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## STATISTICS DEPARTMENT

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 2012

(Base Period : October 2010=100.0)

#### **Consumer Price Index for March 2012 increased by 1.4%.** **With an Annual Inflation Rate of 1.8%**

*The Consumer Price Index covers price changes in Tongatapu Division only. The weights were derived from Household Income and Expenditure Survey of 2009*

1. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for March 2012 recorded an increase of 1.4% over February 2012 (104.1) and now stands at 105.6. When comparing the Local and Imported indexes during March 2012 to the previous month, Local Index increased by 2.6% and Imported Index increased by 0.7%.
2. For the previous two months, January 2012 recorded no change, 0.0% and increased by 0.5% in February 2012.
3. The **Annual Rate of Inflation** for March 2012 was **1.8%**, the lowest since January 2010 was 1.5%. The Local Index recorded an Annual Inflation Rate of 0.4% while the Imported Index was 2.8%. The annual inflation for the same month of previous year, February 2011 was 7.5%.
4. Changes in each group compared with the previous month are as follows:
 

<b>A.</b>	<b>FOOD</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
	The Food Group marked a steady price increase of 2.7%. Local fruits & vegetables such as tomatoes, pineapples, water melon, peanuts, capsicum, pawpaw and ripe banana cause the significant increases in Food Group from an increased of 0.9% in February 2012. Imported meat also marked an increase in items like mutton flaps, sausage and chicken pieces. In contrast, prices of cereals and cereals products decreased by 0.7% during the period.	
<b>B.</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
	Prices of items in this group recorded no change this month compared to previous month.	
<b>C.</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
	Household Operation Group marked a price increase of 0.3% due to increase in prices of LP Gas compared to previous month.	
<b>D.</b>	<b>CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
	Prices of items in this group recorded no change this month compared to previous month.	
<b>E.</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>1.2%</b>
	Transportation Group marked a price increase of 1.2% towards the index position of March 2012. This was due mainly to increase in price recorded for petrol, both diesel and unleaded compared to February 2012.	
<b>F.</b>	<b>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA TONGA</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
	Prices of items in this group recorded no change this month compared to February 2012.	
<b>G.</b>	<b>MISC. GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
	Prices of items in this group marked an increase of 0.3% due mainly to increase in prices of cosmetics and toiletries like shampoo and deodorant.	

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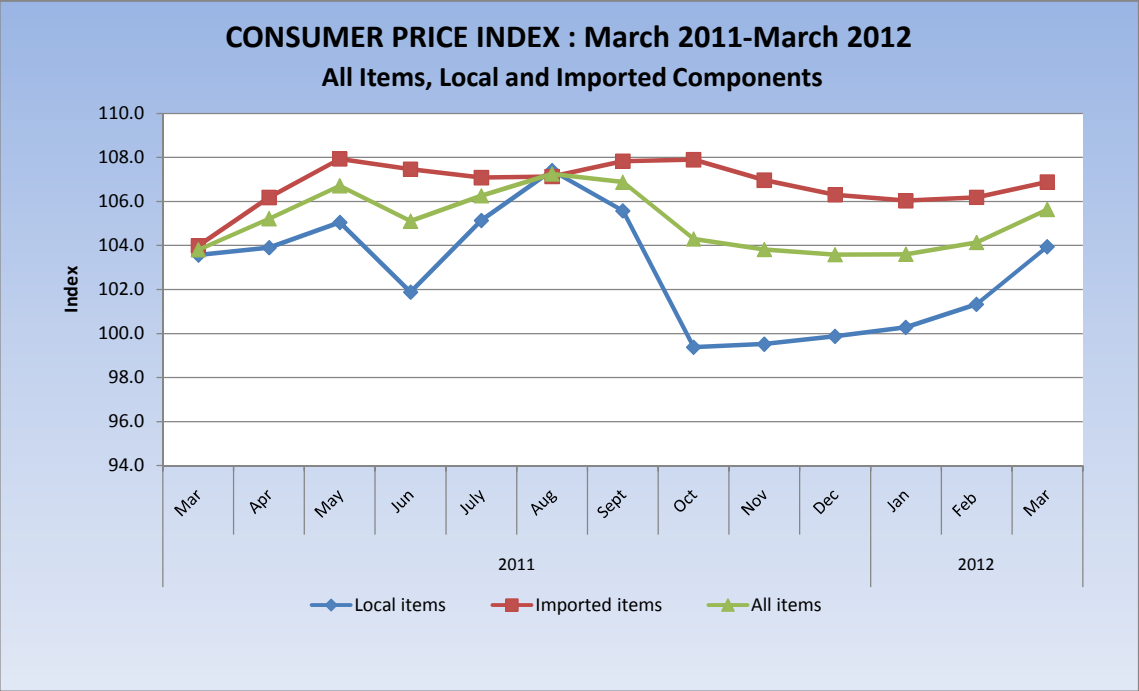


Fig 1: Graphical representation of Consumer Price Index for Total, Local and Imported Components

