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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.5 percent for the month of December 2017. The “All Items” index was registered at 109.3 for the month of December 2017 compared to 108.8 for the month of November 2017. The “point-to-point” inflation rate stood at 3.0 percent.

Five (5) groups recorded increases for the month, “Health” (1.0%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other fuels” (0.9%), “Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages” (0.8%), “Transport” (0.4%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%).

Three (3) groups recorded decreases for the month, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.3%), “Recreation and Culture” (0.2%) and “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Education” and “Hotels and Restaurants”.

The 1.0 percent increase in the “Health” index is due to an increase in the fees for a general practitioner (16.7%) and drug for diabetes (0.8%), whereas, the 0.9 percent increase in the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” is due mainly to a 5.2 percent increase in the cost of electricity. This increase resulted from a change in the fuel surcharge rate which grew from 27.38 cents per kilowatt hour in November to 31.42 cents per kilowatt hour in December 2017.

Similarly, the index for the group “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” increased by 0.8 percent due to an increase in the price of several food items, pig snout (33.9%), fish (25.0%), tomatoes (29.5%), chicken-whole legs (7.3%), canned fish (6.1%), dasheen (4.5%), eggs (3.2%), powdered

milk (2.6%), chicken-drumstick (2.2%), whole chicken (2.0%), evaporated milk (1.4%), chicken-back (1.2%) and brown sugar (0.6%).

The 0.4 percent increase in the “Transport” group index was attributed to higher prices for passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Barbados (27.8%) and to St. Lucia (8.8%), diesel fuel (5.3%) and petrol (1.1%). Similarly, the “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” group index grew by 0.1 percent due to an increase in the price of sanitary napkins (3.3%) and antibacterial soaps (1.9%).

A 0.3 percent decrease in the “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” index is responsible for the decrease in the price for beer (1.3%), rum (0.2%) and wine (0.1%). Whereas, the “Recreation and Culture” index registered a 0.2 percent decrease which was due mainly to a 10.1 percent fall in the price of Language Arts text book.

The “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” group index decreased by 0.1 percent as a result of lower prices for washing liquid (4.0%) and clothes pegs (0.5%).

REVIEW OF 2017

A review of the Consumer Price Index for the year 2017 shows that the annual average “point-to-point” inflation rate was 2.2 percent compared to a negative 0.1 percent for the year 2016. The accumulated inflation rate for the year 2017 was recorded at 3.0 percent in contrast to 1.0 percent for the year 2016. The “All Items” index moved from 106.7 in January 2017 to 109.3 in December 2017.

The average “All Items” index was recorded as 107.9 for the year, with the highest level recorded in the month of December (109.3) and the lowest recorded in the month of March (106.3) (*see table 6*). The monthly inflation rates fluctuated throughout the year with the lowest rate registering at negative 0.3 percent in February and the highest at 1.1 in the month of April (*see table 7*). Additionally, the “point-to-point” inflation rates also fluctuated throughout the year with all positive values (*see table 9*). The highest inflation rate for the period was in the month of December (3.0%) and the lowest in the month of March (1.4 %).

During the year, all twelve (12) groups recorded increases, “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (7.7%), “Communication” (4.8%), “Restaurants and Hotels” (4.7%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (3.9%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (2.2%), “Health” (1.6%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (1.5%), “Transport” (1.5%), “Miscellaneous Goods & Services” (1.5%) “Recreation and Culture” (0.9%), “Education” (0.7%) and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.3%).

The group “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” registered the highest increase of 7.7 percent during the year, due to higher prices for mattress (41.0%), wages paid to domestic workers (18.0%), living room set - 5 seater (14.3%), washing powder (5.9%), electric bulbs (5.8%), frying pans (4.9%), laundry soap (4.7%), toilet paper (4.7%), washing machine (2.1%) and gas stove (1.6%).

The 4.8 percent increase in the “Communication” index is a result of increases in the following mobile phone call rates; domestic mobile calls (8.1%), mobile calls within the Caribbean (1.7%), mobile calls to the rest of the world (1.2%) and mobile calls to the United States of America and the United Kingdom (1.1%).

Similarly, the “Restaurants and Hotels” group index showed an increase of 4.7 percent due to higher prices for school meals (16.1%), beverages (7.2%), fish lunch (5.9%), beef roti (2.5%), chicken roti (1.8%) and chicken lunch (0.9%).

The group “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 3.9 percent due to increases in the prices for several food items such as; packaged lentils (22.2%), chicken drumstick (15.7%), white sugar (12.5%), chicken leg quarters (11.1%), chicken whole legs (10.3%), jack fish (8.3%), brown sugar (8.1%), powdered milk (6.1%), chicken sausages (6.0%), cooking margarine (5.8%), salt (6.0%), turkey necks (5.8%), orange juice (4.7%), vegetable oil (4.6%), turkey wing (4.2%), whole chicken (4.1%), oranges (1.1%), tomatoes (1.0%) and bananas (0.9%).

