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a comparison of independent forecasts

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Short-term forecasts, May 2024

Forecasts for 2024					
	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		May		
	May	April	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	0.6	0.4	-0.2	1.0	0.6
Inflation rate (Q4: per cent)					
- CPI	2.1	2.1	0.8	2.7	2.2
- RPI	3.2	3.1	1.1	5.0	3.2
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.8	4.4
Current account (£bn)	-71.1	-73.3	-153.6	-26.9	-73.4
PSNB (2024-25: £bn)	100.6	91.8	73.4	186.3	100.7
Forecasts for 2025					
	Independent ⁺				Average of new* forecasts
	Averages		May		
	May	April	Lowest	Highest	
GDP growth (per cent)	1.2	1.3	0.7	2.0	1.2
- CPI	2.2	2.1	1.1	3.4	2.2
- RPI	2.8	2.6	0.2	4.4	2.9
LFS unemployment rate (Q4: %)	4.4	4.3	3.8	5.2	4.4
Current account (£bn)	-67.8	-70.1	-156.4	1.5	-70.2
PSNB (2025-26: £bn)	90.4	-	41.8	174.7	90.4

+ Independent averages, and the range of forecasts, are based on forecasts made in the last three months: May 16 institutions, April 1 institution, and 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 1 - 2024: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Quarterly GDP (QoQ %)		Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Business investment	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade contribution to GDP growth (ppt)	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
			2024 Q2	2024 Q3									
City forecasters													
Barclays Capital	May *	0.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	2.0	1.6	-	-	-	-	0.5	-
Bloomberg Economics	Mar	0.2	0.2	0.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.4	3.1	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.0	-0.9	0.3	-
Citigroup	Aug	-0.5	-	-	-0.1	0.4	-4.1	0.2	0.7	5.8	4.6	0.4	-
Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	0.8	-	-	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.4	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	May *	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.1	1.6	0.5	-	0.3	1.5	1.0	-	-
JP Morgan	May *	0.9	0.5	0.3	0.3	1.8	-0.5	-0.5	0.3	-1.0	-3.4	0.8	-
KPMG	May *	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	1.6	1.1	-	0.2	-0.8	-1.7	0.3	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-0.1	-	-	-0.3	1.6	-1.9	-3.0	-0.2	0.7	0.4	0.1	-
Natwest Markets	May *	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.3	2.5	-0.9	-1.2	0.9	-3.3	-1.2	-0.6	-
Nomura	Mar	-0.2	0.1	-	-0.3	1.7	-0.3	-	-	-3.4	-1.7	-0.5	-
Pantheon	Mar	0.5	0.3	-	0.8	0.6	-0.8	-	-	-	-	-0.5	-
Schroders Investment Management	Mar'23	0.8	-	-	-0.4	1.1	0.7	-	0.7	1.6	1.5	0.0	-
Societe Generale	Sep	0.7	-	-	0.7	1.5	0.4	1.5	1.0	0.6	1.8	-0.4	-2.2
UBS	May *	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.1	0.6	-	0.7	-2.1	0.2	-0.6	-
Non-City forecasters													
British Chambers of Commerce	May *	0.5	0.4	0.1	-	-0.5	-	1.0	0.2	-1.3	-0.9	-1.6	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.3	2.2	-0.4	-	0.8	0.7	1.6	-0.4	-
CBI	Apr	0.8	0.3	-	0.4	2.8	-4.2	-5.0	0.6	2.6	1.7	0.2	-
CEBR	May *	1.0	-0.3	0.6	0.7	1.7	1.1	0.6	1.2	-0.2	0.8	-0.3	-
Economic Perspectives	Apr'23	-1.1	-	-	-1.2	-2.3	-1.2	-	-0.8	0.7	0.1	0.2	-
Experian Economics	May *	0.9	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.8	-2.6	-2.3	0.9	0.4	0.2	0.1	-
EIU	Oct	0.6	-	-	0.6	3.0	1.1	-	-	-0.1	1.8	-	-
Heteronomics	May *	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.8	1.7	1.2	-	1.0	-3.2	-3.1	0.0	0.2
ICAEW	Mar	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb	0.9	0.3	0.4	0.9	2.5	0.5	-0.8	1.1	1.4	2.1	-	-
Kern Consulting	Apr'23	0.6	-	-	0.5	-	0.4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	0.6	-	-	0.6	3.0	-2.6	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May *	0.8	0.3	0.6	0.6	-4.8	5.5	-0.1	0.3	-4.5	-6.0	0.6	-
Oxford Economics	May *	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.0	4.1	-2.8	-2.1	1.4	-0.8	1.5	-0.8	0.1
OECD	May *	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.7	1.6	-1.6	-0.7	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.2	-
IMF	Jan	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)													
Independent		0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.6	-0.2	-1.0	0.6	-0.9	-0.7	-0.1	0.1
New (marked *)		0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	1.5	0.1	-0.6	0.6	-1.0	-0.9	-0.1	0.1
City		0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3	1.8	0.2	-0.5	0.5	-1.3	-1.1	0.0	-
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)													
Highest		1.0	0.5	0.6	1.0	4.1	5.5	1.0	1.4	2.6	1.7	0.8	0.2
Lowest		-0.2	-0.3	0.0	-0.3	-4.8	-4.2	-5.0	0.2	-4.5	-6.0	-1.6	0.1
Median		0.5	0.3	0.2	0.4	1.7	-0.4	-0.6	0.6	-0.8	-0.4	0.0	0.1
OBR	Mar	0.8	0.4	0.4	2.9	4.2	-4.5	-5.1	0.8	-1.1	-0.7	-	-

Table 2 - 2024: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Sterling index (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters									
Barclays Capital	May *	2.2	3.8	-	-	4.25	90.0	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Mar	2.2	-	-	-	4.00	-	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	0.8	1.1	4.3	79.8	4.00	75.0	2.8	3.0
Citigroup	Aug	1.7	3.1	2.5	-	3.75	-	-	1.8
Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	1.7	3.6	-	-	3.25	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	1.7	-	-	-	3.75	100.0	-	-
HSBC	May *	2.4	3.3	4.2	-	4.50	-	-	-
JP Morgan	May *	2.4	-	-	-	4.75	-	-	-
KPMG	May *	2.0	-	-	-	4.25	82.5	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	2.4	3.7	3.1	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	May *	1.8	3.3	4.8	-	4.25	85.0	2.6	-0.5
Nomura	Mar	1.6	-	-	-	4.25	-	-	-
Pantheon	Mar	2.2	3.5	-	-	4.50	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Mar'23	3.7	4.1	-	-	2.00	-	3.0	-2.8
Societe Generale	Sep	3.3	3.8	4.5	-	4.00	97.3	4.2	-
UBS	May *	2.4	3.4	2.8	-	4.50	-	2.5	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	May *	2.3	-	3.0	-	4.50	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	2.7	2.6	4.3	83.5	4.75	83.3	4.1	-9.5
CBI	Apr	2.5	3.2	4.9	80.9	-	84.6	3.7	-4.5
CEBR	May *	2.2	3.0	5.6	82.2	4.83	-	-	-2.0
Economic Perspectives	Apr'23	4.3	5.4	-	75.0	3.00	80.0	5.5	-6.0
Experian Economics	May *	2.3	3.0	3.9	84.1	4.92	86.1	0.4	-0.4
EIU	Oct	-	-	-	-	5.25	81.5	-	-
Heteronomics	May *	2.6	3.6	4.0	81.0	4.75	83.0	-	1.5
ICAEW	Mar	2.0	-	-	-	4.50	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb	2.0	1.4	2.8	81.7	4.25	-	-	-0.2
Kern Consulting	Apr'23	3.8	-	-	-	-	80.0	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	2.0	3.0	3.6	81.5	4.00	-	-	-
NIESR	May *	2.2	5.0	5.4	-	4.88	-	-	-2.5
Oxford Economics	May *	2.1	3.4	3.6	82.7	4.50	83.7	3.1	0.6
OECD	May *	2.8	-	3.1	-	4.75	84.6	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Independent		2.1	3.2	4.2	82.0	4.47	83.7	2.7	-1.6
New (marked *)		2.2	3.2	4.0	82.1	4.52	83.7	2.6	-1.2
City		2.0	3.1	4.0	79.8	4.33	83.1	2.6	1.3
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Highest		2.7	5.0	5.6	84.1	4.92	90.0	4.1	3.0
Lowest		0.8	1.1	2.8	79.8	4.00	75.0	0.4	-9.5
Median		2.2	3.3	4.2	81.8	4.50	83.7	2.8	-0.5
OBR	Mar	1.4	2.1	3.4	-	4.15	77.0	2.3	-2.7

