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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 2013  
(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 May, 2013 was 213.7 representing an increase of 1.0 points or 0.5% above the All Items Index for April, 2013.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2013 over the period January to May, 2012 was 6.2%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 9.9% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2012 over the period January to May, 2011.

## SECTION INDICES

### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 550.7 in April, 2013 to 556.1 in May, 2013, reflecting in an increase of 1.0%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of limes, chive/thyme, tomatoes, melongene, christophene, cucumber, dasheen, irish potatoes and green pigeon peas. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of hot peppers, celery, oranges, paw paw, ochroes, avocado, carite, cavalli, mangos and bodi.

Price changes in this section, for the month of May, 2013 accounted for a net overall increase of 1.0 points in the All Items Index.

### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2013 compared with April, 2013 reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Clothing and Footwear of 0.5% and Health of 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections, for the month of May, 2013 were negligible.

Changes in consumer prices in May, 2013 compared with those of May, 2012 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2013—May, 2012
All Items	5.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.8
Clothing and Footwear	1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.4
Home Ownership	0.2
Rent	1.7
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.7
Health	5.3
Transport	2.3
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	3.0
Education	5.2
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.3
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	6.5

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES  
Figures for May, 2013

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Period	Weights	Section Indices									
		Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House				Recreation and Culture	
		Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Total	Home-ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	Health	Transport	Communication
All Items Jan 2003 =100	1000	180	25	53	262	180	24	58	54	51	167
<b>Annual Average</b>											
2010	174.9	376.8	180.8	94.4	125.6	122.6	142.1	128.1	113.5	147.6	139.8
2011	183.8	416.2	190.0	95.0	127.3	123.8	151.3	128.1	114.6	150.7	140.9
2012	200.8	495.8	196.9	97.8	130.3	127.0	159.9	128.2	116.6	154.8	143.6
January - May 2011	180.6	401.0	189.6	94.0	126.5	123.1	148.3	128.1	114.1	150.1	140.4
January - May 2012	198.4	488.1	194.2	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.9	152.1	142.1
January - May 2013	210.7	542.8	201.3	98.6	130.2	126.6	160.9	128.2	117.6	160.8	146.7
2011 January	182.1	410.5	189.2	93.7	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.7	140.4
February	180.9	403.4	189.9	94.2	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.6	140.4
March	179.7	396.6	190.0	94.1	126.5	123.1	148.0	128.1	114.0	149.8	140.4
April	180.4	399.2	189.7	93.8	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.5	140.4
May	179.7	395.3	189.4	94.2	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	150.9	140.4
June	180.7	400.9	188.8	94.0	126.6	123.1	148.8	128.1	114.2	151.5	140.4
July	182.6	409.2	189.6	95.5	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3
August	185.1	423.3	189.8	95.1	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3
September	187.5	436.1	190.1	96.8	126.9	123.3	151.5	128.1	114.6	151.5	141.3
October	187.3	431.3	190.5	96.0	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.1	115.8	151.3	141.3
November	189.6	440.2	190.1	96.3	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	150.3	141.3
December	189.7	444.5	193.1	95.7	129.1	125.7	157.0	128.2	115.8	151.0	141.3
2012 January	194.4	467.8	194.0	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3
February	197.5	484.8	194.1	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.0	141.3
March	196.1	477.0	194.6	96.8	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	116.0	151.1	141.3
April	201.6	503.6	194.1	96.4	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	154.1	143.4
May	202.3	507.3	194.3	96.7	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.5	143.4
June	200.6	497.4	197.8	96.5	129.9	126.7	157.9	128.2	115.7	153.3	143.4
July	202.3	501.6	198.7	98.7	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.4	143.4
August	199.8	488.4	198.5	98.0	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.2	143.4
September	202.0	500.0	199.0	98.8	130.3	126.9	161.4	128.2	117.1	155.3	143.4
October	204.9	509.9	199.2	99.4	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.0	146.4
November	204.9	510.2	199.1	99.5	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	158.8	146.4
December	203.3	501.1	199.2	98.7	131.0	127.8	162.4	128.2	117.4	159.4	146.4
2013 January	208.5	532.4	198.8	99.5	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7
February	209.1	536.4	197.9	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7
March	209.6	538.5	202.6	98.4	130.0	126.4	161.1	128.2	117.5	160.2	146.7
April	212.7	550.7	203.7	98.6	130.4	127.0	160.6	128.2	117.7	161.8	146.7
May											

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.