The 2.2 percent increase in the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” is attributed to an increase in the price of LPG cooking gas (15.6%), electricity (5.8 percent, wall nails (14.7%), paint (12.5%), galvanise nails (4.8%) and wages for home maintenance services (3.3%), whereas, higher cost for chest x-ray (18.8%), pain reliever (3.3%) and dental services (1.5%), contributed to the increase in the “Health” index (1.6%).

The 1.5 percent increase in the index “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” was a result of increases in the price of a number of items such as: imported rum (9.7%), whiskey (8.0%), dry gin (6.7%), cigarettes (2.6%), local rum (2.5%) and brandy (2.2%).

The main contributors to the 1.5 percent increase in the index for the group “Transport” were: higher prices for passenger airfare from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to Toronto (25.2%), Trinidad & Tobago (12.0%), New York (4.4%), London (1.3%) and St. Lucia (1.0%), driver’s

license (9.1%), motor vehicle licenses for rental cars (7.6%), motor omnibus (7.3%), private vehicle (7.3%), goods vehicle (7.0%), oil filters (7.5%) and petrol (6.7%).

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group registered a 0.2 percent rise due to increase in the wages for hired help to care for the elderly, children and the disabled (18.0%), price of roll-on (10.9%), panty liners (7.7%), gold women wedding band (6.6%), mouth wash (6.2%), women hair dress - treatment (6.2%), gold hoop earrings (5.8%) and women's hair dress - relaxer (3.9%).

The group “Recreation and Culture” rose by 0.9 percent due to increases in the price for cat food (23.4%), carnival costumes (12.3%), cinema fares (10.4%), dog food (7.8%), vaccination for pets (6.3 percent) and lead pencils (5.5%). Similarly, the “Education” index increased by 0.7 percent due to a 5.8 percent increase in pre-primary school fees and annual tuition fees for an overseas university (1.2%).

Meanwhile, the increase in the index for “Clothing and Footwear” (0.3) percent is mainly attributed to an increase in the prices for panty hose (14.4%), boys’ sneakers (12.5%), girls’ jeans (10.4%), baby vest (7.0%), khaki material (1.7%), women sleepwear (1.2%) and clothing material (1.0%).

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2017	November 2017		
INCREASED					
Pig snout	Lb	8.70	6.50	2.20	33.85
Whole Chicken	Lb	7.00	6.87	0.13	1.89
Chicken - Whole legs	Lb	3.37	3.14	0.23	7.32
Chicken - Drumstick	Lb	3.28	3.21	0.07	2.18
Chicken - Back	Lb	1.63	1.61	0.02	1.24
Fish - Robin	Lb	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Canned fish - Sardines	106g Tin	3.81	3.59	0.22	6.13
Evaporated milk	340g Tin	3.01	2.97	0.04	1.35
Powdered milk - Full cream	Lb	7.02	6.84	0.18	2.63
Eggs	Dozen	8.82	8.55	0.27	3.16
Shortening	500g Tub	10.18	10.06	0.12	1.19
Tomatoes	Lb	6.72	5.19	1.53	29.48
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb	1.66	1.65	0.01	0.61
Dasheens	Lb	2.10	2.01	0.09	4.48
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	20.09	19.94	0.15	0.75
Doctor's Fee - General Practitioner	Visit	35.00	30.00	5.00	16.67
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 Kwh	113.99	108.33	5.66	5.22
Petrol	Gal	11.42	11.30	0.12	1.06
Diesel Fuel	Gal	9.32	8.85	0.47	5.31
Passenger Transport by Air					
St. Vincent & the Grenadines to St. Lucia	One way	313.60	288.35	25.25	8.76
St. Vincent & the Grenadines to Barbados	One way	391.50	306.45	85.05	27.75
Sanitary napkins	10 Pkt	5.28	5.11	0.17	3.33
Antibacterial soap	Each	4.22	4.14	0.08	1.93
DECREASED					
Chicken - Leg quarters	Lb	2.95	2.98	-0.03	-1.01
Cucumber	Lb	3.07	3.63	-0.56	-15.43
Rum - local	750 ml Bot.	29.94	30.01	-0.07	-0.23
Wine - imported	750 ml Bot.	21.24	21.27	-0.03	-0.14
Beer - local	280 ml Bot.	4.49	4.55	-0.06	-1.32
Language Arts - Book 4	Each	23.37	26.00	-2.63	-10.12
Washing liquid	32 Fl oz	7.98	8.31	-0.33	-3.97
Clothes pegs	20 Pkt	4.20	4.22	-0.02	-0.47

