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# **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR MAY 2012

(Base Period : October 2010=100.0)

**Consumer Price Index for May 2012 increased by 0.3%.**  
**With an Annual Inflation Rate of 0.4%**

*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 May 2012 recorded an increase of **0.3%** over April 2012 (106.8) and now stands at 107.1. When comparing the Local and Imported indexes during May 2012 to the previous month, Local Index increased by 0.7% and Imported Index marked no change, 0.0%.
2. For the previous two months, March and April 2012 both recorded an increase by 1.4% and 1.1% respectively.
3. The **Annual Rate of Inflation for May 2012 was 0.4%**, the lowest since 0.4% in November 2009. The Local Index recorded an Annual Inflation Rate of 0.2% while the Imported Index was 0.5%. The annual inflation for the same month of previous year, May 2011 was **9.7%**, the highest since 10.3% in September 2008.
4. Changes in each group compared with the previous month are as follows:
 

<b>A.</b>	<b>FOOD</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
	The Food Group recorded an increase by 0.4% which was below in comparison to the 2.0% increase in April 2012. This was mainly due to increase in prices of local food items like green banana, early yam, manioke and taro dryland. Prices of local fruits and vegetables such as pawpaw, ripe banana, water melon, carrots, head cabbage and tomatoes were still high this month as it was in April 2012. Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products also marked an increase in items like local eggs and imported drymilk and butter while Meat, Fish & Poultry Group recorded a decrease due to decrease in prices of imported meat like mutton flaps and chicken pieces.	
<b>B.</b>	<b>HOUSING</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>
	Prices of items in this group recorded a decrease due mainly to decrease in prices of cement and nails.	
<b>C.</b>	<b>HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS</b>	<b>0.03%</b>
	Household Operation Group marked an increase by 0.03% this month due to slightly increased in prices of kerosene and washing detergent.	
<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>0.7%</b>
	Transportation Group marked a price increase of 0.7% and became the lead contributing group to May Index. This was due mainly to increase in price recorded for petrol, both diesel and unleaded.	
<b>F.</b>	<b>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA TONGA</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>
	Prices of items in this group recorded a decrease this month compared to April 2012 due mainly to decrease in prices of beer.	
<b>G.</b>	<b>MISC. GOODS AND SERVICES</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
	Prices of items in this group marked an increase of 0.1% due mainly to slightly increased in prices of cosmetics and toiletries like perfume and deodorant.	

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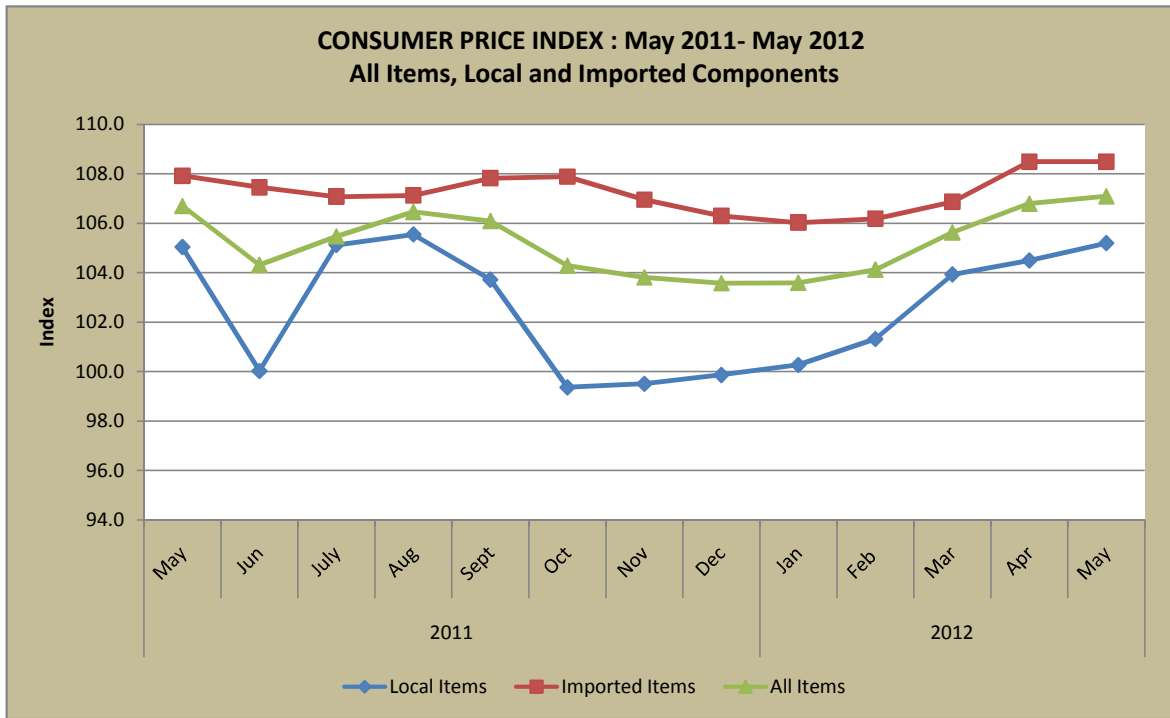


Fig 1: Graphical representation of Consumer Price Index for Total, Local and Imported Components

