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<p>INCORPORATING CHANGES UP TO <b>28 FEBRUARY 2014</b></p>	

This *Update* covers the 2014 editions of the *Architects' and Builders' Price Book*, the *Civil Engineering and Highway Works Price Book*, the *External Works and Landscape Price Book* and the *Mechanical and Electrical Services Price Book*. Details of changes in material prices, wage rates etc. are given and the various indices and adjustment factors presented in the books are brought up to date.

Each of the Price Books is dealt with separately in its own section of the *Update*. Information on changes to the *Architects' and Builders' Price Book* appears on pages 2 to 3, the *Civil Engineering and Highway Works Price Book* on page 4, the *External Works and Landscape Price Book* on page 5, and the *Mechanical and Electrical Services Price Book* on pages 6 and 7.

Corrections are headed 'Erratum' and boxed to distinguish them from updated information.

**Spon's 2015 Price Books are planned to be published in September 2014.**

# The Construction Climate

## Construction activity trends

- House building continues to lead the increase in construction activity but is being well supported by commercial and infrastructure works.
- UK construction output is recovering rapidly as the economy improves despite a surprise fall in output in November 2013 which was offset by a 2% rise in December 2013.
- Construction materials prices remain subdued during 2013Q4.
- Steel prices continue to fall as demand lags behind production.
- Consumer price index rose by 2% in the year to December, down from 2.1% in November, to hit the government target.

## Tender price index

The tender price index reflects project costs to the client.

Prices moved up at a quicker rate in the fourth quarter as a result of higher output and new orders. Future price increases are becoming customary with many observers.

The *Architects' and Builders' Price Book 2014* has a Tender Price Index of 453. We are currently forecasting a tender price index of 455 for 2014Q1 which indicates current tender prices are at the same levels as the book guide prices.

The previous 12 months from 2013Q1 to 2014Q1 indicate an increase of 3% in tender prices.

## Building cost index

The building cost index reflects costs to the contractor or sub-contractor.

There has been a 1.8% increase in the index over the last 12 months with a 0.1% increase over each of the last two quarters.

## Materials

Since the book prices were collated in May 2013 the following changes to key materials have been identified:

	<b>Percentage change May 2013–December 2014</b>
Particle board	+5.2%
Coated roadstone	+3.9%
Ready-mixed concrete	2.7%
Fabricated structural steel	-3.6%
Imported plywood	-8.8%

Source BIS

Construction material prices have been relatively stable since July 2011 with very low month to month fluctuations.

## Labour

### WAGE AGREEMENTS

#### Building and Allied Trades

BATJIC agreed new wage rates which came into effect on 17 June 2013 and run to 15 June 2014.

The 2013/14 agreement involves a 2% increase in pay. The rise is across the board except for the hourly rate for the Adult General Operative which increases by 3% from £7.96 to £8.20 per hour.

#### Construction Industry Joint Council

CIJC rates will increase from 30 June 2014 when the hourly rate for a General Operative will be £8.27 per hour (£322.53 per 39 hour week). Travel and fare allowances will also increase from June 2014.

#### Joint Industry Board

JIB rates increased by 2% on 6 January 2014.

# SPON'S ARCHITECTS' AND BUILDERS' PRICE BOOK 2014

## Costs and Tender Prices Indices

### Building cost indices

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The table of building cost indices may be updated as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual average
2013	857	856	857	856 (P)	857
2014	860 (F)	863	882	884	872
2015	887	891	910	912	900

