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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.3 percent for the month of June 2017. The “All Items” index was registered at 108.3 for the month of June 2017 compared to 108.0 for the month of May 2017. The “point-to-point” inflation rate stood at 1.8 percent.

Seven (7) groups recorded increases for the month, namely; “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels” (1.1 percent), “Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages” (0.4 percent), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.2 percent), “Health” (0.2 percent), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.2 percent), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2 percent) and “Communication” (0.1 percent). The group “Transport” (1.5 percent) was the sole group to have recorded a decrease during the month.

Four (4) groups remained unchanged “Clothing and Footwear”, “Education”, “Hotels and Restaurants” and “Recreation and Culture”.

The increase in the index for the group “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (1.1 percent) is attributed to higher prices for galvanized nails (4.4 percent) and a rise in the cost for electricity as a result of a higher fuel surcharge rate which stood at 30.07 cents per kilowatt hour in June compared to 25.33 cents per kilowatt hour in May.

Similarly, the “Food and Non – Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 0.4 percent as a result of an increase in the price for several items namely; cheese snacks (22.2 percent), tomatoes (8.3

percent), limes (8.3 percent), cabbage (6.6 percent), evaporated milk (6.1 percent), crackers (5.0 percent), mayonnaise (5.3 percent) and eggs (2.4 percent).

The “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” group index increased by 0.2 percent due to an increase in the price for a deodorant (9.0 percent), women’s hairdressing - treatment (6.9 percent) and a relaxer hairdressing (4.1 percent).

The 0.1 percent increase in the “Communication” group index is as a result of a 2.0 percent increase in the cost of telephone call from domestic fixed line to fixed line phones in the Caribbean.

The index for the group “Health” increased by 0.2 percent due to a rise in the cost of cancer drugs (20.0 percent). Similarly, the index for “Furnishings, Household equipment, Household maintenance” increased by 0.2 percent as a result of a higher price for curtain panels (14.3 percent).

The 0.2 percent increase in the “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index was attributed to an increase in the cost of wine (4.5 percent) and rum (1.5 percent).

Meanwhile, the “Transport” group index declined by 1.5 percent because of lower prices for passenger airfare from St.Vincent and the Grenadines to Trinidad & Tobago (24.5 percent), Barbados (18.6 percent) and New York (9.6 percent). New tyres for pick –up trucks (8.4 percent) and spark plugs (5.9 percent).

