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The consumer price index recorded a 0.2 percent increase for the month of November 2016. The “All Items” index was registered at 106.3 for November 2016 compared to 106.1 for the month of October 2016. The “point to point” inflation rate stood at 0.9 percent.

Three (3) groups recorded increases during the month: “Transport” (0.8 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.4 percent). One (1) group recorded a decrease during the period: “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.1 percent). Eight (8) groups remained unchanged: “Clothing and Footwear”, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance”, “Health”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The 0.8 percent increase in the index for “Transport” is due mainly to an increase in the price of petrol (3.5 percent) and passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Toronto, Canada (43.4 percent).

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 0.5 percent due to price increases for several items: carrots (25.2 percent), condensed milk (23.9 percent), green seasoning (18.3 percent), grapefruit (17.3 percent), tomatoes (13.6 percent), sliced pineapple (9.4 percent), bacon (9.1 percent), cucumber (8.7 percent), black eye peas (8.3 percent), garlic (8.2 percent), tea bags (6.8 percent), lettuce (6.3 percent) and eggs (5.8 percent).

The “Alcoholic Beverages, Narcotics and Tobacco”, index increased by 0.4 percent due mainly to a 7.4 percent increase in the price of local wine and 6.3 percent for blended scotch.

The decline in the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” is due mainly to a decline of 20.7 percent in the price of Kerosene oil.

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2016	October 2016		
INCREASED					
Turkey wings	Lb	2.44	2.35	0.09	3.83
Bacon	16oz pk	22.95	21.03	1.92	9.13
Condensed milk	395g tin	6.95	5.61	1.34	23.89
Eggs	1 doz.	9.42	8.90	0.52	5.84
Grapefruit	each	0.95	0.81	0.14	17.28
Sliced pineapple	20oz tin	8.75	8.00	0.75	9.38
Lettuce	head	5.08	4.78	0.30	6.28
Tomatoes	Lb	5.42	4.77	0.65	13.63
Carrots	Lb	5.42	4.33	1.09	25.17
Cucumber	Lb	3.25	2.99	0.26	8.70
Garlic	Lb	8.35	7.72	0.63	8.16
Black eye peas	400g pk	5.76	5.32	0.44	8.27
Green seasoning	750ml bottle	17.95	15.17	2.78	18.33
Tea bags	pk of 20	6.58	6.16	0.42	6.82
Blended scotch	750ml bottle	62.25	58.55	3.70	6.32
Local Wine	26oz bottle	20.44	19.03	1.41	7.41
Petrol	1 gal.	10.66	10.30	0.36	3.50
Passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Toronto, Canada	1 month	3,597.00	2,509.10	1087.90	43.36
DECREASED					
Kerosene oil	1 gal.	6.61	8.33	-1.72	-20.65
Diesel	1 gal.	8.53	8.87	-0.34	-3.83
New car tyres	each	140.00	147.55	-7.55	-5.12
Passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to New York, U.S.A	1 month	3274.10	3559.30	-285.20	-8.01
Corned beef	12oz tin	6.55	6.81	-0.26	-3.82
Currants	Lb	11.03	12.58	-1.55	-12.32
Eddoes	Lb	2.01	2.22	-0.21	-9.46

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2016 Compared With November 2015

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2016	November 2015		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.48	6.20	0.28	4.52
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.60	2.16	0.44	20.37
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.55	1.57	-0.02	-1.27
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.62	4.74	-0.12	-2.53
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.44	3.28	-0.84	-25.61
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.33	5.29	0.04	0.76
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.94	7.74	0.20	2.58
Codfish	Lb.	14.36	14.87	-0.51	-3.43
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.10	12.94	0.16	1.24
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.65	4.64	0.01	0.22
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.07	3.34	-0.27	-8.08
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.29	3.29	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	1.99	0.03	1.51
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	9.42	9.36	0.06	0.64
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.86	8.33	0.53	6.36
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.56	1.35	0.21	15.56
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.84	1.73	0.11	6.36
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.38	1.39	-0.01	-0.72
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.39	-0.10	-1.35
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.99	1.78	0.21	11.80
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.51	9.22	1.29	13.99
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.34	1.34	0.00	0.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.54	2.66	-0.12	-4.51
Eddoes	Lb.	2.01	2.31	-0.30	-12.99
Dasheens	Lb.	2.02	2.24	-0.22	-9.82
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.17	1.95	0.22	11.28
Oranges	Each	0.75	0.79	-0.04	-5.06
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.42	4.89	0.53	10.84
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.93	7.85	1.08	13.76
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.42	10.74	1.68	15.64
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.73	10.64	0.09	0.85
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.35	2.26	0.09	3.98
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.65	5.61	0.04	0.71

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2016 Compared With November 2015

