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DECEMBER 2018

During the month of December 2018, the consumer price index registered a decrease of 0.1 percent.

The “All Items” index was recorded at 110.8 for the month of December compared to 110.9 for the month of November 2018. Three (3) groups recorded decreases during the month, namely, “Transport” (0.5%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.4%) and “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.1%). Meanwhile, two (2) groups recorded increases for the month, “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.4%) and “Health” (0.2%). Seven (7) groups remained unchanged, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education”, “Restaurants and Hotels” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”, (*see table 3*).

Lower passenger airfares from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations: London (24.7%), Toronto (10.0%) and New York (4.9%) led to the decline in the “Transport” index.

The “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index declined by 0.4 percent as a result of a 2.1 percent decrease in the cost of electricity. A reduction in the fuel surcharge rate which moved from 40.4 cents per kilowatt hour in November 2018 to 38.5 cents per kilowatt hour in December 2018 was responsible for the decline.

Similarly, the group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” decreased by 0.1 percent due to a lower price for washing powder (1.7%).

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index recorded a growth of 0.4 percent due to higher prices for several items, namely, barbecue sauce (46.5%), peanut butter (33.9%), tomatoes (25.5%), cinnamon (22.8%), packed black-eyed peas (16.4%), cucumber (15.0%), T-bone steak (14.3%), yams (13.0%), eggs (10.5%), grapefruit (9.1%), watermelon (8.9%) and cabbage (8.3%). Meanwhile, a four (4) percent increase in the price for a cough medicine is responsible for the 0.2 percent growth in the “Health” index.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.4 percent. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period are, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (3.5%), “Transport” (3.3%), “Housing, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (2.3%), “Recreation and Culture” (2.3%) and “Communication” (1.3%). The groups “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” and “Clothing and Footwear” recorded declines of (0.3%) and (0.2%) respectively.

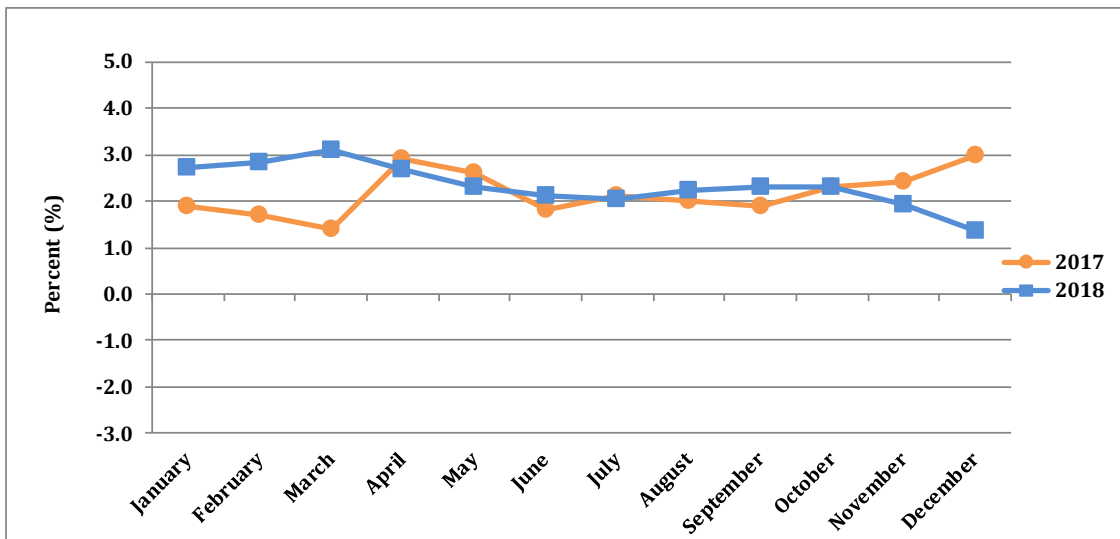
The average price of the basket fell by 0.1 percent for the month of December 2018 compared to November 2018 but was 1.4 percent more costly than December 2017.

REVIEW OF 2018

A review of the Consumer Price Index for the year 2018 shows that the annual average “point-to-point” inflation rate was 2.3 percent compared to 2.2 percent for the year 2017 (see table 9). The accumulated inflation rate for the end of 2018 was recorded at 4.3 percent in contrast to 3.0 percent for the year 2017 (see table 8). The average “All Items” index was recorded at 110.4 compared to 107.9 for 2017 (see table 6).

During the year, positive values were recorded for the point-to-point inflation rates. The months of May, September and October recorded inflation rates of 2.3 percent. The lowest inflation rate was 1.4 percent which was recorded in December while the highest was 3.1 percent which was recorded for March (see table 9).

Point to Point Rate of Inflation, January to December 2017 - 2018



Meanwhile, the monthly inflation rates fluctuated throughout the year with the lowest rate registering at negative 0.2 percent in February and the highest at 0.7 percent in the month of April (see table 7).

