



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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The Consumer Price Index recorded a 0.2 percent increase during the month of July 2011. The “All Items” index stood at 103.9 for the month of July compared with 103.7 for the month of June 2011. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 3.1 percent.

Six (6) groups recorded increases during the month: “Transport” (3.0 percent), “Restaurants & Hotels” (1.1 percent), “Clothing & Footwear” (0.4 percent), “Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3 percent), “Recreation & Culture” (0.2 percent), and “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” (0.2 percent)

Four (4) groups registered decreases during the month: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.6 percent), “Health” (0.4 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent).

Two (2) groups remained unchanged: “Education”, and “Communication”.

The group index “Transport” increased by 3.0 percent due to higher prices in several items namely petrol (unleaded) (12.5 percent), diesel (7.5 percent), and passenger airfare transport St.Vincent to St.Lucia (28.7 percent). The “Restaurants & Hotels” index grew by 1.1 percent due to increases in the cost of chicken and fish lunches (6.7 percent) and (3.6 percent) respectively.

The 0.4 percent increase in the “Clothing & Footwear” group index was attributed mainly to a 9.0 percent increase in the price of a short sleeve men’s shirt and a 10.2 percent increase in the cost of a women’s skirt suit. Meanwhile the group index “Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages” registered a 0.3

percent increase due to a rise in several food items namely; peanut butter (2.3 percent), Codfish (1.1 percent), lettuce (10.7 percent), cabbage (11.0 percent), cucumber (16.2 percent), cauliflower (11.0 percent), english potatoes (8.3 percent) and powdered milk -full cream (2.3 percent).

The “Recreation & Culture” group index, registered a 0.2 percent increase, due to higher prices in canned cat food (3.7 percent) and a laptop computer (11.0 percent). The “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” index 0.2 percent increase was attributed mainly to a 1.1 percent increase in disposable diapers and a 40.0 percent rise in the cost of a wooden hook umbrella.

The group index “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” had a 0.6 percent decline due to a reduction in the cost of electricity. The downward movement of the cost of electricity was as a consequence of a lower fuel surcharge rate in July, which was 50.5 cents per kilowatt hour compared to 54.4 cents per kilowatt hour in June.

The group index “Health” recorded a 0.4 percent decline due to a 2.0 percent decrease in the price of a cough medicine, whereas the index “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” fell by 0.1 percent due to a 0.6 percent reduction in the average price of whiskey (red). The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index recorded a 0.1 percent decrease due to a 4.6 percent decrease in the price of fluorescent lighting tubes.

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2011	JUNE 2011		
INCREASED					
Peanut Butter	18oz Bot	12.28	12.01	0.27	2.25
Codfish	1 Lb	12.89	12.75	0.14	1.10
Sardines (in water)	106g can	3.32	3.25	0.07	2.15
Lettuce	Head	5.39	4.87	0.52	10.68
Cabbage	1 Lb	4.05	3.65	0.40	10.96
Cauliflower	1 Lb	9.12	8.22	0.90	10.95
Cucumber	1 Lb	3.51	3.02	0.49	16.23
English potatoes	1 Lb	2.74	2.53	0.21	8.30
Powdered Milk-full cream	1 Lb	7.67	7.50	0.17	2.27
Drink Mix	19oz Bot	11.17	10.99	0.18	1.64
Men's shirt (short sleeve)	Each	59.95	55.00	4.95	9.00
Women's 2pc skirtsuit (polyester)	Each	100.00	90.71	9.29	10.24
Ladies dress (polyester -cotton)	Each	66.65	60.46	6.19	10.24
Petrol (unleaded)	1 Gal	15.30	13.60	1.70	12.50
Diesel fuel	1 Gal	13.45	12.51	0.94	7.51
Air fare St.Vincent to St.Lucia	One way	292.33	227.12	65.21	28.71
Laptop computer-13.3" - 2GB	Each	4640.48	4178.94	461.54	11.04
Catfood (canned)	5.5oz tin	2.82	2.72	0.10	3.68
Chicken lunch-regular	Each	14.28	13.39	0.89	6.65
Fish lunch-regular	Each	15.87	15.32	0.55	3.59
Umbrella Wooden handle	Each	35.00	25.00	10.00	40.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	Pkt 10	12.84	12.70	0.14	1.10
DECREASED					
Whiskey - Red	750ml Bot	47.92	48.21	-0.29	-0.60
Scotch -whiskey	750ml Bot	54.99	55.03	-0.04	-0.07
Beer -imported	250ml Tin	5.21	5.24	-0.03	-0.57
Electricity consumption charge	140KWH	140.69	146.13	-5.44	-3.72
Nails (galvanize)	1 Lb	5.93	5.94	-0.01	-0.17
Cough (cold preparation)	125 ML.	15.37	15.69	-0.32	-2.04
Flourescent Lighting tubes, 2ft	Each	7.86	8.24	-0.38	-4.61

