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# Short term indicators in January 2007

#### Quarterly national accounts, 3rd quarter 2006

0.8% growth in GDP

Total domestic expenditure increased by 2.4% in real terms in the 3rd quarter of 2006 as compared with the same quarter of 2005. A decrease in exports by 13.3%, partly offset by 5.4% decrease in imports, led to a 0.8% growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In the 3rd quarter of 2006, household final consumption increased by 2.0% from the same quarter of the previous year. High growth rate of household consumption during the last two to three years has been driven by expenditure on various products and services, e.g. clothing, vehicles, recreation, restaurant services and consumption abroad, which have declined considerably in the 3rd quarter. Government final consumption increased by 2.7%, slightly more than in the previous quarter. Fixed capital formation (GFCF) decreased by 1.6% from the 3rd quarter of 2005. This is the first time GFCF decreases since the 4th quarter of 2002. Decline in business sector investments is the main reason for a decrease in GFCF. Seasonally adjusted series show 0.3% growth rate in GDP from the same quarter of the previous year. The growth rate from the previous quarter is virtually zero (0.1%) after 1.6% growth over the 2nd quarter and 0.8% over the 1st quarter. Seasonally adjusted figures show a downturn by 3.5% in imports from the previous quarter as well as 8.6% decline in exports and a 0.5% decline in household final consumption, which are the two main reasons for a falling growth rate of GDP.

#### **Prices**

The CPI rose by 7.0% in the 12 months to December

The CPI in December 2006 rose by 0.04% from the preceding month (CPI less housing cost unchanged). Over the last 12 months the CPI rose by 7.0% (CPI less housing cost rose by 5.6%) while the change over the last 3 months is equivalent to an annual inflation of 0.9% (0.3% deflation less housing cost). In Iceland the HICP was unchanged in November. Over the 12 months to November the HICP in Iceland rose by 6.1% and by 2.1% in the EEA. The building cost index in December rose by 0.31% from the preceding month and rose by 12.5% on December 2005. In 2006 the Building Cost Index was on average 8.6% higher than in 2005.

#### Wages

The wage index rose by 10.5% in the 12 months to November

The wage index for the whole economy rose by 0.2% in November 2006 and had then risen by 10.5% over the last 12 months. The corresponding rise in the CPI was 7.1%. Deflated by the CPI, real wages rose by 3.2% over the 12 months to November 2006. The average purchasing power January–November this year is 2.6% over January–November last year.



#### **Domestic demand**

Domestic demand on the increase

Credit card turnover of private households was up by 23.6% in January–November 2006 from the year before. Debit card turnover was up by 6.6% in January–November 2006. Altogether domestic debit and credit card turnover by households increased by 14.0% in recent 12 months compared with the previous 12 months. Credit card expenditure by Icelanders abroad increased by 34.9% in January–November 2006 from the corresponding months the year before. Total credit and debit card turnover of foreign cards in Iceland increased by 18.9% in January–November 2006 compared with same months in 2005.

8.5% decrease in new car registrations

New car registrations in January–November 2006 were 22,088, i.e. decreased by 8.5% from January–November 2005 while in last twelve months, to the end of November, the decrease was 6.3%.

#### Fish catch volume and export prices

Decrease in fish catch

The total value of the fish catch in January–November 2006, measured at constant prices, showed a decrease of 5.2% from January–November the year before. The price of catch in Icelandic krónur was up by 23.2% in January–October 2006 from January–October 2005. Export prices of marine products, measured in Icelandic krónur, were up by 19.5% in January–November 2006 over January–November the year before. The price of foreign exchange increased by 11.2% (krónur depreciated) between the periods.

#### External trade in November and preliminary figures in December

Deficit in external trade in November

The balance of trade of goods in November showed a deficit of 13.5 billion as compared with a deficit of 13.2 billion in November 2005. The value of exports was 19.8 billion and the value of imports was 33.2 billion. The value of exports January–November was 213.0 billion and the value of imports was 335.6 billion. Exports rose by 6.1% in this period and imports rose by 13.6%, all figures at fixed rates of exchange.

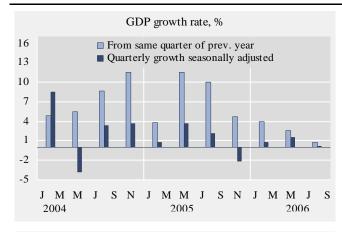
Deficit in external trade in December

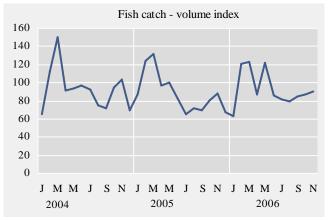
The preliminary value of exports of goods in December 2006 is 19.0 billion ISK fob while the value of imports is 28.0 billion ISK fob. Therefore preliminary figures show a trade deficit in December 2006 of 9.0 billion ISK compared with 9.4 deficit in December 2005.

#### **Arrivals at Keflavik International Airport**

14.6% growth in arrivals at Keflavik International Airport in 2006 867 thousand passengers arrived from abroad at Keflavik International Airport in in 2006 compared with 756 thousand in 2005. This is a growth of 14.6% compared with 9.2% growth in 2005.