The average “All Items” index moved from 109.6 in January to 110.8 in December. The highest level for the year was recorded in the month of October (111.0) while the lowest was recorded in February (109.4). The greatest movement between the months is 0.8 points which occurred between March and April (*see table 6*).

Ten (10) groups recorded increases for the year, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (3.5%), “Transport” (3.3%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (2.3%), “Recreation and Culture” (2.3%), “Communication” (1.3%), “Health” (1.0%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.7%), “Restaurants and Hotels” (0.6%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.4%) and “Education” (0.2%). Two (2) groups recorded decreases, “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.3%) and “Clothing and Footwear” (0.2%) (*see table 3*)

“Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index recorded growth of 3.5 percent due mainly to higher prices for; vodka (14.4%), dry gin (12.9%), local beer (10.6%), cigarettes (10%), red wine (7.2%), brandy (6.4%), whiskey (5.9%), white wine (5.7%) and stout (4.1%).

The 3.3 percent growth in the “Transport” index was due to higher prices for brake fluid (28.4%), diesel (18.8%), petrol (10.8%), and increased cost for passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to St. Lucia (18.1%), Barbados (15.7%) and Trinidad and Tobago (5.0%).

An upward movement of 2.3 percent was recorded for the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels”. This movement was attributable to higher prices for a paint brush (22.8%), electricity (11.5%), galvanize nails (11.3%), oil paint (10.1%) and cooking gas (6.7%). Whereas, the 2.3 percent increase in the index for “Recreation and Culture” was due to higher prices for dog food (20.2%), vaccines for pets (17.6%), cinema fares (13.2%), language arts textbook for primary school (8.8%) and carnival costumes (6.4%).

An increase of 4.0 percent in mobile rates was the main contributor to the 1.3 percent growth in the “Communication” index. Meanwhile, the 1.0 percent growth in the “Health” index is on account of an increase in the price of a drug that is used for the treatment of Asthma (20.5%), pain relievers (8.4%), chest x-ray (5.3%) and dental services (4.2%).

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index increased by 0.7 percent as a result of higher prices for hair grease (20.4%), wedding band for women (10.8%), home care workers (7.6%), women’s hair treatment (5.6%), and roll on (5.0%).

“Restaurant and Hotels” group recorded a growth of 0.6 percent due to increased cost for school meals, namely; pizza (28.6%), other restaurant meals such as fruit juice (14.1%), fish lunch (5.6%) and roti (5.1%).

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 0.4 percent. This growth is on account of an increase for several items which included; teaspoon set (68.2%), full size mattress (32.7%), electric iron (32.1%), fluorescent lighting tubes (24.6%), chest of drawers (21.7%), refrigerator (14.9%), 5 pcs dinning set (13.2%), 3 pcs living room set (12.5%), and wages to domestic workers (7.6%).

Increases in the cost of foreign tertiary education in the social sciences (4.3%), primary school fees (3.4%) and pre-primary school fees (1.2%), resulted in a 0.2 percent increase in the “Education” index.

“Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index showed a decline of 0.3 percent. This decline is due to lower prices for several food items, namely, garlic (37.2%), salami (16.3%), barbecue sauce (15.9%), tomato ketchup (15.6%), ground cinnamon (15.2%), mayonnaise (15.1%), soy sauce (14.8%), cauliflower (12.2%), canned pineapple (12.1%), tomatoes (10.0%), wax apple (10.0%), skimmed milk in the box (9.8%) and white sugar (7.8%).

Meanwhile, there was a decrease of 0.2 percent in the group “Clothing and Footwear”. This was due to a reduction in the price of textiles material – cotton (23.2%), Jacquard cotton (10.4%) and khaki (6.9%), ladies’ evening bag (32.3%), men’s t-shirt (31.9%), women’s casual shoes (20.1%), bra (13.7%) and men’s casual shoes (11.7%).

Table 1: Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		EC\$			
		December 2018	November 2018		
INCREASED					
T-bone steak	Lb	40.00	35.00	5.00	14.3
Eggs	Dozen	9.97	9.02	0.95	10.5
Peanut butter	18oz Bottle	12.05	9.00	3.05	33.9
Grapefruit	Each	1.08	0.99	0.09	9.1
Watermelon	Lb	3.54	3.25	0.29	8.9
Cabbage	Lb	4.59	4.24	0.35	8.3
Green pegin peas	Lb	8.51	8.05	0.46	5.7
Yams	Lb	3.91	3.46	0.45	13.0
Tomatoes	Lb	5.32	4.24	1.08	25.5
Cucumber	Lb	3.38	2.94	0.44	15.0
Sweet peppers	Lb	6.54	6.18	0.36	5.8
Black eyed peas	454g pack	6.05	5.20	0.85	16.35
Barbecue sauce	510g bottle	12.95	8.84	4.11	46.5
Cinnamon	Lb	39.21	31.92	7.29	22.8
Cough preparation	125ml bottle	18.27	17.57	0.70	4.0
Passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to Barbados	1 way	591.72	473.92	117.80	24.9
DECREASED					
Electricity consumption	140KWh	123.90	126.55	-2.65	-2.1
Washing powder	500g pack	5.27	5.36	-0.09	-1.7
Pig snout	Lb	7.80	8.70	-0.90	-10.3
Dry coconuts	Each	1.50	1.58	-0.08	-5.1
Passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to:					
<i>London, England</i>	1 month	3905.00	5185.00	-1280.00	-24.7
<i>Toronto, Canada</i>	1 month	2896.00	3217.00	-321.00	-10.0
<i>New York, U.S.A</i>	1 month	3,368.00	3,541.00	-173.00	-4.9

