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February 2025

The Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.2 percent for the month of February 2025 compared to an increase of 0.4 percent for the month of January 2025, (*see table 3*).

During the month of February 2025, the “All Items” index was registered at 129.4 in comparison to 129.6 for the month of January 2025. Four (4) groups recorded a decrease during the month; “Transport” (1.6%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (0.4%), “Hotels and Restaurants” (0.2%) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” (0.1%). Three (3) groups recorded an increase during the period; “Health” (2.0%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (0.1%) and “Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” (0.1%). Five (5) groups remained unchanged; “Clothing and Footwear”, “Communication”, “Recreation and Culture”, “Education” and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services”.

The “Transport” index declined by 1.6 percent due to a reduction in the price for diesel fuel (2.5%), petrol (1.4%). Additionally, a decrease in the cost of passenger airfare from St Vincent and the Grenadines to several destinations which included New York, U.S.A (27.7%), Toronto, Canada (16.9%), Antigua and Barbuda (15.1%), Barbados (13.5%) and Miami (8.8%).

“Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” declined by 0.4 percent due to lower prices for powder detergent (23.8%) and an electric iron (19.1%).

The 0.1 percent decrease in the index for “Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels” resulted from a decrease of 0.4 percent in the cost of electricity. This decline in the cost of electricity is on account of the reduction in the fuel surcharge rate which moved from 50.25 cents per kilowatt hour in January 2025 to 49.86 cents per kilowatt hour for the month of February 2025.

The group index for “Hotels and Restaurants” declined by 0.1 percent due mainly to a decrease of 3.5 percent in the price of a chicken and fries meal.

The 2.0 percent increase in the group index for “Health” is due to an increase in the price of gynaecology fee (25.0%), antihistamine tablets (20.0%) and drugs for diabetes (5.3%).

The “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” group index increased by 0.1 percent due to an increase in the price of several food items which included: imported tomatoes (57.9%), pasta – spaghetti (16.3%), sweet potatoes (15.2%), grapes (12.3%), green seasoning (11.4%), chicken – thigh (4.9%), powdered milk – full cream (3.6%), packaged rice (3.1%) and cornmeal (3.0%).

“Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics” group index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent due to an increase of 7.8 % for tequila and 1.6% for red wine.

The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.7 percent for the month of February 2025 compared to 4.7 percent for the month of February 2024. The groups that represented the

largest increases during the period were, “Hotels and Restaurants” (8.7%), “Education” (5.6%), “Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages” (4.9%), “Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance” (4.9%) and “Miscellaneous Goods and Services” (4.5%).

The consumer price index decreased by 0.2 percent for February 2025. The point-to-point inflation rate stood at 1.7 percent due to relative price changes during the month of February 2025 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 2025	January 2025			
INCREASED						
Packaged rice	800g Pk	4.38	4.25	0.13	3.1	
Cornmeal	340g Pk	5.10	4.95	0.15	3.0	
Pasta - spaghetti	400g Pk	6.00	5.16	0.84	16.3	
Chicken - thigh	Lb	3.86	3.68	0.18	4.9	
Powdered milk - full cream	Lb	8.58	8.28	0.30	3.6	
grapes	Lb	22.77	20.27	2.50	12.3	
Tomatoes - imported	Lb	15.00	9.50	5.50	57.9	
Sweet potatoes	Lb	5.75	4.99	0.76	15.2	
Green seasoning	750ml Bottle	22.69	20.37	2.32	11.4	
Tequila	750ml Bottle	72.18	66.97	5.21	7.8	
Red wine	750ml Bottle	42.72	42.04	0.68	1.6	
Antihistamine - 10mg	20 Tablets	57.00	47.50	9.50	20.0	
Drugs for diabetes - 5mg	30 Tablets	4.74	4.50	0.24	5.3	
Gynaecologist fee	Per Visit	100.00	80.00	20.00	25.0	
DECREASED						
Chicken - drumsticks	Lb	3.90	3.98	-0.08	-2.0	
Corned beef	340g Tin	10.60	11.77	-1.17	-9.9	
Smoke herring	Lb	15.03	15.97	-0.94	-5.9	
Sardine	106g Tin	4.96	5.56	-0.60	-10.8	
Soyabean oil	1L Bottle	15.34	16.98	-1.64	-9.7	
Green pigeon peas	Lb	10.00	15.00	-5.00	-33.3	
Electricity consumption	150Kwh	149.79	150.38	-0.59	-0.4	
Electric iron	Each	109.95	135.97	-26.02	-19.1	
Powder detergent	1.7kg Pk	21.23	27.85	-6.62	-23.8	
Passenger airfaire from St Vincent and the Grenadines to:						
	<i>Miami</i>	1 month	1996.13	2189.31	-193.18	-8.8
	<i>New York</i>	1 month	1964.89	2718.56	-753.67	-27.7
	<i>Toronto</i>	1 month	2505.37	3014.85	-509.48	-16.9
	<i>Barbados</i>	one way	519.98	601.36	-81.38	-13.5
	<i>Antigua & Barbuda</i>	one way	729.96	859.81	-129.85	-15.1
Petrol	1 Gal	14.40	14.61	-0.21	-1.4	
Diesel fuel	1 Gal	12.87	13.20	-0.33	-2.5	
Chicken and Fries	Each	54.50	56.50	-2.00	-3.5	

