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## November 2022

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

During the month of November 2022, the “All Items” index was recorded at 122.3 compared to 121.9 for the month of October 2022. Six (6) groups recorded increases during the month, namely; “Hotels and Restaurants” (1.3%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (1.0%), “Transport” (0.8%), “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (0.1%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.2%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.1%). Two (2) groups recorded decreases for the month, “Health” (0.9%) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.2%). Four (4) groups remained unchanged, “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, Recreation and Culture” and “Education”, (*See table 3*).

The “Hotels and Restaurants” index grew by 1.3% due to an 11.8 percent increase in the price of a beef roti served at a restaurant.

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” increased by 1.0 percent on account of higher prices for a pair of pillow cases (29.2%), teaspoon set (20.0%) and 300-sheet roll toilet paper (7.5%).

The 0.8 percent increase in the “Transport” index resulted from an increase in passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations. Ticket prices to St. Lucia increased by 60.0 percent, Barbados by 24.2 percent, and Toronto 15.0 percent.

The “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” group index grew by 0.3 percent due mainly to a 5.7 increase in the price of a bottle of perfume.

The 0.2 percent growth in the group index for “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” was on account of higher prices for several food items, which included mayonnaise (16.4%),

watermelon (13.4%), cauliflower (11.2%), callaloo leaves (10.8%), eggs (10.6%), green bananas (9.8%), spinach (9.4%), fruit punch (8.2%) and condensed milk (7.5%).

“Housing, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” increased by 0.1 percent as a result of a 29.3 percent increase in the price of a pine door and 0.6 percent increase in the cost of electricity.

Meanwhile, the “Health” index declined by 0.9 percent due to lower prices for drugs used in the treatment of diabetes (22.5%) and hypertension (6.5%).

Similarly, the “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” index decreased by 0.2 percent due to a decline of 1.3 percent in the price of an imported beer and 1.0 percent fall in the price for local beer.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 7.5 percent for the month of November 2022 compared to 3.2 percent for November 2021. The groups that accounted for the largest increases during the period were, “Transport” (14.1%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (13.8%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (13.7%), “Furnishing, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (7.9%), “Health” (5.5%) and “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (5.2%), (See table 3).

**The consumer price index increased by 0.3 percent for November 2022. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 7.5 due to relative price changes during the month of November 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	
		November 2022	October 2022			
<b>INCREASED</b>						
Codfish	Lb	16.94	16.11	0.83	5.2	
Condensed milk	390g tin	4.43	4.12	0.31	7.5	
Suppligen	250ml box	5.44	5.15	0.29	5.6	
Eggs	Dozen	12.85	11.62	1.23	10.6	
Watermelon	Lb	4.50	3.97	0.53	13.4	
Lettuce	Head	7.48	7.08	0.40	5.6	
Callaloo leaves	Lb	3.28	2.96	0.32	10.8	
Spinach	Lb	3.27	2.99	0.28	9.4	
Green bananas	Lb	1.35	1.23	0.12	9.8	
Cauliflower	Lb	12.42	11.17	1.25	11.2	
Mayonaise	16oz bottle	16.64	14.30	2.34	16.4	
Fruit punch	1 litre box	11.60	10.72	0.88	8.2	
Pine door, 6 pannel without glass	Each	644.08	498.00	146.08	29.3	
Electricity	140Kwh	159.81	158.84	0.97	0.6	
Pillow cases	Pair	20.00	15.48	4.52	29.2	
Teaspoon	Set of 6	12.00	10.00	2.00	20.0	
Toilet paper	300 sheets roll	2.01	1.87	0.14	7.5	
Passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to:						
	St. Lucia	1 way	590.57	369.15	221.42	60.0
	Barbados	1 way	479.40	385.87	93.53	24.2
	Toronto, Canada	1 month	4377.82	3808.00	569.82	15.0
Restaurant meal - Roti	Each	13.83	12.37	1.46	11.8	
Perfume	36floz	185.00	175.00	10.00	5.7	
<b>DECREASED</b>						
Drugs for hypertension	28 tablets pk	6.48	6.93	-0.45	-6.5	
Drugs for diabetes	1 month's supply	12.17	15.70	-3.53	-22.5	
Imported beer	250ml bottle	5.51	5.58	-0.07	-1.3	
Local beer	280ml bottle	5.04	5.09	-0.05	-1.0	
Pasta elbows	340g pk	4.68	5.02	-0.34	-6.8	
Cabbage	Lb	4.63	5.09	-0.46	-9.0	
Carrots	Lb	6.47	6.82	-0.35	-5.1	
Tile, 12 x 12	Each	5.03	6.30	-1.27	-20.2	
Bath towel	Each	30.00	36.12	-6.12	-16.9	
Kitchen knife	Each	6.95	7.95	-1.00	-12.6	
Petrol	gallon	16.06	18.16	-2.10	-11.6	
Engine oil	1 quart	13.57	16.67	-3.10	-18.6	

