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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for May, 2002													
Period	General Index	Section Indices											
	All Items	Food	Meals out	Drink and tobacco	Clothing and footwear	Housing			Household operations	Household supplies and services	Health and personal care	Transportation	Reading recreation and education
						Total	Home ownership	Rent					
Weight	1 000	217	14	24	104	216	196	20	66	77	62	152	68
Annual Average													
2000	134.7	214.3	120.3	129.6	91.7	114.4	114.5	113.8	107.3	108.4	120.6	116.6	125.5
2001	142.2	244.2	120.6	134.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	115.0	107.6	108.1	124.3	119.1	130.5
Average													
Jan-May, 2000	133.1	208.9	120.5	129.2	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.5	115.0	122.9
Jan-May, 2001	140.2	236.0	120.5	130.4	90.8	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.5	107.8	123.2	119.2	130.3
Jan-May, 2002	146.4	260.8	120.7	146.7	88.9	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.9	108.4	125.1	121.4	130.3
2000 January	133.5	211.1	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	118.9	114.9	122.8
February	132.4	205.8	120.5	129.0	92.0	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
March	132.1	204.4	120.5	129.1	92.1	114.2	114.4	112.7	107.4	109.1	119.1	114.9	122.8
April	133.4	210.0	120.5	129.3	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.0	115.1	123.1
May	134.1	213.0	120.5	129.4	92.0	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.2	115.1	123.1
June	133.8	211.8	120.5	129.5	91.9	114.3	114.5	112.8	107.4	109.2	120.3	115.1	123.1
July	133.8	209.0	120.2	129.4	91.6	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.3	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
August	133.9	209.7	120.2	129.5	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.3	118.0	125.7
September	135.5	217.1	120.2	129.6	91.5	114.5	114.5	114.8	107.2	107.5	121.2	118.0	125.7
October	136.8	221.3	119.8	129.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
November	136.8	221.1	119.8	131.0	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.8	118.3	130.4
December	140.4	237.6	119.8	130.5	91.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.8	121.9	118.3	130.4
2001 January	139.9	234.7	120.5	130.4	91.2	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.8	119.1	130.2
February	140.5	237.6	120.5	130.2	91.0	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
March	140.0	235.0	120.5	130.6	90.8	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.8	107.7	122.9	119.1	130.2
April	140.3	235.9	120.5	130.5	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
May	140.5	236.9	120.5	130.4	90.6	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.7	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
June	142.4	245.9	120.5	130.6	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.0	123.8	119.3	130.4
July	142.7	247.0	120.7	130.7	90.5	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.6	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
August	143.8	252.0	120.7	130.7	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
September	143.4	249.8	120.7	134.2	90.4	114.5	114.5	114.7	107.2	108.3	124.8	118.9	131.1
October	143.7	249.9	120.7	143.7	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.4	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1
November	143.9	250.3	120.7	146.8	90.0	114.6	114.5	115.7	107.9	108.4	125.7	118.9	130.1
December	144.9	255.4	120.7	146.2	89.7	114.6	114.5	115.7	108.5	108.4	125.8	118.9	130.1
2002 January	147.2	264.2	120.7	146.5	89.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.2	125.2	121.8	130.5
February	146.6	261.4	120.7	147.3	89.1	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.0	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5
March	146.0	258.8	120.7	146.5	88.6	114.7	114.6	115.7	109.3	108.2	125.2	121.3	130.5
April	145.9	258.5	120.7	146.6	88.5	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.8	108.8	125.0	121.4	130.1
May	146.5	261.3	120.7	146.5	88.5	114.7	114.6	115.7	108.6	108.8	125.1	121.4	130.1

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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—MAY, 2002

General Index:

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of May, 2002 was 146.5 showing an increase of 0.4% over the Index for April, 2002.

The All Items Index for January–May, 2002, showed an increase of 4.4% over that for January–May, 2001. This compares with an increase of 5.3% showed in the Index for January–May, 2001, over the same period in 2000.

Section Indices:

Food: The Index for this section increased from 258.5 in April, 2002, to 261.3 in May, 2002 indicating a 1.1% rise in the price of food items over this period. Within the Food Section there was an increase of 2.5% in the Index for Market Items. Contributing significantly to this increase were rising prices of tomato, chicken, chive, thyme, celery and carrots. This increase in price was partly offset by a decrease in the price of green bananas, plantain, citrus fruits and irish potatoes.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 0.6 point in the All Items Index.

Other Sections:

A further review of the data for May, 2002, compared with April, 2002, indicated that decreases were recorded for Drink and Tobacco, 0.1% and Household operations 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in May, 2002, compared with those of May, 2001, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2001—May, 2002
All Items	4.3
Food	10.3
Meals out	0.2
Drink and tobacco	12.3
Clothing and footwear	-2.3
Housing	0.2
Home ownership	0.1
Rent	0.9
Household operations	0.8
Household supplies and services	0.7
Health and personal care	1.1