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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 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 March, 2016 was 103.3 representing a decrease of 0.1 points or 0.1% below the All items index for February, 2016.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to March, 2016 over the period January to March, 2015 was 3.0%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.4% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to March, 2015 over the period January to March, 2014.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 109.6 in February, 2016 to 108.6 in March, 2016 reflecting a decrease of 0.9%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of pumpkin, bodi, apple, spinach, tomatoes, callaloo bush, canned sardines, cucumber, onions and garlic. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of fresh sea food, eddoes, pork ham, fresh duck, edible oils, melongene, dried, salted or smoked pork, biscuits, dried pigeon peas and fresh pork.

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2016 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2016 compared with February, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.4% and Health of 0.8%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.4%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2016—March, 2015
All Items	3.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.4
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	2.2
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 March, 2016

Period	All Item Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage	Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels			Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the Household	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home-owners	Rent								
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average															
January - March 2015	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1
January - March 2016	103.0	107.6	101.8	104.1	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.6	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0
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
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	100.1
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	100.1
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
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
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
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.4	100.7	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.2	99.5	100.0	106.2	102.5	101.0
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	104.0
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	98.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	104.0
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	99.5	98.5	107.7	102.5	104.0
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
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
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
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
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

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