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The consumer price index remained unchanged for the month of November. The “All Items” index was registered at 105.4 for the month of November 2015. Similar to the index recorded for the month of October. The “point to point” inflation rate was recorded as negative 2.6 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded increases during the month: “Transport” (0.8 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment & Household Maintenance” (0.6 percent), “Health” (0.3 percent), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (0.3 percent) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.2 percent). Three (3) groups recorded decreases during the month: “Restaurants and Hotels” (1.0 percent), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.5 percent) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (0.1 percent). Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Education”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The “Transport” group index showed an increase of 0.8 percent due to an increase in the price of passenger airfares from St.Vincent and the Grenadines to New York (38.9 percent), St. Lucia (33.3 percent) and Toronto (31.7 percent). The 0.6 percent increase in the group index “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” was as a result of an 11.2 percent rise in the cost of a glass cleaner and a 6.7 percent increase in the cost of a gas stove.

Similarly, the “Health” group index increased by 0.3 percent as a consequence of a 33.3 percent higher price for asthma drugs.

Higher prices for wall nails (25.3 percent), tiles (5.1 percent) and electricity (0.8 percent), contributed to the 0.3 percent increase in the “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” index.

Meanwhile, the “Recreation and Culture” group index recorded an increase of 0.2 percent due to a 13.7 percent increase in the price of dog food.

The decline of 1.0 percent in the “Restaurants and Hotels” group index was attributed to an 8.2 percent lower price for a fish lunch.

The “Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages” group index recorded a 0.5 percent decline due to decreases in the prices for several food items such as: eddoes (23.2 percent), pineapple juice (13.4 percent), stringbean (8.9 percent), frozen pigfeet (6.1 percent), powdered milk –full cream (5.2 percent), chicken –whole legs (4.7 percent), mozzarella cheese (4.3 percent), turkey wings (4.1 percent), mayonnaise (2.6 percent) and corned beef (1.1 percent).

Correspondingly, the 0.1 percent decrease reflected in the group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” was as a result of a 1.5 percent decline in the price of imported beer.

TABLE 1
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		ECS			
		NOVEMBER 2015	OCTOBER 2015		
INCREASED					
Salted crackers - whole wheat	5oz	4.19	3.91	0.28	7.16
Chocolate chip biscuit	145g pk	3.98	3.89	0.09	2.31
Cabbage	Lb	3.38	3.12	0.26	8.33
Dasheens	Lb	2.24	2.11	0.13	6.16
Carrots	Lb	3.99	3.61	0.38	10.53
Cream cheese	8oz	10.09	9.87	0.22	2.23
Nails - wall	Lb	6.30	5.03	1.27	25.25
Tile 12x12	Each	4.91	4.67	0.24	5.14
Electricity Consumption Charge	140KWH	108.89	108.02	0.87	0.81
Gas stove 24"	Each	1834.25	1719.25	115.00	6.69
Glass cleaner	768ml Bot	26.30	23.65	2.65	11.21
Drugs for asthma	One Mth supply	6.00	4.50	1.50	33.33
Passenger Airfare				2.65	11.21
St Vincent to St.Lucia	one way	424.90	212.27	1.50	33.33
St Vincent to Toronto	one month	4114.40	3125.00	989.40	31.66
St Vincent to New York	one month	3958.90	2,849.90	1109.00	38.91
Dog food (canned)	625g tin	7.95	6.99	0.96	13.73
DECREASED					
Powdered Milk - Full cream	Lb	6.40	6.76	-0.36	-5.33
Mozarella cheese	Lb	13.66	14.27	-0.61	-4.27
Pigtail fresh	Lb	5.24	5.53	-0.29	-5.24
Pigfeet frozen	Lb	3.72	3.96	-0.24	-6.06
Chicken - necks	Lb	1.75	1.85	-0.10	-5.41
Chicken - whole legs	Lb	2.66	2.79	-0.13	-4.66
Turkey wings	Lb	3.28	3.42	-0.14	-4.09
Eddoes	Lb	2.31	3.01	-0.70	-23.26
Sringbean	Lb	2.47	2.71	-0.24	-8.86
Tomatoes	Lb	4.89	5.14	-0.25	-4.86
Pineapple Juice	1 Litre	5.83	6.73	-0.90	-13.37
Corned Beef	340g tin	7.28	7.36	-0.08	-1.09
Mayonnaise	32oz Bot	16.08	16.5	-0.42	-2.55
Beer - imported	250ml Bot	5.20	5.28	-0.08	-1.52
Petrol unleaded	1 Gal	10.80	12.43	-1.63	-13.11
Diesel	1 Gal	8.87	9.60	-0.73	-7.60
Fish lunch - Large	Each	13.86	15.10	-1.24	-8.21
Kerosene oil	1 Gal	9.07	9.62	-0.55	-5.72
Lead pencils	Each	0.87	0.92	-0.05	-5.43

