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

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to April, 2017 over the period January to April, 2016 was 2.7%. This rate of is less than that observed for the period January to April, 2016 over the period January to April, 2015, which was 3.1%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 112.6 in March 2017 to 111.2 in April, 2017 reflecting a decrease of 1.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, fresh carite, tomatoes, fresh king fish, melongene, chive, bodi, fresh duck, oranges, and plantain. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of pumpkin, tea in bags, garlic, fresh crab, milk based beverages, other pasta products (not macaroni), chilled or frozen beef for stew, chicken franks, irish potatoes and green pigeon peas.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2017 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2017 compared with March, 2017 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.7%, rent of 0.8%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.1%, Health of 1.2%, Transport of 0.2%, Recreation and Culture of 0.4%, Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants of 1.1% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.7%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 1.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of April, 2017 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2017—April, 2016
All Items	1.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	1.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.7
Clothing and Footwear	2.8
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Home Ownership	-0.2
Rent	1.2
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.2
Health	18.5
Transport	0.5
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	1.0
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2017

Period	Section Indices															
	All Item Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcohol Beverage	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Fuels	Home- owner's Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Furniture, Household Equipment and Maintenance of the House	Health Transport	Communication	Recreation, Education and Culture	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
Average	100.0	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
January - April 2015	100.2	99.9	100.0	99.7	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	140.0	100.0	101.5	100.5	100.5	100.5
January - April 2016	103.3	108.0	101.7	103.9	104.5	100.4	101.5	100.2	101.3	102.0	141.8	100.9	107.9	102.5	104.7	105.1
January - April 2017	106.1	112.3	107.0	107.2	99.9	99.5	102.2	100.7	103.5	120.7	144.4	108.4	108.6	102.5	109.5	107.1
2015 January	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	140.0	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	140.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	140.0	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
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	100.0	100.0	100.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.3	104.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	102.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.1
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.3	104.5	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	104.5	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	102.3	104.7	100.7	100.0	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	104.7	100.7	100.0	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	104.7	100.7	100.0	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	104.6	100.5	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	141.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	104.6	100.5	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	141.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	104.6	100.5	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	141.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	104.0	99.3	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	144.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.1
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	104.0	99.3	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.4	144.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.1
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	104.0	99.3	101.6	100.7	102.5	104.2	144.0	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	144.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
August	104.9	111.2	101.4	104.3	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	107.6	144.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.5	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	109.7	144.0	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	144.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	144.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	116.3	144.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.0	107.3	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
February	106.1	112.3	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
March	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.5	120.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.5	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.2	144.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.1

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