

Notes to tables

Producer prices: Tables S–142 and S–154

Statistics South Africa introduced a new methodology to calculate the producer price index (PPI) with the publication of the January 2013 PPI data. The headline PPI for domestic output was discontinued and replaced with five industry-specific PPIs that reflect the stages of domestic production, namely a final manufactured goods PPI; an intermediate manufactured goods PPI; an electricity and water PPI; a mining PPI; and an agriculture, forestry and fishing PPI.

Statistics South Africa views the PPI for final manufactured goods as the new headline PPI measure, as it best reflects the effects of price changes through the stages of production. Table S–142 will henceforth capture the five new PPI measures, as well as the seven subcategories with the largest weighting in the PPI for final manufactured goods.

In Table S–154 the rates of change captured as key information on producer prices have been amended to show the five new industry-specific PPIs.

