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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—September 2006

(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 September, 2006 was 125.1 representing an increase of 1.1 point or 0.9 % over the Index for August, 2006.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January—September, 2006 over that for the period January—September, 2005 was 7.9%. This compares with an increase of 6.9 % observed in the average All Items Index for January—September 2005 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2004.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose from 190.8 in August, 2006 to 197.4 in September, 2006, reflecting an increase of 3.5 %. Contributing to this increase was a general rise in the prices of bread, whole chickens, fish (carite and cavalli), melongene, cucumbers, ochroes, callaloo bush, lettuce, carrots, yams, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, cassava, canned vegetables, onions, chive/thyme, hot peppers and (carbonated) soft drinks. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in shrimp, oranges, mangoes, limes, tomatoes, cabbage, christophene, dasheen and sweet pepper.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2006 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.2 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for September, 2006 compared with August, 2006 indicated an increase in the general price level for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1% and Health 0.2%. However, a price decrease was noted for Clothing and Footwear 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of September, 2006 accounted for an overall increase of 0.1 point on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in September, 2006, compared with those of September, 2005 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change September, 2006—September, 2005
All Items	9.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	27.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	15.1
Clothing and Footwear	-1.1
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	3.5
Home Ownership	4.2
Rent	3.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.1
Health	10.7
Transport	1.5
Communication	-10.2
Recreation and Culture	9.8
Education	12.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	5.4
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.2

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for September, 2006

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
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167	41	85	16	30	36	
Annual Average																
2004	105.7	122.3	102.8	93.4	103.2	103.4	101.7	100.1	103.8	105.3	93.9	100.5	103.1	104.1	100.9	
2005	112.9	150.4	106.3	91.8	105.8	106.2	111.9	100.9	108.1	108.3	87.4	108.3	109.1	110.4	103.0	
Average																
January - September 2004	104.8	119.1	102.3	94.0	102.6	105.4	101.6	99.9	103.3	104.4	96.1	100.3	103.0	103.5	100.7	
January - September 2005	112.0	146.7	106.0	91.8	105.6	105.9	111.5	100.7	107.4	108.0	87.4	107.7	105.8	109.6	102.7	
January - September 2006	120.8	180.2	116.4	91.5	108.2	108.8	115.7	103.6	117.4	109.4	78.5	117.8	119.6	116.4	104.7	
2004	103.3	114.5	100.8	94.9	101.0	100.5	104.8	100.2	102.5	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
February	103.4	114.8	101.5	94.7	101.1	100.5	104.8	100.2	102.6	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
March	103.6	115.4	102.0	94.4	101.2	100.5	104.8	100.2	102.7	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
April	104.3	116.4	102.2	94.4	102.9	103.0	101.7	99.9	103.0	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	101.5	100.9	
May	104.9	119.9	102.3	94.3	102.8	103.0	106.2	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
June	105.2	121.7	102.4	95.8	102.8	103.0	105.2	99.9	103.2	103.7	96.1	100.1	103.0	104.3	100.3	
July	105.8	121.1	102.5	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	99.6	103.8	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
August	106.1	122.7	103.0	93.1	103.9	104.2	106.2	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
September	106.7	125.8	103.7	93.3	103.9	104.2	106.2	99.6	104.1	105.9	96.1	100.7	103.0	104.7	100.9	
October	107.5	127.9	104.3	92.6	105.1	105.9	107.2	100.7	105.2	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
November	108.1	131.8	104.4	91.4	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
December	108.9	136.0	104.0	91.0	105.1	105.9	107.2	101.8	105.3	107.7	87.4	101.1	103.3	106.0	101.3	
2005	109.4	135.4	105.1	91.8	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	105.4	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
January	110.5	141.5	105.8	91.5	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
February	111.2	144.9	105.8	92.0	105.6	106.0	111.5	102.5	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
March	111.6	145.0	105.8	92.1	105.6	106.0	111.5	102.4	105.6	107.7	87.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
April	111.7	145.9	105.8	91.9	105.6	105.9	111.5	102.5	105.6	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
May	112.1	147.8	106.1	91.6	105.7	105.9	111.5	102.6	105.7	108.2	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	113.5	151.8	106.2	91.4	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.5	105.7	108.1	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	113.8	153.0	106.5	92.0	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	105.2	108.1	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.2	
August	114.1	154.9	106.5	92.1	105.8	105.9	112.7	102.4	105.2	108.1	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.2	
September	114.8	156.4	106.6	92.2	105.8	106.3	113.2	102.4	105.2	109.0	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.2	
October	115.7	161.6	107.2	91.8	106.4	106.3	113.2	102.4	105.2	109.0	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.8	
November	116.7	166.7	107.9	91.3	106.4	106.3	113.2	102.4	105.2	109.0	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.8	
December	117.1	166.3	109.7	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	105.2	109.1	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.8	
2006	117.1	169.6	109.4	91.6	106.9	107.4	114.0	102.4	105.2	109.1	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
January	117.7	172.8	110.1	92.4	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	105.2	109.1	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
February	118.5	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	105.2	109.4	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
March	119.3	173.1	111.3	91.5	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	105.2	109.4	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
April	120.6	179.1	119.2	91.4	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	105.2	109.4	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
May	121.8	185.8	120.7	91.3	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	105.2	109.4	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
June	123.3	187.0	121.8	91.3	109.6	110.4	116.7	104.0	104.1	109.7	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
July	124.0	190.8	122.5	91.3	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.9	104.1	109.7	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
August	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.8	104.1	109.7	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	
September	125.1	197.4	122.6	91.1	109.5	110.4	116.7	103.8	104.1	109.7	87.4	106.1	107.1	108.5	103.9	

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.