

	2025/2026	2024/2025	2025/2026	2024/2025
	YTD Outturn (€m)	YTD Outturn (€m)	Q2 Outturn (€m)	Q2 Outturn (€m)
CPREMIUM	121.88	115.03	48.30	50.62
CDISCOUNT	114.80	117.38	53.34	60.92
CABBPO	0.16	0.41	0.10	0.18
CAOOPO	-0.76	-2.08	-0.50	-0.87
CTEST	-0.34	-0.32	-0.11	-0.13
CUNIMB	-5.62	-5.01	-2.82	-3.10
CCURL	-5.96	-4.91	-3.02	-2.54
CEADSUIMB	-0.01	0	0	0
Dispatch Balancing Costs (DBC)	224.14	220.49	95.28	105.07
Fixed Cost Charges/Payments (CFC)	75.47	165.97	19.82	107.06
Other System Charges (OSC) ^[1]	-2.92	-2.12	-1.36	-0.65
Imperfections Costs Outturn	296.6	384.3	113.7	211.4
Imperfections Costs Forecast	313.1	232.7	131.7	126.8
Variance: Forecast Vs. Outturn ^[2]	-16.5	151.6	-18.0	84.6
Variance %	-5.2	+65.1	-13.6	+66.6

Key Points:

- Costs for the 25/26 year are based on actual initial settlement figures.
- The Imperfections Cost Forecast is profiled based on the RA approved model, which assumed zero payments for OSC.
- The Imperfections Cost Outturn is subject to fluctuation relative to the forecast.
- Costs for the 24/25 year are based on M+4 & M+13 settlement figures where available^[3].

Key Factors Affecting Imperfections Costs	Forecast Assumptions for TY2025-26	Actual TY2025-26	Impact ^[6]
Fuel Costs & Carbon ^[4]	Data as per forecast submission	Wholesale fuel prices for the quarter compared to forecast were as follows; Carbon: 13% higher, Coal: 0.2% lower, Gasoil: 36% higher, Gas: 14% higher, Oil: 2% lower. This increased the imperfections cost.	↑
T&S Code and System Changes	Data as per forecast submission	There was no change during this period	→
Reserve Policy and TCGs ^[5]	TCG data as forecast per submission	New System Stability TCG's were introduced as follows: 1. System Wide Battery ESPS charging limit 2. 85% limit on Battery ESPS State of Charge 3. 900 MW Maximum Total System Load Rejection	↑
Reserve Provision	Data as per forecast submission	No changes were made to the reserve provision.	→
Forced Generation Outages	Data as per forecast submission	The forced generation outage rate percentage for the quarter was 15% lower than forecast. This has reduced imperfections cost.	↓
Scheduled Generation Outages	Data as per forecast submission	The scheduled generation outages were lower than forecast. This would have acted to reduce imperfection costs.	↓
Transmission Outages	No outages forecast	It is estimated that the proxy for transmission outages used in the forecast model under-estimated the actual costs for the second quarter.	↑
Variability	Data as per forecast submission	The average wind capacity factor was 34%, which was lower than the forecast wind capacity factor of 35%, resulting in a decrease in imperfection costs	↓

Mitigation Measures

The following are a list of mitigation measures undergoing review to seek to increase downward pressure on imperfection costs:

1. Daily review of Non-Compliances / Performance Monitoring events e.g. trips;
2. Weekly review of imperfections costs and drivers;
3. On-going review of Reserve Policy and TCGs;
4. Flexibility services as required;
5. Grid Code/ Trading and Settlement Code review and modifications;

Notes

[1] Includes Other System Charges up to and including March 2026. Published at www.eirgrid.ie and www.soni.ltd.uk

[2] Positive value indicates outturn is higher than forecast. Negative value indicates outturn is lower than forecast.

[3] M+13 have been completed up to Week 12 TY 24/25 and M+4 have been completed up to Week 51 TY 25/26.

[4] The forecast and actual fuel and carbon costs were based on data taken from Thomson Reuters.

[5] TCGs (Transmission Constraint Groups) or Operational constraints as published on the SEMO website: <https://www.semo.com/publications/tso-responsibilities/>

[6] Increase from Forecast



Decrease from Forecast



No Change from Forecast



Component Description

Fixed Cost Charges/Payments: Payments for additional fixed costs incurred, or charges for fixed costs saved from dispatching a unit differently to its market position, if not sufficiently covered through the unit's other payments or charges.

Dispatch Balancing Costs: are made up of the following components:

• **CPREMIUM: Paid when an offer is scheduled in balancing (and delivered) at an offer price above the imbalance settlement price.**

• **CDISCOUNT: Paid when a bid is scheduled in balancing (and delivered) at a bid price below the imbalance settlement price.**

• **CABBPO/ CAOPO: Bid Price Only and Offer Price Only Payments and Charges, adjustment payment or charge to result in net settlement at the offer price for increments, or bid price for decrements, for undo actions on generators.**

• **CCURL: Adjustment payment or charge to result in net settlement at a specific curtailment price for curtailment actions on generators.**

• **CEADSU: Energy payments for DSUs at the times of energy scarcity when imbalance price exceeds the strike price.**

• **CTEST: Charges applied to units under test.**

• **CUNIMB: Charges for imbalances and bids and offers accepted in balancing but not delivered, which were outside of a tolerance. Undelivered quantities are settled at the imbalance settlement price.**