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2017	December 2016		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	7.00	6.49	0.51	7.86
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.95	2.59	0.36	13.90
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.63	1.57	0.06	3.82
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.43	4.64	-0.21	-4.53
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.50	2.46	1.04	42.28
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	4.00	1.00	25.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.74	5.34	0.40	7.49
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.19	7.96	0.23	2.89
Codfish	Lb.	15.16	14.45	0.71	4.91
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.11	13.09	1.02	7.79
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.77	4.65	0.12	2.58
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.50	3.07	0.43	14.01
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	3.29	0.71	21.58
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	8.82	10.07	-1.25	-12.41
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.13	8.86	0.27	3.05
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.66	1.56	0.10	6.41
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.87	-0.08	-4.28
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.36	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.75	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.29	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.95	1.95	0.00	0.00
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.56	10.51	0.05	0.48
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.36	1.33	0.03	2.26
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.58	2.61	-0.03	-1.15
Eddoes	Lb.	2.39	2.48	-0.09	-3.63
Dasheens	Lb.	2.10	2.18	-0.08	-3.67
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.04	2.12	-0.08	-3.63
Oranges	Each	0.84	0.74	0.10	13.51
Tomatoes	Lb.	6.72	5.78	0.94	16.26
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.07	8.92	0.15	1.68
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.38	12.35	0.03	0.24
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.79	10.68	0.11	1.03
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.56	2.35	0.21	8.94
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.68	5.65	0.03	0.53

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2017	December 2016		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.94	29.52	0.42	1.42
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	4.49	4.53	-0.04	-0.88
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.00	4.12	-0.12	-2.91
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	21.24	20.78	0.46	2.21
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	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	97.76	86.62	11.14	12.86
Oil Paint	Gallon	112.87	95.00	17.87	18.81
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	70.62	69.07	1.55	2.24
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	37.50	37.50	0.00	0.00
Kerosene	1 Gallon	6.61	6.61	0.00	0.00
Charcoal	Sack	40.00	40.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	37.52	34.00	3.52	10.35
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	113.99	103.88	10.11	9.73
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	105.00	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	52.76	3.08	5.84
Laundry Soap	Each	1.23	1.15	0.08	6.96
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.25	6.36	-0.11	-1.73

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2017	December 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
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.65	12.26	0.39	3.18
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.09	15.09	0.00	0.00
Dental Care	Visit	130.83	123.33	7.50	6.08
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	120.00	30.00	25.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	11.42	10.66	0.76	7.13
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	0.98	0.91	0.07	7.69
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1,993.01	1,993.82	-0.81	-0.04
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	74.75	74.75	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,830.84	3,832.40	-1.56	-0.04
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,070.69	2,071.53	-0.84	-0.04
Remote Control Car	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.84	3.66	0.18	4.92
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
December 2017 Compared With December 2016

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2017	December 2016		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	215.00	2.50	1.16
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 - Form 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	14.39	13.86	0.53	3.82
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.51	13.86	1.65	11.90
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	1.42
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.09	9.04	0.05	0.55
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	69.82	64.81	5.01	7.73
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.96	12.88	0.08	0.62
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	November 2017	December 2017	December 2016	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month November	Year December
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.6	116.5	112.1	0.8	3.9
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	118.3	118.0	116.2	-0.3	1.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.1	105.1	104.8	0.0	0.3
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.5	100.4	98.2	0.9	2.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	111.1	111.0	103.1	-0.1	7.7
06.	Health	1.79	108.1	109.2	107.5	1.0	1.6
07.	Transport	11.84	119.1	119.6	117.8	0.4	1.5
08.	Communication	9.41	111.9	111.9	106.8	0.0	4.8
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	105.2	105.0	104.1	-0.2	0.9
10.	Education	1.32	110.1	110.1	109.3	0.0	0.7
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	107.7	107.7	102.9	0.0	4.7
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	102.8	102.9	101.4	0.1	1.5
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.8	109.3	106.1	0.5	3.0

