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**Services Sector Price Indices (SSPI). Base 2006**  
Fourth quarter of 2011. *Provisional data*

**Main results**

- The annual variation rate of the price index of *Advertising and market studies* decreases more than 10 points, standing at –6.3%.
- *Information services* prices stand its annual variation at –2.5%, two-and-a-half points above of the third quarter of 2011.
- *Cargo handling* prices register an annual variation of 1.2%, more than one point below that registered in the previous quarter.
- The interannual variation rate of the *Cleaning activities* for the third quarter of 2011 decreases five tenths, up to 0.9%.

**Annual evolution of prices in services**

Eleven of the 14 activities in the services sector for which price indices are calculated, experienced an increase in their interannual variation rate in the fourth quarter of 2011.

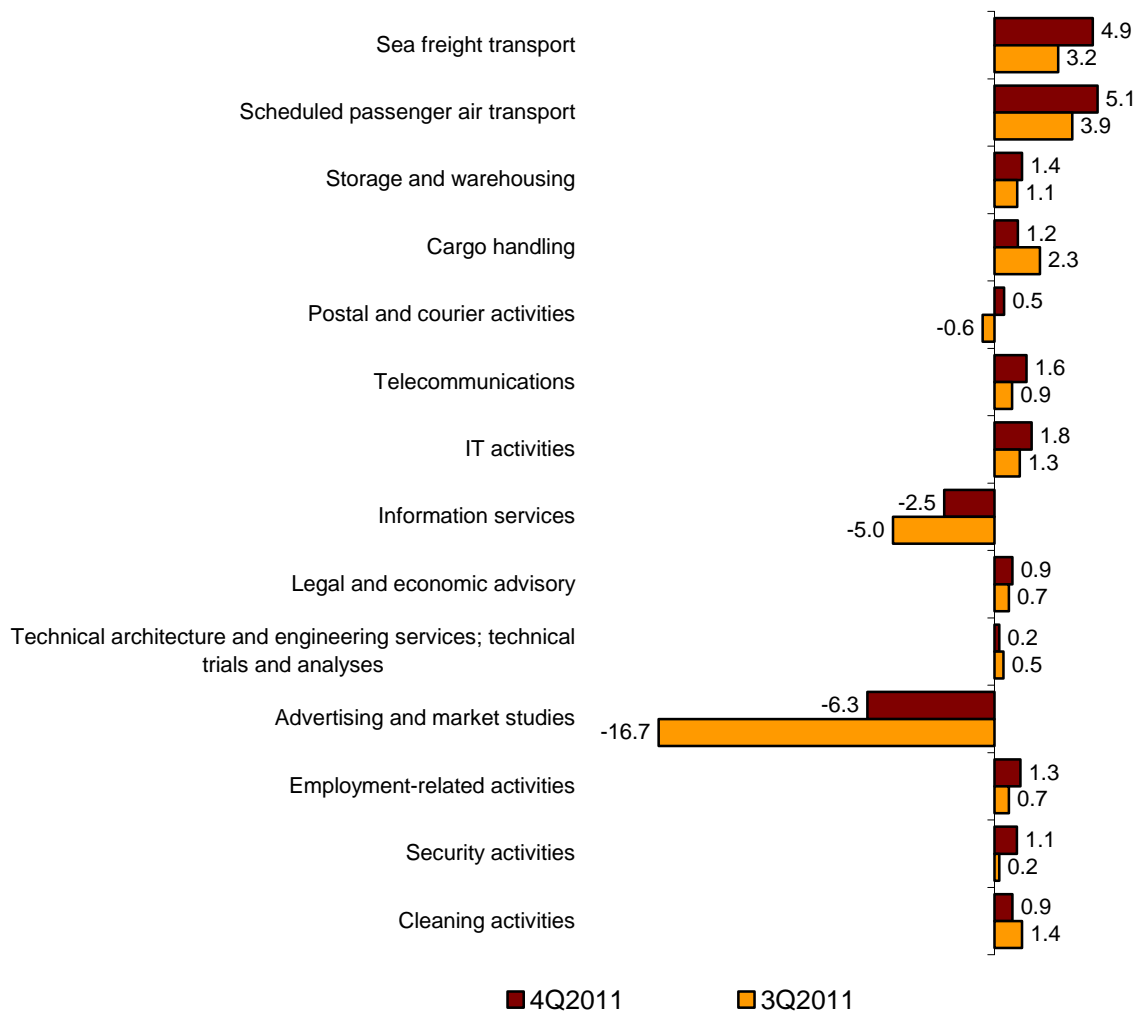
Among the services with an increase in annual rate, the most noteworthy were:

- ***Advertising and market studies***, whose interannual rate increased more than ten points and stood at –6.3%, due to the increase in prices registered this quarter, as compared with the decrease experienced in the fourth quarter of the previous year.
- ***Information services***, with an interannual rate of –2.5%, two-and-a-half points above that registered in the previous quarter, due to the decrease in prices of this activity was lower than that registered in the fourth quarter of 2010.
- ***Sea freight transport***, whose interannual rate increased almost two points, standing at 4.9%. This variation was due to the increase in prices registered this quarter, as compared with the decrease experienced in the third quarter of the previous year

In turn, the most noteworthy drops in the annual rate corresponded to:

- **Cargo handling**, whose interannual rate stood at 1.2%, more than one point below than the third quarter. This drop was due to the fact that the prices decreased, as compared with the increase experienced the fourth quarter of the previous year
- **Cleaning activities**, whose rate dropped five tenths, standing at 0.9%, this drop was due to the decrease in prices, as compared with the rise registered in the fourth quarter of 2010.
- **Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analyses**, whose interannual rate decreased five tenths, up to 0.2%. This variation was in response that the prices of these services decreased more this quarter than those registered in the same period of 2010.

