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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent for the month of February 2022, compared to 0.6 percent for the month of January 2022, (*see table 3*).

During the month of February, the “All Items” index was recorded at 114.8 compared to 114.7 for the month of January 2022. Eight (8) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics” (1.6%), “Transport” (0.9%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.6%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.6%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (0.3%), “Health” (0.2%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.1%) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.1%). “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” was the only group that recorded a decrease of (0.9%). Three (3) groups remained unchanged, “Communication”, “Education” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”, (*See table 3*).

The group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Narcotics and Tobacco” grew by 1.6 percent due mainly to an increase of 13.5 percent in the price of white rum and 12.1 percent in the price of red rum.

The 0.9 percent growth in “Transport” was as a result of higher prices for vehicle tyres and spark plugs. The price of pickup tyres increased by 42.9 percent, while, car tyres rose by 18.1 percent. Similarly, there was a 14.4 percent hike in the price spark plugs.

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” increased by 0.6 percent on account of higher prices for a pack of clothes pegs (74.3%), toilet paper (16.0%) and a pack of candles (8.9%).

Similarly, the 0.6 percent increase in the group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” was fuelled mainly by higher prices for several food items which included: bread pudding (50.0%), coconut slices (25.0%), rock cakes (21.8%), chicken necks (20.9%), heavy dough

white bread (12.5%), deep sea fish (11.1%), beef (11.1%), pork (11.1%) and currant rolls (7.4%).

“Hotels and Restaurants” grew by 0.3 percent due to an increase in the price of schools meals which grew by 33.3%.

The 0.1 percent increase in the group index for “Clothing and Footwear” was attributable to a 18.3 percent increase in the price of women’s dress material. The index for “Recreation and Culture” registered the same 0.1 percent growth. This was on account of a 5.9% increase in the price of an exercise book.

Meanwhile, the group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” declined by 0.9 percent due mainly to a decrease of 5.0 percent in the price of electricity. This was on account of a reduction in the fuel surcharge rate which moved from 44.71 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of January 2022 to 39.94 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of February 2022.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 3.6 percent for the month of February 2022 compared to a negative 0.9 percent for February 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Transport” (8.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (5.7%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (4.3%) and “Health” (3.0%), (*See table 3*).

The consumer price index increased by 0.1 percent for February 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 3.6 due to relative price changes during the month of February 2022 compared with the same period in the previous year.

Table 1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average Price EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2022	January 2022		
INCREASED					
Heavy dough, white bread	Each	6.75	6.00	0.75	12.5
Rock cakes	Each	0.67	0.55	0.12	21.8
Currant rolls	Each	2.18	2.03	0.15	7.4
Bread pudding	Each	1.50	1.00	0.50	50.0
Coconut slice	Each	2.50	2.00	0.50	25.0
Beef	Lb	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.1
Pork	Lb	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.1
Chicken necks	Lb	2.72	2.25	0.47	20.9
Deep sea fish (Dolphin, etc)	Lb	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.1
White rum	750ml bottle	36.92	32.53	4.39	13.5
Red rum	750ml bottle	33.27	29.68	3.59	12.1
Women's dress material - Tetrex	1 yard	12.95	10.95	2.00	18.3
Toilet paper - 300 sheets	Each	1.74	1.50	0.24	16.0
Candles, 4pk	1 box	6.96	6.39	0.57	8.9
Clothes pegs. 24 pins	1 pack	7.65	4.39	3.26	74.3
Cold preparation	125ml bottle	17.85	17.60	0.25	1.4
Car Tyres, 185/70/13	Each	204.38	173.05	31.33	18.1
Pickup Tyres, 265/70/16	Each	498.15	348.72	149.43	42.9
Spark plugs	Each	9.22	8.06	1.16	14.4
Exercise book	Each	0.90	0.85	0.05	5.9
School meals - Bakes & Chicken	Each	4.00	3.00	1.00	33.3
DECREASED					
Eggs	1 Dozen	10.75	11.49	-0.74	-6.4
Cabbage	Lb	3.93	4.38	-0.45	-10.3
Christophene	Lb	3.11	3.38	-0.27	-8.0
Tomatoes	Lb	4.32	5.16	-0.84	-16.3
Electricity consumption	140Kwh	125.92	132.59	-6.67	-5.0
Brake fluid	12oz bottle	14.55	19.42	-4.87	-25.1
School meals - Pizza	1 slice	2.50	3.00	-0.50	-16.7

