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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2014 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of September, 2014, was 224.2 representing a decrease of 1.4 points or 0.6% below the All Items Index for August, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2014, over the period January to September, 2013, was 4.6%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.6% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2013, over the period January to September, 2012.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 603.8 in August, 2014 to 595.8 in September, 2014, reflecting a decrease of 1.3%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of limes, ochroes, sweet potatoes, avocados, mangoes, christophene, melon, spices, geera, ginger, mauby bark etc., irish potatoes and pumpkin. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of celery, hot peppers, yams, tomatoes, oranges, dasheen, cucumber, green pigeon peas, whole chickens and melongene.

Price changes in this section for the month of September, 2014 accounted for a net overall decrease of 1.4 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2014 compared with August, 2014, reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2% and Health 0.2%. However an increase was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.5%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of September, 2014, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in September, 2014, compared with those of September, 2013, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2014—September, 2013
All Items	7.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	15.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.4
Clothing and Footwear	3.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.5
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	1.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.3
Health	2.9
Transport	2.3
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-2.5
Education	7.6
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	3.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.4

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES
(Base: January, 2003 =100)
GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2014

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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			Health		Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	180	25	53	262			54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average				Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
2011	183.8	416.2	190.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	174.8	177.7	132.5	
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	179.8	183.5	135.7	
2013	211.3	538.1	203.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	188.6	189.9	145.1	
January - September 2012	199.6	492.0	196.1	130.0	126.8	159.1	128.2	116.3	153.3	142.7	78.6	177.5	182.2	135.1	
January - September 2013	210.7	537.9	202.2	130.3	126.9	161.2	128.2	117.7	162.3	147.9	78.6	187.4	188.8	143.1	
January - September 2014	220.4	578.2	209.1	131.2	127.8	163.6	128.2	117.9	167.9	152.1	78.6	198.9	196.8	152.7	
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	175.4	180.4	134.8	
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	175.4	180.4	134.8	
March	196.1	477.0	194.6	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	175.4	180.4	134.8	
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	175.4	180.4	134.8	
May	202.3	507.3	194.3	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	178.6	181.0	135.4	
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	178.6	181.0	135.4	
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	185.3	185.3	135.1	
August	199.8	488.4	196.5	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	185.3	185.3	135.1	
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	185.3	185.3	135.1	
October	204.9	509.9	199.2	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.0	146.4	78.6	190.9	187.3	137.4	
November	204.9	510.2	199.1	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.8	146.4	78.6	190.9	187.3	137.4	
December	203.3	501.1	199.2	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4	78.6	190.9	187.3	137.4	
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	186.4	187.7	136.4	
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	186.4	187.7	136.4	
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	186.4	187.7	136.4	
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	187.9	188.8	144.2	
May	213.7	556.1	203.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	187.9	188.8	144.2	
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	187.9	188.8	144.2	
July	210.0	525.8	203.7	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	187.9	189.9	148.7	
August	210.0	525.9	203.4	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	187.9	189.9	148.7	
September	208.0	515.0	203.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	187.9	189.9	148.7	
October	210.5	523.9	203.9	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	189.1	193.1	151.2	
November	213.9	547.6	206.8	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	192.2	193.1	151.2	
December	214.7	552.0	207.8	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	192.2	193.1	151.2	
2014 January	214.5	549.5	209.5	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	165.9	150.7	78.6	192.2	196.1	151.1	
February	217.2	564.3	209.6	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	192.2	196.1	151.1	
March	219.1	574.6	209.3	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.6	150.7	78.6	192.2	196.1	151.1	
April	219.7	573.4	210.3	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	202.2	197.6	151.9	
May	220.3	577.3	209.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	202.2	197.6	151.9	
June	220.7	579.5	208.6	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	169.0	151.7	78.6	202.2	197.6	151.9	
July	222.3	585.5	208.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
August	225.6	603.8	208.6	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	78.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	
September	224.2	595.8	208.2	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	202.2	196.8	155.2	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1999 = 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.