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The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.9 percent for the month May 2022 compared to 1.3 for the month of April 2022, (*see table 3*).

During the month of May 2022, the “All Items” index was recorded at 118.0 compared to 116.9 for the month of April 2022. Eight (8) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Transport” (2.0%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.5%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.4%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (1.0%), “Clothing and Footwear” (0.9%), “Health” (0.9%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.8%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.7%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture” and “Education”, (*See table 3*).

The 2.0 percent growth in the “Transport” index was due to increases in the price for spark plugs (25.2%), oil filters (24.6%), diesel (17.7%) and petrol 4.5%.

The group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” grew by 1.5 percent due to higher prices for several food items, which included; tomatoes (30.6%), tomato ketchup (27.3%), cabbage (20.7%), frozen pigtail (19.9%), plantain chips (14.5%), pumpkin (13.7%), pineapple (9.4%), yams (8.7%) and whole wheat small loaf (6.9%).

There was also a 1.5 percent increase in “Hotels and Restaurants”, due to higher prices for a chicken sandwich (15.9%) and chicken and fries meal (15.6%).

“Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 1.0 percent due mainly to an increase in the price of a double bed (40.1%) and a living room set (11.0%).

The “Health” index rose by 0.9 percent due to an increase of 35.8% in the price of a drug that is being use for the treatment of diabetes.

Similarly, the index for “Clothing and Footwear” grew by 0.9 percent on account of increases in the prices for women’s panties (34.5%) and men’s boxers (25.3%).

The 0.8 percent growth in the group index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” was attributed y to higher prices for sunglasses (47.9%), nail polish (40.4%) and women’s deodorant (18.8%).

The group index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 0.7 percent due mainly to an increase in the prices of emulsion paint (10.2%), steel rods (6.8%), building cement (5.0%), cooking gas (4.8%) and electricity (2.8%).

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 5.5 percent for the month of May 2022 compared to 1.3 percent for May 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were; “Hotels and Restaurants” (12.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (9.4%), “Transport” (8.6%), “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (6.30%) and “Health” (4.9%), (*See table 3*).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.9 percent for May 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 5.5 due to relative price changes during the month of May 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
		May 2022	April 2022		
<b>INCREASED</b>					
Small loaf, wholewheat	4pk	3.27	3.06	0.21	6.9
Pigtail, fresh	Lb	9.57	7.98	1.59	19.9
Plantains	Lb	1.84	1.73	0.11	6.4
Pineapple	Lb	6.50	5.94	0.56	9.4
Cabbage	Lb	4.90	4.06	0.84	20.7
Pumpkin	Lb	2.90	2.55	0.35	13.7
Tomatoes	Lb	5.84	4.47	1.37	30.6
Yams	Lb	4.13	3.80	0.33	8.7
Sweet peppers	Lb	7.48	7.04	0.44	6.3
Tomato ketchup	680g	9.50	7.46	2.04	27.3
Plantain chips	56g pk	3.15	2.75	0.40	14.5
Men's boxers	3pk	25.00	19.95	5.05	25.3
Women's panties	Each	8.00	5.95	2.05	34.5
Emulsion paint	1 gal.	125.41	113.76	11.65	10.2
Building cement	94lbs	24.07	22.92	1.15	5.0
1/2' Steel rods	1 length	27.43	25.68	1.75	6.8
Cooking gas:					
20lb cylinder	Each	45.76	43.90	1.86	4.2
25lb cylinder	Each	56.20	52.55	3.65	6.9
100lb cylinder	Each	219.50	212.60	6.90	3.2
Electricity consumption	140Kwh	153.27	149.06	4.21	2.8
Living room set, 3-piece	1 set	5550.69	4999.63	551.06	11.0
Bed, 54' x 75'	Each	1635.53	1167.61	467.92	40.1
Drugs for Diabetes	1 month's supply	18.65	13.73	4.92	35.8
Spark plugs	Each	11.54	9.22	2.32	25.2
Oil filters	Each	17.35	13.92	3.43	24.6
Diesel	1 gal.	15.17	12.89	2.28	17.7
Petrol	1 gal.	15.35	14.69	0.66	4.5
Chicken & Fries meal	Each	32.37	28.00	4.37	15.6
Chicken sandwich	Each	21.50	18.55	2.95	15.9
Lady's deodorant	32.0z	18.95	15.95	3.00	18.8
Nail polish	0.5floz	6.95	4.95	2.00	40.4
Sun glasses	Each	33.95	22.95	11.00	47.9
<b>DECREASED</b>					
Pigtail, salted	Lb	7.84	8.61	-0.77	-8.9
Watermelon	Lb	4.33	4.82	-0.49	-10.2
Mangoes, Julie	Each	0.87	0.95	-0.08	-8.4
Men's 2-piece suit	Each	295.00	395.00	-100.00	-25.3
Engine coolant	1 gal.	10.22	11.02	-0.80	-7.3
Engine oil	1 quart	10.32	10.90	-0.58	-5.3

