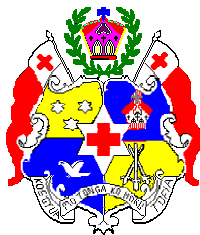


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STATISTICS DEPARTMENT**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 2010**

(Base Period : November 2002=100.0)

Consumer Price Index for March 2010 increased by 1.3%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 2.5%

The Consumer Price Index covers price changes in Tongatapu Division only. The weights were derived from Household Income and Expenditure Survey of 2000/01.

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for March 2010 has recorded an increase of 1.3% and now stands at 166.6. This follows an increase of 0.1% in February 2010 and 0.2% in January 2010.
2. The **Annual Rate of Inflation** for March 2010 was 2.5% compares to 1.9% of annual rate of inflation in February 2010. It was 2.4% in March 2009. The Local Index was declined by 1.7% while the Imported Index recorded an annual inflation rate of 4.8%.
3. From February 2010 to March 2010, both the Local Index and Imported Index increased by 1.3% and 1.4% respectively.
4. Detailed changes in each group over the previous month are as follows:

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|---|-------------|
| A. FOOD | 2.8% |
| Food Group marked the largest price increased by 2.8% in March 2010 compared to February 2010, due mainly to the price increases of local fruit and vegetables and Imported Other Food items especially Raw Sugar, Mutton Flaps and Local Mixed String of Fish. Price increases of Local Fruit and Vegetables were recorded on Tomatoes, Head Cabbage, Carrots, Capsicum, Pawpaw and other items. | |
| B. HOUSING | 0.0% |
| From February 2010, prices of items in the Housing Group remained unchanged. | |
| C. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS | 0.1% |
| Household Operations Index increased by 0.1% in March 2010, due mainly to the increase in price recorded for Kerosene and Liquid Petroleum Gas from previous month. | |
| D. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 0.4% |
| This group increased by 0.4% in March 2010, due to the increase in price recorded for Imported Clothing Supplies and Services. | |
| E. TRANSPORTATION | 0.1% |
| Transportation Group Index increased in March 2010 by 0.1%. Due mainly to the increase in price recorded of petrol from previous month. | |
| F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL & KAVA TONGA | 0.6% |
| In March 2010, this group increased by 0.6% due to the increase in price recorded for items of Imported Tobacco such as Winfield Blue and Port Royal Tobacco. | |
| G. MISC. GOODS AND SERVICES | 0.0% |
| Prices of all items in the group remained unchanged, thus resulted to no change of this group index during the month. | |

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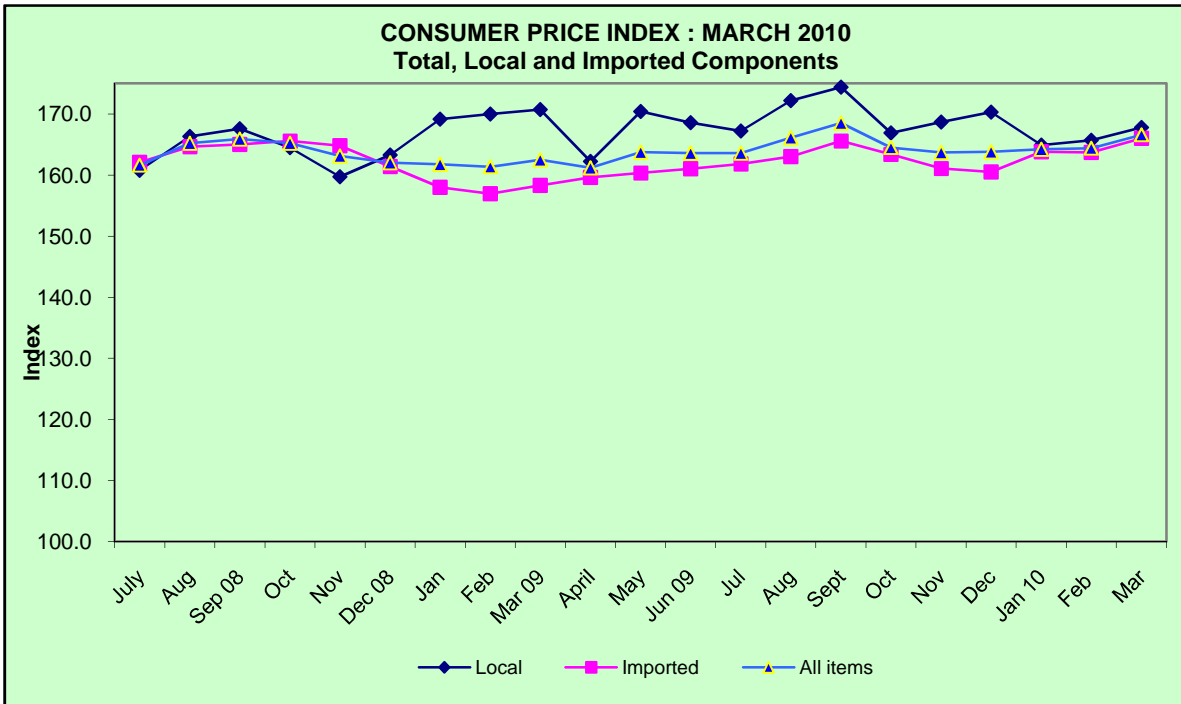


Fig 1: Graphical representation of Consumer Price Index for Total, Local and Imported Components