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2016	November 2015		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.43	29.02	0.41	1.41
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.61	4.51	0.10	2.22
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.12	3.74	0.38	10.16
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	20.44	18.79	1.65	8.78
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	Pair	49.95	39.95	10.00	25.03
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.95	-0.16	-0.20
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	89.95	-0.18	-0.20
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	24.00	5.95	24.79
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	546.43	21.43	3.92
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	791.67	791.67	0.00	0.00
Cement - Portland (grey)	94 Lbs	24.90	24.90	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	86.62	86.62	0.00	0.00
Oil Paint	Gallon	95.00	105.00	-10.00	-9.52
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	70.49	68.32	2.17	3.18
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	9.07	-2.46	-27.12
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	34.00	31.25	2.75	8.80
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	107.11	108.89	-1.78	-1.63
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.50	1,162.50	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	88.80	16.20	18.24
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.76	52.76	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.15	1.16	-0.01	-0.86
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.35	5.95	0.40	6.72

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2016 Compared With November 2015

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2016	November 2015		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Eye Care	Test	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	Day	75.00	75.00	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	11.24	13.47	-2.23	-16.56
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.58	-0.49	-3.15
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	10.66	10.80	-0.14	-1.30
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	470.00	120.00	25.53
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 line- domestic	Month	23.46	23.46	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	101.70	101.70	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.91	0.83	0.08	9.64
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,995.17	1,999.00	-3.83	-0.19
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,835.00	3,832.24	2.76	0.07
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,072.94	2,071.45	1.49	0.07
Remote Control Car	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.56	3.37	0.19	5.64
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	325.00	275.00	50.00	18.18

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
November 2016 Compared With November 2015

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average ECS		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2016	November 2015		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	215.00	205.00	10.00	4.88
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	825.00	825.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	0.86	-0.08	-9.30
Lead Pencils	Each	0.83	0.87	-0.04	-4.60
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	79.72	80.12	-0.40	-0.50
Tuition for local evening classes	Per 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	13.86	13.86	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.51	3.47	0.04	1.15
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.04	9.12	-0.08	-0.88
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	64.81	64.81	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.88	12.77	0.11	0.86
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	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

	Groups	Weight	October 2016	November 2016	November 2015	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month October	Year November
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.2	111.8	109.5	0.5	2.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	115.3	115.8	110.9	0.4	4.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.8	104.8	102.5	0.0	2.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.8	98.7	98.6	-0.1	0.1
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	103.0	103.0	101.8	0.0	1.2
06.	Health	1.79	107.3	107.3	109.2	0.0	-1.7
07.	Transport	11.84	118.0	118.9	119.2	0.8	-0.3
08.	Communication	9.41	106.8	106.8	106.3	0.0	0.5
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	102.7	0.0	1.4
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	110.2	0.0	-0.8
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.9	102.9	102.5	0.0	0.4
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.4	101.2	0.0	0.2
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.1	106.3	105.4	0.2	0.9