Table 3 - 2024: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Real house hold disposable income	Employment growth	LFS Unemployment rate (Q4)	Claimant unemployment (Q4, millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (Q4, £bn)	Productivity (Output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2024-25)
City forecasters											
Barclays Capital	May *	-	-0.2	4.6	-	-	-	-59.9	-	-	80.2
Bloomberg Economics	Mar	-	-	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	2.4	-0.1	4.2	-	-	-	-70.7	655.0	-0.5	93.5
Citigroup	Aug	-	-0.5	5.2	-	3.5	-	-66.2	658.0	-	110.1
Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	93.8
Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	4.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	May *	-	-	4.3	-	0.9	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	May *	-	-	4.0	-	-	-	-28.9	-	-	85.0
KPMG	May *	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-69.6	-	-	84.7
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-0.3	5.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	May *	0.6	-0.5	4.6	-	-0.2	-	-75.0	665.0	-	84.0
Nomura	Mar	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Mar	-	0.5	4.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Mar'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Sep	1.1	-0.4	5.1	-	-	-	-111.3	726.0	0.7	90.2
UBS	May *	-	0.7	4.3	-	0.2	-	-77.5	688.5	-	97.0
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	May *	-	-	4.2	-	0.5	-	-	-	-	75.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	2.2	0.0	4.6	1.7	0.8	5.8	-95.0	660.0	0.6	141.7
CBI	Apr	0.9	-0.8	4.8	-	-	-	-43.7	673.0	-	98.8
CEBR	May *	2.2	0.6	4.2	1.9	0.3	-	-104.7	713.5	-	100.4
Economic Perspectives	Apr'23	0.5	-0.8	4.7	2.2	-1.3	1.5	-65.0	-	-0.2	140.0
Experian Economics	May *	1.7	0.1	4.5	2.0	-1.0	-	-70.0	-	-	110.0
EIU	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heteronomics	May *	-	0.3	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	-
ICAEW	Mar	-	-	4.4	-	-	-	-67.5	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb	-	0.1	4.3	-	-	-	-32.0	-	-	83.5
Kern Consulting	Apr'23	-	-	4.5	-	0.5	-	-85.0	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-26.9	-	-	73.4
NIESR	May *	2.8	-0.1	4.3	-	-	3.0	-153.6	-	1.2	186.3
Oxford Economics	May *	1.8	0.6	4.2	1.6	0.8	2.2	-79.5	654.3	0.5	98.4
OECD	May *	0.5	0.4	4.7	-	-	2.3	-43.5	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Independent		1.7	0.1	4.4	1.8	0.3	3.3	-71.1	672.8	0.4	100.6
New (marked *)		1.8	0.2	4.4	1.8	0.3	3.3	-73.4	672.7	0.4	100.7
City		1.5	0.1	4.4	-	0.3	-	-63.6	669.5	-0.5	87.4
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Highest		2.8	0.7	4.8	2.0	0.9	5.8	-26.9	713.5	1.2	186.3
Lowest		0.5	-0.8	4.0	1.6	-1.0	2.2	-153.6	654.3	-0.5	73.4
Median		1.8	0.1	4.4	1.8	0.4	2.7	-70.0	665.0	0.5	95.3
OBR	Mar	0.3	0.3	4.5	-	-	-	-77.0	-	0.3	85.4

Table 4 - 2025: Growth in GDP and its components (% annual growth)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		GDP	Private consumption	Government consumption	Fixed investment	Business Investment	Domestic demand	Total exports	Total imports	Net trade (contribution to GDP growth (ppt))	Output Gap (as % of potential GDP)
City forecasters											
Barclays Capital	May *	1.0	1.1	1.4	1.0	-	-	-	-	-0.1	-
Bloomberg Economics	Mar	1.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.0	2.7	1.9	3.1	4.3	-0.4	-
Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	May *	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.8	-	1.3	1.5	1.8	-	-
JP Morgan	May *	0.8	0.9	1.0	-5.9	-0.5	0.5	2.0	-0.3	0.7	-
KPMG	May *	0.9	1.3	1.5	0.2	-	1.1	2.3	3.1	-0.3	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	May *	0.9	0.9	2.0	-0.6	-0.4	1.1	1.8	2.5	-0.2	-
Nomura	Mar	1.0	0.7	1.2	1.7	-	-	1.1	1.1	0.0	-
Pantheon	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Mar'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	May *	1.5	1.8	0.5	1.7	-	1.5	2.0	2.1	-0.1	-
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	May *	0.7	-	-0.3	-	0.8	0.9	1.1	0.8	-1.6	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	1.3	2.1	2.0	-0.9	-	1.9	7.5	8.5	-0.8	-
CBI	Apr	1.6	1.3	2.1	0.7	2.7	1.5	3.3	3.0	0.1	-
CEBR	May *	1.6	2.0	1.0	1.8	1.6	2.2	1.1	2.7	-0.5	-
Economic Perspectives	Apr'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Economics	May *	1.3	1.5	1.3	0.1	1.2	1.3	2.2	2.3	-0.1	-
EIU	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heteronomics	May *	0.9	2.4	0.4	0.3	-	1.6	-2.5	0.2	-0.8	0.1
ICAEW	Mar	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb	1.8	1.8	1.5	2.5	3.2	1.9	2.1	2.3	-	-
Kern Consulting	Apr'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	1.5	1.4	3.0	1.1	-	-	-	-	-	-
NIESR	May *	1.0	1.4	-0.1	0.9	1.8	1.0	-3.1	-2.8	0.0	-
Oxford Economics	May *	2.0	2.6	2.2	1.1	1.8	2.4	2.8	3.9	-0.4	0.0
OECD	May *	1.0	1.2	0.4	-0.2	0.1	0.8	1.9	1.1	0.2	-
IMF	Jan	1.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Independent		1.2	1.5	1.3	0.4	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.1	-0.3	0.1
New (marked *)		1.2	1.6	1.2	0.3	1.0	1.4	1.7	2.2	-0.3	0.1
City		1.1	1.2	1.3	0.2	0.6	1.2	2.0	2.1	-0.1	-
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Highest		2.0	2.6	3.0	2.0	2.7	2.4	7.5	8.5	0.7	0.1
Lowest		0.7	0.7	-0.3	-5.9	-0.5	0.5	-3.1	-2.8	-1.6	0.0
Median		1.1	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.4	1.3	2.0	2.2	-0.1	0.1
OBR	Mar	1.9	2.0	1.8	0.4	1.4	1.6	0.5	-0.2	-	-

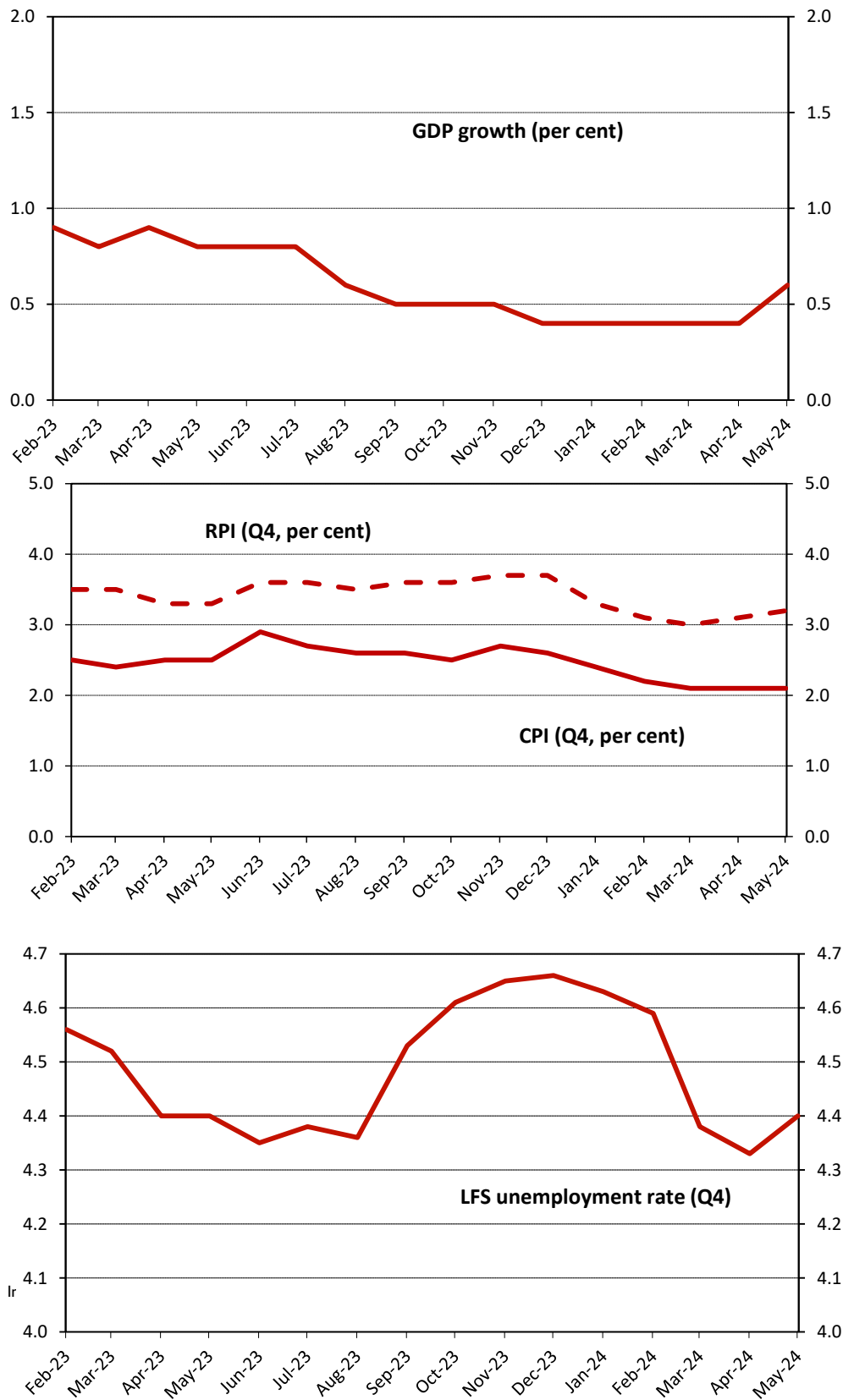
Table 5 - 2025: Growth in prices and monetary indicators (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		CPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	RPI (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Average earnings (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)	Sterling index (Jan 2005=100)	Official Bank rate (level in Q4, %)	Oil price (Brent, \$/bbl)	Nominal GDP	House price inflation (Q4 on Q4 year ago, %)
City forecasters									
Barclays Capital	May *	1.8	3.3	-	-	3.75	94.0	-	-
Bloomberg Economics	Mar	2.0	-	-	-	3.00	-	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	1.1	0.2	2.2	81.9	3.00	70.0	2.4	5.0
Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	May *	2.1	2.8	3.7	-	3.50	-	-	-
JP Morgan	May *	2.5	-	-	-	3.75	-	-	-
KPMG	May *	2.2	-	-	-	3.00	77.6	-	-
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	May *	2.3	3.4	2.5	-	3.50	81.0	2.8	0.8
Nomura	Mar	2.2	-	-	-	4.00	-	-	-
Pantheon	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Mar'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	May *	1.8	2.4	2.4	-	2.75	-	3.4	-
Non-City forecasters									
British Chambers of Commerce	May *	2.1	-	4.0	-	3.50	-	-	-
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	2.6	2.5	3.8	84.2	4.25	85.3	5.6	-4.4
CBI	Apr	2.0	2.3	2.5	81.7	-	79.3	3.5	0.5
CEBR	May *	2.3	3.0	3.3	82.2	4.17	-	-	3.1
Economic Perspectives	Apr'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Economics	May *	2.2	2.9	3.1	84.0	4.25	82.9	1.2	3.0
EIU	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heteronomics	May *	3.4	4.4	2.7	81.0	4.00	83.0	-	2.0
ICAEW	Mar	1.8	-	-	-	3.50	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb	1.8	0.2	2.4	82.3	3.33	-	-	1.0
Kern Consulting	Apr'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	2.0	2.8	3.4	80.9	3.00	-	-	-
NIESR	May *	2.3	3.5	2.1	-	4.38	-	-	0.5
Oxford Economics	May *	2.3	3.4	2.3	82.4	3.50	77.8	3.7	2.6
OECD	May *	2.1	-	1.9	-	3.75	85.0	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Independent		2.2	2.8	2.9	82.3	3.60	81.2	3.2	1.5
New (marked *)		2.2	2.9	2.9	82.4	3.63	81.8	3.2	1.6
City		2.0	2.4	2.7	81.9	3.36	80.7	2.9	2.9
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)									
Highest		3.4	4.4	4.0	84.2	4.38	94.0	5.6	5.0
Lowest		1.1	0.2	2.1	80.9	2.75	70.0	1.2	-4.4
Median		2.2	2.9	2.7	82.0	3.50	81.0	3.4	2.0
OBR	Mar	1.6	2.2	1.8	-	3.42	73.7	3.1	1.0

