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<p style="text-align: center;">INCORPORATING CHANGES UP TO 30 NOVEMBER 2014</p>	

This *Update* covers the 2015 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 3 and 4, the *Civil Engineering and Highway Works Price Book* on pages 5 and 6, the *External Works and Landscape Price Book* on page 8, and the *Mechanical and Electrical Services Price Book* on pages 9.

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

Spon's 2016 Price Books are planned to be published in September 2015.

The Construction Climate

Construction activity trends

Momentum in the industry's workload resulted in a 1.9% quarterly tender price inflation increase in 2014Q3, when measured by Aecom tender price index. The annual rate of change in tender prices up to 2014Q3 is currently 6.1%. Regionally, price levels are moving up but still lagging behind the growth rates in the South-east.

There have been increases in some construction material prices and increases in directly employed labour costs but tender prices in general remained flat as contractors continue to compete for work in a declining market.

Tender price index

Prices measured as an average across sectors increased to 6.1% on an annual basis to 2014Q3. The annual forecast from 2014Q3 to 2015Q3 has increased to 4.7%.

Building cost index

Increasing demand for labour is the main driver behind the annual rates of cost inflation. Materials demand was mostly steady over the period since the books were compiled with an increase in the cost index of 2.7% since May

Materials

The long term trend for construction materials is one of continuing small increases. The year on year change to October 2014 was 0.5%, down from 1.0% in September.

The sector recording the highest rise in prices was New Housing, which reflects the recent increase in activity in the sector.

Since the book prices were compiled in May 2014 the materials experiencing the largest price increases and decreases are:

	Percentage change May 2014–October 2014
Increases	
Plastic pipes	3.3%
Sawn wood	2.3%
Particle board	1.8%
Plywood	1.7%
Fabricated structural steel	1.2%
Ready-mixed concrete	0.9%
Decreases	
Coated roadstone	-2.6%
Paint (aqueous)	-2.5%
Sand & gravel	-1.9%
Concrete reinforcing bars	-1.0%

Source BIS

Labour

Building

Recent wage awards are reflected in the books and run through until June 2015.

Electricians

Electricians have agreed a new pay award of 5% over the next two years with a 2% increase in January 2015, followed by a 3% increase from January 2016.

SPON'S ARCHITECTS' AND BUILDERS' PRICE BOOK 2015

Costs and Tender Prices Indices

Building Costs 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
2012	833	834	832	842	835
2013	857	856	857	857	857
2014	859	859	875(P)	876 (F)	867
2015	878	881	899	900	890
2016	903	906	927	929	916