**Table 2.1: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2018 Compared With December 2017**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2018	December 2017		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.62	7.00	-0.38	-5.43
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.74	2.95	-0.21	-7.12
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.60	1.63	-0.03	-1.84
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.56	4.43	0.13	2.93
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.11	3.50	-0.39	-11.14
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 (Robin)	Lb.	4.00	5.00	-1.00	-20.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	6.11	5.74	0.37	6.45
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.34	8.19	0.15	1.83
Codfish	Lb.	15.18	15.16	0.02	0.13
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.72	14.11	-0.39	-2.76
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.71	4.77	-0.06	-1.26
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.29	3.50	-0.21	-6.00
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.89	2.02	-0.13	-6.44
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.19	4.25	-0.06	-1.41
Eggs	Doz	9.97	8.82	1.15	13.04
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	8.94	9.13	-0.19	-2.08
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.66	1.66	0.00	0.00
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.79	1.79	0.00	0.00
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.36	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.77	6.75	0.02	0.30
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.29	-0.11	-1.51
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.90	1.95	-0.05	-2.56
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.55	10.56	-0.01	-0.09
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.42	1.36	0.06	4.41
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.37	2.58	-0.21	-8.14
Eddoes	Lb.	2.56	2.39	0.17	7.11
Dasheens	Lb.	2.06	2.10	-0.04	-1.90
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.08	2.04	0.04	1.81
Oranges	Each	0.88	0.84	0.04	4.76
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.32	6.72	-1.40	-20.83
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.17	9.07	0.10	1.10
Vegetable Oil	Litre	12.43	12.38	0.05	0.40
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.81	10.79	0.02	0.19
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.86	2.56	0.30	11.72
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.73	5.68	0.05	0.88

**Table 2.2: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2018 Compared With December 2017**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2018	December 2017		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	30.00	29.94	0.06	0.20
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	4.49	0.60	13.36
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.96	4.00	-0.04	-1.00
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	21.24	21.24	0.00	0.00
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	102.48	100.00	2.48	2.48
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	20.89	0.00	0.00
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	96.69	97.76	-1.07	-1.09
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.43	112.87	21.56	19.10
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	69.24	70.62	-1.38	-1.95
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.	40.46	37.52	2.94	7.84
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	123.90	113.99	9.91	8.69
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,162.88	1,162.88	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	105.00	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	55.84	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.24	1.23	0.01	0.81
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.29	6.25	0.04	0.64

**Table 2.3: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2018 Compared With December 2017**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2018	December 2017		
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	11.53	12.65	-1.12	-8.85
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.41	15.09	0.32	2.12
Dental Care	Visit	130.83	130.83	0.00	0.00
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	12.83	11.42	1.41	12.35
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	23.66	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Internet Charge	Month	104.00	102.14	1.86	1.82
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	1.00	0.98	0.02	2.04
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,001.25	1,993.01	8.24	0.41
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	74.75	4.58	6.13
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,846.68	3,830.84	15.84	0.41
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,079.25	2,070.69	8.56	0.41
Remote Control Car	Each	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	3.83	3.84	-0.01	-0.26
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	350.00	25.00	7.14

**Table 2.4: Average Retail Price of Selected Items
December 2018 Compared With December 2017**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		December 2018	December 2017		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	217.50	217.50	0.00	0.00
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	825.00	25.00	3.03
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	1.00	0.87	0.13	14.94
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	76.43	79.72	-3.29	-4.13
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.39	14.39	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.51	15.51	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	17.05	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.48	3.56	-0.08	-2.25
Toothpaste	130g Tube	9.12	9.09	0.03	0.33
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	69.82	69.82	0.00	0.00
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	13.00	12.96	0.04	0.31
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 2018	December 2018	December 2017	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month November	Year December
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.7	116.2	116.5	0.4	-0.3
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	122.1	122.1	118.0	0.0	3.5
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	103.1	102.7	100.4	-0.4	2.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	111.5	111.4	111.0	-0.1	0.4
06.	Health	1.79	110.1	110.3	109.2	0.2	1.0
07.	Transport	11.84	124.2	123.6	119.6	-0.5	3.3
08.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	111.9	0.0	1.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.4	107.4	105.0	0.0	2.3
10.	Education	1.32	110.3	110.3	110.1	0.0	0.2
11.	Restaurants and Hotels	1.87	108.3	108.3	107.7	0.0	0.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.6	103.6	102.9	0.0	0.7
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	110.9	110.8	109.3	-0.1	1.4

