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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 2016 (Base: January, 2015 = 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 February, 2016 was 103.4 representing an increase of 1.0 points or 1.0% above the All items index for January, 2016.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to February, 2016 over the period February, 2015 was 2.9%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.9% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to February, 2015 over the period January to February, 2014.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 104.5 in January, 2016 to 109.6 in February, 2016 reflecting an increase of 4.9%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of cucumber, fresh whole chickens, carbonated soft drinks, soya bean oil, fresh carite, cornflakes, corn curls and similar snacks, (including cheese balls, tortilla chips etc.), crix, chicken franks and other fruit drinks. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, celery, oranges, pumpkin, eddoes, fresh shrimp, irish potatoes, fresh crab, macaroni and other chilled or frozen lamb.

Price changes in this section for the month of February, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.9 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2016 compared with January, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 1.0% and Health of 0.6%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2016—February, 2015
All Items	3.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.1
Clothing and Footwear	5.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.6
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	1.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.5
Health	1.3
Transport	1.0
Communication	-1.6
Recreation and Culture	7.9
Education	2.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for February, 2016

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverage	Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels	Home- ownershi Total	Rent	Electric Gas and Other Fu	Furnishin Household Equipment and Routi Maintenance of the Ho	Health Transpo	Communi ation and Cult	Recreati and Cult	Educatio	Hotels, Cafes an Restaura	Miscella ous Good and Service	
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - February	2015100.0	100.1	99.9	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
January - February	2016102.9	107.1	102.0	103.8	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.2	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.0
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	99.5	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	99.8	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	100.6	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.0
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	104.0
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	104.0
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	105.0
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	105.0
December	102.6	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	105.0
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	105.0
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.5	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.0

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