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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 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 December, 2015 was 102.5 which was also recorded in the previous month (November 2015).

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2015 over the period January to December, 2014 was 4.6%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.7% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2014 over the period January to December, 2013.

## SECTION INDICES

## FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 104.7 in November, 2015 to 105.0 in December, 2015, reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh carite, fresh king fish, green pigeon peas, ochroes, pumpkin, carrots, fresh steak, fresh crab, other fresh pork and garlic. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumber, cheddar cheese, tomatoes, eddoes, macaroni, celery, ripe bananas, melongene, table margarine and green sweet peppers.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2015 compared with November, 2015 reflected a decrease in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.1%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.5%, and Health of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of December, 2015 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2015—December, 2014
All Items	1.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.9
Clothing and Footwear	5.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.9
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	2.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.8
Health	1.7
Transport	1.0
Communication	-1.6
Recreation and Culture	7.7
Education	2.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.5

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for December, 2015

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