|           | Annual     | Quarterly    |          | Consumer   | Harmonised |             |          |        |           |
|-----------|------------|--------------|----------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------|
|           | GPD growth | GPD          |          | pice       | index of   | Harmonised  |          | Fish   |           |
|           | from same  | growth       | Consumer | index less | consumer   | index of    | Building | catch, | Aluminium |
|           | quarter of | from prev.   | index    | housing    | prices,    | consumer    | cost     | volume | poduction |
|           | prev. year | quarter s.a. | price    | cost       | Iceland    | prices, EEA | index    | index  | tonnes    |
|           |            | •            | •        |            |            | · ·         |          |        |           |
| 2004      | 7.7        |              | 234.6    | 227.5      | 128.1      | 115.3       | 298.6    | 93.2   | 281,038   |
| 2005      | 7.5        |              | 244.1    | 229.6      | 129.9      | 117.8       | 314.4    | 88.9   | 275,216   |
|           |            |              |          |            |            |             |          |        |           |
| Jan. 2005 |            |              | 239.2    | 229.2      | 99.7       | 98.4        | 313.3    | 90.2   | 24,150    |
| Feb. 2005 |            |              | 239.7    | 228.6      | 99.6       | 98.7        | 313.0    | 133.7  | 21,632    |
| Mar. 2005 | 3.8        | 0.8          | 241.5    | 229.4      | 99.9       | 99.3        | 312.8    | 139.4  | 23,226    |
| Apr. 2005 |            |              | 242.0    | 228.3      | 99.5       | 99.7        | 312.8    | 106.4  | 22,432    |
| May 2005  |            |              | 240.7    | 227.4      | 99.2       | 100.0       | 313.3    | 106.8  | 22,832    |
| Jun. 2005 | 11.6       | 3.6          | 242.4    | 228.2      | 99.6       | 100.1       | 313.4    | 90.8   | 21,983    |
| Jul. 2005 |            |              | 242.7    | 227.9      | 99.4       | 100.0       | 312.9    | 72.3   | 23,320    |
| Aug. 2005 |            |              | 243.2    | 227.5      | 99.2       | 100.3       | 315.1    | 78.1   | 23,627    |
| Sep. 2005 | 10.0       | 2.2          | 246.9    | 231.4      | 100.8      | 100.7       | 316.3    | 76.5   | 22,751    |
| Oct. 2005 |            |              | 248.4    | 232.5      | 101.3      | 101.0       | 316.6    | 87.3   | 23,531    |
| Nov. 2005 |            |              | 248.0    | 231.5      | 100.9      | 100.8       | 316.6    | 99.2   | 22,219    |
| Dec. 2005 | 4.7        | -2.1         | 248.9    | 232.0      | 101.1      | 101.0       | 316.7    | 76.2   | 22,993    |
| Jan. 2006 |            | •            | 249.7    | 231.5      | 101.0      | 100.6       | 325.2    | 62.7   | 23,146    |
| Feb. 2006 | •          |              | 249.5    | 230.9      | 100.8      | 100.9       | 325.3    | 120.5  | 20,628    |
| Mar. 2006 | 3.9        | 0.8          | 252.3    | 233.6      | 101.9      | 101.4       | 325.9    | 123.3  | 25,010    |
| Apr. 2006 | •          |              | 255.2    | 236.1      | 102.7      | 102.1       | 329.4    | 87.5   | 26,790    |
| May 2006  |            | •            | 258.9    | 239.6      | 103.9      | 102.4       | 334.9    | 121.4  | 28,975    |
| Jun. 2006 | 2.6        | 1.6          | 261.9    | 242.0      | 105.3      | 102.5       | 335.8    | 85.7   | 26,928    |
| Jul. 2006 | •          |              | 263.1    | 243.0      | 105.7      | 102.4       | 349.7    | 81.2   | 24,004    |
| Aug. 2006 | •          |              | 264.0    | 243.7      | 106.2      | 102.5       | 351.4    | 80.0   | 26,046    |
| Sep. 2006 | 0.8        | 0.1          | 265.6    | 245.2      | 107.0      | 102.6       | 352.3    | 84.4   | 29,804    |
| Oct. 2006 |            |              | 266.2    | 245.6      | 107.1      | 102.8       | 354.4    | 86.9   | 32,531    |
| Nov. 2006 |            |              | 266.1    | 245.0      | 107.1      | 102.8       | 355.2    | 90.6   | 30,439    |
| Dec. 2006 |            |              | 266.2    | 245.0      |            |             | 356.3    |        |           |

