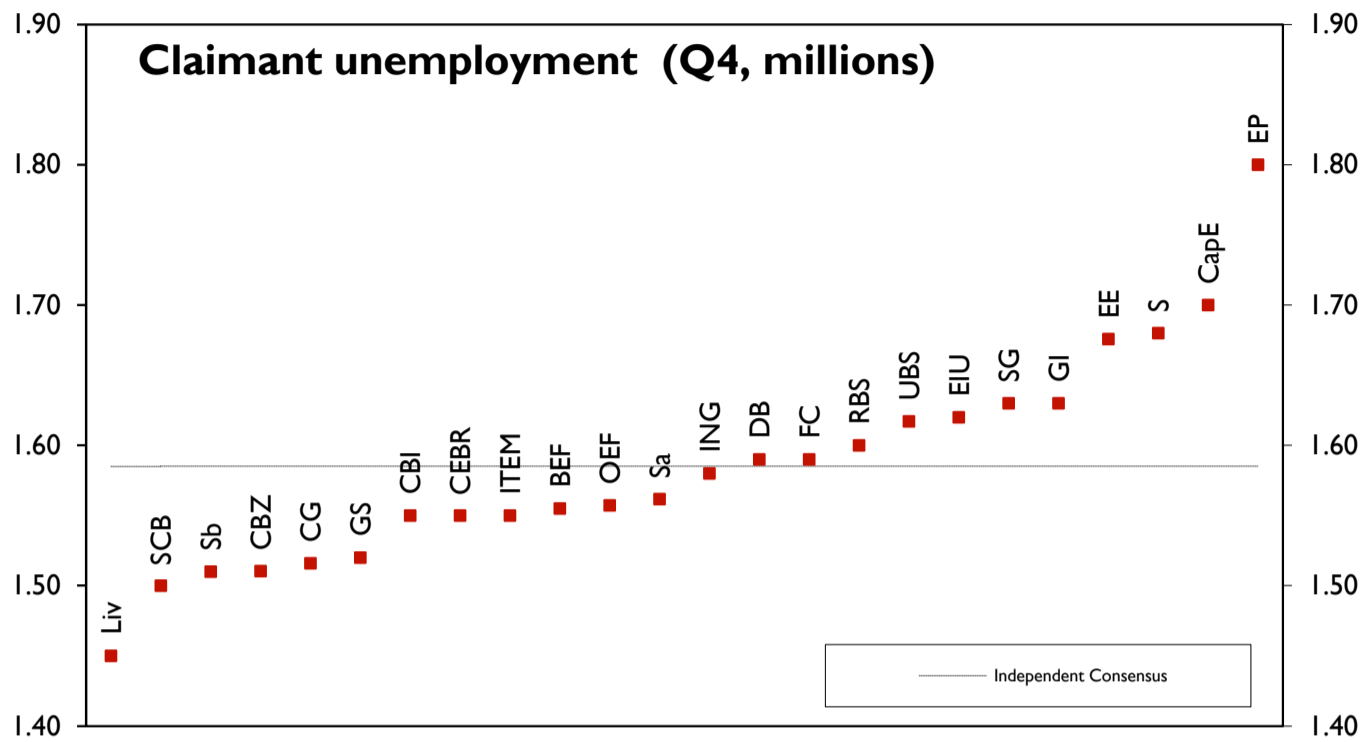
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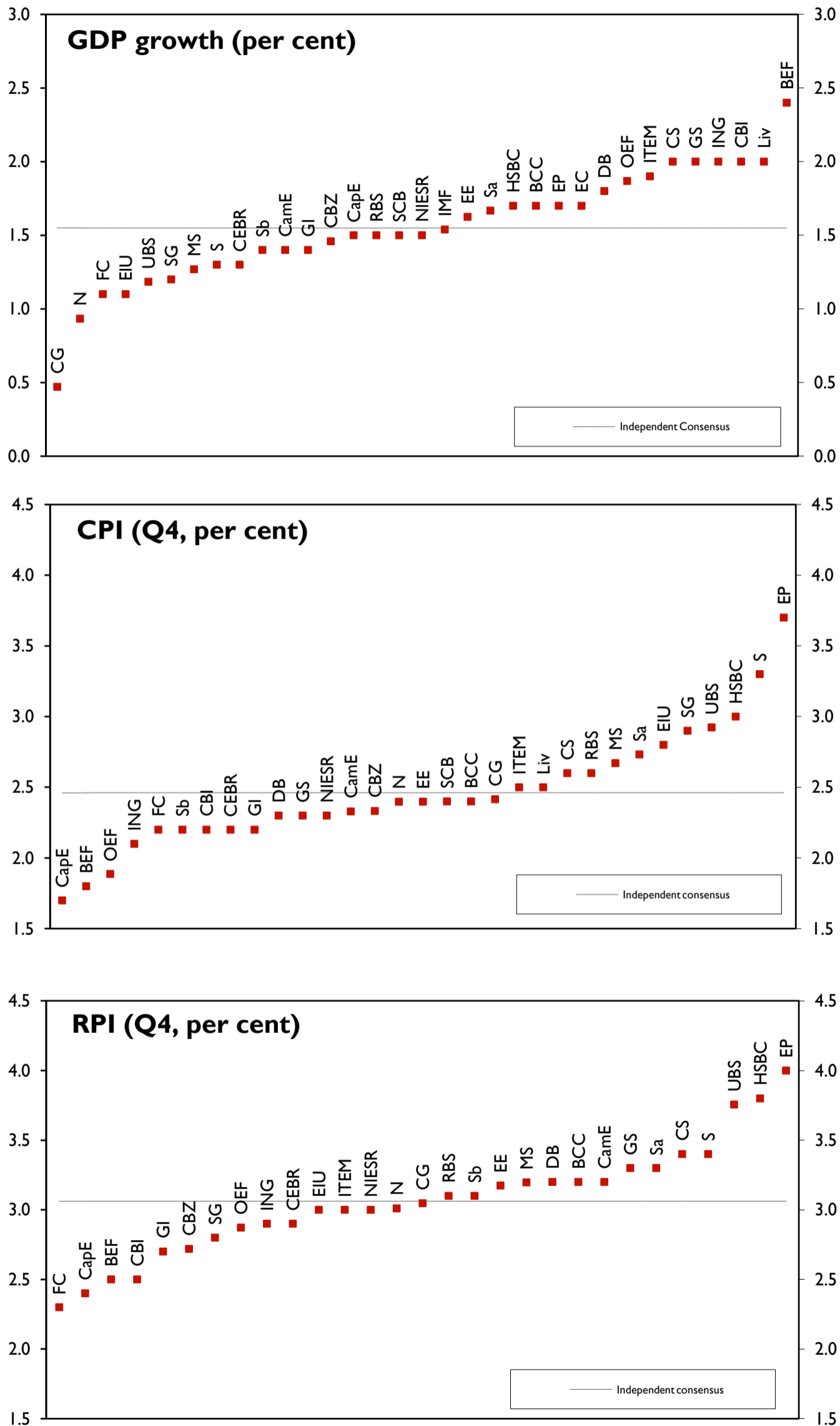
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