



CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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The Consumer Price Index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent for the month of June 2014. The “All Items Index” was registered as 107.4 for the month of June 2014 in comparison to 107.3 for the month of May 2014. The “Point-to-Point” inflation rate was recorded as negative 0.2 percent.

Two (2) groups recorded increases for the month: “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.6 percent)” and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1 percent). Three (3) groups recorded decreases during the period: “Recreation and Culture” (1.5 percent), “Transport” (0.6 percent) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.4 percent). Six (6) groups remained unchanged: “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance”, “Health”, “Communication”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” increased by 1.6 percent due to an increase in price of several food items, namely: eddoes (49.0 percent), tomatoes (30.0 percent), cucumber (27.6 percent), sweet potatoes (26.6 percent), tannias (25 percent), spinach (22.6 percent), sweet pepper (22.5 percent), cocoa (17.6 percent), yams (17.3 percent), cabbage (16.9 percent), carrots (13.7 percent), green bananas (11.0 percent), dasheen (10.1 percent) and turkey wings (7.3 percent).

The increase of 0.1 percent in the index for “Clothing and Footwear” is attributable to an increase of 11.2 percent in the price of women’s jeans.

The decrease in the price of LCD televisions, (26" and 42") by an average of 29.3 percent is mainly responsible for the decline of 1.5 percent in the group index for "Recreation and Culture". The "Transport" index fell by 0.6 percent as a result of a decline of 32.1 percent in the cost of airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Toronto, Canada and a decrease of 15.3 percent in the price of a car tyre. The decline of 0.4 percent in the index for "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" is mainly attributable to a decline in the price of wall nails by 21.3 percent and 1.4 percent in the price of electricity.

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		JUNE 2014	MAY 2014		
INCREASED					
Turkey wings	Lb	3.70	3.45	0.25	7.25
Spinach	Lb	3.37	2.75	0.62	22.55
Cabbage	Lb	4.28	3.66	0.62	16.94
Broccoli	Lb	9.74	8.78	0.96	10.93
Cauliflower	Lb	9.59	8.89	0.70	7.87
Green bananas	Lb	1.11	1.00	0.11	11.00
Green pigeon peas	Lb	9.69	8.14	1.55	19.04
String beans	Lb	4.63	3.97	0.66	16.62
Sweet potatoes	Lb	2.38	1.88	0.50	26.60
Dasheen	Lb	1.74	1.58	0.16	10.13
Tannias	Lb	3.50	2.80	0.70	25.00
Eddoes	Lb	2.31	1.55	0.76	49.03
Yams	Lb	3.25	2.77	0.48	17.33
Tomatoes	Lb	4.05	3.12	0.93	29.81
Carrots	Lb	4.15	3.65	0.50	13.70
Cucumber	Lb	3.79	2.97	0.82	27.61
Sweet pepper	Lb	7.02	5.73	1.29	22.51
Cocoa	250g	18.54	15.76	2.78	17.64
Women's Jeans	Each	50.00	44.95	5.05	11.23
Washing powder	500g	4.62	4.14	0.48	11.59
Truck tyres	Each	627.64	537.66	89.98	16.74
Passanger airfare - St Vincent to Trinidad	1-way	427.95	376.92	51.03	13.54
Passanger airfare - St Vincent to New York	1 month	2829.70	2412.70	417.00	17.28
DECREASED					
Nails - 2", wall	Lb	4.81	6.11	-1.30	-21.28
Electricity	140Kwh	144.66	146.68	-2.02	-1.38
Car tyres	Each	149.51	176.41	-26.90	-15.25
Passenger airfare - St Vincent & the Grenadines to Toronto, Canada	1 month	2614.10	3847.90	-1233.80	-32.06
26" LCD Television	Each	1719.25	2294.25	-575.00	-25.06
42" LCD Television	Each	2696.75	4056.99	-1360.24	-33.53
Powdered milk - skimmed	Lb	9.98	11.37	-1.39	-12.23
Pineapple	Lb	4.75	5.07	-0.32	-6.31
Black pepper	1/4Lb	5.75	6.82	-1.07	-15.69

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
JUNE 2014 COMPARED WITH JUNE 2013

