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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September, 2015 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of September, 2015 was 101.9 representing an increase of 0.2 points or 0.2% above the All Items Index for August, 2015.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2015 over the period January to September, 2014 was 5.6%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 4.6% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to September, 2014 over the period January to September, 2013.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 103.6 in September, 2015 to 105.0 in August, 2015, reflecting an increase of 1.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of Irish potatoes, cucumber, carrots, fresh king fish, sliced whole wheat bread, chive, fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef, ripe bananas, eggs and oranges. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of ketchup, ochros, bodi, fresh whole chickens, other breakfast cereals, tomatoes, garlic, cabbage, onions and fresh duck.

Price changes in this section for the month of September, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2015 compared with August, 2015 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.7%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.2% and Health of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of September, 2015 were negligible in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in September, 2015 compared with those of September, 2014 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

| Sections | Percentage Change September, 2015—September, 2014 |
|---|--|
| All Items | 4.9 |
| Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages | 11.0 |
| Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco | 5.3 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 3.6 |
| Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 1.1 |
| Home Ownership | 1.3 |
| Rent | 1.0 |
| Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 0.0 |
| Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House | 1.4 |
| Health | 0.8 |
| Transport | -0.5 |
| Communication | -1.5 |
| Recreation and Culture | 3.7 |
| Education | 9.1 |
| Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants | 1.7 |
| Miscellaneous Goods and Services | 4.5 |

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2015

| Period | All Items Jan 2015 =100 | Section Indices | | | | | | | | | | Miscellaneous Goods and Services | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|-------|--|--|--------|-----------|---|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| | | 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 | | Communica- tion | Recreation and Culture | Education | Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants | | | |
| Weights | 1000 | 173 | 9 | 57 | Total | Home- ownership | Rent | Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels | 60 | 67 | 41 | 147 | 45 | 66 | 10 | 25 | 85 | | |
| Average | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 275 | 193 | 22 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | |
| January - September 2014 | 95.5 | 91.8 | 97.2 | 96.6 | 99.4 | 99.3 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 99.7 | 99.3 | 98.8 | 100.0 | 102.3 | 92.5 | 99.4 | 98.2 | 98.2 | |
| January - September 2015 | 100.9 | 101.3 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.3 | 100.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.7 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.5 | 104.1 | 101.7 | 100.9 | 102.4 | 102.4 | |
| 2015 January | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| February | 100.0 | 100.2 | 99.8 | 99.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.2 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| March | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 99.6 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.1 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| April | 100.7 | 99.3 | 99.9 | 99.8 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 99.7 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 103.0 |
| May | 100.8 | 99.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 103.0 |
| June | 101.0 | 100.9 | 100.1 | 99.2 | 100.4 | 100.5 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.6 | 100.0 | 99.9 | 100.0 | 106.0 | 102.5 | 101.8 | 103.0 | 103.0 | 103.0 |
| July | 101.7 | 103.6 | 100.5 | 102.8 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.2 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.3 |
| August | 101.7 | 103.6 | 101.1 | 101.8 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.5 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.3 |
| September | 101.9 | 105.0 | 101.8 | 102.0 | 100.5 | 100.7 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 101.4 | 100.7 | 99.5 | 98.5 | 106.2 | 102.5 | 101.0 | 104.3 | 104.3 | 104.3 |

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.