Table 2.1
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2025 Compared With February 2024

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2025	February 2024		
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
Rice - Loose	1lb	2.32	2.23	0.09	4.26
Rice - Packaged	2kg	9.57	9.73	-0.17	-1.71
Flour - Loose	1 lb	1.91	1.92	-0.01	-0.65
Flour - Packaged (white)	2kg	9.24	9.22	0.01	0.15
Flour - Packaged (wholewheat)	2kg	9.62	9.62	0.00	0.00
Cornflakes	510g Box	16.04	16.06	-0.03	-0.16
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (white)	Each	5.42	5.42	0.00	0.00
Bread- Small Loaf, white	5 pk	3.07	2.91	0.15	5.27
Bread - Large Sandwich Loaf (whole wheat)	Each	6.18	6.26	-0.08	-1.28
Crix - salted crackers, White	288g (3 pk)	6.57	6.57	0.00	0.00
Pasta - Elbows	340 g	5.91	5.58	0.33	5.98
Beef - Fresh	1 lb	13.00	12.00	1.00	8.33
Pigtail - salted	1 lb	10.90	10.44	0.46	4.45
Chicken - Leg Quarters	1 lb	3.91	3.83	0.07	1.86
Chicken - Backs	1 lb	2.65	2.66	0.00	-0.11
Chicken - Wings	1 lb	6.69	6.19	0.51	8.20
Turkey Wings	1 lb	5.20	4.71	0.49	10.41
Luncheon Meat (pork)	340 g	9.61	9.58	0.03	0.28
Corned beef	340g	9.04	9.83	-0.79	-8.03
Fish - Fresh (Deep Sea)	1 lb	12.00	12.00	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Jacks)	1 lb	6.67	6.67	0.00	0.00
Fish - Fresh (Robin)	1 lb	6.67	5.84	0.83	14.21
Codfish	1 lb	15.01	14.67	0.34	2.31
Sardine in soya oil	106g Tin	6.01	5.78	0.23	3.96
Milk - Evaporated	410g Tin	4.18	4.10	0.08	1.87
Powdered milk - full cream	1 lb	8.58	8.26	0.32	3.89
Eggs	1 Doz	12.81	13.68	-0.87	-6.38
Margarine	445g Tub	13.55	13.60	-0.05	-0.37
Soya bean oil	1Litre	14.81	15.88	-1.07	-6.73
Coconut oil	750ml Bottle	39.95	36.92	3.03	8.19
Bananas (ripe)	1 lb	2.58	1.79	0.79	44.32
Limes	1 lb	7.00	5.16	1.84	35.66
Tomatoes	1 lb	8.79	10.12	-1.33	-13.14
Sweet Potatoes	1 lb	5.75	3.93	1.82	46.34
Yams	1 lb	4.64	4.66	-0.02	-0.38
Sugar - Brown (loose)	1 lb	2.34	2.29	0.05	2.17
Sugar - White (loose)	1 lb	2.64	2.62	0.03	1.09
Ice cream	1 Litre Tub	19.06	18.06	1.00	5.54
Tomato Ketchup	750ml Bottle	10.19	9.44	0.75	7.94
Orange Juice	1 Litre box	9.71	9.26	0.46	4.92
Vitamalt	310 ml Bottle	5.90	5.96	-0.06	-1.02

Table 2.2
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2025 Compared With February 2024