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2014	JUNE 2013		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.11	6.02	0.09	1.50
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.89	3.03	-0.14	-4.62
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.66	1.69	-0.03	-1.78
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.93	4.90	0.03	0.61
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.70	3.34	0.36	10.78
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	3.50	1.50	42.86
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	3.50	0.50	14.29
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.38	5.43	-0.05	-0.92
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.74	7.80	-0.06	-0.77
Codfish	Lb.	14.21	14.57	-0.36	-2.47
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.29	11.88	0.41	3.45
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.17	4.17	0.00	0.00
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.27	3.22	0.05	1.55
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.54	3.31	0.23	6.95
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.99	1.99	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.64	8.67	-0.03	-0.35
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	7.47	7.30	0.17	2.33
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.43	1.54	-0.11	-7.14
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.84	2.02	-0.18	-8.91
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.41	1.43	-0.02	-1.40
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	7.39	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.78	1.78	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.20	0.00	0.00
Bananas	Lb.	1.31	1.14	0.17	14.91
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.69	2.27	0.42	18.50
Eddoes	Lb.	2.31	2.46	-0.15	-6.10
Dasheens	Lb.	1.74	1.95	-0.21	-10.77
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.38	2.14	0.24	11.21
Oranges	Each	0.85	0.78	0.07	8.97
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.05	5.25	-1.20	-22.86
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.87	8.02	-0.15	-1.87
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.54	10.54	0.00	0.00
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.46	9.78	0.68	6.95
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.24	2.24	0.00	0.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.61	5.71	-0.10	-1.75

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2014	JUNE 2013		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	29.02	28.53	0.49	1.72
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.49	4.51	-0.02	-0.44
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	3.47	0.00	0.00
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	18.22	17.62	0.60	3.41
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	69.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	34.07	34.28	-0.21	-0.61
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	79.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	110.00	100.00	10.00	10.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.55	100.00	0.55	0.55
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	24.65	24.51	0.14	0.57
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
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	24.90	24.62	0.28	1.14
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	86.38	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	65.98	69.69	-3.71	-5.32
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.93	13.79	0.14	1.02
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	44.56	0.00	0.00
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	144.66	141.97	2.69	1.89
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	0.00	0.00
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.80	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry soap	Each	1.10	1.14	-0.04	-3.51
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.40	5.46	-0.06	-1.10

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		JUNE 2014	JUNE 2013		
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	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	13.70	14.18	-0.48	-3.39
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.57	15.52	0.05	0.32
Dental Care	1 Visit	114.17	112.50	1.67	1.48
Chest X- ray	1 Test	110.00	110.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	14.34	15.12	-0.78	-5.16
Vehicle License (car) - ≤ 2000 cc	1 Year	470.00	470.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
COMMUNICATION					
Telephone service - rental of domestic line	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	0.73	0.81	-0.08	-9.88
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.00	1,999.03	-0.03	0.00
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer	Each	3,499.00	4,621.70	-1122.70	-24.29
Desktop Computer	Each	1,891.32	1,891.32	0.00	0.00
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.17	3.81	-0.64	-16.80
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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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2014	JUNE 2013		
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	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.33	1.33	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.85	0.85	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	73.72	69.91	3.81	5.45
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.10	15.10	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	15.45	1.40	9.06
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.46	3.40	0.06	1.76
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.04	9.11	-0.07	-0.77
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.	12.83	12.87	-0.04	-0.31
Health Insurance - group (family)	≥3 Persons	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	MAY 2014	JUNE 2014	JUNE 2013	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH MAY	YEAR JUNE
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.5	113.3	110.4	1.6	2.6
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	108.8	108.8	107.0	0.0	1.7
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.5	105.6	105.8	0.1	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.5	105.1	105.0	-0.4	0.1
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.0	101.0	101.2	0.0	-0.2
06.	Health	1.79	103.0	103.0	102.8	0.0	0.2
07.	Transport	11.84	123.3	122.6	122.8	-0.6	-0.2
08.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	104.0	0.0	-7.2
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.9	101.4	103.4	-1.5	-1.9
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	109.6	0.0	-0.3
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.0	100.3	0.0	2.7
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.7	100.7	100.7	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.3	107.4	107.6	0.1	-0.2

