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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2011 (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, 2011 was 187.3 representing a decrease of 0.2 point or 0.1% below the Index for September, 2011.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–October, 2011, over that for the period January–October, 2010 was 5.0%. This reflects a decrease when compared with a rate of inflation of 10.1% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–October, 2010 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2009.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 436.1 in September, 2011 to 431.3 in October, 2011, reflecting a decrease of 1.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of melongene, yams, irish potatoes, avocado, sweet peppers, grapes, oranges, limes, hot peppers and canned vegetables. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of tomatoes, cucumber, christophene, sweet potatoes, ochroes, plantain, watercress, paw paw, celery and chive.

Price changes in this section, for the month of October, 2011 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, 2011, compared with September, 2011, reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%; Rent 3.6%; Home Ownership 1.9%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 1.0%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 0.3%; and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.9%. However, declines were noted in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear 0.8%; Health 0.1%; Recreation and Culture 0.2% and Education 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of October, 2011, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.7 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in October, 2011, compared with those of October, 2010, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2011–October, 2010
All Items	3.7
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.6
Clothing and Footwear	1.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.5
Home Ownership	2.3
Rent	9.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.6
Health	1.2
Transport	0.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-0.6
Education	1.7
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 2011

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	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	132.9	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5
2010	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7
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
January - October 2010	173.9	372.5	179.2	94.6	125.5	122.5	141.8	128.1	113.4	147.2	139.6	78.5	137.4	170.7	174.2	128.4
January - October 2011	182.6	410.6	189.7	94.7	126.9	123.4	150.2	128.1	114.4	150.8	140.8	78.5	143.9	174.7	177.3	132.1
2009 January	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
February	155.9	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
March	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.5	123.2	131.3	124.5	112.2	136.1	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3
April	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.1	125.2	132.0	124.5	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1
May	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
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	141.3	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	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	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	124.5	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	145.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7
December	158.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	128.1	112.9	144.1	125.2	78.5	126.8	169.2	173.0	125.7
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
May	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
June	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	128.1	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	149.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
November	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
December	180.2	400.9	187.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
February	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	141.3	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
September	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2

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.