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for December 2018

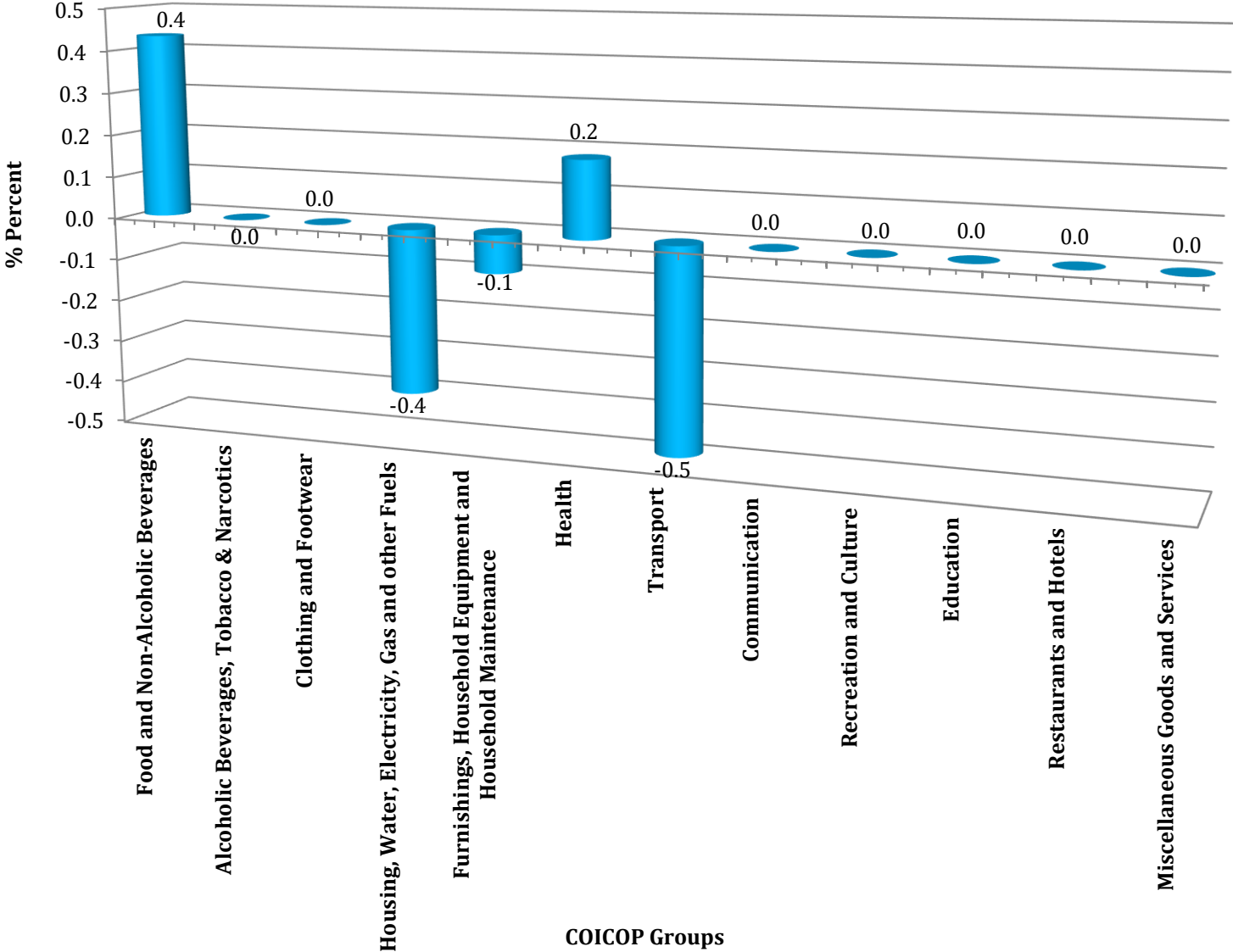


Table 4: The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	November 2018	December 2018	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						October 2018	November 2018		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	115.7	116.2	0.4	2,534.99	2,545.94	11.0	-109.5
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	122.1	122.1	0.0	472.53	472.53	0.0	0.0
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	103.1	102.7	-0.4	3,099.19	3,087.16	-12.0	120.2
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	111.5	111.4	-0.1	734.79	734.13	-0.7	6.6
6.	Health	1.79	110.1	110.3	0.2	197.08	197.44	0.4	-3.6
7.	Transport	11.84	124.2	123.6	-0.5	1,470.53	1,463.42	-7.1	71.0
8.	Communication	9.41	113.3	113.3	0.0	1,066.15	1,066.15	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	107.4	107.4	0.0	409.19	409.19	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	110.3	110.3	0.0	145.60	145.60	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	108.3	108.3	0.0	202.52	202.52	0.0	0.0
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	103.6	103.6	0.0	446.52	446.52	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	110.9	110.8	-0.1	11,090.00	11,080.00	-10.0	100.0

