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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES – JANUARY, 2004 (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 January 2004 was 103.3 representing an increase of 0.2% over the Index for December 2003.

The percentage change in the All Items Index of January 2004 when compared with January 2003 was 3.3%.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 112.8 in December 2003 to 114.5 in January 2004, an increase of 1.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of packaged rice, chicken parts, fish, shrimp, pork and Fresh or Chilled Vegetables, in particular: ochros, tomatoes, melongene, carrots, cucumber, dasheen, pumpkin and yams. Partly offsetting these increases were noticeable price decreases in Fruit prices, most notably oranges, mangoes, paw paw and apples.

Price changes in this section accounted for an increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January 2004 compared with December 2003 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 1.2%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants, 1.0%; Miscellaneous Goods and Services, 0.3%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, 0.3%; and Health, 0.5%. Declines were however noted in Communication (owing to a fall in liberty pre-paid mobile rates during the 4th quarter of 2003), 3.9%; Clothing and Footwear, 0.3%; Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Routine House Maintenance, 0.5%.

Prices changes in these sections, for the month of January 2004 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in January 2004, compared with those of January 2003, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

##### Sections

##### Percentage Change January 2003 – January 2004

All Items	3.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	0.8
Clothing and Footwear	-5.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1.0
Home Ownership	0.5
Rent	4.8
Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	0.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	0.2
Health	2.5
Transport	3.7
Communication	-3.9
Recreation and Culture	0.1
Education	3.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	0.9

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Period	All Items Sept 1993 = 100	Section Indices											Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
		General Index	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
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Average																
January-December 2002	148.1															
January-December 2003	153.6	101.9	108.4	99.8	100.5	100.5	101.2	100.3	100.6	101.3	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.2	100.4
2003																
January	150.9	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	150.9	100.3	101.4	99.9	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	151.6	100.8	104.1	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.5	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1
April	153.0	101.4	106.9	100.0	99.8	100.4	100.6	100.1	100.8	100.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9	99.9	100.6
May	153.5	101.7	108.3	99.7	99.5	100.4	100.6	99.9	100.8	101.5	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.6
June	153.8	101.9	109.9	99.5	99.4	100.3	100.6	99.3	100.8	101.5	100.0	100.0	99.9	100.2	99.9	100.6
July	154.5	102.4	111.5	99.6	99.4	100.9	101.4	100.5	100.7	102.4	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5
August	154.4	102.3	111.1	99.6	98.9	100.8	100.9	100.3	100.7	102.0	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5
September	154.4	102.3	111.0	99.8	98.7	100.8	100.9	100.4	100.7	101.9	100.0	100.0	99.8	100.2	100.3	100.5
October	155.3	102.9	111.2	99.7	97.2	100.7	100.4	100.6	100.7	101.9	103.7	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.5	100.5
November	155.7	103.2	112.9	99.7	96.8	100.7	100.4	100.8	100.7	102.1	103.7	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.5	100.6
December	155.6	103.1	112.8	99.6	95.2	100.7	100.4	100.8	100.7	102.0	103.7	100.0	100.1	103.0	100.5	100.6
2004 January	155.9	103.3	114.5	100.8	94.9	101.0	100.5	100.8	100.2	102.5	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9

NOTE: From the month of April 2003, the figures for the All Items Index (September 1993 = 100) were not derived independently but were linked to the All Items Index (January 2003 = 100).