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## October 2022

The consumer price index recorded an increase of 0.3 percent for the month October 2022 compared to 0.7 percent for the month of September 2022, (*see table 3*).

During the month of October 2022, the “All Items” index was recorded at 121.9 compared to 121.5 for the month of September 2022. Five (5) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (1.9%), Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance (1.1%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.1%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.4%) and “Recreation and Culture” (0.1%). Three (3) groups recorded decreases for the month, “Transport” (0.6%), “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.2%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Health” “Communication” and “Education”, (*See table 3*).

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index grew by 1.9 percent on account of higher prices for several food items, which included; soya bean oil (23.6%), pigeon peas (18.2%), pineapple (15.4%), broccoli (12.8%), luncheon meat (11.9%), evaporated milk (11.4%), chicken - whole leg (5.8%), powdered milk - full cream (3.4%), oats (2.8%) and rice (2.1%).

The group index for “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” grew by 1.1 percent due mainly to a higher price for a disinfectant (10.3%), washing soap (7.1%) and mattress (5.7%).

Similarly, the 1.1 percent increase in “Hotels and Restaurants” group index was as a result of increases in the price for a slice of pizza (25.3%) and school meals: chicken lunch (25.0%) and roti (16.7%).

The group index for “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” grew by 0.4% on account of higher prices for sanitary napkins (5.4%) and toilet soap (5.0%).

Meanwhile, “Recreation and Culture” recorded growth of 0.1 percent due mainly to a 44.4 percent increase in the price for exercise book.

The “Transport” index fell by 0.6 percent on account of a decrease in the price for passenger airfares from St. Vincent and the Grenadines to London (27.9%) and Toronto (16.1%).

The group index for “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” declined by 0.2 percent due to a decrease in the prices of red wine (10.1%) and whiskey (1.9%).

“Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” group index fell by 0.2 percent, as a result of lower prices for a lamp holder (22.7%), galvanise nail (6.4%) and electricity (1.0%). The lower cost for electricity resulted from a reduction in the fuel surcharge rate which moved from 64.63 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of September 2022 to 63.46 cents per kilowatt hour for October 2022.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 7.5 percent for the month of October 2022 compared to 2.8 percent for October 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (15.1%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (12.3%), “Transport” (11.9%), “Health” (6.7%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (6.7%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels” (5.9%) (See table 3).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.3 percent for October 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 7.5 due to relative price changes during the month of October 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	
		October 2022	September 2022			
<b>INCREASED</b>						
Rice - loose	lb	1.97	1.93	0.04	2.1	
Other cereal - oats	187oz, tin	18.80	18.29	0.51	2.8	
Chicken - whole leg	lb	3.86	3.65	0.21	5.8	
Turkey	lb	4.82	4.67	0.15	3.2	
Luncheon meat	340g, tin	8.73	7.80	0.93	11.9	
Evaporated milk	410g, tin	3.90	3.50	0.40	11.4	
Powdered milk - full cream	lb	9.00	8.70	0.30	3.4	
Soya bean oil	1Ltr, bottle	19.35	15.65	3.70	23.6	
Ripe banana	lb	1.65	1.51	0.14	9.3	
Pineapple	lb	6.31	5.47	0.84	15.4	
Broccoli	lb	12.91	11.45	1.46	12.8	
Pigeon peas	454g, pk	7.74	6.55	1.19	18.2	
Mattress	Queen	1417.73	1340.71	77.02	5.7	
Washing soap	Each	1.50	1.40	0.10	7.1	
Disinfectant	28oz	9.35	8.48	0.87	10.3	
Exercise book	Each	1.30	0.90	0.40	44.4	
Pizza	Slice	6.00	4.79	1.21	25.3	
School meals:						
	Rice and chicken	Meal	7.50	6.00	1.50	25.0
	Roti	Each	3.50	3.00	0.50	16.7
Toilet soap	125g	4.00	3.81	0.19	5.0	
Sanitary napkin, regular	10pk	6.29	5.97	0.32	5.4	
<b>DECREASED</b>						
Garlic, loose	500g	5.53	6.12	-0.59	-9.6	
Lentils	400g pk	4.55	4.88	-0.33	-6.8	
Lettuce	Head	7.08	7.41	-0.33	-4.5	
Chicken sausage	5oz	2.85	2.95	-0.10	-3.4	
Whiskey	750ml bottle	138.96	141.72	-2.76	-1.9	
Red wine	750ml bottle	33.94	37.75	-3.81	-10.1	
Galvanise nails	lb	8.68	9.27	-0.59	-6.4	
Lamp holder	Each	3.88	5.02	-1.14	-22.7	
Electricity	140Kwh	158.84	160.48	-1.64	-1.0	
Passenger airfares from St. Vincent to:						
	Toronto, C	Month	3803.00	4532.00	-729.00	-16.1
	London, E	Month	4565.00	6333.00	-1768.00	-27.9