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
JULY 2011 COMPARED WITH JULY 2010

TABLE 2

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2011	JULY 2010		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.56	6.01	0.55	9.15
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.93	2.51	0.42	16.73
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.59	1.54	0.05	3.25
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.76	4.34	0.42	9.68
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.53	3.32	0.21	6.33
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	2.72	3.00	-0.28	-9.33
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	3.50	3.00	0.50	16.67
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.05	4.95	0.10	2.02
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.20	7.42	-0.22	-2.96
Codfish	Lb.	12.89	12.31	0.58	4.71
Cornflakes	12 oz	11.60	11.80	-0.20	-1.69
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	3.84	3.69	0.15	4.07
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	2.82	2.85	-0.03	-1.05
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	2.98	3.25	-0.27	-8.31
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.89	1.84	0.05	2.72
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.15	4.10	0.05	1.22
Eggs	Doz	8.90	7.81	1.09	13.96
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.77	6.76	0.01	0.15
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.39	1.25	0.14	11.20
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.08	1.88	0.20	10.64
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.28	1.18	0.10	8.47
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	6.92	7.13	-0.21	-2.95
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.23	9.23	0.00	0.00
Bananas	Lb.	1.05	1.04	0.01	0.96
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.22	1.60	0.62	38.75
Eddoes	Lb.	2.46	2.22	0.24	10.81
Dasheens	Lb.	2.05	1.83	0.22	12.02
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.09	2.17	-0.08	-3.69
Oranges	Each	0.73	0.73	0.00	0.00
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.12	6.38	-1.26	-19.75
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.16	6.95	0.21	3.02
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	9.72	9.35	0.37	3.96
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.00	8.91	0.09	1.01
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.20	2.06	0.14	6.80
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.11	5.11	0.00	0.00

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		JULY 2011	JULY 2010		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	26.87	26.70	0.17	0.64
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.09	4.22	-0.13	-3.08
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	2.73	2.69	0.04	1.49
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	16.26	16.26	0.00	0.00
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	51.69	-3.74	-7.24
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	16.95	12.95	4.00	30.89
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	36.56	45.00	-8.44	-18.76
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	69.95	69.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	79.50	10.45	13.14
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	89.95	10.05	11.17
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	20.00	26.95	-6.95	-25.79
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :	1Month				
Unfurnished house -2 Bedroom	1Month	546.43	546.43	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished house -3 Bedroom	1Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment- 2 Bedroom	1Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland (grey)	94 Lbs	21.83	21.97	-0.14	-0.64
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	80.56	78.39	2.17	2.77
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	97.00	97.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	67.75	68.75	-1.00	-1.45
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	32.50	32.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.25	9.22	4.03	43.71
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	37.75	37.75	0.00	0.00
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	140.69	120.23	20.46	17.02
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,150.00	1,150.00	0.00	0.00
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.80	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Laundry soap	Each	1.21	1.22	-0.01	-0.82
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	4.46	4.47	-0.01	-0.22

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2011	JULY 2010		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	1 Visit	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	1 Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drug for Hypertension	1 Mth supply	3.50	3.74	-0.24	-6.42
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	13.61	14.57	-0.96	-6.59
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.37	16.41	-1.04	-6.34
Dental Care	1 Visit	99.17	98.33	0.84	0.85
Chest X- ray	1 Test	100.00	90.00	10.00	11.11
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	15.30	11.81	3.49	29.55
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	470.00	410.00	60.00	14.63
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	2.50	2.50	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
COMMUNICATION					
Telephone service - rental of line- domestic	1 Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet charge	1 Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line domestic rate- peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to mobile- domestic	1 Minute	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.00	1,999.00	0.00	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,640.48	4,399.00	241.48	5.49
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,108.73	1,999.00	109.73	5.49
Car Remote Control	Each	308.45	395.00	-86.55	-21.91
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.99	2.95	0.04	1.36
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	300.00	300.00	0.00	0.00