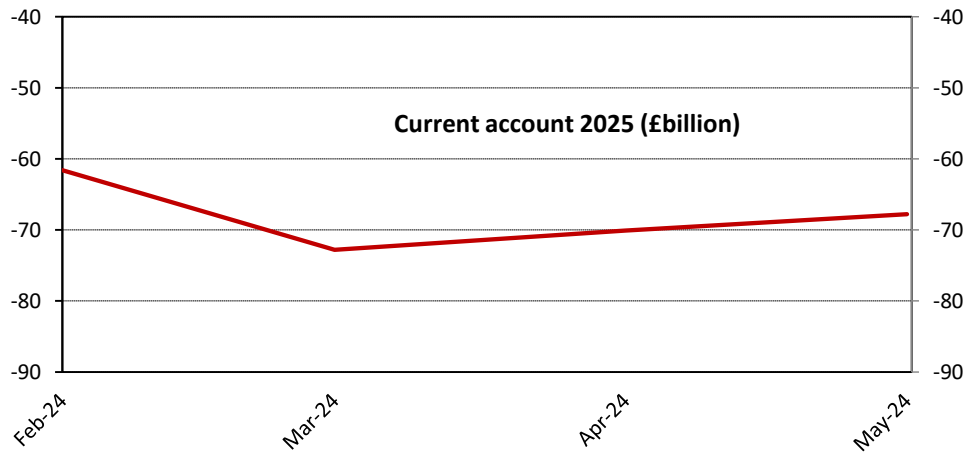
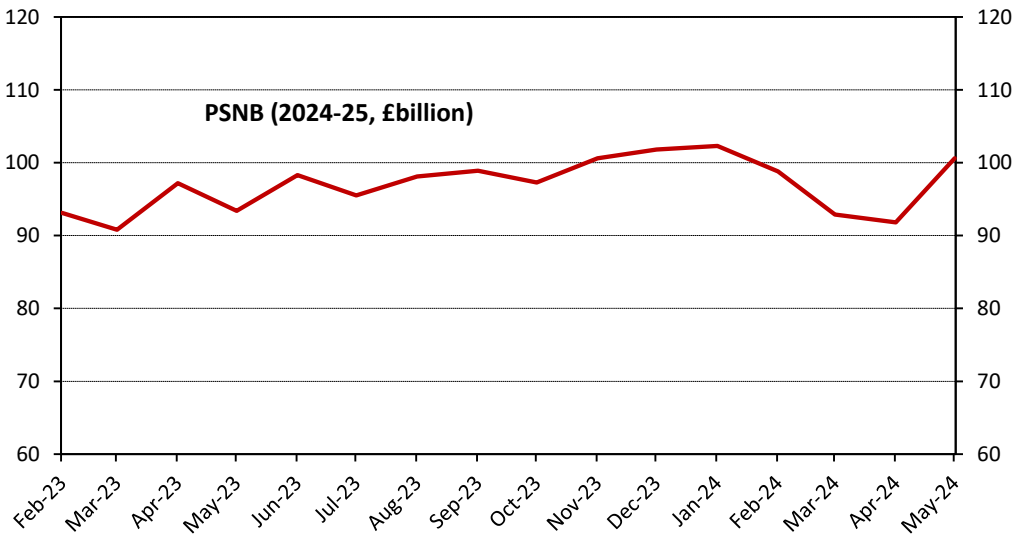
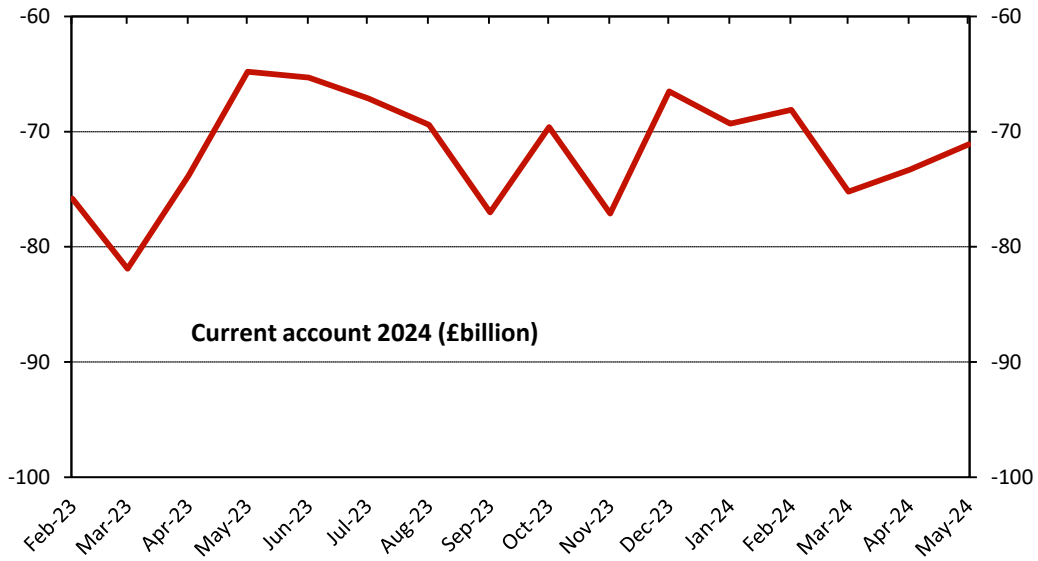
Table 6 - 2025: Growth in other selected variables (% change)

