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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2008 (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 January, 2008, was 139.9 representing an increase of 2.9 points or 2.1% over the Index for December, 2007.

The percentage change in the All Items Index of January, 2008 when compared with January, 2007, was 10.0%. This compares with a percentage change of 8.6% observed between January, 2007 and January, 2006.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 237.5 in December, 2007 to 242.7 in January, 2008, reflecting an increase of 2.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of melongene, cucumbers, sweet peppers, yams, dasheen, king fish, carite, limes, bodi, pawpaw, pumpkin, crack corn, whole chicken and packaged flour. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by the general fall in the prices of oranges, grapefruit, mangoes, tomatoes, christophene, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, green bananas, chive, celery, hot peppers and other fish.

Price changes in this section, for the month of January, 2008, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.9 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2008 compared with December, 2007 indicated increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 1.1%; Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.2%; Clothing and Footwear 0.3%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 2.3%; Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.2%; Health 2.0%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.5%; Recreation and Culture 13.0%; Transport 0.8%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of January, 2008, accounted for a net overall increase of 2.0 points in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in January, 2008, compared with those of January, 2007, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2008—January, 2007
All Items	10.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	20.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	13.7
Clothing and Footwear	2.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.3
Home Ownership	3.5
Rent	4.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.9
Health	6.8
Transport	4.0
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	14.1
Education	14.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	13.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 2008

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Period	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 Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
2006	122.3	185.3	119.4	91.3	108.9	109.6	116.0	103.7	104.0	118.5	110.1	78.5	118.5	122.7	117.3	105.3
2007	132.0	217.6	134.2	93.3	113.5	115.2	120.8	105.5	105.9	124.8	114.4	78.5	121.7	137.4	127.8	110.8
2006 January	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	112.2	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
February	117.7	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	113.3	108.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
March	118.5	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	114.9	109.1	78.5	114.4	118.7	115.4	103.9
April	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	117.9	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
May	120.6	179.1	119.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.0	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
June	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	118.5	109.4	78.5	116.2	120.0	115.9	104.6
July	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	109.6	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	120.7	108.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5
August	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.9	104.1	120.6	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5
September	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.8	104.1	120.8	109.7	78.5	122.9	120.0	118.0	105.5
October	126.3	197.8	127.1	91.1	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	122.3	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
November	126.8	200.8	129.4	90.7	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.4	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
December	127.3	203.4	129.7	90.5	110.8	112.2	116.9	104.0	105.4	121.5	112.2	78.5	120.3	131.8	119.7	107.3
2007 January	127.2	201.0	130.2	92.9	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
February	127.6	203.0	130.5	92.8	111.7	113.2	117.5	104.8	105.6	121.8	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
March	128.0	205.3	130.4	92.2	111.9	113.2	117.5	105.5	105.6	121.6	112.2	78.5	118.0	131.8	123.5	108.4
April	129.3	205.8	131.6	92.9	113.6	115.3	120.8	105.5	106.2	124.2	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
May	130.1	210.0	130.7	92.1	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.3	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
June	130.7	213.1	131.6	93.4	113.7	115.3	120.8	105.9	106.2	124.5	113.6	78.5	120.3	133.8	123.7	110.4
July	133.1	219.1	132.0	93.4	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	125.8	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
August	133.8	222.7	132.7	93.6	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
September	134.2	225.0	132.9	93.5	113.8	115.4	121.5	105.7	105.5	126.1	115.8	78.5	129.4	133.8	126.9	111.4
October	135.5	230.5	136.4	94.1	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.8	106.1	127.0	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
November	137.1	238.4	145.1	94.2	114.9	116.8	123.2	105.7	106.1	127.4	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
December	137.0	237.5	146.5	94.7	115.0	116.8	123.2	105.9	106.1	127.3	115.8	78.5	119.1	150.2	136.9	112.8
2008 January	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	106.6	129.9	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1

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.