(P) = Provisional; (F) = Forecast thereafter

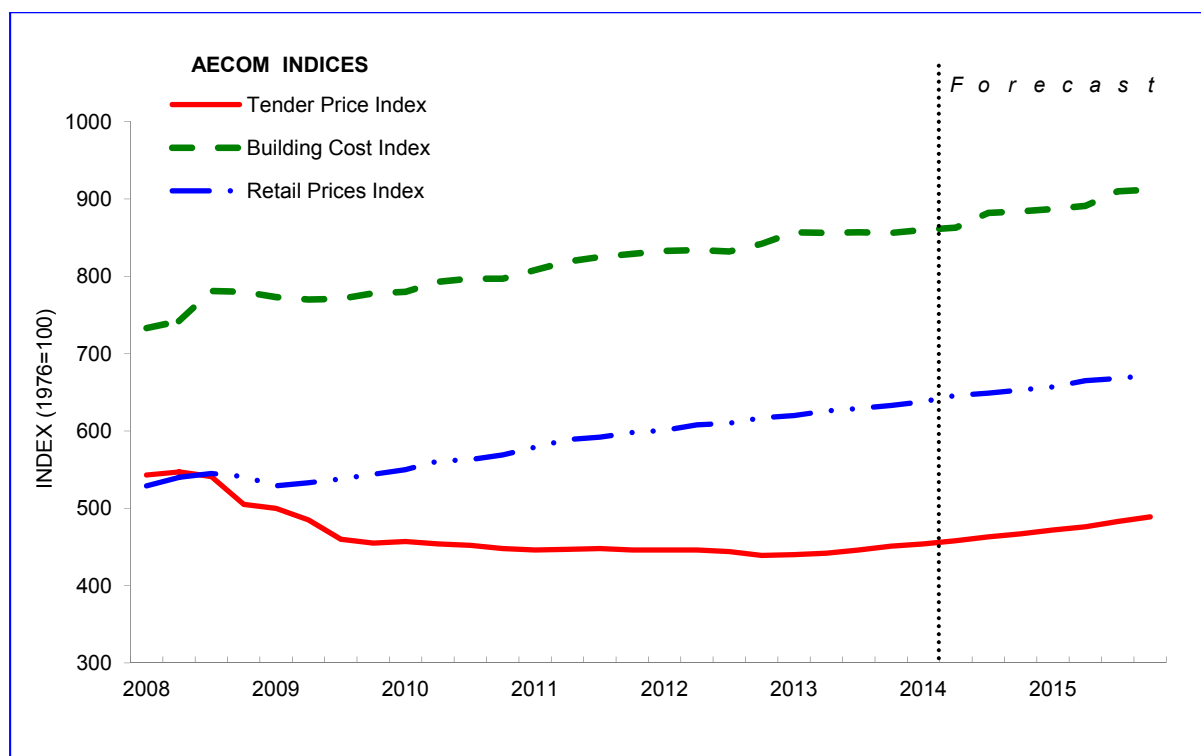
### Tender price indices

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The table of tender price indices may be updated as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual average
2013	440	442	446	451 (P)	445
2014	454 (F)	458	463	467	461
2015	472	476	483	489	480

(P) = Provisional; (F) = Forecast thereafter



## Regional variations

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The following table indicates how building prices vary around the country. The figures are averages and, inevitably, not all trades or items of work will vary exactly in line with the differences shown. The principal driving force behind the variations is differing labour rates between the regions.

The table indicates, for each region the percentage adjustments advised to the Measured Works section of *Spon's Architects' and Builders' Price Book 2014*.

Region	Adjustment to Measured Works Section
Outer London	-1%
Inner London	5%
South East	-4%
South West	-5%
East Anglia	-8%
East Midlands	-12%
West Midlands	-11%
Northern	-15%
Northern Ireland	-33%
North West	-13%
Yorkshire and Humberside	-11%
Wales	-9%
Scotland	-10%

The figures represent broad averages for the regions. Differences will occur within regions and further adjustments will be needed when considering city centre or very isolated locations.

## Prices for Measured Works

### Materials prices

Reference should be made to the material prices changes notified on page 1 of this *Update*.

### Rates of wages

Reference should be made to the labour rates changes notified on page 1 of this *Update*.

# SPON'S CIVIL ENGINEERING AND HIGHWAY WORKS PRICE BOOK 2014

## Cost and Tender Price Indices

### Price Adjustment Formula Indices

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The table of Price Adjustment Formulae Indices may be supplemented as follows:

Year	Quarter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11a
2013	1	1973	1326	2007	2391	1788	2453	5782	8202	1449	733
	2	1966	1324	1975	2384	1799	2453	5745	7723	1501	732
	3	1965	1320	1974	2400	1790	2453	5861	8069	1496	738
	4 (P)	1965	1319	1985	2413	1790	2453	5847	7784	1509	731

(P) = Provisional thereafter

Note: The indices shown relate to the third month of each quarter.

