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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—November, 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 November, 2016, was 105.4, representing an increase of 0.2 points or 0.2% above the All Items Index for October, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to November, 2016, over the period January to November, 2015, was 3.1%. This rate is less than that observed for the period January to November, 2015, over the period January to November, 2014, which was 5.0%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 110.7 in October, 2016 to 111.4 in November, 2016, reflecting an increase of 0.6%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh whole chickens, fresh carite, cucumber, fresh king fish, powdered full cream milk, frozen whole chicken, fresh red fish, salted pig tail, other fresh pork, and other pasta products (not macaroni). However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, carrots, Irish potatoes, chive, celery, pumpkin, lettuce, fresh, chilled, frozen or seasoned beef, sweet potatoes and dasheen.

Price changes in this section for the month of November, 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 November, 2016, compared with October, 2016, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 5.0%, and Health of 1.4%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of November, 2016, accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

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

Sections	November, 2016—November, 2015
All Items	2.8
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	6.4
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	4.0
Clothing and Footwear	4.2
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.9
Home Ownership	-1.2
Rent	0.1
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	1.4
Health	13.5
Transport	3.0
Communication	10.0
Recreation and Culture	0.4
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	3.6

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES Figures for November, 2016

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