Forecasters and dates of forecasts		Real household disposable income	Employment growth	LFS Unemployment rate (Q4)	Claimant unemployment (Q4,millions)	Manufacturing output	World trade in goods and services	Current account (£bn)	Size of APF purchases (Q4, £bn)	Productivity (Output per hour)	PSNB (£bn 2025-26)
City forecasters											
Barclays Capital	May *	-	0.4	4.3	-	-	-	-47.6	-	-	72.8
Bloomberg Economics	Mar	-	-	4.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Economics	May *	2.5	0.9	4.1	-	-	-	-75.6	555.0	1.3	69.2
Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HSBC	May *	-	-	4.7	-	1.3	-	-	-	-	-
JP Morgan	May *	-	-	4.1	-	-	-	-36.4	-	-	77.0
KPMG	May *	-	-	4.7	-	-	-	-69.9	-	-	74.9
Morgan Stanley	Dec	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Natwest Markets	May *	0.5	0.1	5.0	-	0.4	-	-71.0	540.0	-	77.0
Nomura	Mar	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pantheon	Mar	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schroders Investment Management	Mar'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Societe Generale	Sep	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UBS	May *	-	1.2	4.1	-	1.8	-	-73.3	579.0	-	85.5
Non-City forecasters											
British Chambers of Commerce	May *	-	-	4.4	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	70.0
Beacon Economic Forecasting	May *	1.0	-0.9	5.2	2.0	-0.6	11.9	-92.5	570.0	2.2	170.6
CBI	Apr	0.9	0.4	4.8	-	-	-	-42.3	552.0	-	-
CEBR	May *	1.4	1.0	3.8	1.7	0.2	-	-121.8	631.7	-	89.7
Economic Perspectives	Apr'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Experian Economics	May *	1.3	0.4	4.4	2.0	-0.4	-	-65.0	-	-	90.0
EIU	Oct	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heteronomics	May *	-	0.3	4.4	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	-
ICAEW	Mar	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-61.6	-	-	-
ITEM Club	Feb	-	1.2	3.9	-	-	-	-38.0	-	-	-
Kern Consulting	Apr'23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool Macro Research	May *	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	-	41.8
NIESR	May *	0.9	0.0	4.9	-	-	5.0	-156.4	-	1.1	174.7
Oxford Economics	May *	2.1	1.4	3.9	1.5	0.8	4.5	-84.9	545.6	0.5	82.6
OECD	May *	1.7	0.8	4.7	-	-	3.3	-19.8	-	-	-
IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Average of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Independent		1.4	0.5	4.4	1.8	0.5	6.2	-67.8	567.6	1.1	90.4
New (marked *)		1.4	0.5	4.4	1.8	0.5	6.2	-70.2	570.2	1.1	90.4
City		1.5	0.7	4.4	-	1.2	-	-62.3	558.0	1.3	76.1
Range of forecasts made in the last 3 months (excludes OBR forecasts)											
Highest		2.5	1.4	5.2	2.0	1.8	11.9	1.5	631.7	2.2	174.7
Lowest		0.5	-0.9	3.8	1.5	-0.6	3.3	-156.4	540.0	0.5	41.8
Median		1.3	0.4	4.4	1.8	0.5	4.7	-69.9	555.0	1.1	77.0
OBR	Mar	0.8	0.8	4.3	-	-	-	-85.1	-	0.8	76.7