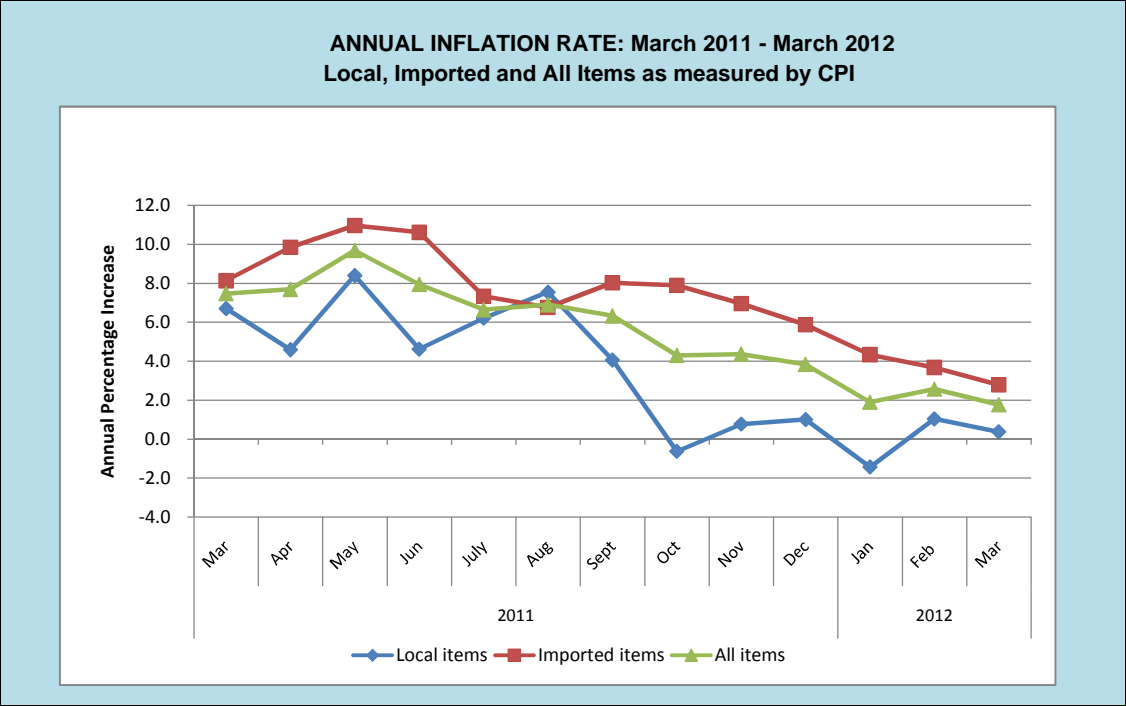
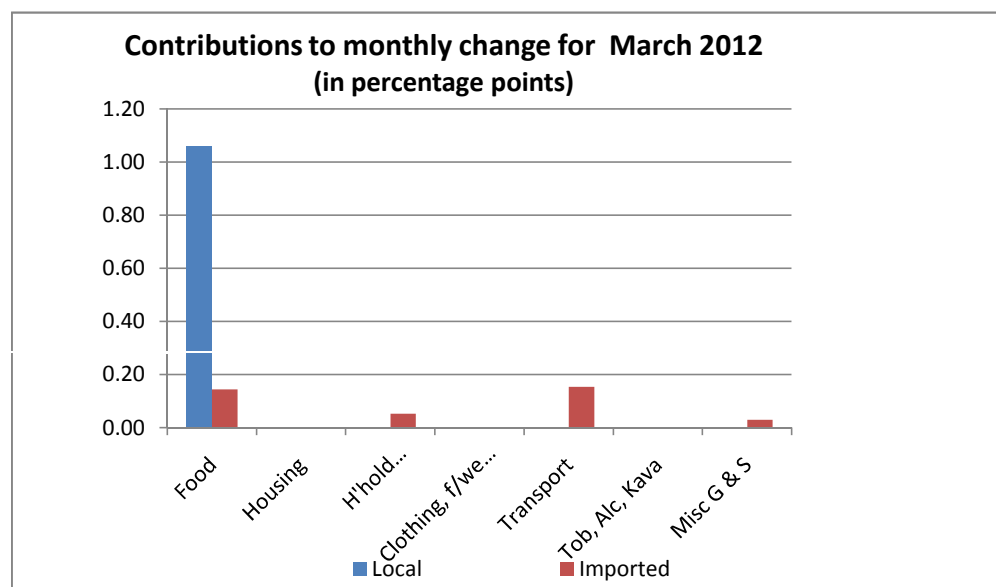


Fig 2: Graphical representation of Annual Inflation rate (%) for Local, Imported and All Items as measured by Consumer Price Index (CPI)

**Fig 3: Contribution to % change from previous month, All groups  
February 2012 to March 2012**

Group	Local	Imported	Total
Food	1.06	0.14	1.20
Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00
H'hold Operation	0.00	0.05	0.05
Clothing, f/wear	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.00	0.15	0.15
Tob, Alc, Kava	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc G & S	0.00	0.03	0.03
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>



**TABLE 1: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAJOR GROUPS**

Base Period : OCTOBER 2010 (= 100.0)

