

ADVISORY PANEL ON CONSUMER PRICES – STAKEHOLDER

Stakeholder Panel future discussion Plan

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Purpose

1. Future discussion plans are tabled to Panels in order that members are sighted well in advance in terms of which agenda items will be discussed throughout the year, and so Prices Division can prepare with more certainty when workstream updates should be brought to the Panel.
2. It was agreed that updated Future discussion plans would be provided to the Panel when appropriate (generally every two or three quarters). As such, this paper provides a draft forward discussion plan, alongside information (when possible) on what types of issues will be discussed as part of each agenda item.

Actions

3. The paper is primarily for information, but we'd appreciate the Panel's thoughts on whether:
 - a. there should more agenda items added to the Future discussion plan.
 - b. each agenda item has been assigned to the correct quarter.

Future Discussion PlanJanuary 2026 (Stakeholder Panel only)

1. PIPR methodology

Following the OSR and the Panel Chair receiving a letter from Better Statistics, the Panel discussed the issue of PIPR not being based solely on recent evidence of changes in pricing. The Panel agreed that it would be helpful to discuss this issue at a date in the future and requested that ONS produce a paper which will allow discussion on whether the stock-based methodological approach in PIPR is consistent with calculating consumer price indices using the acquisition approach.

2. Workstream update

Progress updates will be given on the high and medium priorities in the development plan, the continuous improvement work and the basket quality review. An update will also be given on developments relating to the risk register.

April 2026 (Stakeholder Panel only)

1. Seasonally-adjusted CPI

At the July 2025 Panel ONS presented on a paper which sought feedback from the Panel on issues including a revisions policy for seasonally-adjusted CPI, aggregation issues and presentational issues relating to the CPI bulletin. Over the winter ONS will be acting on that feedback and planning for

integrating production of seasonally-adjusted CPI into relevant teams. This agenda item has been scheduled to update Panel members on progress toward publication of seasonally-adjusted CPI.

2. Workstream update

Progress updates will be given on the high and medium priorities in the development plan, the continuous improvement work and the basket quality review. An update will also be given on developments relating to the risk register.

July 2026 (Stakeholder Panel only)

1. Workstream update and prioritisation

Progress updates will be given on the high and medium priorities in the development plan, the continuous improvement work and the basket quality review. An update will also be given on developments relating to the risk register. The Panel will be given the opportunity to share thoughts on the prioritisation of workstreams in the development plan and the continuous improvement work alongside any thoughts on future basket reviews.

September 2026 (Stakeholder Panel)

1. Household Costs Indices

The Panel will be receiving an update today on progress towards accredited official statistic status. The purpose of this agenda item is to further update the Panel on progress towards this goal.

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