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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 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 October, 2010 was 180.6 representing a decrease of 2.3 points or 1.3% below the Index for September, 2010.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—October, 2010 over that for the period January—October, 2009 was 10.1%. This reflects an increase when compared with a rate of inflation of 8.1% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January—October, 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 418.1 in September, 2010 to 403.4 in October, 2010, reflecting a decrease of 3.5%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of yams, sweet potatoes, ochros, dasheen, christophene, celery, limes, green bananas, avocado and canned vegetables. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of fish—carite and king fish, whole chicken, tomatoes, cucumber, melongene, watercress, paw paw, hot peppers and garlic.

Price changes in this section, for the month of October, 2010 accounted for a net overall decrease of 2.6 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2010 compared with September, 2010 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 1.8%; Clothing and Footwear 0.2%; Home Ownership 0.6%; Rent 0.4%; Health 0.3%; Recreation and Culture 0.1%; Education 0.7%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.4%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.9%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of October, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October 2010–October, 2009
All Items	12.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	26.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	–0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.2
Home Ownership	–0.8
Rent	7.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.0
Health	3.9
Transport	12.1
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	13.7
Education	1.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	0.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 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			
Weights	180	25	53	202	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.6	119.4	127.3	116.0	111.9	132.5	117.9	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 - October 2008	146.1	266.9	150.3	95.8	115.9	118.7	126.6	116.7	112.2	132.1	117.4	78.5	132.6	154.9	150.7	115.4
January - October 2009	158.0	308.4	161.2	95.5	125.1	124.1	132.6	124.9	112.7	139.9	125.6	78.5	129.6	166.0	170.8	123.1
January - October 2010	173.9	372.5	179.2	94.6	125.5	122.5	141.8	128.1	113.4	147.2	139.6	78.5	137.4	170.7	174.2	128.4
2008 January	139.9	242.7	148.1	85.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
February	139.6	241.1	147.9	85.3	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	140.5	245.8	148.2	84.8	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	148.3	85.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
May	143.1	255.8	148.4	86.0	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	85.6	120.8	117.4	126.7	128.2	121.8	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
July	148.9	274.6	149.2	86.1	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	86.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	108.6	134.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	86.6	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	86.3	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	86.2	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	86.1	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	86.3	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	86.2	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	86.0	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	85.2	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	85.7	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	84.3	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	84.9	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	85.7	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	85.6	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	84.8	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	84.6	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	84.7	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	85.3	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	84.4	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	85.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	85.2	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	85.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
June	178.2	400.6	179.1	84.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	145.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	83.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	84.0	122.2	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	84.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	84.2	125.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2

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.