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

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

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The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of October, 2014 was 229.4 representing an increase of 5.2 points or 2.3% above the All Items Index for September, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to October, 2014 over the period January to October, 2013 was 5.1%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.2% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to October, 2013 over the period January to October, 2012.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 595.8 in September, 2014 to 625.0 in October, 2014, reflecting an increase of 4.9%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, cucumber, hot peppers, sweet potatoes, oranges, tomatoes, yams, green pigeon peas, dasheen and watercress. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of ochroes, celery, whole chickens, green bananas, chive, thyme, melongene, onions, garlic, carrot and plantain.

Price changes in this section for the month of October, 2014 accounted for a net overall increase of 5.3 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2014 compared with September, 2014, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.4%, Transport 0.1%, Education 6.4% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.2%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.1%, Health 0.9%, Recreation and Culture 2.4% and Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.1%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2014—October, 2013
All Items	9.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.3
Clothing and Footwear	2.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	1.0
Rent	1.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.4
Health	1.7
Transport	2.5
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-2.5
Education	11.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	1.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 2014

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Section Indices										Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
		Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels			Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Miscellaneous Goods and Services					
Weights	180	25	53	262								180	24	58	54	51
Annual Average	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
2011	183.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	143.9	174.8	177.7	132.5
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7
2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1
January - October 2012	200.2	493.8	196.4	97.5	130.1	126.9	159.4	128.2	116.4	153.9	143.1	78.6	148.7	178.4	182.7	135.3
January - October 2013	210.6	537.0	202.4	98.3	130.4	126.9	161.3	128.2	117.7	162.5	148.2	78.6	154.0	187.9	189.2	143.9
January - October 2014	221.3	582.9	209.1	100.1	131.3	127.9	163.6	128.2	117.9	167.8	152.3	78.6	156.0	200.5	186.8	153.0
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
March	196.1	477.0	194.6	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.1	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	154.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	176.6	181.0	136.4
May	202.3	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	176.6	181.0	136.4
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	176.6	181.0	136.4
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
August	198.8	488.4	196.5	98.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	98.8	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	152.3	178.6	185.3	135.1
October	204.9	509.9	200.0	99.4	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.0	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
November	204.9	510.2	198.1	99.5	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.8	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
December	203.3	501.1	199.2	98.7	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	146.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	146.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	146.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
May	213.7	556.1	203.6	98.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	96.8	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
July	210.0	525.8	203.7	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
August	210.0	525.9	203.4	97.7	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
September	206.0	515.0	203.3	98.4	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
October	210.5	528.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
November	213.9	547.6	206.8	97.9	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
December	214.7	552.0	207.8	97.4	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
2014 January	214.5	549.5	209.5	99.4	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	165.9	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
February	217.2	564.3	209.6	98.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
March	219.1	574.6	209.3	100.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.6	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
April	219.7	573.4	210.3	99.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
May	220.3	577.3	209.4	99.2	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
June	220.7	579.5	208.6	98.5	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	169.0	151.9	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
July	222.3	585.5	208.5	100.9	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
August	225.6	603.8	208.2	101.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
September	224.2	595.8	208.2	102.0	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
October	229.4	625.0	208.6	100.9	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.0

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 1.509.