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for June 2014

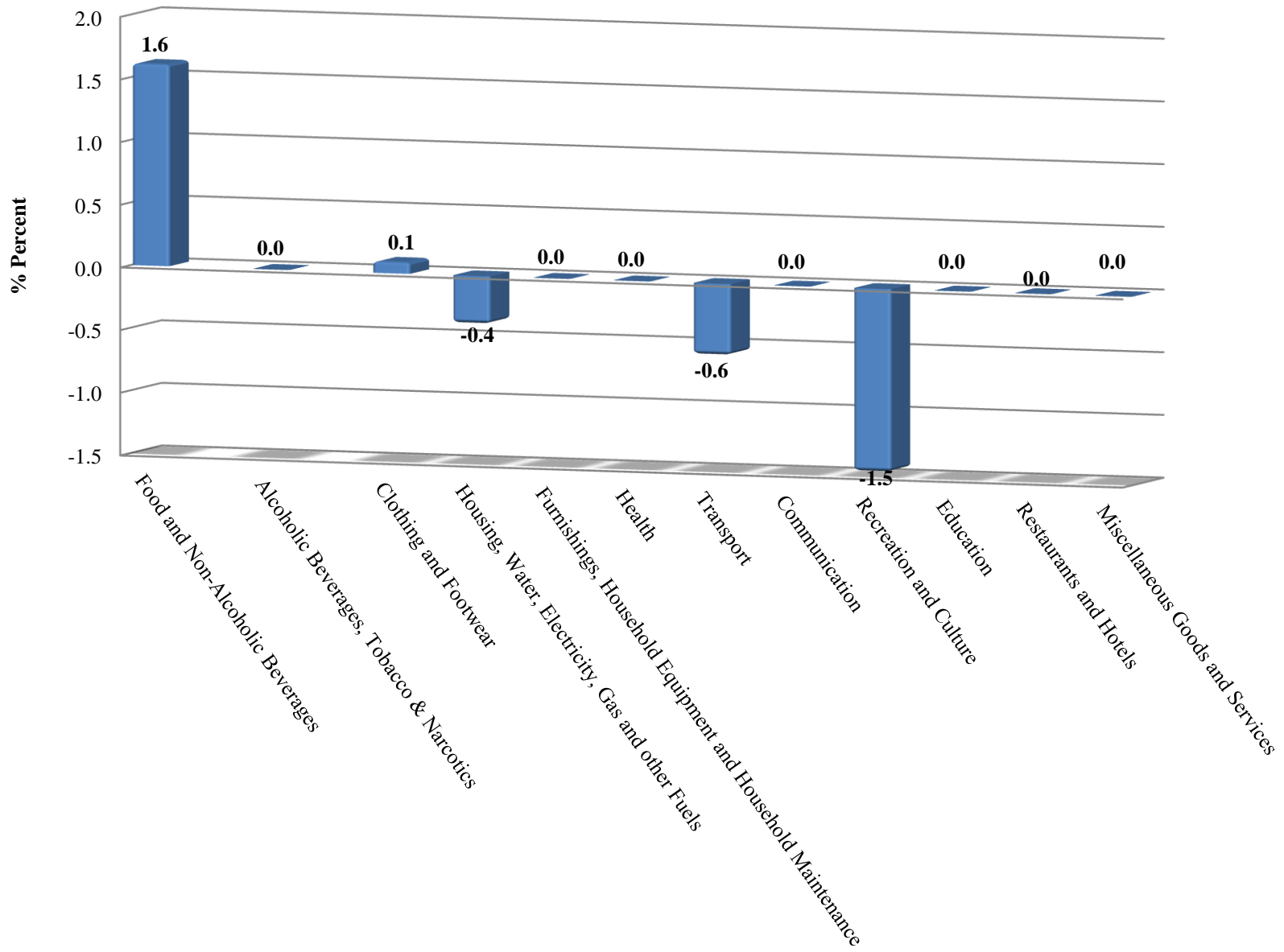


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUP	WEIGHT	MAY 2014	JUNE 2014	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						MAY 2014	JUNE 2014		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.5	113.3	1.6	2,442.97	2,482.40	39.4	394.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	108.8	108.8	0.0	421.06	421.06	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.5	105.6	0.1	339.71	340.03	0.3	3.2
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.5	105.1	-0.4	3,171.33	3,159.31	-12.0	-120.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.0	101.0	0.0	665.59	665.59	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	103.1	103.0	-0.1	184.55	184.37	-0.2	-1.8
7.	Transport	11.84	123.3	122.6	-0.6	1,459.87	1,451.58	-8.3	-82.9
8.	Communication	9.41	96.5	96.5	0.0	908.07	908.07	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.9	101.4	-1.5	392.05	386.33	-5.7	-57.2
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	0.0	144.28	144.28	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.0	103.0	0.0	192.61	192.61	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	100.7	100.7	0.0	434.02	434.02	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	107.3	107.4	0.1	10,730.00	10,740.00	10.0	100.0

TABLE 5
MONTHLY INDEX - 2014
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	107.7	113.0	109.2	105.5	105.7	101.1	103.9	123.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.8
February	107.2	112.7	109.1	105.5	104.4	101.1	103.4	122.8	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.7
March	107.4	112.8	109.1	105.5	104.9	101.1	103.6	122.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.8
April	108.0	111.5	109.6	105.5	106.6	101.0	103.1	126.4	96.5	102.8	109.3	103.0	100.8
May	107.3	111.5	108.8	105.5	105.5	101.0	103.1	123.3	96.5	102.9	109.3	103.0	100.7
June	107.4	113.3	108.8	105.6	105.1	101.0	103.0	122.6	96.5	101.4	109.3	103.0	100.7