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Construction Cost Index (CCI), Road Cost Index (RCI), Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) and Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) in the West Bank\*During March, 03/2017

### Increase in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Residential buildings reached 103.72 with an increase of 0.44% in the West Bank\* during March 2017 compared with February 2017 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Residential buildings increased due to the increase in labour wages by 1.72%, and rental of equipment by 1.00%, while the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.19% during March 2017 compared with the previous month.

### Increase in the Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Non-residential Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Non-residential buildings reached 103.74 with an increase of 0.34% in the West Bank\* during March 2017 compared with February 2017 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Non-Residential buildings increased due to the increase in labour wages by 1.72%, and rental of equipment by 0.91%, while the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.29% during March 2017 compared with the previous month.

### **Increase in the Construction Cost Index** (CCI) for Skeleton Buildings

The Construction Cost Index (CCI) for Skeleton buildings reached 101.81 with an increase of 0.15% in the West Bank\* during March 2017 compared with February 2017 (base year 2013=100).

The Construction Cost Index for Skeleton buildings increased due to the increase in labour wages by 1.61%, and rental of equipment by 0.46%, while the prices of raw materials decreased by 0.53% during March 2017 compared with the previous month.

#### **Decrease in the Road Cost Index (RCI)**

The overall Road Cost Index (RCI) reached 107.38 with a decrease of 0.36% in the West Bank\* during March 2017 compared with February 2017 (base month December 2008=100).

The overall Road Cost Index decreased due to the decrease in operating costs of equipment & maintenance by 1.95%, rental of equipment by 0.49%, and the prices of raw materials by 0.43%, while labour wages increased by 0.32% during March 2017 compared with the previous month.

### Slight Increase in the Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI)

The overall Water Networks Cost Index (WNCI) reached 111.61 with a slight increase of 0.07% in the West Bank\* during March 2017 compared with February 2017 (base month January 2010=100).

Water Networks Cost Index reached 115.05 with an increase of 0.15%, while Water Reservoirs Cost Index reached 104.05 with a decrease of 0.14% during March 2017 compared with the previous month.

#### **Increase in the Sewage Networks Cost Index** (SNCI)

The overall Sewage Networks Cost Index (SNCI) reached 108.35 with an increase of 0.17% in the West Bank\* during March 2017 compared with February 2017 (base month January 2010=100).

#### Note:

\* The data of West Bank doesn't include that part of Jerusalem which was annexed forcefully by Israel following its occupation of the West Bank in 1967.

#### NB:

- 1. Gaza Strip data is not available.
- 2. The difference in the percentage change in major groups of road, construction, water networks, and sewage networks cost index is due to the nature compositions of these major groups.

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