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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—March, 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 March, 2018 was 107.0, representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the All Items Index for February, 2018.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to March, 2018 over the period January to March, 2017 was 0.8%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to March, 2017 over the period January to March, 2016, which was 3.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 115.8 in February, 2018 to 115.0 in March, 2018 reflecting a decrease of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of pumpkin, melongene, fresh whole chicken, chive, cucumber, table margarine, cabbage, parboiled rice, green (sweet) pepper and hot peppers. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of fresh carite, fresh king fish, full cream milk, fresh shark, low fat milk, green pigeon peas, corned beef, sweet potatoes, brown sugar and fresh shrimp.

Price changes in this section for the month of March, 2018 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for March, 2018, compared with February, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.7%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change March, 2018—March, 2017
All Items	0.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.0
Clothing and Footwear	-6.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.1
Home Ownership	1.3
Rent	1.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.5
Health	2.4
Transport	1.4
Communication	-1.8
Recreation and Culture	0.7
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	2.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for March, 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	Home-ownership	Rent	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	61	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
January - March 2015	100.0	100.1	100.0	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
January - March 2016	103.0	107.6	101.8	104.1	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.6	101.0	98.4	107.9	102.5	104.0	105.1
January - March 2017	106.1	112.6	106.9	107.5	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	120.1	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.9
January - March 2018	107.0	115.4	107.3	100.4	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.4	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1
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	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	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	100.4	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
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	104.3
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.2	102.5	104.0	105.5
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	107.2	102.5	104.0	105.5
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.2	102.5	104.0	105.5
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	107.2	102.5	104.0	105.5
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	105.1
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	105.1
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	105.1
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	107.8	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	104.0	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	104.0	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	104.0	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	104.0	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	109.7	104.0	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	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.4
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	107.0	106.4
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	107.0	106.4
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	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	104.3	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	104.3	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	104.5	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	104.5	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	104.5	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.4	107.7
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	103.7	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	123.0	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.4
October	106.9	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.0	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.8	103.5	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	103.5	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	103.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
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February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	103.8	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	103.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	111.8	108.1

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 base by 2.307.