**MARCH 2012**

YEAR / MONTH	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	TRANSPORTATION	TOBACCO, ALCOHOL & KAVA	MISC. GOODS & SERVICES
	<b>100.00</b>	<b>45.76</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>20.80</b>	<b>3.16</b>	<b>11.93</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>9.83</b>
<b>2007</b>								
July	85.7	82.0	96.4	94.1	90.2	95.8	72.7	93.6
August	86.4	83.4	96.7	96.7	90.2	93.6	73.1	93.9
September	87.2	85.2	96.7	96.3	90.2	93.6	73.8	93.4
October	87.4	86.1	96.9	96.3	89.9	91.7	74.8	93.7
November	87.6	84.9	96.8	96.5	89.7	94.9	75.8	93.7
December	88.3	85.7	97.1	96.6	90.5	96.1	76.0	94.5
<b>2008</b>								
January	90.3	87.0	97.1	100.2	91.7	101.4	75.5	98.7
February	91.8	88.6	96.5	104.9	91.7	102.2	76.6	98.1
March	92.0	89.0	97.0	104.7	91.7	101.2	76.3	102.5
April	92.2	89.3	98.3	105.0	87.3	101.5	76.2	102.2
May	93.2	89.2	97.5	101.8	99.5	108.4	76.5	102.0
June	93.7	90.2	97.6	102.1	99.5	109.0	76.5	102.1
July	93.7	87.6	98.7	102.2	98.0	113.9	78.4	102.4
August	95.8	89.6	99.2	102.5	100.8	118.3	81.0	101.9
September	96.2	88.8	101.4	108.8	100.8	116.1	82.5	102.5
October	95.8	88.0	101.9	108.9	98.6	116.1	82.9	101.5
November	94.5	86.2	104.4	106.8	97.5	114.2	82.8	101.4
December	93.9	88.0	104.4	106.6	97.5	106.1	82.1	101.3
<b>2009</b>								
January	93.8	91.6	103.8	106.0	100.0	94.1	83.1	101.5
February	93.5	92.6	103.8	105.9	100.2	89.5	83.6	101.5
March	94.2	93.3	103.8	104.6	100.2	92.3	83.9	101.4
April	93.4	92.9	103.9	95.1	101.1	93.0	84.6	104.5
May	94.9	96.3	103.9	95.0	101.1	93.4	84.6	104.5
June	94.8	95.9	103.9	95.0	101.1	94.3	84.1	104.5
July	94.8	95.2	104.0	95.2	101.3	96.5	83.7	105.0
August	96.3	98.0	104.0	95.2	101.3	99.3	82.3	105.4
September	97.7	101.5	104.0	95.2	101.3	98.8	82.3	105.4
October	95.4	96.6	103.9	98.3	100.6	96.4	81.3	105.2
November	94.9	95.7	103.9	98.3	100.6	96.7	80.5	105.2
December	95.0	95.3	102.8	98.4	100.6	98.0	81.0	105.2
<b>2010</b>								
January	95.2	94.8	103.0	98.2	99.7	97.8	86.5	99.1
February	95.3	94.5	103.0	98.3	99.7	99.2	87.0	99.1
March	96.6	97.1	103.0	98.4	100.2	99.3	87.5	99.1
April	97.7	99.3	103.7	98.4	99.4	100.8	87.2	99.1
May	97.3	97.6	103.7	98.7	99.4	102.7	87.2	99.1
June	97.4	98.0	103.6	100.0	99.3	100.8	87.5	99.2
July	99.6	99.1	102.9	100.0	100.0	99.6	100.1	99.2
August	100.3	100.4	103.2	100.1	100.0	100.3	100.1	99.2
September	100.5	100.7	99.6	100.1	100.0	101.0	100.1	100.4
October	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
November	99.5	98.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.7	100.4	99.4
December	99.8	99.0	99.6	100.0	100.0	102.3	100.4	99.4
<b>2011</b>								
January	101.7	101.4	99.6	100.0	104.6	107.3	100.6	100.1
February	101.5	100.4	100.4	100.0	104.6	109.3	100.8	100.4
March	103.8	104.6	99.8	100.0	104.6	112.0	100.6	100.8
April	105.2	106.1	99.8	100.3	104.6	116.5	101.4	101.7
May	106.7	108.6	99.8	100.4	104.6	118.7	101.7	102.0
June	105.1	103.3	99.8	105.5	104.6	116.9	101.3	102.1
July	106.3	106.6	99.8	105.6	104.6	113.7	101.5	102.1
August	107.2	109.1	99.8	105.5	104.6	112.1	102.2	102.1
September	106.9	108.5	99.8	105.5	104.6	111.2	102.2	102.4
October	104.3	103.5	99.8	103.9	104.6	110.8	102.2	103.1
November	103.8	102.4	99.8	103.9	104.6	111.8	102.3	102.1
December	103.6	102.1	99.7	103.8	104.6	111.3	102.2	102.0
<b>2012</b>								
January	103.6	102.0	99.6	104.1	104.6	111.0	102.8	102.0
February	104.1	103.0	99.8	104.1	104.6	111.9	102.9	101.8
March	105.6	105.7	99.8	104.4	104.6	113.2	103.0	102.2
Percentage change between <i>February 2012</i> and <i>March 2012</i>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Percentage change between <i>March 2011</i> and <i>March 2012</i>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>

**TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SERIES WITH % CHANGES FOR THE PERIOD  
AND INFLATION RATE FOR THE PERIOD AND YEAR**  
Index Period: MARCH 2012  
(Base Period: OCTOBER 2010 = 100.0)

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 (%)
<b>2008</b>							
January	90.8	89.8	90.3	2.3	10.5		
February	93.8	90.5	91.8	1.6	12.2		
March	94.5	90.5	92.0	0.3	12.0		
April	94.6	90.7	92.2	0.2	11.9		
May	94.6	92.2	93.2	1.1	12.6		
June	95.6	92.5	93.7	0.6	12.2	<b>89.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>
July	92.9	93.9	93.7	0.0	9.3		
August	96.1	95.4	95.8	2.2	10.9		
September	96.8	95.6	96.2	0.4	10.3		
October	95.0	96.0	95.8	-0.4	9.5		
November	92.3	95.6	94.5	-1.3	7.9		
December	94.4	93.5	93.9	-0.6	6.4	<b>93.6</b>	<b>10.5</b>
<b>2009</b>							
January	97.7	91.5	93.8	-0.2	3.8		
February	98.2	90.9	93.5	-0.2	1.9		
March	98.6	91.7	94.2	0.7	2.4		
April	94.9	92.5	93.4	-0.8	1.4		
May	98.4	92.9	94.9	1.6	1.9		
June	97.4	93.3	94.8	-0.1	1.2	<b>94.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>
July	96.6	93.8	94.8	0.0	1.2		
August	99.5	94.5	96.3	1.5	0.5		
September	100.7	95.9	97.7	1.5	1.6		
October	96.5	94.7	95.4	-2.3	-0.4		
November	97.5	93.4	94.9	-0.5	0.4		
December	98.5	93.0	95.0	0.1	1.2	<b>94.9</b>	<b>1.4</b>
<b>2010</b>							
January	95.3	94.9	95.2	0.2	1.5		
February	95.8	94.9	95.3	0.1	1.9		
March	97.0	96.2	96.6	1.3	2.5		
April	99.3	96.7	97.7	1.2	4.6		
May	96.9	97.3	97.3	-0.4	2.5		
June	97.4	97.2	97.4	0.1	2.7	<b>96.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>
July	99.0	99.8	99.6	2.3	5.1		
August	99.9	100.3	100.3	0.7	4.2		
September	101.5	99.8	100.5	0.2	2.9		
October	100.0	100.0	100.0	-0.5	4.8		
November	98.8	100.0	99.5	-0.5	4.8		
December	98.9	100.4	99.8	0.3	5.0	<b>98.3</b>	<b>3.6</b>
<b>2011</b>							
January	101.7	101.6	101.7	1.9	6.8		
February	100.3	102.4	101.5	-0.2	6.5		
March	103.6	104.0	103.8	2.2	7.5		
April	103.9	106.2	105.2	1.4	7.7		
May	105.0	107.9	106.7	1.4	9.7		
June	<b>101.9</b>	<b>107.5</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>6.1</b>
July	<b>105.1</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>		
August	<b>107.4</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>		
September	<b>105.6</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>6.3</b>		
October	<b>99.4</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>4.3</b>		
November	<b>99.5</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>4.4</b>		
December	<b>99.9</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>104.7</b>	<b>6.5</b>
<b>2012</b>							
January	100.3	106.0	103.6	0.0	1.9		
February	101.3	106.2	104.1	0.5	2.6		
March	103.9	106.9	105.6	1.4	1.8	<b>105.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>

**TABLE 3: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WITH LOCAL AND IMPORTED COMPONENTS**  
**PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH**  
(Base Period: OCTOBER 2010 = 100.0)  
Index Period :MARCH 2012