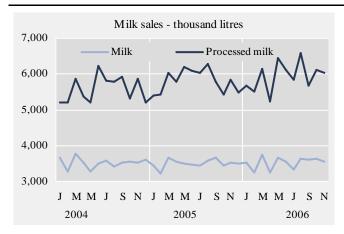


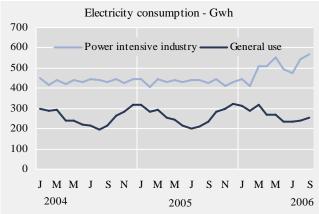


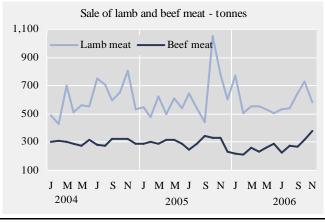


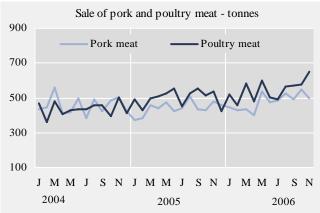


|           | Milk producti                  | S                             | Sale of meat in tonnes                             |       |       |       | Electricity cons. Gwh |                          |                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
|           | Milk<br>received<br>by dairies | Milk<br>sales<br>from dairies | Milk processing<br>converted by<br>protein content | Lamb  | Beef  | Pork  | Poultry               | Power intensive industry | General<br>use |
| 2004      | 112,030                        | 42,278                        | 66,994   | 7,301 | 3,612 | 5,475 | 5,236.3               | 5,232.4                  | 3,076.3        |
| 2005      | 109,446                        | 41,974                        | 69,805   | 7,358 | 3,574 | 5,300 | 6,009.2               | 5,191.2                  | 3,159.6        |
| Nov. 2004 | 8,797                          | 3,537                         | 5,876  | 806   | 323   | 504   | 504                   | 428.1                    | 285.0          |
| Dec. 2004 | 9,258                          | 3,594                         | 5,202  | 533   | 292   | 425   | 411                   | 447.0                    | 317.1          |
| Jan. 2005 | 9,488                          | 3,430                         | 5,400  | 547   | 290   | 374   | 493                   | 444.1                    | 332.8          |
| Feb. 2005 | 8,905                          | 3,218                         | 5,434  | 478   | 302   | 382   | 429                   | 404.7                    | 291.7          |
| Mar. 2005 | 10,076                         | 3,651                         | 6,023  | 621   | 288   | 458   | 500                   | 445.1                    | 298.7          |
| Apr. 2005 | 9,876                          | 3,561                         | 5,773  | 499   | 317   | 438   | 506                   | 432.8                    | 261.9          |
| May 2005  | 10,449                         | 3,502                         | 6,206  | 610   | 319   | 476   | 524                   | 438.3                    | 249.6          |
| Jun. 2005 | 9,902                          | 3,455                         | 6,095  | 541   | 291   | 426   | 555                   | 428.9                    | 221.5          |
| Jul. 2005 | 8,957                          | 3,453                         | 6,021  | 643   | 244   | 443   | 454                   | 440.9                    | 208.0          |
| Aug. 2005 | 8,894                          | 3,571                         | 6,290  | 542   | 289   | 506   | 524                   | 438.3                    | 221.5          |
| Sep. 2005 | 7,849                          | 3,674                         | 5,788  | 445   | 344   | 435   | 551                   | 426.3                    | 243.6          |
| Oct. 2005 | 7,849                          | 3,435                         | 5,435  | 1,053 | 330   | 428   | 514                   | 445.5                    | 281.7          |
| Nov. 2005 | 8,225                          | 3,527                         | 5,843  | 776   | 328   | 481   | 536                   | 413.4                    | 298.7          |
| Dec. 2005 | 8,977                          | 3,498                         | 5,496  | 603   | 233   | 455   | 423                   | 432.9                    | 325.5          |
| Jan. 2006 | 9,617                          | 3,521                         | 5,689  | 773   | 220   | 445   | 522                   | 443.9                    | 315.7          |
| Feb. 2006 | 9,081                          | 3,241                         | 5,508  | 509   | 211   | 431   | 459                   | 409.5                    | 288.5          |
| Mar. 2006 | 10,297                         | 3,741                         | 6,148  | 556   | 262   | 432   | 584                   | 510.6                    | 319.0          |
| Apr. 2006 | 9,786                          | 3,256                         | 5,248  | 551   | 233   | 400   | 478                   | 506.8                    | 270.2          |
| May 2006  | 11,369                         | 3,654                         | 6,445  | 533   | 261   | 539   | 601                   | 552.6                    | 269.8          |
| Jun. 2006 | 9,717                          | 3,553                         | 6,116  | 509   | 292   | 477   | 500                   | 493.3                    | 237.0          |
| Jul. 2006 | 9,874                          | 3,336                         | 5,833  | 534   | 224   | 487   | 494                   | 474.8                    | 233.4          |
| Aug. 2006 | 9,819                          | 3,631                         | 6,596  | 537   | 277   | 527   | 568                   | 545.4                    | 239.2          |
| Sep. 2006 | 8,778                          | 3,620                         | 5,666  | 643   | 270   | 494   | 569                   | 567.0                    | 252.9          |
| Oct. 2006 | 9,159                          | 3,638                         | 6,118  | 731   | 316   | 550   | 579                   |                          |                |
| Nov. 2006 | 9,050                          | 3,562                         | 6,031  | 583   | 380   | 495   | 649                   |                          |                |