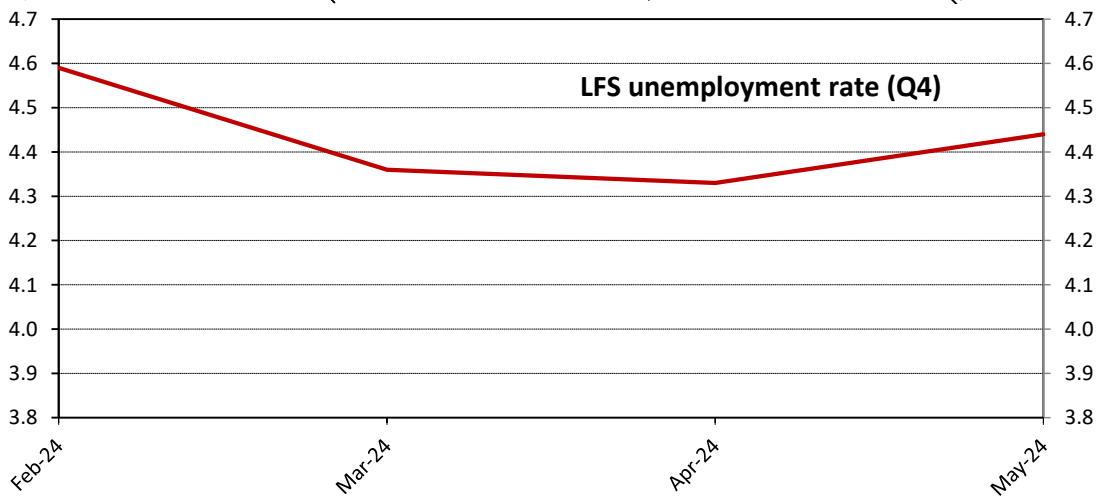
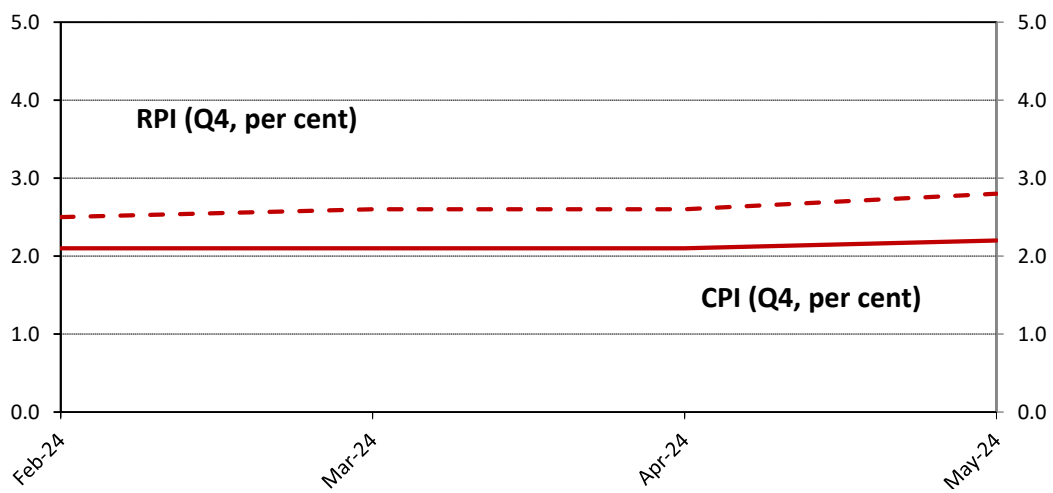
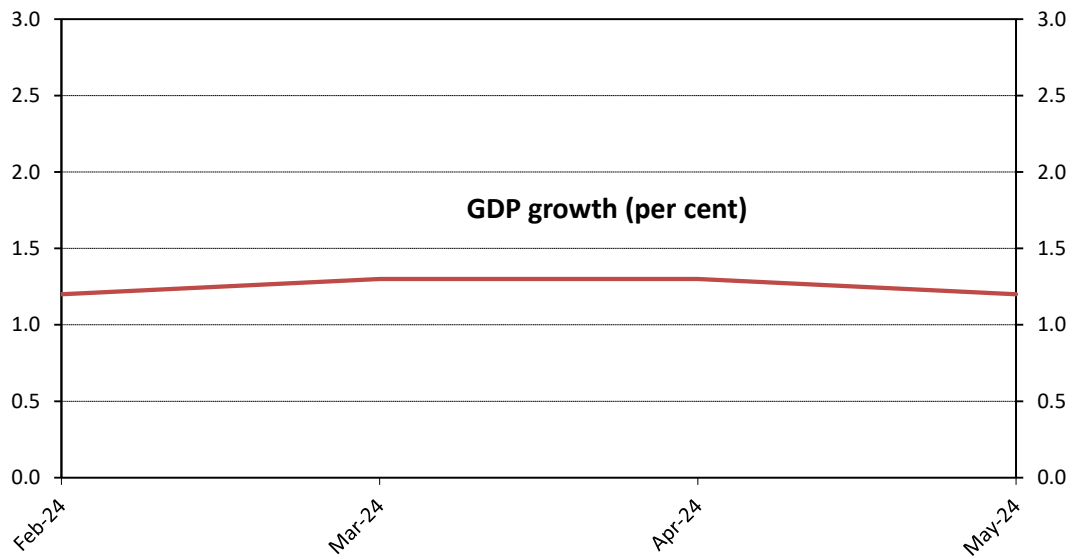
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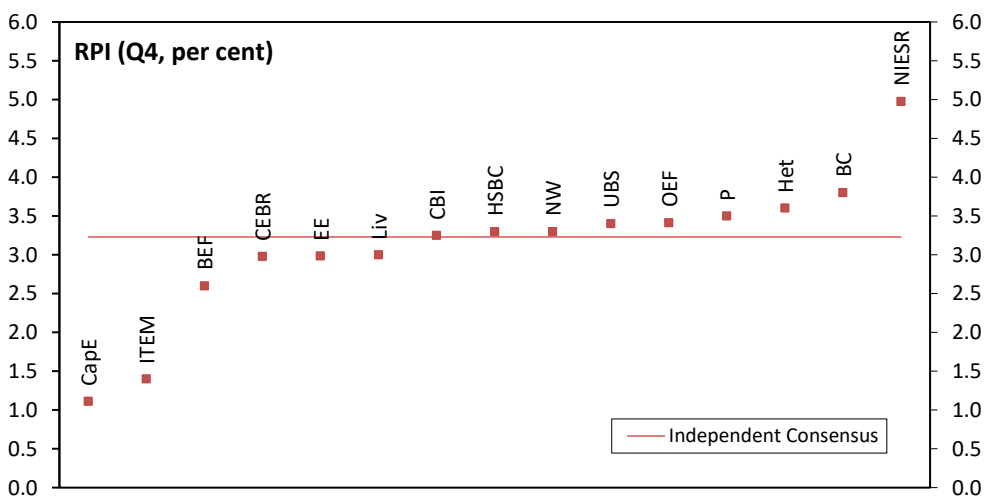
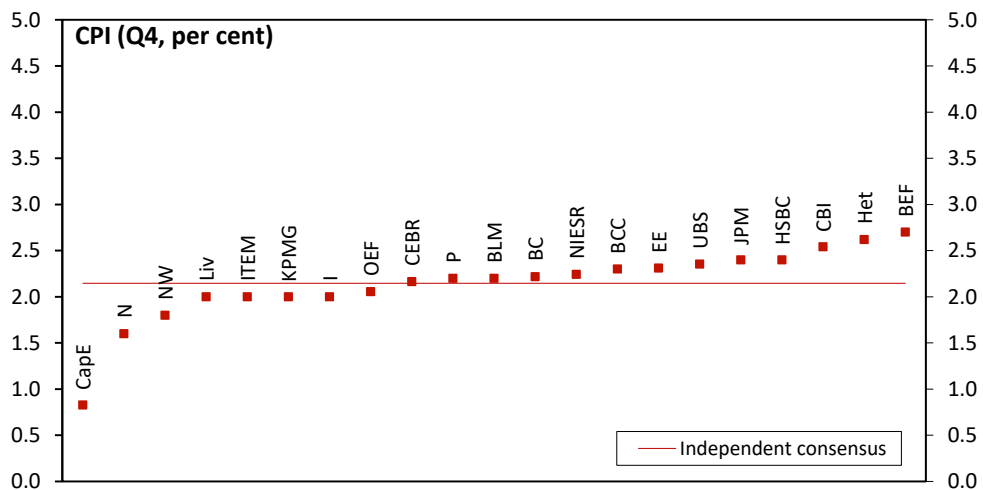
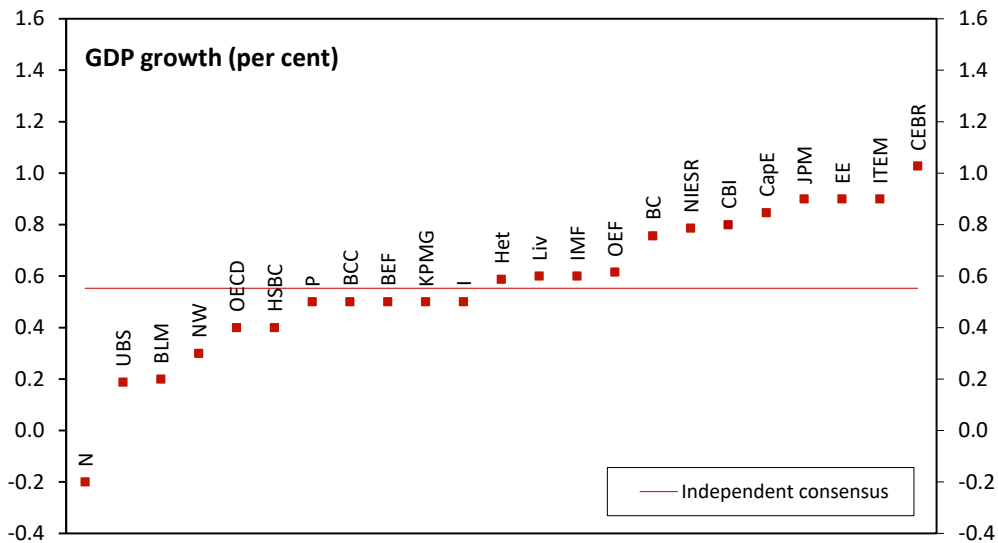
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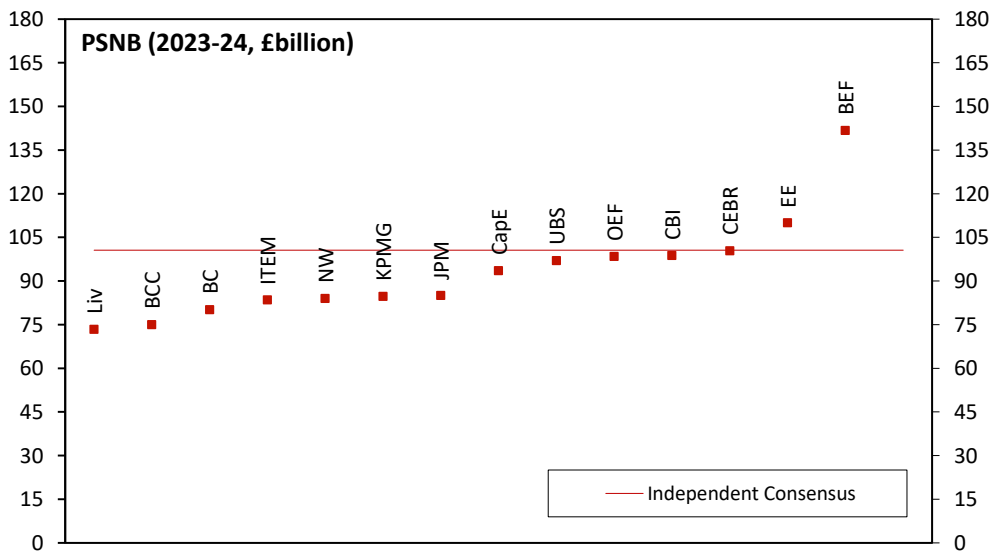
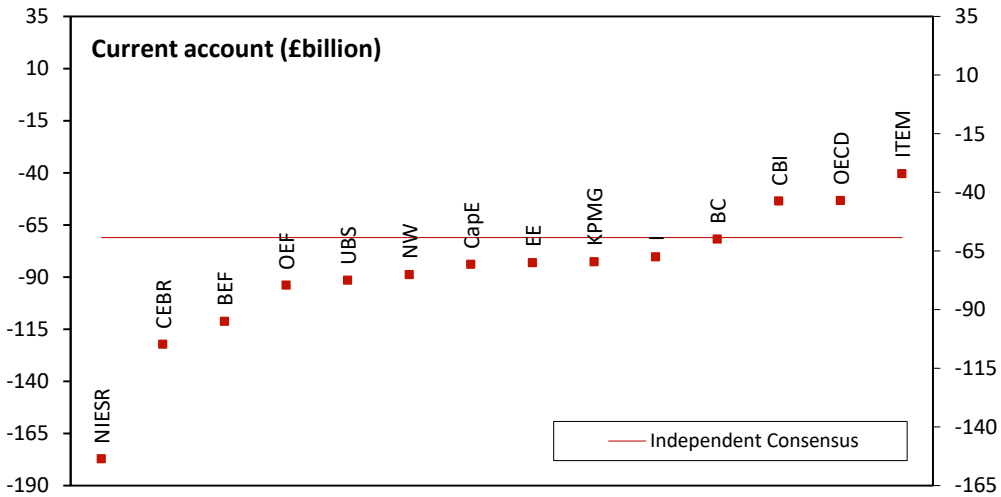
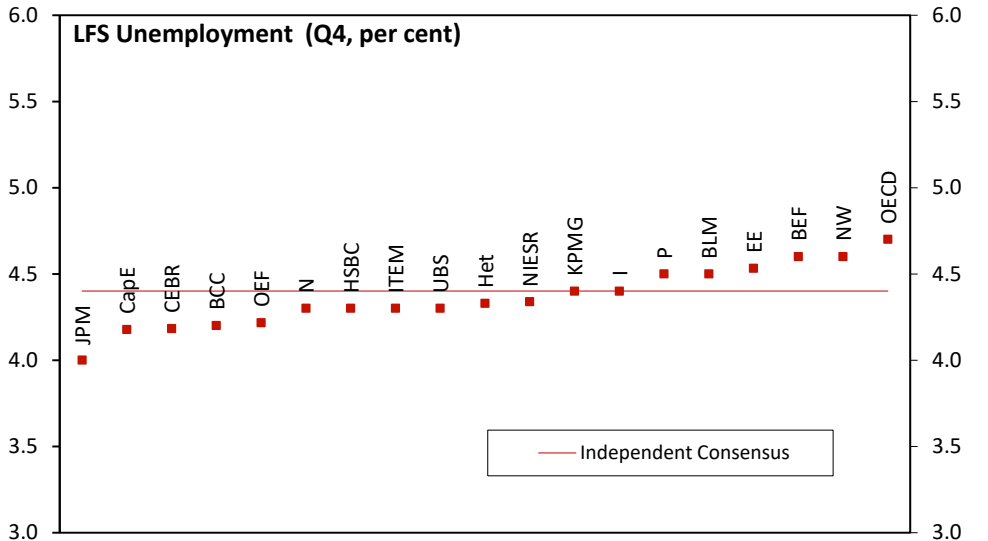
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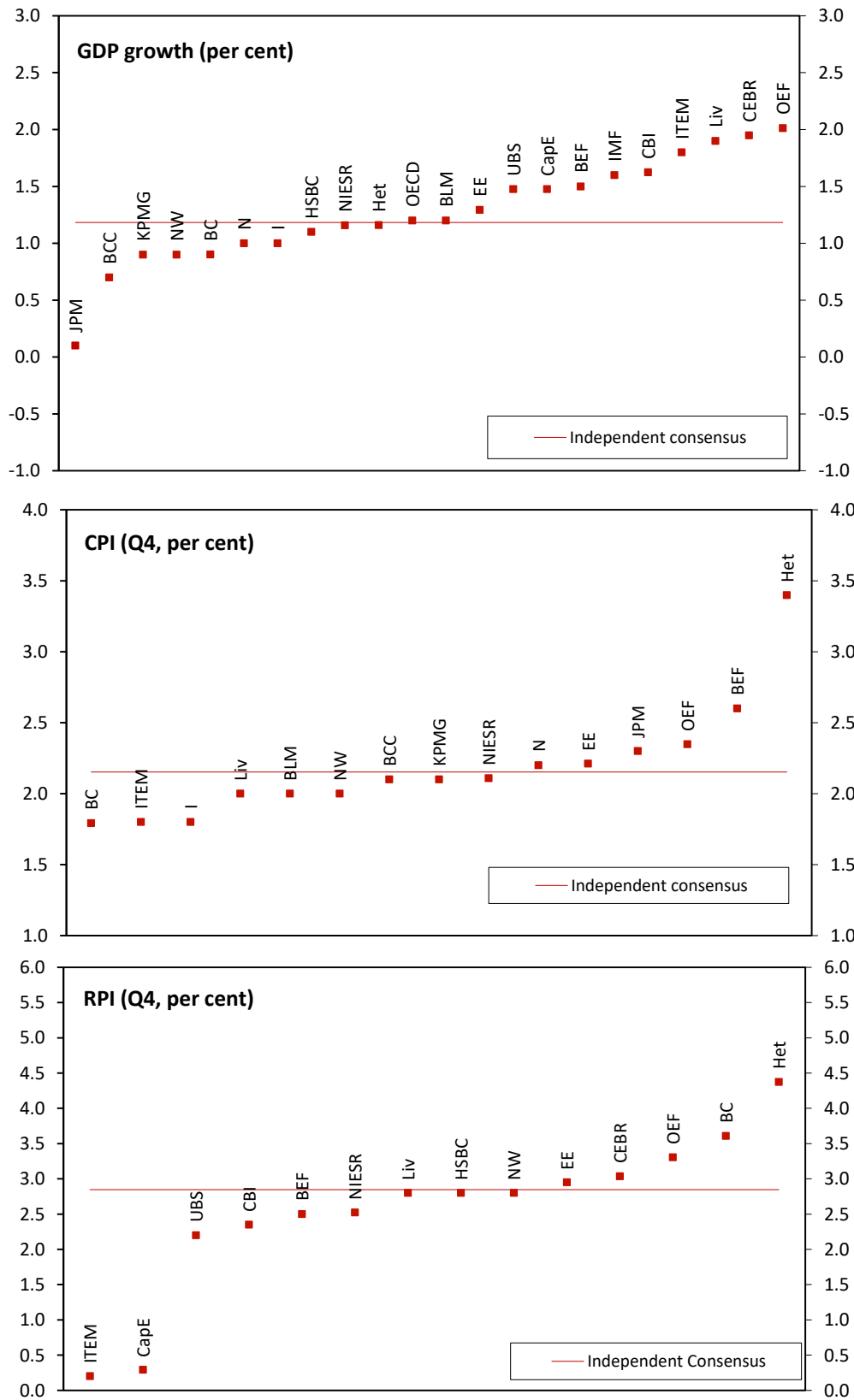
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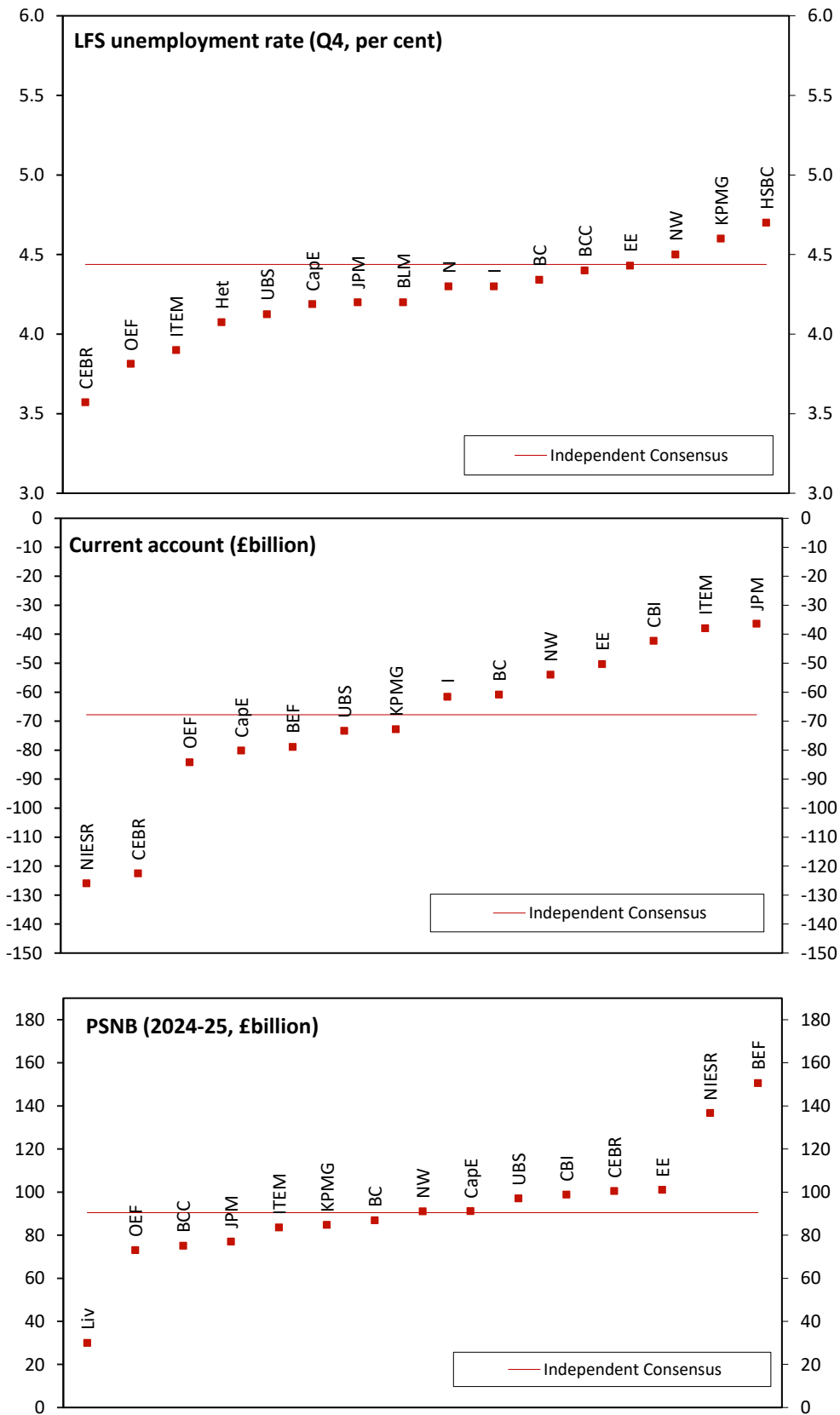
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Dispersion around the independent consensus for 2025; GDP growth, CPI and RPI inflation made in the last 3 months