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2022	May 2021		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	8.73	7.17	1.56	21.76
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.44	3.02	0.42	13.91
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.37	1.81	0.56	30.94
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	5.75	5.01	0.74	14.77
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.44	3.61	0.83	22.99
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	10.00	8.00	2.00	25.00
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	7.19	6.41	0.78	12.17
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.01	8.19	0.82	10.01
Codfish	Lb.	16.29	13.87	2.42	17.45
Cornflakes	12 oz	15.18	14.84	0.34	2.29
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.31	4.76	0.55	11.55
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	3.72	3.40	0.32	9.41
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.12	3.92	0.20	5.10
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.20	1.89	0.31	16.40
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	4.59	4.19	0.40	9.55
Eggs	Doz	10.69	9.70	0.99	10.21
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.61	9.30	0.31	3.33
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	1.81	1.67	0.14	8.38
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.12	1.79	0.33	18.44
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.52	1.35	0.17	12.59
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	7.56	6.85	0.71	10.36
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	7.97	7.18	0.79	11.00
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.93	1.85	0.08	4.32
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.91	10.74	0.17	1.58
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.63	1.50	0.13	8.67
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.79	2.58	0.21	8.14
Eddoes	Lb.	2.93	3.08	-0.15	-4.87
Dasheens	Lb.	1.88	2.32	-0.44	-18.97
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.79	3.01	-0.22	-7.31
Oranges	Each	1.09	0.90	0.19	21.11
Tomatoes	Lb.	5.84	4.32	1.52	35.19
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	10.80	9.67	1.13	11.69
Vegetable Oil	Litre	15.66	12.40	3.26	26.29
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	10.21	10.64	-0.43	-4.04
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	3.01	2.90	0.11	3.79
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.86	5.81	0.05	0.86

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2022	May 2021		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	37.56	32.85	4.71	14.34
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.10	-0.01	-0.20
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.61	3.49	0.12	3.44
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.83	23.89	0.94	3.93
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
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	69.87	69.92	-0.05	-0.07
Men's Jeans ( long) - size 30	Pair	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	79.42	79.03	0.39	0.49
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	89.36	88.92	0.44	0.49
Women's 2Pc Skirtsuit ( polyester) large	Each	108.31	102.48	5.83	5.69
Women's Blouse ( cotton/Spandex)	Each	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00
<b>HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY</b>					
<b>GAS AND OTHER FUELS</b>					
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	24.07	20.66	3.41	16.51
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	107.25	112.26	-5.01	-4.46
Oil Paint	Gallon	138.30	134.83	3.47	2.57
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	89.85	82.01	7.84	9.56
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	60.00	0.00	0.00
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	45.76	36.62	9.14	24.96
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	153.27	114.67	38.60	33.66
<b>FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE</b>					
Bed - Cherry 54"x75"	Each	1,635.53	1167.61	467.92	40.08
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	1.24	1.20	0.04	3.33
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.94	7.42	0.52	7.01