	WEIGHTS			MARCH 2012			FEBRUARY 2012			% CHANGE		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
<b>A. FOOD</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>106.51</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>106.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>
Fruit and Vegetables	6.5	0.9	7.5	103.3	110.64	104.3	87.2	109.7	90.0	18.6	0.8	15.9
Meats, Fish & Poultry	3.7	14.6	18.4	109.5	107.53	107.9	107.1	106.3	106.5	2.3	1.1	1.4
Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products	0.5	3.2	3.6	97.5	106.49	105.3	94.2	107.3	105.6	3.5	-0.7	-0.2
Cereals and Cereal Products	3.4	3.5	6.9	107.2	109.12	108.2	109.1	109.4	109.3	-1.7	-0.3	-1.0
Other Food	0.0	5.7	5.7	1.0	101.62	101.6	0.0	101.6	101.6	-	0.0	0.0
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	3.7	0.0	3.7	99.7	1.00	99.7	99.7	0.0	99.7	0.0	-	0.0
<b>B. HOUSING</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.51</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
House Maintenance Goods	0.1	0.8	0.9	100.0	99.51	99.6	100.0	99.5	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
House Maintenance Services	1.6	0.0	1.6	100.0	1.00	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>C. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>102.19</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Domestic Fuel and Power	6.0	1.1	7.1	112.2	108.33	111.6	112.2	102.9	110.8	0.0	5.2	0.8
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	99.96	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
Household Furni., Furn. & Textiles	1.4	0.0	1.4	107.5	1.00	107.5	107.5	0.0	107.5	0.0	-	0.0
H/hold Supplies & Services	4.7	1.2	5.9	100.0	98.66	99.7	100.0	99.1	99.8	0.0	-0.5	-0.1
Communications Services	5.2	0.0	5.2	100.0	1.00	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>D. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>104.59</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Clothing Supplies & Services	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0	106.80	106.8	0.0	106.8	106.8	-	0.0	0.0
Footwear	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	100.00	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
<b>E. TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>113.47</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Public Transportation	0.5	2.9	3.4	107.0	104.66	105.0	107.0	104.7	105.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private Transportation	0.0	8.6	8.6	0.0	116.47	116.5	0.0	114.6	114.6	-	1.6	1.6
<b>F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.96</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Tobacco	0.0	2.9	2.9	1.0	109.34	109.3	0.0	110.1	110.1	-	-0.7	-0.7
Alcohol	0.8	1.6	2.4	100.0	94.20	96.1	100.0	92.8	95.2	0.0	1.6	1.0
Kava	0.7	0.0	0.7	100.0	1.00	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>G. MISC. GOODS &amp; SERVICES</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.35</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Medical Health Services & Supplies	0.2	0.3	0.6	100.0	100.00	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cosmetics and Toiletries	0.0	5.3	5.3	0.0	103.03	103.0	0.0	102.4	102.4	-	0.6	0.6
Personal Goods	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	100.00	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
Newspapers & Stationery Supplies	0.1	0.6	0.6	100.0	109.38	108.3	100.0	109.4	108.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Recreational & Craft Supplies	0.4	0.0	0.4	100.0	0.00	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
Other Goods and Services	0.8	0.0	0.8	100.0	0.00	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
Education	2.0	0.0	2.0	100.0	0.00	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>106.2</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.4</b>

TABLE 4: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX WITH LOCAL AND IMPORTED COMPONENTS  
 PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM SAME MONTH OF PREVIOUS YEAR  
 (Base Period: OCTOBER 2010 = 100.0)  
 Index Period : MARCH 2012

	WEIGHTS			MARCH 2012			MARCH 2011			% CHANGE		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
<b>A. FOOD</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>27.9</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>105.7</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Fruit and Vegetables	6.5	0.9	7.5	103.3	110.6	104.3	127.1	107.4	124.7	-18.7	3.0	-16.4
Meat, Fish & Poultry	3.7	14.6	18.4	109.5	107.5	107.9	90.5	100.9	98.8	21.1	6.6	9.3
Dairy Farm & Vegetables Products	0.5	3.2	3.6	97.5	106.5	105.3	97.5	105.4	104.4	0.0	1.0	0.9
Cereals and Cereal Products	3.4	3.5	6.9	107.2	109.1	108.2	102.9	103.4	103.1	4.2	5.6	4.9
Other Food	0.0	5.7	5.7	1.0	101.6	101.6	0.0	102.0	102.0	-	-0.4	-0.4
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	3.7	0.0	3.7	99.7	1.0	99.7	100.0	0.0	100.0	-0.3	-	-0.3
<b>B. HOUSING</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
House Maintenance Goods	0.1	0.8	0.9	100.0	99.5	99.6	100.0	99.5	99.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
House Maintenance Services	1.6	0.0	1.6	100.0	1.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>C. HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>4.3</b>
Domestic Fuel and Power	6.0	1.1	7.1	112.2	108.3	111.6	100.0	100.2	100.0	12.2	8.2	11.6
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.1	100.1	-	-0.1	-0.1
H/hold Furniture, Furniture & Textiles	1.4	0.0	1.4	107.5	1.0	107.5	100.0	0.0	100.0	7.5	-	7.5
H/hold Supplies & Services	4.7	1.2	5.9	100.0	98.7	99.7	100.0	100.4	100.1	0.0	-1.7	-0.4
Communications Services	5.2	0.0	5.2	100.0	1.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>D. CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Clothing Supplies & Services	0.0	2.1	2.1	0.0	106.8	106.8	0.0	106.8	106.8	-	0.0	0.0
Footwear	0.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
<b>E. TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>113.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>112.4</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.1</b>
Public Transport	0.5	2.9	3.4	107.0	104.7	105.0	100.0	104.7	104.0	7.0	0.0	0.9
Private Transport	0.0	8.6	8.6	0.0	116.5	116.5	0.0	115.1	115.1	-	1.2	1.2
<b>F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Tobacco	0.0	2.9	2.9	1.0	109.3	109.3	0.0	101.3	101.3	-	7.9	7.9
Alcohol	0.8	1.6	2.4	100.0	94.2	96.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	-5.8	-3.9
Kava	0.7	0.0	0.7	100.0	1.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>G. MISC. GOODS &amp; SERVICES</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.4</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Medical Health Services & Supplies	0.2	0.3	0.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cosmetics and Toiletries	0.0	5.3	5.3	0.0	103.0	103.0	0.0	100.5	100.5	-	2.5	2.5
Personal Goods	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
Newspapers & Stationery Supplies	0.1	0.6	0.6	100.0	109.4	108.3	100.0	109.4	108.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leisure & Recreational & Craft Supplies	0.4	0.0	0.4	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
Other Goods and Services	0.8	0.0	0.8	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
Education	2.0	0.0	2.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>42.2</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.8</b>