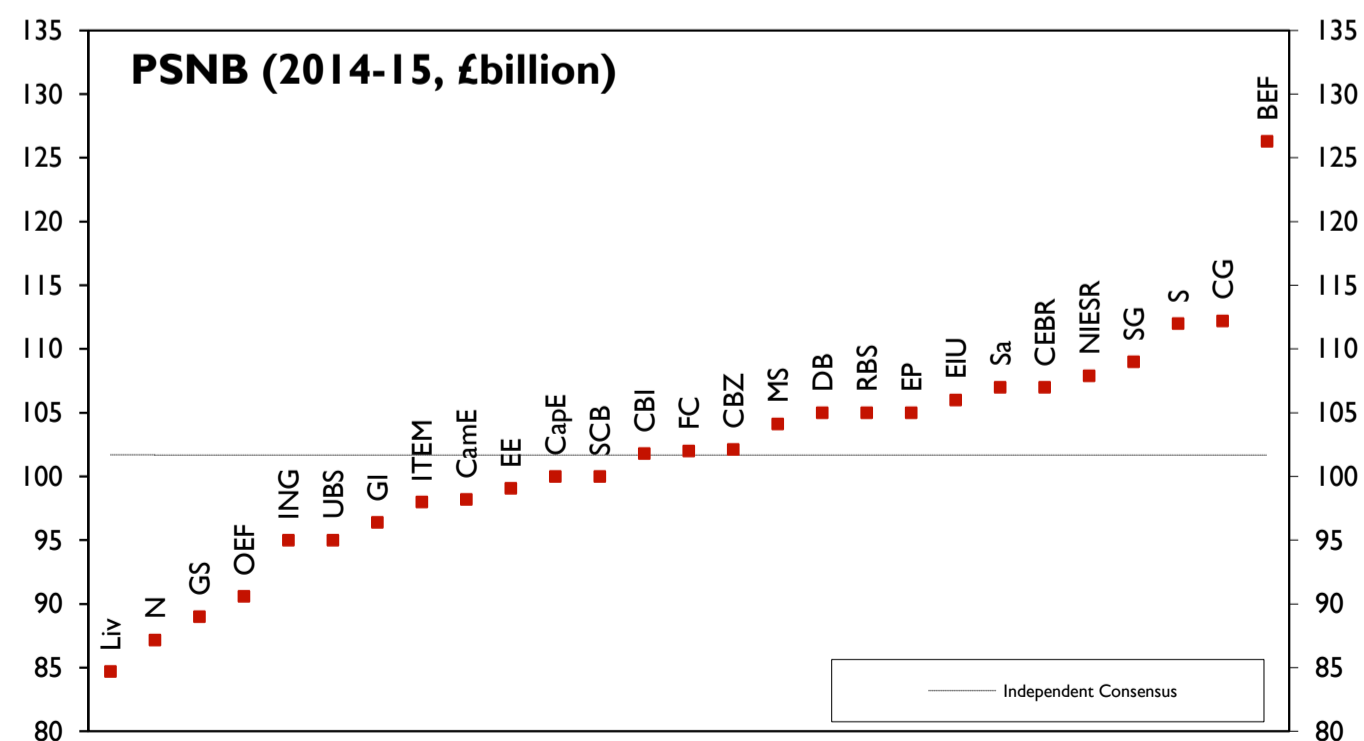
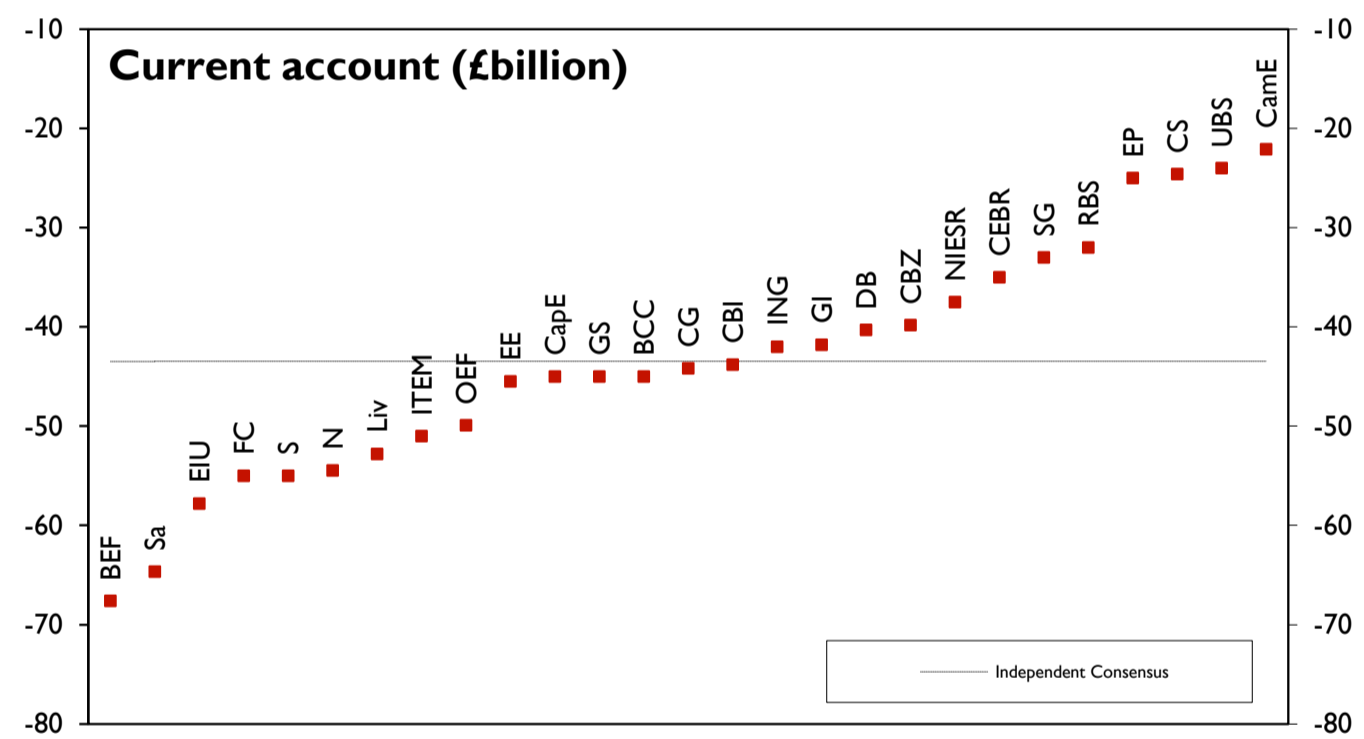
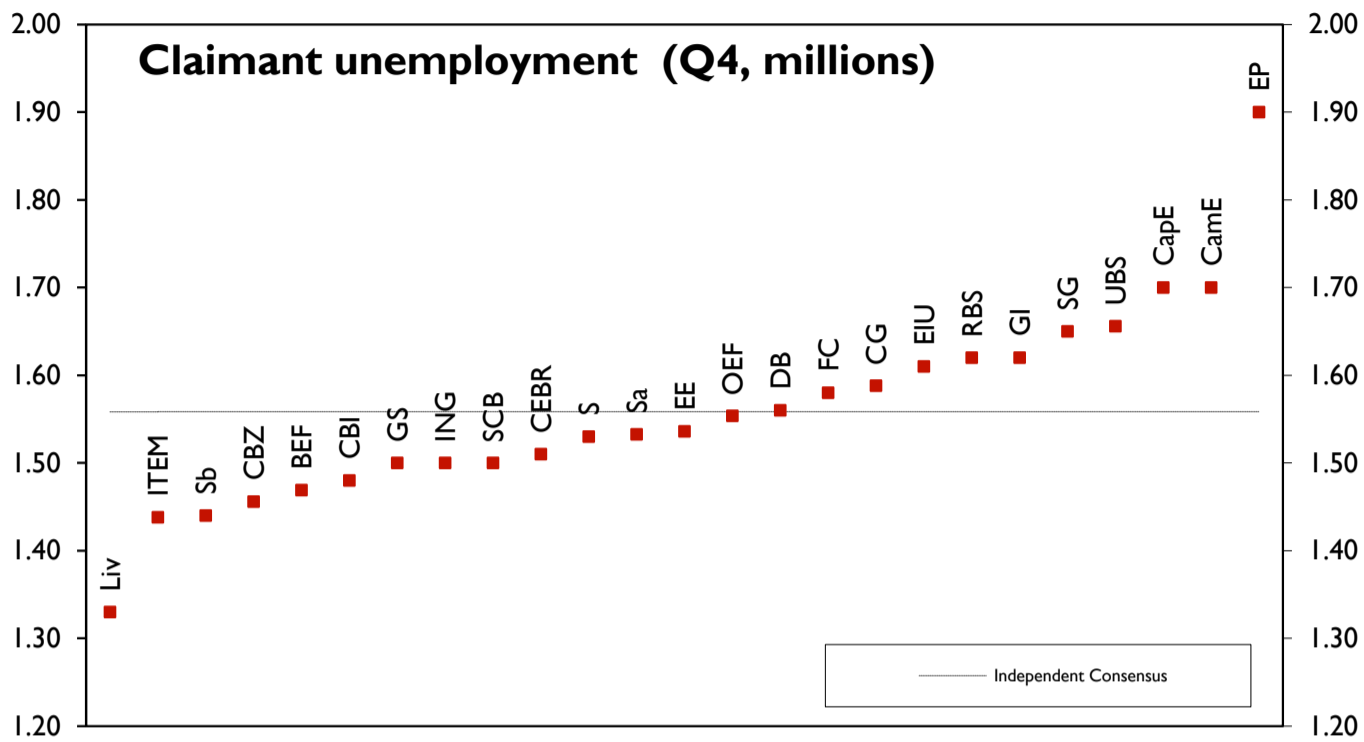
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made in last 3 months**



