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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 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 October, 2016, was 105.2, representing an increase of 0.2 points or 0.2% above the All Items Index for September, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2016, over the period January to October, 2015, was 3.2%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to October, 2015, over the period January to October, 2014, which was 5.3%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 111.4 in September, 2016 to 110.7 in October, 2016, reflecting a decrease of 0.6%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, powdered full cream milk, Irish potatoes, cucumber, carrots, eddoes, garlic, cabbage, full cream milk and fresh shrimp. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of hot peppers, oranges, fresh carite, brown sugar, lettuce, melongene, fresh king fish, ripe bananas, tomatoes and canned sardines.

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

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2016 compared with September, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 2.4%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.4%, Health of 2.8%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant of 0.7%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.3%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%, and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of October, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2016—October, 2015
All Items	2.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	5.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.8
Clothing and Footwear	4.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.9
Home Ownership	-1.2
Rent	0.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	12.0
Transport	3.0
Communication	10.0
Recreation and Culture	0.4
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for October, 2016

Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - October 2015	101.0	101.7	100.5	100.7	106.3	100.4	106.2	100.0	100.8	106.2	99.9	99.4	104.4	101.8	101.2	102.1
January - October 2016	104.2	109.5	101.6	104.1	106.1	100.0	101.4	100.5	102.3	105.1	103.1	105.3	108.0	102.5	106.1	105.1
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	100.0	100.2	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	99.8	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.8	103.1
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	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.1
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	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.1
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	106.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.1
August	101.7	103.5	101.1	101.8	106.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.1
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	101.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.1
October	102.5	105.2	102.0	102.9	106.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.1
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	106.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.1
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	106.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.1
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	106.6	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	106.6	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	106.6	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	106.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	107.9	102.5	106.7	105.1
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September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	109.7	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
October	105.2	110.7	101.2	107.1	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	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 the ratio of the new base to the old base.