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

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to March, 2017 over the period January to March, 2016 was 3.0%. This rate was also the same for that observed for the period January to March, 2016 over the period January to March, 2015.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 112.8 in February, 2017 to 112.6 in March, 2017 reflecting a decrease of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of tomatoes, cucumber, melongene, eggs, other fruit drinks, fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef (not steak), sweet potatoes, cabbage, fresh red fish and fresh steak (beef). However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of cheddar cheese, fresh carite, fresh whole chicken, fresh crab, white flour, fresh duck, carrots, soya bean oil, other fresh pork and fresh salmon

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2017 accounted for a negligible effect in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2017 compared with February, 2017 reflected an increase in the sub-index for Health of 0.8%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.6%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of March, 2017 accounted for a negligible effect in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2017—March, 2016
All Items	2.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.9
Clothing and Footwear	2.6
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	18.1
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 March, 2017

Period	Section Indices															
	All Item Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverage	Alcoholic Beverage and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels	Furniture Household Equipment Routine Maintenance of the Home	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Educational	Hotels, Cafes 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 - March 2015	100.0	100.0	100.0	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 - March 2016	103.0	107.5	101.3	104.1	100.6	100.5	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.6	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0
January - March 2017	106.1	112.5	106.9	107.5	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	120.1	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	100.0	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	99.3	99.9	99.3	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.5	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	102.5	101.3	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	106.0	101.3	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	106.0	101.3	103.0
July	101.7	103.5	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	100.0	98.5	106.2	101.0	104.0
August	101.7	103.5	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	102.0	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	100.5	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.0
February	103.4	109.5	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	105.0
March	103.3	108.5	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	105.0
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.3	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	99.3	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	99.3	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	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	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	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	107.6	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.0
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	108.7	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	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.0
February	106.1	112.3	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.0
March	106.1	112.5	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	120.8	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