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2014;
GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in the last 3 months**



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2014;
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made in last 3 months**



Medium-term forecasts, May 2013

This edition of the comparison contains 17 new medium-term projections for the calendar years 2013 to 2017, and the fiscal years 2013-14 to 2017-18. The table below summarises the independent average of new forecasts.

	Independent average				
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
GDP growth (per cent)	0.8	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.2
Inflation rate (per cent)					
- CPI	2.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2
- RPI	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.6
Claimant unemployment (mn)	1.57	1.54	1.45	1.38	1.31
Current account (£bn)	-48.5	-45.8	-45.4	-44.9	-48.2

	Independent average				
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
PSNB (£bn)	110.0	98.9	86.1	69.2	55.3

Note: All the averages given are the mean and exclude non-standard entries (see notation).

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

GDP (percentage change)					GDP deflator (percentage change)					
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
City forecasters										
1.0	2.1	2.4	2.5	2.4	Barclays Capital	2.8	2.4	2.4	2.4	-
0.2	1.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	Capital Economics	*	-	-	-	-
0.4	0.7	1.8	1.7	2.1	Citigroup	*	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.8
0.8	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.9	Commerzbank	*	1.5	2.2	2.8	2.4
1.2	2.0	-	-	-	Credit Suisse		-	-	-	-
1.3	2.0	2.3	2.6	-	Goldman Sachs	*	2.5	2.5	2.1	1.9
0.9	2.0	2.6	2.4	2.4	ING	*	-	-	-	-
0.4	0.9	1.1	1.6	-	Nomura	*	3.1	2.8	2.4	-
0.8	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.8	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	-	-	-	-
0.7	1.3	1.9	2.0	2.1	Schroders		-	-	-	-
1.1	1.2	-	-	-	UBS		-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
0.9	2.4	2.5	1.9	1.9	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	3.7	3.4	4.0	4.4
1.3	2.0	1.9	1.8	-	Cambridge Econometrics		2.1	2.7	2.9	-
0.9	1.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	CEBR	*	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.2
0.6	1.7	-	-	-	EC	*	-	-	-	-
0.5	1.3	1.7	0.9	-	EIU		-	-	-	-
0.8	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.1	Experian	*	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.8
0.8	1.4	2.0	2.5	2.4	IHS Global Insight	*	-	-	-	-
0.7	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.1	IMF	*	108.6 k	111.0 k	113.5 k	116.2 k
0.7	1.9	2.5	2.5	-	ITEM Club	*	3.4	2.8	2.4	-
0.8	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.5	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
0.9	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	NIESR	*	1.7 h	1.9 h	2.1 h	1.9 h
0.9	1.9	2.4	2.8	2.8	Oxford Economics	*	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.9
0.8	1.6	2.1	2.1	2.2	Independent average		2.5	2.4	2.4	2.3
0.8	1.6	2.1	2.2	2.2	New forecasts (marked *)		2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3
1.3	2.4	3.0	3.5	3.5	Highest		3.7	3.4	4.0	4.4
0.2	0.7	1.1	1.5	1.6	Lowest		1.5	1.7	1.5	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)					
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters										
0.5	1.7	2.1	2.1	2.0	Barclays Capital	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
0.7	1.1	-	-	-	Capital Economics	*	-0.2	0.3	-	-
0.1	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.8	Citigroup	*	0.4	0.1	0.4	0.3
0.9	1.3	1.9	1.4	2.5	Commerzbank	*	-0.1	0.1	-0.3	0.2
-	-	-	-	-	Credit Suisse		-	-	-	-
1.4	1.9	2.1	2.6	-	Goldman Sachs	*	-0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
1.0	1.9	2.4	2.6	2.5	ING	*	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2
0.6	0.8	0.8	1.6	-	Nomura	*	-0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.1
0.5	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.4	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4
0.8	0.8	1.0	2.0	2.2	Schroders		-0.8	-0.3	0.1	0.0
1.0	1.6	-	-	-	UBS		-0.3	-0.4	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
1.1	2.7	2.7	2.2	2.2	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3
1.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	-	Cambridge Econometrics		0.3	0.0	0.1	0.1
0.7	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.2	CEBR	*	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4
0.9	1.4	-	-	-	EC	*	0.0	0.4	-	-
0.6	1.1	1.5	0.7	-	EIU		-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
0.7	1.4	1.9	2.3	2.3	Experian	*	0.0	0.2	-0.1	-0.3
1.0	1.3	1.8	2.2	2.4	IHS Global Insight	*	-0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
-	-	-	-	-	IMF	*	-	-	-	-
1.0	2.1	2.4	2.2	-	ITEM Club	*	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	0.2
-	-	-	-	-	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
1.1	1.7	2.1	1.9	1.7	NIESR	*	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.3
0.9	1.6	2.1	2.3	2.3	Oxford Economics	*	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4
0.8	1.4	1.8	1.8	2.0	Independent average		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
0.8	1.5	1.8	1.9	2.0	New forecasts (marked *)		0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
1.4	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	Highest		0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
0.1	0.4	0.8	1.1	1.2	Lowest		-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.3