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2022 Compared With February 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2022	February 2021		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	8.21	7.08	1.13	15.96
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.22	2.77	0.45	16.25
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.15	1.74	0.41	23.56
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	5.28	4.87	0.41	8.42
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.19	3.38	0.81	23.96
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	Lb.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Chicken Franks	340 g Pk	7.04	6.43	0.61	9.49
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	8.63	8.27	0.36	4.35
Codfish	Lb.	15.51	15.05	0.46	3.06
Cornflakes	12 oz	14.94	14.83	0.11	0.74
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.10	4.76	0.34	7.14
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.54	3.40	0.14	4.12
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.12	3.92	0.20	5.10
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.15	1.89	0.26	13.76
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.27	4.19	0.08	1.91
Eggs	Doz	10.75	9.45	1.30	13.76
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.50	9.32	0.18	1.93
Sugar - Brown (loose)	Lb.	1.72	1.69	0.03	1.78
Sugar - White (loose)	Lb.	2.14	1.79	0.35	19.55
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.35	1.35	0.00	0.00
Flour - Packaged (white)	2 kg	6.84	6.85	-0.01	-0.15
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2 kg	7.18	7.18	0.00	0.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.93	1.85	0.08	4.32
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.90	10.74	0.16	1.49
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.52	1.45	0.07	4.83
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.79	2.59	0.20	7.72
Eddoes	Lb.	3.12	3.08	0.04	1.30
Dasheens	Lb.	2.02	2.38	-0.36	-15.13
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	3.00	2.93	0.07	2.39
Oranges	Each	0.97	0.90	0.07	7.78
Tomatoes	Lb.	4.32	6.26	-1.94	-30.99
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	10.82	9.67	1.15	11.89
Vegetable Oil	Litre	15.42	12.38	3.04	24.56
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.71	10.59	0.12	1.13
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail (not cold)	280 ml Bottle	2.93	2.90	0.03	1.03
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.83	5.84	-0.01	-0.17

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2022 Compared With February 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2022	February 2021		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	36.93	32.85	4.08	12.42
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.06	0.03	0.59
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.61	3.49	0.12	3.44
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.28	23.89	0.39	1.63
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	35.00	47.95	-12.95	-27.01
Textile material - Linen	Yd.	17.95	17.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	69.92	69.95	-0.03	-0.04
Men's Jeans (long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	78.59	78.78	-0.19	-0.24
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	88.42	88.63	-0.21	-0.24
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit (polyester) large	Each	102.48	102.48	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	23.06	20.66	2.40	11.62
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	107.25	96.68	10.57	10.93
Oil Paint	Gallon	134.43	134.43	0.00	0.00
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	89.94	78.01	11.93	15.29
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	60.00	40.00	20.00	50.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	43.90	36.62	7.28	19.88
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	125.92	103.29	22.63	21.91
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,167.61	1167.61	0.00	0.00
Double size sheets - coloured/cotton	Each	105.11	105.11	0.00	0.00
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	53.11	55.98	-2.87	-5.13
Laundry Soap	Each	1.21	1.23	-0.02	-1.63
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.77	7.41	0.36	4.86

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2022 Compared With February 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2022	February 2021		
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	3.95	3.95	0.00	0.00
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	13.99	10.84	3.15	29.06
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	15.43	15.18	0.25	1.65
Dental Care	Visit	150.00	145.18	4.82	3.32
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.56	10.50	4.06	38.67
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	104.00	0.00	0.00
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic	Minute	0.93	1.00	-0.06	-6.53
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,019.80	2001.26	18.54	0.93
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,902.23	3866.22	36.01	0.93
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,109.18	2089.81	19.37	0.93
Remote Control Car	Each	267.97	267.97	0.00	0.00
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.08	3.95	0.13	3.29
Dance Admission to Night Club	Per Person	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	375.00	375.00	0.00	0.00

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2022 Compared With February 2021

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2022	February 2021		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	227.50	217.50	10.00	4.60
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	850.00	850.00	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	0.90	0.78	0.12	15.38
Lead Pencils	Each	0.75	0.75	0.00	0.00
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.65	75.12	11.53	15.35
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	74.92	25.08	33.48
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	14.49	14.49	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	17.32	17.32	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	18.75	17.05	1.70	9.97
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.74	3.77	-0.03	-0.80
Toothpaste	130g Tube	10.06	9.99	0.07	0.70
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.	14.16	14.06	0.10	0.71
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	January 2022	February 2022	February 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month January	Year February
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	126.0	126.8	120.0	0.6	5.7
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	127.3	129.3	126.9	1.6	1.9
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	104.7	104.5	0.1	0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.1	104.2	99.9	-0.9	4.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.3	114.0	113.3	0.6	0.6
06.	Health	1.79	117.8	118.0	114.6	0.2	3.0
07.	Transport	11.84	127.2	128.4	118.8	0.9	8.1
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	113.3	0.0	-1.1
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.0	110.1	108.3	0.1	1.7
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	109.6	0.0	-0.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	115.0	115.3	114.0	0.3	1.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.5	106.5	106.4	0.0	0.1
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	114.7	114.8	110.8	0.1	3.6