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

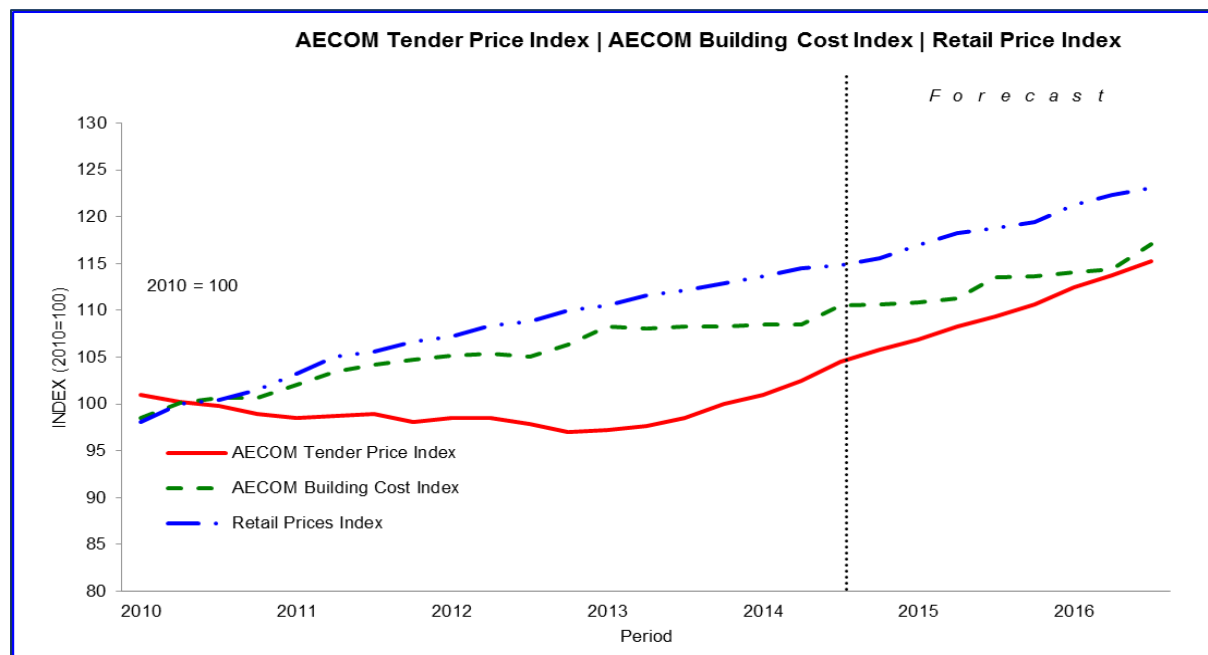
Tender Prices Indices

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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
2012	446	446	443	439	443
2013	440	442	446	453	445
2014	457	464	473(P)	479 (F)	467
2015	484	490	495	501	492
2016	508	515	522	529	518

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Prices for Measured Works

Materials Prices

Reference should be made to the material prices changes notified on page 2 of this *Update*.

Rates of Wages

Reference should be made to the labour rates changes notified on page 2 of this *Update*

Erratum

p 33

The first paragraph should read:

The Landfill tax came into operation on 1 October 1996. It is levied on operators of licensed landfill sites at the following rates with effect from 1 April 2014 (*not 2013*)

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Concrete ground beam

Reinforced in situ concrete ground beams; bar reinforcement; formwork all have the wrong Unit. They should be m (*not m3*)

SPON'S CIVIL ENGINEERING AND HIGHWAY WORKS PRICE BOOK 2015

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
2012	1	1916	1307	2045	2331	1755	2532	5763	8497	1461	810
	2	1913	1305	2026	2351	1793	2532	5704	7360	1466	774
	3	1919	1308	2012	2363	1788	2532	5710	8260	1456	755
	4	1938	1312	2015	2357	1782	2453	5769	7774	1440	748
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	1965	1319	1987	2430	1787	2453	5850	7724	1510	735
2014	1	1972	1329	1994	2563	1862	2453	5947	7408	1503	728
	2	1972	1325	2046	2574	1880	2509	5923	7287	1513	712
	3 (P)	2018	1338	2021	2587	1875	2585	5875	7124	1496	713

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

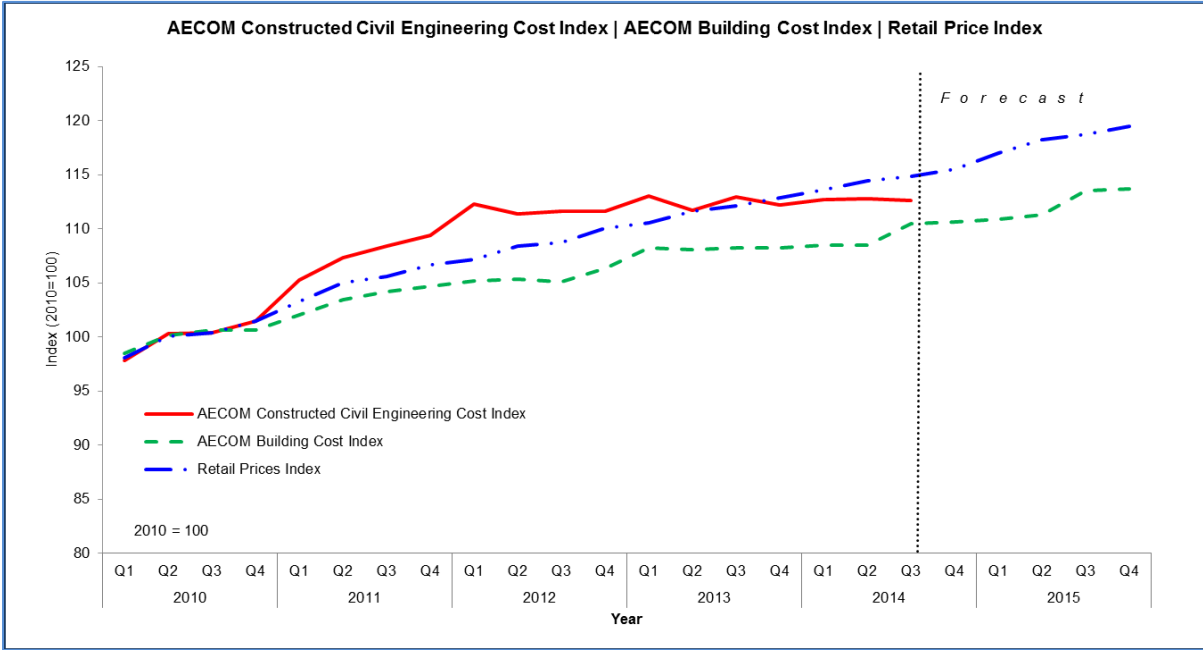
A Constructed Cost Index based on the Price Adjustment Formula Indices

