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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—October, 2015 (Base: January, 2015 = 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 October, 2015 was 102.6 representing an increase of 0.7 points or 0.7% above the All Items Index for September, 2015.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to October, 2015 over the period January to October, 2014 was 5.3%. This reflects an increase when compared with the rate of inflation of 5.0% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to October, 2014 over the period January to October, 2013.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 105.0 in September, 2015 to 105.2 in October, 2015, reflecting an increase of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of tomatoes, fresh carite, cabbage, chive, celery, eggs, bodi, mixed fresh seasoning, garlic and frozen whole chickens. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh whole chickens, carrots, evaporated milk, parboiled rice, pumpkin, other chilled or frozen chicken, eddoes, cheddar cheese and white flour.

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

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for October, 2015 compared with September, 2015 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.2%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.3%, Transport of 1.5%, Recreation and Culture of 1.4%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant of 3.0% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 1.2%. However a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Communication of 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of October, 2015 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.7 points in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change October, 2015— October, 2014
All Items	3.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.3
Clothing and Footwear	5.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.9
Home Ownership	0.7
Rent	2.5
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.8
Health	1.7
Transport	1.0
Communication	-1.6
Recreation and Culture	7.7
Education	2.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.5

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for October, 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	Communica tion	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneo us Goods and Services				
Weights	1000	173	9	57	Total 275	Home- ownership 193	Rent 22	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels 60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
January - October 2014	95.9	92.5	97.1	96.6	99.4	99.4	98.8	100.0	99.7	99.3	98.9	100.0	102.0	93.2	99.4	98.3	
January - October 2015	101.0	101.7	100.5	100.7	100.3	100.4	100.2	100.0	100.8	100.2	99.9	99.4	104.4	101.8	101.2	102.7	
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	
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
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	
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	106.2	102.5	101.0	104.3	
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	107.7	102.5	104.0	105.5	

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.