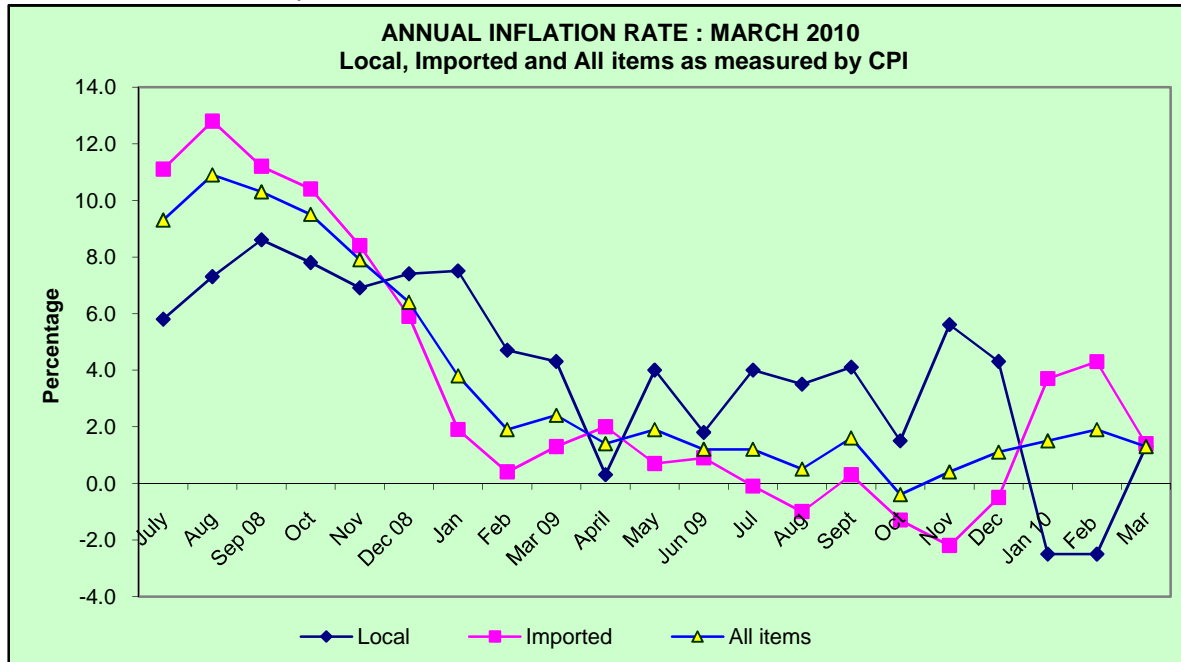
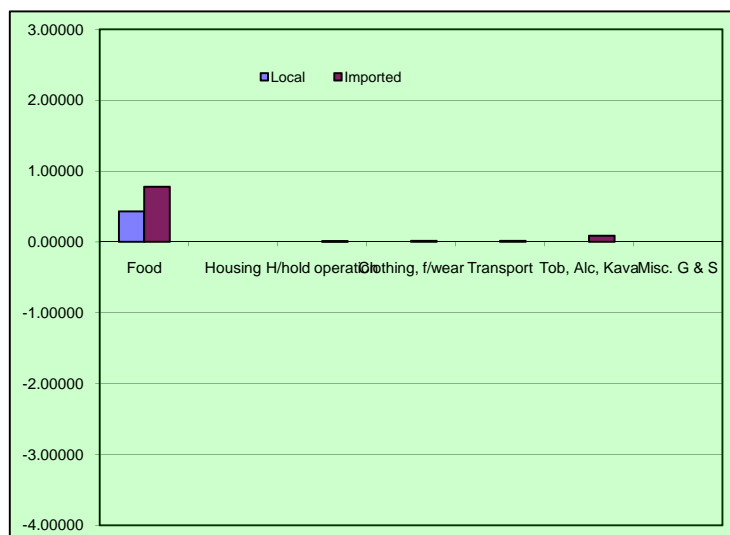


Fig 2 : Graphical representation of Annual Inflation rate (%) for Local, Imported and All Items as measured by CPI

**Fig 3: Contributions to % change from previous month, All groups
February 2010 to March 2010 (1.3%)**

	Local	Imported	Total
Food	0.43328	0.77835	1.21162
Housing	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
H/hold operation	0.00000	0.00910	0.00910
Clothing, f/wear	0.00000	0.01365	0.01365
Transport	0.00000	0.01646	0.01646
Tob, Alc, Kava	0.00000	0.08638	0.08638
Misc. G & S	0.00000	0.00000	0.00000
TOTAL	0.4	0.9	1.3



**Fig 4: Contributions to % change from last year, All groups
March 2009 to March 2010 (2.5%)**

	Local	Imported	Total
Food	0.31711	1.42229	1.73940
Housing	0.02658	-0.06633	-0.03975
H/hold ops	-0.72593	-0.01645	-0.74238
Clothing, f/wear	-0.00086	0.00090	0.00004
Transport	-0.00254	1.15476	1.15222
Tob, Alc, Kava	0.00283	0.60178	0.60461
Misc. G & S	-0.22392	0.02796	-0.19596
TOTAL	-0.6	3.1	2.5

Note: Figures are round off to one dec. place



TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAJOR GROUPS
Base Period : NOVEMBER 2002 (= 100.0)
Index Period : MARCH 2010