### A Constructed Cost Index based on the Price Adjustment Formula Indices

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The table of the Constructed Civil Engineering Cost Index may be supplemented as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual average
2013	2572	2542	2571	2552 (P)	2559
2014	2555				

(P) = Provisional thereafter

### The Road Construction Tender Price Index

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The table may be supplemented as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual average
2012	179	180	179	185	181
2013	191 (P)	193	195		

(P) = Provisional thereafter

Note: 2012Q1 revised

## Prices for Measured Works

### Materials prices

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### Rates of wages

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# SPON'S EXTERNAL WORKS AND LANDSCAPE PRICE BOOK 2014

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## Cost Indices

### The Constructed Landscaping Cost Index

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The Constructed Landscaping (Hard Surfacing and Planting) Cost Index may be updated as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual Average
2013	874	873	874	874 (P)	874
2014	878				

(P) = Provisional thereafter

### Regional Variations

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The table may be updated as follows:

Region	Adjustment factor
Outer London	1.00
Inner London	1.09
South East	0.96
South West	0.96
East Midlands	0.89
West Midlands	0.90
East Anglia	0.93
Yorkshire and Humberside	0.90
Northern	0.86
North West	0.88
Scotland	0.91
Wales	0.92
Northern Ireland	0.68
Channel Islands	1.24

## Prices for Measured Works

### Materials prices

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### Rates of wages

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# SPON'S MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES PRICE BOOK 2014

## Cost Indices

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The tables of cost indices for Mechanical Services and Electrical Services should be revised as follows:

### Mechanical Services

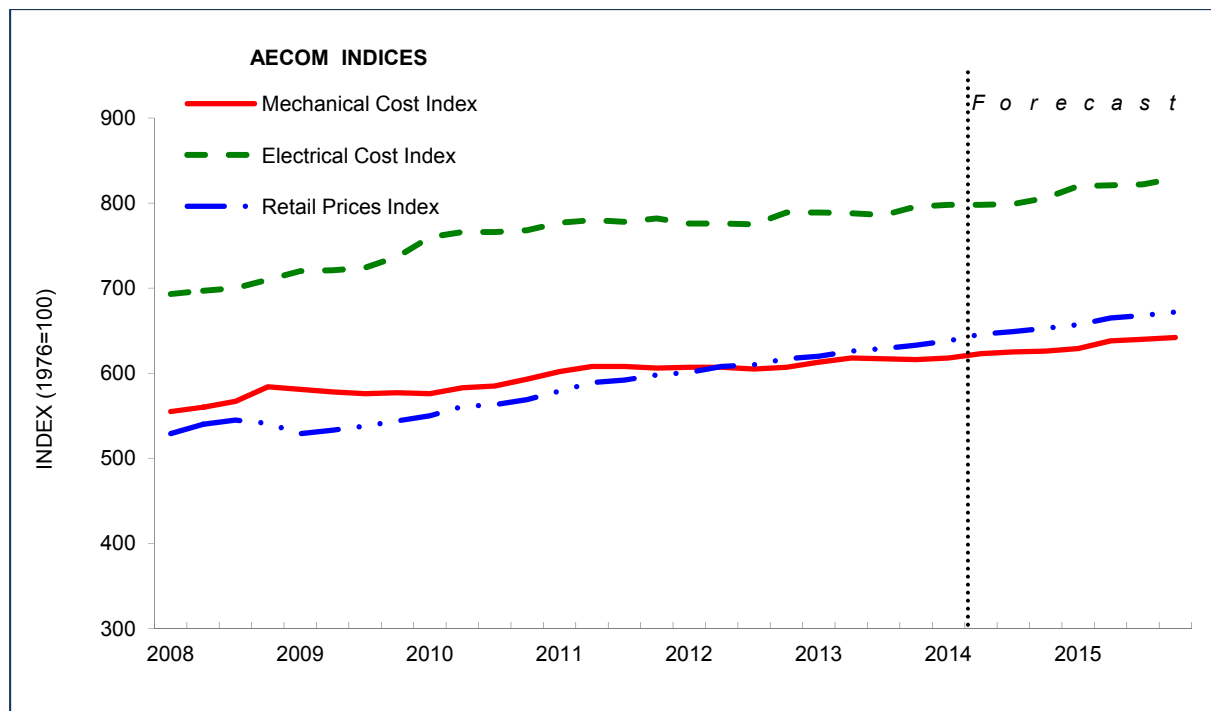
Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
2013	613	618	617	616 (P)
2014	638 (F)	646	649	653

(P) = Provisional; (F) = Forecast thereafter

### Electrical Services

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
2013	789	788	786	796 (P)
2014	798 (F)	798	799	806

(P) = Provisional; (F) = Forecast thereafter



## Regional Variations

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The table may be updated as follows:

Region	Adjustment factor
Greater London	1.03
South East	0.97
South West	0.96
East Midlands	0.89
West Midlands	0.90
East Anglia	0.93
Yorkshire and Humberside	0.90
Northern	0.86
North West	0.88
Scotland	0.91
Wales	0.92
Northern Ireland	0.68

## Prices for Measured Works

### Materials prices

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