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

CPI inflation (annual average, per cent)					RPI inflation (annual average, per cent)					
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters										
2.7	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.4	Barclays Capital	3.4	3.4	3.8	3.7	3.8
2.8	2.0	1.6	2.0	2.0	Capital Economics *	3.2	2.6	-	-	-
2.8	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.4	Citigroup *	3.3	2.9	3.3	3.3	3.8
2.9	2.4	2.6	2.9	3.1	Commerzbank *	3.5	2.8	3.3	4.2	4.2
2.4	2.0	-	-	-	Credit Suisse	3.2	2.7	-	-	-
2.8	2.5	2.0	1.8	-	Goldman Sachs *	3.4	3.3	3.1	2.9	-
2.6	2.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	ING *	-	-	-	-	-
2.9	2.4	2.4	2.1	-	Nomura *	3.3	2.9	-	-	-
2.7	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.0	RBS Global Banking & Markets *	3.3	3.1	-	-	-
3.0	3.2	2.8	2.8	2.7	Schroders	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.7
-	-	-	-	-	UBS	-	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
3.0	1.8	2.3	2.7	2.6	Beacon Economic Forecasting *	3.2	2.2	3.3	3.6	3.6
1.6	2.1	1.7	1.8	-	Cambridge Econometrics	2.4	2.9	2.9	3.1	-
2.7	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.5	CEBR *	3.2	3.0	3.2	3.4	3.7
2.8	2.5	-	-	-	EC *	-	-	-	-	-
3.2	2.9	2.7	2.2	-	EIU	3.4	3.0	2.7	2.3	-
3.0	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	Experian *	3.6	3.3	3.6	4.1	4.2
2.9	2.4	2.1	2.1	1.9	IHS Global Insight *	-	-	-	-	-
2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.9	IMF *	-	-	-	-	-
2.8	2.6	2.6	2.5	-	ITEM Club *	3.2	3.0	3.8	4.3	-
2.8	2.6	2.2	2.0	2.0	Liverpool Macro Research *	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.5	2.5
2.9	2.3	2.3	1.9	1.9	NIESR *	3.3	3.1	3.0	2.9	3.0
2.8	2.0	1.6	1.5	1.8	Oxford Economics *	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.7	3.5
2.8	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.2	Independent average	3.3	3.0	3.2	3.3	3.6
2.8	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.2	New forecasts (marked *)	3.3	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.6
3.0	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.1	Highest	3.6	3.3	3.8	4.3	4.2
2.6	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.8	Lowest	3.2	2.2	2.6	2.5	2.5

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)					
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Barclays Capital	0.50	0.88	1.88	2.88	3.88
-	-	-	-	-	Capital Economics *	0.50	0.50	1.00	2.50	4.00
79.6	79.5	79.5	-	-	Citigroup *	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.04
80.4	82.5	83.9	85.5	86.1	Commerzbank *	0.50	0.50	0.56	1.94	2.94
-	-	-	-	-	Credit Suisse	0.50	0.50	-	-	-
84 g	84 g	84 g	84 g	-	Goldman Sachs *	0.50	0.50	0.75	1.25	-
-	-	-	-	-	ING *	0.50	0.55	1.40	2.00	2.30
-	-	-	-	-	Nomura *	0.50	0.50	1.13	2.13	-
79.5	76.0	75.0	-	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets *	0.50	0.50	0.50	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Schroders	0.50	0.50	0.75	1.25	2.00
-	-	-	-	-	UBS	-	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
78.6	75.4	74.3	73.4	72.9	Beacon Economic Forecasting *	0.50	1.10	1.90	2.20	2.50
88.2 k	87.0 k	88.0 k	88.0 k	-	Cambridge Econometrics	0.50	0.80	1.40	1.80	-
80.0	79.9	81.0	82.0	83.4	CEBR *	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.90	1.80
-	-	-	-	-	EC *	-	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	EIU	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	-
81.8	84.0	87.0	89.4	90.0	Experian *	0.50	0.50	0.80	2.04	2.90
-	-	-	-	-	IHS Global Insight *	0.50	0.50	0.60	1.50	2.50
-	-	-	-	-	IMF *	-	-	-	-	-
80.0	79.0	78.5	78.0	-	ITEM Club *	0.50	0.50	1.00	2.00	-
83.5	82.7	82.1	81.5	81.0	Liverpool Macro Research *	0.60	1.50	2.00	2.00	2.00
81.7 k	81.8 k	82.2 k	82.7 k	83.4 k	NIESR *	0.50	0.50	0.70	1.10	1.50
79.1	79.9	84.2	86.1	86.0	Oxford Economics *	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.64	1.54
80.3	79.9	80.6	82.3	83.2	Independent average	0.51	0.62	0.97	1.62	2.38
80.3	79.9	80.6	82.3	83.2	New forecasts (marked *)	0.51	0.61	0.92	1.62	2.27
83.5	84.0	87.0	89.4	90.0	Highest	0.60	1.50	2.00	2.50	4.00
78.6	75.4	74.3	73.4	72.9	Lowest	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	1.04