YEAR / MONTH	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	TRANSPORTATION	TOBACCO, ALCOHOL & KAVA	MISC. GOODS & SERVICES
	100.00	44.40	5.30	12.00	3.40	14.20	12.30	8.40
2006								
January	136.4	128.3	133.9	138.3	128.5	151.7	156.3	126.6
February	136.5	127.3	136.9	138.6	128.6	153.3	156.4	127.2
March	136.4	127.6	137.0	135.6	129.0	153.3	158.4	126.6
April	135.4	125.2	137.0	135.9	129.9	153.3	158.3	126.7
May	135.7	124.5	137.2	136.1	129.2	157.4	158.3	126.6
June	136.3	125.4	137.5	136.5	129.2	157.7	158.2	127.0
July	138.7	127.9	136.2	136.8	130.9	169.5	158.0	123.6
August	139.3	130.0	135.8	137.1	129.3	168.4	157.2	122.8
September	139.1	127.3	136.2	142.2	129.6	169.6	157.2	125.0
October	140.1	128.8	137.2	142.5	129.6	169.9	158.1	125.4
November	140.7	131.5	139.8	144.1	130.4	161.9	158.5	127.7
December	142.6	132.9	141.6	150.9	133.6	162.2	158.6	129.2
2007								
January	140.9	132.1	142.3	151.2	134.5	150.5	158.7	132.5
February	141.1	132.3	142.6	151.1	135.5	150.4	158.8	132.3
March	141.7	133.5	143.2	150.6	136.4	152.8	157.6	131.9
April	142.0	133.6	143.3	151.1	136.5	153.0	158.6	132.1
May	142.8	133.7	142.6	150.8	136.4	158.6	158.7	131.6
June	144.0	136.0	142.5	151.5	137.6	158.5	158.8	132.8
July	147.9	137.1	142.9	152.1	138.8	179.0	161.1	133.2
August	149.0	139.5	143.3	156.2	138.8	174.9	162.1	133.6
September	150.4	142.5	143.3	155.6	138.8	174.9	163.6	133.0
October	150.9	144.0	143.6	155.6	138.3	171.4	165.7	133.4
November	151.1	142.1	143.4	155.9	138.0	177.3	168.0	133.4
December	152.3	143.4	143.9	156.0	139.3	179.7	168.4	134.5
2008								
January	155.8	145.6	143.9	161.8	141.0	189.5	167.4	140.5
February	158.3	148.3	143.1	169.5	141.0	191.1	169.7	139.7
March	158.7	148.9	143.7	169.1	141.0	189.1	169.1	146.0
April	159.0	149.5	145.7	169.6	134.3	189.8	168.9	145.6
May	160.7	149.3	144.6	164.5	153.2	202.6	169.5	145.3
June	161.6	150.9	144.6	164.9	153.2	203.7	169.6	145.3
July	161.6	146.6	146.3	165.1	150.9	212.8	173.8	145.7
August	165.2	150.0	147.1	165.6	155.1	221.2	179.5	145.1
September	165.9	148.6	150.3	175.8	155.1	217.1	182.8	145.9
October	165.2	147.2	151.0	175.9	151.8	217.1	183.7	144.5
November	163.1	144.2	154.7	172.5	150.1	213.6	183.5	144.4
December	162.0	147.3	154.7	172.2	150.1	198.3	182.0	144.3
2009								
January	161.8	153.3	153.9	171.2	153.9	175.9	184.2	144.4
February	161.4	154.9	153.9	171.0	154.1	167.3	185.2	144.4
March	162.5	156.2	153.9	169.0	154.1	172.5	185.9	144.4
April	161.2	155.5	154.0	153.5	155.6	173.9	187.6	148.8
May	163.8	161.1	154.0	153.5	155.6	174.5	187.6	148.8
June	163.6	160.5	154.0	153.5	155.6	176.4	186.4	148.8
July	163.6	159.3	154.1	153.8	155.8	180.3	185.5	149.5
August	166.1	164.0	154.1	153.7	155.8	185.6	182.4	150.1
September	168.5	169.8	154.1	153.7	155.8	184.8	182.3	150.0
October	164.6	161.7	154.0	158.8	154.8	180.2	180.2	149.3
November	163.7	160.0	154.0	158.8	154.8	180.7	178.3	149.3
December	163.8	159.5	152.4	158.9	154.8	183.2	179.5	149.3
2010								
January	164.2	158.7	152.6	158.7	153.5	182.8	191.8	140.7
February	164.4	158.0	152.6	158.8	153.5	185.5	192.7	140.7
March	166.6	162.5	152.6	158.9	154.1	185.7	193.9	140.7
Percentage change between February 2010 and March 2010	1.3	2.8	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.0
Percentage change between March 2009 and March 2010	2.5	4.1	-0.8	-5.9	0.0	7.6	4.3	-2.6

**TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SERIES WITH % CHANGES FOR THE PERIOD
AND INFLATION RATE FOR THE PERIOD AND YEAR
(Base Period: NOVEMBER 2002 = 100.0)
Index Period: MARCH 2010**

