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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—November, 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 November, 2018 was 108.3, representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for October, 2018.

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

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 114.4 in October, 2018 to 116.2 in November, 2018, reflecting an increase of 1.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes; cucumber; melongene; chive; celery; ochros; pumpkin; bodi; mixed fresh seasoning; and cabbage. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh whole chickens; grapes; fresh steak; (beef); carrots; evaporated milk; split peas; Irish potatoes; onions; full cream powdered milk; and other fresh pork..

Price changes in this section for the month of November, 2018, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for November, 2018, compared with October, 2018, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%, and Health of 0.1%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for clothing and Footwear of 0.5%. All other sections remained unchanged.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2018–November, 2017
All Items	1.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	-0.3
Clothing and Footwear	-3.5
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	0.9
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 November, 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
Average	1000														
January - November 2016	104.3	109.7	102.0	104.4	100.1	99.9	101.5	100.5	102.4	106.0	103.2	105.6	108.0	102.5	105.6
January - November 2017	106.3	112.8	107.7	105.0	100.1	99.7	102.8	100.7	104.2	122.2	104.4	108.1	108.8	102.5	107.5
January - November 2018	107.4	114.2	107.5	100.1	102.5	102.6	103.9	100.7	103.8	124.3	106.3	106.5	109.6	102.5	108.1
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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	106.4
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.5	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	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	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	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	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	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	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	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	107.7
July	106.1	112.3	108.1	103.7	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.8	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	107.4
August	106.3	113.3	108.0	103.6	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	122.9	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	107.4
September	106.3	113.5	107.9	103.4	100.0	99.6	103.1	100.7	104.8	123.2	103.7	108.4	108.9	102.5	107.4
October	106.9	114.7	108.0	102.4	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.8	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	108.1
November	107.2	116.4	108.3	102.8	100.6	100.1	103.5	100.7	105.0	124.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	108.1
December	107.1	116.0	107.0	101.5	100.6	100.3	103.5	100.7	105.0	123.7	105.5	106.6	108.7	102.5	108.1
2018															
January	107.0	115.4	107.4	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	108.1
February	107.1	115.8	106.8	100.6	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.2	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	108.1
March	107.0	115.0	107.6	100.3	101.0	100.9	103.6	100.7	104.1	123.7	105.8	106.5	109.3	102.5	108.1
April	107.3	114.2	107.7	100.2	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.1	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	107.7
May	107.1	113.1	107.1	99.8	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.6	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	107.7
June	107.0	112.5	107.4	100.1	102.6	102.7	103.8	100.7	103.7	124.4	105.8	106.5	109.5	102.5	107.7
July	107.4	113.0	107.2	100.1	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.5	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	108.2
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September	107.5	113.5	107.9	101.0	103.3	103.6	104.1	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	108.2
October	108.0	114.4	107.8	99.7	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	109.8	102.5	108.2
November	108.5	116.3	108.0	99.2	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	110.0	102.5	108.5
December	108.5	116.3	108.0	99.2	103.3	103.6	104.4	100.7	104.1	124.9	105.8	106.5	110.0	102.5	108.5

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.