Table M5: Medium-term forecasts for claimant unemployment

		Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions)				
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters						
Barclays Capital		1.55	1.59	1.59	1.54	1.49
Capital Economics	*	1.70	1.70	-	-	-
Citigroup	*	1.57	1.58	1.64	1.55	1.32
Commerzbank	*	1.52	1.47	1.48	1.50	1.51
Credit Suisse		-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	*	1.53	1.51	1.49	-	-
ING	*	-	-	-	-	-
Nomura	*	-	-	-	-	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	1.61	1.65	-	-	-
Schroders		4.90 k	4.80 k	4.40 k	3.90 k	3.20 k
UBS		-	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters						
Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	1.55	1.51	1.38	1.25	1.14
Cambridge Econometrics		1.70	1.76	1.78	1.76	-
CEBR	*	1.55	1.53	1.48	1.40	1.32
EC	*	8.00 q	7.90 q	-	-	-
EIU		5.10 q	5.20 q	4.90 q	4.90 q	-
Experian	*	1.64	1.59	1.45	1.36	1.29
IHS Global Insight	*	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	*	7.83 q	7.78 q	7.39 q	6.91 q	6.58 q
ITEM Club	*	1.60	1.48	1.39	1.30	-
Liverpool Macro Research	*	1.49	1.37	1.26	1.20	1.15
NIESR	*	2.63 p	2.65 p	2.48 p	2.32 p	2.26 p
Oxford Economics	*	1.54	1.56	1.53	1.49	1.44
Independent average		1.58	1.56	1.50	1.44	1.33
New forecasts (marked *)		1.57	1.54	1.45	1.38	1.31
Highest		1.70	1.70	1.64	1.55	1.51
Lowest		1.49	1.37	1.26	1.20	1.14

Table M6: Medium-term forecasts for house price inflation

		House price inflation (annual average)				
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters						
Barclays Capital		1.4 y	4.4 y	6.2 y	5.6 y	4.9
Capital Economics	*	0.0 y	0.0 y	- y	-	-
Citigroup	*	-1.3 k	-0.3 k	1.6 k	4.9 k	-
Commerzbank	*	-0.1 y	1.5 y	3.1 y	3.3 y	3.0 y
Credit Suisse		-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	*	-	-	-	-	-
ING	*	- x	- x	- x	- x	-
Nomura	*	1.7 z	1.7 z	2.8 z	3.2 z	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders		1.4 x	1.4 x	1.6 x	2.5 x	3.0 x
UBS		-	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters						
Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	2.3 z	5.6 z	7.7 z	6.4 z	5.2 z
Cambridge Econometrics		-	-	-	-	-
CEBR	*	1.4 k	2.3 k	3.4 k	4.1 k	4.5 k
EC	*	-	-	-	-	-
EIU		-	-	-	-	-
Experian	*	2.2 z	2.9 z	3.0 z	3.0 z	3.1 z
IHS Global Insight	*	2.0 x	2.6 x	4.3 x	5.5 x	5.1
IMF	*	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	*	0.2 z	2.1 z	5.0 z	6.0 z	-
Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	*	2.5 z	-0.9 z	-1.4 z	-0.7 z	0.5 z
Oxford Economics	*	1.6 z	1.0 z	2.1 z	3.2 z	4.3 z
Independent average		1.2	1.9	3.3	3.9	3.7
New forecasts (marked *)		1.1	1.7	3.2	3.9	3.7
Highest		2.5	5.6	7.7	6.4	5.2
Lowest		-1.3	-0.9	-1.4	-0.7	0.5

Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for the current account

Current account (£ billion)					Current account (per cent of money GDP)					
2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters										
-50.1	-51.4	-50.9	-48.8	-45.2	Barclays Capital	-3.1	-3.1	-2.9	-2.6	-2.3
-60.0	-45.0	-	-	-	Capital Economics	*	-	-	-	-
-41.1	-44.2	-44.6	-46.3	-45.9	Citigroup	*	-2.6	-2.7	-2.7	-2.6
-43.1	-39.8	-26.2	-25.5	-33.8	Commerzbank	*	-2.7	-2.4	-1.5	-1.8
-40.3	-25.2	-	-	-	Credit Suisse		-2.5	-1.5	-	-
-51.0	-45.0	-38.0	-33.0	-	Goldman Sachs	*	-3.2	-2.7	-2.2	-1.8
-	-	-	-	-	ING	*	-	-	-	-
-52.8	-54.5	-55.5	-60.6	-	Nomura	*	-3.3	-3.3	-3.2	-3.4
-38.0	-32.0	-	-	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	-2.4	-2.1	-	-
-60.0	-50.0	-55.0	-	-	Schroders		-	-	-	-
-29.0	-24.0	-	-	-	UBS		-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-53.2	-67.6	-78.3	-85.9	-92.6	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	-3.3	-4.0	-4.3	-4.4
-24.0	-21.7	-21.4	-22.2	-	Cambridge Econometrics		-1.5	-1.3	-1.4	-1.5
-39.0	-35.0	-31.0	-25.0	-19.0	CEBR	*	-2.5	-2.1	-1.8	-1.4
-	-	-	-	-	EC	*	-2.7	-2.0	-	-
-54.9	-61.7	-55.8	-50.8	-	EIU		-3.5	-3.8	-3.3	-3.0
-52.3	-45.5	-49.7	-58.6	-75.4	Experian	*	-3.3	-2.8	-2.9	-3.3
-46.3	-41.8	-35.2	-29.1	-30.1	IHS Global Insight	*	-2.9	-2.5	-2.0	-1.6
-106.0 k	-108.3 k	-106.0 k	-100.2 k	-91.2 k	IMF	*	-4.4 k	-4.3 k	-4.1 k	-3.7 k
-60.0	-51.0	-40.0	-28.0	-	ITEM Club	*	-3.7	-3.1	-2.2	-1.5
-52.2	-52.8	-53.0	-53.5	-54.0	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
-40.9	-37.5	-43.7	-49.7	-47.2	NIESR	*	-2.6	-2.3	-2.6	-2.8
-48.7	-49.9	-49.0	-43.4	-35.4	Oxford Economics	*	-3.1	-3.0	-2.9	-2.4
-46.8	-43.8	-45.5	-44.0	-47.9	Independent average		-2.9	-2.6	-2.6	-2.4
-48.5	-45.8	-45.4	-44.9	-48.2	New forecasts (marked *)		-2.9	-2.7	-2.6	-2.4
-38.0	-32.0	-26.2	-25.0	-19.0	Highest		-2.4	-2.0	-1.5	-1.4
-60.0	-67.6	-78.3	-85.9	-92.6	Lowest		-3.7	-4.0	-4.3	-4.4