TABLE 2
AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
NOVEMBER 2015 COMPARED WITH NOVEMBER 2014

ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2014		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.20	6.08	0.12	1.97
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.16	2.83	-0.67	-23.67
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.57	1.66	-0.09	-5.42
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.74	5.02	-0.28	-5.58
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.28	3.60	-0.32	-8.89
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.29	5.27	0.02	0.38
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	7.74	9.18	-1.44	-15.69
Codfish	Lb.	14.87	14.49	0.38	2.62
Cornflakes	12 oz	12.94	12.48	0.46	3.69
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.64	4.18	0.46	11.00
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.34	3.31	0.03	0.91
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.29	3.54	-0.25	-7.06
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	9.36	8.64	0.72	8.33
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.33	7.74	0.59	7.62
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.35	1.42	-0.07	-4.93
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.73	1.74	-0.01	-0.57
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.39	1.40	-0.01	-0.71
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	9.22	9.20	0.02	0.22
Bananas	Lb.	1.34	1.30	0.04	3.08
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.66	2.49	0.17	6.83
Eddoes	Lb.	2.31	3.34	-1.03	-30.84
Dasheens	Lb.	2.24	2.21	0.03	1.36
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	1.95	2.56	-0.61	-23.83
Oranges	Each	0.79	0.81	-0.02	-2.47
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.89	4.46	0.43	9.64
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	7.85	7.90	-0.05	-0.63
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	10.74	10.53	0.21	1.99
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.64	10.46	0.18	1.72
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.26	2.26	0.00	0.00
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.61	5.57	0.04	0.72

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		ECS			
		NOVEMBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2014		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.02	29.02	0.00	0.00
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.51	4.48	0.03	0.67
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.74	3.47	0.27	7.69
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	18.79	18.52	0.27	1.46
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	39.95	39.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.95	79.95	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.95	110.00	-20.05	-18.23
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	101.89	-1.89	-1.85
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	24.00	25.00	-1.00	-4.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House -2 Bedrooms	1Mth	546.43	546.43	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House -3 Bedrooms	1Mth	612.50	612.50	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	1Mth	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.	1 Length	86.62	86.38	0.24	0.28
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	105.00	110.00	-5.00	-4.55
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	68.32	67.61	0.71	1.05
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gal.	9.07	13.93	-4.86	-34.89
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	31.25	44.56	-13.31	-29.87
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	108.89	143.88	-34.99	-24.32
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	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	1.16	1.10	0.06	5.45
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	5.95	5.83	0.12	2.06

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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2014		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	1 Visit	60.00	50.00	10.00	20.00
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	13.47	13.70	-0.23	-1.68
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.58	15.58	0.00	0.00
Dental Care	1 Visit	123.33	116.67	6.66	5.71
Chest X- ray	1 Test	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	10.80	14.88	-4.08	-27.42
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	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 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	0.83	0.78	0.05	6.41
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	3,832.24	3,499.00	333.24	9.52
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,071.45	1,891.32	180.13	9.52
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.37	3.12	0.25	8.01
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	275.00	300.00	-25.00	-8.33