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		October 2022	October 2021		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	9.39	7.42	1.97	26.55
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.71	3.10	0.61	19.68
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.50	1.93	0.57	29.53
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	6.16	4.88	1.28	26.23
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.82	3.73	1.09	29.22
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.00	9.00	0.00	0.00
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	7.50	6.47	1.03	15.92
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.62	8.33	1.29	15.49
Codfish	Lb.	16.11	14.74	1.37	9.29
Cornflakes	12 oz	16.30	15.16	1.14	7.52
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.15	4.74	0.41	8.65
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.31	3.42	0.89	26.02
Milk - Condensed	397g Tin	4.12	3.92	0.20	5.10
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 Pk	2.78	1.89	0.89	47.09
Bread - Large Sliced Pan Loaf (white)	Each	5.18	4.19	0.99	23.63
Eggs	Doz	11.62	9.75	1.87	19.18
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.90	9.41	0.49	5.21
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	2.28	1.69	0.59	34.91
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.55	1.80	0.75	41.67
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.80	1.36	0.44	32.35
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	8.91	6.85	2.06	30.07
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	9.62	7.18	2.44	33.98
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.97	1.85	0.12	6.49
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.97	10.88	0.09	0.83
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.65	1.50	0.15	10.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.65	2.58	0.07	2.71
Eddoes	Lb.	2.97	3.08	-0.11	-3.57
Dasheens	Lb.	1.91	1.98	-0.07	-3.54
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.85	2.93	-0.08	-2.73
Oranges	Each	1.11	0.88	0.23	26.14
Tomatoes	Lb.	6.95	5.23	1.72	32.89
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	11.55	9.85	1.70	17.26
Vegetable Oil	Litre	18.22	14.16	4.06	28.67
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	11.24	10.63	0.61	5.74
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	3.02	2.92	0.10	3.42
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	6.01	5.85	0.16	2.74

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		October 2022	October 2021		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	37.74	33.00	4.74	14.36
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.09	5.09	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.85	3.49	0.36	10.32
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.83	24.08	0.75	3.11
<b>CLOTHING &amp; FOOTWEAR</b>					
Textile material - Terelyne	Yd.	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
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	82.57	78.31	4.26	5.44
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	92.90	88.10	4.80	5.45
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	25.29	20.66	4.63	22.41
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	111.33	105.06	6.27	5.97
Oil Paint	Gallon	152.06	134.83	17.23	12.78
Lumber - Dressed Treated Yellow Pine (1x12x12)	Length	124.78	81.99	42.79	52.19
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	40.10	5.66	14.11
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	158.84	124.00	34.84	28.10
<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	105.45	105.11	0.34	0.32
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	53.11	53.11	0.00	0.00
Laundry Soap	Each	1.50	1.19	0.31	26.05
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.94	7.77	0.17	2.19