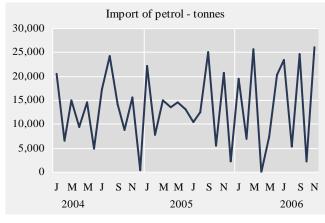


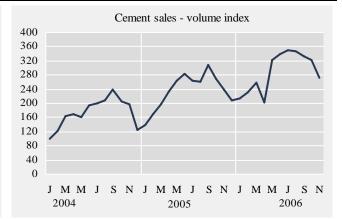






|           | Import of fuel in tonnes |                  |           |               | Market prices of housing - index |             |             |             |             | dex        |
|-----------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| •         |                          |                  |           |               |                                  | Public      |             |             |             |            |
|           |                          |                  |           |               | Cement                           | housing     | Multi-flat  | Single-flat | All types,  | All types, |
|           |                          |                  |           |               | sales                            | fund loans, | houses,     | houses,     | outside     | whole      |
|           | Petrol                   | Gas oils         | Fuel oils | Jet fuel      | index                            | number      | cap. region | cap. region | cap. region | country    |
| 2004      | 151 007                  | 165 622          | 55.002    | 104 452       | 172.0                            | 0.455       | 1440        | 1 47 4      | 126.2       | 142.0      |
| 2004      | 151,986                  | 465,633          | 55,092    | 124,453       | 173.8                            | 2,455       | 144.9       | 147.4       | 136.2       | 143.0      |
| 2005      | 163,308                  | 418,195          | 62,897    | 139,357       | 236.3                            | 2,041       | 189.1       | 210.6       | 156.5       | 183.8      |
| Dec. 2004 | 508                      | 0                | 216       | 11,926        | 124.0                            | 164         | 155.8       | 164.6       | 141.3       | 153.3      |
| Jan. 2005 | 22,256                   | 43,883           | 6,222     | 13,479        | 138.8                            | 174         | 159.9       | 171.3       | 141.3       | 157.6      |
| Feb. 2005 | 7,792                    | 16,048           | 8,592     | 13,149        | 169.1                            | 157         | 164.5       | 171.3       | 143.0       | 162.2      |
| Mar. 2005 | 14,993                   | 46,947           | 5,767     | 12,981        | 196.0                            | 191         | 172.3       | 185.5       | 146.3       | 167.9      |
| Apr. 2005 | 13,611                   | 7,334            | 9,375     | 4,763         | 232.3                            | 169         | 172.3       | 193.7       | 151.2       | 175.2      |
| May 2005  | 14,665                   | 37,023           | 5,876     | 15,047        | 264.6                            | 200         | 186.0       | 203.4       | 151.2       | 179.3      |
| Jun. 2005 | 13,183                   | 37,023           | 3,870     | 12,001        | 283.7                            | 180         | 191.1       | 213.7       | 150.5       | 179.3      |
| Jul. 2005 | 10,556                   | 64,366           | 1         |               | 263.1                            | 199         | 191.1       | 220.8       | 153.0       | 188.5      |
| Aug. 2005 |                          |                  | 6,426     | 13,457<br>752 | 262.4                            | 152         | 200.3       | 225.0       | 155.0       | 192.9      |
|           | 12,466<br>25,114         | 31,446<br>65,783 |           | 30,387        | 307.0                            | 166         | 200.3       | 229.1       | 161.0       | 192.9      |
| Sep. 2005 | ,                        |                  | 11,763    | ,             |                                  |             |             |             |             |            |
| Oct. 2005 | 5,631                    | 0                |           | 11,550        | 270.1                            | 164         | 204.1       | 234.0       | 165.6       | 198.4      |
| Nov. 2005 | 20,740                   | 66,903           | 8,874     | 11,791        | 239.8                            | 176         | 205.3       | 234.5       | 171.2       | 200.6      |
| Dec. 2005 | 2,301                    | 1,383            | 15 424    | 0             | 208.5                            | 113         | 206.4       | 238.8       | 172.2       | 202.1      |
| Jan. 2006 | 19,498                   | 38,930           | 15,434    | 4,679         | 213.1                            | 84          | 210.6       | 238.3       | 177.2       | 205.9      |
| Feb. 2006 | 7,013                    | 3,849            | 0         | 16.105        | 229.9                            | 106         | 212.8       | 241.4       | 174.9       | 207.1      |
| Mar. 2006 | 25,624                   | 56,581           | 24,681    | 16,185        | 257.0                            | 141         | 214.2       | 242.4       | 179.4       | 209.2      |
| Apr. 2006 | 7.494                    | 0                | 0         | 2,056         | 203.5                            | 85          | 216.3       | 249.6       | 181.1       | 212.2      |
| May 2006  | 7,484                    | 23,562           | 5,610     | 10,350        | 321.9                            | 144         | 217.6       | 254.6       | 188.1       | 215.3      |
| Jun. 2006 | 20,383                   | 47,333           | 19,692    | 10,072        | 340.0                            | 145         | 219.2       | 255.5       | 189.9       | 216.7      |
| Jul. 2006 | 23,507                   | 51,253           | 29,009    | 1,997         | 350.9                            | 124         | 220.5       | 261.1       | 192.1       | 219.0      |
| Aug. 2006 | 5,434                    | 17,225           | 3,318     | 4,783         | 347.3                            | 89          | 220.5       | 258.6       | 189.7       | 217.9      |
| Sep. 2006 | 24,657                   | 60,056           | 28,941    | 8,519         | 334.6                            | 61          | 220.3       | 258.0       | 191.0       | 218.0      |
| Oct. 2006 | 2,236                    | 18,556           | 2,969     | 2,897         | 321.8                            | 112         | 222.5       | 257.8       | 186.4       | 218.2      |
| Nov. 2006 | 26,010                   | 52,511           | 10,120    | 30,300        | 272.8                            |             | 221.9       | 258.0       | 189.6       | 218.5      |
| Dec. 2006 |                          | •                |           | •             |                                  |             | 222.3       | 252.6       | 190.2       | 217.9      |