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2016

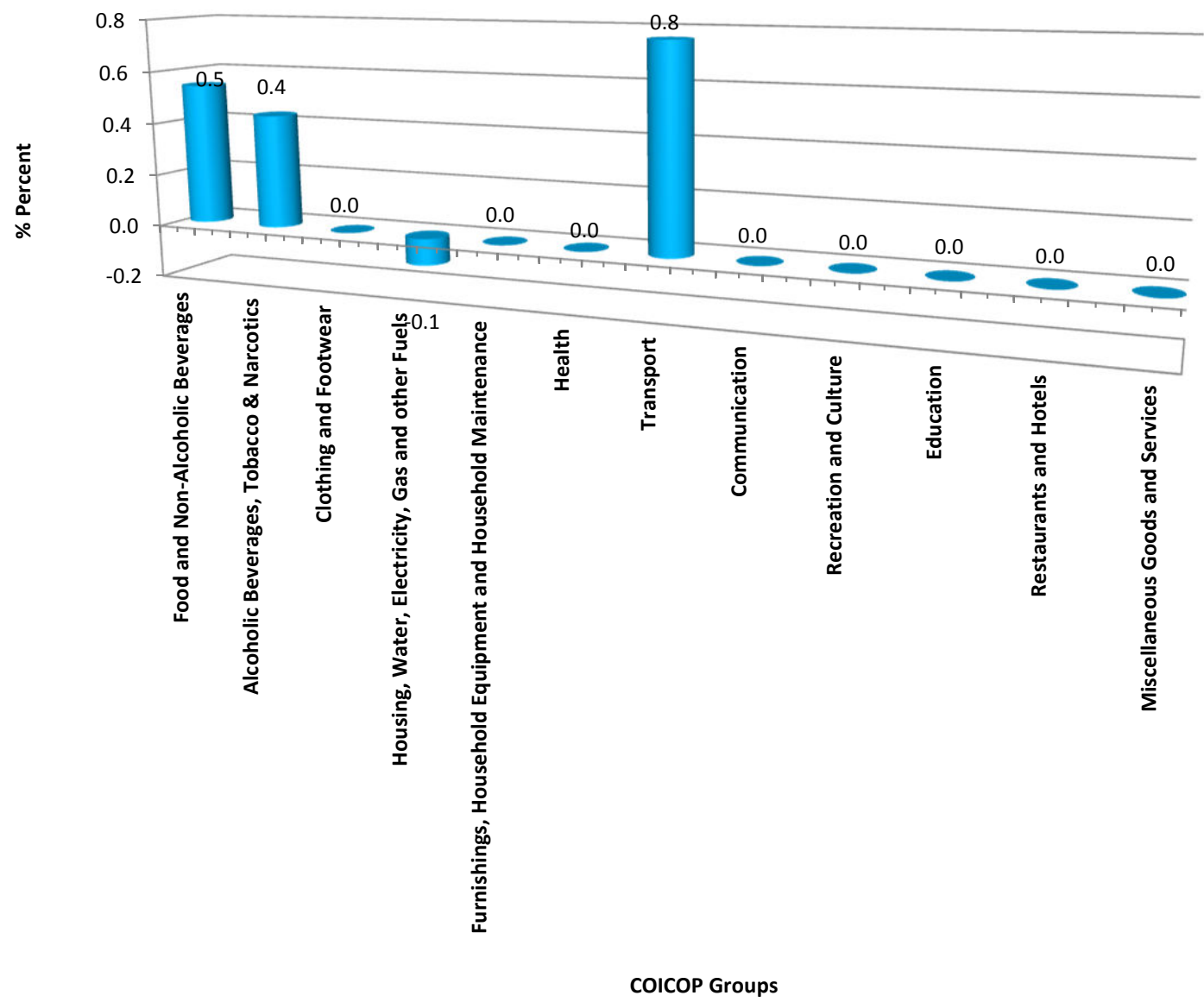


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	October 2016	November 2016	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						October 2016	November 2016		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	111.2	111.8	0.5	2,436.39	2,449.54	13.1	65.7
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	115.3	115.8	0.4	446.21	448.15	1.9	9.7
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.8	104.8	0.0	337.46	337.46	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.8	98.7	-0.1	2,969.93	2,966.92	-3.0	-15.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	103.0	103.0	0.0	678.77	678.77	0.0	0.0
6.	Health	1.79	107.3	107.3	0.0	192.07	192.07	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	118.0	118.9	0.8	1,397.12	1,407.78	10.7	53.3
8.	Communication	9.41	106.8	106.8	0.0	1,004.99	1,004.99	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	0.0	396.62	396.62	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	0.0	144.28	144.28	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	102.9	102.9	0.0	192.42	192.42	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.4	101.4	0.0	437.03	437.03	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	106.1	106.3	0.2	10,610.00	10,630.00	20.0	100.0

Monthly Index - 2016
January 2010 = 100

Groups	All Items	Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco & Narcotics	Clothing & Footwear	Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels	Furnishings Household Equipment & Household Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communi-cation	Recreation & Culture	Education	Restaurants & Hotels	Miscell-aneous 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	104.7	110.0	112.3	104.1	96.9	102.1	108.0	115.8	106.3	103.3	108.5	102.1	101.2
February	104.6	109.6	112.5	104.5	96.7	102.2	108.0	115.9	106.3	103.1	108.5	102.4	101.3
March	104.8	109.2	112.6	104.5	97.3	102.2	107.8	116.3	106.3	103.2	108.5	102.4	101.3
April	104.5	109.4	112.7	104.8	97.7	102.5	107.8	114.5	103.5	103.3	108.5	102.4	101.3
May	105.3	111.0	113.0	105.1	97.7	102.8	107.8	118.7	103.5	103.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
June	106.4	111.2	113.9	105.1	98.5	102.8	107.7	120.0	108.6	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
July	106.3	111.6	114.1	105.1	98.3	103.2	107.5	120.0	106.8	104.3	108.5	102.4	101.3
August	106.3	111.3	114.4	105.1	98.1	103.2	107.4	121.3	106.8	104.0	108.5	102.4	101.4
September	106.4	111.4	114.9	104.8	99.3	103.1	107.6	118.4	106.8	104.0	109.3	102.7	101.4
October	106.1	111.2	115.3	104.8	98.8	103.0	107.3	118.0	106.8	104.1	109.3	102.9	101.4
November	106.3	111.8	115.8	104.8	98.7	103.0	107.3	118.9	106.8	104.1	109.3	102.9	101.4