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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES – September, 2004 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of September 2004 was 106.7 representing an increase of 0.6% over the Index for August 2004.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—September, 2004 over that for the period January—September, 2003 was 3.3%. This compares with an increase of 3.9% observed in the average All Items Index for January—September 2003 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2002.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 122.7 in August 2004 to 125.8 in September 2004, an increase of 2.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of packaged rice, tomatoes, carrots, paw paw, sweet potatoes, dasheen and yam. Partly offsetting these increases were significant general price decreases in fish (carite), cucumbers, and celery.

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

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September 2004 compared with August 2004 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 0.7%; Clothing and Footwear, 0.2% and Health 0.2%.

Prices changes in these sections, for the month of September 2004, had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in September 2004, compared with those of September 2003, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change September 2004 - September 2003
All Items	4.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	13.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.9
Clothing and Footwear	-5.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.0
Home Ownership	3.3
Rent	4.7
Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	-1.1
Health	2.4
Transport	5.9
Communication	-3.9
Recreation and Culture	0.9
Education	2.8
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for September 2004

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Period	General Index		Section Indices														
	All Items Sept. 1993 = 100	All Items Jan. 2003 = 100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
	1000	1000	180	25	53	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
<b>Weights</b>	1000	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
<b>Annual Average</b>																	
2003	153.6	101.9	108.4	99.8	98.8	100.5	100.5	101.2	100.3	100.6	101.3	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.2	100.4
<b>Average</b>																	
January - September 2003	153.0	101.5	107.1	99.8	99.5	100.4	100.5	100.5	100.2	100.6	101.1	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.4
January - September 2004	158.2	104.8	119.1	102.3	94.0	102.6	102.6	105.4	101.6	99.9	103.3	104.4	96.1	100.3	103.0	103.5	100.7
2003	150.9	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
January	150.9	100.3	101.4	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
February	150.9	100.8	104.1	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	151.6	101.4	106.9	100.0	99.8	100.4	100.6	100.2	100.1	100.8	100.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1
April	153.0	101.7	108.3	99.7	99.5	100.4	100.6	100.2	99.9	100.8	101.5	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.6
May	153.8	101.9	109.9	99.5	99.4	100.3	100.6	100.2	99.3	100.8	101.5	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.6
June	153.8	102.4	111.5	99.6	99.4	100.9	100.9	101.4	100.5	100.7	102.4	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.6
July	154.5	102.4	111.5	99.6	99.4	100.9	100.9	101.4	100.5	100.7	102.4	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.6
August	154.4	102.3	111.1	99.8	98.9	100.8	100.9	101.4	100.3	100.7	102.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5
September	154.4	102.3	111.0	99.8	98.7	100.8	100.9	101.4	100.4	100.7	101.9	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5
October	155.3	102.9	111.2	99.7	97.2	100.7	100.4	103.1	100.6	100.7	101.9	100.0	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.5	100.5
November	155.7	103.2	112.9	99.7	96.8	100.7	100.4	103.1	100.8	100.7	102.1	103.7	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.5	100.6
December	155.6	103.1	112.8	99.6	95.2	100.7	100.4	103.1	100.8	100.7	102.0	103.7	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.5	100.6
2004	155.9	103.3	114.5	100.8	94.9	101.0	100.5	104.8	100.8	100.2	102.5	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
January	156.0	103.4	114.8	101.5	94.7	101.1	100.5	104.8	101.4	100.2	102.6	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
February	156.3	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	100.5	104.8	102.0	100.2	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
March	157.4	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.4	102.9	103.0	105.2	101.7	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
April	158.3	104.9	119.9	102.3	94.3	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
May	157.4	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.4	102.9	103.0	105.2	101.7	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
June	158.3	104.9	119.9	102.3	94.3	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
July	158.7	105.2	121.7	102.4	93.8	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.7	100.9
August	159.7	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9
September	160.1	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	101.9	99.6	104.3	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9
October	161.0	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	101.9	99.6	104.3	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9

NOTE: From the month of April 2003, the figures for the All Items Index (September 1993 = 100) were not derived independently but were linked to the All Items Index (January 2003 = 100).