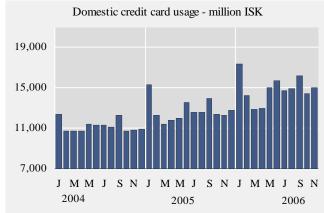


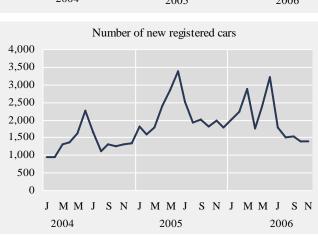


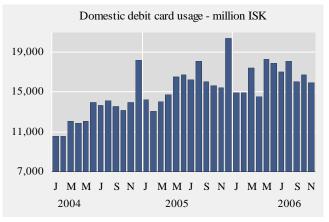


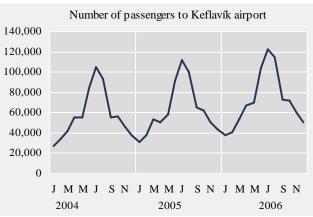


|           | Credit      | Credit and debit card usage in million ISK |              |                |              |             | Number of   | Number of |
|-----------|-------------|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
|           | Domestic    | Credit card                                | Debit card I | Foreign credit | Number       | Import of   | passengers  | overnight |
|           | credit card | usage                                      | usage        | card usage     | of new       | cars, cif,  | to Keflavík | stays in  |
|           | usage       | abroad                                     | in retail    | in Iceland     | regist. cars | million ISK | airport     | hotels    |
| 2004      | 134,327     | 22,709                                     | 157,704      | 13,937         | 16,501       | 25,693      | 692,505     | 927,724   |
| 2005      | 153,084     | 27,375                                     | 191,148      | 14,800         | 25,925       | 39,206      | 756,193     | 1,035,085 |
| Dec. 2004 | 10,189      | 2,110                                      | 18,203       | 660            | 1,348        | 3,413       | 37,660      | 37,361    |
| Jan. 2005 | 14,631      | 1,345                                      | 14,262       | 696            | 1,813        | 2,589       | 31,028      | 35,960    |
| Feb. 2005 | 11,516      | 1,849                                      | 13,024       | 625            | 1,608        | 2,488       | 37,919      | 53,027    |
| Mar. 2005 | 10,655      | 1,903                                      | 14,062       | 740            | 1,779        | 2,815       | 53,071      | 65,189    |
| Apr. 2005 | 11,074      | 2,307                                      | 14,718       | 784            | 2,415        | 3,672       | 50,190      | 77,276    |
| May 2005  | 11,359      | 2,355                                      | 16,544       | 1,058          | 2,866        | 4,514       | 58,670      | 87,234    |
| Jun. 2005 | 12,939      | 2,692                                      | 16,732       | 1,628          | 3,394        | 4,621       | 91,252      | 123,921   |
| Jul. 2005 | 11,824      | 2,425                                      | 16,230       | 2,385          | 2,519        | 3,385       | 111,749     | 158,012   |
| Aug. 2005 | 11,963      | 2,592                                      | 18,126       | 2,793          | 1,936        | 3,040       | 100,134     | 154,146   |
| Sep. 2005 | 13,213      | 2,019                                      | 16,016       | 1,727          | 2,006        | 3,117       | 65,180      | 93,929    |
| Oct. 2005 | 11,603      | 2,668                                      | 15,601       | 942            | 1,824        | 2,816       | 62,199      | 86,643    |
| Nov. 2005 | 11,556      | 2,714                                      | 15,394       | 767            | 1,983        | 3,073       | 50,738      | 57,449    |
| Dec. 2005 | 12,025      | 2,506                                      | 20,439       | 655            | 1,792        | 3,075       | 44,063      | 42,299    |
| Jan. 2006 | 17,361      | 1,862                                      | 14,991       | 718            | 2,027        | 3,084       | 38,258      | 40,378    |
| Feb. 2006 | 14,278      | 2,445                                      | 14,908       | 662            | 2,237        | 3,648       | 41,022      | 55,849    |
| Mar. 2006 | 12,908      | 2,583                                      | 17,459       | 814            | 2,879        | 5,075       | 53,592      | 73,658    |
| Apr. 2006 | 13,014      | 3,131                                      | 14,501       | 888            | 1,752        | 3,269       | 67,376      | 80,528    |
| May 2006  | 15,044      | 3,113                                      | 18,271       | 1,354          | 2,369        | 3,719       | 69,676      | 101,798   |
| Jun. 2006 | 15,708      | 3,613                                      | 17,963       | 1,935          | 3,220        | 5,720       | 104,267     | 133,270   |
| Jul. 2006 | 14,693      | 3,352                                      | 17,026       | 3,014          | 1,793        | 3,060       | 122,621     | 177,874   |
| Aug. 2006 | 14,938      | 3,289                                      | 18,111       | 3,273          | 1,498        | 2,550       | 115,085     | 163,468   |
| Sep. 2006 | 16,209      | 3,192                                      | 15,989       | 1,942          | 1,528        | 2,655       | 72,644      | 115,310   |
| Oct. 2006 | 14,407      | 3,307                                      | 16,735       | 1,261          | 1,390        | 2,332       | 72,202      | 97,638    |
| Nov. 2006 | 14,998      | 3,669                                      | 15,949       | 959            | 1,395        | 3,131       | 59,823      |           |
| Dec. 2006 |             |  | •            |                |              |             | 50,109      | <u>.</u>  |