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AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SELECTED ITEMS
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ITEMS	UNIT OF QUANTITY	AVERAGE PRICE EC\$		CHANGE IN PRICE	PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN PRICE
		NOVEMBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2014		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	205.00	205.00	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	825.00	650.00	175.00	26.92
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 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	0.86	0.84	0.02	2.38
Lead Pencils	Each	0.87	0.91	-0.04	-4.40
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	80.12	80.16	-0.04	-0.05
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	13.86	15.10	-1.24	-8.21
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.85	16.85	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.47	3.42	0.05	1.46
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.12	9.14	-0.02	-0.22
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.	12.77	12.78	-0.01	-0.08
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 2015	NOVEMBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2014	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER PREVIOUS:	
						MONTH OCTOBER	YEAR NOVEMBER
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.1	109.5	113.1	-0.5	-3.2
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	111.0	110.9	109.9	-0.1	0.9
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	102.5	102.5	102.7	0.0	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.3	98.6	105.1	0.3	-6.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.8	101.0	0.6	0.8
06.	Health	1.79	108.9	109.2	103.1	0.3	5.9
07.	Transport	11.84	118.3	119.2	126.2	0.8	-5.5
08.	Communication	9.41	106.3	106.3	100.3	0.0	6.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.5	102.7	102.2	0.2	0.5
10.	Education	1.32	110.2	110.2	109.0	0.0	1.1
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.5	102.5	103.5	-1.0	-1.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.2	101.2	101.1	0.0	0.1
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	105.4	105.4	108.2	0.0	-2.6

