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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES (Base: September, 1993=100)

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### GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for March, 2002

Period	Section Indices												
	General Index	Food	Meals out	Drink and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing			Household operations	Household supplies and services	Health and personal care	Transportation	Reading recreation and education
	All Items					Total	Home ownership	Rent					
Weight	1 000	217	14	24	104	216	196	20	66	77	62	152	68
Annual Average													
2000	134.7	214.3	120.3	129.6	91.7	114.4	114.5	113.8	107.3	108.4	120.6	116.6	125.5
2001	142.2	244.2	120.6	134.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	115.0	107.6	108.1	124.3	119.1	130.5
Average													
Jan-March, 2000	132.7	207.1	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.0	114.9	122.8
Jan-March, 2001	140.1	235.8	120.5	130.4	91.0	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.4	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
Jan-March, 2002	146.6	261.5	120.7	146.8	89.1	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.0	108.2	125.2	121.5	130.5
2000 January	133.5	211.1	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	118.9	114.9	122.8
February	132.4	205.8	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
March	132.1	204.4	120.5	129.1	92.1	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
April	133.4	210.0	120.5	129.3	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.0	115.1	123.1
May	134.1	213.0	120.5	129.4	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.2	115.1	123.1
June	133.8	211.8	120.5	129.5	91.9	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.3	115.1	123.1
July	133.8	209.0	120.2	129.4	91.6	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.3	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
August	133.9	209.7	120.2	129.5	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
September	135.5	217.1	120.2	129.6	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.2	118.0	125.7
October	136.8	221.3	119.8	129.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
November	136.8	221.1	119.8	131.0	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
December	140.4	237.6	119.8	130.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.9	118.3	130.4
2001 January	139.9	234.7	120.5	130.4	91.2	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.8	119.1	130.2
February	140.5	237.6	120.5	130.2	91.0	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
March	140.0	235.0	120.5	130.6	90.8	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.8	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
April	140.3	235.9	120.5	130.5	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
May	140.5	236.9	120.5	130.4	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
June	142.4	245.9	120.5	130.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
July	142.7	247.0	120.7	130.7	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
August	143.8	252.0	120.7	130.7	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
September	143.4	249.8	120.7	134.2	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
October	143.7	249.9	120.7	143.7	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.4	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1
November	143.9	250.3	120.7	146.8	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.9	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1
December	144.9	255.4	120.7	146.2	89.7	114.6	114.5	115.7	108.5	108.4	125.8	118.9	130.1
2001 January	147.2	264.2	120.7	146.5	89.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.2	125.2	121.8	130.5
February	146.6	261.4	120.7	147.3	89.1	114.7	114.6	115.7	109	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5
March	146.0	258.8	120.7	146.5	88.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.3	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5

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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES - MARCH, 2002

## General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of March, 2002, was 146.0 showing a decrease of 0.4% below the Index of February, 2002.

The All Items Index for January-March, 2002, showed an increase of 4.6% over that for January-March, 2001. This compares with an increase of 5.6% observed in the Index for January-March, 2001, over the same period in 2000.

## Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section decreased from 261.4 in February, 2002, to 258.8 in March, 2002, indicating a 1.0% fall in the price of food items over this period. Within the Food Section there was a decrease of 2.4% in the Index for Market Items. Contributing significantly to this decrease were falling prices of chicken, tomato, cabbage, cucumber and Irish potato. This decrease in price was partly offset by an increase in the price of fresh fish, carrots, melon and citrus fruits.

Prices changes in this section accounted for a decrease of 0.6 point in the All items Index.

## Other Sections

A further review of the data for March, 2002, compared with the previous month, indicated a decrease of 0.5% and 0.6% for Drink and Tobacco and Clothing and Footwear respectively.

Price changes in these sections had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in March, 2002, compared with those of March, 2001, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2001 - March, 2002
All Items	4.3
Food	10.1
Meals out	0.2
Drink and tobacco	12.2
Clothing and footwear	-2.4
Housing	0.2
Home ownership	0.1
Rent	0.9
Household operations	1.4
Household supplies and services	0.5
Health and personal care	1.9
Transportation	1.8
Reading, recreation and education	0.2