## Annual rates of the SSPI Index by sector

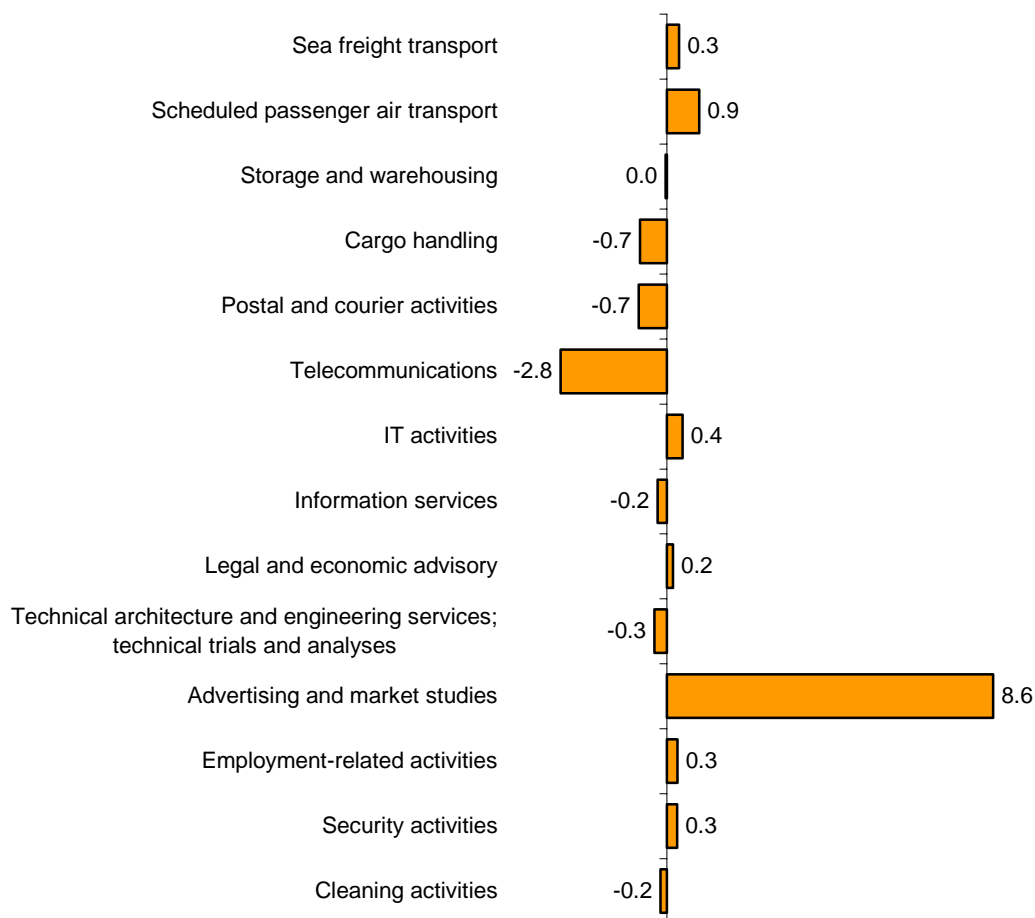


## Quarterly evolution of the prices of services

The greatest price increases as compared with the third quarter of 2011 were recorded in *Advertising and market studies* (8.6%), *Scheduled passenger air transport* (0.9%) and *IT activities* (0.4%).

Conversely, prices decreased this quarter as compared with the previous quarter in *Telecommunications* (-2.8%), *Postal and courier activities* (-0.7%) and *Postal and courier activities* (-0.7%).

## Quarterly rates of the SSPI, base 2006 Index by sector



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#### 1. National indices by sector

	Index	% Variation		
		Over previous quarter	Year-to-date	Interannual
1. Sea freight transport	104.7	0.3	4.9	4.9
2. Scheduled passenger air transport	123.5	0.9	5.1	5.1
3. Storage and warehousing	108.3	0.0	1.4	1.4
4. Cargo handling	111.9	-0.7	1.2	1.2
5. Postal and courier activities	96.3	-0.7	0.5	0.5
6. Telecommunications	81.1	-2.8	1.6	1.6
7. IT activities	106.7	0.4	1.8	1.8
8. Information services	101.3	-0.2	-2.5	-2.5
9. Legal and economic advisory	109.3	0.2	0.9	0.9
10. Technical architecture and engineering services; technical trials and analysis	111.9	-0.3	0.2	0.2
11. Advertising and market studies	112.1	8.6	-6.3	-6.3
12. Employment-related activities	110.1	0.3	1.3	1.3
13. Security services	109.5	0.3	1.1	1.1
14. Cleaning activities	107.5	-0.2	0.9	0.9

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