Chart 1: COICOP Groups Percentage Change for November 2015

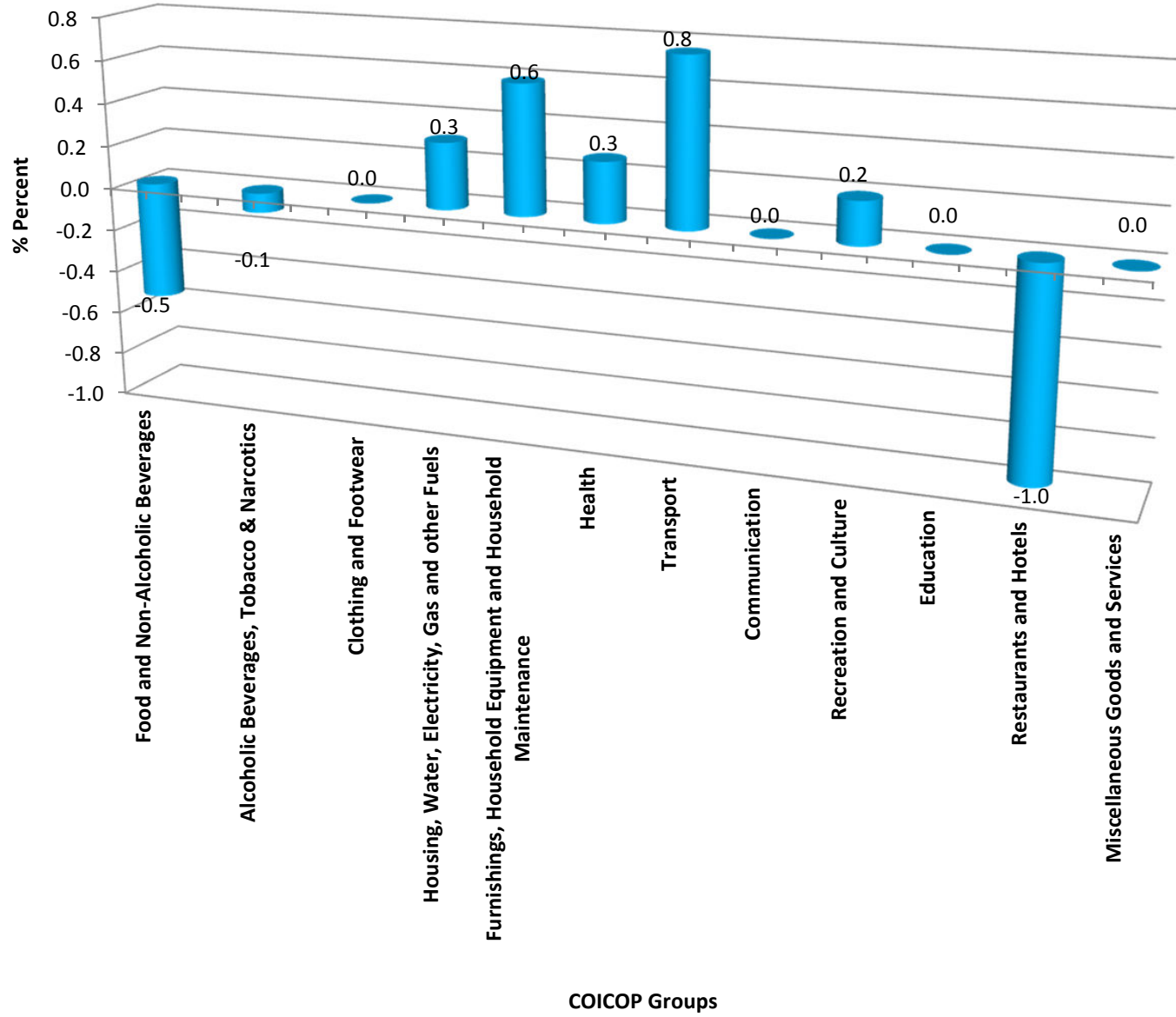


TABLE 4
THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN GROUPS
JANUARY 2010 = 100
CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE

	GROUPS	WEIGHT	OCTOBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2015	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						OCTOBER 2015	NOVEMBER 2015		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	110.1	109.5	-0.5	2,412.29	2,399.15	-13.1	-
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	111.0	110.9	-0.1	429.57	429.18	-0.4	-
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	102.5	102.5	0.0	330.05	330.05	0.0	-
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	98.3	98.6	0.3	2,954.90	2,963.92	9.0	-
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	101.2	101.8	0.6	666.91	670.86	4.0	-
6.	Health	1.79	108.9	109.2	0.3	194.93	195.47	0.5	-
7.	Transport	11.84	118.3	119.2	0.8	1,400.67	1,411.33	10.7	-
8.	Communication	9.41	106.3	106.3	0.0	1,000.28	1,000.28	0.0	-
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	102.5	102.7	0.2	390.53	391.29	0.8	-
10.	Education	1.32	110.2	110.2	0.0	145.46	145.46	0.0	-
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.5	102.5	-1.0	193.55	191.68	-1.9	-
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	101.2	101.2	0.0	436.17	436.17	0.0	-
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	105.4	105.4	0.0	10,540.00	10,540.00	0.0	-

TABLE 5
MONTHLY INDEX - 2015
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	107.5	112.9	109.1	102.8	103.5	101.6	102.8	124.5	100.3	102.6	109.0	103.3	101.0
February	106.0	112.3	109.6	102.8	99.7	101.2	104.0	121.5	102.0	102.6	109.0	103.3	101.0
March	105.5	111.9	109.6	102.8	98.8	101.3	104.0	119.9	102.0	102.6	109.0	103.3	101.1
April	105.6	110.6	109.3	102.8	100.0	101.6	105.0	119.5	102.0	102.6	109.0	103.3	101.1
May	105.4	110.3	109.5	102.8	99.5	101.8	105.0	120.4	100.8	102.4	109.0	103.2	101.0
June	105.5	110.5	110.1	102.8	99.8	101.3	105.0	119.8	100.8	102.3	109.0	103.2	101.1
July	106.3	111.0	110.4	102.7	100.2	101.4	107.0	122.1	104.8	102.4	109.0	103.2	101.1
August	106.3	110.3	110.4	102.6	99.8	101.3	107.0	123.1	106.2	102.5	109.0	103.2	101.0
September	105.80	110.4	110.5	102.5	98.8	101.4	107.0	120.8	106.2	102.5	110.2	103.5	101.1
October	105.4	110.1	111.0	102.5	98.3	101.2	108.9	118.3	106.3	102.5	110.2	103.5	101.2
November	105.4	109.5	110.9	102.5	98.6	101.8	109.2	119.2	106.3	102.7	110.2	102.5	101.2