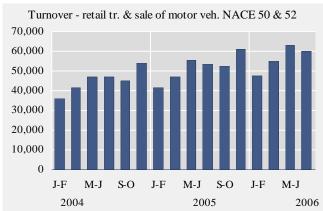


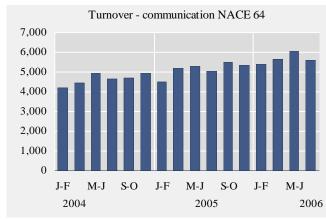


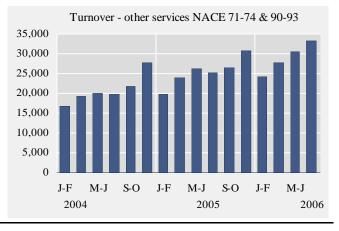


|              | Turnover by industry, based on VAT records, in million ISK |              |                  |             |            |          |                |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--------------|------------------|-------------|------------|----------|----------------|--|--|--|
|              |  |              | Retail trade and | Hotels and  |            | Communi- | Other services |  |  |  |
|              | Manufacturing  | Construction | motor vehicles   | restaurants | Transport  | cation   | NACE 71-74     |  |  |  |
|              | NACE 15-37   | NACE 45      | NACE 50 & 52     | NACE 55     | NACE 60-63 | NACE 64  | & 90-93        |  |  |  |
|              |  |              |                  |             |            |          |                |  |  |  |
| 2004         | 342,717  | 116,408      | 270,682          | 32,216      | 123,266    | 27,930   | 125,395        |  |  |  |
| 2005         | 387,865  | 153,408      | 310,866          | 36,586      | 139,495    | 30,873   | 152,758        |  |  |  |
| Jul-Aug 2002 | 51,404   | 13,875       | 40,536           | 6,293       | 21,193     | 3,740    | 16,129         |  |  |  |
| Sep-Oct 2002 | 55,711   | 14,120       | 35,952           | 4,195       | 20.004     | 3,687    | 16,889         |  |  |  |
| Nov-Dec 2002 | 54,852   | 13,205       | 42,122           | 3,990       | 14,856     | 3,629    | 19,330         |  |  |  |
| Jan–Feb 2003 | 45,845   | 9,828        | 33,279           | 3,186       | 14.221     | 3,704    | 14,538         |  |  |  |
| Mar-Apr 2003 | 52,886   | 12,010       | 36,534           | 3,949       | 14,449     | 3,990    | 16,359         |  |  |  |
| May-Jun 2003 | 54,052   | 16,601       | 41,519           | 5,386       | 20,704     | 4,436    | 17,378         |  |  |  |
| Jul-Aug 2003 | 50,299   | 17,088       | 43,441           | 7,209       | 19,440     | 4,380    | 16,632         |  |  |  |
| Sep-Oct 2003 | 55,009   | 19,141       | 40,355           | 4,815       | 17,869     | 4,358    | 17,183         |  |  |  |
| Nov-Dec 2003 | 54,373   | 18,249       | 45,664           | 4,438       | 15,305     | 4,644    | 21,234         |  |  |  |
| Jan-Feb 2004 | 46,553   | 12,738       | 36,250           | 3,599       | 15,087     | 4,210    | 16,701         |  |  |  |
| Mar-Apr 2004 | 60,094   | 15,164       | 41,574           | 4,419       | 18,301     | 4,454    | 19,370         |  |  |  |
| May-Jun 2004 | 60,382   | 19,829       | 46,990           | 5,886       | 21,260     | 4,966    | 20,048         |  |  |  |
| Jul-Aug 2004 | 54,031   | 21,012       | 46,898           | 8,073       | 26,058     | 4,652    | 19,664         |  |  |  |
| Sep-Oct 2004 | 59,743   | 21,672       | 45,188           | 5,356       | 22,794     | 4,709    | 21,746         |  |  |  |
| Nov-Dec 2004 | 61,914   | 25,993       | 53,782           | 4,883       | 19,766     | 4,939    | 27,866         |  |  |  |
| Jan-Feb 2005 | 49,519   | 15,891       | 41,484           | 3,944       | 17,338     | 4,496    | 19,739         |  |  |  |
| Mar-Apr 2005 | 60,630   | 21,324       | 47,240           | 4,993       | 20,765     | 5,195    | 24,028         |  |  |  |
| May-Jun 2005 | 64,966   | 25,706       | 55,608           | 6,760       | 25,390     | 5,316    | 26,268         |  |  |  |
| Jul-Aug 2005 | 62,332   | 26,846       | 53,387           | 8,951       | 28,122     | 5,060    | 25,374         |  |  |  |
| Sep-Oct 2005 | 69,493   | 29,520       | 52,256           | 6,144       | 25,494     | 5,477    | 26,504         |  |  |  |
| Nov-Des 2005 | 80,925   | 34,121       | 60,891           | 5,794       | 22,386     | 5,329    | 30,845         |  |  |  |
| Jan-Feb 2006 | 53,161   | 22,875       | 47,624           | 4,670       | 19,040     | 5,382    | 24,158         |  |  |  |
| Mar–Apr 2006 | 74,127   | 30,302       | 55,051           | 6,083       | 23,242     | 5,663    | 27,802         |  |  |  |
| May-Jun 2006 | 83,106   | 40,105       | 63,090           | 8,069       | 26,687     | 6,032    | 30,402         |  |  |  |
| Jul-Aug 2006 | 85,590   | 39,984       | 59,831           | 10,391      | 26,391     | 5,614    | 33,165         |  |  |  |



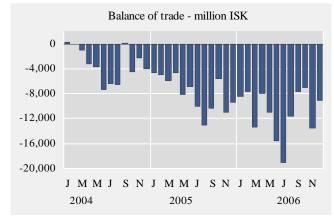


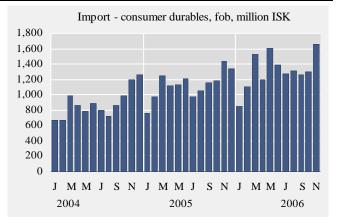


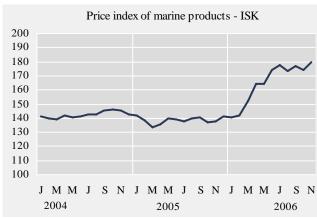


|            |              | External            | trade, fob, in n    |           | Price index | Prices of |            |               |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
|            |              | Export              | Import              | Import of | Import of   | of marine | aluminium  | Oil price     |
|            | Balance      | of goods            | of goods            | consumer  | industrial  | products  | (LME)      | (UK Brent 38) |
|            | of trade     | total               | total               | durables  | supplies    | ISK       | USD/tonnes | USD/barrel    |
| 2004       | 25 505       | 202 272             | 240.150             | 10.604    | 0 < 102     | 1.40.0    | 1 521 2    | 20.0          |
| 2004       | -37,787      | 202,373             | 240,160             | 10,694    | 96,192      | 142.3     | 1,721.2    | 39.0          |
| 2005       | -94,540      | 194,355             | 288,895             | 13,586    | 107,901     | 138.6     | 1,896.1    | 54.6          |
| Jan. 2005  | -4,719       | 14,073              | 18,792              | 756       | 7,312       | 142.1     | 1,826.7    | 45.5          |
| Feb. 2005  | -4,952       | 16,478              | 21,430              | 981       | 7,065       | 138.5     | 1,962.0    | 53.2          |
| Mar. 2005  | -5,866       | 16,397              | 22,262              | 1,249     | 8,747       | 133.5     | 1,848.0    | 49.5          |
| Apr. 2005  | -4,705       | 17,200              | 21,905              | 1,114     | 8,114       | 136.0     | 1,888.0    | 51.1          |
| May 2005   | -8,126       | 15,812              | 23,938              | 1,128     | 9,405       | 139.8     | 1,753.0    | 47.8          |
| Jun. 2005  | -6,893       | 22,697              | 29,590              | 1,208     | 9,612       | 138.9     | 1,748.0    | 54.1          |
| Jul. 2005  | -10,013      | 13,915              | 23,927              | 982       | 10,309      | 138.0     | 1,778.0    | 57.7          |
| Aug. 2005  | -12,973      | 14,395              | 27,368              | 1,052     | 9,426       | 140.1     | 1,889.0    | 64.3          |
| Sep. 2005  | -10,362      | 16,911              | 27,273              | 1,152     | 12,460      | 140.5     | 1,854.0    | 62.7          |
| Oct. 2005  | -5,544       | 16,041              | 21,585              | 1,184     | 6,803       | 136.9     | 1,932.0    | 58.3          |
| Nov. 2005  | -11,007      | 16,747              | 27,754              | 1,441     | 11,727      | 137.7     | 2,038.0    | 55.0          |
| Dec. 2005  | -9,381       | 13,690              | 23,070              | 1,337     | 6,922       | 141.1     | 2,236.0    | 56.6          |
| Jan. 2006  | -8,412       | 17,041              | 25,453              | 854       | 10,714      | 140.9     | 2,391.0    | 62.9          |
| Feb. 2006  | -7,682       | 14,746              | 22,428              | 1,106     | 7,610       | 142.0     | 2,481.0    | 59.7          |
| Mar. 2006  | -13,340      | 19,914              | 33,254              | 1,529     | 13,261      | 152.3     | 2,458.0    | 61.6          |
| Apr. 2006  | -8,007       | 19,066              | 27,073              | 1,195     | 9,819       | 164.0     | 2,643.0    | 70.8          |
| May 2006   | -10,953      | 23,926              | 34,879              | 1,607     | 13,911      | 164.4     | 2,881.0    | 69.4          |
| Jun. 2006  | -15,557      | 23,439              | 38,996              | 1,386     | 14,500      | 173.8     | 2,520.0    | 68.2          |
| Jul. 2006  | -19,006      | 16,191              | 35,197              | 1,279     | 14,629      | 177.9     | 2,556.0    | 73.5          |
| Aug. 2006  | -11,613      | 16,606              | 28,219              | 1,315     | 11,407      | 173.7     | 2,508.0    | 73.2          |
| Sept. 2006 | -7,634       | 22,306              | 29,940              | 1,255     | 14,865      | 176.8     | 2,518.0    | 61.2          |
| Oct. 2006  | -6,961       | 19,995              | 26,957              | 1,297     | 9,944       | 174.0     | 2,662.0    | 57.3          |
| Nov. 2006  | -13,472      | 19,777              | 33,250              | 1,662     | 14,146      | 179.6     | 2,714.0    | 58.4          |
| Dec. 2006  | $-9,000^{1}$ | 19,000 <sup>1</sup> | 28,000 <sup>1</sup> |           |             |           | 2,800.0    | 63.4          |