YEAR / MONTH	LOCAL INDEX	IMPORT INDEX	ALL ITEMS INDEX	MONTHLY % CHANGE IN ALL ITEMS INDEX	ANNUAL INFLATION RATE (%) FOR THE PERIOD	AVERAGE INDEX FOR YEAR	AVERAGE ANNUAL INFLATION RATE (%)
2006							
January	139.0	135.1	136.4	0.3	6.3		
February	138.9	135.2	136.5	0.1	5.8		
March	140.7	134.3	136.4	-0.02	7.1		
April	139.0	133.6	135.4	-0.7	7.4		
May	139.0	134.1	135.7	0.2	6.7		
June	140.3	134.2	136.3	0.4	6.4	134.3	7.3
July	144.3	135.9	138.7	1.8	7.1		
August	147.4	135.2	139.3	0.4	6.7		
September	145.6	135.8	139.1	-0.2	6.1		
October	144.3	137.9	140.1	0.7	5.3		
November	144.2	139.0	140.7	0.5	4.5		
December	146.0	140.8	142.6	1.3	4.9	138.1	6.2
2007							
January	146.3	138.2	140.9	-1.2	3.3		
February	145.6	138.8	141.1	0.1	3.4		
March	146.1	139.5	141.7	0.5	3.9		
April	147.1	139.4	142.0	0.2	4.9		
May	145.9	141.2	142.7	0.5	5.2		
June	149.2	141.4	144.0	0.9	5.7	141.1	5.1
July	151.9	145.8	147.9	2.7	6.6		
August	155.0	145.9	149.0	0.8	6.9		
September	154.3	148.4	150.4	0.9	8.1		
October	152.6	150.0	150.9	0.3	7.7		
November	149.4	152.0	151.1	0.2	7.4		
December	152.1	152.3	152.3	0.8	6.8	146.6	5.9
2008							
January	157.4	155.0	155.8	2.3	10.5		
February	162.3	156.2	158.3	1.6	12.2		
March	163.6	156.3	158.7	0.3	12.0		
April	163.8	156.5	159.0	0.2	11.9		
May	163.8	159.2	160.7	1.1	12.6		
June	165.5	159.7	161.6	0.6	12.2	154.6	9.6
July	160.8	162.1	161.6	0.0	9.3		
August	166.3	164.6	165.2	2.2	10.9		
September	167.6	165.0	165.9	0.4	10.3		
October	164.5	165.6	165.2	-0.4	9.5		
November	159.7	164.8	163.1	-1.3	7.9		
December	163.3	161.4	162.0	-0.6	6.4	161.4	10.5
2009							
January	169.1	158.0	161.8	-0.2	3.8		
February	170.0	156.9	161.4	-0.2	1.9		
March	170.7	158.3	162.5	0.7	2.4		
April	164.2	159.6	161.2	-0.8	1.4		
May	170.4	160.4	163.8	1.6	1.9		
June	168.6	161.0	163.6	-0.1	1.2	163.1	5.6
July	167.1	161.8	163.6	0.026	1.2		
August	172.2	163.0	166.1	1.5	0.5		
September	174.4	165.6	168.5	1.5	1.6		
October	166.9	163.4	164.6	-2.4	-0.4		
November	168.7	161.1	163.7	-0.5	0.4		
December	170.3	160.5	163.8	0.1	1.1	163.7	1.4
2010							
January	164.9	163.8	164.2	0.2	1.5		
February	165.7	163.7	164.4	0.1	1.9		
March	167.8	166.0	166.6	1.3	2.5	164.5	1.2

Note : Commencing on August 2006 report, average index and inflation for fiscal year are included, aligned to month of June and bolded

TABLE 3: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WITH LOCAL AND IMPORTED COMPONENTS
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH
(Base Period: NOVEMBER 2002 = 100.0)
Index Period : MARCH 2010

	WEIGHTS			MARCH 2010			FEBRUARY 2010			% CHANGE		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
A. FOOD	15.9	28.5	44.4	170.1	158.3	162.5	165.6	153.8	158.0	2.7	2.9	2.8
Fruit and Vegetables	5.2	0.9	6.1	199.8	173.6	195.8	182.4	182.7	182.4	9.5	-5.0	7.3
Meats, Fish & Poultry	4.2	15.3	19.6	164.6	153.6	156.0	160.9	149.4	151.9	2.3	2.8	2.7
Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products	0.5	2.7	3.2	169.7	172.8	172.4	177.1	171.5	172.3	-4.2	0.8	0.0
Cereals and Cereal Products	3.5	3.4	6.9	159.5	152.5	156.1	168.0	154.0	161.2	-5.1	-1.0	-3.2
Other Food	-	6.1	6.1	-	164.4	164.4	-	152.6	152.6	-	7.7	7.7
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	2.5	-	2.5	133.6	-	133.6	133.6	-	133.6	0.0	-	0.0
B. HOUSING	3.3	1.9	5.3	137.4	178.9	152.6	137.4	178.9	152.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
House Maintenance Goods	0.8	1.9	2.7	167.3	178.9	175.4	167.3	178.9	175.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
House Maintenance Services	2.5	-	2.5	127.7	-	127.7	127.7	-	127.7	0.0	-	0.0
C. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	6.5	5.5	12.0	181.1	132.7	158.9	181.1	132.5	158.8	0.0	0.2	0.1
Domestic Fuel and Power	2.1	0.6	2.7	244.1	164.1	227.0	244.1	161.7	226.5	0.0	1.5	0.2
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	-	2.1	2.1	-	133.5	133.5	-	133.5	133.5	-	0.0	0.0
Household Furni., Furn. & Textiles	2.1	0.2	2.3	163.9	130.8	161.3	163.9	130.8	161.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
H/hold Supplies & Services	1.1	2.7	3.8	218.8	125.5	152.9	218.8	125.4	152.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Communications Services	1.1	-	1.2	58.6	-	58.6	58.6	-	58.6	0.0	-	0.0
D. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.3	3.1	3.4	327.6	135.0	154.1	327.6	134.3	153.5	0.0	0.5	0.4
Clothing Supplies & Services	0.3	2.0	2.3	327.6	143.2	169.9	327.6	142.1	169.0	0.0	0.8	0.6
Footwear	-	1.1	1.1	-	119.9	119.9	-	119.9	119.9	-	0.0	0.0
E. TRANSPORTATION	2.2	12.0	14.2	227.1	178.1	185.7	227.1	177.8	185.5	0.0	0.1	0.1
Public Transportation	2.1	2.6	4.7	225.7	107.4	160.0	225.7	106.9	159.8	0.0	0.5	0.2
Private Transportation	0.1	9.4	9.5	250.9	197.7	198.4	250.9	197.5	198.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL & KAVA	0.9	11.4	12.3	185.3	194.5	193.9	185.3	193.3	192.7	0.0	0.6	0.6
Tobacco	-	7.1	7.1	-	202.3	202.3	-	200.3	200.3	-	1.0	1.0
Alcohol	0.4	4.3	4.7	149.6	181.7	178.8	149.6	181.7	178.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Kava	0.5	-	0.5	217.4	-	217.4	217.4	-	217.4	0.0	-	0.0
G. MISC. GOODS & SERVICES	4.6	3.9	8.4	119.1	165.9	140.7	119.1	165.9	140.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical Health Services & Supplies	0.2	0.0	0.2	114.3	97.4	112.5	114.3	97.4	112.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cosmetics and Toiletries	0.0	2.6	2.6	180.0	122.0	122.3	180.0	122.0	122.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal Goods	0.1	0.2	0.3	100.0	137.3	130.3	100.0	137.3	130.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Newspapers & Stationery Supplies	0.1	0.2	0.3	150.0	135.7	141.0	150.0	135.7	141.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Recreational & Craft Supplies	1.5	0.3	1.8	107.1	165.2	116.2	107.1	165.2	116.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Goods and Services	0.6	0.6	1.2	133.2	399.6	260.8	133.2	399.6	260.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Education	2.1	-	2.1	122.8	-	122.8	122.8	-	122.8	0.0	-	0.0
TOTAL	33.8	66.2	100.0	167.8	166.0	166.6	165.7	163.7	164.4	1.3	1.4	1.3

