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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 2016
(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 July, 2016 was 104.6 representing an increase of 0.2 point or 0.2% above the All Items Index for June, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to July, 2016 over the period January to July, 2015 was 3.2%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to July, 2015 over the period January to July, 2014 which was 5.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 110.4 in June, 2016 to 110.7 in July, 2016, reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, garlic, fresh whole chicken, ochroes, cabbage, Irish potatoes, parboiled rice, white flour, lettuce and sweet potatoes. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh carite, cucumber, chive, full cream milk, other breakfast cereals (not cornflakes), fresh steak (beef), other chilled or frozen chicken, fresh king fish, celery and orange.

Price changes in this section for the month of July, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2016 compared with June, 2016 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%, Funishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.2%, Health of 1.5%, Recreation and Culture of 0.3%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 0.3% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.9%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.1% and Communication of 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of July, 2016 were accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in July, 2016 compared with those of July, 2015 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2016—July, 2015
All Items	2.9
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	0.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	−0.6
Home Ownership	−1.1
Rent	1.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	5.6
Transport	4.5
Communication	9.8
Recreation and Culture	1.8
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.7

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for July, 2016

Period	All Items Jan 2015 =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
					Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - July 2015	100.6	100.5	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	99.9	99.8	103.5	101.4	100.9	101.9
January - July 2016	103.8	108.9	101.6	103.6	100.2	100.1	101.5	100.4	102.1	103.0	102.7	104.0	107.9	102.5	105.6	105.3
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
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	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	100.1	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	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.4	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	104.2	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
July	104.6	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	105.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1

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.

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