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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 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 September, 2010 was 182.9 representing a decrease of 1.1 points or 0.6% below the Index for August, 2010.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—September, 2010 over that for the period January—September, 2009 was 9.8%. This reflects an increase when compared with a rate of inflation of 8.8% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January—September, 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 decreased from 424.5 in August, 2010 to 418.1 in September, 2010, reflecting a decrease of 1.5%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of sweet potatoes, yams, christophene, melongene, dasheen, watercress, ochroes, tomatoes, limes, hot peppers and spices. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of carite fish, whole chicken, cucumber, cabbage, avocado, chive, celery, irish potatoes, oranges, paw paw and garlic.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2010 accounted for a net overall decrease of 1.2 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2010 compared with August, 2010 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.5% and Health 0.3%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change September 2010—September, 2009
All Items	13.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	29.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	9.3
Clothing and Footwear	-1.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.3
Home Ownership	-1.4
Rent	6.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.1
Health	5.4
Transport	11.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	4.6
Education	2.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	1.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for September, 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 and Culture	Recreation and Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services		
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels									
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	65	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																	
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	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	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
January - September 2008	145.0	262.4	149.6	95.7	118.4	118.2	126.2	115.8	112.3	131.8	117.1	78.5	132.4	153.9	148.9	115.1	
January - September 2009	157.7	307.3	159.5	95.5	125.0	124.1	132.4	124.5	112.6	139.5	125.7	78.5	129.9	165.6	170.6	122.8	
January - September 2010	173.1	389.1	178.9	94.6	125.5	122.5	141.6	128.1	113.3	145.9	139.5	78.5	136.6	170.5	174.2	128.2	
2008 January	138.9	242.7	146.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	125.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
February	138.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
March	146.5	245.8	146.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1	
April	141.3	246.0	146.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.0	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	131.0	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	121.9	132.1	116.8	78.5	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	108.6	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	108.6	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	108.6	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	110.5	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	110.5	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	110.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	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	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	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	141.4	125.6	78.5	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	78.5	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	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	112.9	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	112.9	144.1	125.2	78.5	126.8	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	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April	168.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July	186.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	128.0	
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	128.0	
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	128.0	

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 1.909.