<sup>1</sup> Preliminary figures.

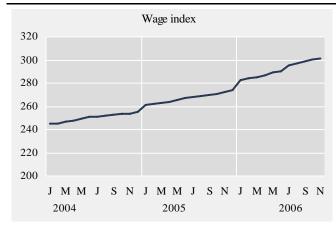




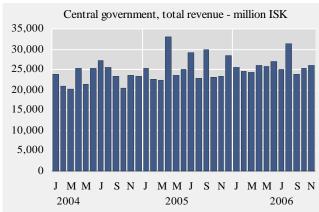


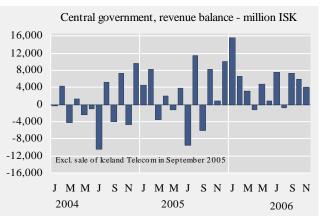


|           |       |        | Quarterly     | average (from | 2003)     |               |                               |         |  |
|-----------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------|--|
|           |       | Real   | Labour force  | Unemploy-     | Number of | Central gover | Central government finance, m |         |  |
|           | Wage  | wages, | participation | ment          | employed  | Total         | Total                         | Revenue |  |
|           | index | index  | %             | %             | persons   | revenue       | expenditure                   | balance |  |
| 2004      | 250.2 | 100.4  | 90.7          | 2.1           | 156 200   | 200 (0)       | 200 202                       | 314     |  |
| 2004      | 250.3 | 109.4  | 80.7          | 3.1           | 156,200   | 280,696       | 280,382                       |         |  |
| 2005      | 267.2 | 112.3  | 81.9          | 2.6           | 161,300   | 336,937       | 308,383                       | 28,554  |  |
| Nov. 2004 | 253.8 | 109.2  | 79.7          | 2.5           | 156,300   | 19,003        | 23,656                        | -4,653  |  |
| Dec. 2004 | 255.5 | 109.6  |               |               |           | 32,948        | 23,422                        | 9,526   |  |
| Jan. 2005 | 261.1 | 111.9  |               |               |           | 29,894        | 25,338                        | 4,556   |  |
| Feb. 2005 | 261.9 | 111.7  | 79.8          | 3.0           | 155,800   | 30,824        | 22,559                        | 8,265   |  |
| Mar. 2005 | 262.9 | 111.6  |               |               |           | 18,731        | 22,358                        | -3,627  |  |
| Apr. 2005 | 264.2 | 112.3  |               |               |           | 34,852        | 32,947                        | 1,905   |  |
| May 2005  | 265.9 | 112.9  | 83.5          | 3.0           | 163,800   | 22,255        | 23,588                        | -1,333  |  |
| Jun. 2005 | 267.0 | 112.9  |               |               |           | 28,984        | 25,097                        | 3,887   |  |
| Jul. 2005 | 268.0 | 113.2  |               |               |           | 19,545        | 29,098                        | -9,553  |  |
| Aug. 2005 | 268.9 | 112.6  | 83.1          | 1.8           | 164,000   | 34,209        | 22,802                        | 11,407  |  |
| Sep. 2005 | 269.8 | 111.8  |               |               |           | 23,732        | 29,809                        | -6,077  |  |
| Oct. 2005 | 270.6 | 111.8  |               |               |           | 31,265        | 22,989                        | 8,276   |  |
| Nov. 2005 | 272.3 | 112.4  | 81.7          | 2.7           | 161,500   | 24,148        | 23,275                        | 873     |  |
| Dec. 2005 | 273.9 | 112.7  |               |               |           | 38,498        | 28,523                        | 9,975   |  |
| Jan. 2006 | 282.8 | 116.2  |               |               |           | 41,132        | 25,508                        | 15,624  |  |
| Feb. 2006 | 284.4 | 116.3  | 81.1          | 2.4           | 163,500   | 31,112        | 24,459                        | 6,653   |  |
| Mar. 2006 | 285.4 | 115.4  |               |               |           | 27,463        | 24,404                        | 3,059   |  |
| Apr. 2006 | 286.4 | 114.3  |               |               |           | 24,891        | 26,087                        | -1,196  |  |
| May 2006  | 289.1 | 113.9  | 85.1          | 4.0           | 171,600   | 30,467        | 25,713                        | 4,754   |  |
| Jun. 2006 | 290.4 | 113.5  |               |               |           | 27,761        | 26,989                        | 772     |  |
| Jul. 2006 | 295.4 | 115.0  |               |               |           | 32,683        | 25,097                        | 7,586   |  |
| Aug. 2006 | 297.4 | 115.2  | 84.2          | 2.6           | 173,300   | 30,600        | 31,471                        | -871    |  |
| Sep. 2006 | 298.9 | 115.3  |               |               |           | 31,137        | 23,904                        | 7,233   |  |
| Oct. 2006 | 300.4 | 115.8  |               |               |           | 31,108        | 25,192                        | 5,916   |  |
| Nov. 2006 | 301.0 | 116.0  | •             |               |           | 30,153        | 26,085                        | 4,068   |  |









