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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS):

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank

Increase in the CCI and RCI

The Overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) for the West Bank with its base month (December 2007=100) reached 109.36 in 2010 with an increase of 1.57% compared with 2009.

The Overall Road Cost Index (RCI) for the West Bank with its base month (December 2008=100) reached 107.39 in 2010 with an increase of 3.75% compared with 2009.

Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank during December 2010

The overall Construction Cost Index (CCI) reached 110.58 with an increase of 0.73% (base month December 2007=100), the overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 108.36 with an increase of 0.48% (base month December 2008=100), the overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 104.36 with an increase of 0.66% (base month January 2010=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 102.62 with an increase of 0.05% 2010 (base month January 2010=100), in the West Bank during December 2010 compared with November 2010.

The rise of the Construction Cost Index for December is traced to changes in the costs of the following major construction inputs compared with the previous month:

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| - Iron and steel | + 3.56% |
| - Cement, lime & gypsum | + 0.80% |
| - Cutting and shaping stones | + 0.25% |
| - Cement products | + 0.15% |
| - Tiles and panels from ceramic | + 0.08% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | - 0.44% |



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The rise of Road Cost Index for December is traced to changes in the cost of the following major road inputs compared with the previous month:

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| - Iron and steel | + 3.85% |
| - Electric wires and cables | + 1.65% |
| - Quarries and quarrying products | + 1.36% |
| - Cement | + 0.91% |
| - Cement products | + 0.30% |

The rise of Water Networks Cost Index for December is traced to changes in the cost of the following major water networks inputs compared with the previous month:

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| - Water Reservoirs | + 1.49% |
| - Iron | + 4.04% |
| - Construction work and paint | + 0.32% |
| - Excavation | + 0.30% |
| - Concrete | + 0.06% |
| - Water Networks | + 0.27% |
| - Plastic and steel pipes | + 0.63% |
| - Excavations | + 0.30% |
| - Deface materials | - 0.73% |

The rise of Sewage Networks Cost Index for December is traced to changes in the cost of the following major sewage networks inputs compared with the previous month:

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| - Excavations | + 0.30% |
| - Plastic and cement pipes | + 0.30% |
| - Fountains | + 0.23% |
| - Deface materials | - 0.73% |

The data of West Bank doesn't cover those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB:

1. Data of Gaza Strip is not available.
2. The difference in the percent change in major groups of Road, Construction, water networks, and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.