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for December 2017

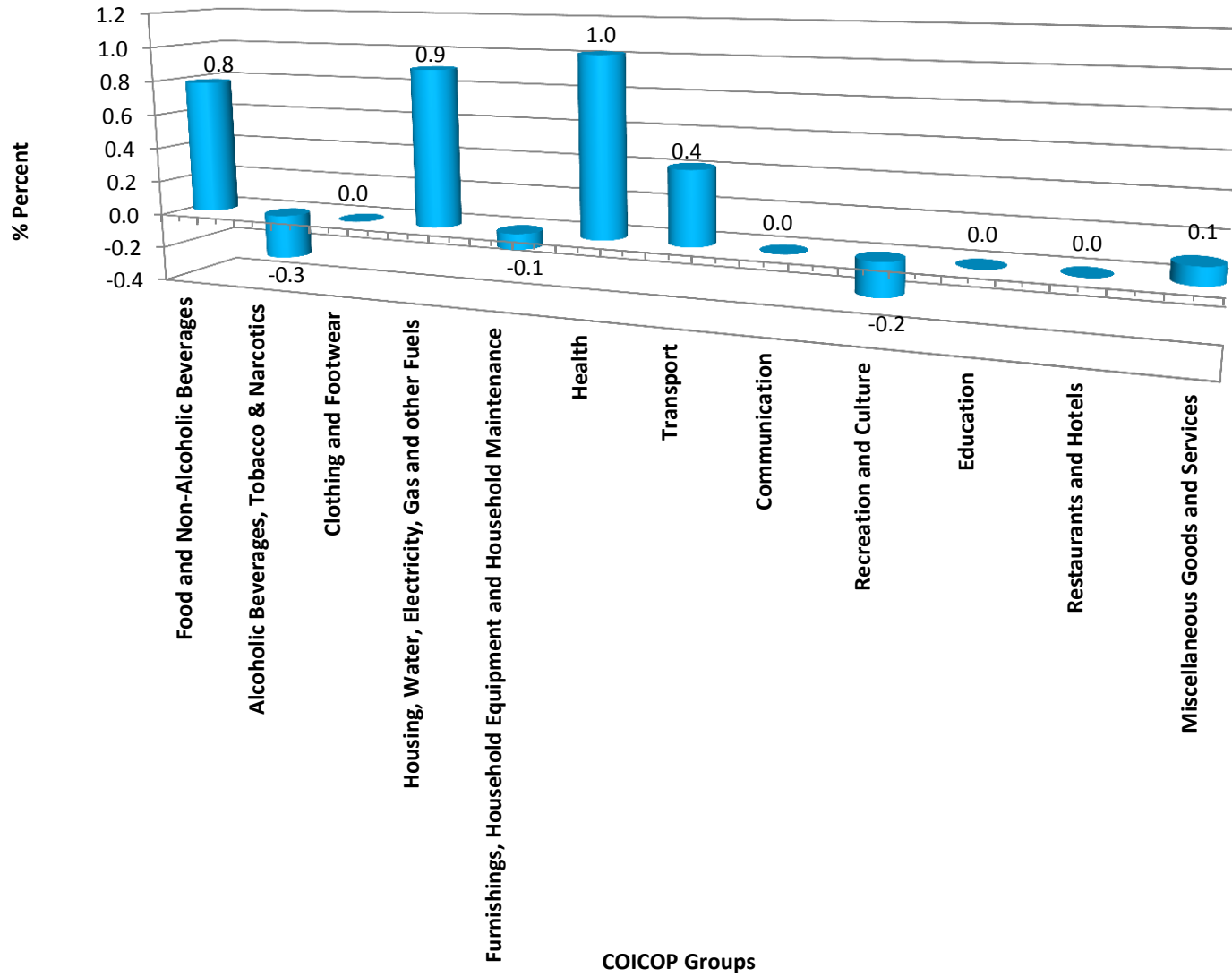


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	November 2017	December 2017	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						November 2016	December 2016		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.6	116.5	0.8	2,532.80	2,552.52	19.7	39.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	118.3	118.0	-0.3	457.82	456.66	-1.2	-2.3
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	105.1	105.1	0.0	338.42	338.42	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	99.5	100.4	0.9	2,990.97	3,018.02	27.1	54.1
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	111.1	111.0	-0.1	732.15	731.49	-0.7	-1.3
6.	Health	1.79	108.1	109.2	1.0	193.50	195.47	2.0	3.9
7.	Transport	11.84	119.1	119.6	0.4	1,410.14	1,416.06	5.9	11.8
8.	Communication	9.41	111.9	111.9	0.0	1,052.98	1,052.98	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	105.2	105.0	-0.2	400.81	400.05	-0.8	-1.5
10.	Education	1.32	110.1	110.1	0.0	145.33	145.33	0.0	0.0
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	107.7	107.7	0.0	201.40	201.40	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	102.8	102.9	0.1	443.07	443.50	0.4	0.9
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	108.8	109.3	0.5	10,880.00	10,930.00	50.0	100.0

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
July	108.5	114.2	117.6	104.9	99.8	108.7	107.4	121.6	111.2	104.1	109.3	105.8	102.6
August	108.4	114.3	117.8	105.2	99.0	108.7	106.8	122.3	111.9	104.5	109.3	105.8	102.8
September	108.4	115.1	118.3	105.2	99.0	109.3	106.6	120.7	111.9	104.5	110.1	106.0	102.8
October	108.5	115.2	118.3	105.4	99.9	109.4	107.6	117.6	111.9	105.2	110.1	106.0	102.8
November	108.8	115.6	118.3	105.1	99.5	111.1	108.1	119.1	111.9	105.2	110.1	107.7	102.8
December	109.3	116.5	118.0	105.1	100.4	111.0	109.2	119.6	111.9	105.0	110.1	107.7	102.9

Table 6
Monthly All Items Index
January to December

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	106.1	107.6	107.7	107.5	104.7	106.7
February	105.9	107.4	107.2	106.0	104.6	106.4
March	106.0	107.8	107.4	105.5	104.8	106.3
April	106.4	108.3	108.0	105.6	104.5	107.5
May	106.7	107.8	107.3	105.4	105.3	108.0
June	106.6	107.6	107.4	105.4	106.4	108.3
July	107.3	107.0	108.0	106.3	106.3	108.5
August	107.0	107.5	108.4	106.3	106.3	108.4
September	106.3	107.3	107.6	105.8	106.4	108.4
October	106.6	107.5	107.6	105.4	106.1	108.5
November	107.2	107.1	108.2	105.4	106.3	108.8
December	107.2	107.2	107.3	105.1	106.1	109.3
Average	106.6	107.5	107.7	105.8	105.7	107.9