**TABLE 5 : CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
GROUPS AND SUBGROUPS - INDEX NUMBERS**  
(Base Period: OCTOBER 2010 = 100.0)  
Index Period : MARCH 2012

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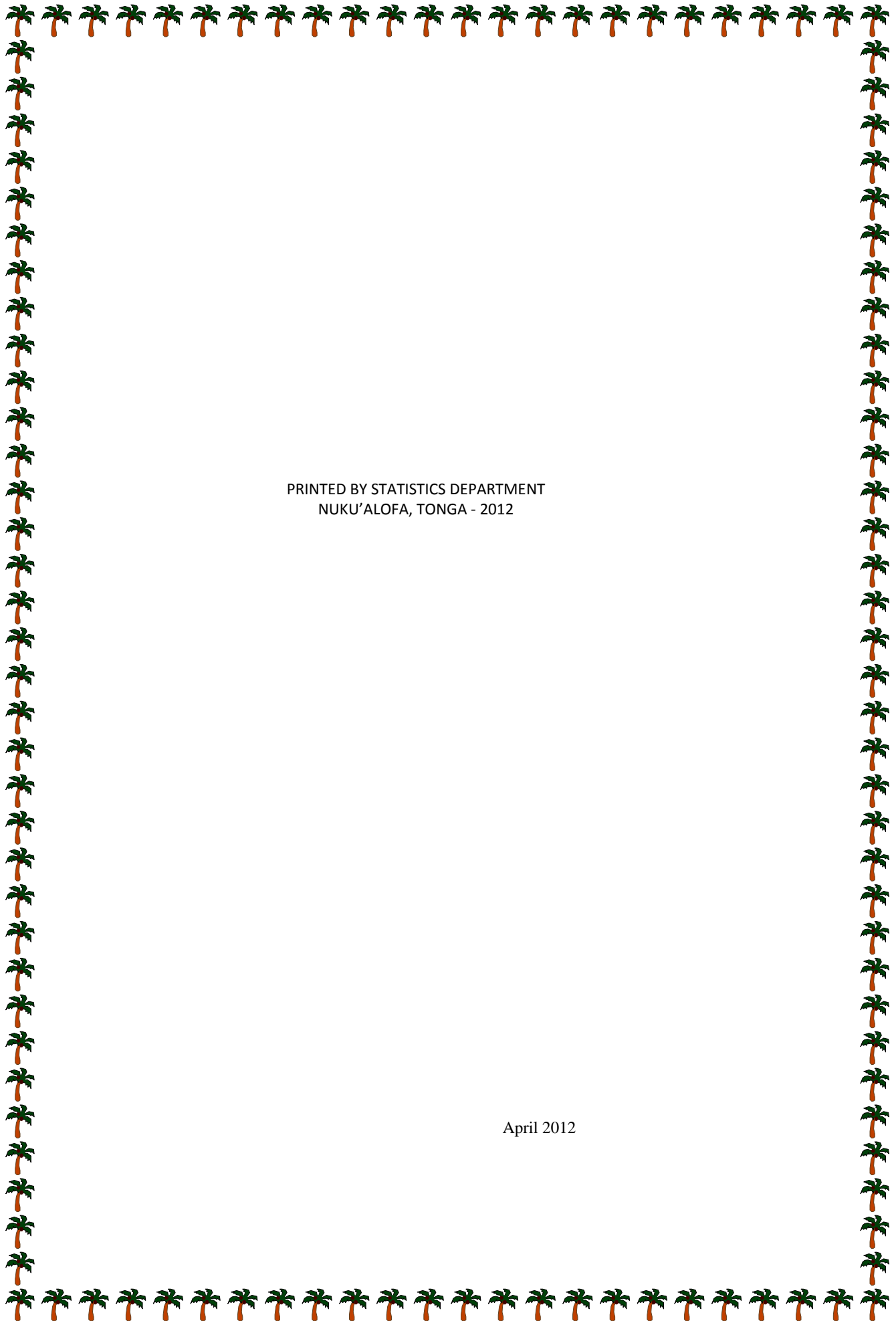
Group or Subgroup	Annual														
	2009	2010	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 13	Mar 14
<b>A.FOOD GROUP</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>109.1</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>105.7</b>
Fruit and Vegetables	83.0	92.6	124.7	120.8	123.8	92.4	106.3	110.2	103.2	81.1	78.0	81.5	83.7	90.0	104.3
Meats, Fish & Poultry	95.7	98.1	98.8	100.8	105.2	104.3	106.7	111.4	112.6	109.7	108.5	105.7	105.8	106.5	107.9
Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products	101.9	99.8	104.4	106.7	108.5	109.2	108.3	108.4	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	105.5	105.6	105.3
Cereals and Cereal Products	111.0	103.5	103.1	109.4	109.9	110.4	110.8	111.0	110.8	110.8	111.1	111.6	110.2	109.3	108.2
Other Food	90.6	99.2	102.0	103.1	103.9	104.4	105.0	104.7	104.5	103.1	102.0	103.1	103.0	101.6	101.6
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	95.1	99.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7	99.7
<b>B.HOUSING GROUP</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>
House Maintenance Goods	106.1	103.3	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.1	98.8	99.6	99.6
House Maintenance Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>C.HOUSEHOLD OPERATION GROUP</b>	<b>98.5</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.6</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>105.4</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>104.4</b>
Domestic Fuel and Power	99.0	100.6	100.0	101.0	101.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	111.3	111.3	115.7	110.7	110.8	111.6
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	101.8	99.7	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Household Furni., Furn. & Textiles	97.6	98.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	107.5	107.5	107.5
H/hold Supplies & Services	96.9	98.2	100.1	100.0	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	99.8	99.8	99.7
Communications Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>D.CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR GROUP</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>
