

	2025/2026 YTD Outturn (€m)	2024/2025 YTD Outturn (€m)	2025/2026 Q3 Outturn (€m)	2024/2025 Q3 Outturn (€m)
CPREMIUM	180.93	152.11	59.05	35.82
CDISCOUNT	169.40	160.83	54.60	42.89
CABBPO	0.20	0.59	0.03	0.18
CAOOPO	-0.82	-2.06	-0.06	0.06
CTEST	-0.36	-0.50	-0.01	-0.18
CUNIMB	-8.14	-7.26	-2.52	-2.19
CCURL	-10.90	-6.51	-4.93	-1.56
CEADSUIMB	-0.01	0	0	0
Dispatch Balancing Costs (DBC)	330.30	297.20	106.16	75.02
Fixed Cost Charges/Payments (CFC)	104.07	174.22	28.59	8.25
Other System Charges (OSC) ^[1]	-3.99	-4.34	-1.06	-1.70
Imperfections Costs Outturn	430.4	467.1	133.7	81.6
Imperfections Costs Forecast	427.6	339.4	114.4	106.7
Variance: Forecast Vs. Outturn ^[2]	2.8	127.7	19.3	-25.1
Variance %	+0.7	+37.6	+16.8	-23.5

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: 12% higher, Coal: 6.8% higher, Gasoil: 81% higher, Gas: 48% higher, Oil: 42% higher. This increased the imperfections cost.	↑
T&S Code and System Changes	Data as per forecast submission	No changes were made to the T&S Code and System this period.	→
Reserve Policy and TCGs ^[5]	TCG data as forecast per submission	As of 11/05/2026 the operational limit for inertia has been increased from 23,000 MWs to 28,000 MWs.	↑
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 was forecasted to be 6.7% for this period, while the actual forced generation outage rate was 14.3% This has increased imperfections costs on forecast.	↑
Scheduled Generation Outages	Data as per forecast submission	Approximately double the amount of scheduled outage days were permitted on the system from what was forecasted. This has increased imperfection costs on forecast.	↑
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 third quarter. This is considered to be the case as actual constraint costs paid to renewables were roughly three times greater in this quarter than the renewable data source used to approximate the 2025/26 Imperfections proxy for transmission constraints.	↑
Variability	Data as per forecast submission	The average wind capacity factor was 25%, which was higher than the forecast wind capacity factor of 22%, resulting in an increase 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 June 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 25 TY 24/25 and M+4 have been completed up to Week 12 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.