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**Services Sector Price Index (SSPI). Base 2006**  
Third quarter of 2010. *Provisional data*

**Main results**

- **Cleaning activities** register an **annual variation** of **1.1%**, one point above that registered in the second quarter.
- **Sea freight transport** experience an increase almost two points in the **interannual rate**, standing at **3.5%**.
- The **interannual variation** rate of the price index of **Advertising and market studies** for the third quarter of 2010, stood at **33.4%**. more than 18 points below that registered in September.
- **Postal and Courier Activities** present a rate of **–0.6%**, more than one point below that registered in the previous quarter.

**Annual evolution of the prices in services**

Eight of the 14 activities in the services sector for which price indices are calculated, registered interannual variation rates in the third quarter of 2010 lower than those of the second quarter.

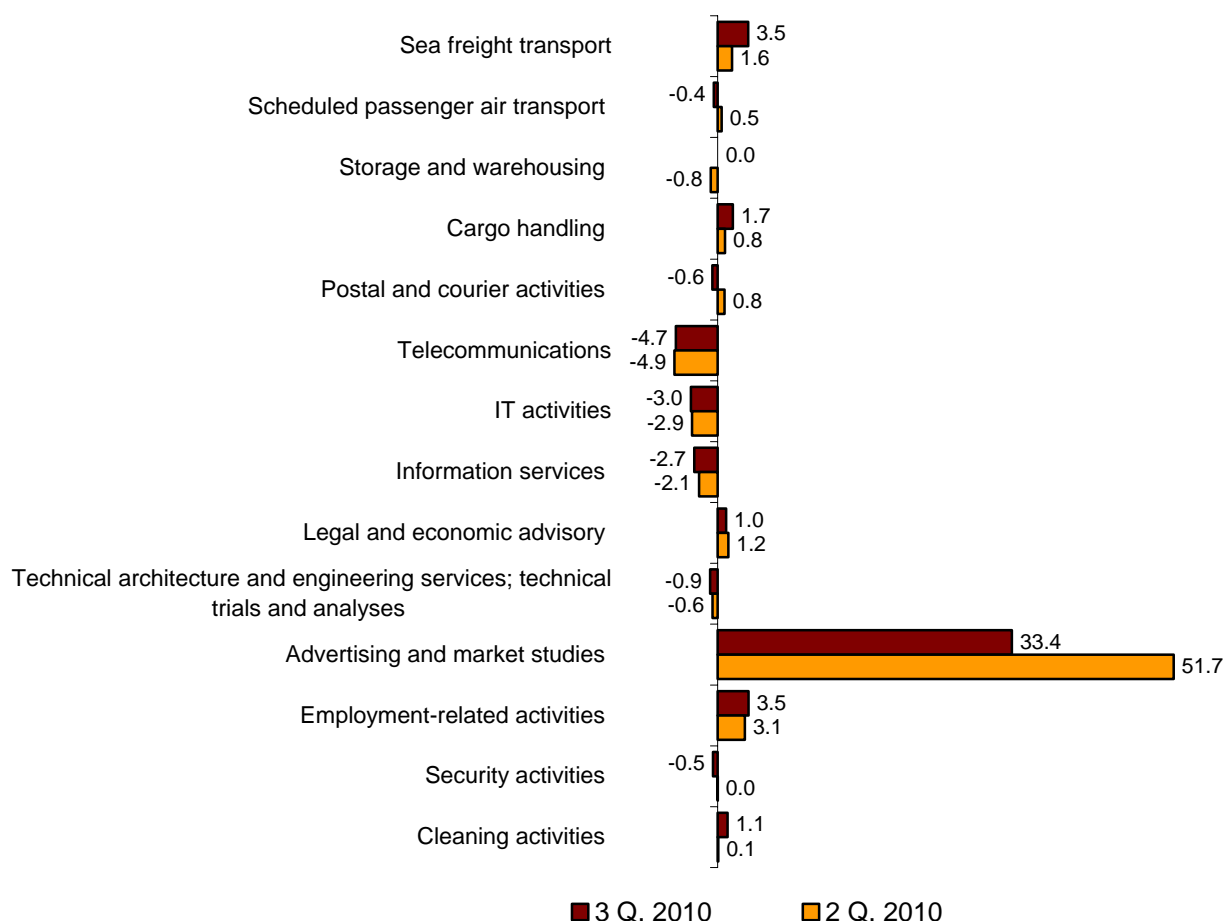
Among the services with a decrease in annual rate, the most noteworthy were:

- **Advertising and market studies**, whose interannual rate decreased 18.3 points, standing at **33.4%**, due to the fact that *Advertising* prices decreased more in the third quarter than in the same period of 2009.
- **Postal and courier activities**, whose interannual rate stood at **–0.6%**, more than one point below the rate recorded the previous quarter. This decrease was due to a higher drop in prices of these activities than the decrease experienced last year.
- **Scheduled passenger air transport**, which decreased its rate nine tenths standing at **–0.4%**, due to the rise in prices in the third quarter, is lower than that registered in 2009.