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JULY 2011 COMPARED WITH JULY 2010

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JULY 2011	JULY 2010		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 Term	125.00	125.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.33	1.00	0.33	33.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.50	0.60	-0.10	-16.67
Lead Pencils	Each	0.42	0.45	-0.03	-6.67
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	73.53	73.53	0.00	0.00
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.28	13.39	0.89	6.65
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.29	15.32	-0.03	-0.20
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	Each	3.23	3.20	0.03	0.94
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.92	9.25	-0.33	-3.57
Men's Haircut	1 Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	1 Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers medium	10 per Pk.	12.84	12.73	0.11	0.86
Health Insurance - group (family)	≥3 Ppersons	278.70	278.70	0.00	0.00
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00

TABLE 3
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100

	GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2011	JULY 2011	JULY 2010	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH JUNE	YEAR JULY
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	104.9	105.2	101.2	0.3	4.0
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	100.9	100.8	100.6	-0.1	0.2
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	100.5	100.9	100.2	0.4	0.7
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.6	103.0	99.8	-0.6	3.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.1	99.0	99.9	-0.1	-0.9
06.	Health	1.79	99.0	98.6	99.7	-0.4	-1.1
07.	Transport	11.84	110.2	113.5	104.4	3.0	8.7
08.	Communication	9.41	102.1	102.1	100.7	0.0	1.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.4	101.6	99.5	0.2	2.1
10.	Education	1.32	106.0	106.0	100.0	0.0	6.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.0	103.1	101.1	1.1	2.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	99.9	100.1	99.8	0.2	0.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	103.7	103.9	100.8	0.2	3.1