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		October 2022	October 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	4.17	0.80	19.18
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	15.70	13.99	1.71	12.22
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	16.43	15.18	1.25	8.23
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	18.16	14.00	4.16	29.71
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 2000 lbs	Year	590.00	590.00	0.00	0.00
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	One Way	3.50	3.00	0.50	16.67
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	0.93	0.00	0.00
<b>RECREATION AND CULTURE</b>					
Television 26 " Flat panel	Each	2,019.80	2007.94	11.86	0.59
Cable TV Basic Charge	Month	79.33	79.33	0.00	0.00
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,902.23	3879.13	23.10	0.60
Desktop Computer - 14" Monitor 3 GB	Each	2,109.18	2096.79	12.39	0.59
Remote Control Car	Each	288.49	267.97	20.52	7.66
Dog Food (Canned)	374 g Tin	4.10	4.08	0.02	0.49
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



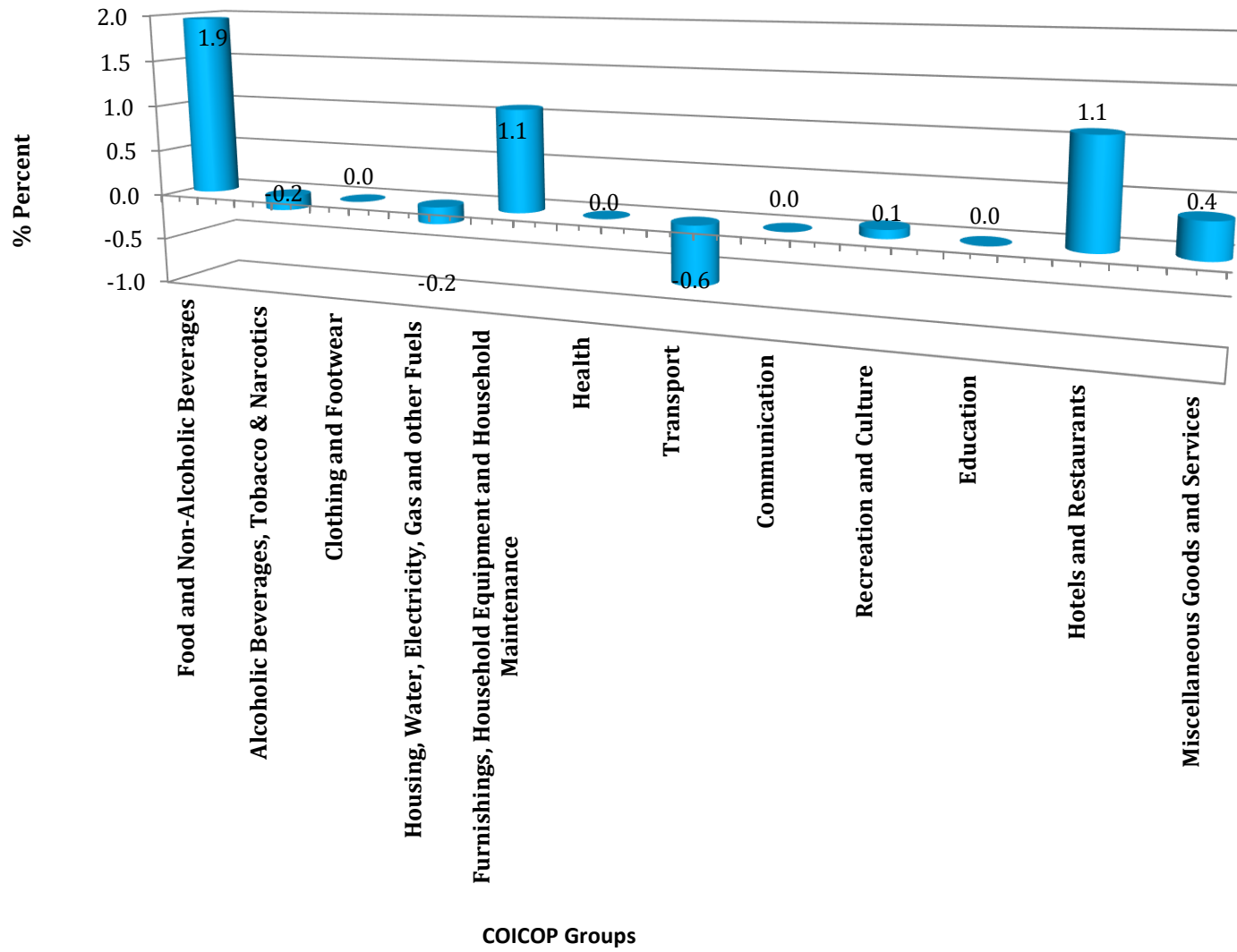
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**October 2022 Compared With October 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		October 2022	October 2021		
<b>EDUCATION</b>					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	227.50	217.50	10.00	4.60
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	975.00	850.00	125.00	14.71
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	150.00	100.00	50.00	50.00
Newspaper - Local	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00
Exercise Book - Primary - 24 leaves	Each	1.30	0.85	0.45	52.94
Lead Pencils	Each	0.77	0.75	0.02	2.67
Mathematics Textbook - Form 4	Each	86.55	86.65	-0.10	-0.12
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	18.75	3.10	16.53
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES</b>					
Toilet Soap	125g	3.82	3.72	0.10	2.69
Toothpaste	130g Tube	10.60	9.89	0.71	7.18
Men's Haircut	Visit	10.00	10.00	0.00	0.00
Women's Hairdressing ( Relaxer )	Visit	72.46	69.82	2.64	3.78
Disposable Diapers (medium)	10 per Pk.	15.14	13.95	1.19	8.53
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	September 2022	October 2022	October 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month September	Year October
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	138.5	141.2	122.7	1.9	15.1
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.2	131.0	126.6	-0.2	3.5
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	106.3	106.3	104.6	0.0	1.6
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.8	109.6	103.5	-0.2	5.9
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	119.6	120.9	113.3	1.1	6.7
06.	Health	1.79	123.3	123.3	115.6	0.0	6.7
07.	Transport	11.84	143.4	142.5	127.3	-0.6	11.9
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	112.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	111.8	111.9	109.2	0.1	2.5
10.	Education	1.32	110.7	110.7	109.1	0.0	1.5
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	128.0	129.4	115.2	1.1	12.3
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.7	109.1	106.1	0.4	2.8
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>113.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>

