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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2012 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of October, 2012 was 204.9 representing an increase of 2.9 points or 1.4% above the All Items Index for September, 2012.

The percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2012 over the period January to October, 2011 was 9.6%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.0% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January to October, 2011 over the average All Items Index for January to October, 2010.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 500.0 in September, 2012 to 509.9 in October, 2012, reflecting an increase of 2.0%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of cucumber, tomatoes, celery, dasheen, avocado, green pigeon peas, whole chickens, carite, watercress and christophene. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of limes, yams, oranges, hot peppers, irish potatoes, chive, thyme, eggs, carrots, sweet potatoes and spices.

Price changes in this section, for the month of October, 2012 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.8 points in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2012 compared with September, 2012 reflected increases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, Clothing and Footwear 0.6%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.5%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.3% and Health 2.4%, Transport 2.1%, Education 4.4%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 1.1% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.7%. However, a decline was noted in the sub-index for Recreation and Culture 0.9%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of October, 2012, accounted for a net overall increase of 1.1 points in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in October, 2012, compared with those of October, 2011, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2012–October, 2011
All Items	9.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	18.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.6
Clothing and Footwear	3.5
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.5
Home Ownership	1.7
Rent	3.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.1
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	5.1
Transport	3.6
Communication	0.1
Recreation and Culture	5.2
Education	6.3
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.4

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES

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	1000	180	25	53	Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average		262	180	24	58	262	180	24	58	54	167	41	85	16	30	36
2010	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8	78.5	138.5	171.0	174.3	128.7
2011	183.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9	78.5	143.9	174.8	177.7	132.5
January - October 2010	173.9	372.5	179.2	94.6	125.5	122.5	141.8	128.1	113.4	147.2	139.6	78.5	137.4	170.7	174.2	128.4
January - October 2011	182.6	410.6	189.7	94.7	126.9	123.4	150.2	128.1	114.4	150.8	140.8	78.5	143.9	174.7	177.3	132.1
January - October 2012	200.2	493.8	196.4	97.5	130.1	126.9	159.4	128.2	116.4	153.9	143.1	78.6	148.7	178.4	182.7	135.3
2010 January	161.9	313.7	178.2	95.3	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	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	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
March	164.3	326.9	178.9	95.5	125.6	123.0	139.8	128.1	113.3	144.4	137.8	78.5	126.4	169.2	173.8	127.4
April	169.6	347.1	179.0	95.2	122.3	122.3	142.0	128.1	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	128.1	113.1	147.5	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	128.1	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	128.1	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	128.1	113.6	148.5	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
September	182.9	418.1	179.0	94.0	125.4	122.2	142.9	128.1	113.6	148.0	140.4	78.5	144.0	171.2	174.6	129.0
October	180.6	403.4	182.2	94.2	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
November	179.3	395.6	188.5	94.0	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
December	180.2	400.9	188.7	93.3	126.0	122.9	143.5	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.2	172.4	174.3	130.2
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
February	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4	78.5	144.1	172.4	174.5	130.5
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	140.4	78.5	144.2	175.7	177.6	132.0
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
September	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3	78.5	143.7	175.7	179.1	133.0
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2
November	189.6	444.2	190.1	96.3	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	150.3	141.3	78.5	143.4	175.4	179.6	134.2
December	189.7	444.5	193.1	95.7	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	151.0	141.3	78.5	143.5	175.4	179.6	134.2
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
March	196.1	477.0	194.6	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.1	141.3	78.5	145.0	175.4	180.4	134.8
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	154.1	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
May	202.3	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	181.0	135.4
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	98.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	185.3	135.1
August	199.8	488.4	198.5	98.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	185.3	135.1
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	98.8	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4	78.6	147.9	178.6	185.3	135.1
October	204.9	509.9	199.2	99.4	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.0	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4

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.