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Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations

Inflationary expectations higher in March

The expected inflation rate (30-per-cent trimmed mean measure), reported in the Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations, increased by 0.4 percentage points in March to 4.1 per cent.

In March, the weighted proportion of respondents (excluding the 'don't know' category) expecting the inflation rate to fall within the 0-5 per cent range decreased by 4.1 percentage points to 63.9 per cent. The weighted mean of responses within this range increased by 0.2 percentage points to 2.4 per cent.

This month's survey also includes quarterly information on past and future pay growth in Australia. Total pay growth over the 12 months to March 2019 decreased to 2.1 per cent, compared to 2.6 per cent over the 12 months to December 2018. In March, 44.4 per cent of respondents reported a rise in total pay while 7.7 per cent reported a fall. Pay expectations in the coming 12 months rose to 2.2 per cent, from 1.9 per cent in December. Overall, actual wage conditions are relatively weak, although pay growth expectations have been slowly rising.

The April 2019 Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations will be released at 11am AEST, Thursday, 11 April 2019.

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The Melbourne Institute Survey of Consumer Inflationary Expectations measures are designed to represent the average householder's expected rate of consumer price changes over the coming 12 months. Further information can be found in the attached report or by visiting: www.melbourneinstitute.com/miaesr/publications/indicators/cie.html

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