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Primary balance

The primary balance is public sector net borrowing minus net debt interest payments. Debt interest expenditure minus interest and dividend receipts forms net debt interest payments. It is shown as a positive when in surplus and a negative when in deficit.

The table below shows the OBR's forecast for the primary balance as a percentage of GDP, consistent with the *Economic and fiscal outlook* published on 29 November 2010.

Outturn	Forecast					
2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
-9.1	-7.3	-5.0	-2.9	-0.8	0.9	1.8