



## Sustaining Progress—Social Partnership Agreement 2003—2005

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(Interim Agreement for 18 months)

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- 3% from 1st April 2003\*
- 2% from 1st January 2004
- 2% from 1st July 2004

Public Sector Wage Increase  
(Interim Agreement for 18 months)

Under the terms of the Sustaining Progress Social Partnership Agreement 2003-2005 the following wage increases were agreed:

- Pay pause for 6 months
- 3% from 1st January 2004
- 2% from 1st July 2004
- 2% from 1st December 2004

\*It should be noted that the CIF believe the implementation date for the first increase should be the 1st July 2003 while the unions believe the implementation date is the 1st April 2003. We understand that clarification is being sought from the labour court on this matter.

## Tender Levels

The ESRI in its Spring 2003 quarterly commentary states: *"although inflation in consumer prices has been close to 5% in the first quarter of 2003, we expect price increases to moderate substantially over the course of the year to average 4.3% and to fall to an average of 3.2% in 2004"*. An examination of the indices overleaf show the CSO Consumer Price Index continuing its upward trend. Notwithstanding the 4% PPF wage increase in July 2002 and the imminent 3% Sustaining Progress increase, national tender levels fell as per the SCS Tender Index by 4.97% during 2002. Despite the upward pressure of inflation and wage increases our own Tender Returns indicate that Tender Levels during 2003 will remain at 2002 levels.

## GDLA Form of Contract

Users of this contract should be aware that a number of serious and minor errors occur in the re printed August 2002 and January 2003 editions of the GDLA Form of Contract. We understand that the errors are being corrected, but in the short term users should amend the contract conditions. A list of the errors is available from our office or from the Society of Chartered Surveyors, 5 Wilton Place, Dublin 2.

## 2003 School Building Programme

The Minister for Education and Science, Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D. on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2003 announced an update to the school building programme for 2003 which was first published on 22 January 2003. Full details of the original programme and update are published on the AKC website in the News section ([www.akc.ie](http://www.akc.ie))

New Fees for Planning  
Appeals and other Matters

An Bord Pleanála announced, on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2003, an increase in fees payable to the Board for appeals and certain other main matters. The effective date for the increases is 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2003.

## Guide to Fees payable to the Board

Case Type	On or before 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2003	On or after 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2003
Planning Acts		
a. Appeal against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development, made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application relates to unauthorised development.	€ 380	€ 1,800
b. Appeals against a decision of a planning authority on a planning application relating to commercial development, made by the person by whom the planning application was made, other than an appeal mentioned at (a).	€ 380	€ 600
c. Appeal made by the person by whom the planning application was made, where the application relates to unauthorised development, other than an appeal mentioned at (a) or (b).	€ 150	€ 600
d. Appeal other than an appeal mentioned at (a), (b), (c) or (f).	€ 150	€ 200
e. Application for leave to appeal.	N/A	€ 100
f. Appeal following a grant of leave to appeal.	€ 150	€ 100
g. Referral	€ 150	€ 200
h. Reduced fee (payable by specified bodies).	€ 75	€ 100
i. Submissions or observations (by observer).	€ 45	€ 50
j. Request from a party for an oral hearing.	€ 75	€ 90

## Public Procurement Directives

Three different types of contract are identified in EU Directives:

- Works contracts - buildings and civil engineering works
- Supplies contracts - purchasing goods and supplies
- Services contracts - advertising, property management services, architectural / engineering / surveying, management consultancy services etc.

Any contract placed by a Public Contracting Authority, if it is over the relevant financial threshold in the Directive, must be processed and awarded in accordance with the procedures of the Directive, unless it is covered by a clearly defined exception.

Contracts below the various thresholds may also be covered by the Directives. The EU Public Procurement Directives must be followed where a project is wholly or partly financed by EU institutions. This also applies whether or not the agency concerned would normally be subject to the Directives.

## Current Threshold Values

(applicable January 2002 to December 2003)

- Works Contracts: € 6,242,028 for Government Departments, Local and Regional Authorities.
- Services and Supplies Contracts: € 162,293 for Government Departments and € 249,681 for Local and Regional Authorities.

The indices shown overleaf are updated regularly on our website. Further copies of this review are available on our website to download as an Acrobat PDF file.

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**SCS Construction Cost Index** (Source: Society of Chartered Surveyors)

Base Year 1985 = 100

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly % Jan to Jan.
1992	138.8	139.5	139.7	141.8	141.7	141.7	141.8	141.8	142.3	142.3	142.2	142.1	2.45%
1993	142.2	142.0	142.2	146.0	146.1	146.3	146.4	146.6	147.1	147.4	147.7	148.0	4.43%
1994	148.5	148.7	148.8	149.9	149.5	150.0	150.2	150.5	152.2	152.8	153.1	153.3	3.64%
1995	153.9	154.5	154.6	154.8	154.8	154.9	155.4	155.5	157.0	157.0	157.1	157.1	2.08%
1996	157.1	157.1	157.3	157.3	157.1	157.3	157.3	157.2	158.5	158.7	158.8	158.8	1.85%
1997	160.0	160.6	161.0	162.5	162.6	162.8	164.5	165.1	165.9	166.4	166.5	166.5	4.38%
1998	167.0	167.3	168.0	168.1	169.1	169.3	171.0	170.8	171.0	171.1	171.0	170.8	2.46%
1999	171.1	171.1	171.2	176.8	176.9	177.1	179.0	179.1	182.9	183.6	183.7	183.7	8.12%
2000	185.0	185.5	186.2	186.4	187.0	187.1	187.4	187.5	188.2	210.4	210.4	210.5	14.05%
2001	211.0	211.8	213.2	215.8	215.8	215.8	220.0	227.1	227.2	232.2	232.2	232.1	10.19%
2002	232.5	232.6	231.5	231.5	231.6	231.7	237.6	237.7	237.7	237.7	237.7	242.9	4.43%
2003	242.9	242.9	242.9	242.9									