Clothing Supplies & Services	99.8	99.7	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8
Footwear	103.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>E.TRANSPORTATION GROUP</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>100.5</b>	<b>112.0</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>116.9</b>	<b>113.7</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>111.2</b>	<b>110.8</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>111.3</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>111.9</b>	<b>113.2</b>
Public Transportation	96.5	97.5	104.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0
Private Transportation	94.6	101.7	115.1	121.1	124.1	121.6	117.1	114.8	113.6	113.1	114.5	113.8	113.4	114.6	116.5
<b>F.TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA GROUP</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>101.4</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>101.3</b>	<b>101.5</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>102.3</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>103.0</b>
Tobacco	79.1	90.4	101.3	103.0	103.4	102.7	103.0	104.5	104.6	104.6	104.7	104.6	109.8	110.1	109.3
Alcohol	89.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.2	95.2	96.1
Kava	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>G. MISC. GOODS &amp; SERVICES</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>100.8</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>103.1</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>101.8</b>	<b>102.2</b>
Medical Health Services & Supplies	90.1	97.5	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cosmetics and Toiletries	99.7	100.3	100.5	102.1	102.8	102.9	102.9	102.9	103.5	104.8	102.9	102.7	102.7	102.4	103.0
Personal Goods	106.5	100.2	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Newspapers & Stationery Supplies	78.7	83.8	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3	108.3
Leisure & Recreational & Craft Supplies	99.2	99.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other Goods and Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Education	125.6	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>98.3</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>105.1</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>107.2</b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>103.8</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>103.6</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>105.6</b>

