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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES OCTOBER, 2001

General Index

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of October, 2001 was 143.7 showing an increase of 0.2% over the Index for September, 2001.

The All Items Index for January-October, 2001 showed an increase of 5.8% over that for January-October, 2000. This compares with an increase of 3.3% observed in the Index for January-October, 2000 over the same period in 1999.

Section Indices

Food: The Index for this section increased from 249.8 in September, 2001 to 249.9 in October, 2001. Within the Food Section there was an increase of 0.3% in the Index for Market items. Contributing significantly to this increase were rising prices of melongene, cabbage and Irish potato. These increases in prices were partly offset by a decrease in the prices of tomatoes, chicken, sweet potato and citrus fruits.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 0.1% point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections

A further review of the data for October, 2001 compared with September, 2001 indicated that increases were recorded for Drink and Tobacco, 7.1%; Housing, 0.1% of which Rent 1.0%; Household Operations, 0.2% and Health & Personal Care, 0.7%. Decreases were recorded for Clothing and Footwear, 0.4%; and Reading, Recreation and Education, 0.7%.

Price changes in these sections accounted for an increase of 0.1% in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in October, 2001 compared with those of October, 2000 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:-

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2000-October, 2001
All Items	5.0
Food	12.9
Meals out	0.8
Drink and tobacco	11.0
Clothing and footwear	-1.5
Housing	0.1
Home ownership	0.0
Rent	0.9
Household operations	0.2
Household supplies and services	0.6
Health and personal care	3.2
Transportation	0.5
Reading, recreation and education	-0.2