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2022	May 2021		
<b>HEALTH</b>					
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	4.97	4.63	0.34	7.34
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	18.65	10.49	8.16	77.79
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	16.35	15.18	1.17	7.71
Dental Care	Visit	150.00	145.83	4.17	2.86
Chest X- ray	Test	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TRANSPORT</b>					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	15.35	11.25	4.10	36.44
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
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>					
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
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
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	4.10	3.95	0.15	3.80
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



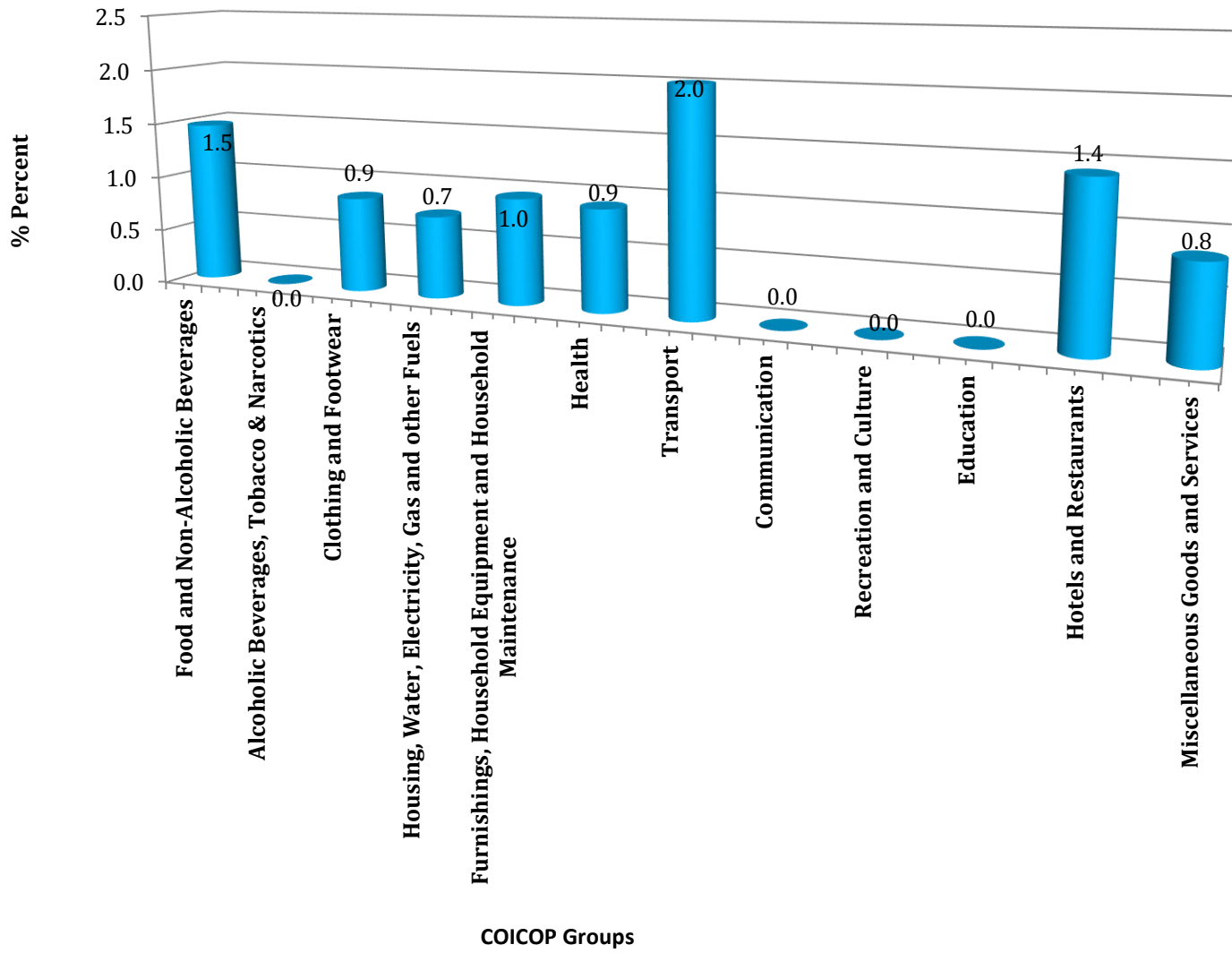
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**May 2022 Compared With May 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		May 2022	May 2021		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
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	86.55	74.92	11.63	15.52
Tuition for local evening classes	Per Subject	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
<b>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</b>					
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	16.20	14.49	1.71	11.80
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	20.00	17.32	2.68	15.47
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	21.85	17.05	4.80	28.15
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.81	3.74	0.07	1.87
Toothpaste	130g Tube	10.28	9.88	0.40	4.05
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.	14.79	14.01	0.78	5.57
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	April 2022	May 2022	May 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month April	Year May
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	129.9	131.8	120.5	1.5	9.4
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	129.2	129.2	126.9	0.0	1.8
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	105.5	104.7	0.9	0.8
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	107.5	108.3	101.9	0.7	6.3
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	114.9	116.0	113.8	1.0	1.9
06.	Health	1.79	119.7	120.8	115.2	0.9	4.9
07.	Transport	11.84	129.1	131.7	121.3	2.0	8.6
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	113.3	0.0	-1.1
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	110.1	110.1	108.4	0.0	1.6
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	109.6	0.0	-0.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	126.0	127.8	114.0	1.4	12.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	107.5	108.4	106.3	0.8	2.0
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>5.5</b>

**Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for May 2022**



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

	Groups	Weight	April 2022	May 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						April 2021	May 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	129.9	131.8	1.5	2,846.11	2,887.74	41.6	37.8
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	129.2	129.2	0.0	500.00	500.00	0.0	0.0
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	104.6	105.5	0.9	336.81	339.71	2.9	2.6
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	107.5	108.3	0.7	3,231.45	3,255.50	24.0	21.9
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	114.9	116.0	1.0	757.19	764.44	7.2	6.6
6.	Health	1.79	119.7	120.8	0.9	214.26	216.23	2.0	1.8
7.	Transport	11.84	129.1	131.7	2.0	1,528.54	1,559.33	30.8	28.0
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	110.1	110.1	0.0	419.48	419.48	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	108.9	108.9	0.0	143.75	143.75	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	126.0	127.8	1.4	235.62	238.99	3.4	3.1
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	107.5	108.4	0.8	463.33	467.20	3.9	3.5
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>118.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>11,690.00</b>	<b>11,800.00</b>	<b>110.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**TABLE 5**  
**Monthly Index - 2022**  
**January 2010 = 100**

<b>Groups</b>	<b>All Items</b>	<b>Food &amp; Non-Alcoholic Beverages</b>	<b>Alcoholic Beverages Tobacco &amp; Narcotics</b>	<b>Clothing &amp; Footwear</b>	<b>Housing Water Electricity Gas and Fuels</b>	<b>Furnishings Household Equipment &amp; Household Maintenance</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Transport</b>	<b>Communi-cation</b>	<b>Recreation &amp; Culture</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Hotels &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>Miscell-aneous Goods and Services</b>
<b>WEIGHT</b>	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
<b>MONTH</b>													
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
March	115.4	127.7	129.6	104.7	105.7	114.4	118.0	127.6	112.0	110.1	108.9	116.6	106.9
April	116.9	129.9	129.2	104.6	107.5	114.9	119.7	129.1	112.0	110.1	108.9	126.0	107.5
May	118.0	131.8	129.2	105.5	108.3	116.0	120.8	131.7	112.0	110.1	108.9	127.8	108.4