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### **The Price Indices for February 2013**

#### **Consumer Price Indices (CPI)**

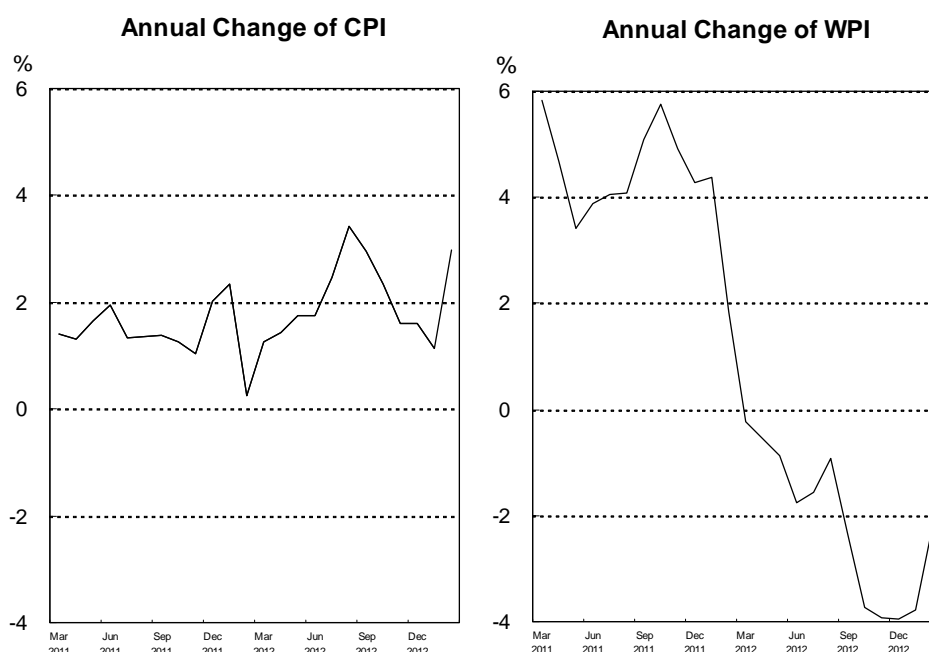
The CPI in February 2013 (2011=100) increased 0.48% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of services for nursery & nursing care and entertainment expenses (such as travel tour fees) went up 49.61% and 6.55% respectively during lunar New Year festival, whereas, vegetables prices moved down 19.06% due to sufficient supply. The general CPI excluding fruits, vegetables and energy, i.e. core CPI, rose 0.95%.

The annual change of CPI in February 2013, compared with the same month of previous year, was 2.97%, mainly because prices of fruits, fuels & lubricants and water, electricity & gas supply moved up 21.09%, 12.70% and 3.44% separately. Nevertheless, distorted by timing of the Chinese New Year in February this year, increases of fish & seafood and meat prices brought food category to move up 2.92%; besides, some services (such as nursing care, taxi fare, travel tour fees) went up to higher prices. The core CPI increased 2.21%.

#### **Wholesale Price Indices (WPI)**

The WPI in February 2013 advanced 1.47% from the preceding month, mainly because prices of crude petroleum & natural gas, petroleum & coal products and chemical material went up 5.16%, 4.06% and 2.61% individually. Conversely, vegetables prices went down, which brought the farm products prices to move down 6.01%.

The annual change of WPI in February 2013, compared with the same month of 2012, was minus 2.20%, mainly because prices of basic metals, computer, electronic & optical products and electronic parts & components decreased 7.38%, 4.83% and 1.41% individually, while water supply, electricity & gas went up 10.91%. The WPI for domestic sales excluding imports rose 0.43%; import price index declined 4.53% and export price index decreased 2.33%.



**Statistical Tables**

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