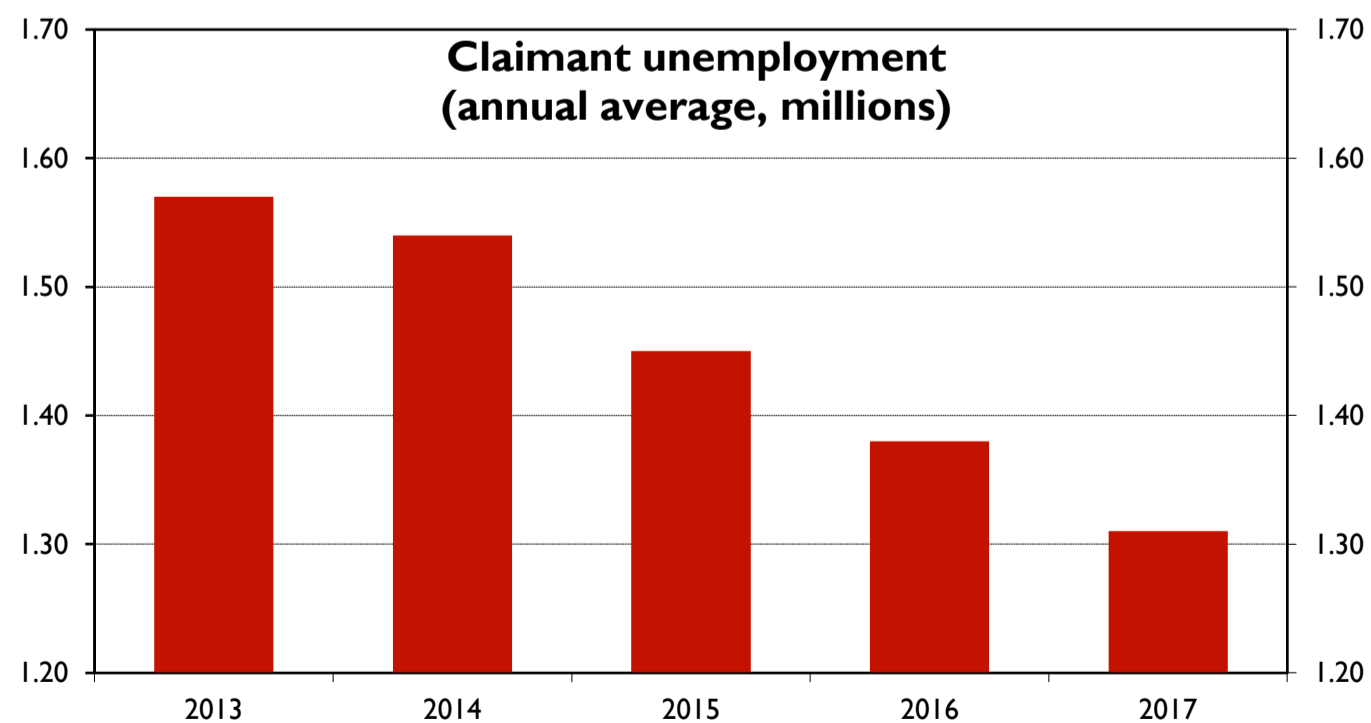
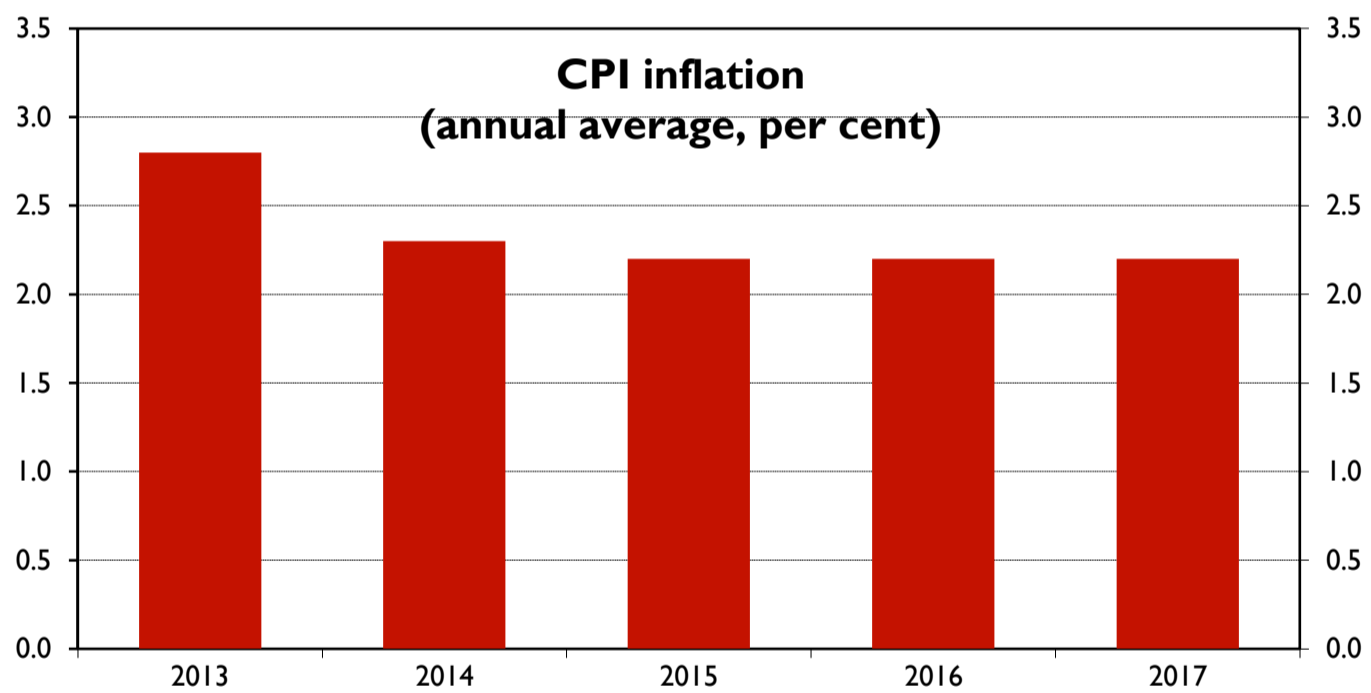
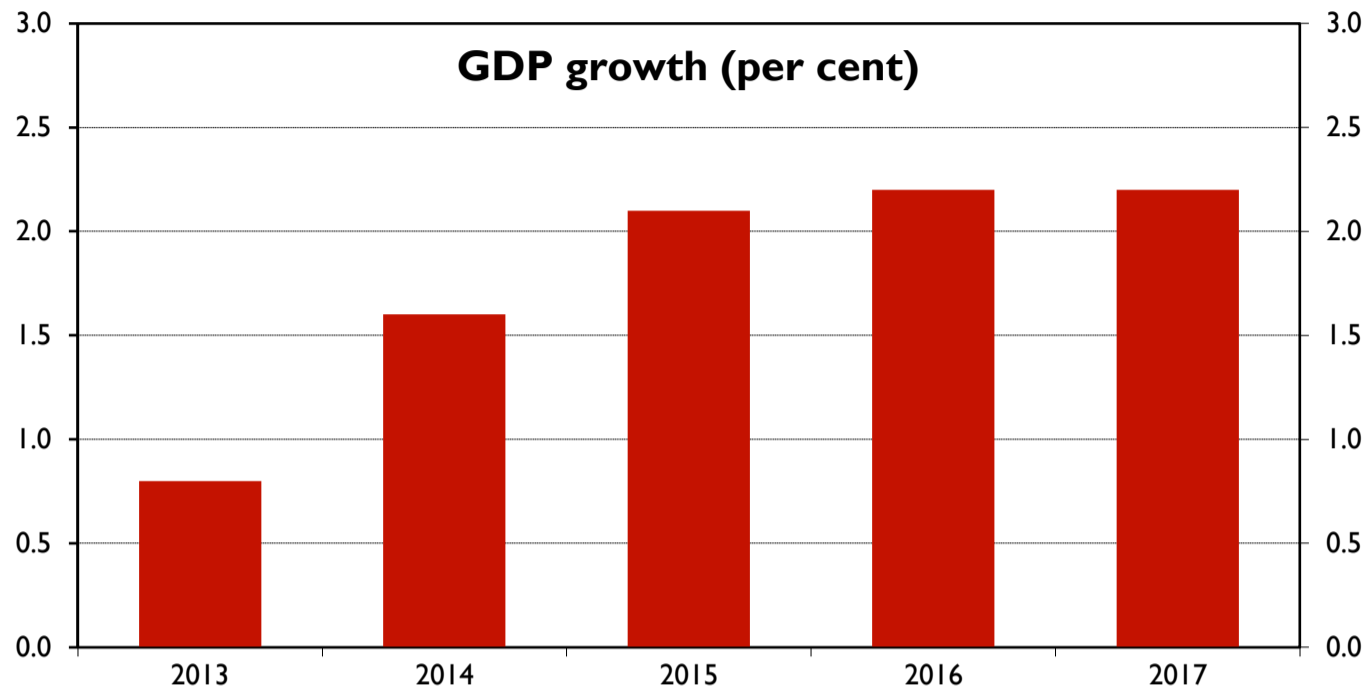
Table M8: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB

PSNB (£ billion)					PSNB (per cent of money GDP)					
2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18		2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
City forecasters										
99.1	87.8	73.2	48.9	-	Barclays Capital	6.1	5.2	4.1	2.6	-
109.0	100.0	83.0	47.0	21.0	Capital Economics	*	6.8	6.0	4.8	2.6
113.5	112.2	110.8	95.0	83.0	Citigroup	*	7.1	6.9	6.6	5.5
113.8	102.1	95.1	81.4	55.7	Commerzbank	*	7.1	6.2	5.5	4.5
99.0	88.0	-	-	-	Credit Suisse		6.1	5.2	-	-
106.0	89.0	72.0	49.0	16.0	Goldman Sachs	*	6.6	5.3	4.1	2.7
110.0	95.0	70.0	55.0	30.0	ING	*	-	-	-	-
102.8	87.2	78.2	-	-	Nomura	*	6.4	5.2	4.5	-
115.0	105.0	-	-	-	RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	7.2	6.3	-	-
100.0	85.0	65.0	50.0	-	Schroders		-	-	-	-
110.0	95.0	-	-	-	UBS		-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
124.3	126.3	126.1	123.0	115.5	Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.3
79.8 hr	60.5 hr	43.7 hr	-	-	Cambridge Econometrics		4.8 hr	3.5 hr	2.4 hr	-
114.0	107.0	102.0	84.0	76.0	CEBR	*	7.1	6.4	5.9	4.7
-	-	-	-	-	EC	*	6.8 ab	6.3 ab	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	EIU		-	-	-	-
111.1	95.2	81.6	69.5	62.8	Experian	*	6.9	5.7	4.7	3.9
109.6	96.4	84.3	66.4	55.8	IHS Global Insight	*	6.6	5.6	4.7	3.5
110.2 h	104.0 h	95.1 h	75.4 h	56.2 h	IMF	*	7.0 h	6.4 h	5.6 h	4.2 h
108.0	98.0	87.0	-	-	ITEM Club	*	6.7	5.8	4.9	-
98.2	84.7	72.2	65.1	57.3	Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-
124.6	107.9	87.7	58.9	35.0	NIESR	*	7.8	6.5	5.1	3.3
90.6	77.6	55.4	35.7	-	Oxford Economics	*	5.5	4.5	3.1	1.9
108.4	96.8	84.0	66.4	55.3	Independent average		6.8	5.9	5.0	3.8
110.0	98.9	86.1	69.2	55.3	New forecasts (marked *)		6.9	6.0	5.1	3.9
124.6	126.3	126.1	123.0	115.5	Highest		7.8	7.3	6.9	6.3
90.6	77.6	55.4	35.7	16.0	Lowest		5.5	4.5	3.1	1.9

