



# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MONTHLY STATISTICAL BULLETIN



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## **JUNE 2012**

The Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 0.1 percent for the month of June 2012. The “All Items” index stood at 106.6 compared with 106.7 recorded in May 2012. The “point-to-point” inflation rate was recorded as 2.8 percent.

Four (4) groups recorded increases during the month: “Clothing and Footwear” (0.5 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5 percent), “Transport” (0.4 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1 percent). Two (2) groups recorded a decrease: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.8 percent), “Recreation and Culture” (0.6 percent). Six (6) groups remained unchanged: “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics”, “Health”, “Communication”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The group index for “Clothing and Footwear” increased by 0.5 percent due to an increase in the prices of cotton brief, size medium (100.0 percent) and polyester tie (25.0 percent).

The “Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages” group index recorded a 0.5 percent increase as a result of increase prices for several food items namely; yeast – instant (39.6 percent), powdered milk - skimmed (22.9 percent), ice cream (15.2 percent), peanut butter (8.9 percent), onions (7.3 percent), mutton (2.3 percent), condense milk (1.3 percent), chicken - whole leg (1.1 percent) and chicken - wings (1.0 percent).

The 0.4 percent increase in the index for “Transport” resulted from higher prices for vehicle brake shoes (9.1 percent), passenger transport by air: St. Vincent to Toronto (26.4 percent) and St. Vincent to New York (11.5 percent).

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index increased by 0.1 percent as a result of increase in the price of washing powder (2.6 percent), toilet paper (2.2 percent) and air freshener (1.1 percent).

The “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index decreased by 0.8 percent which was attributed mainly to a 4.3 percent decrease in the cost of electricity. This decrease was due to a lower fuel surcharge rate of 52.7 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of June, compared to 57.3 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of May. The 0.6 percent decrease in the group index “Recreation and Culture” is due mainly to a decrease in the price of carnival costumes (16.7 percent).

**TABLE 1**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**

ITEM	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		EC\$			
		JUNE 2012	MAY 2012		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Cotton brief	1 pair	5.00	2.50	2.50	100.00
Yeast - instant	1/4 lb Pkt.	3.21	2.30	0.91	39.57
Tie	each	25.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
Powdered milk, skimmed	1lb	9.77	7.95	1.82	22.89
Ice cream	1 L Tub	12.50	10.85	1.65	15.21
Brake shoes	1 Set	430.99	395.17	35.82	9.06
Peanut butter	510 g Bot.	12.75	11.70	1.05	8.97
Onions	1 lb	2.49	2.32	0.17	7.33
Washing powder	500 g Pkt.	4.72	4.60	0.12	2.61
Mutton	1 lb	12.60	12.32	0.28	2.27
Toilet paper	1 Roll	1.39	1.36	0.03	2.21
Cigarettes	Pkt. (20)	6.21	6.08	0.13	2.14
Condensed milk	395 g Tin	3.02	2.98	0.04	1.34
Chicken - whole Leg	1 lb	3.55	3.51	0.04	1.14
Air freshener	9 oz Bot.	6.62	6.55	0.07	1.07
Chicken - wings	1 lb	4.92	4.87	0.05	1.03
Passenger airfare - St. Vincent to:					
Barbados - Toronto,	1 month	3832.60	3032.70	799.90	26.38
Barbados - New York	1 month	2456.70	2203.00	253.70	11.52
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Carnival costumes and band fees - Adult	Each	250.00	300.00	-50.00	-16.67
Carnival costumes and band fees - Children	Each	125.00	150.00	-25.00	-16.67
Corned beef	340 g Tin	6.95	7.61	-0.66	-8.67
Electricity domestic consumption	140 Kwh	143.81	150.29	-6.48	-4.31
Mop with wood handle	1 set	16.96	17.59	-0.63	-3.58
Rum - imported	750 ml Bot.	27.31	28.12	-0.81	-2.88
Pineapple slice in syrup	20 oz Tin	8.82	9.07	-0.25	-2.76
Sardines	155 g Tin	2.64	2.71	-0.07	-2.58
Cornflakes	12 oz Box	6.97	7.12	-0.15	-2.11
Chicken - drumsticks	1 lb	3.19	3.25	-0.06	-1.85
Drink mix	19 oz Bot.	13.78	14.03	-0.25	-1.78
Mustard	16 oz Bot.	3.35	3.40	-0.05	-1.47
Codfish	1 lb	14.16	14.31	-0.15	-1.05

