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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—January, 2017 (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 January, 2017, was 106.1, representing an increase of 0.4 points or 0.4% above the All Items Index for December, 2016.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the month of January, 2017, over the month of January, 2016, was 3.6%. This rate is greater than that observed for the month of January, 2016, over the month of January, 2015, which was 2.4%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 112.0 in December, 2016, to 112.5 in January, 2017, reflecting an increase of 0.5%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of fresh carite, fresh king fish, pimento, grapes, cheddar cheese, chive, cabbage, melongene, full cream milk and onions. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of fresh whole chickens, hot peppers, parboiled rice, other chilled or frozen chicken (parts), tomatoes, oranges, fresh shrimp, cucumber, Irish potatoes and apples.

Price changes in this section for the month of January, 2017 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for January, 2017, compared with December, 2016, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 1.3%, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels of 0.1%, Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House of 0.5%, Health of 3.0%, Transport of 0.3%, Communication of 0.2%, Recreation and Culture of 0.4%, Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant of 1.4%, and Miscellaneous Goods and Services of 0.5%. 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 January, 2017 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in January, 2017 compared with those of January, 2016, reflected in various sections of the Index are, shown hereunder—

Sections	Percentage Change January, 2017—January, 2016
All Items	3.6
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	7.7
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	5.0
Clothing and Footwear	4.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	-0.7
Home Ownership	-1.0
Rent	0.6
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.7
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	2.1
Health	18.7
Transport	3.3
Communication	10.2
Recreation and Culture	0.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	5.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.7

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for January, 2017

Period	Section Indices																
	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverage	Alcohol and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity Other Fuels			Furnishing Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health Transport Communications	Recreation and Cultural	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Serv					
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent						Water, Electric Gas and Other Fu	66	45	10	85
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85	
Average																	
Jan-16	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.	
Jan-17	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.	
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.	
February	103.4	109.5	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.	
March	103.3	108.5	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.	
April	104.2	109.2	101.4	103.2	100.0	99.3	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.1	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.	
May	104.2	109.0	101.7	103.5	100.0	99.3	101.6	100.7	102.5	103.4	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.	
June	104.4	110.4	101.5	102.9	100.0	99.3	101.6	100.7	102.5	104.2	104.0	108.3	107.8	102.5	106.7	105.	
July	104.6	110.7	101.4	103.2	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	105.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.	
August	104.9	111.2	101.4	104.3	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	107.6	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.	
September	105.0	111.4	101.4	104.6	99.9	99.5	101.2	100.7	102.7	109.7	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.0	106.	
October	105.2	110.7	101.2	107.1	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	112.8	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.	
November	105.4	111.4	106.3	107.0	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	114.4	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.	
December	105.7	112.0	105.8	107.9	99.8	99.5	101.8	100.7	103.1	116.3	104.0	108.2	108.1	102.5	107.7	106.	
2017 January	106.1	112.5	107.2	107.8	99.9	99.5	102.0	100.7	103.6	119.8	104.3	108.4	108.5	102.5	109.2	106.	

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 b