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change In Price	Percentage Change In Price
		June 2017	May 2017		
INCREASED					
Evaporated Milk	410g Tin	3.29	3.10	0.19	6.13
Eggs	1 Doz	8.55	8.35	0.20	2.40
Cream Cheese	8oz Tub	9.05	8.78	0.27	3.08
Tomatoes	Lb	3.40	3.14	0.26	8.28
Cabbage	Lb	4.02	3.77	0.25	6.63
Limes	Lb	3.51	3.24	0.27	8.33
Cheese Snacks	210g Pk	6.10	4.99	1.11	22.24
Cheese filled crackers	300g Pk	11.06	10.29	0.77	7.48
Bacon	200g Pk	8.62	8.46	0.16	1.89
Crackers - Salted White	5oz Pk	3.36	3.20	0.16	5.00
Crackers - Salted Whole Wheat	5oz Pk	4.50	4.37	0.13	2.97
Mayonnaise	16oz Bot	11.75	11.16	0.59	5.29
Wine - Red	750ml Bot	28.50	27.30	1.20	4.40
Rum - White imported	750ml Bot	23.63	23.28	0.35	1.50
Electricity Consumption Charge	140KWH	112.10	105.46	6.64	6.30
Pine Door	Each	290.13	277.39	12.74	4.59
Galvanize Nails 3"	Lb	6.36	6.09	0.27	4.43
Curtain Panels	Each	40.00	35.00	5.00	14.29
Matches	10 Pk	2.65	2.54	0.11	4.33
Drugs for Cancer	1 Month supply	18.00	15.00	3.00	20.00
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	1 Month	23.66	23.46	0.20	0.85
Fixed Line to Fixed Line - USA, UK	Per min	1.92	1.90	0.02	1.05
Fixed Line to Fixed Line - Caribbean	Per min	1.15	1.14	0.01	0.88
Internet charges	1.1Mbps	102.14	101.70	0.44	0.43
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	1 Visit	67.45	64.81	2.64	4.07
Women's Hairdressing (Treatment)	1 Visit	44.72	41.83	2.89	6.91
Deodorant	75ml Bot	6.54	6.00	0.54	9.00
DECREASED					
Soy Sauce	10oz Bot	7.85	9.57	-1.72	-17.97
Yams	Lb	3.19	3.27	-0.08	-2.45
Pumpkins	Lb	2.14	2.22	-0.08	-3.60
Dasheens	Lb	1.74	1.79	-0.05	-2.79
Eddoes	Lb	2.57	2.62	-0.05	-1.91
Watermelon	Lb	3.4	3.52	-0.12	-3.41
Canned Tomatoes	14.5oz Tin	5.89	6.11	-0.22	-3.60
Whiskey - Red	750ml Bot	62.22	63.44	-1.22	-1.92
Masonry nails 2"	Lb	7.19	8.41	-1.22	-14.51
Electric Bulbs 60W	Each	6.17	6.37	-0.20	-3.14
Flourescent Tubes	Each	7.58	8.18	-0.60	-7.33
New Tyres - Pick-up Trucks	Each	345.40	376.92	-31.52	-8.36
Spark Plugs	Each	11.52	12.24	-0.72	-5.88
Passenger Airfare from St.Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
Trinidad & Tobago	one way	407.84	540.54	-132.70	-24.55
Barbados	one way	427.00	524.75	-97.75	-18.63
New York	one month	3580.69	3962.22	-381.53	-9.63

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
June 2017 Compared With June 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2017	June 2016		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.55	6.72	-0.17	-2.53
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.74	2.59	0.15	5.79
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.59	1.59	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.45	4.49	-0.04	-0.89
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.80	2.79	0.01	0.36
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 (Robins)	Lb.	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.55	5.25	0.30	5.65
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.15	7.73	0.42	5.43
Codfish	Lb.	14.55	13.80	0.75	5.43
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.56	13.16	0.40	3.04
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.71	4.64	0.07	1.51
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.29	3.14	0.15	4.67
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.48	3.29	0.19	5.78
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	2.02	0.00	0.00
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.00	0.00
Eggs	Doz	8.55	8.96	-0.41	-4.58
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.01	8.18	0.83	10.15
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.56	1.54	0.02	1.30
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.04	1.72	0.32	18.60
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.40	-0.04	-2.86
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	1.87	0.12	6.42
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.55	10.62	-0.07	-0.63
Bananas	Lb.	1.36	1.34	0.02	1.49
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.62	-0.04	-1.53
Eddoes	Lb.	2.57	2.87	-0.30	-10.45
Dasheens	Lb.	1.74	1.82	-0.08	-4.40
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.09	2.17	-0.08	-3.69
Oranges	Each	0.77	0.79	-0.02	-2.53
Tomatoes	Lb.	3.40	4.39	-0.99	-22.55
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	8.96	8.79	0.17	1.93
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.37	12.31	0.06	0.49
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.78	10.66	0.12	1.13
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.55	2.30	0.25	10.87
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.68	5.64	0.04	0.71

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
June 2017 Compared With June 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2017	June 2016		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.94	29.02	0.92	3.17
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.55	4.61	-0.06	-1.30
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.04	3.88	0.16	4.12
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	21.24	19.00	2.24	11.79
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	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.79	0.00	0.00
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	89.77	0.00	0.00
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House -2 Bedrooms	Month	567.86	567.86	0.00	0.00
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	20.89	24.90	-4.01	-16.10
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	94.24	86.62	7.62	8.80
Oil Paint	Gallon	112.87	105.00	7.87	7.50
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	69.27	67.84	1.43	2.11
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	Gallon	6.61	8.33	-1.72	-20.65
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.60	31.25	8.35	26.72
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	112.10	106.82	5.28	4.94
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.88	1,162.50	0.38	0.03
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	125.00	-20.00	-16.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	52.76	3.08	5.84
Laundry Soap	Each	1.22	1.18	0.04	3.39
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.17	6.33	-0.16	-2.53