**TABLE 2**  
**AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS**  
**JUNE 2012 COMPARED WITH JUNE 2011**

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE ECS		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2012	JUNE 2011		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.15	6.50	-0.35	-5.38
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.05	2.93	0.12	4.10
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.69	1.60	0.09	5.62
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.92	4.81	0.11	2.29
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.69	3.55	0.14	3.94
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	3.92	2.72	1.20	44.12
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.04	5.01	0.03	0.60
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.61	7.20	0.41	5.69
Codfish	Lb.	14.16	12.75	1.41	11.06
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.01	11.64	0.37	3.18
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.20	3.84	0.36	9.38
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.23	2.79	0.44	15.77
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.57	3.25	0.32	9.85
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.03	1.91	0.12	6.28
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.20	4.20	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.82	8.90	-0.08	-0.90
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	6.79	6.76	0.03	0.44
Brown Sugar	Lb.	1.42	1.39	0.03	2.16
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.15	2.11	0.04	1.90
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.37	1.28	0.09	7.03
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.39	6.92	0.47	6.79
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Rice - Package	2 kg	9.20	9.23	-0.03	-0.33
Bananas	Lb.	1.10	1.37	-0.27	-19.71
Breadfruit	Lb.	1.92	2.27	-0.35	-15.42
Eddoes	Lb.	2.04	2.30	-0.26	-11.30
Dasheens	Lb.	1.78	2.01	-0.23	-11.44
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.17	2.01	0.16	7.96
Oranges	Each	0.70	0.80	-0.10	-12.50
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.29	4.29	-1.00	-23.31
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.43	7.16	0.27	3.77
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.72	9.87	0.85	8.61
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	9.65	9.00	0.65	7.22
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.26	2.22	0.04	1.80
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.09	5.10	-0.01	-0.20

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2012	JUNE 2011		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (white)	750 ml Bot.	28.73	26.88	1.85	6.88
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.00	4.09	-0.09	-2.20
Cigarettes - Local	Pkt. (10)	3.47	2.73	0.74	27.11
Gonsalves Black Wine	26 oz Bottle	17.18	16.26	0.92	5.66
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	14.95	16.95	-2.00	-11.80
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	64.95	64.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Each	35.73	36.56	-0.83	-2.27
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	69.95	10.00	14.30
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	89.95	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	100.00	90.71	9.29	10.24
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	25.00	19.98	5.02	25.13
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
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	24.63	21.83	2.80	12.83
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	86.38	80.56	5.82	7.22
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	97.00	97.00	0.00	0.00
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.69	67.75	1.94	2.86
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	32.50	5.00	15.38
Kerosene	1 Gal.	13.33	12.18	1.15	9.44
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	44.56	37.50	7.06	18.83
Electricity consumption charge	140 KWH	143.81	146.13	-2.32	-1.59
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,150.00	12.50	1.09
Sheets -double - coloured/cotton	Each	88.80	88.80	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	49.95	2.81	5.63
Laundry soap	Each	1.16	1.21	-0.05	-4.13
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.30	4.46	0.84	18.83

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2012	JUNE 2011		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
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	14.18	13.61	0.57	4.19
Cough, cold preparation	125 ml.	15.41	15.69	-0.28	-1.78
Dental Care	1 Visit	99.17	99.17	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	14.90	13.60	1.30	9.56
Vehicle License (car) - ≤ 2000 cc	1 Year	470.00	470.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	2.50	0.50	20.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	20.00	5.00	25.00
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
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	0.81	0.75	0.06	8.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,999.93	1,999.00	0.93	0.05
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	4,642.65	4,178.94	463.71	11.10
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	1,899.89	1,899.00	0.89	0.05
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	308.45	-58.45	-18.95
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	2.94	3.00	-0.06	-2.00
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	250.00	300.00	-50.00	-16.67