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WITH LOCAL AND IMPORTED COMPONENTS
PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR
 (Base Period: NOVEMBER 2002 = 100.0)
 Index Period: MARCH 2010

	WEIGHTS			MARCH 2010			MARCH 2009			% CHANGE		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
A. FOOD	15.9	28.5	44.4	170.1	158.3	162.5	166.8	150.2	156.2	1.9	5.4	4.1
Fruit and Vegetables		0.9	6.1	199.8	173.6	195.8	190.7	186.5	190.1	4.8	-6.9	3.0
Meat, Fish & Poultry	4.2	15.3	19.6	164.6	153.6	156.0	155.2	143.0	145.6	6.1	7.4	7.1
Dairy Farm & Vegetables Products	0.5	2.7	3.2	169.7	172.8	172.4	174.1	174.4	174.3	-2.5	-0.9	-1.1
Cereals and Cereal Products	3.5	3.4	6.9	159.5	152.5	156.1	170.5	157.7	164.2	-6.5	-3.3	-5.0
Other Food	-	6.1	6.1	-	164.4	164.4	-	147.9	147.9	-	11.2	11.2
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	2.5	-	2.5	133.6	-	133.6	131.3	-	131.3	1.8	-	1.8
B. HOUSING	3.3	1.9	5.3	137.4	178.9	152.6	136.1	184.6	153.9	1.0	-3.1	-0.8
House Maintenance Goods	0.8	1.9	2.7	167.3	178.9	175.4	162.0	184.6	177.8	3.3	-3.1	-1.3
House Maintenance Services	2.5	-	2.5	127.7	-	127.7	127.7	-	127.7	0.0	-	0.0
C. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	6.5	5.5	12.0	181.1	132.7	158.9	199.3	133.2	169.0	-9.1	-0.4	-5.9
Domestic Fuel and Power	2.1	0.6	2.7	244.1	164.1	227.0	301.5	150.2	269.2	-19.0	9.3	-15.7
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	-	2.1	2.1	-	133.5	133.5	-	137.3	137.3	-	-2.8	-2.8
H/hold Furniture, Furniture & Textiles	2.1	0.2	2.3	163.9	130.8	161.3	164.3	130.8	161.6	-0.2	0.1	-0.2
H/hold Supplies & Services	1.1	2.7	3.8	218.8	125.5	152.9	214.0	126.5	152.2	2.3	-0.8	0.4
Communications Services	1.1	-	1.2	58.6	-	58.6	58.6	-	58.6	0.0	-	0.0
D. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	0.3	3.1	3.4	327.6	135.0	154.1	328.0	135.0	154.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Clothing Supplies & Services	0.3	2.0	2.3	327.6	143.2	169.9	328.0	142.5	169.4	-0.1	0.5	0.3
Footwear	-	1.1	1.1	-	119.9	119.9	-	121.0	121.0	-	-0.9	-0.9
E. TRANSPORTATION	2.2	12.0	14.2	227.1	178.1	185.7	227.3	162.4	172.5	-0.1	9.6	7.6
Public Transport	2.1	2.6	4.7	225.7	107.4	160.0	226.1	110.1	161.7	-0.2	-2.5	-1.0
Private Transport	0.1	9.4	9.5	250.9	197.7	198.4	248.0	176.9	177.9	1.2	11.7	11.5
F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL & KAVA	0.9	11.4	12.3	185.3	194.5	193.9	184.8	186.0	185.9	0.3	4.6	4.3
Tobacco	-	7.1	7.1	-	202.3	202.3	-	201.5	201.5	-	0.4	0.4
Alcohol	0.4	4.3	4.7	149.6	181.7	178.8	148.5	160.3	159.2	0.7	13.4	12.3
Kava	0.5	-	0.5	217.4	-	217.4	217.4	-	217.4	0.0	-	0.0
G. MISC. GOODS & SERVICES	4.6	3.9	8.4	119.1	165.9	140.7	127.0	164.8	144.4	-6.2	0.7	-2.6
Medical Health Services & Supplies	0.2	0.0	0.2	114.3	97.4	112.5	114.3	98.0	112.5	0.0	-0.7	-0.1
Cosmetics and Toiletries	0.0	2.6	2.6	180.0	122.0	122.3	180.0	119.8	120.1	0.0	1.9	1.9
Personal Goods	0.1	0.2	0.3	100.0	137.3	130.3	100.0	145.5	137.0	0.0	-5.6	-4.9
Newspapers & Stationery Supplies	0.1	0.2	0.3	150.0	135.7	141.0	150.0	133.9	139.9	0.0	1.3	0.8
Leisure & Recreational & Craft Supplies	1.5	0.3	1.8	107.1	165.2	116.2	105.8	165.2	115.2	1.2	0.0	0.9
Other Goods and Services	0.6	0.6	1.2	133.2	399.6	260.8	133.2	399.6	260.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Education	2.1	-	2.1	122.8	-	122.8	141.3	-	141.3	-13.1	-	-13.1
TOTAL	33.8	66.2	100.0	167.8	166.0	166.6	170.7	158.3	162.5	-1.7	4.8	2.5