**Dispersion around the independent consensus for
2025; LFS unemployment, current account and
PSNB (2025-26) made in last 3 months**



Medium-term forecasts, May 2024

This edition of the comparison contains 8 new medium-term projections for the calendar years 2024 to 2028, and the fiscal years 2024-25 to 2028-29, as well as the OBR's March Economic and Fiscal Outlook. The table below summarises the independent average of new forecasts.

2024 and 2025 short and medium-term forecasts may differ. This is due to different samples sizes and definitions e.g. medium-term CPI figure reflects annual, rather than Q4-on-Q4 growth

	New Forecasts				
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
GDP growth (per cent)	0.6	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.6
Inflation rate (per cent)					
- CPI	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3
- RPI	3.6	2.7	3.1	3.5	3.5
- LFS unemployment (per cent)	4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4
Current account (£bn)	-83.7	-82.1	-109.8	-103.3	-94.7

	New Forecasts				
	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
PSNB (£bn)	111.0	99.4	102.4	93.9	112.7

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

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

GDP (percentage change)						GDP deflator (percentage change)				
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
City forecasters										
0.0	1.3	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
0.8	1.5	1.5	1.7	1.6	May *	Capital Economics	* May	120.7	122.0	124.1
-0.5	0.6	1.2	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-
1.0	1.3	1.2	1.4	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-
0.3	0.9	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-	-	-
0.8	1.5	1.3	1.2	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-
1.2	1.8	1.7	1.6	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	-	-	-
0.2	1.5	1.3	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
0.5	1.3	2.3	1.9	1.5	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	3.8	4.1	4.8
1.0	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.8	May *	CEBR	* May	2.4	2.3	2.2
0.9	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.8	May *	Experian Economics	* May	-	-	-
0.9	1.8	2.0	1.9	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	-	-	-
0.8	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1	May *	NIESR	* May	-	-	-
0.6	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.6	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	1.0	1.4	1.8
0.6	1.6	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
Independent average						32.0	32.5	33.2	34.1	45.6
New forecasts						32.0	32.5	33.2	34.1	45.6
1.2	2.0	2.3	1.9	1.8		Highest		120.7	122.0	124.1
-0.5	0.6	0.9	1.1	1.1		Lowest		1.0	1.4	1.8
0.8	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.7	Mar	OBR	Mar	-	-	-