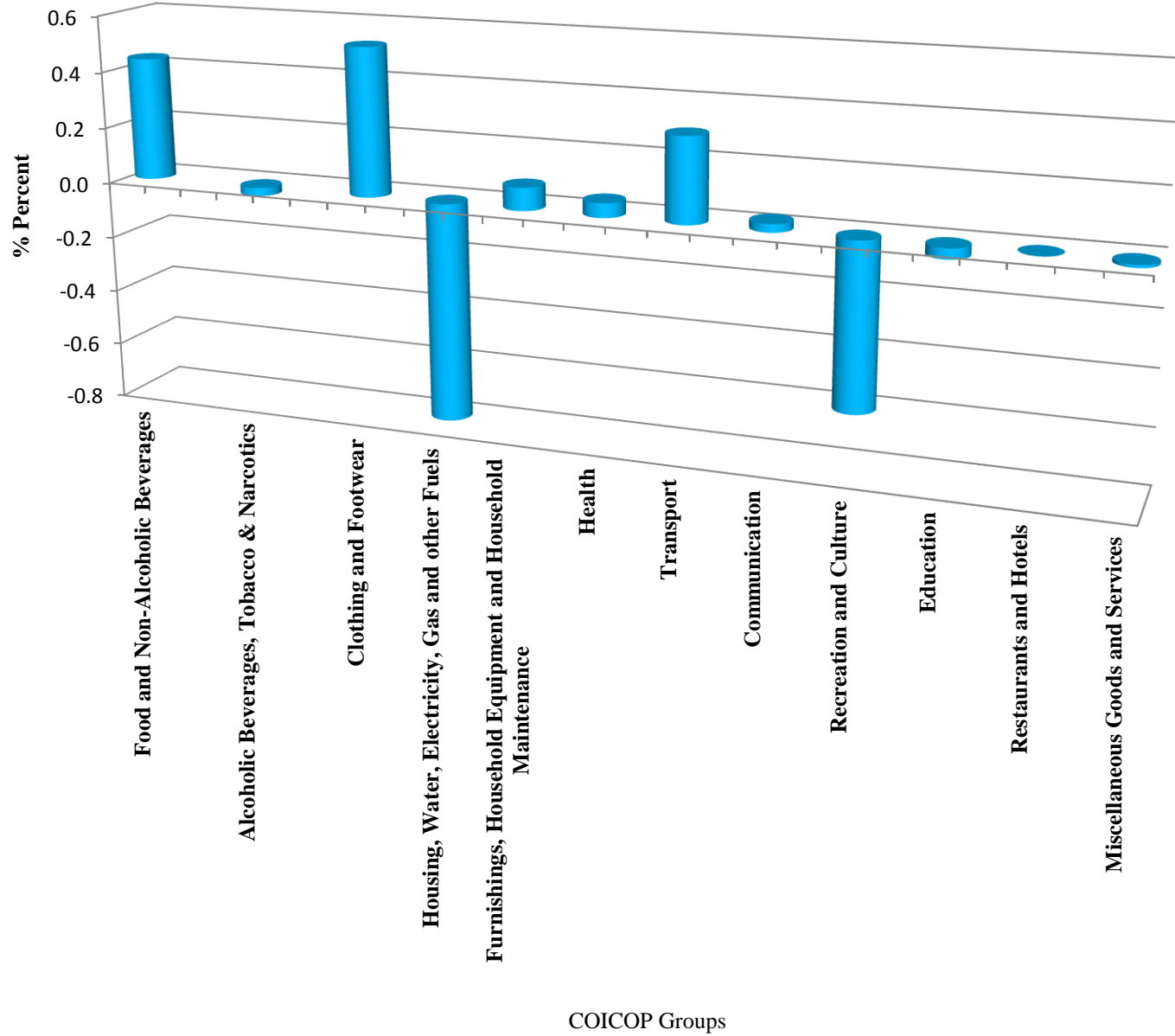
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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		JUNE 2012	JUNE 2011		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	650.00	650.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 Term	100.00	125.00	-25.00	-20.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.33	1.33	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.60	0.50	0.10	20.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.55	0.42	0.13	30.95
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	77.00	73.53	3.47	4.72
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.28	13.39	0.89	6.65
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.87	15.32	0.55	3.59
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	15.45	15.45	0.00	0.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.34	3.30	0.04	1.21
Toothpaste	130g tube	8.96	9.25	-0.29	-3.14
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.	12.90	12.70	0.20	1.55
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	MAY 2012	JUNE 2012	JUNE 2011	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH MAY	YEAR JUNE
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	108.0	108.5	104.9	0.4	3.4
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.3	102.3	100.9	0.0	1.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	105.1	100.5	0.5	4.5
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.0	105.2	103.6	-0.8	1.5
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.3	99.4	99.1	0.1	0.3
06.	Health	1.79	98.3	98.4	99.0	0.1	-0.7
07.	Transport	11.84	120.5	120.9	110.2	0.3	9.7
08.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	102.1	0.0	1.9
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.1	101.5	101.4	-0.6	0.1
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	106.0	0.0	2.4
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.6	102.6	102.0	0.0	0.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.2	101.2	99.9	0.0	1.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	106.7	106.6	103.7	-0.1	2.8

COICOP Groups Percentage Change for June 2012



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

	GROUP	WEIGHT	MAY 2012	JUNE 2012	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						MAY 2012	JUNE 2012		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	108.0	108.5	0.5	2,366.28	2,377.24	11.0	-109.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	102.3	102.3	0.0	395.90	395.90	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.5	105.0	0.5	336.49	338.10	1.6	-16.1
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.0	105.2	-0.8	3,186.36	3,162.31	-24.0	240.5
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	99.3	99.4	0.1	654.39	655.05	0.7	-6.6
6.	Health	1.79	98.3	98.3	0.0	175.96	175.96	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	120.5	120.9	0.3	1,426.72	1,431.46	4.7	-47.4
8.	Communication	9.41	104.0	104.0	0.0	978.64	978.64	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.1	101.5	-0.6	389.00	386.72	-2.3	22.9
10.	Education	1.32	108.6	108.6	0.0	143.35	143.35	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.6	102.6	0.0	191.86	191.86	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.2	101.2	0.0	436.17	436.17	0.0	0.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>10,670.00</b>	<b>10,660.00</b>	<b>-10.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**MONTHLY INDEX - 2012**  
**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	106.1	109.0	101.2	102.5	104.0	99.2	98.2	120.0	104.0	102.0	108.6	102.6	100.9
February	105.9	108.4	101.6	103.2	103.9	99.4	98.3	118.8	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	100.9
March	106.0	108.1	102.0	103.3	105.1	99.3	98.3	117.0	104.0	102.0	108.6	102.6	101.0
April	106.4	107.5	102.5	103.3	105.8	99.3	98.3	119.6	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	101.0
May	106.7	108.0	102.3	104.5	106.0	99.3	98.3	120.5	104.0	102.1	108.6	102.6	101.2
June	106.6	108.5	102.3	105.0	105.2	99.4	98.3	120.9	104.0	101.5	108.6	102.6	101.2