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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 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 December, 2016, was 105.7, representing an increase of 0.3 points or 0.3% above the All Items Index for November, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to December, 2016, over the period January to December, 2015, was 3.1%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to December 2015, over the period January to December, 2014, which was 4.6%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 111.4 in November, 2016, to 112.0 in December, 2016, reflecting an increase of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, fresh whole chickens, fresh carite, cheddar cheese, other chilled or frozen chicken, chive, fresh duck, brown sugar, celery and plantain. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of oranges, onions, melongene, Irish potatoes, cake mixes, ripe bananas, eggs, grapes, eddoes and pork ham.

Price changes in this section for the month of December, 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 December, 2016 compared with November, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.8% and Health of 1.7%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.5%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of December, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change December, 2016—December, 2015
All Items	3.1
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.6
Clothing and Footwear	5.6
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	15.5
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 December, 2016

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcohol Beverage	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity Other Fuels				Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health Transport Communications	Recreation Education and Culture	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Serv			
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electric Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - December 2015	101.3	102.3	100.7	101.0	100.4	100.5	100.4	100.0	100.9	100.3	100.1	99.2	105.0	101.9	101.7	103.1
January - December 2016	104.4	109.9	102.3	104.7	100.1	99.9	101.5	100.5	102.5	106.8	103.3	105.8	108.0	102.5	106.4	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	100.0	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	99.8	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.1
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	106.0	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	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.1
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	104.1
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	104.1
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	104.1
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	105.1
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	105.1
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	105.1
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.5	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	100.5	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	100.5	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	105.1
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	105.1
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	105.1
July	104.6	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	105.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
August	104.9	111.2	101.4	104.3	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	107.6	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
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	112.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.1
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.1
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	116.3	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