**TABLE 5 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
GROUPS AND SUBGROUPS - INDEX NUMBERS
(Base Period: NOVEMBER 2002 = 100.0)
Index Period : MARCH 2010**

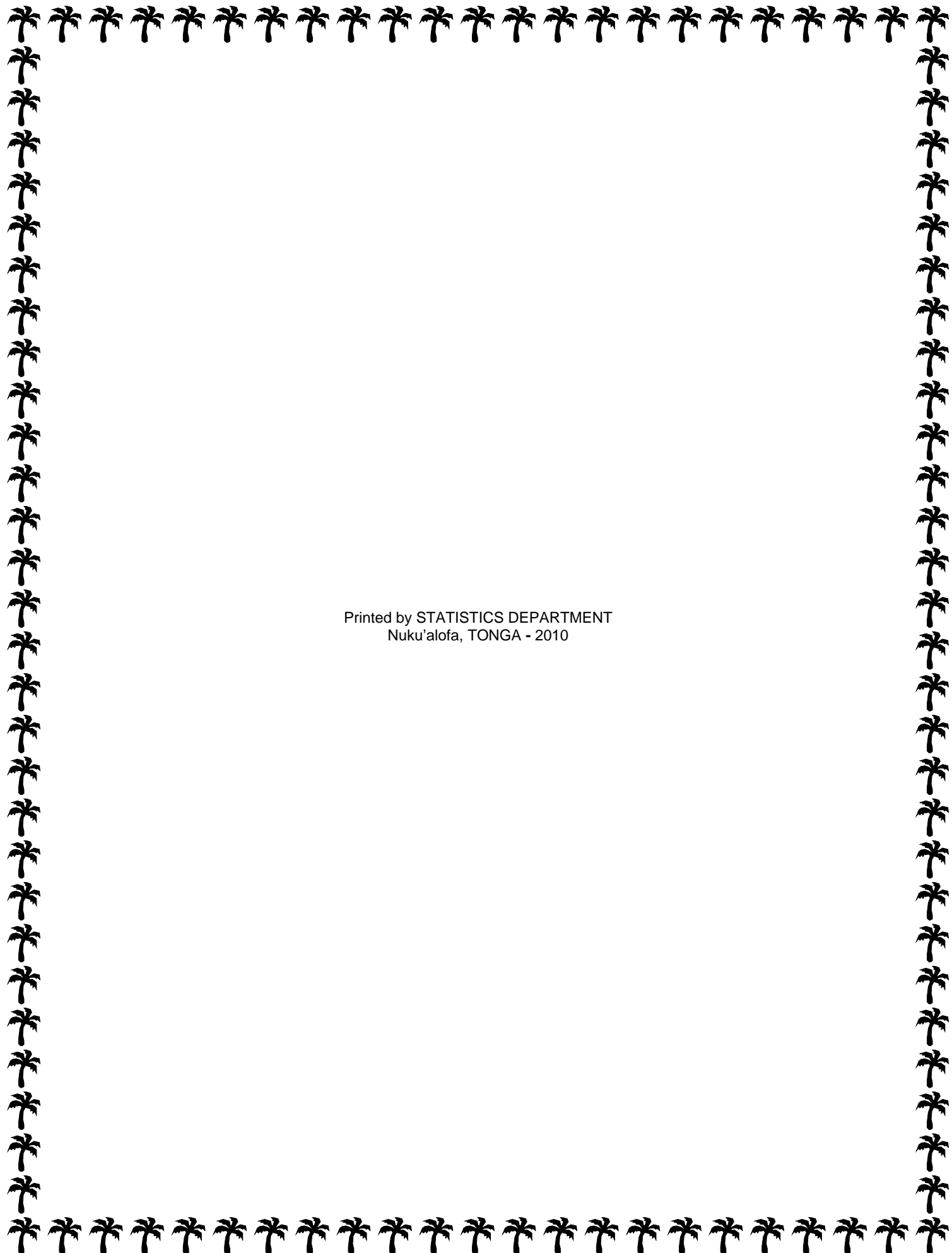
Group or Subgroup	Annual															
	2007	Jan 09	Feb 09	March 09	April 09	May 09	June 09	July 09	Aug 09	Sept 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10
A.FOOD GROUP	138.0	153.3	154.9	156.2	155.5	161.1	160.5	159.3	164.0	169.8	161.7	160.0	159.5	158.7	158.0	162.5
Fruit and Vegetables	148.8	149.5	171.7	190.1	176.6	192.5	157.8	157.6	183.6	186.0	162.6	172.4	177.9	175.3	182.4	195.8
Meats, Fish & Poultry	134.9	148.6	144.7	145.6	148.2	155.1	164.3	162.4	165.5	177.8	165.7	159.6	157.4	156.0	151.9	156.0
Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products	140.0	175.2	174.6	174.3	173.9	176.5	176.6	175.2	173.3	172.5	176.7	177.1	177.1	173.1	172.3	172.4
Cereals and Cereal Products	135.1	174.8	176.3	164.2	162.7	163.2	163.5	162.7	163.5	164.3	164.9	164.1	163.5	162.2	161.2	156.1
Other Food	134.7	145.5	145.9	147.9	149.9	151.1	151.2	150.0	148.1	148.1	148.6	147.1	145.5	149.7	152.6	164.4
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	148.9	130.9	130.9	131.3	131.3	131.3	131.3	132.9	132.9	132.9	132.4	132.4	132.4	133.6	133.6	133.6
B.HOUSING GROUP	143.1	153.9	153.9	153.9	154.0	154.0	154.0	154.1	154.1	154.1	154.0	154.0	152.4	152.6	152.6	152.6
House Maintenance Goods	157.1	177.8	177.8	177.8	178.0	178.0	178.0	178.3	178.3	178.3	178.1	178.1	175.0	175.4	175.4	175.4
House Maintenance Services	127.8	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7	127.7
C.HOUSEHOLD OPERATION GROUP	153.3	171.2	171.0	169.0	153.5	153.5	153.5	153.8	153.7	153.7	158.8	158.8	158.9	158.7	158.8	158.9
Domestic Fuel and Power	182.8	277.3	276.7	269.2	200.7	200.5	201.0	201.5	201.2	201.8	224.9	224.9	225.4	225.9	226.5	227.0
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	148.3	137.1	137.3	137.3	137.3	137.3	137.3	137.3	137.7	137.7	136.0	136.0	136.0	133.5	133.5	133.5
Household Furni., Furn. & Textiles	192.4	161.6	161.6	161.6	161.6	161.6	161.6	161.6	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3	161.3
H/hold Supplies & Services	138.2	153.3	153.3	152.2	152.4	152.3	152.0	152.6	152.5	152.1	152.5	152.5	152.5	152.8	152.8	152.9
