MacroData15 data definitions 1870 to 2011

Name Definition

pgdp Log of implicit deflator of GDP (1985=1). [NS:ABML] gdp Log real GDP, £million, constant prices. [NS:YBHH]

pw Log external price level (US till 54 then ROW: 1985=1). OECD trade-weighted. eri Annual Average Effective Exchange rate, pre-55 \$, post 55 ROW. Spliced.

LPrm Log Price index of raw materials and fuels (OECD, weighted ave.)
RS Three-month treasury bill rate, fraction p.a. [DS: UKGBILL3]
RL Long term bond interest rate, fraction p.a. [DS: UKGBOND]

Natdebt Nominal National Debt, £million. [NS: BKQK]

LNatdebt Log of Nominal National Debt

m Log Nominal broad money, £million. [NS:AUYN]

LEmpUK Log Employment (= Wpop - Un)
LKtotUK Log Gross UK Capital Stock

Rna Opportunity Cost of money measure. Rs*((high powered money/M)/25)

E £/\$ Exchange Rate Annual Average Pop UK Population. [NS: MYEDE]

Un Unemployment

Wpop Working population [NS:YBTF]

RsUS US Short-term interest rate: Federal Funds Effective rate

pcpi Log of Consumer Price Index

LW85 Log Wage Index, 1985=1; log(Wage), re-scaled to 1985 for Average weekly wage

nh Normal Hours (average actual weekly hours of work) [NS:YBUV] w LW85 to 1946, 1947 onwards: log(exp(LW85)*44.9122/NH)

Dpgdp D denotes a first difference Dm D denotes a first difference

ppp Log purchasing power parity measure=real exchange rate

Ur Un/Wpop

RLr Real long rate (RL-Dpgdp)
Dgdp D denotes a first difference
DUr D denotes a first difference

Ursq sq denotes a square: (Ur-mean(Ur))²

DPop D denotes a first difference

Wshare Wage share (w-pgdp-gdp+LEmpUK)

Dpgfna non-linear price reaction function: (-1/(1+1000*(Dpgdp)²)

DpgfnaDp (Dpgfna x Dpgdp): see Castle and Hendry (2014) ulc Log unit labour costs (LEmpUK + w – gdp)

gdppc Log real gdp per capita (gdp – pop)

ulcp Log unit real labour costs (LEmpUK + w – gdp – pdgp)

ulcpm Log unit real labour costs adjusted for their mean (ulcp – mean(ulcp))

er Log exchange rate

RrDg (RL-Dpdgp) – Dgdp: profits proxy

Notes: Historical data sources given in Appendix. Current sources listed, where NS = National

Statistics database, DS = Datastream.