Table 5: Monthly Index - 2018
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	Hotels & Restaurants	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	109.6	116.0	119.2	104.5	100.9	111.2	109.5	120.9	112.2	104.4	110.1	108.3	103.5
February	109.4	116.3	120.0	104.9	100.5	111.2	109.5	120.2	112.0	104.9	110.1	108.3	103.6
March	109.6	116.3	120.7	104.9	100.2	111.2	109.5	122.0	112.0	104.9	110.1	108.3	103.6
April	110.4	117.0	120.9	104.9	102.1	111.3	109.5	123.1	112.0	104.3	110.1	108.3	103.6
May	110.5	116.7	121.3	104.4	101.8	111.3	109.5	124.7	112.1	104.3	110.1	108.3	103.6
June	110.6	116.5	121.1	104.7	102.9	111.3	109.1	121.8	112.1	106.4	110.1	108.3	103.6
July	110.7	115.8	121.3	104.7	102.7	111.4	109.1	125.3	112.1	106.4	110.1	108.3	103.6
August	110.8	116.0	121.4	104.6	101.9	111.6	109.1	126.9	113.3	106.7	110.1	108.3	103.6
September	110.9	115.9	122.0	104.9	102.9	111.8	108.9	124.1	113.3	106.7	110.3	108.3	103.6
October	111.0	115.9	122.1	104.9	103.0	111.8	110.1	124.1	113.3	107.4	110.3	108.3	103.6
November	110.9	115.7	122.1	104.9	103.1	111.5	110.1	124.2	113.3	107.4	110.3	108.3	103.6
December	110.8	116.2	122.1	104.9	102.7	111.4	110.3	123.6	113.3	107.4	110.3	108.3	103.6

Table 6: Monthly All Items Index, January to December 2013 - 2018

Months	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	107.6	107.7	107.5	104.7	106.7	109.6
February	107.4	107.2	106.0	104.6	106.4	109.4
March	107.8	107.4	105.5	104.8	106.3	109.6
April	108.3	108.0	105.6	104.5	107.5	110.4
May	107.8	107.3	105.4	105.3	108.0	110.5
June	107.6	107.4	105.4	106.4	108.3	110.6
July	107.0	108.0	106.3	106.3	108.5	110.7
August	107.5	108.4	106.3	106.3	108.4	110.8
September	107.3	107.6	105.8	106.4	108.4	110.9
October	107.5	107.6	105.4	106.1	108.5	111.0
November	107.1	108.2	105.4	106.3	108.8	110.9
December	107.2	107.3	105.1	106.1	109.3	110.8
Average	107.5	107.7	105.8	105.7	107.9	110.4