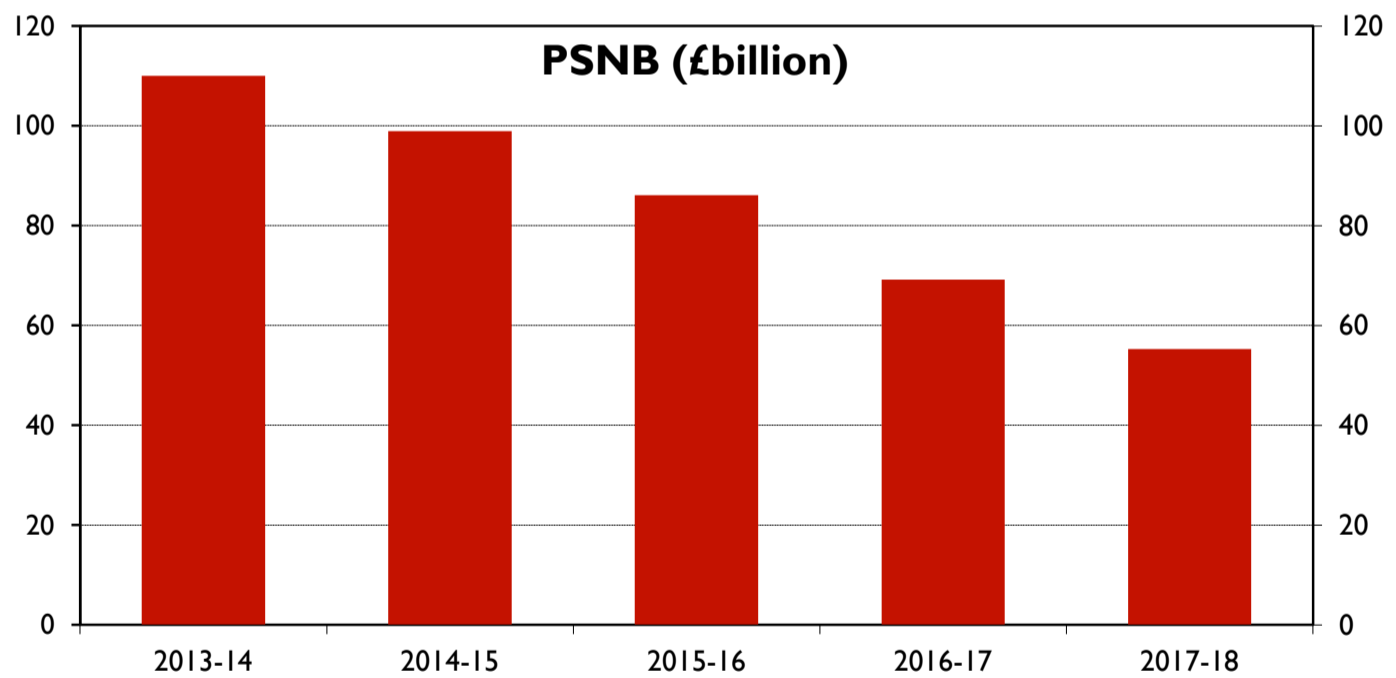
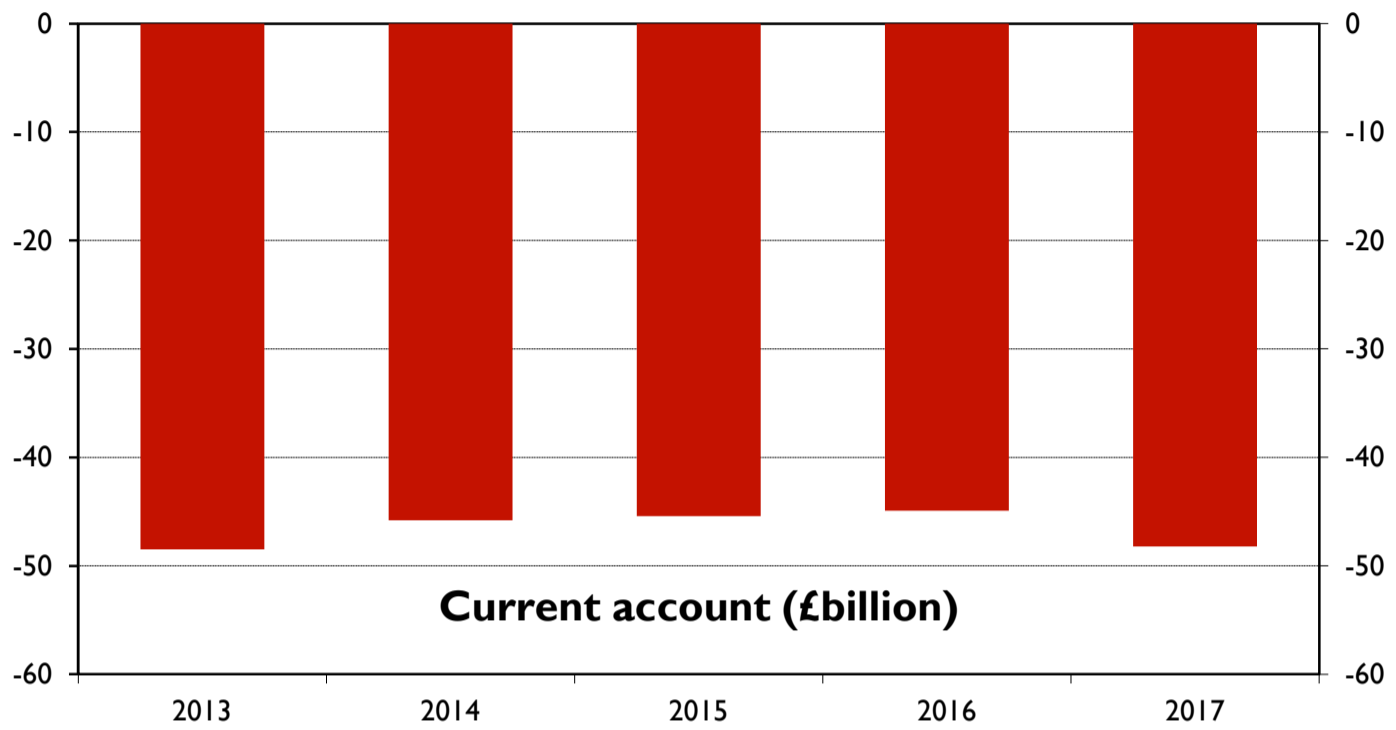
Table M9: Medium-term forecasts for the output gap

		Output gap (percentage of potential GDP)				
		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
City forecasters						
Barclays Capital		-2.2	-1.7	-1.2	-0.9	-0.8
Capital Economics	*	-7.2	-7.2	-6.2	-5.2	-
Citigroup	*	-	-	-	-	-
Commerzbank	*	-2.1	-1.6	-0.9	-0.6	-0.2
Credit Suisse		-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	*	-3.6 i	-3.9 i	-3.9 i	-3.5 i	-2.8 i
ING	*	-	-	-	-	-
Nomura	*	-1.5	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-
RBS Global Banking & Markets	*	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders		-1.6	-2.1	-2.0	-1.3	-0.5
UBS		-	-	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters						
Beacon Economic Forecasting	*	-	-	-	-	-
Cambridge Econometrics		-	-	-	-	-
CEBR	*	-	-	-	-	-
EC	*	-2.6	-1.8	-	-	-
EIU		-	-	-	-	-
Experian	*	-	-	-	-	-
IHS Global Insight	*	-	-	-	-	-
IMF	*	-3.9	-3.9	-3.7	-3.4	-3.0
ITEM Club	*	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	*	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	*	-	-	-	-	-
Oxford Economics	*	-5.6	-5.4	-4.9	-4.2	-3.6
Independent average		-3.3	-3.1	-2.8	-2.3	-1.6
New forecasts (marked *)		-3.8	-3.5	-3.3	-2.8	-2.3
Highest		-1.5	-1.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.2
Lowest		-7.2	-7.2	-6.2	-5.2	-3.6

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
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
CBZ	Commerzbank
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
NIESR	National Institute of Economic and Social Research
OECD*	Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
OEF	Oxford Economic Forecasting
RBS	Royal Bank Of Scotland Global Banking & Markets
Sa	Santander GBM
S	Schroders Investment Management
SC	Scotia Capital
SG	Societe Generale
SCB	Standard Chartered Bank
UBS	UBS

* Forecasts from the EC, IMF and OECD are updated when a full forecast is produced.

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	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
Output Gap	The gap between actual output and trend (or potential) output, expressed as a percentage of trend (or potential)
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
Whole Economy Average Weekly Earnings (Total Pay)	Labour market statistics, Table I5
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 excluding intermediate OFCs	Bank of England Monetary and Financial statistics division Code VVVP, 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 goods and services	
Current account (£bn)	Balance of payments release, Table A, Code HBOP
Size of APF purchases (£bn)	http://www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/apf/index.htm
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: consumer expenditure less expenditure on durables and housing
- 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: financial year
- 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 manufacturing
- p: ILO unemployment - millions
- q: ILO unemployment rate
- r: PSNCR (Formerly PSBR)
- s: PSNB including the effect of financial interventions
- t: world GDP
- u: OPEC average
- v: final domestic demand
- w: percentage change
- 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
- ab: treaty deficit
- ac: PSNB adjusted to include the transfer of Royal Mail's pension fund
- ad: M4 growth

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