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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—June, 2005 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of June, 2005 was 112.1 representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.4 % over the Index for May, 2005.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–June, 2005 over that for the period January–June, 2004 was 6.7%. This compares with an increase of 3.1% observed in the average All Items Index for January–June, 2004 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2003.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 145.9 in May, 2005 to 147.8 in June, 2005, an increase of 1.3%. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of sweet potatoes, tomatoes, yam, dasheen, celery, christophene, cucumbers, ochros, sweet peppers and garlic. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in limes, paw paw, whole chicken, flour, pumpkin, king fish, and melongene.

Price changes in this section, for the month of June, 2005, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for June, 2005 compared with May, 2005 indicated increases in Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, 0.3%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels, 0.1% and Health, 0.2%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Clothing and Footwear, 0.3%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of June, 2005, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in June, 2005, compared with those of June, 2004 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change June, 2005—June, 2004
All Items	6.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.6
Clothing and Footwear	-2.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.8
Home Ownership	2.8
Rent	6.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.2
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.6
Health	4.0
Transport	4.3
Communication	-9.1
Recreation and Culture	6.0
Education	4.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for June, 2005

Period	Section Indices														
	All Items Jan 2003 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
Weights	180	25	53	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average	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	105.7	122.3	102.8	93.4	103.2	103.4	101.7	100.1	103.8	105.3	93.9	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9
Average	104.1	117.1	101.9	94.4	102.0	105.0	101.5	100.1	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	102.9	100.6
January - June 2004	111.1	143.4	105.7	91.8	105.6	110.9	102.3	100.6	106.6	108.0	87.4	105.6	105.2	108.5	102.4
2004	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
February	103.4	114.8	101.5	94.7	101.1	100.5	104.8	100.2	102.6	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
March	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	100.5	104.8	100.2	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9
April	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.3	102.9	103.0	105.2	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
May	104.9	119.9	102.3	94.3	102.8	103.0	105.2	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
June	105.2	121.7	102.4	93.8	102.8	103.0	105.2	99.9	103.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3
July	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	99.6	103.8	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9
August	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9
September	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	99.6	104.3	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9
October	107.5	127.9	104.3	92.6	105.1	105.9	107.2	100.7	105.2	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
November	108.1	131.8	104.4	91.4	105.1	105.9	107.2	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
December	108.9	136.0	104.0	91.0	105.1	105.9	107.2	100.7	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3
2005	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	106.0	110.2	100.6	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
January	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	100.6	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
February	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	110.2	100.5	105.7	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7
March	111.6	145.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	105.9	111.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1
April	111.9	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1
May	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1
June	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	100.5	107.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 1993 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.509.