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



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

	Groups	Weight	September 2022	October 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						September 2022	October 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	138.5	141.2	1.9	3,034.54	3,093.69	59.2	147.9
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.2	131.0	-0.2	507.74	506.97	-0.8	-1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	106.3	106.3	0.0	342.29	342.29	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	109.8	109.6	-0.2	3,300.59	3,294.58	-6.0	-15.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	119.6	120.9	1.1	788.16	796.73	8.6	21.4
6.	Health	1.79	123.3	123.3	0.0	220.71	220.71	0.0	0.0
7.	Transport	11.84	143.4	142.5	-0.6	1,697.86	1,687.20	-10.7	-26.6
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	111.8	111.9	0.1	425.96	426.34	0.4	1.0
10.	Education	1.32	110.7	110.7	0.0	146.12	146.12	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	128.0	129.4	1.1	239.36	241.98	2.6	6.5
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	108.7	109.1	0.4	468.50	470.22	1.7	4.3
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>12,150.00</b>	<b>12,190.00</b>	<b>40.0</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
June	118.7	132.1	129.8	105.5	109.4	116.3	122.0	133.8	112.0	110.1	108.9	127.8	108.4
July	119.8	134.0	131.1	105.5	110.8	117.3	121.8	135.8	112.0	110.2	108.9	127.8	108.5
August	120.6	136.7	131.2	106.3	110.4	117.7	121.8	138.7	112.0	110.8	108.9	127.8	108.6
September	121.5	138.5	131.2	106.3	109.8	119.6	123.3	143.4	112.0	111.8	110.7	128.0	108.7
October	121.9	141.2	131.0	106.3	109.6	120.9	123.3	142.5	112.0	111.9	110.7	129.4	109.1