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2025	February 2024		
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS					
Rum - Local (White)	750 ml Bot.	46.38	46.52	-0.14	-0.31
Beer - Local	280 ml Bot.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00
Cigarettes	Pkt. (10)	4.40	4.21	0.19	4.52
Table wine (local)	26 oz Bot.	35.25	33.27	1.98	5.94
Vodka	750ml Bot.	53.49	53.35	0.14	0.27
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR					
Textile material - Cotton	1Yd.	16.07	16.07	0.00	0.00
Textile material - Tetrex	1Yd.	13.44	12.95	0.49	3.79
Men's Shirts - Long Sleeve	Each	79.48	75.98	3.50	4.61
Men's Jeans (long)	Pair	64.95	69.76	-4.80	-6.89
Men's Shoes -Formal	Pair	134.50	137.70	-3.19	-2.32
Women's Shoes - Formal	Pair	79.00	89.00	-10.00	-11.24
Women's Blouse	Each	44.34	44.95	-0.61	-1.36
School shirt - white, size 10	Each	17.45	17.45	0.00	0.00
School overal , navy blue, size 8	Each	49.95	49.95	0.00	0.00
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY					
GAS AND OTHER FUELS					
Rent :					
Unfurnished House - 2 Bedrooms	Month	785.00	785.00	0.00	0.00
Unfurnished House - 3 Bedrooms	Month	750.00	750.00	0.00	0.00
Furnished Apartment - 2 Bedrooms	Month	812.50	812.50	0.00	0.00
Water - Consumption Charge	5000 Gallons	35.00	35.00	0.00	0.00
Electricity Consumption Charge	300 KWH	303.58	315.04	-11.46	-3.64
Cooking Gas	20 Lb. Cyl.	39.70	37.95	1.75	4.61
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE					
Bed - queen size	Each	2372.49	2,723.91	-351.42	-12.90
Sheets - queen size, 300 thread count, 100% cotton	Each	194.95	194.95	0.00	0.00
Dinner forks	Each	5.95	6.95	-1.00	-14.39
Powder detergent	500g Pk	5.20	5.36	-0.16	-2.94
Toilet tissue, 280 sheets per roll	1 Roll	1.56	1.55	0.01	0.76

Table 2.3
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2025 Compared With February 2024

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2025	February 2024		
HEALTH					
Doctor's Fee - Gynaecologist	Visit	100.00	80.00	20.00	25.00
Doctor's Fee - General Practitioner	Visit	60.00	60.00	0.00	0.00
Blood test - CBC	Test	27.39	27.39	0.00	0.00
Drugs for Hypertension	Month supply	6.59	6.69	-0.10	-1.43
Drug for Diabetes	Month supply	4.87	5.25	-0.38	-7.21
Dental Care	Visit	149.47	149.47	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORT					
Petrol - Unleaded	Gallon	14.40	15.56	-1.16	-7.46
Vehicle License (car) - not exd. 3000 lbs	Year	765.00	680.00	85.00	12.50
Bus Fare - Mesopotamia	1-Way	3.50	3.50	0.00	0.00
Boat Fare - Bequia	1-Way	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00
Parking fees	1 Hour	2.50	3.50	-1.00	-28.57
Airfare - SVG to Barbados	1-Way	519.98	490.14	29.84	6.09
COMMUNICATION					
Fixed Line Domestic Rate - peak	1 Minute	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00
Telephone - Consumption Charge	226 Units	18.08	18.08	0.00	0.00
Mobile to Mobile - domestic (off network)	1 Minute	1.02	1.02	0.00	0.00
Internet	1 month	125.00	123.00	2.00	1.63
Cable TV charges (basic)	1 month	69.00	69.00	0.00	0.00
RECREATION AND CULTURE					
Television 43 " (smart TV)	Each	1,396.38	1,429.08	-32.70	-2.29
Tablet - 10.1"	Each	355.43	513.13	-157.70	-30.73
Laptop Computer - 8 GB	Each	1,677.27	1,779.04	-101.77	-5.72
Dog Food (Canned)	375 g Tin	14.72	14.00	0.72	5.14
Carnival costume and Band Fees (Adult)	Each	600.00	500.00	100.00	20.00
Mathematics textbook	Each	94.93	88.17	6.76	7.67
Newspapers	Each	1.50	1.50	0.00	0.00

Table 2.4
Average Retail Price of Selected Items
February 2025 Compared With February 2024