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

	Unit	2009	2010	2011	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb-12	Mar 12
<b>ROOT CROPS</b>																	
1 Talo - Futuna	1 kg	0.85	1.26	0.91	1.28	0.94	0.95	0.91	0.80	0.96	0.82	0.84	0.66	0.81	1.71	0.82	0.73
2 Talo - Tonga	1kg	1.09	1.40	1.08	1.31	1.14	0.90	0.92	1.04	1.07	1.24	1.08	0.96	0.90	1.33	1.12	1.23
3 Manioke	1 kg	0.71	0.66	0.47	0.53	0.48	0.47	0.47	0.45	0.43	0.62	0.44	0.41	0.52	0.46	0.45	0.46
4 Kumala	1 kg	0.98	1.15	0.92	0.91	0.82	0.78	0.78	0.87	0.94	1.10	1.01	1.07	0.90	1.05	0.85	0.91
5 Yams, early	1 kg	3.19	4.08	4.05	2.94	2.70	3.37	3.76	4.59	4.38	5.15	4.67	4.56	3.86	4.74	3.61	3.19
6 Yams, late	1 kg	1.89	2.44	1.95	2.66	2.05	1.89	2.29	2.36	2.28	1.59	1.98	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.66	2.15
<b>VEGETABLES</b>																	
1 Lu	1 kg	3.47	4.62	3.78	3.93	4.09	3.43	2.77	3.12	2.31	3.20	3.47	4.85	4.90	4.58	4.17	4.41
2 Pele	1 kg	2.06	2.04	2.05	1.43	1.37	1.17	1.53	1.84	2.28	2.57	2.22	2.08	2.52	2.42	2.26	2.39
3 Tomatoes	1 kg	5.44	3.81	4.52	8.26	8.24	10.27	4.31	5.69	6.77	4.00	1.52	1.36	1.37	1.78	2.98	5.98
4 H/Cabbage	1 kg	2.83	2.25	2.47	3.86	6.50	3.02	1.35	1.99	2.07	1.55	0.99	1.05	1.10	1.80	4.76	3.50
7 Carrots	1 kg	4.86	4.05	4.61	6.63	6.78	5.80	4.66	8.36	5.06	3.40	3.21	3.28	2.83	2.26	5.23	4.43
8 Capsicum	1 kg	11.07	8.50	9.59	9.05	13.30	10.51	11.54	18.91	12.50	10.79	8.41	8.31	5.20	3.78	4.97	6.87
<b>FRUITS AND NUTS</b>																	
1 Bananas ripe	1 kg	3.13	4.02	2.60	2.34	2.50	2.50	2.72	2.02	2.88	3.35	2.30	2.67	2.57	2.46	2.45	2.78
2 Watermelon	1 kg	1.12	1.22	1.03	1.20	0.80	1.15	0.86	1.28	1.32	1.50	0.83	0.87	1.15	0.98	0.69	0.89
3 Pineapple	1 kg	5.55	4.61	5.27	5.54	5.54	5.54	3.78	6.99	7.79	7.31	5.10	2.71	4.27	4.45	4.44	5.31
4 Pawpaw	1 kg	2.73	3.11	1.61	2.41	1.37	1.46	1.61	1.86	2.47	1.80	1.35	1.44	1.85	1.25	1.36	1.46
5 Coconut (dry)	1 kg	0.33	0.36	0.36	0.49	0.43	0.36	0.35	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.33
6 Coconut (green)	1 kg	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.65	0.55	0.64	0.53	0.59	0.53	0.64	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.55	0.62	0.65
7 Peanuts	1 kg	23.09	24.23	17.21	13.50	20.00	25.00	14.80	14.53	17.33	18.13	17.33	16.33	12.67	16.01	16.33	18.00
<b>MARINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>																	
1 Sausages	1 kg	8.87	8.31	6.86	6.50	6.50	6.75	7.12	7.00	6.87	6.80	6.67	6.75	6.87	6.90	6.90	7.15
2 Eggs	1 egg	0.54	0.50	0.51	0.49	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.53	0.55	0.55	0.47	0.47	0.49
3 Tuna	1 kg	9.15	10.37	11.65	8.93	9.80	10.00	9.50	10.38	13.50	14.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
4 Octopus	1 kg	14.56	12.31	17.64	13.80	13.12	14.77	16.77	10.96	10.13	10.36	7.81	11.54	20.56	35.50	30.12	30.00
5 Cockles (to'o)	1 kg	4.47	3.05	3.38	2.57	2.36	2.68	3.49	5.02	4.48	3.77	4.03	3.29	3.47	3.06	2.71	2.24
7 Stringed fish (Mixed)	1 kg	8.94	7.85	7.54	7.10	6.54	7.12	7.11	8.62	9.32	8.56	7.06	7.01	7.00	7.69	7.28	7.19

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

	Unit	Annual ...															Annual	
		2009	2010	Mar 11	Apr 11	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	% change	
<b>FOOD</b>																		
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b>																		
1	Potatoes	1 kg	2.54	2.86	3.70	3.33	2.91	2.80	3.03	3.00	3.05	2.60	2.60	2.59	2.70	2.59	3.00	-19%
2	Onions	1 kg	2.58	2.94	3.08	3.08	2.95	2.80	2.58	2.63	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.88	2.74	2.94	-4%
3	Apples	1 kg	12.06	8.65	6.67	7.60	8.07	8.31	8.31	8.47	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.53	9.08	8.02	20%
4	Oranges	1 kg	13.59	12.13	12.40	10.21	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.15	11.15	-10%
<b>Meats, Fish &amp; Poultry</b>																		
5	Mutton Flaps	1 kg	8.24	9.41	10.30	9.95	10.08	10.17	9.92	10.15	10.35	10.38	10.55	10.08	10.17	10.19	10.37	1%
6	Chicken Pieces	1 kg	4.01	3.43	3.44	3.55	3.68	3.53	3.55	3.61	3.83	3.80	3.78	3.58	3.58	3.53	3.58	4%
<b>Other Food</b>																		
1	Flour	1 kg	2.13	1.81	1.75	1.80	1.85	1.85	1.86	1.89	1.86	1.86	1.99	1.99	1.93	1.87	1.93	10%
2	Sugar	1 kg	1.90	2.61	2.70	2.70	2.74	2.76	2.71	2.71	2.64	2.66	2.71	2.71	2.60	2.59	2.54	-6%
<b>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA</b>																		
<b>Tobacco</b>																		
3	Winfield Blue	Packet	9.80	11.23	11.75	11.97	11.97	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.75	12.75	12.50	6%
4	Port Royal Tobacco	Packet	13.37	19.60	22.02	22.85	22.85	22.85	22.85	23.70	23.73	24.07	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	10%
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>																		
<b>Private Transportation</b>																		
1	Petrol	litre	2.30	2.63	2.79	2.93	3.01	2.96	2.85	2.79	2.76	2.76	2.80	2.75	2.74	2.77	2.83	1%
2	Diesel	litre	2.29	2.68	2.88	3.07	3.13	3.04	2.91	2.86	2.82	2.77	2.80	2.87	2.87	2.89	2.91	1%



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