Chart 2: Monthly All Items Index, January to December 2017 - 2018

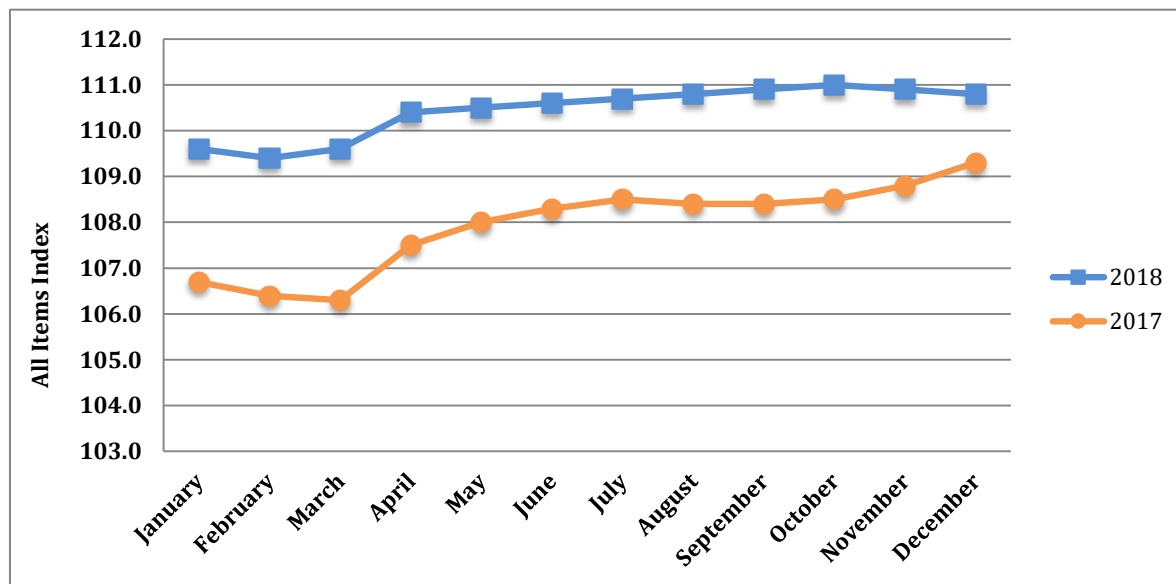


Table 7: Monthly Rate of Inflation, January to December 2013 - 2018

Months	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.3
February	-0.2	-0.5	-1.4	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2
March	0.4	0.2	-0.5	0.2	-0.1	0.2
April	0.5	0.6	0.1	-0.3	1.1	0.7
May	-0.5	-0.7	-0.2	0.8	0.5	0.1
June	-0.2	0.1	0.0	1.0	0.3	0.1
July	-0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.1	0.2	0.1
August	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.1
September	-0.2	-0.7	-0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1
October	0.2	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.1	0.1
November	-0.4	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.3	-0.1
December	0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-0.2	0.5	-0.1

Chart 3: Monthly Rate of Inflation, January to December 2017 - 2018

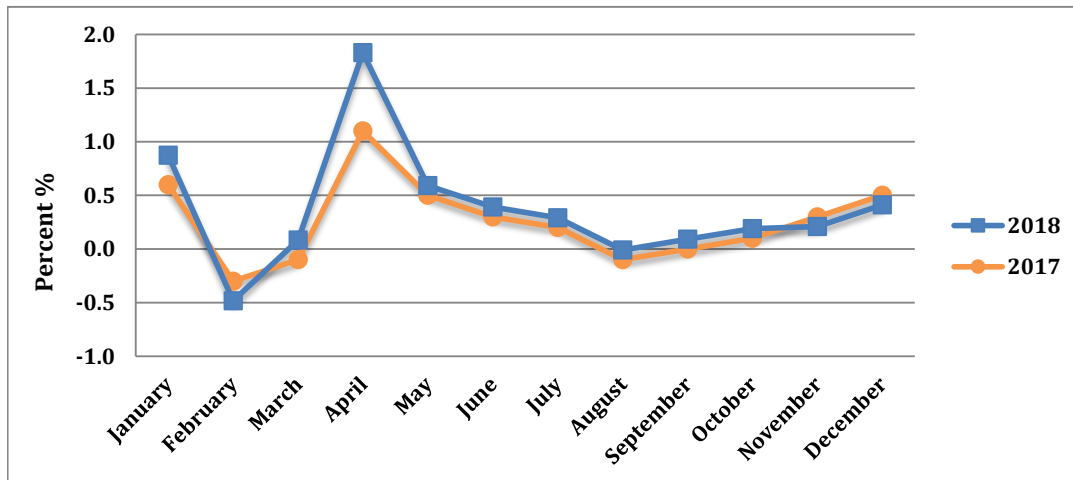


Table 8: Accumulated Inflation, January to December 2013 - 2018

Months	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	0.4	0.5	0.2	-0.4	0.6	3.3
February	0.2	0.0	-1.2	-0.5	0.3	3.1
March	0.6	0.2	-1.7	-0.3	0.2	3.3
April	1.0	0.8	-1.6	-0.6	1.3	4.0
May	0.6	0.1	-1.8	0.2	1.8	4.1
June	0.4	0.2	-1.8	1.2	2.1	4.2
July	-0.2	0.8	-0.9	1.1	2.2	4.3
August	0.3	1.1	-0.9	1.1	2.2	4.3
September	0.1	0.4	-1.4	1.2	2.2	4.4
October	0.3	0.4	-1.8	1.0	2.2	4.5
November	-0.1	1.0	-1.8	1.1	2.5	4.4
December	0.0	0.1	-2.1	1.0	3.0	4.3

