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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—December, 2014 (Base: January, 2003 = 100)

THE following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of December, 2014 was 232.9 representing a decrease of 0.2 points or 0.1% below the All Items Index for November, 2014.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2014 over the period January to December, 2013 was 5.7%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.2% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to December, 2013 over the period January to December, 2012.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 645.3 in November, 2014 to 644.2 in December 2014, reflecting a decrease of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of cucumber, limes, oranges, sweet potatoes, green bananas, dasheen, whole chickens, chive, thyme, and yams. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of green pigeon peas, ochroes, watercress, hot pepper, mangoes, melongene, tomatoes, avocado, bodie and garlic.

Price changes in this section, for the month of December, 2014 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.2 points in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for December, 2014 compared with November, 2014 reflected a decrease in the sub-index for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.4% and Health 0.2%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of December, 2014 accounted for no overall changes 0.1 in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in December, 2014 compared with those of December, 2013 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change November, 2014—November, 2013
All Items	8.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	2.7
Clothing and Footwear	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.8
Home Ownership	1.0
Rent	1.3
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	0.4
Health	1.5
Transport	2.5
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	-2.5
Education	11.9
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	1.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.9

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for December, 2014

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				Section Indices							Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	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	
Weights	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36
Annual Average																
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
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7
2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1
January - December 2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6	78.6	149.0	179.8	183.5	135.7
January - December 2013	211.3	539.1	203.2	98.2	130.5	127.0	161.5	128.2	117.7	162.9	148.5	78.6	154.5	188.6	189.9	145.1
January - December 2014	223.3	593.2	209.8	100.1	131.4	128.1	163.8	128.2	117.9	167.8	152.6	78.6	155.5	202.9	196.8	153.5
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	151.0	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	153.5	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	152.3	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	152.3	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	152.3	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
November	204.9	510.2	199.1	99.5	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.8	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
December	203.3	501.1	199.2	98.7	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4	78.6	150.9	186.4	187.3	137.4
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7	78.6	148.0	186.4	187.7	136.4
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
May	213.7	556.1	203.6	98.1	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
June	214.3	560.0	203.1	98.8	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.7	146.7	78.6	152.3	187.9	188.8	144.2
July	210.0	525.8	203.7	98.3	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.3	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
August	210.0	525.9	203.4	97.7	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	165.4	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
September	208.0	515.0	203.3	98.4	130.6	127.2	162.0	128.2	117.8	164.1	150.4	78.6	160.7	187.9	189.9	148.7
October	210.5	528.9	203.9	98.7	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.5	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
November	213.9	547.6	206.8	97.9	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.7	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
December	214.7	552.0	207.8	97.4	130.8	127.4	162.2	128.2	117.6	164.8	150.3	78.6	156.8	192.2	193.1	151.2
2014 January	214.5	549.5	209.5	99.4	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	165.9	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
February	217.2	564.3	209.6	98.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.5	166.2	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
March	219.1	574.6	209.3	100.7	131.0	127.6	163.3	128.2	117.9	166.6	150.7	78.6	155.1	192.2	196.1	151.1
April	218.7	573.4	210.3	99.4	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
May	220.3	577.3	209.4	99.2	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	168.3	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
June	220.7	579.5	208.6	98.5	131.3	127.9	163.5	128.2	117.9	169.0	151.7	78.6	157.4	202.2	197.6	151.9
July	222.3	585.5	208.5	100.9	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
August	225.6	603.8	208.2	101.5	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	169.2	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
September	224.2	595.8	208.6	102.0	131.3	128.0	163.9	128.2	118.2	168.8	153.9	78.6	156.6	202.2	196.8	155.2
October	229.4	625.0	208.6	100.9	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6
November	233.2	645.3	214.0	100.4	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.6	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6
December	232.9	644.2	213.5	100.0	131.8	128.7	164.3	128.2	118.1	167.3	154.0	78.6	152.9	215.1	196.5	155.6

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.