#### **Explanatory notes and references**

References are quoted for data originating outside Statistics Iceland.

**GDP growth rate, %.** Change in the volume of gross domestic product each quarter as compared with the same quarter of the previous year. Seasonally adjusted growth rate is also presented, showing quarterly growth on previous quarter.

Consumer price index and Consumer price index less housing cost. May 1988=100. Compiled at the beginning of each month. Yearly averages are converted by middle month indices.

Harmonized index of consumer prices. 2005=100. The harmonized index of consumer prices (HICP) is compiled for all EEA-member states. It differs in scope from the Icelandic CPI. The main difference is that imputed rent for owner occupied housing is included in the Icelandic CPI but not in the HICP. On the other hand, expenditure of foreign visitors in Iceland and expenditure of people living in hospitals and similar institutions are included in the HICP but not in the Icelandic CPI.

Building cost index. June 1987=100. The index is compiled at the middle of each month.

**Fish catch, volume index.** The volume index is an annual chain-linked index, having the monthly average of 2004 as a reference period. The base year each time is T-2.

Aluminium production, tonnes. Source: Producers.

**Milk received by dairies.** Thousand litres. Milk from farmers received by dairies. Source: Icelandic Dairy Association.

**Milk sales from dairies.** Thousand litres. Sale of milk, cream, skimmed milk and other liquid milk products. Source: Icelandic Dairy Association.

**Milk processing converted by protein content.** Processed milk products other than milk, cream, skimmed milk and other liquid milk products converted into thousand litres on the basis of protein content. Source: Icelandic Dairy Association.

**Sale of meat in tonnes.** Lamb, beef, pork, poultry. Includes sales of domestic produce but not imported meat nor game. Source: Association of Icelandic farmers.

**Electricity consumption.** Gigawatt-hours. Divided into consumption by power-intensive industry which is defined as aluminium and ferrosilicon production. All other consumption is considered general use. Source: National Energy Authority.

**Import of fuel in tonnes.** Petrol, gas oils, fuel oils and jet fuel derived from the external trade statistics.

**Cement sales.** Index 1990=100. Sale of domestic and imported cement. Source: Producers and importers.

**Public housing fund loans.** Number of loans to individuals for new construction, loans to entrepreneurs are excluded. Source: Housing Loan Fund.

**Market prices of housing.** Indices, March 2000=100. The indices are sub items from the CPI based on housing sales contracts collected by the Land Registry of Iceland.

**Credit and debit card usage.** Million Icelandic krónur (ISK). The figures show total household expenditure by credit and debit cards. Withdrawals at ATM's and payments made in banks are not included. Sources: VISA Iceland and MasterCard.

**Number of new car registrations.** Includes both new and used cars. Source: The Icelandic Federation for Motor Trades and Repairs.

Import of cars. Cif-value, million ISK.

**Number of passengers to Keflavík Airport.** The total number of visitors, Icelandic and foreign, arriving by air at Keflavík international airport. Transit passengers are not included in these figures. Source: Civil Aviation Administration, Keflavík Airport.

Number of overnight stays in hotels. Covers hotels that are operated throughout the year.

**Turnover by industry.** Million ISK. The figures show total turnover according to VAT returns for every two VAT-accounting months. The turnover excludes VAT. Break-down by industry is based on the Statistics Iceland activity code, ÍSAT 95 which corresponds to NACE rev. 1.

External trade. Fob-value in ISK.

**Price index of marine products.** Based on unit prices of the main products according to data from producers, weighted by production or sales in the previous year. 1990=100.

**Prices of aluminium (LME).** Average montly price of aluminium on the London Metal Exchange. Source: The National Power Company.

Oil price (UK Brent 38). Average monthly price of a barrel of North-Sea oil. Source: Olíufélagið hf.

Wage index. December 1988=100. Refers to average wages each month.

**Real wages.** Index 2000=100. Refers to the change in the wage index deflated by the CPI converted to mid-month figures.

**Labour force participation, unemployment and number of employed persons.** The figures show results from the labour force sample survey (LFS) of Statistics Iceland. From 2003 onwards, the LFS is continuous and renders quarterly results. Sample size is 4,000 persons each quarter. In the period 1991-2002 the LFS was carried out twice each year, in April and in November.

Labour force participation: The total labour force (employed and unemployed) as a proportion of the total population 16-74 years of age.

Unemployment: The number of unemployed as a proportion of the labour force.

*Number of employed persons:* Total number of persons engaged in any kind of work for payment, including self-employed.

**Central government finance.** Total revenue, total expenditure and revenue balance. Million ISK. Cash basis. Source: Government Accounting Office.

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