Chart 2

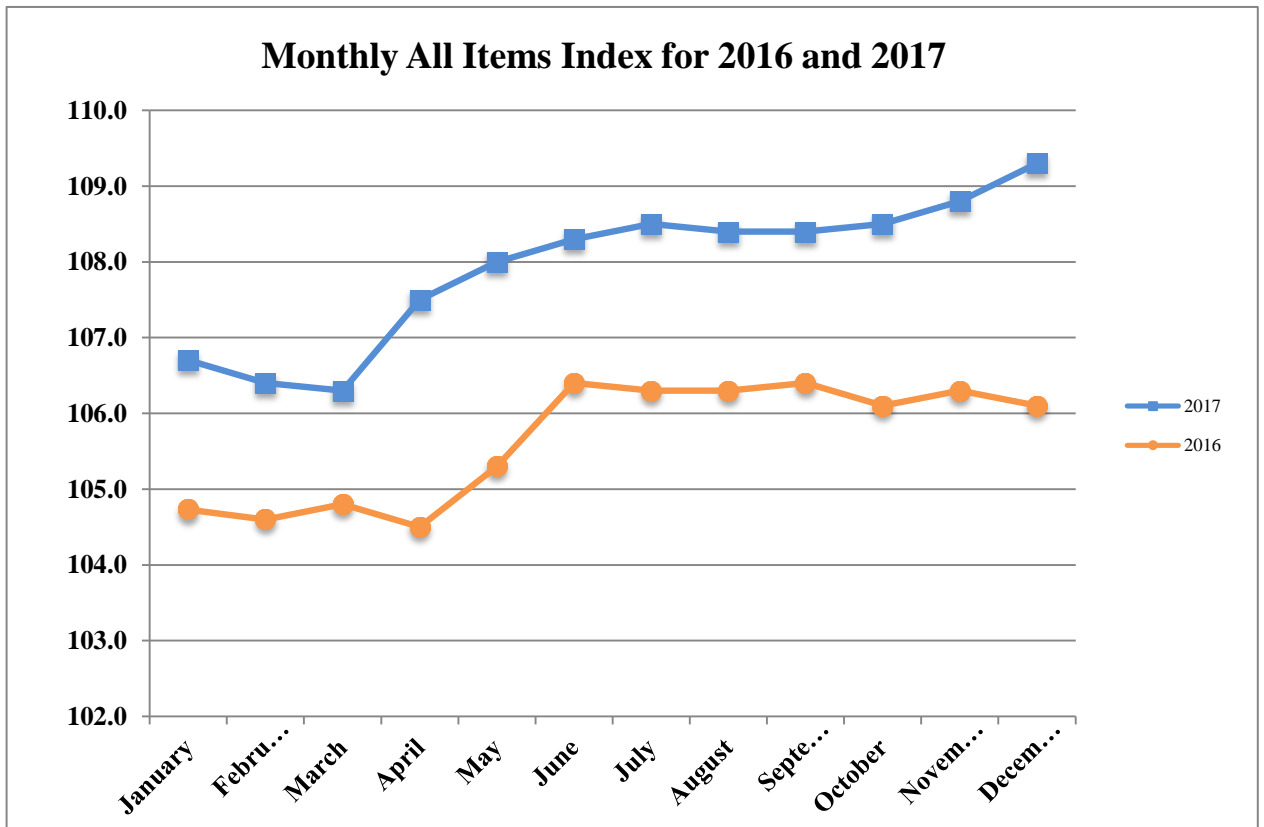


Table 7
Monthly Rate Of Inflation
January To December

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6
February	-0.2	-0.2	-0.5	-1.4	-0.1	-0.3
March	0.1	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.1
April	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.1	-0.3	1.1
May	0.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.8	0.5
June	-0.1	-0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.3
July	0.7	-0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.2
August	-0.3	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1
September	-0.7	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.1	0.0
October	0.3	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.1
November	0.6	-0.4	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3
December	0.0	0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.5