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The table and chart for the Constructed Civil Engineering Cost Index may be supplemented as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual average
2012	2555	2536	2540	2541	2543
2013	2572	2542	2571	2554	2560
2014	2565	2567	2563 (P)		

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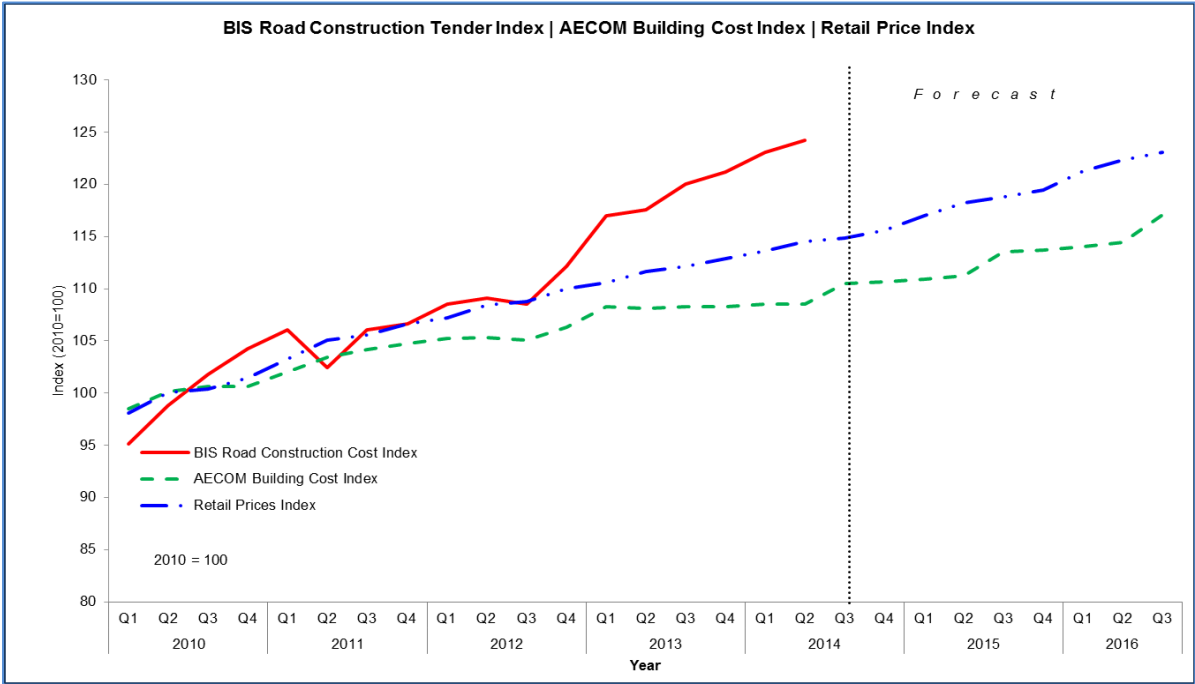
The Road Construction Tender Price Index

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The table and chart may be supplemented as follows:

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter	Annual average
2011	175	169	175	176	173
2012	179	185	193	195	188
2013	193	194	198	200 (P)	196
2014	203	205			

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Prices for Measured Works

Materials Prices

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SPON'S EXTERNAL WORKS AND LANDSCAPE PRICE BOOK 2015

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
2012	858	858	860	862	860
2013	874	873	874 (P)	874	874
2014	878	880	891		

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SPON'S MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL SERVICES PRICE BOOK 2015

Cost Indices

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

Mechanical Installations

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
2012	607	607	605	607
2013	613	618	617	619
2014	621	620	620 (P)	631 (F)
2015	633	635	636	649
2016	652	653	655	

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Electrical Installations

Year	First quarter	Second quarter	Third quarter	Fourth quarter
2012	776	776	775	789
2013	789	788	786	797
2014	798	796	796 (P)	804 (F)
2015	818	818	819	827
2016	842	842	843	

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