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
June 2017 Compared With June 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2017	June 2016		
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
Drug for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.57	12.57	0.00	0.00
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.42	-0.33	-2.14
Dental Care	Visit	123.33	123.33	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	120.00	30.00	25.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	11.08	10.30	0.78	7.57
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	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	Month	23.66	23.46	0.20	0.85
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	102.14	101.70	0.44	0.43
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.97	0.90	0.07	7.78
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1993.82	1,999.00	-5.18	-0.26
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3832.40	3,832.23	0.17	0.00
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2071.53	2,071.45	0.08	0.00
Car Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.82	3.52	0.30	8.52
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	350.00	325.00	25.00	7.69

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
June 2017 Compared With June 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		June 2017	June 2016		
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	0.78	0.00	0.00
Lead Pencils	Each	0.87	0.82	0.05	6.10
Mathematics Textbook - From 4	Each	79.72	79.72	0.00	0.00
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	17.05	16.85	0.20	1.19
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.56	3.51	0.05	1.28
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.08	9.13	-0.06	-0.60
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	67.45	64.81	2.64	4.07
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.96	12.83	0.13	1.01
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	May 2017	June 2017	June 2016	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month May	Year June
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	112.6	113.1	111.2	0.4	1.7
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	117.4	117.6	113.9	0.2	3.2
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	105.1	0.0	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.3	100.4	98.5	1.1	1.9
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	108.1	108.3	102.8	0.2	5.4
06.	Health	1.79	107.6	107.8	107.7	0.2	0.1
07.	Transport	11.84	122.7	120.8	120.0	-1.5	0.7
08.	Communication	9.41	111.1	111.2	108.6	0.1	2.4
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	104.1	104.1	104.0	0.0	0.1
10.	Education	1.32	109.3	109.3	108.5	0.0	0.7
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	103.2	103.2	102.4	0.0	0.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.1	103.3	101.4	0.2	1.9
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.0	108.3	106.4	0.3	1.8