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for February 2022

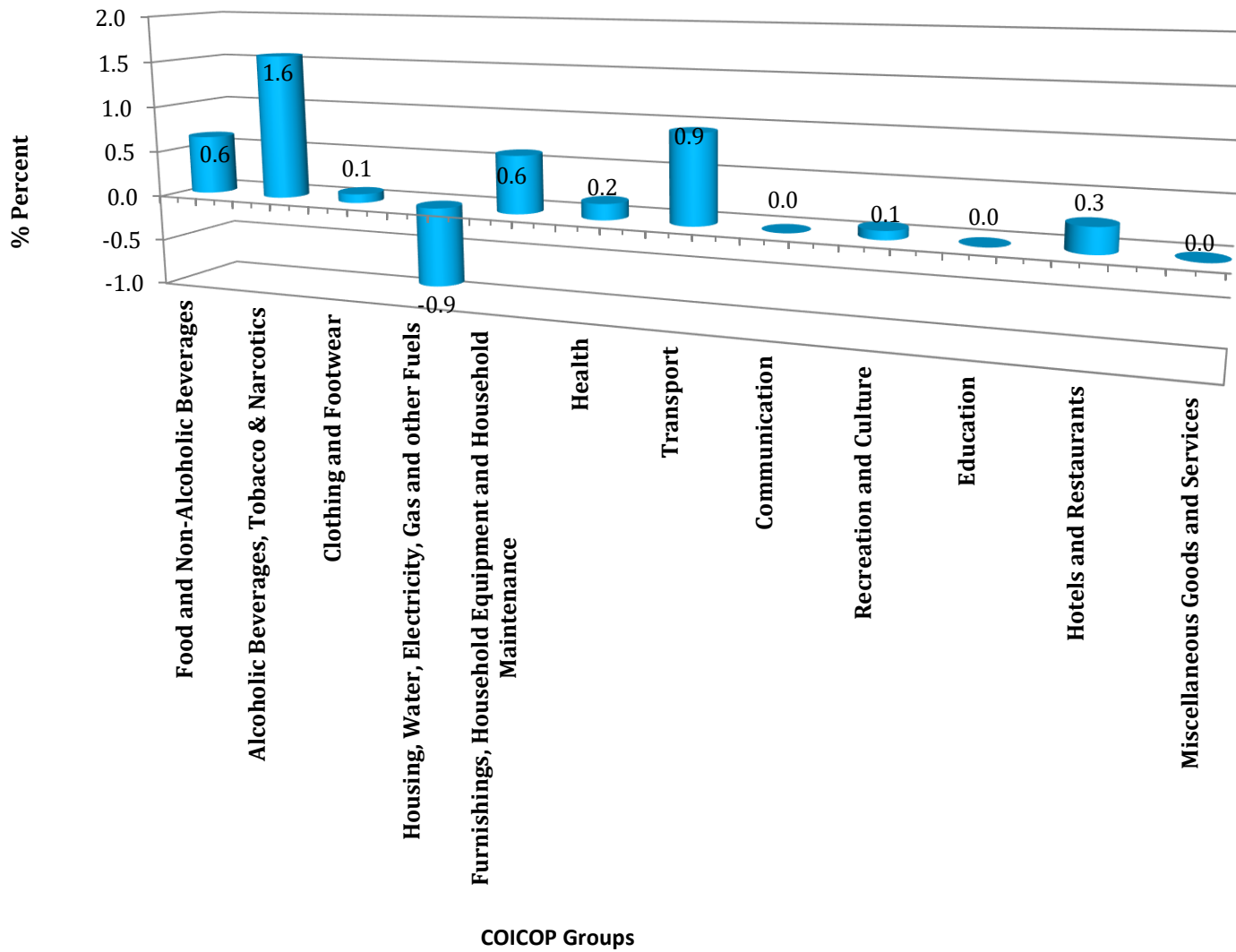


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	January 2022	February 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						January 2021	February 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	126.0	126.8	0.6	2,760.66	2,778.19	17.5	175.3
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	127.3	129.3	1.6	492.65	500.39	7.7	77.4
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	104.7	0.1	336.81	337.13	0.3	3.2
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	105.1	104.2	-0.9	3,159.31	3,132.25	-27.1	-270.5
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	113.3	114.0	0.6	746.65	751.26	4.6	46.1
6.	Health	1.79	117.8	118.0	0.2	210.86	211.22	0.4	3.6
7.	Transport	11.84	127.2	128.4	0.9	1,506.05	1,520.26	14.2	142.1
8.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	0.0	1,053.92	1,053.92	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.0	110.1	0.1	419.10	419.48	0.4	3.8
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	0.0	143.75	143.75	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	115.0	115.3	0.3	215.05	215.61	0.6	5.6
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	106.5	106.5	0.0	459.02	459.02	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	114.7	114.8	0.1	11,470.00	11,480.00	10.0	100.0

TABLE 5
Monthly Index - 2022
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	114.7	126.0	127.3	104.6	105.1	113.3	117.8	127.2	112.0	110.0	108.9	115.0	106.5
February	114.8	126.8	129.3	104.7	104.2	114.0	118.0	128.4	112.0	110.1	108.9	115.3	106.5