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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—May, 2016 (Base: January, 2015 = 100)

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#### GENERAL INDEX

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from the prices collected for the month of May, 2016 was 104.2 which was also recorded in the previous month April, 2016.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2016 over the period January to May, 2015 was 3.2%. This reflects a decrease when compared with the rate of inflation of 6.0% observed in the All Items Index for the period January to May, 2015 over the period January to May, 2014.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 109.2 in April, 2016 to 109.0 in May, 2016, reflecting a decrease of 0.2%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, fresh carite, fresh king fish, irish potatoes, milk based beverages, instant coffee, milo, cheddar cheese, oranges and fresh salmon. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general increase in the prices of ochroes, carrots, eddoes, celery, macaroni, cucumber, frozen whole chickens, carbonated soft drinks, pumpkin, and other pasta products (not macaroni).

Price changes in this section for the month of May, 2016 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for May, 2016 compared with April, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.3%, Clothing and Footwear of 0.3%, and Health of 0.3%.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of May, 2016 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

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

Sections	Percentage Change May, 2016—May, 2015
All Items	3.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.7
Clothing and Footwear	3.5
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 May, 2016

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, Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communicatio n	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services		
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent									Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
<b>Average</b>																	
January - May 2015	100.3	99.8	100.0	99.7	100.2	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	102.4	101.0	100.7	101.2	
January - May 2016	103.5	108.2	101.7	103.8	100.4	100.3	101.5	100.3	101.9	102.2	102.4	102.4	107.9	102.5	105.1	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	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	
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	107.7	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	107.7	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	107.9	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	107.9	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	107.9	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	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.2	
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.4	104.0	108.3	107.8	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.