Chart 3

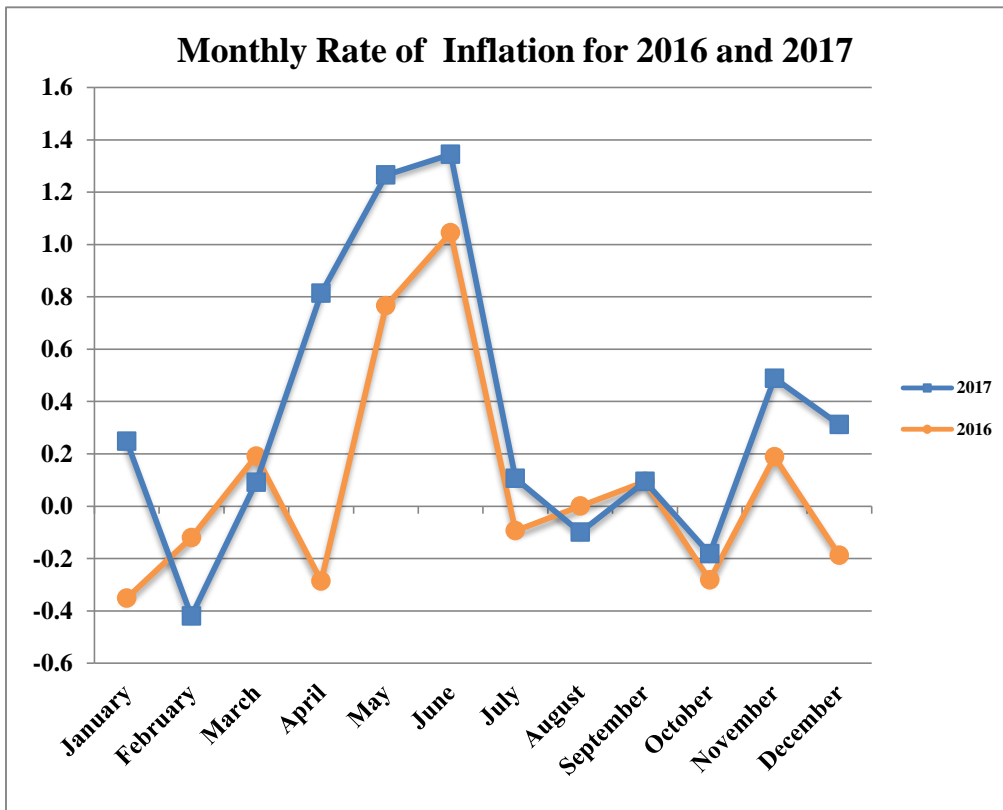


Table 8
Accumulated Inflation
January To December

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	0.0	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6
February	-0.2	0.2	0.0	-1.2	-0.5	0.3
March	-0.1	0.6	0.2	-1.7	-0.3	0.2
April	0.3	1.0	0.8	-1.6	-0.6	1.3
May	0.6	0.6	0.1	-1.8	0.2	1.8
June	0.5	0.4	0.2	-1.8	1.2	2.1
July	1.1	-0.2	0.8	-0.9	1.1	2.2
August	0.9	0.3	1.1	-0.9	1.1	2.2
September	0.2	0.1	0.4	-1.4	1.2	2.2
October	0.5	0.3	0.4	-1.8	1.0	2.2
November	1.0	-0.1	1.0	-1.8	1.1	2.5
December	1.0	0.0	0.1	-2.1	1.0	3.0