**DOE House Building Cost Index** (Source: Department of the Environment)

Base Year 1991 = 100

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Yearly % Jan to Jan.
1992	102.6	103.4	103.5	104.9	104.9	104.9	105.0	105.0	105.5	105.5	105.4	105.2	2.63%
1993	105.3	105.1	105.1	107.6	107.7	107.7	107.8	107.8	108.2	108.4	108.4	108.7	3.70%
1994	109.2	109.3	109.4	110.3	110.1	110.6	110.7	110.9	112.2	112.7	112.9	113.1	3.94%
1995	113.5	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.1	114.5	114.5	115.7	115.8	115.9	115.9	2.11%
1996	115.9	115.7	115.9	115.9	115.9	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.9	117.1	117.2	117.2	1.81%
1997	118.0	118.5	118.8	119.8	119.8	119.8	120.8	121.0	121.5	122.0	122.6	122.6	4.15%
1998	122.9	123.1	123.8	123.8	124.5	124.5	125.7	125.7	126.0	126.2	126.2	126.1	2.77%
1999	126.3	126.4	126.5	130.5	130.5	130.5	131.5	131.5	134.1	134.7	134.8	134.9	7.52%
2000	135.8	136.1	136.4	136.5	136.8	136.9	137.2	137.2	137.7	153.8	153.8	153.9	13.62%
2001	154.3	154.7	155.6	157.4	157.6	157.7	161.1	165.9	166.0	169.3	169.4	169.3	10.11%
2002	169.9	170.0	169.5	169.5	169.5	167.7	173.8	173.9	173.9	173.9	174.0	174.1	2.53%
2003	174.2	174.5	174.5	174.4	174.4								

**CSO Wholesale Price Index for Construction Wages & Materials (WPCM4040)**

(Source: Central Statistics Office)

This index has been rebased to the year 2000, historical index figures are available on our website [www.akc.ie](http://www.akc.ie)

Base Year 2000 = 100

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2000	96.1	96.5	96.7	97.4	97.8	98.0	98.0	98.2	98.7	107.4	107.5	107.6
2001	108.0	108.4	108.5	110.4	110.4	110.6	112.6	115.6	115.7	117.8	117.8	117.7
2002	118.1	118.8	118.9	119.7	119.8	119.9	122.1	122.2	122.3	122.8	122.7	122.8
2003	122.1	122.3	122.4									

**CSO Consumer Price Index (CPAM 063)** (Source: Central Statistics Office)

Base Year 1996 = 100

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1997	99.5	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.5	100.8	100.7	100.5	101.0	101.2	101.6	101.9
1998	101.3	101.8	102.3	102.8	103.2	103.7	103.4	103.7	104.0	104.1	103.7	103.6
1999	102.8	103.4	103.7	104.2	104.7	105.0	104.6	105.2	105.6	105.7	105.9	107.1
2000	106.9	107.8	108.5	109.3	110.1	110.8	111.1	111.7	112.1	112.9	113.3	113.4
2001	112.5	113.5	114.4	115.4	116.1	116.7	116.4	116.8	117.3	117.7	117.6	118.2
2002	118.0	118.8	119.9	120.9	121.5	121.7	121.3	122.0	122.6	123.2	123.3	124.1
2003	123.6	124.8	125.8	126.1								

**Permanent TSB National House Price Index** (Source: Permanent TSB)

Base Year 1996 = 100

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1996			96.6	97.0	98.2	99.8	100.2	101.4	102.0	102.6	102.8	102.4
1997	104.6	105.8	109.0	110.0	111.8	113.3	114.3	115.4	116.2	118.3	119.6	102.5
1998	121.5	123.4	126.0	128.2	132.4	136.9	142.6	146.4	148.5	150.9	152.4	156.4
1999	156.8	159.4	161.3	163.6	165.6	167.8	171.4	174.1	176.4	178.6	181.7	184.4
2000	187.5	189.5	193.1	196.5	200.0	203.7	207.5	211.7	212.7	214.8	219.0	223.7
2001	226.1	227.1	230.0	232.7	233.7	234.5	236.8	238.9	238.5	236.5	235.5	233.5
2002	231.5	233.1	237.4	244.2	245.3	246.6	247.5	250.7	254.4	275.8	261.4	264.6
2003	266.6	269.0	271.8	275.2								

**HPO Tender Index** (Source: Department of Health)

Construction

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
1990	229	230	235	237
1991	238	239	240	240
1992	241	241	241	241
1993	242	242	245	245
1994	245	247	255	260
1995	268	285	300	310
1996	318	323	330	335

	Q 1	Q 2	Q 3	Q 4
1997	340	355	370	380
1998	385	395	405	415
1999	420	429	438	447
2000	470	485	500	540
2001	570	580	595	605
2002	621	631	640	626
2003	628	628		

**SCS Tender Index**

(Source: Society of Chartered Surveyors)

	Jan - July	July - Dec
1998	100.0	103.8
1999	108.6	116.1
2000	121.7	130.7
2001	132.2	136.9
2002	133.9	130.1