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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2018 (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 August, 2018 was 107.4, representing no change in the All Items Index from July, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2018 over the period January to August, 2017 was 1.0%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to August, 2017 over the period January to August, 2016, which was 2.1%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 113.0 in July, 2018 to 113.2 in August, 2018, reflecting an increase of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chicken, cabbage, Irish potatoes, frozen whole chickens, onions, fresh shrimp, grapes, yogurt, carrot and full cream milk. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of chive, eddoes, cheddar cheese, pumpkin, tomatoes, ochroes, fresh king fish, other fresh pork, other fresh goat (cut up) and fresh carite.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2018 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2018, compared with July, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.2% and Health of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2018 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2018 compared with those of August, 2017 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder-

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2018–August, 2017
All Items	1.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.5
Clothing and Footwear	-3.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.3
Home Ownership	4.0
Rent	1.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-0.7
Health	1.5
Transport	2.0
Communication	-1.8
Recreation and Culture	0.8
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	3.1
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.7

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for August, 2018

INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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