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

Domestic demand (percentage change)						Contribution of net trade to GDP growth (ppt)				
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
0.6	1.9	1.9	-	-	May *	Capital Economics	* May	0.3	-0.4	-0.4
0.7	1.7	2.2	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	0.4	0.6	0.0
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-
0.9	1.1	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-0.6	-0.2	-
-	1.6	1.5	1.3	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-
1.3	1.8	1.7	1.6	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	-0.1	0.1	0.0
0.7	1.5	-	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	-0.6	-0.1	-
Non-City forecasters										
0.8	1.9	2.1	1.8	1.6	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	-0.4	-0.8	0.1
1.2	2.2	2.3	1.8	1.6	May *	CEBR	* May	-0.3	-0.5	-0.4
0.9	1.3	1.7	1.8	1.8	May *	Experian Economics	* May	0.1	-0.1	-0.1
1.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	-	-	-
0.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	May *	NIESR	* May	0.6	0.0	0.0
1.4	2.4	2.2	1.7	1.7	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	-0.8	-0.4	-0.2
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
Independent average						-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0
New forecasts						-0.2	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0
1.4	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.8		Highest		0.6	0.6	0.1
0.3	1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0		Lowest		-0.8	-0.8	-0.4
0.0	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.7	Mar	OBR	Mar	-	-	-

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

CPI inflation (annual average, per cent)						RPI inflation (annual average, per cent)				
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
1.7	0.8	1.4	2.0	2.0	May *	Capital Economics	* May	2.7	-0.2	1.8
2.3	1.4	1.9	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	4.1	1.8	2.5
2.0	1.9	0.0	2.0	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-	-	-
2.4	2.0	1.9	2.0	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	3.5	3.4	3.3
4.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	4.8	-	-
2.5	2.0	2.0	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	3.6	2.7	-
Non-City forecasters										
2.8	2.7	2.9	3.6	3.6	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	3.4	2.3	3.3
2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.0	May *	CEBR	* May	3.9	4.2	4.0
2.4	2.3	2.0	2.1	2.0	May *	Experian Economics	* May	3.1	2.9	2.6
2.4	1.8	2.0	2.0	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	2.5	0.0	1.5
2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	May *	NIESR	* May	4.6	3.9	3.2
2.3	2.2	2.3	2.2	2.1	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	3.6	3.3	3.5
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
2.4	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.3		Independent average		3.4	2.4	2.8
2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	2.3		New forecasts		3.6	2.7	3.1
4.1	2.7	2.9	3.6	3.6		Highest		4.8	4.2	4.0
1.7	0.8	0.0	2.0	2.0		Lowest		2.5	-0.2	1.5
2.2	1.5	1.6	1.9	2.0	Mar	OBR	Mar	3.1	2.0	2.5
								3.0	3.0	2.9

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)				
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
81.3	81.1	81.6	-	-	May *	Capital Economics	* May	4.70	3.10	3.00
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	5.13	2.77	2.04
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	3.75	3.00	2.25
-	-	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	4.10	3.50	3.50
-	-	-	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	4.96	3.52	-
Non-City forecasters										
83.1	84.0	84.7	85.9	88.2	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	5.10	4.50	4.20
81.9	82.2	83.1	83.4	83.4	May *	CEBR	* May	5.10	4.35	3.85
104.2	103.4	103.5	103.7396	104.0028	May *	Experian Economics	* May	5.13	4.52	3.92
81.4	82.1	82.8	83	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	4.80	3.70	3.25
-	-	-	-	-	May *	NIESR	* May	5.12	4.56	4.06
82.7	82.5	82.2	81.9	81.6	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	4.98	3.97	2.97
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
85.8	85.9	86.3	87.6	89.3		Independent average		4.99	4.03	3.61
86.6	86.6	87.0	88.7	89.3		New forecasts		5.01	4.08	3.67
104.2	103.4	103.5	103.7	104.0		Highest		5.13	4.56	4.20
81.3	81.1	81.6	81.9	81.6		Lowest		3.75	2.77	2.04
-	-	-	-	-	Mar	OBR	Mar	4.69	3.63	3.27
									3.20	3.23

Table M5: Medium-term forecasts LFS unemployment

LFS Unemployment rate (annual average, per cent)						LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent)					
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
City forecasters											
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	4.5	4.3	-	-
4.2	4.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	May *	Capital Economics	May	4.2	4.1	3.9	-
4.9	5.2	4.8	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	4.1	4.1	4.2	-
-	-	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	May	4.6	5.0	-	-
4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-	-
4.5	4.7	5.0	5.4	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	4.2	4.4	4.8	5.2
4.3	4.1	-	-	-	May *	UBS	May	4.3	4.1	-	-
Non-City forecasters											
4.3	5.0	5.4	5.7	5.8	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	May	4.6	5.2	5.5	5.7
4.2	3.9	3.9	4.1	4.2	May *	CEBR	May	4.2	3.8	3.9	4.2
4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.1	May *	Experian Economics	May	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.2
4.5	4.0	3.9	3.9	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	4.3	3.9	3.9	3.9
4.3	4.7	4.8	4.6	4.7	May *	NIESR	May	4.3	4.9	4.7	4.7
4.5	4.3	4.0	3.9	3.8	May *	Oxford Economics	May	4.2	3.9	3.8	3.8
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-
4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4		Independent average		4.4	4.4	4.3	4.4
4.3	4.4	4.4	4.4	4.4		New forecasts		4.4	4.4	4.3	4.5
4.9	5.2	5.4	5.7	5.8		Highest		4.6	5.2	5.5	5.7
4.2	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8		Lowest		4.1	3.8	3.8	3.8
4.4	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.1	Mar	OBR	Mar	4.5	4.3	4.2	4.2

Table M6: Medium-term forecasts for claimant unemployment and average earnings

Claimant unemployment (annual average, millions)						Average earnings (percentage change)					
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
City forecasters											
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May *	Capital Economics	May	4.3	2.5	2.9	2.9
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	3.4	2.1	2.5	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	May	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	3.0	3.3	3.2	3.3
-	-	-	-	-	May *	UBS	May	3.1	2.5	-	-
Non-City forecasters											
1.7	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.1	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	May	4.9	4.1	3.9	4.2
1.8	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.0	May *	CEBR	May	5.9	4.3	3.1	3.1
1.8	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	May *	Experian Economics	May	3.9	3.1	3.1	3.0
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	3.8	2.5	2.4	2.7
-	-	-	-	-	May *	NIESR	May	5.3	3.2	2.7	3.1
1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	May *	Oxford Economics	May	4.0	2.7	2.7	2.8
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-	-
1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9		Independent average		4.4	3.1	3.0	3.1
1.7	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.9		New forecasts		4.5	3.2	3.1	3.2
1.8	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1		Highest		5.9	4.3	3.9	4.2
1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5		Lowest		3.0	2.1	2.4	2.7
-	-	-	-	-	Mar	OBR	Mar	3.6	2.1	2.0	2.3

Table M7: Medium-term forecasts for current account

Current account (£ billion)						Current account (per cent of nominal GDP)				
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
-70.7	-75.6	-80.5	-78.7	-74.3	May *	Capital Economics	* May	-2.7	-2.8	-2.9
-66.2	-51.1	-36.6	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-2.4	-1.8	-1.3
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-
-75.0	-71.0	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-
-110.8	-115.1	-119.3	-123.6	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0
-77.5	-73.3	-	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	-2.8	-2.6	-
Non-City forecasters										
-95.0	-92.5	-66.6	-32.4	1.4	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	-3.4	-3.1	-2.1
-104.7	-121.8	-136.9	-142.1	-143.0	May *	CEBR	* May	-	-	-
-70.0	-65.0	-	-	-	May *	Experian Economics	* May	-	-	-
-32.0	-38.0	-45.0	-50.0	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	-1.2	-1.3	-1.5
-153.6	-156.4	-174.2	-171.1	-164.4	May *	NIESR	* May	-5.5	-5.4	-5.8
-79.5	-84.9	-90.7	-92.0	-93.3	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	-2.9	-3.0	-3.0
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
-78.5	-77.7	-99.0	-94.4	-94.7		Independent average		-3.1	-3.0	-3.1
-83.7	-82.1	-109.8	-103.3	-94.7		New forecasts		-3.5	-3.4	-3.5
-26.9	1.5	-36.6	-32.4	1.4		Highest		-1.2	-1.3	-1.3
-153.6	-156.4	-174.2	-171.1	-164.4		Lowest		-5.5	-5.4	-5.8
-77.0	-85.1	-81.4	-79.9	-80.2	Mar	OBR	Mar	-2.8	-3.0	-2.8
									-2.6	-2.5

