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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2022 (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 2022 was 118.6, representing an increase of 0.6 points or 0.5% above the All Items Index for July 2022.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to August 2022 over the period January to August 2021 was 4.9%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to August 2021 over the period January to August 2020, which was 1.4%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 135.8 in July 2022 to 139.2 in August 2022, reflecting an increase of 2.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chickens—fresh, tomatoes, white flour, ochroes, cheddar cheese, chive, pumpkin, cabbage, irish potatoes and green pigeon peas. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decreases in the prices of bodi, cucumber, whole chickens—frozen, carite—fresh, salmon—fresh, powdered milk—full cream, eddoes, garlic, other edible oil and other fresh goat—any cut.

Price changes in this section for the month of August 2022 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.6 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August 2022 compared with July 2022 reflected a decrease in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.2%. An increase was noted in Health of 0.5% whilst all other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of August 2022 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2022, compared with those of August, 2021, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2021—August, 2022
All Items	6.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11.8
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.6
Clothing and Footwear	0.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	5.9
Home Ownership	7.4
Rent	0.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	7.7
Health	3.0
Transport	8.6
Communication	1.7
Recreation and Culture	0.5
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurants	5.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2022

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, Cafés and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average															
January - August 2020	109.0	117.2	111.5	94.3	104.1	104.2	107.2	100.7	104.4	133.6	106.9	109.5	102.5	117.1	112.2
January - August 2021	110.5	121.2	115.5	91.0	106.2	106.8	107.8	100.7	104.6	137.8	108.3	109.7	102.5	118.1	112.0
January - August 2022	115.9	131.8	119.1	91.1	113.0	115.4	108.0	100.7	109.7	141.1	114.0	108.7	102.5	122.8	114.0
2020 January	108.9	116.5	111.1	95.3	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.2	107.0	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
February	108.9	116.6	111.5	94.4	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.4	107.0	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
March	109.0	117.4	111.8	94.7	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.7	107.0	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
April	109.1	117.8	112.0	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.5	106.9	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
May	109.0	117.6	111.2	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
June	108.8	116.6	111.5	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
July	109.0	117.3	111.1	93.3	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	134.5	106.8	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
August	109.2	117.9	111.9	93.4	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	135.7	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
September	109.5	119.9	112.4	92.8	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.8	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
October	109.5	120.4	112.5	92.7	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	136.7	106.8	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
November	109.6	120.8	114.6	92.3	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.0	106.8	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
December	109.5	120.1	113.4	92.1	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.2	106.8	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
2021 January	109.9	120.2	114.7	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.5	108.2	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
February	109.8	119.3	114.9	90.7	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
March	109.9	119.8	115.5	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
April	110.3	119.6	115.5	91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
May	110.5	120.6	116.1	91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
June	110.8	122.5	116.2	91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
July	111.4	123.1	115.9	91.0	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.1	108.4	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
August	111.6	124.6	115.1	91.0	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.2	108.4	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
September	112.1	126.8	116.3	91.5	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.2	108.4	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
October	113.8	129.6	116.0	91.2	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	139.9	110.1	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
November	113.6	128.2	116.0	91.1	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	141.0	110.1	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
December	113.3	127.0	115.6	91.0	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	140.2	110.1	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
2022 January	114.1	128.1	117.9	91.3	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.7	110.6	109.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
February	114.4	129.6	118.7	91.2	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.8	110.6	109.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
March	114.4	129.3	119.6	91.8	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	140.8	110.6	109.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
April	115.9	130.0	119.4	90.9	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.2	114.8	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
May	115.9	130.4	119.7	90.9	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.0	114.8	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
June	116.2	132.0	118.6	90.2	113.5	116.1	107.8	100.7	109.3	140.1	114.8	109.5	102.5	123.5	114.0
July	118.0	135.8	119.4	91.2	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	141.6	117.7	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1
August	118.6	139.2	119.3	91.0	114.2	116.9	108.8	100.7	112.8	142.3	117.7	110.3	102.5	125.2	115.1

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2013 = 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.