Communications Services	63.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6	58.6
D.CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR GROUP	137.6	153.9	154.1	154.1	155.6	155.6	155.6	155.8	155.8	155.8	154.8	154.8	154.8	153.5	153.5	154.1
Clothing Supplies & Services	147.6	169.0	169.4	169.4	168.7	168.7	168.7	168.7	168.7	168.7	170.3	170.3	170.3	169.0	169.0	169.9
Footwear	115.8	121.0	121.0	121.0	127.2	127.2	127.2	127.9	127.9	127.9	121.3	121.4	121.4	119.9	119.9	119.9
E.TRANSPORTATION GROUP	166.4	175.9	167.3	172.5	173.9	174.5	176.4	180.3	185.6	184.8	180.2	180.7	183.2	182.8	185.5	185.7
Public Transportation	144.4	163.6	161.7	161.7	161.9	161.9	161.9	161.9	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	160.3	159.8	159.8	160.0
Private Transportation	177.2	181.9	170.0	177.9	179.8	180.8	183.5	189.4	198.1	196.8	190.0	190.8	194.4	194.1	198.2	198.4
F.TOBACCO, ALCOHOL & KAVA GROUP	161.9	184.2	185.2	185.9	187.6	187.6	186.4	185.5	182.4	182.3	180.2	178.3	179.5	191.8	192.7	193.9
Tobacco	167.8	198.6	200.4	201.5	204.7	204.7	202.6	201.0	195.5	195.4	191.8	188.5	190.6	199.2	200.3	202.3
Alcohol	149.5	159.2	159.2	159.2	158.9	158.9	158.9	159.0	159.0	159.0	159.0	159.0	159.0	178.1	178.8	178.8
Kava	198.0	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.4
G. MISC. GOODS & SERVICES	132.9	144.4	144.4	144.4	148.8	148.8	148.8	149.5	150.1	150.0	149.3	149.3	149.3	140.7	140.7	140.7
Medical Health Services & Supplies	114.2	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5	112.5
Cosmetics and Toiletries	125.1	120.4	120.4	120.1	120.6	120.6	120.8	122.7	122.8	122.8	120.7	120.7	120.7	122.3	122.3	122.3
Personal Goods	128.9	135.5	135.5	137.0	138.7	138.7	138.7	140.2	140.9	138.4	136.7	136.7	136.7	130.3	130.3	130.3
Newspapers & Stationery Supplies	133.0	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	139.9	141.0	141.0	141.0
Leisure & Recreational & Craft Supplies	124.7	115.2	115.2	115.2	115.2	115.2	115.2	115.1	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	117.7	116.2	116.2	116.2
Other Goods and Services	191.6	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8	260.8
Education	119.9	141.3	141.3	141.3	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	158.5	122.8	122.8	122.8
ALL GROUPS	146.6	161.8	161.4	162.5	161.2	163.8	163.6	163.6	166.1	168.5	164.6	163.7	163.8	164.2	164.4	166.6