Chart 4

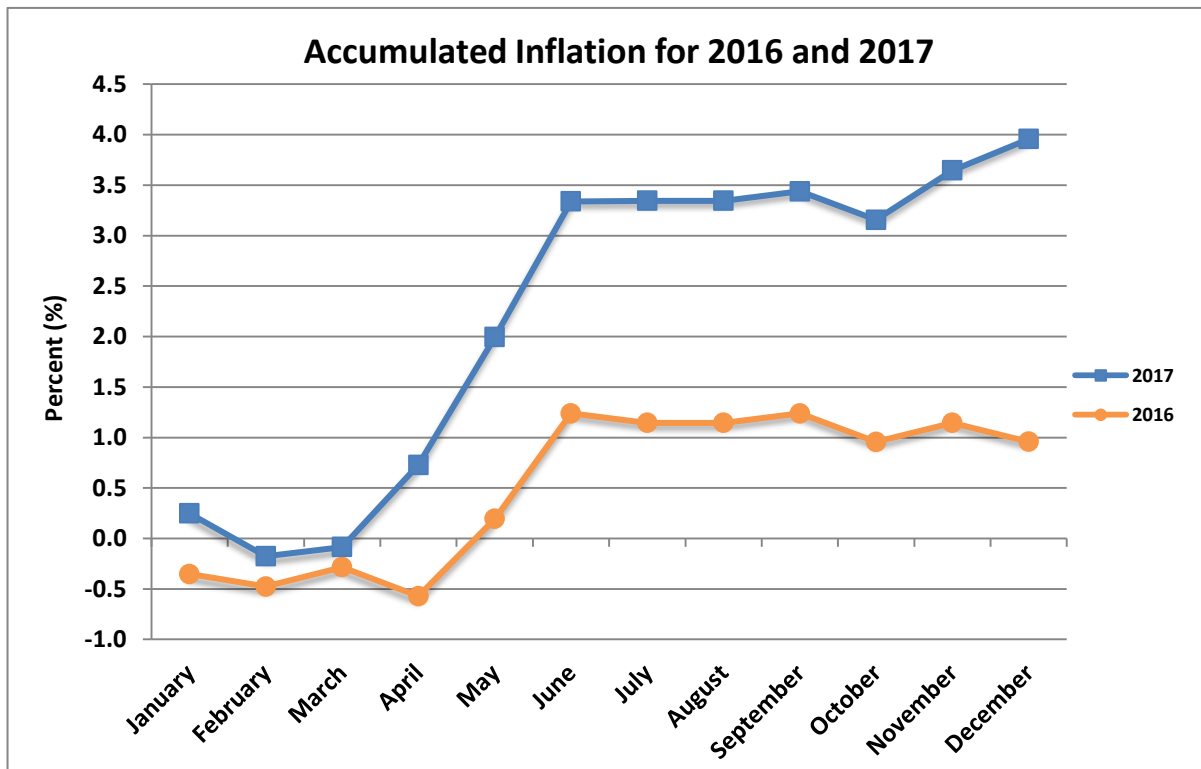


Table 9
Point To Point Rate Of Inflation
January To December

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January	4.3	1.4	0.1	-0.2	-2.6	1.9
February	4.0	1.4	-0.2	-1.1	-1.3	1.7
March	3.9	1.7	-0.4	-1.8	-0.7	1.4
April	3.6	1.8	-0.3	-2.2	-1.0	2.9
May	3.6	1.0	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1	2.6
June	2.8	0.9	-0.2	-1.9	0.9	1.8
July	3.3	-0.3	0.9	-1.6	0.0	2.1
August	1.9	0.5	0.8	-1.9	0.0	2.0
September	0.9	0.9	0.3	-1.7	0.6	1.9
October	0.9	0.8	0.1	-2.0	0.7	2.3
November	1.2	-0.1	1.0	-2.6	0.9	2.4
December	1.0	0.0	0.1	-2.1	1.0	3.0
AVERAGE	2.6	0.8	0.2	-1.7	-0.1	2.2

Chart 5

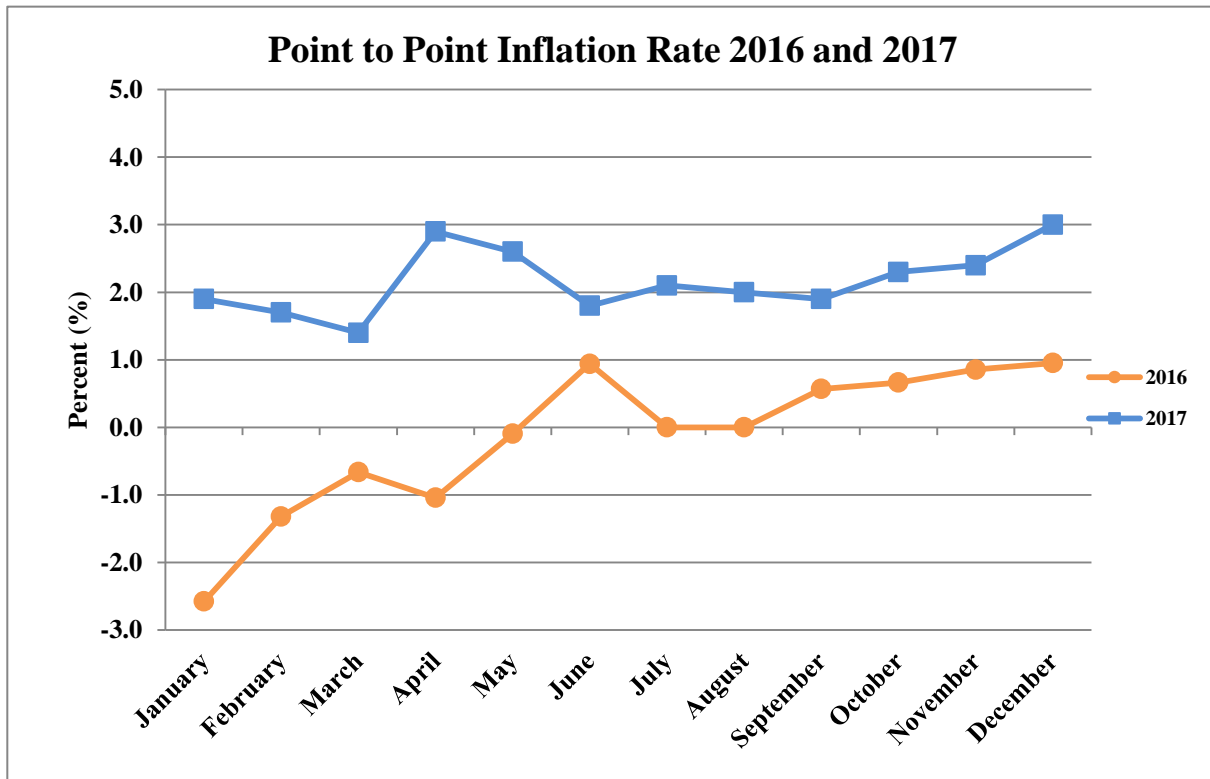


Table 10.1
Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2017 Compared With 2016