Chart 4: Accumulated Inflation, January to December 2017 - 2018

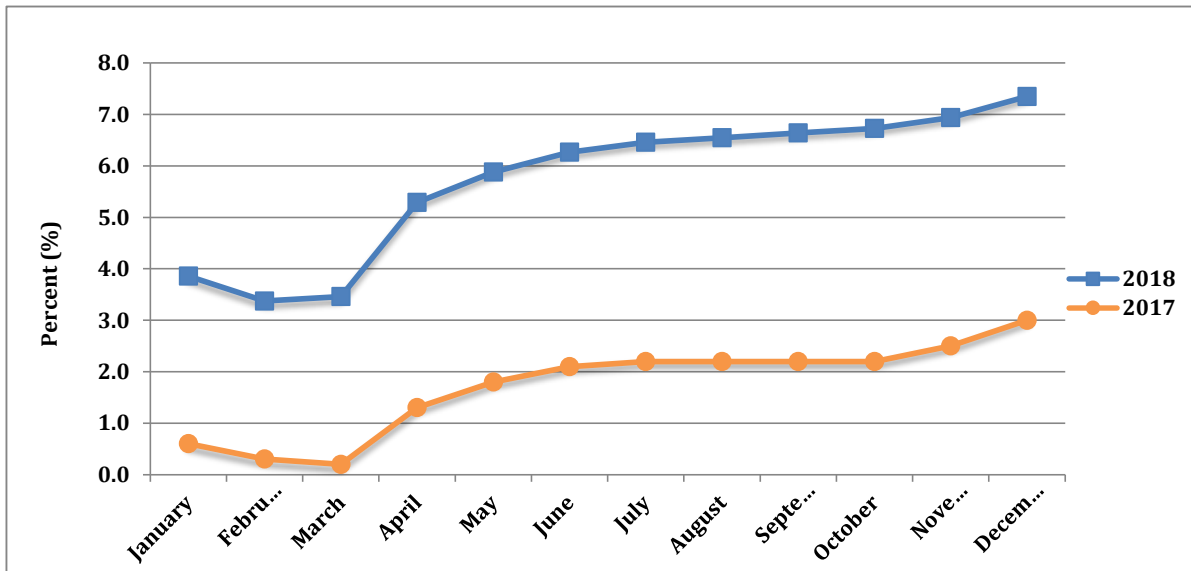
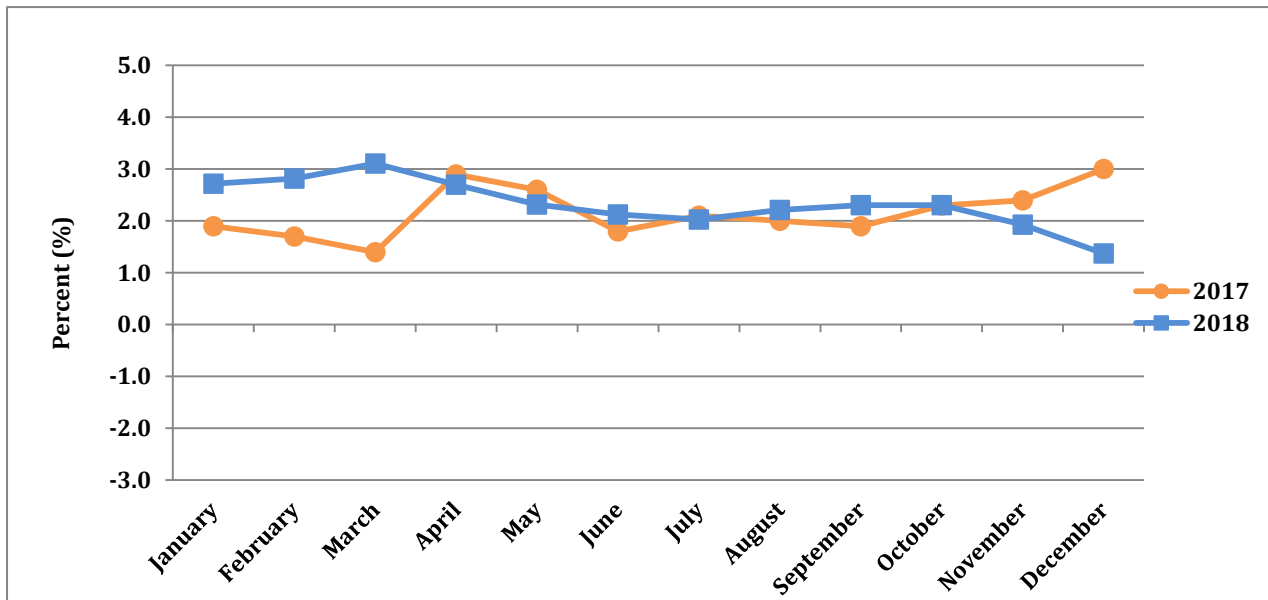


Table 9: Point to Point Rate of Inflation, January to December 2013 - 2018

Months	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
January	1.4	0.1	-0.2	-2.6	1.9	2.7
February	1.4	-0.2	-1.1	-1.3	1.7	2.8
March	1.7	-0.4	-1.8	-0.7	1.4	3.1
April	1.8	-0.3	-2.2	-1.0	2.9	2.7
May	1.0	-0.5	-1.8	-0.1	2.6	2.3
June	0.9	-0.2	-1.9	0.9	1.8	2.1
July	-0.3	0.9	-1.6	0.0	2.1	2.0
August	0.5	0.8	-1.9	0.0	2.0	2.2
September	0.9	0.3	-1.7	0.6	1.9	2.3
October	0.8	0.1	-2.0	0.7	2.3	2.3
November	-0.1	1.0	-2.6	0.9	2.4	1.9
December	0.0	0.1	-2.1	1.0	3.0	1.4
Average	0.8	0.2	-1.7	-0.1	2.2	2.3

