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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2009 (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 October, 2009 was 160.5 representing a decrease of 1.1 points or 0.7% below the Index for September, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–October, 2009 over that for the period January–October, 2008 was 8.1%. This reflects a reduction when compared with an increase of 11.5% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–October, 2008 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2007.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 323.5 in September, 2009 to 318.4 in October, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 1.6%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of powdered whole cream milk, grapes, oranges, limes, ochroes, dasheen, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, canned vegetables, pumpkin, lettuce, chive, celery and spices. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of packaged rice, fish—carite and king fish, whole chickens, pawpaw, tomatoes, yams, avocado, christophene, cucumber, bodie, hot peppers and garlic.

Price changes in this section, for the month of October, 2009 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.9 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2009 compared with September, 2009 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 7.7%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.6%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.4%, Health 1.8%, Education 1.7%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.5% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.6%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.8%, Transport 0.3% and Recreation and Culture 7.9%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of October, 2009 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in October, 2009 compared with those of October, 2008 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2009—October, 2008
All Items	2.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	3.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	12.6
Clothing and Footwear	-1.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4
Home Ownership	0.6
Rent	2.8
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.2
Health	6.8
Transport	4.3
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-5.7
Education	3.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for October, 2009

Period	Section Indices															
	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
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																
2007	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.8	105.5	105.9	124.8	114.4	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.8
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	119.4	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0
January - October 2007	131.0	213.6	131.9	93.1	113.2	114.9	120.3	105.4	105.8	124.3	114.1	78.5	122.2	134.8	125.9	110.3
January - October 2008	146.1	286.9	150.3	95.8	118.9	118.7	126.6	116.7	112.2	132.1	117.4	78.5	132.6	154.9	150.7	115.4
January - October 2009	158.0	308.4	161.2	95.5	125.1	124.1	132.6	124.9	112.7	139.9	125.6	78.5	129.6	166.0	170.8	123.1
2007	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
January	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	113.2	117.5	104.8	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
February	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.9	111.9	113.2	117.5	105.5	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
March	129.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	115.3	120.8	105.5	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
April	130.1	210.0	130.7	92.1	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
May	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
June	133.1	219.1	132.0	93.4	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	128.9	111.4
July	133.8	222.7	132.7	93.9	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	128.4	133.8	128.9	111.4
August	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	128.4	133.8	128.9	111.4
September	135.5	230.3	136.4	94.1	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.6	106.1	127.0	119.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	138.9	112.8
October	137.1	236.4	138.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.6	106.1	127.4	119.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	138.9	112.8
November	137.0	235.5	146.5	94.7	115.0	116.6	123.2	105.9	106.1	127.3	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	138.9	112.8
December	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
2008	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
January	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
February	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
March	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	107.0	121.8	131.0	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
April	145.5	282.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	128.2	121.8	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
May	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
June	145.5	282.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	128.2	121.8	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6
July	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	128.2	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
August	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	124.5	108.6	134.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	130.5	124.5	108.6	134.4	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
October	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.7	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
November	156.7	309.4	156.7	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	134.8	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
December	158.8	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	124.5	110.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8
2009	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
January	156.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
February	156.4	305.9	156.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
March	158.1	308.1	159.4	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
April	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.2	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
May	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
July	157.7	302.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	124.9
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.5	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	124.9
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.1	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	124.9
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 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.