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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—November, 2006 (Base: January, 2003 = 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 prices collected for the month of November, 2006 was 126.8 representing an increase of 0.5 point or 0.4 % over the Index for October, 2006.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–November, 2006 over that for the period January–November, 2005 was 8.3%. This compares with an increase of 6.8% observed in the average All Items Index for January–November, 2005 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2004.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose from 197.8 in October, 2006 to 200.8 in November, 2006, reflecting an increase of 1.5 %. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of chicken, fish (king and carite), celery, tomatoes, hot peppers, apples, limes, bodie, sweet potatoes, chive and (carbonated) soft drinks. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in oranges, cucumbers, Irish potatoes, carrots, ochros, grapes, onion and yams.

Price changes in this section, for the month of November, 2006 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.5 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for November, 2006 compared with October, 2006 indicated an increase in the general price level for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 1.8%. However, price decreases were noted for Clothing and Footwear 0.4% and Health 0.7%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of November, 2006 resulted in a negligible net overall change in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in November, 2006, compared with those of November, 2005 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2006—November, 2005
All Items	9.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	24.3
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	20.7
Clothing and Footwear	-1.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	4.1
Home Ownership	5.1
Rent	3.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.6
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.7
Health	10.7
Transport	2.9
Communication	-10.2
Recreation and Culture	9.4
Education	11.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	6.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for November, 2006

Period	All items Jan 2003 = 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
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	180	25	53	282	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
2004	105.7	122.3	102.8	93.4	103.2	103.4	105.9	101.7	100.1	103.8	105.3	93.9	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9
2005	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.8	106.2	111.9	102.3	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	105.0
Average																
January - November 2004	105.4	121.1	102.6	93.7	103.1	103.2	105.7	101.7	100.0	103.7	105.0	94.5	100.4	103.1	104.0	100.8
January - November 2005	112.6	148.9	106.1	91.9	105.8	106.1	111.8	102.3	100.9	107.8	108.2	87.4	108.1	108.2	110.2	102.9
January - November 2006	121.9	183.7	118.5	91.4	108.7	108.4	115.9	103.7	103.9	118.2	109.9	78.5	118.3	121.8	117.0	105.1
2004	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
February	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
March	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	100.5	104.8	102.0	100.7	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
April	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
May	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
June	105.2	121.7	102.4	93.8	102.8	103.0	105.2	101.4	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
July	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	104.7	100.9
August	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	104.2	104.2	106.2	102.0	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9
September	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
October	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
November	108.1	131.8	104.4	91.4	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
December	108.9	136.0	104.0	91.0	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
2005	109.4	136.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
January	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
February	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	110.2	102.3	100.6	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
March	111.6	145.0	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.4	100.5	107.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
April	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
May	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
June	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
July	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.5	101.0	108.2	108.1	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
August	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.2	108.1	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
September	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.2	108.1	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
October	114.8	156.4	106.6	92.2	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	108.9	109.0	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
November	115.7	161.6	107.2	91.8	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	108.9	109.0	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
December	116.7	166.7	107.9	91.3	106.4	106.8	113.2	102.4	101.6	110.4	109.0	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.5	103.1
2006	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
January	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
February	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	113.3	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
March	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	114.9	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
April	120.6	179.1	111.9	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	115.0	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	104.6	104.6
May	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	116.4	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	104.6	104.6
June	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	108.6	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	116.2	120.0	104.6	104.6
July	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.6	110.4	116.7	103.9	104.1	120.7	109.7	78.5	116.2	120.0	104.6	104.6
August	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.8	104.1	120.6	109.7	78.5	116.2	120.0	104.6	104.6
September	126.3	197.8	127.1	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.9	104.0	105.4	120.6	109.7	78.5	116.2	120.0	104.6	104.6
October	126.8	200.8	129.4	90.7	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
November	128.1	208.8	132.9	90.7	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1983 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.509.