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Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS)

Stability in Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank* in February 2010 Compared with the Previous Month

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 100.04 in February 2010 with an increase of 0.04% compared with previous month, (January 2010=100), and the overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 100.10 in February 2010 with an increase of 0.10% compared with the previous month. (January 2010=100).

Analysis of Water Networks Cost Index developments for January indicates **changes in** the cost of the following major Water Networks inputs compared with previous month:

- Reservoirs	+ 0.70%
- Iron	+ 2.32%
- Construction work and paint	+ 1.47%
- Concrete	- 0.28%
- Water Networks	- 0.25%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 3.12%
- Administrative expenses	- 1.16%
- Wages and other costs	-0.05%
- Plastic and steel Pipes	+ 0.46%

Analysis of Sewage Networks Cost Index developments for January indicates **changes in** the cost of the following major Sewage Networks inputs compared with previous month:

- Wages and other costs	+ 3.06%
- Fountains	+ 1.71%
- Deface Materials	+ 0.06%
- Asphalt, bitumen mixture and its products	- 3.12%



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| - Plastic and Cements Pipes | - 0.84% |
| - Excavations | - 0.06% |

* West Bank: Excluding those parts of Jerusalem which were annexed by Israel in 1967.

NB:

1. Data of Gaza Strip is not available, due to the closure of PCBS' offices in Gaza Strip since 15/04/2008.
2. The difference in the percent change in major groups of water networks and sewage networks Cost Index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.

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