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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2010 (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 August, 2010 was 184.0 representing an increase of 4.0 points or 2.2% above the Index for July, 2010.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—August, 2010 over that for the period January—August, 2009 was 9.3%. This reflects a marginal reduction when compared with a rate of inflation of 9.4% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January—August, 2009 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2008.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 402.8 in July, 2010 to 424.5 in August, 2010, reflecting an increase of 5.4%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fish—carite, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, yams, christophene, melongene, green bananas, carrots, plantain, watercress, oranges, grapefruit, apples, limes, hot peppers, garlic and canned vegetables. However, the full impact of these price increases was dampened by a general decline in the prices of packaged rice, tomatoes, cucumber, ochroes, dasheen, eddoes, ripe bananas, avocado, celery, chive and mangoes.

Price changes in this section, for the month of August, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 3.9 points in the All Items Index

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2010 compared with July, 2010 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%; and Health 0.1%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of August, 2010 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2010 compared with those of August, 2009 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change August 2010—August, 2009
All Items	16.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	39.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	11.7
Clothing and Footwear	-2.3
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.3
Home Ownership	-1.4
Rent	6.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.1
Health	4.9
Transport	11.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	4.6
Education	2.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	1.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	3.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for August, 2010

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	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services			
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
<b>Annual Average</b>																
2008	147.9	274.0	151.3	95.8	119.8	127.3	118.0	111.9	132.5	117.8	78.5	133.0	156.5	153.3	116.0	
2009	158.2	308.7	163.9	95.3	125.2	124.1	125.4	112.7	140.6	125.6	78.5	129.1	166.5	171.2	123.5	
January - August 2008	143.8	257.3	149.1	95.6	117.9	116.0	114.8	112.8	131.4	117.0	78.5	132.1	153.7	147.6	114.9	
January - August 2009	157.3	305.3	159.0	95.5	125.0	124.1	124.5	112.7	139.3	125.7	78.5	128.9	165.5	170.4	122.5	
January - August 2010	171.9	363.0	178.9	94.7	125.5	141.4	128.1	113.3	146.6	139.4	78.5	135.7	170.5	174.2	128.1	
2008 January	139.9	242.7	148.1	95.0	115.2	117.2	123.3	105.8	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	106.6	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	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	121.8	131.2	116.8	78.5	127.3	150.8	147.4	114.6	
May	143.1	255.8	148.4	96.0	115.9	117.4	126.7	121.8	131.0	116.8	78.5	127.3	150.8	147.4	114.6	
June	145.5	262.3	148.4	95.6	120.6	117.4	126.7	121.8	132.1	116.8	78.5	127.3	155.8	147.4	114.6	
July	148.9	274.6	149.2	96.1	122.5	119.9	128.6	108.6	133.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
August	151.8	290.0	154.1	96.4	122.5	119.9	128.6	108.6	134.0	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
September	154.0	302.9	154.0	96.6	121.7	119.9	128.6	108.6	134.4	117.8	78.5	135.4	155.8	159.1	116.5	
October	156.3	307.5	156.6	96.3	124.1	123.1	130.5	110.5	134.7	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
November	156.7	309.4	156.7	96.2	124.1	123.1	130.5	110.5	134.8	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
December	156.8	310.2	156.2	96.1	124.1	123.1	130.5	110.5	135.0	120.0	78.5	134.5	164.0	166.7	118.8	
2009 January	156.2	305.6	156.3	96.3	124.2	123.2	131.3	112.2	135.5	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
February	155.9	303.6	156.5	96.2	124.2	123.2	131.3	112.2	135.6	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
March	156.4	305.9	159.4	96.0	124.2	123.2	131.3	112.2	136.1	125.8	78.5	122.6	164.0	168.8	120.3	
April	158.1	308.1	159.6	95.2	125.7	125.2	132.0	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
May	157.8	306.0	159.8	95.7	125.7	125.2	132.0	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
June	157.7	305.6	159.7	94.3	125.7	125.2	132.0	113.3	141.3	125.6	78.5	129.4	166.4	170.8	123.1	
July	157.7	305.3	160.5	94.9	125.0	123.9	134.0	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
August	158.3	305.1	160.4	95.7	125.0	123.9	134.0	112.4	141.5	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
September	161.6	323.5	163.7	95.6	125.0	123.9	134.0	112.4	141.4	125.6	78.5	137.7	166.4	172.2	124.9	
October	160.5	318.4	176.3	94.8	125.8	123.9	134.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	136.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
November	159.0	310.5	177.0	94.6	125.8	123.9	134.1	112.9	143.9	125.2	78.5	136.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
December	156.9	309.6	178.0	94.7	125.8	123.9	134.1	112.9	144.1	125.2	78.5	136.8	169.2	173.0	125.7	
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
February	163.4	322.6	179.0	94.4	125.6	123.0	139.8	113.3	144.2	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.2	125.6	123.0	139.8	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4	
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.5	125.6	122.3	142.0	113.1	147.5	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
May	172.9	365.4	179.1	95.1	125.4	122.3	142.0	113.1	147.6	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
June	179.2	400.6	179.1	94.6	125.4	122.3	142.0	113.1	148.0	140.4	78.5	139.5	171.2	174.3	128.2	
July	180.0	402.8	178.7	93.7	125.4	122.2	142.9	113.6	148.4	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	
August	184.0	424.5	179.1	93.5	125.4	122.2	142.9	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0	