Likewise, the most noteworthy rises in the annual rate corresponded to:

- **Sea freight transport**, whose interannual rate increased almost two points, standing at **3.5%**, due to the fact that the prices of these services decreased less than that registered in the third quarter of 2009
- **Cleaning activities**, whose rate stood at **1.1%**, one point above the rate recorded the previous quarter. This variation was due to the increase in prices registered this quarter, as compared with the decrease experienced in 2009.
- **Cargo handling**, with a rate of **1.7%**, nine tenths higher than that of the second quarter of 2010. This increase was due to the fact that this activity prices increased this quarter, as compared with the decrease registered in the same quarter of 2009.

## Annual rates of the SSPI Index by sector



## Quarterly evolution of the prices of services

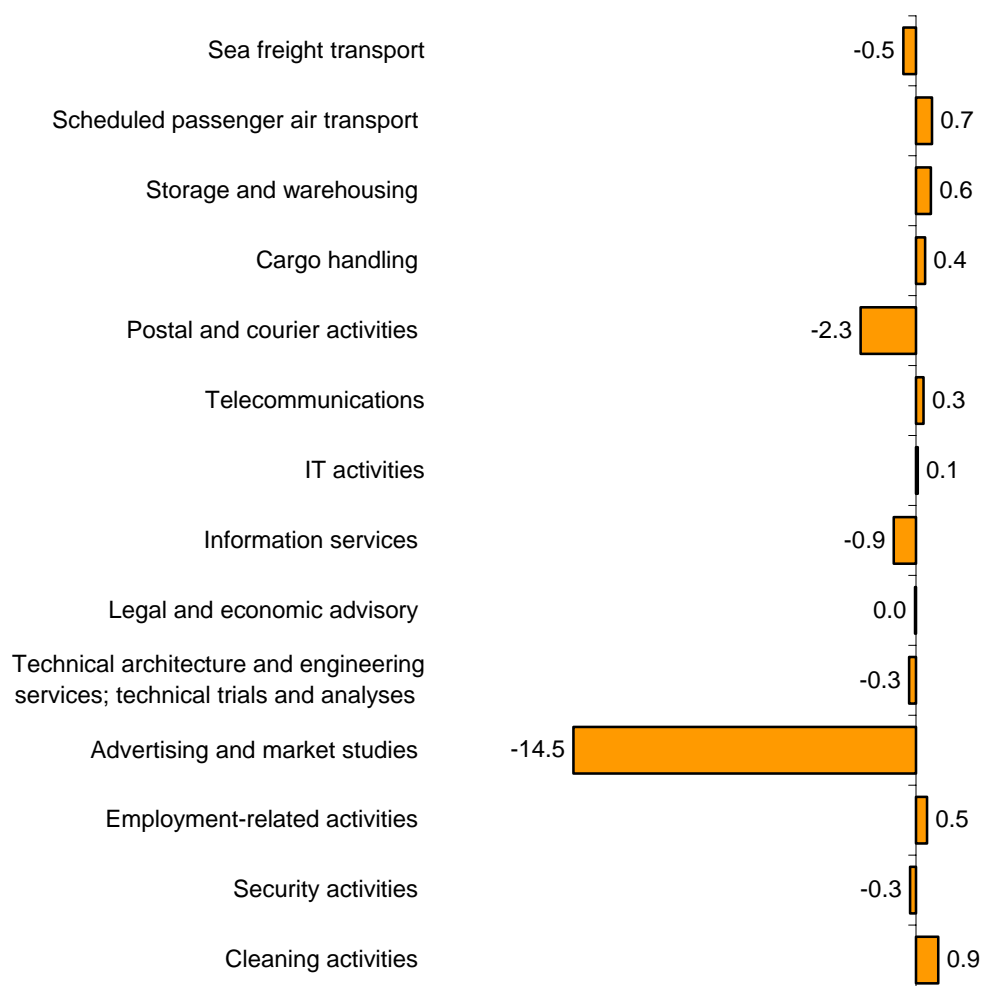
The services with the lowest quarterly variation rates in the third quarter of 2010 were:

- **Advertising and market studies**, whose quarterly variation of **-14.5%** was largely due to the drop in the prices of *Advertising* services.
- **Postal and courier activities**, with a quarterly variation rate of **-2.3%**.
- **Telecommunications**, whose prices dropped to **-0.9%** in the third quarter of 2010.

In turn, the highest quarterly variation rate was registered in:

- **Cleaning activities**, whose quarterly variation rate stood at **0.9%**.

### Quarterly rates of the SSPI Index by sector



## Services Sector Price Indices. Base 2006

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#### 1. National indices by sector

	Index	% Variation		
		Over previous quarter	Year-to-date	Interannual
1. Sea freight transport	100.4	-0.5	0.8	3.5
2. Scheduled passenger air transport	117.7	0.7	-0.1	-0.4
3. Storage and warehousing	107.7	0.6	0.3	0.0
4. Cargo handling	110.2	0.4	1.8	1.7
5. Postal and courier activities	96.5	-2.3	-0.9	-0.6
6. Telecommunications	83.6	0.3	-0.5	-4.7
7. IT activities	104.6	0.1	-2.4	-3.0
8. Information services	106.7	-0.9	-2.3	-2.7
9. Legal and economic advisory	108.2	0.0	0.9	1.0
10. Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analyses	111.8	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9
11. Advertising and market studies	112.9	-14.5	27.5	33.4
12. Employment-related activities	109.1	0.5	3.3	3.5
13. Security services	108.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.5
14. Cleaning activities	107.1	0.9	1.1	1.1

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