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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2019 (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, 2019 was 108.7, representing an increase of 0.1 point or 0.1% above the All Items Index for July, 2019.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August, 2019 over the period January to August, 2018, was 1.2%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to August, 2018 over the period January to August, 2017, which was 1.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 114.7 in July, 2019 to 115.5 in August, 2019 reflecting an increase of 0.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chicken, tomatoes, parboiled rice, pumpkin, carrots, irish potatoes, dasheen, cheddar cheese, sports and energy drinks and powdered full cream milk. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cabbage, fresh carite, celery, chive, bodi, green sweet peppers, ochros, onions, mixed fresh seasoning and cucumbers.

Price changes in this section for the month of August, 2019 represented a 0.1 point increase in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2019, compared with July, 2019, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.5%. However, decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.4%, and Health of 0.2%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August, 2019 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2019 compared with those of August, 2018 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2019—August, 2018
All Items	1.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	-3.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Home Ownership	0.0
Rent	2.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	6.1
Transport	2.0
Communication	0.3
Recreation and Culture	0.0
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2019

Period	Section Indices															
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcohol Beverage	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity Other Fuels			Furnishings Household Equipment and Routine Gas and Maintenance of the Home	Health Transpo	Communicatio	Recreati and Culture	Educatio	Hotels, Ca and Restauran	Miscellaneo Goods and Services		
					Total ownershi	Home- Rent	Water, Electric Other Fu									
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average	106.1	112.1	107.5	105.9	100.0	99.6	102.6	100.7	103.9	121.7	104.2	108.4	108.8	102.5	110.0	107.1
January - August 2017	107.2	114.0	107.3	100.2	102.2	102.3	103.8	100.7	104.0	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	112.7	108.1
January - August 2018	108.5	115.0	108.9	97.7	103.4	103.5	105.4	100.7	103.4	131.0	148.2	106.9	110.1	102.5	114.9	110.1
2017	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
January	106.1	112.5	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
February	106.1	112.5	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
March	106.1	112.5	107.1	107.4	99.9	99.6	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	144.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.1
April	106.0	111.0	107.2	106.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.2	144.5	108.4	108.5	102.5	110.4	107.1
May	106.0	111.0	107.5	105.7	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.4	144.5	108.4	108.5	102.5	110.4	107.1
June	106.0	111.0	108.4	105.1	100.0	99.6	102.8	100.7	103.7	122.7	144.5	108.4	108.5	102.5	110.4	107.1
July	106.1	112.5	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.8	143.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.9	143.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1
2018	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.2	143.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	110.5	107.1
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February	106.9	114.7	108.3	102.4	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	124.8	145.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
March	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	145.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
April	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	145.5	106.5	108.7	102.5	110.6	108.1
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March	108.7	115.5	110.4	97.2	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.4	147.9	106.9	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.1
April	108.7	115.5	110.4	97.2	103.4	103.6	106.2	100.7	104.1	132.4	147.9	106.9	109.8	102.5	115.7	111.1

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 100/103.