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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 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 March, 2010 was 164.3 representing an increase of 0.9 point or 0.6% above the Index for February, 2010.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–March, 2010 over that for the period January–March, 2009 was 4.5%. This reflects a reduction when compared with an annual rate of inflation rate of 11.6% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–March, 2009 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2008.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 322.6 in February, 2010 to 326.9 in March, 2010, reflecting an increase of 1.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fish—cavalli and king fish, yams, ochros, christophene, sweet pepper, bodie, green bananas, pawpaw, oranges, grapefruit, limes, celery and chive. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by a general decline in the prices of packaged rice, tomatoes, cucumber, carrots, plantain, dasheen, sweet potatoes, melongene, hot peppers and canned vegetables.

Price changes in this section, for the month of March, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.8 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2010 compared with February, 2010 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 1.2% and Health 0.1%. However, the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco declined by 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of March, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change March 2010–March, 2009
All Items	5.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	12.2
Clothing and Footwear	-0.5
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	6.1
Transport	9.5
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.1
Education	3.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	3.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for March, 2010

Period	Section Indices											Miscellaneous Goods and Services				
	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
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average	1000															
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	111.9	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
January - March 2008	140.0	243.2	148.1	95.0	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
January - March 2009	156.2	305.0	157.4	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.7	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
January - March 2010	163.2	321.1	178.7	95.1	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	144.3	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
2008	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
March	140.5	246.8	148.3	94.8	115.5	117.4	123.3	107.0	131.2	116.8	78.5	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	116.8	78.5	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	116.8	78.5	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	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
July	146.9	274.6	148.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	133.0	117.8	78.5	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	134.0	117.8	78.5	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	134.4	117.8	78.5	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	134.7	120.0	78.5	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	134.8	120.0	78.5	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	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
2009	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
January	156.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	156.4	305.9	156.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	136.1	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.1	308.1	156.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	133.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
April	157.6	306.0	158.9	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	133.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	133.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.4	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
August	156.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.5	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	94.8	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	141.4	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	143.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	143.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
December	158.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	144.1	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
2010	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
January	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March																

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.