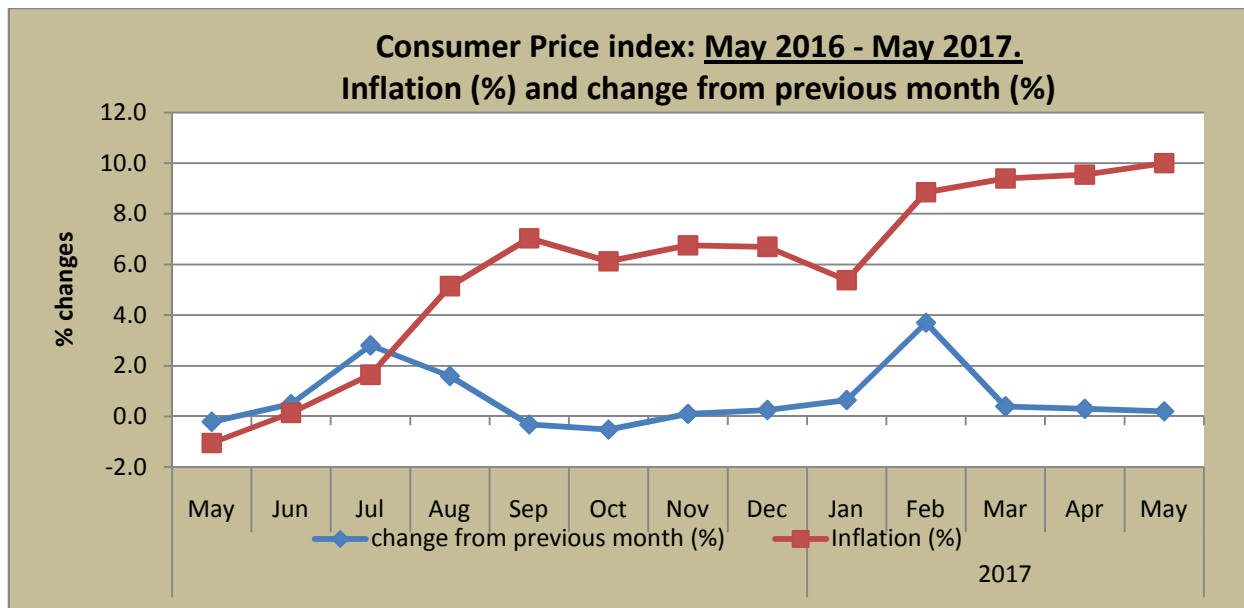




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Consumer Price Index for May 2017 recorded an increase of 0.2%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 10.0%.



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **May 2017** recorded an increase of **0.2%** from **April 2017 (119.0)** and now stands at **119.2**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **0.2%** and import index increased by **0.2%**. For the previous two months, **April 2017** recorded an increase of **0.3%** and **March 2017** increased by **0.4%**.

The **annual rate of inflation for May 2017** was **10.0%** compares to **9.5%** in previous month. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **May 2016** was **1.0% (Deflation)**. **Local Index** marked an increase by **7.8%** and **Imported Index** increased by **11.8%** in **May 2017**.

