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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 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 October, 2018 was 108.0, representing an increase of 0.5 point or 0.5% above the All Items Index for September, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2018 over the period January to October, 2017 was 1.0%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to October, 2017 over the period January to October, 2016, which was 1.9%.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 113.5 in September, 2018 to 114.4 in October, 2018, reflecting an increase of 0.8%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chicken, tomatoes, Irish potatoes, fresh carite, frozen whole chickens, cabbage, cucumber, fresh king fish, oranges and chive. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of evaporated milk, white flour, grapes, ochros, fresh shrimp, table margarine, melongene, white sugar, hot peppers and yogurt.

Price changes in this section for the month of October, 2018, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2018, compared with September, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Transport 2.6%, Recreation and Culture of 0.2% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.3%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, Clothing and Footwear of 1.3%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the house of 0.8%, Health of 0.2% and Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of October, 2018 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October 2018–October, 2017
All Items	1.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.2
Clothing and Footwear	-2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.7
Home Ownership	3.3
Rent	0.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	-1.6
Health	0.7
Transport	2.8
Communication	-0.1
Recreation and Culture	1.2
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	2.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for October, 2018

Period	Section Indices														
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels			Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
<b>Average</b>															
January - October 2016	104.2	109.5	101.6	104.1	100.1	100.0	101.4	100.5	102.3	105.1	105.3	108.0	102.5	106.1	105.6
January - October 2017	106.2	112.5	107.6	105.3	100.0	99.7	102.7	100.7	104.1	122.0	108.2	108.8	102.5	110.1	107.4
January - October 2018	107.3	114.0	107.4	100.2	102.4	102.5	103.9	100.7	105.9	124.2	106.5	109.6	102.5	112.9	108.1
2016															
January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	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	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.4	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	104.2	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2
July	104.6	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	105.8	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	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.1
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.6	101.2	100.7	102.7	107.6	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	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	116.3	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.4
2017															
January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
February	106.1	112.8	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
March	106.1	112.6	106.5	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.8	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
April	106.1	111.2	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.2	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
May	106.0	110.9	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
September	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.2	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
October	106.9	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.8	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
December	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
2018															
January	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
March	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.1	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
May	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.6	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
June	107.0	112.5	107.4	100.1	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.4	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
July	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.5	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.8	107.7
August	107.4	113.2	107.5	100.3	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
September	107.5	113.5	107.9	101.0	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.9	106.5	109.8	102.5	113.9	108.2
October	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.7	106.5	110.0	102.5	113.7	108.3

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 by 2.307.