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The Price Indices for April 2014

Consumer Price Indices (CPI)

The CPI in April 2014 (2011=100) increased 0.66% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of garments went up 16.90% with the availability of new arrivals for spring/summer clothing. As tour fees rising, entertainment expenses grew by 1.81%. However, prices of fruits and eggs moved down to offset some percentage of raise. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, climbed 0.82%.

The annual change of CPI in April 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, rose 1.65%. Prices of fruits and meats surged 19.30% and 13.79%. Together with the increasing of prices of fish, seafood, and food away from home, prices of food went up 5.04%. Whereas communication fees and prices of consumer electronics products declined. The core CPI advanced 1.24%.

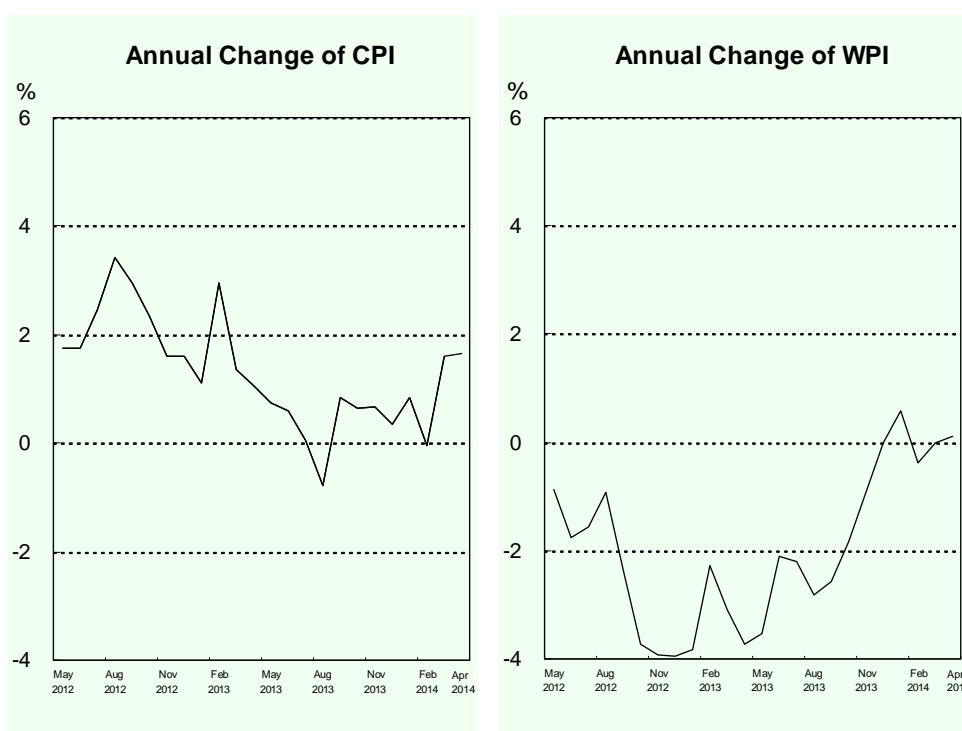
For the first four months, the CPI went up 1.01% over the same period of the previous year. Prices of commodity group rose 1.51%, and prices of service group moved up 0.64%. The core CPI increased 0.77%.

Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)

The WPI in April 2014 decreased 0.57% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of computers, electronic and optical products moved down 1.61%, and prices of electronic parts and components fell 0.68%. Meanwhile, prices of chemical materials, petroleum, and coal products dropped, but prices of basic metals, farm products, and fishery products increased.

The annual change of WPI in April 2014, compared with the same month of 2013, went up 0.12%, mainly because prices of electricity, poultry, livestock, and farm products climbed. Prices of crude petroleum and natural gas rose 3.47%, however, prices of basic metals, computers, electronic, and optical products decreased. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports moved up 1.50%, import price index declined 0.52%, and export price index went down 0.43%.

For the first four months of 2014, the WPI advanced 0.08% over the same period of the previous year.



Statistical Tables

Table1 The Changes of Consumer Price Indices

Table2 The Changes of Wholesale Price Indices

Table3 The Changes of Import Price Indices

Table4 The Changes of Export Price Indices

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