

# TSA Laundry Cost Index Bulletin

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### Middle East Crisis Driving Renewed and Significant Cost Pressures

The TSA is continuing to monitor the ongoing situation in the Middle East and the resulting impact on global markets. Recent developments are now driving significant cost pressures across the commercial laundry sector.

The latest Laundry Cost Index does not yet reflect the scale or immediacy of these pressures due to lag in the data provided by the Office for National Statistics and the Government. This Bulletin is therefore intended to reflect the current reality being experienced by members.

Financial markets have remained highly volatile as a result of the crisis. A disruption to the production and transit of key commodities, particularly oil and natural gas, has led to sharp price increases. Brent crude prices have risen from a pre-war base price of around \$70 to over \$100 per barrel, with continued volatility, while UK natural gas prices remain elevated.

These increases are already feeding directly into energy, fuel, and distribution costs for the industry. We also anticipate the ongoing disruption to key global shipping routes is increasing freight costs and lead times, placing further pressure on supply chains.

The following trends are being reported from the industry:

- Energy costs rising significantly due to sustained volatility in oil and gas markets
- Fuel and transport costs increasing in line with UK pump price movements
- Shipping and freight costs rising due to disruption to key trade routes
- Textile costs increasing as a result of higher manufacturing, sourcing, and logistics costs
- Chemical costs continuing to rise due to raw material and supply chain pressures

These combined increases are placing extraordinary pressure on the commercial laundry market, as seen during previous periods of global instability. Therefore, timely and appropriate price adjustments need to be considered.

For more information on the Laundry Cost Index, please visit our website. If you have any queries with regards to the above or the Laundry Cost Index in general, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us either via email or phone:

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# Textile Services Cost Index

## 2025/2026 FYQ4\*

Annual Increase from 2024/2025 FYQ4 to 2025/2026 FYQ4

Cost Centre	Increase	Weighting	Total
Labour	4.10%	40%	1.64%
Textiles **	4.94%	15%	0.74%
Energy	-8.54%	10%	-0.85%
Diesel	9.57%	4%	0.40%
Other Transport **	8.05%	8%	0.63%
Other	3.60%	23%	0.83%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>3.39%</b>

\* FYQ4 constitutes data for Jan-Mar 2026 months and as per the latest release of quarterly energy prices by Department for Energy Security & Net Zero (Oct, Nov & Dec 2025). Additionally, please note all the numbers reflect the data at the time of publication.

Increase in the Last Three Years (Q4 2022/2023 to Q4 2025/2026)

Cost Centre	Increase	Weighting	Total
Labour	25.08%	40%	10.03%
Textiles**	16.46%	15%	2.47%
Energy	-22.06%	10%	-2.21%
Diesel	-4.78%	4%	-0.20%
Other Transport**	11.82%	8%	0.92%
Other	11.99%	23%	2.76%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>	<b>13.77%</b>

### Sources:

For the purpose of all calculations, the latest available quarterly or monthly numbers have been applied.

#### Labour: UK Government

<https://www.gov.uk/national-minimum-wage-rates>

#### Textiles: Office for National Statistics (Textile costs)

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/g6sn/ppi>

#### Energy and Diesel: Department for Energy Security & Net Zero

**Gas and Electricity:** Table 3.1.1 - Gas is weighted 75% and Electricity 25%:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-energy-prices-march-2026>



**Diesel:** Table 4.1.1:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/quarterly-energy-prices-march-2026>

**Other costs: Office for National Statistics**

[www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/chaw](http://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/chaw)

**Other Transport: Office for National Statistics**

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/inflationandpriceindices/timeseries/q6wh/ppi>

\* Please note the previously used index for Energy, Table 3.3.2 (Fuel price indices for the industrial sector) is no longer included within the Quarterly Energy Prices publication and therefore it has been replaced by Table 3.1.1 (Average prices of fuels purchased by the manufacturing industry). This replacement took place in Textile Services Cost Index: 2021/2022 FYQ1.

\*\* Please note that the ONS has now reinstated indices for “Textiles” and for “Other Transport ” that were previously on hold since January 2025.