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for July 2011

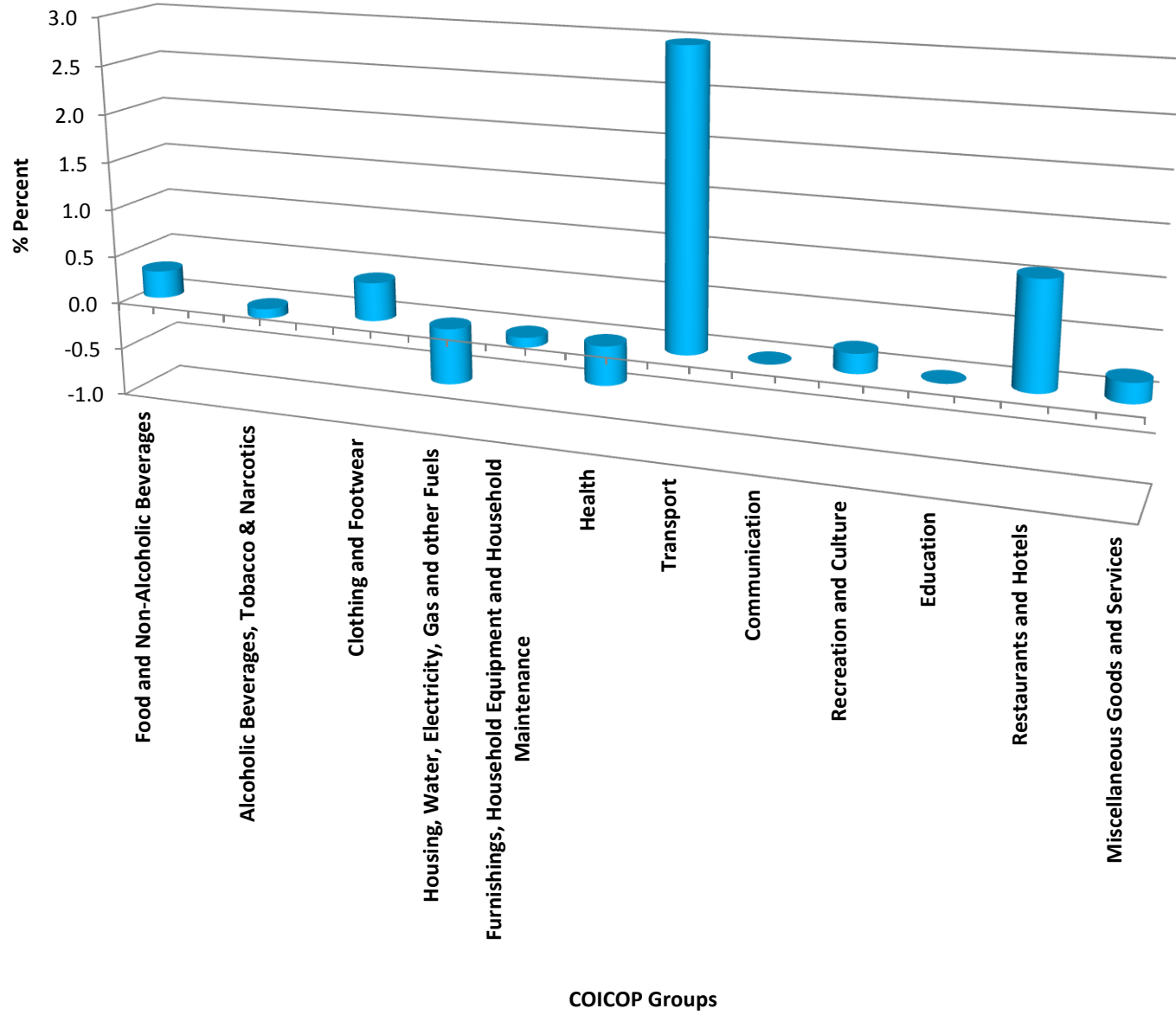


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUP	WEIGHT	JUNE 2011	JULY 2011	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						JUNE 2011	JULY 2011		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	104.9	105.2	0.3	2,298.36	2,304.93	6.6	32.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	100.9	100.8	-0.1	390.48	390.10	-0.4	-1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	100.5	100.9	0.4	323.61	324.90	1.3	6.4
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	103.6	103.0	-0.6	3,114.22	3,096.18	-18.0	-90.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.1	99.0	-0.1	653.07	652.41	-0.7	-3.3
6.	Health	1.79	99.0	98.6	-0.4	177.21	176.49	-0.7	-3.6
7.	Transport	11.84	110.2	113.5	3.0	1,304.77	1,343.84	39.1	195.4
8.	Communication	9.41	102.1	102.1	0.0	960.76	960.76	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	101.4	101.6	0.2	386.33	387.10	0.8	3.8
10.	Education	1.32	106.0	106.0	0.0	139.92	139.92	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.0	103.1	1.1	190.74	192.80	2.1	10.3
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	99.9	100.1	0.2	430.57	431.43	0.9	4.3
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	103.7	103.9	0.2	10370.00	10390.00	20.0	100.0

TABLE 5
MONTHLY INDEX - 2011
JANUARY 2010 = 100

GROUP	ALL ITEMS	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics	Clothing & Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants and Hotels	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
WEIGHT	100.00	21.91	3.87	3.22	30.06	6.59	1.79	11.84	9.41	3.81	1.32	1.87	4.31
MONTH													
January	101.7	103.5	100.3	100.3	100.0	99.6	99.5	105.5	101.6	100.9	106.0	102.3	100.0
February	101.8	103.5	100.2	100.0	100.6	99.7	99.1	104.6	102.1	101.0	106.0	101.8	100.1
March	102.0	102.7	100.2	100.2	100.8	99.5	98.7	107.5	102.1	100.6	106.0	101.7	100.0
April	102.7	102.3	100.3	100.2	102.9	99.9	99.1	109.0	102.1	100.9	106.0	101.7	99.8
May	103.0	103.5	100.7	100.4	102.5	99.2	99.1	110.0	102.1	100.9	106.0	102.0	99.9
June	103.7	104.9	100.9	100.5	103.6	99.1	99.0	110.2	102.1	101.4	106.0	102.0	99.9
July	103.9	105.2	100.8	100.9	103.0	99.0	98.6	113.5	102.1	101.6	106.0	103.1	100.1