Table M8: Medium-term forecasts for PSNB

PSNB (£ billion)					PSNB (per cent of nominal GDP)					
2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29		2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
93.5	69.2	61.1	48.0	32.4	May *	Capital Economics	* May	3.4	2.4	2.1
110.1	60.9	58.0	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	4.0	2.1	2.0
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-
84.0	77.0	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-
69.3	80.8	87.9	99.7	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	2.5	2.8	2.9
-	-	-	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
141.7	170.6	177.2	201.3	227.8	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	5.0	5.7	5.6
100.4	89.7	71.5	52.3	-	May *	CEBR	* May	3.2	2.8	2.2
110.0	90.0	-	-	-	May *	Experian Economics	* May	-	-	-
83.9	75.2	66.4	66.4	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	2.6	2.2	1.5
186.3	174.7	140.5	128.3	163.7	May *	NIESR	* May	6.6	6.0	4.6
98.4	82.6	61.7	39.5	27.0	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	3.5	2.8	2.0
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
108.0	96.8	96.4	89.3	112.7		Independent average		4.0	3.7	3.0
111.0	99.4	102.4	93.9	112.7		New forecasts		4.3	3.9	3.3
186.3	174.7	177.2	201.3	227.8		Highest		6.6	6.0	5.6
69.3	41.8	58.0	39.5	27.0		Lowest		2.5	2.1	1.5
85.4	76.7	63.5	49.3	-	Mar	OBR	Mar	-	-	-

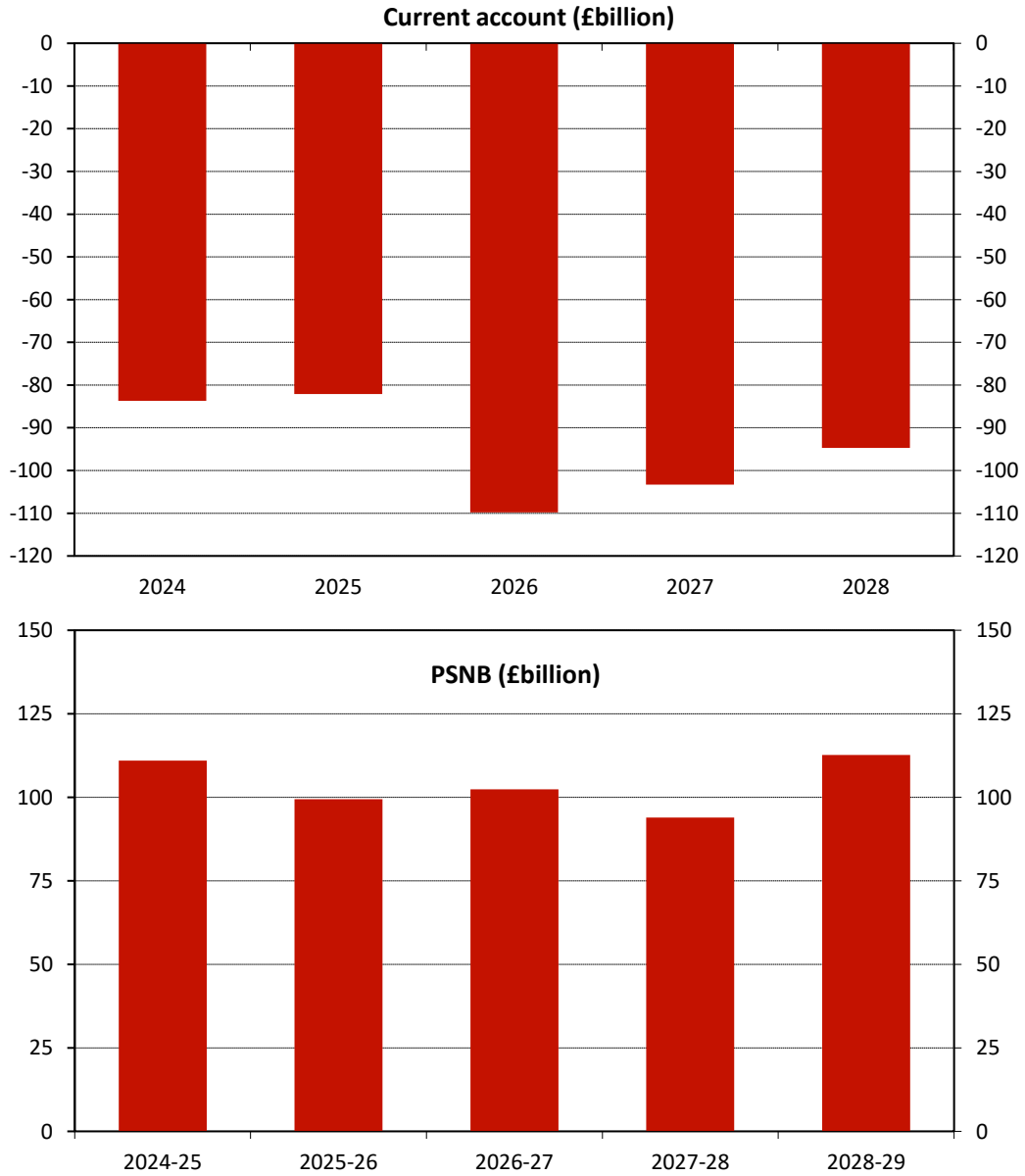
Table M9: Medium-term forecasts for house price inflation and the output gap

House price inflation (annual average, %)						Output gap (% of GDP)				
2024	2025	2026	2027	2028		2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
City forecasters										
-	-	-	-	-	Feb	Bloomberg Economics	Feb	-	-	-
2.0	4.0	3.0	-	-	May *	Capital Economics	* May	-	-	-
0.0	0.0	-	-	-	Aug	Citigroup	Aug	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Goldman Sachs	Feb'23	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	May *	Natwest Markets	* May	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Feb'23	Deutsche Bank	Feb'23	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	Aug	Societe Generale	Aug	-1.6	-1.0	-0.5
-	-	-	-	-	May *	UBS	* May	-	-	-
Non-City forecasters										
-6.5	-7.1	-0.5	3.5	4.9	May *	Beacon Economic Forecasting	* May	-	-	-
-1.9	2.1	3.4	3.5	3.2	May *	CEBR	* May	-	-	-
0.0	1.5	4.0	4.2	4.1	May *	Experian Economics	* May	-	-	-
-0.1	0.6	1.9	-	-	Feb	ITEM Club	Feb	-	-	-
-1.8	-0.7	1.6	2.5	2.7	May *	NIESR	* May	-	-	-
0.2	1.9	4.1	5.3	3.8	May *	Oxford Economics	* May	0.1	0.0	0.1
-	-	-	-	-	Jan	IMF	Jan	-	-	-
-1.2	0.3	2.5	3.8	3.7		Independent average		0.1	0.0	0.1
-1.3	0.3	2.6	3.8	3.7		New forecasts		0.1	0.0	0.1
2.0	4.0	4.1	5.3	4.9		Highest		0.1	0.0	0.1
-6.5	-7.1	-0.5	2.5	2.7		Lowest		-1.6	-1.0	-0.5
-2.3	-0.4	2.2	3.4	3.7	Mar	OBR	Mar	-	-	-

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



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



Annex 1: Forecasting institutions

BC	Barclays Capital
BCC	British Chambers of Commerce
BEF	Beacon Economic Forecasting
BLM	Bloomberg Economics
CapE	Capital Economics
CG	Citigroup
CBI	Confederation of British Industry
CEBR	Centre for Economics and Business Research
DB	Deutsche Bank
EE	Experian Economics
EIU	Economist Intelligence Unit
EP	Economic Perspectives
GS	Goldman Sachs
Het	Heteronomics
HSBC	HSBC Global Research
I	ICEAW
IHS	IHS Markit
IMF	International Monetary Fund
ITEM	EY ITEM Club
JPM	JP Morgan Chase
KC	Kern Consulting
Liv	Liverpool Macro 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
P	Pantheon
NW	NatWest Markets
S	Schroders Investment Management
SG	Societe Generale

Annex 2: Data definitions

GDP	National accounts, Table C2, Code ABMI
Private consumption	Households + NPISH, National accounts, Table C2, Code ABRJ+HAYO
General government consumption	National accounts, Table C2, Code NMRY
Gross fixed investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPQT
Business Investment	National accounts, Table C2, Code NPEL
Domestic demand	National accounts, Table C2, Code YBIM
Total exports	National accounts, Table C2, Code IKBK
Total imports	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 2, Code D7G7
RPI (Q4)	Consumer Price Indices release, Table 2, Code CZBH
Whole Economy Average Weekly Earning (Total Pay)	Labour market statistics, Table 15, Code KAB9
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
Nominal GDP growth	National accounts, Code IHYM
Productivity	Measured as output per hour worked
House price inflation	Q4 on Q4 annual percentage change in house prices
RHDI	National accounts, Table J2, Code NRJR
Employment growth	Labour market statistics, Table JOBS01, Code DYDC
LFS unemployment rate (Q4, per cent)	Labour market statistics, Table 1, Code MGSX
Claimant unemployment (Q4, mn)	Labour market statistics, Table CLA01, Code BCJD
Manufacturing Output	National accounts, Table B1, Code L2KX
World trade in goods and services	Annual growth of 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, Table PSA 1, Code J5II

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: Quarter on quarter a year ago
- 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 UK house price index
- aa: claimant unemployment rate
- ab: treaty deficit
- ac: Excluding Royal Mail Pension Fund & APF transfers
- ad: M4 growth
PSNB excludes the impact of financial sector interventions, but includes flows
- ae: from APF of the Bank of England. Includes impact of Royal Mail's pension fund
- af: Excludes corporate bonds
- ag: Annualised quarterly growth
- ah: Labour productivity measured as GDP per person employed.
- ir: OECD March 2021 Interim Report Annual GDP forecast

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