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for June 2017

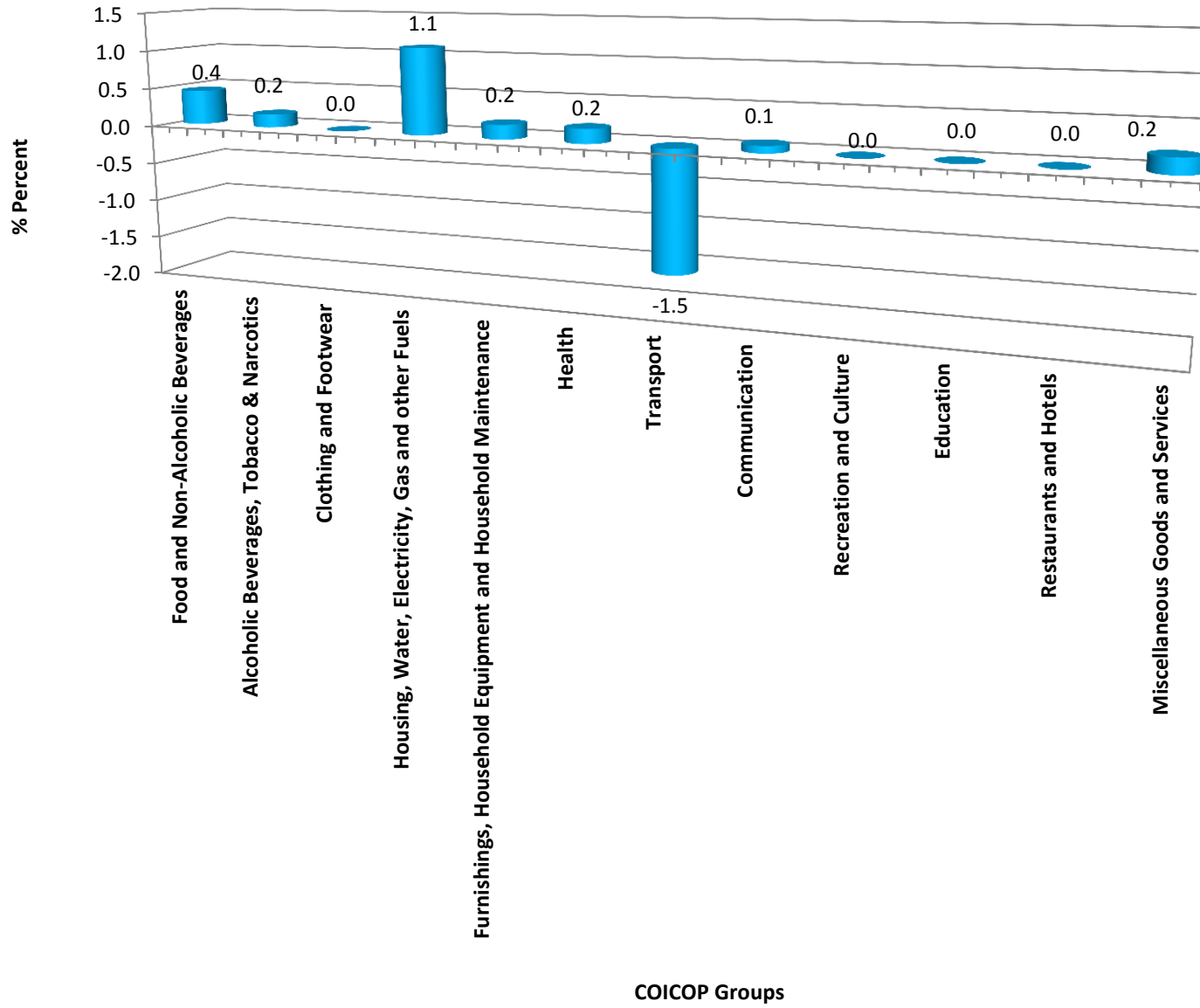


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index By Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution To Change

	Groups	Weight	May 2017	June 2017	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	Contribution to Change %
						May 2017	June 2017		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	112.6	113.1	0.4	2,467.07	2,478.02	11.0	36.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	117.4	117.6	0.2	454.34	455.11	0.8	2.6
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.9	104.9	0.0	337.78	337.78	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.3	100.4	1.1	2,984.96	3,018.02	33.1	110.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	108.1	108.3	0.2	712.38	713.70	1.3	4.4
6.	Health	1.79	107.6	107.8	0.2	192.60	192.96	0.4	1.2
7.	Transport	11.84	122.7	120.8	-1.5	1,452.77	1,430.27	-22.5	-75.0
8.	Communication	9.41	111.1	111.2	0.1	1,045.45	1,046.39	0.9	3.1
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	103.2	103.2	0.0	192.98	192.98	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.1	103.3	0.2	444.36	445.22	0.9	2.9
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.0	108.3	0.3	10,800.00	10,830.00	30.0	100.0

Table 5
Monthly Index - 2017
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	106.7	112.1	116.8	104.8	99.5	103.1	107.6	118.7	106.8	103.9	109.3	102.7	101.5
February	106.4	111.5	116.5	104.9	98.8	102.9	107.3	119.5	106.8	104.0	109.3	102.7	101.5
March	106.3	111.0	116.6	104.9	99.1	102.5	107.3	118.6	106.9	104.5	109.3	102.3	101.5
April	107.5	111.5	116.8	104.9	100.0	102.6	108.8	123.1	111.1	104.4	109.3	102.3	100.2
May	108.0	112.6	117.4	104.9	99.3	108.1	107.6	122.7	111.1	104.1	109.3	103.2	103.1
June	108.3	113.1	117.6	104.9	100.4	108.3	107.8	120.8	111.2	104.1	109.3	103.2	103.3