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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 2015 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of May, 2015 was 100.8 representing an increase of 0.1 points or 0.1% above the All Items Index for April, 2015.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2015 over the period January to May, 2014 was 6.0%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 3.6% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2014 over the period January to May, 2013.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 99.3 in April, 2015 to 99.5 in May, 2015, reflecting an increase of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of evaporated milk, parboiled rice, fresh whole chickens, tomatoes, fresh duck, callaloo bush, peanuts, split peas, other kinds of cheese and fresh crab. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of cucumber, cabbage, soya bean oil, onions, condensed milk, white flour, pumpkin, eggs, irish potatoes and green sweet peppers.

Price changes in this section, for the month of May, 2015 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2015 compared with April, 2015 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%, Clothing and Footwear 0.2% and Health 0.3%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of May, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in May, 2015 compared with those of May, 2014 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2015—May, 2014
All Items	5.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.8
Clothing and Footwear	4.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.9
Home Ownership	1.1
Rent	1.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.9
Health	0.4
Transport	1.4
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.0
Education	9.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	2.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.5

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for May, 2015

Period	All Items Jan 2003 =100	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Section Indices										Miscellaneous Goods and Services						
			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		Communica- tion	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants		
Weights	1000	1000	173	9	57	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																			
January - May 2014	218.2	94.6	90.2	97.4	96.0	99.3	99.2	98.7	100.0	100.0	99.5	98.9	98.1	100.0	102.0	91.2	99.3	97.3	
January - May 2015	231.4	100.3	99.8	100.0	99.7	100.2	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	102.4	101.0	100.7	101.2	
2015 January	230.7	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	230.7	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	230.7	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	232.3	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
May	232.5	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.