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2017	2016	2016
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.0
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.64	6.38	4.1
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.78	2.50	11.2
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.59	1.60	-0.6
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.48	4.63	-3.2
Turkey Wings	Lb.	2.89	2.77	4.3
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.0
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.33	4.00	8.3
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.08	4.58	-10.9
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.58	5.28	5.7
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.12	7.82	3.8
Codfish	Lb.	14.66	14.24	2.9
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.70	13.10	4.6
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.68	4.63	1.1
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.25	3.11	4.5
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	3.63	3.30	10.0
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.02	2.01	0.5
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.25	4.25	0.0
Eggs	Doz	8.60	9.11	-5.6
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.03	8.62	4.8
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.60	1.48	8.1
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.96	1.74	12.6
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.39	-2.2
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.75	6.73	0.3
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.29	7.35	-0.8
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.96	1.87	4.8
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.53	10.05	4.8
Bananas	Lb.	1.35	1.34	0.7
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.57	2.60	-1.2
Eddoes	Lb.	2.73	2.78	-1.8
Dasheens	Lb.	1.91	2.00	-4.5
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.14	2.15	-0.5
Oranges	Each	0.79	0.78	1.3
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.83	4.78	1.0
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.00	8.50	5.9
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	12.37	11.82	4.7
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.75	10.67	0.7
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.54	2.32	9.5
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.67	5.65	0.4

Table 10.2
Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2017 Compared With 2016

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year 2016
		2017	2016	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS				
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	29.86	29.14	2.5
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	4.53	4.60	-1.5
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.11	4.00	2.8
Table wine (Local)	26 oz Bottle	21.10	19.19	10.0
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR				
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	47.95	47.95	0.0
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.0
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.95	69.95	0.0
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Each	49.95	49.95	0.0
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.79	79.79	0.0
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.77	89.77	0.0
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	100.00	100.00	0.0
Women's Blouse (cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.0
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS				
Rent :				
Unfurnished House -2 Bedroom	1Month	566.07	566.07	0.0
Unfurnished House -3 Bedroom	1Month	612.50	612.50	0.0
Furnished Apartment- 2 Bedroom	1Month	791.67	791.67	0.0
Cement - Portland (grey)	94 Lbs	21.17	24.90	-15.0
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	93.68	86.62	8.2
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	107.74	102.50	5.1
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	1 Length	69.38	68.91	0.7
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.0
Kerosene	1 Gal.	6.61	8.04	-17.8
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.0
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	37.18	32.17	15.6
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	109.37	103.44	5.7
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE				
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1162.85	1162.50	0.0
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	118.33	-11.3
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.33	52.76	4.9
Laundry Soap	Each	1.21	1.16	4.3
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.27	6.25	0.3

Table 10.3
Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2017 Compared With 2016

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2017	2016	2016
HEALTH				
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	1 Visit	60.00	60.00	0.0
Eye Care	1 Test	100.00	100.00	0.0
Hospitalisation (Private Ward)	1 Day	75.00	75.00	0.0
Drug for Hypertension	1 Mth supply	3.50	3.50	0.0
Drug for Diabetes	1 Mth supply	12.55	12.54	0.1
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.03	15.22	-1.2
Dental Care	1 Visit	125.21	123.33	1.5
Chest X- ray	1 Test	142.50	120.00	18.8
TRANSPORT				
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	11.06	10.36	6.8
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	590.00	550.00	7.3
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.00	3.00	0.0
Boat Fare - Bequia	One Way	25.00	25.00	0.0
COMMUNICATION				
Telephone Service - rental of line- domestic	1 Month	23.58	23.46	0.5
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.0
Internet Charge	1 Month	101.96	101.70	0.3
Fixed Line domestic Rate- peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.0
Mobile to Mobile- domestic	1 Minute	0.96	0.87	10.3
RECREATION AND CULTURE				
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1993.69	1993.74	0.0
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	74.75	74.75	0.0
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3832.14	3825.52	0.2
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2071.39	2067.82	0.2
Car - Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.0
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.79	3.52	7.7
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.0
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	341.67	304.17	12.3

Table 10.4
Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2017 Compared With 2016

ITEMS	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2017	2016	2016
EDUCATION				
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	215.83	208.33	3.6
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	825.00	825.00	0.0
Secondary School Fee - Private	1 Term	100.00	100.00	0.0
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.0
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	0.78	0.81	-3.7
Lead Pencils	Each	0.89	0.84	6.0
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	79.12	79.72	-0.8
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.0
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS				
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	13.98	13.86	0.9
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	14.68	13.86	5.9
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	16.98	16.85	0.8
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES				
Toilet Soap	125g	3.55	3.50	1.4
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.07	9.07	0.0
Men's Haircut	1 Visit	10.00	10.00	0.0
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	1 Visit	67.34	64.81	3.9
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	12.94	12.83	0.9
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.0
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.0