Items	Unit of Quantity	Average EC\$		Change in Price	Percentage Change in Price
		February 2025	February 2024		
EDUCATION					
Pre-Primary - Private	Month	330.00	312.50	17.50	5.60
Primary School Fee - Private	Term	1400.00	1400.00	0.00	0.00
Secondary School Fee - Private	Term	150.00	150.00	0.00	0.00
Tertiary Education Tuition - undergraduate, social sciences	Annual	8412.03	8276.48	135.55	1.64
Private tutor	Per Session	32.50	20.00	12.50	62.50
HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS					
Pizza, pepperoni	Each	23.30	21.75	1.55	7.13
Chicken Lunch - regular	Each	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Fish Lunch - regular	Each	20.00	20.00	0.00	0.00
Fast Food - 2 Pc Chicken and Fries	Each	26.75	21.85	4.90	22.43
Roti - Beef	Each	15.06	13.96	1.10	7.88
School meals - Bread and Chicken	Each	4.33	4.33	0.00	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES					
Women's Hairdressing (Relaxer)	Visit	77.46	72.46	5.00	6.90
Men's Haircut, Regular	Visit	15.00	15.00	0.00	0.00
Disposable diapers, Medium, 22pcs	1 pack	22.31	22.31	0.00	0.00
Toothpaste	170g Tube	15.10	15.17	-0.07	-0.49
Roll -on	75ml bottle	7.64	8.26	-0.62	-7.51
Sanitary napkins, regular, with wings	10 per pack	8.36	8.39	-0.03	-0.36
Toilet Soap	110g	4.89	5.20	-0.31	-5.90
Elderly care Services	Month	1800.00	1800.00	0.00	0.00
Day care services (children < 2 years)	Month	360.00	275.00	85.00	30.91
Health Insurance - Group (family) ≥3 Persons	Month	307.00	307.00	0.00	0.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance - 3rd party	Annual	471.67	471.49	0.17	0.04

Table 3
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100

	Groups	Weight	January 2025	February 2025	February 2024	Percentage Change Over Previous:	
						Month January	Year February
01.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	163.3	155.7	0.1	4.9
02.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.5	138.6	136.7	0.1	1.4
03.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	113.6	113.6	113.8	0.0	-0.2
04.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.6	106.5	107.8	-0.1	-1.2
05.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	138.7	138.2	131.7	-0.4	4.9
06.	Health	1.79	124.9	127.4	124.9	2.0	2.0
07.	Transport	11.84	142.7	140.4	143.5	-1.6	-2.2
08.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	114.5	0.0	-0.3
09.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.6	118.6	118.7	0.0	-0.1
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	114.5	0.0	5.6
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	148.7	148.4	136.5	-0.2	8.7
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	123.8	123.8	118.5	0.0	4.5
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.6	129.4	127.2	-0.2	1.7

