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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January 2007 (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 prices collected for the month of January, 2007 was 127.2 representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1 % over the Index for December, 2006.

The percentage change in the All Items Index of January, 2007 when compared with January, 2006 was 8.6%.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages fell from 203.4 in December, 2006 to 201.0 in January, 2007, reflecting a decrease of 1.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was a general fall in the prices of tomatoes, christophene, ochroes, sweet potatoes, pawpaw, hot pepper, sweet pepper, chive, celery, lettuce, cabbage, melongene, yam and callaloo bush. Partly offsetting these decreases were general price increases in cucumbers, limes, Irish potatoes, and grapes.

Price changes in this section, for the month of January, 2007 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2007 compared with December, 2006 indicated increases in the general price level for Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants 3.2%, Clothing and Footwear 2.7%, Miscellaneous Goods and Services 1.0%, Home Ownership 0.9%, Rent 0.5%, Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.4%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House 0.2% and Health 0.1%. However, a general price decrease was noted for Recreation and Culture 1.9%, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 0.2%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of January, 2007 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in January, 2007, compared with those of January, 2006, reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2007– January, 2006
All Items	8.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	20.9
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	18.7
Clothing and Footwear	1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	4.3
Home Ownership	5.4
Rent	3.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	1.4
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.7
Health	8.4
Transport	2.8
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.1
Education	11.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	7.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.3

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for January, 2007

Period	All Items Jan 2003 = 100	Section Indices										Miscellaneous Goods and Services					
		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Utilities	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants						
Weights	1000	180	25	55	247	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Utilities	Medical	Public Transport	Telephone, Cable and Other Utilities	Books, Newspapers and Magazines	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	
<b>Annual Average</b>																	
2005	112.9	150.4	104.5	81.8	105.8	105.4	108.2	111.9	102.5	100.9	108.3	108.1	108.3	106.1	110.4	103.0	
2006	122.3	185.3	134.5	81.5	108.8	108.8	108.8	116.0	103.7	104.0	110.1	116.5	118.5	122.8	117.3	105.3	
2006, January	106.4	156.4	105.1	81.8	105.4	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.8	107.7	105.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
February	110.5	141.5	105.8	81.5	105.4	105.4	106.0	110.2	101.8	100.8	107.7	105.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
March	111.2	144.2	105.8	80.0	105.8	105.8	106.0	110.2	102.5	100.8	107.7	105.4	105.1	103.3	108.4	101.7	
April	111.8	145.0	105.8	80.1	105.8	105.8	105.8	111.5	102.4	100.5	108.2	107.8	108.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
May	111.7	145.5	105.8	81.5	105.8	105.8	105.8	111.5	102.5	100.5	108.2	107.8	108.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
June	112.1	147.8	104.2	81.8	105.7	105.7	105.7	111.5	102.8	100.5	108.2	107.8	108.1	107.1	108.5	103.1	
July	115.5	151.8	104.2	81.4	105.8	105.8	105.8	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.1	108.2	111.5	107.1	112.0	103.2	
August	114.1	154.2	104.5	80.0	105.8	105.8	105.8	112.7	102.4	101.0	108.1	108.2	111.5	107.1	112.0	103.2	
September	114.8	156.4	104.8	80.2	108.8	108.8	108.8	113.2	102.4	101.8	108.0	108.2	110.0	116.7	112.7	103.8	
October	115.7	161.8	107.2	81.8	108.4	108.4	108.4	113.2	102.4	101.8	108.0	108.2	110.0	116.7	112.7	103.8	
November	116.7	166.7	107.5	81.5	108.4	108.4	108.4	113.2	102.4	101.8	108.0	110.4	110.0	116.7	112.7	103.8	
December	117.1	166.3	104.7	81.8	108.8	108.8	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	108.1	112.2	114.4	116.7	115.4	103.8	
2007, January	117.2	166.4	104.4	81.8	108.8	108.8	107.4	114.0	102.4	102.8	108.1	112.2	114.4	116.7	115.4	103.8	
February	115.5	172.8	110.1	80.4	107.2	107.2	107.4	114.0	103.8	102.8	108.1	114.9	114.4	116.7	115.4	103.8	
March	115.3	173.1	111.3	81.5	108.2	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	108.4	117.8	118.2	120.0	115.8	104.8	
April	120.8	178.1	118.2	81.4	108.2	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	108.4	118.0	118.2	120.0	115.8	104.8	
May	121.8	185.8	120.7	81.5	108.2	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	108.4	118.0	118.2	120.0	115.8	104.8	
June	121.8	185.8	120.7	81.5	108.2	108.2	108.5	116.4	104.0	103.7	108.4	118.0	118.2	120.0	115.8	104.8	
July	123.3	187.0	121.8	81.5	110.4	110.4	110.4	118.7	103.8	104.1	108.7	120.7	122.8	120.0	118.0	105.5	
August	124.0	190.8	122.5	81.5	110.4	110.4	110.4	118.7	103.8	104.1	108.7	120.7	122.8	120.0	118.0	105.5	
September	125.1	192.8	122.8	81.4	110.8	110.8	112.2	118.8	104.0	105.4	112.2	122.3	120.3	121.8	119.7	107.3	
October	126.8	200.8	124.4	81.8	110.8	110.8	112.2	118.8	104.0	105.4	112.2	122.3	120.3	121.8	119.7	107.3	
November	127.3	203.4	124.7	80.5	110.8	110.8	112.2	118.8	104.0	105.4	112.2	122.3	120.3	121.8	119.7	107.3	
December	127.2	201.0	124.2	80.9	111.5	111.5	113.2	117.5	103.8	105.8	112.2	121.8	118.0	121.8	123.5	108.4	

NOTE: To link the previous or old base (September 2005 = 100) to the new base (January 2003 = 100), all the All Items Index, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 1.500.