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2022	November 2021		
<b>FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES</b>					
Beef - Fresh	Lb.	10.00	9.00	1.00	11.11
Chicken - Whole	Lb.	9.25	7.62	1.63	21.39
Chicken - Leg Quarters	Lb.	3.63	3.13	0.50	15.97
Chicken - Backs	Lb.	2.43	2.00	0.43	21.50
Chicken - Wings	Lb.	6.02	4.95	1.07	21.62
Turkey Wings	Lb.	4.74	4.14	0.60	14.49
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	Lb.	9.10	9.00	0.10	1.11
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	7.55	6.52	1.03	15.80
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.73	8.34	1.39	16.67
Codfish	Lb.	16.94	15.25	1.69	11.08
Cornflakes	12 oz	16.40	15.15	1.25	8.25
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	4.95	4.74	0.21	4.43
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.30	3.45	0.85	24.64
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	5.14	4.19	0.95	22.67
Eggs	Doz	12.85	10.48	2.37	22.61
Orange Juice	19 oz Tin	9.96	9.61	0.35	3.64
Sugar - Brown ( loose)	Lb.	2.26	1.71	0.55	32.16
Sugar - White ( loose)	Lb.	2.51	2.06	0.45	21.84
Flour - Loose	Lb.	1.80	1.36	0.44	32.35
Flour - Packaged ( white)	2 kg	8.89	6.85	2.04	29.78
Flour - Packaged ( wholewheat)	2 kg	9.62	7.18	2.44	33.98
Rice - Loose	Lb.	1.97	1.86	0.11	5.91
Rice - Packaged	2Kg	10.91	10.88	0.03	0.28
Bananas (ripe)	Lb.	1.68	1.50	0.18	12.00
Breadfruit	Lb.	2.65	2.58	0.07	2.71
Eddoes	Lb.	2.97	3.08	-0.11	-3.57
Dasheens	Lb.	1.90	1.98	-0.08	-4.04
Sweet Potatoes	Lb.	2.84	2.93	-0.09	-3.07
Oranges	Each	1.13	1.02	0.11	10.78
Tomatoes	Lb.	6.79	5.18	1.61	31.08
Cooking Margarine	445g Tub	11.55	10.05	1.50	14.93
Vegetable Oil	Litre	18.33	14.18	4.15	29.27
Powdered Chocolate	300g Pk	11.24	10.69	0.55	5.14
Hairoun Fruit Cocktail ( not cold)	280 ml Bottle	3.03	2.92	0.11	3.77
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	6.02	5.85	0.17	2.91

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2022	November 2021		
<b>ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO &amp; NARCOTICS</b>					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	37.80	33.00	4.80	14.55
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.04	5.09	-0.05	-0.98
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	3.85	3.49	0.36	10.32
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	24.83	24.05	0.78	3.24
<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	22.92	2.37	10.34
Galvanise Sheets 10 ft.	Length	111.33	105.99	5.34	5.04
Oil Paint	Gallon	145.00	134.83	10.17	7.54
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	43.90	1.86	4.24
Electricity Consumption Charge	140 KWH	159.81	126.67	33.14	26.16
<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	107.47	105.11	2.36	2.25
Frying Pan - 12" - non-stick	Each	52.35	53.11	-0.76	-1.43
Laundry Soap	Each	1.55	1.18	0.37	31.36
Electrical Bulb - 60W	Each	7.94	7.77	0.17	2.19

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

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2022	November 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	3.82	1.15	30.10
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	12.17	13.99	-1.82	-13.01
Cough, Cold Preparation	125 ml.	16.16	15.35	0.81	5.28
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	16.06	14.17	1.89	13.34
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	#DIV/0!
Laptop Computer -13.3 " screen 2 GB	Each	3,902.23	3879.31	22.92	0.59
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



