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### INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—June, 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 June, 2016 was 104.4 representing an increase of 0.2 point or 0.2% above the All Items Index for May, 2016.

The percentage change in the All Items Index for the period January to June, 2016 over the period January to June, 2015 was 3.3%. 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 June, 2015 over the period January to June, 2014.

#### SECTION INDICES

##### FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 109.0 in May, 2016 to 110.4 in June, 2016, reflecting an increase of 1.3%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, irish potatoes, chive, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, macaroni, grapes, milk based beverages and table margarine. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of ochroes, cucumber, fresh carite, fresh duck, frozen whole chickens, lettuce, fresh shark, other fresh pork, canned tuna and plantains.

Price changes in this section for the month of June, 2016 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.2 point in the All Items Index.

##### OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for June, 2016 compared with May, 2016 reflected an increase in the sub-index for Health of 0.8%. However decreases were noted in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.2%, and Clothing and Footwear of 0.6%.

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

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

Sections	Percentage Change June, 2016—June, 2015
All Items	3.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	9.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	1.4
Clothing and Footwear	3.7
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	4.2
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 June, 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, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services		
Weights	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
<b>Average</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>100.9</b>	<b>101.5</b>
January - June 2015	103.7	108.6	101.7	103.7	100.3	101.5	100.4	102.0	102.6	107.9	103.4	102.5	105.4	105.2	105.2
2015	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	100.2	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	100.1	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	100.6	99.7	99.9	100.0	102.5	101.8	101.8	103.0
May	100.8	99.5	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	102.5	101.8	101.8	103.0
June	101.0	100.9	100.1	99.2	100.4	100.5	100.0	100.6	100.0	99.9	100.0	102.5	101.8	101.8	103.0
July	101.7	103.6	100.5	102.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.4	100.2	99.5	98.5	102.5	101.0	101.0	104.3
August	101.7	103.6	101.1	101.8	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.4	100.5	99.5	98.5	102.5	101.0	101.0	104.3
September	101.9	105.0	101.8	102.0	100.5	100.7	100.0	101.4	100.7	99.5	98.5	102.5	101.0	101.0	104.3
October	102.6	105.2	102.0	102.3	100.7	100.7	101.7	101.7	100.7	98.4	98.4	102.5	101.0	104.0	105.5
November	102.5	104.7	102.2	102.7	100.7	100.7	101.7	101.7	100.8	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	104.0	105.5
December	102.5	105.0	101.1	102.2	100.7	100.7	101.7	101.7	100.7	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	104.0	105.5
2016	102.4	104.5	102.1	103.3	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	100.9	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	104.0	105.1
January	103.4	109.6	101.9	104.3	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	101.5	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	104.0	105.1
February	103.3	108.6	101.5	104.7	100.6	101.4	100.0	101.5	102.3	101.0	98.4	102.5	104.0	104.0	105.1
March	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	106.7	105.2
April	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	102.5	103.4	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	106.7	105.2
May	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	102.5	104.2	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	106.7	105.2
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	102.5	104.2	104.0	108.3	102.5	106.7	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.