Chart 5: Point to Point Rate of Inflation, January to December 2017 - 2018



**Table 10.1: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2018 Compared With 2017**

Items	Unit Or Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2018	2017	2017
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	8.00	8.00	0.0
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	6.78	6.64	2.1
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	2.84	2.78	2.2
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	1.64	1.59	3.1
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	4.60	4.48	2.7
Turkey Wings	Lb.	3.28	2.89	13.5
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.0
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	4.82	4.33	11.3
Fish - Fresh (Robins)	Lb.	4.55	4.08	11.5
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	5.84	5.58	4.7
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.29	8.12	2.1
Codfish	Lb.	15.08	14.66	2.9
Cornflakes	12 oz	13.66	13.70	-0.3
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.68	4.68	0.0
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.37	3.25	3.7
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.00	3.63	10.2
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	1.95	2.02	-3.5
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.21	4.25	-0.9
Eggs	Doz	9.18	8.60	6.7
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.09	9.03	0.7
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.66	1.60	3.7
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	1.81	1.96	-7.7
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.36	1.36	0.0
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.76	6.75	0.1
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.19	7.29	-1.4
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.92	1.96	-2.0
Rice - Package	2 kg	10.56	10.53	0.3
Bananas	Lb.	1.41	1.35	4.4
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.53	2.57	-1.6
Eddoes	Lb.	2.55	2.73	-6.6
Dasheens	Lb.	2.08	1.91	8.9
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.26	2.14	5.6
Oranges	Each	0.88	0.79	11.4
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.35	4.83	-9.9
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	9.16	9.00	1.8
Vegetable Oil	1 Litre	12.38	12.37	0.1
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.80	10.75	0.5
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.80	2.54	10.2
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.69	5.67	0.4

**Table 10.2: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2018 Compared With 2017**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2018	2017	2017
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS				
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bottle	29.96	29.86	0.3
Beer - Local	280ml Bottle	5.01	4.53	10.6
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.97	4.11	-3.4
Table wine (Local)	26 oz Bottl	21.26	21.10	0.8
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	102.25	100.00	2.3
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	20.89	21.17	-1.3
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	1 Length	93.68	93.68	0.0
Oil Paint	1 Gal.	118.60	107.74	10.1
Lumber -Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x1	1 Length	69.14	69.38	-0.3
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gals.	37.50	37.50	0.0
Kerosene	1 Gal.	6.61	6.61	0.0
Charcoal	1 Sack	40.00	40.00	0.0
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.55	37.18	6.4
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	121.94	109.37	11.5
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE				
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1162.88	1162.85	0.0
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.00	105.00	0.0
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	55.84	55.33	0.9
Laundry Soap	Each	1.24	1.21	2.5
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	6.28	6.27	0.2

**Table 10.3: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2018 Compared With 2017**

Items	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year 2017
		2018	2017	
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 Month supply	3.50	3.50	0.0
Drug for Diabetes	1 Month supply	12.55	12.55	0.0
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.13	15.03	0.7
Dental Care	1 Visit	130.83	125.21	4.5
Chest X- ray	1 Test	142.50	142.50	0.0
TRANSPORT				
Petrol - Unleaded	1 Gal.	12.25	11.06	10.8
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	1 Year	590.00	590.00	0.0
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	23.66	23.58	0.3
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.0
Internet Charge	1 Month	103.32	101.96	1.3
Fixed Line domestic Rate- peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.0
Mobile to Mobile- domestic	1 Minute	0.99	0.96	3.1
RECREATION AND CULTURE				
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	1997.55	1993.69	0.2
Cable TV Basic Charge	1 Month	77.25	74.75	3.3
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3839.57	3832.14	0.2
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2075.41	2071.39	0.2
Car - Remote Control	Each	250.00	250.00	0.0
Dog Food (Canned)	374g Tin	3.83	3.79	1.1
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.0
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	363.64	341.67	6.4

**Table 10.4: Average Annual Retail Price
Selected Items 2018 Compared With 2017**

ITEMS	Unit Of Quantity	Average Retail Price EC\$		Percentage Change Over Previous Year
		2018	2017	2017
EDUCATION				
Pre-Primary - Private	1 Month	217.50	215.83	0.8
Primary School Fee - Private	1 Term	831.82	825.00	0.8
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	0.78	0.0
Lead Pencils	Each	0.80	0.89	-10.1
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	73.37	79.12	-7.3
Tuition for local evening classes	1 Subject	100.00	100.00	0.0
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS				
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.39	13.98	2.9
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	15.51	14.68	5.7
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	17.05	16.98	0.4
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES				
Toilet Soap	125g	3.55	3.55	0.0
Toothpaste	130g tube	9.12	9.07	0.6
Men's Haircut	1 Visit	10.00	10.00	0.0
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	1 Visit	67.82	67.34	0.7
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	13.01	12.94	0.5
Health Insurance - Group (family)	≥3 Persons	307.00	307.00	0.0
Legal Expenses (Affidavit)	Fee	250.00	250.00	0.0