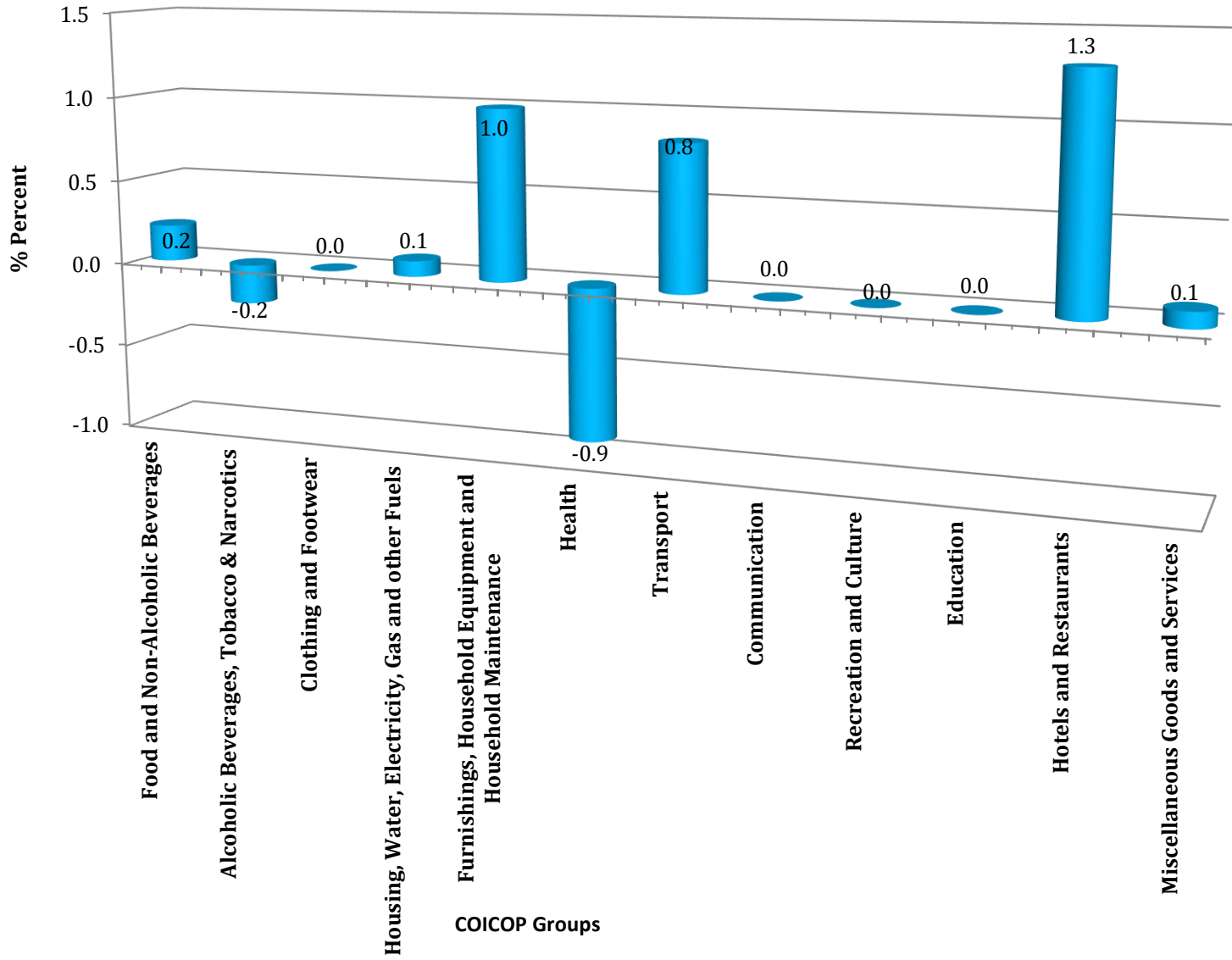
**Table 2.4**  
**Average Retail Price of Selected Items**  
**November 2022 Compared With November 2021**

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		November 2022	November 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	3.83	3.72	0.11	2.96
Toothpaste	130g Tube	10.62	9.96	0.66	6.63
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.	15.35	14.02	1.33	9.49
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	October 2022	November 2022	November 2021	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month October	Year November
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	141.2	141.5	124.4	0.2	13.7
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.0	130.7	126.5	-0.2	3.3
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	109.6	109.7	104.3	0.1	5.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	120.9	122.1	113.2	1.0	7.9
06.	Health	1.79	123.3	122.2	115.8	-0.9	5.5
07.	Transport	11.84	142.5	143.7	125.9	0.8	14.1
08.	Communication	9.41	112.0	112.0	112.0	0.0	0.0
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	111.9	111.9	109.2	0.0	2.5
10.	Education	1.32	110.7	110.7	109.1	0.0	1.5
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	129.4	131.1	115.2	1.3	13.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	109.1	109.2	106.3	0.1	2.7
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>7.5</b>

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



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

	Groups	Weight	October 2022	November 2022	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						October 2022	November 2022		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	141.2	141.5	0.2	3,093.69	3,100.27	6.6	16.4
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	131.0	130.7	-0.2	506.97	505.81	-1.2	-2.9
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	109.6	109.7	0.1	3,294.58	3,297.58	3.0	7.5
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	120.9	122.1	1.0	796.73	804.64	7.9	19.8
6.	Health	1.79	123.3	122.2	-0.9	220.71	218.74	-2.0	-4.9
7.	Transport	11.84	142.5	143.7	0.8	1,687.20	1,701.41	14.2	35.5
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	111.9	111.9	0.0	426.34	426.34	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	110.7	110.7	0.0	146.12	146.12	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	129.4	131.1	1.3	241.98	245.16	3.2	7.9
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	109.1	109.2	0.1	470.22	470.65	0.4	1.1
	<b>ALL ITEMS</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>121.9</b>	<b>122.3</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>12,190.00</b>	<b>12,230.00</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
November	122.3	141.5	130.7	106.3	109.7	122.1	122.2	143.7	112.0	111.9	110.7	131.1	109.2