**Table 6 : MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE OF
SELECTED LOCAL ITEMS**

	Unit	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	April 09	May 09	June 09	July 09	Aug 09	Sept 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	
ROOT CROPS																	
1	Talo Futuna	1 kg	0.62	0.60	0.65	0.67	0.91	0.80	0.88	1.08	1.05	0.94	1.04	1.15	1.35	1.44	
2	Talo Tonga	1kg	0.84	0.88	0.73	0.80	1.18	1.03	1.24	1.32	1.45	1.17	1.08	1.33	1.38	1.29	
3	Manioke	1 kg	0.52	0.55	0.53	0.51	0.55	0.55	0.67	0.88	0.90	1.23	1.11	0.87	0.85	0.88	
4	Kumala	1 kg	0.86	0.65	0.56	0.66	0.73	0.81	1.30	1.24	1.19	1.32	1.27	1.17	1.16	1.06	
5	Yams (early)	1 kg	2.89	2.76	2.23	2.38	2.19	2.71	3.59	3.80	3.83	3.99	3.91	3.96	3.92	3.31	
6	Yams (late)	1 kg	1.41	1.67	1.59	1.45	2.08	2.22	1.71	2.14	2.29	2.11	1.98	1.98	1.98	1.98	
VEGETABLES																	
1	Lu	1 kg	3.67	2.99	3.87	2.88	3.14	1.91	2.51	2.36	2.68	2.68	5.88	7.03	5.15	6.14	4.83
2	Pele	1 kg	1.35	1.38	1.36	1.88	2.20	2.65	2.38	2.63	2.62	2.16	2.10	2.00	1.85	2.14	1.64
3	Tomatoes	1 kg	5.23	9.86	12.97	10.57	11.61	3.92	2.63	2.10	2.15	1.70	1.28	1.29	1.03	1.48	6.97
4	H/Cabbage	1 kg	2.75	5.74	5.90	6.31	3.99	1.54	1.49	1.85	1.22	0.69	0.88	1.64	1.78	3.14	4.18
5	Plantain	1 kg	1.01	0.97	0.81	0.83	1.19	0.93	0.85	1.34	1.80	1.70	1.52	1.87	1.36	1.18	1.35
6	Breadfruit	1 kg	0.55	0.50	0.55	0.54	0.75	0.59	0.63	0.85	0.86	0.84	0.78	0.78	1.04	1.08	0.97
7	Carrots	1 kg	3.84	5.59	8.10	8.92	10.42	5.52	3.55	3.14	2.51	2.16	1.71	2.82	1.92	1.94	3.32
8	Capsicum	1 kg	11.93	17.10	13.60	13.89	21.53	11.78	8.57	6.60	6.69	7.48	5.44	8.24	5.98	3.93	8.20
FRUITS AND NUTS																	
1	Bananas ripe	1 kg	1.80	1.88	1.92	1.93	2.43	3.76	4.13	4.99	4.64	3.81	3.65	2.58	3.21	2.88	2.37
2	Watermelon	1 kg	0.74	1.09	1.37	1.30	0.86	1.00	1.06	1.75	1.62	0.87	0.99	0.73	1.24	1.02	0.89
3	Pineapple	1 kg	5.34	5.36	4.86	4.38	6.84	6.48	4.95	6.88	7.99	4.79	3.24	5.48	3.49	3.81	3.47
4	Pawpaw	1 kg	1.47	1.24	1.66	1.89	3.13	2.57	3.08	3.64	3.29	4.65	3.18	2.91	2.06	2.22	3.56
5	Coconut (dry)	1 kg	0.34	0.29	0.35	0.32	0.29	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.31	0.31	0.39	0.42	0.41	0.35	0.34
6	Coconut (green)	1 kg	0.53	0.52	0.54	0.54	0.58	0.65	0.60	0.55	0.57	0.58	0.52	0.68	0.63	0.57	0.58
7	Peanuts	1 kg	18.93	19.79	20.00	18.97	29.00	25.42	23.41	31.46	25.40	22.74	22.62	19.30	27.30	31.00	22.54
MARINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS																	
1	Sausages	1 kg	8.83	8.83	8.83	8.83	8.83	8.90	8.90	8.83	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90
2	Eggs	1doz	0.57	0.57	0.53	0.52	0.53	0.57	0.60	0.52	0.50	0.53	0.53	0.53	0.50	0.50	0.50
3	Tuna	1 kg	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.67	12.00	10.00	8.67	8.00	8.00	8.00
4	Octopus	1 kg	25.83	14.97	15.26	15.10	15.73	16.53	12.34	8.26	10.67	8.30	13.89	17.78	14.94	15.87	13.01
5	Cockles (to'o)	1 kg	3.78	2.46	2.93	2.32	3.76	6.25	5.89	5.67	6.97	4.94	4.86	3.75	2.96	2.46	2.11
6	Lobsters	1 kg	17.86	16.28	14.76	8.57	16.65	25.00	25.00	25.00	22.22	19.44	19.44	19.44	15.94	17.28	15.78
7	Stringed fish (Mixed)	1 kg	9.25	6.65	6.79	7.53	8.85	10.41	10.19	10.30	12.32	8.43	8.09	8.48	6.56	6.52	7.15
	Kava Tonga	100g	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

**Table 7: MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE OF
SELECTED IMPORTED ITEMS**

	Unit	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	April 09	May 09	June 09	July 09	Aug 09	Sept 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10
FOOD GROUP																
Fruits and Vegetables																
Potatoes	kg	3.04	3.04	3.04	2.84	2.51	2.50	2.50	2.91	2.76	2.40	2.37	2.19	2.15	2.33	2.64
Onions	kg	3.05	3.05	3.23	2.45	2.46	2.36	2.50	2.57	2.57	2.49	2.49	2.31	2.56	2.91	2.65
Apples	kg	10.50	10.50	11.78	11.78	11.78	11.25	11.93	11.23	11.93	11.93	12.93	13.38	12.40	12.40	10.65
Oranges	kg	10.03	10.03	12.45	13.68	13.68	14.65	14.63	14.48	14.48	14.48	14.65	12.36	11.50	12.00	12.00
Meats, Fish and Poultry																
Mutton Flaps	kg	6.71	7.04	7.20	7.52	7.67	7.83	7.91	8.43	9.66	9.20	8.49	8.22	8.49	8.29	8.72
Chicken pieces	kg	4.61	4.41	4.31	4.20	4.38	4.39	4.30	4.15	3.97	3.98	3.60	3.56	3.78	3.54	3.33
Other Food																
Flour	kg	2.31	2.29	2.18	2.17	2.18	2.18	2.18	2.09	2.13	2.13	2.10	2.09	2.07	2.02	1.96
Sugar	kg	1.82	1.85	1.90	1.94	1.99	1.99	1.94	1.89	1.89	1.88	1.82	1.75	1.85	1.93	2.51
HOUSING GROUP																
House Maintenance Goods																
Reinforcing Steel	each	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30	25.30
Corrugated Iron	1'	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	6.41	5.91	5.91	5.91	5.91
TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA																
Tobacco																
Winfield Blue	packet	9.93	10.10	10.33	10.56	10.56	10.39	9.96	9.65	9.42	9.18	8.88	9.17	9.71	9.75	9.85
Port Royal Tobacco	packet	12.79	12.89	12.89	13.01	13.01	13.16	13.24	13.24	13.58	13.65	13.55	13.55	13.78	13.83	13.84
TRANSPORTATION GROUP																
Private Transportation																
Petrol	litre	2.10	1.89	2.07	2.12	2.16	2.20	2.31	2.45	2.43	2.30	2.31	2.37	2.37	2.45	2.46
Diesel	litre	2.47	2.22	2.21	2.17	2.10	2.16	2.24	2.43	2.38	2.29	2.34	2.41	2.38	2.41	2.40



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