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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 2017 (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, 2017 was 106.1, representing no change in All Items Index for January, 2017.

The Rate of Inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to February, 2017 over the period January to February, 2016 was 3.1%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to February, 2016 over the period January to February, 2015, which was 2.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 112.5 in January, 2017 to 112.8 in February, 2017 reflecting an increase of 0.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, cucumber, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), cheddar cheese, ochroses, fresh salmon, melongene, fresh shrimp, table margarine and fresh king fish. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, chive, oranges, irish potatoes, frozen whole chickens, plantains, mixed fresh seasoning, celery, fresh duck and dasheen.

Price changes in this section for the month of February, 2017 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2017 compared with January, 2017 reflected a decrease in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.4% and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of February, 2017 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in February, 2017 compared with those of February, 2016 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2017—February, 2016
All Items	2.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.1
Clothing and Footwear	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.7
Home Ownership	-1.0
Rent	0.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.1
Health	18.0
Transport	3.3
Communication	10.2
Recreation and Culture	0.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.7

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for February, 2017

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcohol Beverage Tobacco	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels	Furniture, Household Equipment, Routine Maintenance the House	Health	Transport	Communi- cation	Recreati- on and Cultu-	Educational	Hotels, Ca- sinos and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
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
January - February	2017106.1	112.7	107.2	107.5	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.0
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	99.3	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.5	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.0
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	104.0
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.3	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	101.3	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	102.5	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	102.5	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	105.0
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	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.0
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	105.0
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	107.3	102.5	106.7	105.0
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	107.3	102.5	106.7	105.0
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	107.3	102.5	106.7	105.0
July	104.5	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.5	105.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.0
August	104.9	111.2	101.4	104.3	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.5	107.6	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.0
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.5	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.5	109.7	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.0
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	106.0
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	106.0
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	106.0
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.3	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.0
February	106.1	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.0

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 new base