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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 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 April, 2008 was 141.3 representing an increase of 0.8 point or 0.6% over the Index for March, 2008.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January–April, 2008, over that for the period January–April, 2007, was 9.6%. This compares with an increase of 8.3% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January–April, 2007, over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2006.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 245.8 in March, 2008, to 246.0 in April, 2008, reflecting an increase of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of packaged flour, packaged rice, bread, fish—carite, cavalli and other fish, dasheen, green bananas, pumpkin, sweet potatoes, celery, ochroes, limes, margarine and soft drinks. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by the general fall in the prices of whole chicken, king fish, tomatoes, melongene, cucumber, bodie, cabbage, watercress, christophene, sweet peppers, yams and melon.

Price changes in this section, for the month of April, 2008, had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2008, compared with March, 2008, indicated increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; Clothing and Footwear 0.9%; Home Ownership 0.2%; Rent 2.8%; Water and Electricity 0.1%; Health 0.8%; Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 14.3%; Transport 0.1%; Education 3.7%; Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 5.2%; Miscellaneous Goods and Services 0.4%. However, the sub-index for Recreation and Culture declined by 5.4%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of April, 2008, accounted for the net overall increase of 0.8 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2008–April, 2007
All Items	9.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	19.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	12.7
Clothing and Footwear	3.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.1
Home Ownership	1.8
Rent	4.9
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.5
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	14.7
Health	5.6
Transport	2.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	5.8
Education	16.4
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	19.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.8

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2008

| 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 and 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
January - April 2006	118.2	170.5	110.1	91.8	107.3	107.7	114.6	103.2	103.0	114.6	109.2	78.5	114.9	119.0	115.5	104.1
January - April 2007	128.0	203.8	130.7	92.7	112.2	113.7	118.3	104.9	105.8	122.3	112.6	78.5	118.6	132.3	123.6	108.9
January - April 2008	140.3	243.9	148.1	95.2	115.5	117.3	124.2	106.6	110.4	130.4	116.7	78.5	132.8	151.6	141.9	114.2
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	109.1	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	109.7	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
February	139.6	241.1	147.9	95.3	115.3	117.2	123.3	106.4	106.6	130.1	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
March	140.5	245.8	148.2	94.8	115.5	117.2	123.3	107.0	106.6	130.2	116.7	78.5	134.6	150.2	140.1	114.1
April	141.3	246.0	148.3	95.7	116.0	117.4	126.7	107.1	121.8	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6

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.