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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2010 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of January 2010, was 161.9 representing an increase of 3 points or 1.9% above the Index for December, 2009.

The percentage change in the All Items Index of January, 2010, when compared with January, 2009, was 3.6%. This reflects a reduction when compared with an increase of 11.7% observed between January, 2009 and January, 2008.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 309.6 in December, 2009, to 313.7 in January, 2010, reflecting an increase of 1.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fish—king fish, carite and other fish, onions, garlic, hot peppers, limes, cucumber, bodie, melongene, dasheen, pumpkin and grapes. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by a general decline in the prices of whole chicken, tomatoes, ochroes, yams, sweet potatoes, christophene, green pigeon peas, watercress, chive, celery, sweet pepper, green bananas and oranges.

Price changes in this section, for the month of January, 2010, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.7 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2010, compared with December, 2009, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; Clothing and Footwear 0.6%; Rent 4.3%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.4%; Health 0.2%; Transport 10.1%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.5%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.4%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Home Ownership 0.7% and Recreation and Culture 0.3%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of January, 2010, accounted for a net overall increase of 2.3 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in January, 2010, compared with those of January, 2009, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2010—January, 2009
All Items	3.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	14.0
Clothing and Footwear	-1.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.1
Home Ownership	-0.2
Rent	6.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.0
Health	6.6
Transport	9.5
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.1
Education	3.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.9

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**GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES**

Figures for January, 2010

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>1000</b>															
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
2008 January	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	129.9	116.7	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	106.6	130.1	116.7	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
March	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.2	116.7	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
April	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
May	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	121.8	131.0	116.8	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
June	145.5	262.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	128.2	121.8	116.8	116.8	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
July	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	121.8	132.1	117.8	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
August	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.3	108.6	134.0	117.8	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	124.5	108.6	134.4	117.8	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
October	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.7	120.0	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
November	156.7	309.4	156.7	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.8	120.0	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
December	156.8	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	135.0	120.0	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
2009 January	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	136.1	125.8	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
April	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.9	125.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	128.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	128.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
December	158.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	144.1	125.2	128.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.509.