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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—April, 2016 (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 April, 2016 was 104.2 representing an increase of 0.9 point or 0.9% above the All Items Index for March, 2016.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to April, 2016 over the period January to April, 2015 was 3.1%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.3% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to April, 2015 over the period January to April, 2014.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 108.6 in March, 2016 to 109.2 in April, 2016, reflecting an increase of 0.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, garlic, grapes, celery, pumpkin, carbonated soft drinks, other edible oil, parboiled rice, macaroni and mixed fresh seasoning. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh carite, tomatoes, irish potatoes, fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef, bodi, fresh king fish, fresh crab, fresh shrimp, biscuits and oranges.

Price changes in this section for the month of April, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for April, 2016 compared with March, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 1.0%, Health of 0.8%, Transport of 3.0%, Communication of 10.1%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants of 2.6% and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.1%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.1%, Clothing and Footwear of 1.4%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels of 0.6%, and Recreation and Culture of 0.1%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of April, 2016 were accounted for a net overall increase of 0.8 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in April, 2016 compared with those of April, 2015 reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change April, 2016—April, 2015
All Items	3.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	10.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.5
Clothing and Footwear	3.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.4
Home Ownership	-0.7
Rent	1.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.9
Health	3.4
Transport	4.1
Communication	8.3
Recreation and Culture	1.7
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	4.8
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	2.1

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for April, 2016

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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	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																
January - April 2015	100.2	99.9	100.0	99.7	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	101.5	100.6	100.5	100.8	
January - April 2016	103.3	108.0	101.7	103.9	100.5	100.4	101.5	100.2	101.8	102.0	101.8	107.9	102.5	104.7	105.1	
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	
February	100.0	100.2	99.8	99.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.2	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	
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	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	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	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	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	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	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	102.5	104.0	105.5	
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	105.5	
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	100.0	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	105.5	
2016 January	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	105.1	
February	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	105.1	
March	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	105.1	
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	105.2	

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.