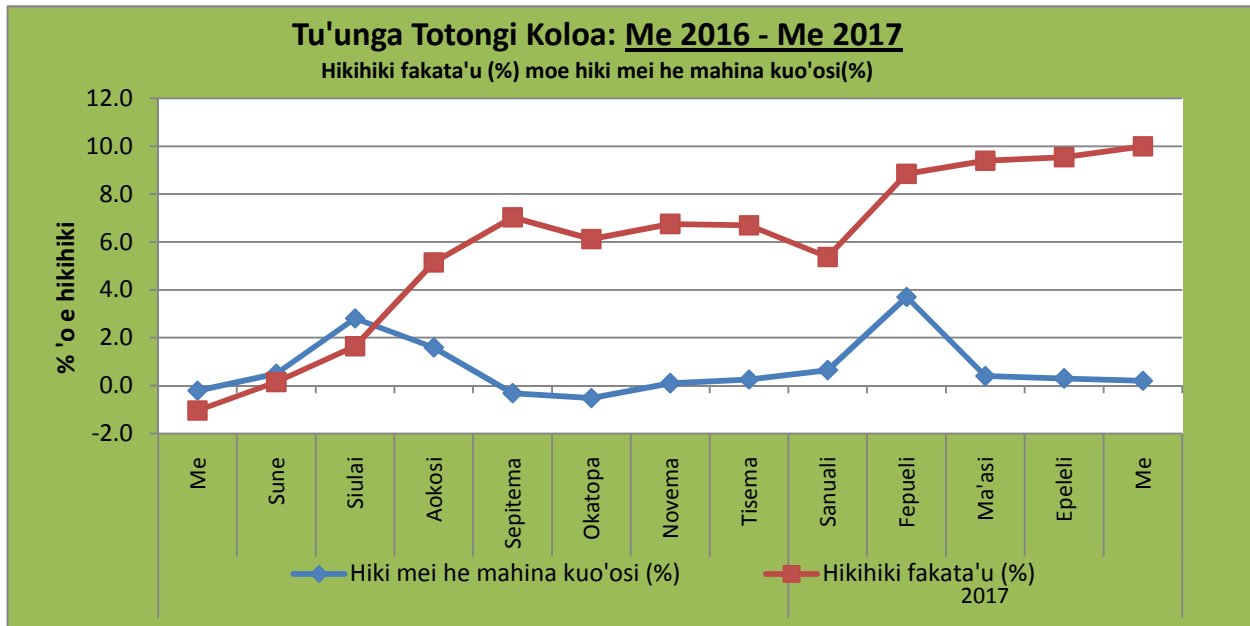
- **Food Group** recorded an increase of **0.1%** towards the index position of **May 2017**. This was mainly due to increase in prices of some local **fruits and vegetables** items such as pineapples, cucumber, taro dry land, sweet potatoes, and capsicum. Prices of some **meat, fish & poultry** items such as suckling pigs, tuna, string fish, octopus, cockle pips, clam, sea urchin, mutton flaps and chicken legs increased throughout the month.
- **Housing Group**- Price of items in this group recorded a decrease by **0.2%** due to decrease in price of timber compare to the previous month.
- **Household Operations** – There were some price changes in this group but the overall balance remained unchanged for the month of **May 2017** compare to the previous month.
- **Clothing & Footwear** – Price of items in this group recorded an increase of **1.1%** due to increase in price of **school uniform** compare to the previous month.
- **Transportation group index** – Price of items in this group recorded a decrease by **0.3%** due to decrease in price of both **petrol** and **diesel** compare to the previous month.
- **Tobacco, Alcohol & Kava Tonga** – Price of items in this group recorded an increase by **2.1%** due to increase in price of **Kava Tonga** compare to the previous month.
- **Misc. Goods and Services** - Price of items in this group recorded a decrease by **0.4%** which include a decrease in price of **mosquito coil** compare to the previous month.

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Na'e hiki peseti 'e 0.2 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Me 2017. Pea ko e hikihiki fakata'u 'o e totongi e koloa na'e hiki peseti 'e 10.0



Ko e **tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa** ki he mahina **Me 2017**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungae Sitetisitika**, na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.2** mei **'Epeleli 2017**, na'e hiki peseti **0.2** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea hiki **peseti 'e 0.2** 'a e **koloa humai**. Ko e ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e hiki peseti 'e **0.3** 'i **'Epeleli 2017** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.4** 'i **Ma'asi 2017**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Me 2017** na'e hiki **peseti 10.0** fakahoa kihe hiki **peseti 9.5** 'o e mahina ko **'Epeleli 2017**. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 7.8** 'a e totongi **koloa fakalotofonua** pea hiki **peseti 'e 11.8** 'a e **koloa hu mai**. Ko e **hiki fakata'u 'i Me 2016** na'e holo peseti 'e **1.0**.

- Koe kulupu ko 'eni 'o e **koloa me'a tokoni** na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.1** 'i he **tu'unga totongi koloa kihe mahina ko Me 2017**. Ko e hiki ko 'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he **hiki 'a e totongi 'o e fua'i'akau moe vesitapolo fakalotofonua** 'a 'ia koe **faina, kiukamupa, taro, kumala mo e polo**. Na'e hiki moe totongi 'o e **kulupu mei he kakano'i manu moe ika** 'a ia ko e **puaka tunu, ika, feke, vasuva, tukumisi moe sipi** .
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Langa**, na'e holo 'aki 'a e **peseti 0.2** makatu'unga mei he holo 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'oe **papa** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina **'Epeleli 2017**.
- Ko e **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e tu'unga tatau pe 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina ko **'Epeleli 2017** .
- Ko e **koloa vala moe su** na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 1.1** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'ihe tu'unga totongi 'oe **teunga ako**.
- Ko e **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e holo 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 0.3** makatu'unga mei he holo 'ihe totongi 'oe **penisini moe tisol** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina ko **'Epeleli 2017**.
- Ko e koloa **Tapaka, 'olokaholo moe kava tonga** na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 2.1** makatu'unga mei he hiki 'ihe tu'unga totongi 'oe **Kava Tonga** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina ko **'Epeleli 2017**.
- Ko e **ngaahi koloa kehe mo e sevesi** na'e holo 'aki 'a e **peseti 0.4** kau ki ai 'a e holo 'a e tu'unga totongi 'o e **faka'ahunamu** 'i hono fakahoa ki he mahina **'Epeleli 2017**.

Koe ngaahi fakaikiiki 'o e fakamatala ni 'e ma'u atu ia mei he **Potungae Sitetisitika** pe ko ho'o vakai ki he'emaui website www.spc.int/prism/tonga/