Chart 1. COICOP Groups Percentage Change for February 2025

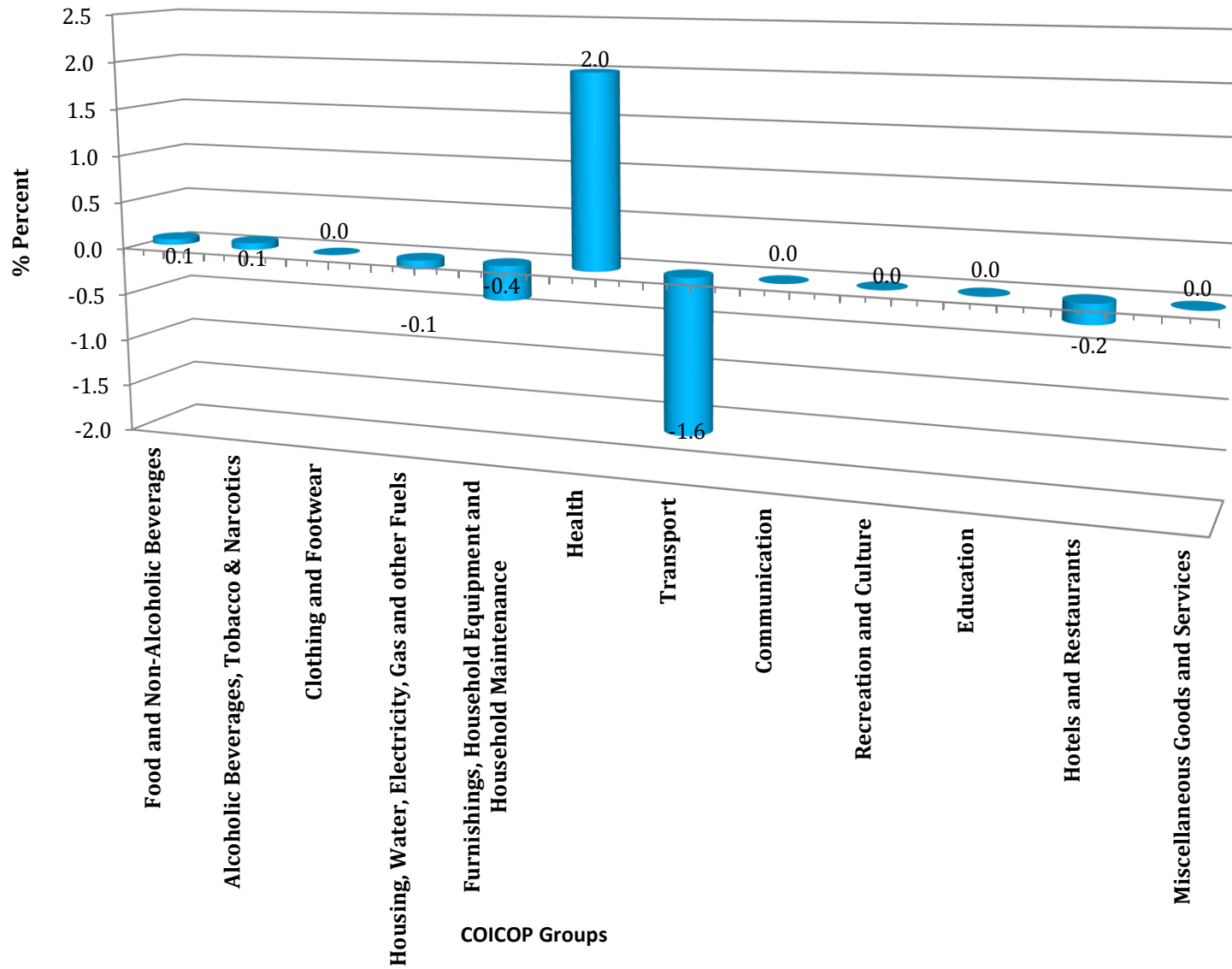


Table 4
The Consumer Price Index by Main Groups
January 2010 = 100
Contribution to Change

	Groups	Weight	January 2025	February 2025	Percentage Change	Cost Weight		Change in Cost Weight	% Contribution to Change
						January 2025	February 2025		
1.	Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	21.91	163.2	163.3	0.1	3,575.71	3,577.90	2.2	-11.0
2.	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Narcotics	3.87	138.5	138.6	0.1	536.00	536.38	0.4	-1.9
3.	Clothing and Footwear	3.22	113.6	113.6	0.0	365.79	365.79	0.0	0.0
4.	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	30.06	106.6	106.5	-0.1	3,204.40	3,201.39	-3.0	15.0
5.	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Household Maintenance	6.59	138.7	138.2	-0.4	914.03	910.74	-3.3	16.5
6.	Health	1.79	124.9	127.4	2.0	223.57	228.05	4.5	-22.4
7.	Transport	11.84	142.7	140.4	-1.6	1,689.57	1,662.34	-27.2	136.2
8.	Communication	9.41	114.1	114.1	0.0	1,073.68	1,073.68	0.0	0.0
9.	Recreation and Culture	3.81	118.6	118.6	0.0	451.87	451.87	0.0	0.0
10.	Education	1.32	120.9	120.9	0.0	159.59	159.59	0.0	0.0
11.	Hotels and Restaurants	1.87	148.7	148.4	-0.2	278.07	277.51	-0.6	2.8
12.	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.31	123.8	123.8	0.0	533.58	533.58	0.0	0.0
	ALL ITEMS	100.00	129.6	129.4	-0.2	12,960.00	12,940.00	-20.0	100.0

TABLE 5
Monthly Index - 2025
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	129.6	163.2	138.5	113.6	106.6	138.7	124.9	142.7	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.7	123.8
February	129.4	163.3	138.6	113.6	106.5	138.2	127.4	140.4	114.1	118.6	120.9	148.4	123.8