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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of October, 2004 was 107.5 representing an increase of 0.8 point or 0.7% over the Index for September, 2004.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—October, 2004 over that for the period January—October, 2003 was 3.4%. This compares with an increase of 3.8% observed in the average All Items Index for January—October, 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 125.8 in September, 2004 to 127.9 in October, 2004, an increase of 1.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of tomatoes, sweet potatoes, packaged rice, oranges, yam and chive. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in carrots, shrimp, ochros and fish (carite).

Price changes in this section accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2004 compared with September, 2004 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 0.6%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, 1.2%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House, 1.1%; Health, 0.9%; Transport, 1.7%; Recreation and Culture, 0.4%; Education, 0.3%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant, 1.2%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services, 0.4%. However general price decreases were noted for Clothing and Footwear, 0.8% and Communication, 9.1%.

Prices changes in these sections, for the month of October, 2004, resulted in a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October 2004–October 2003
All Items	4.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	15.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.6
Clothing and Footwear	-4.7
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	4.4
Home Ownership	5.5
Rent	4.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.0
Health	3.2
Transport	3.9
Communication	12.6
Recreation and Culture	1.0
Education	0.3
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 2004

Period	General Index		Section Indices																	
	All Items Sept 1993 = 100	All Items Jan 2003 = 100	Food and 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				
Weights	1000	1000	180	25	53	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36			
Annual Average																				
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	100.4		
Average																				
January - October 2002	147.6																			
January - October 2003	153.2	101.6	107.5	99.8	99.3	100.5	100.5	100.8	100.2	100.6	101.2	100.4	100.0	99.9	100.4	100.1	100.8	100.4	100.4	
January - October 2004	158.6	105.1	120.0	102.5	93.9	102.9	102.9	105.6	101.6	100.0	103.5	104.8	95.2	100.4	103.0	103.8	100.8	100.8	100.8	
2003																				
January	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
February	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	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	151.6	100.8	104.1	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.5	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	153.0	101.4	106.9	100.0	99.8	100.4	100.6	100.2	100.1	100.8	100.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.6	100.6	100.6	100.6
May	153.5	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	100.6	100.6	100.6
June	153.8	101.9	109.9	99.5	99.4	100.3	100.6	100.2	99.3	100.8	100.8	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.6	100.6	100.6	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	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5
August	154.4	102.3	111.1	99.6	99.6	100.8	100.9	101.4	100.3	100.7	102.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.5	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	103.7	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5	100.5	100.5	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	103.7	100.0	100.0	103.0	100.5	100.5	100.5	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	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5
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	100.5	100.5	100.5	100.5
2004																				
January	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	100.9	100.9	100.9
February	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	100.9	100.9	100.9
March	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	100.9	100.9	100.9
April	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	101.5	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.9
May	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	101.5	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.9
June	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	101.5	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.9
July	159.7	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	103.8	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	101.5	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.9
August	160.1	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	101.5	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.9
September	161.0	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.3	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	101.5	100.9	100.9	100.9	100.9
October	162.2	107.5	127.9	104.3	92.6	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.2	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	101.3	101.3	101.3

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).