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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—August, 2015 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of August, 2015 was 101.7, which was also recorded for the previous month.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to August, 2015 over the period January to August, 2014 was 5.6%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 4.2% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to August, 2014 over the period January to August, 2013.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages for the month of August, 2015 was 103.6 which was also recorded for the previous month of July, 2015. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of Irish potatoes, onions, pumpkin, eddoes, oranges, fresh crab, grapes and salted pig tail, carbonated soft drinks, and garlic. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh carite, whole chicken, cheddar cheese, fresh king fish, cucumber, tomatoes, fresh salmon, cabbage, fresh, chilled frozen or seasoned beef and evaporated milk.

Price changes in this section, for the month of August, 2015 were negligible in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for August, 2015 compared with July, 2015 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.6%, and Health of 0.3%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-indices for clothing and footwear of 1.0.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of August, 2015 were negligible in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in August, 2015 compared with those of August, 2014 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change August, 2015—August, 2014
All Items	4.0
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.1
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.3
Clothing and Footwear	3.9
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.0
Home Ownership	1.3
Rent	1.0
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	0.4
Transport	-0.4
Communication	-1.5
Recreation and Culture	3.7
Education	9.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.6
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for August, 2015

Period	Section Indices																
	All Items Jan 2015 =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	173	9	57	275	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
January - August 2014	95.3	91.5	97.2	96.3	99.4	99.3	98.7	100.0	99.7	99.3	98.6	100.0	102.3	92.3	99.4	98.0	
January - August 2015	100.7	100.9	100.2	100.3	100.3	100.4	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.1	99.8	99.6	103.8	101.6	100.9	102.2	
2015 January	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	100.0	100.0	100.1	99.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	100.7	99.3	99.9	99.8	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	106.0	102.5	101.8	103.0	103.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	104.3
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	104.3

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (January 2003 = 100) to the new base (January 2015 = 100), at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.