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## INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—July, 2015 (Base: January, 2015 = 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 the prices collected for the month of July, 2015 was 101.7 representing an increase of 0.7 points or 0.7% above the All Items Index for June, 2015.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to July, 2015 over the period January to July, 2014 was 5.9%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 3.8% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to July, 2014 over the period January to July, 2013.

### SECTION INDICES

#### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 100.9 in June, 2015 to 103.6 in July, 2015, reflecting an increase of 2.7%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, other chilled or frozen chicken, irish potatoes, carrots, cabbage, chive, onions, tomatoes, celery and baby formula. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh carite, fresh king fish, cheddar cheese, powdered full cream milk, garlic, fresh steak, plantains, fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef and apples.

Price changes in this section, for the month of July, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.5 points in the All Items Index.

#### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for July, 2015 compared with June, 2015 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.4%, Clothing and Footwear of 3.6%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.8%, Health of 0.2%, Recreation and Culture of 0.2%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 1.3%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-indices for Transport, of 0.4%, Communication of 1.5%, and Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 0.8%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of July, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change July, 2015—July, 2014
All Items	5.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	11.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.7
Clothing and Footwear	5.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.0
Home Ownership	1.3
Rent	1.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	0.3
Transport	-0.4
Communication	-1.5
Recreation and Culture	3.7
Education	9.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6

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**GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES**  
Figures for July, 2015

Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Section Indices							
					Total	Home-ownership	Rent	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	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
<b>Average</b>																
January - July 2014	95.0	90.8	97.3	96.1	99.4	99.3	98.7	100.0	99.6	99.2	98.4	100.0	102.2	92.0	99.4	97.7
January - July 2015	100.6	100.5	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.3	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	99.9	103.5	101.4	100.9	101.9
2015 January	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	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3

**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.