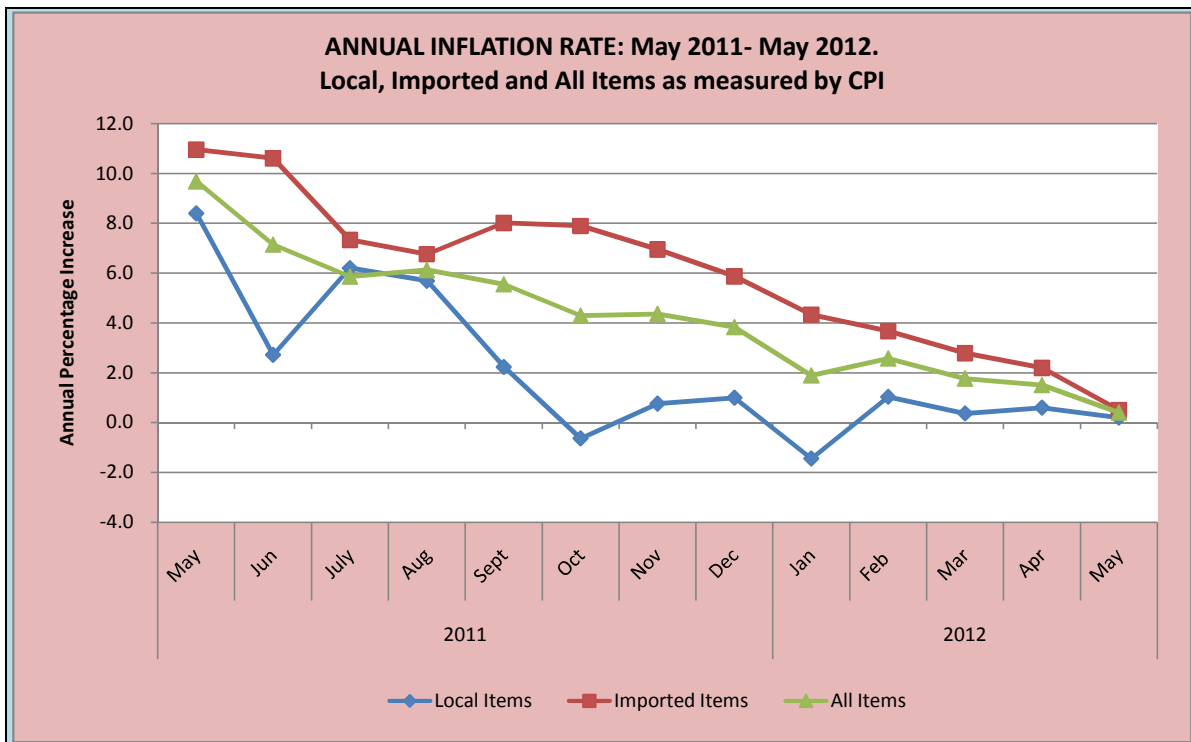
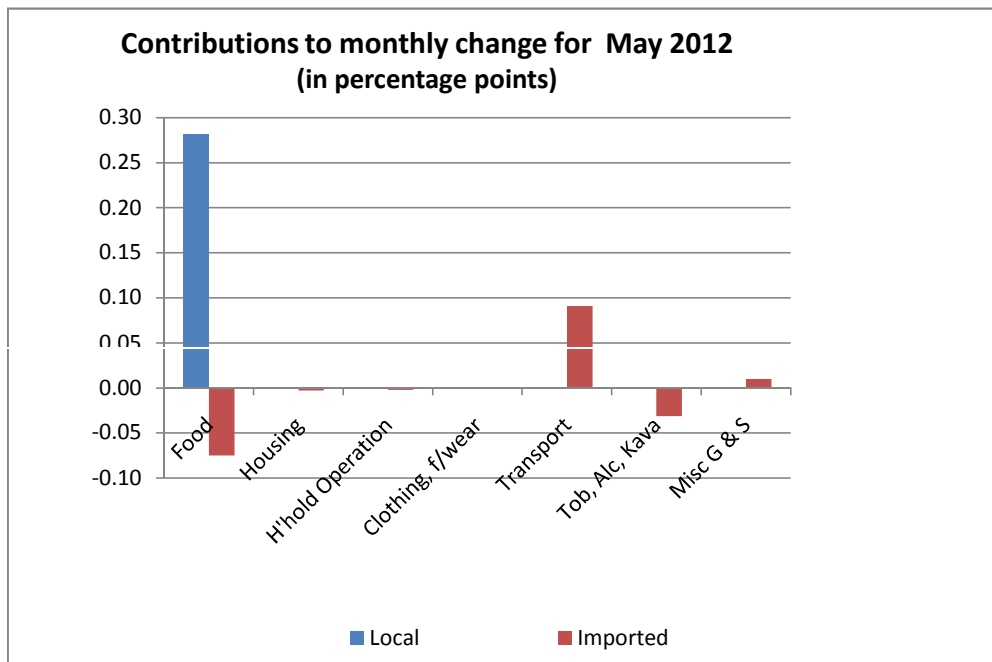


Fig 2: Graphical representation of Annual Inflation rate (%) for Local, Imported and All Items as measured by Consumer Price Index (CPI)

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

Group	Local	Imported	Total
Food	0.28	-0.08	0.21
Housing	0.00	0.00	0.00
H'hold Operation	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing, f/wear	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.00	0.09	0.09
Tob, Alc, Kava	0.00	-0.03	-0.03
Misc G & S	0.00	0.01	0.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>



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

Base Period : OCTOBER 2010 (= 100.0)

MAY 2012

YEAR / MONTH	ALL ITEMS	FOOD	HOUSING	HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	TRANSPOR-TATION	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	104.3	103.3	99.8	101.8	104.6	116.9	101.3	102.1
July	105.5	106.6	99.8	101.8	104.6	113.7	101.5	102.1
August	106.5	109.1	99.8	101.8	104.6	112.1	102.2	102.1
September	106.1	108.5	99.8	101.8	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
April	106.8	107.9	99.4	104.3	104.6	115.2	103.0	102.1
May	107.1	108.3	99.3	104.4	104.6	116.0	102.4	102.2
Percentage change between <i>April 2012</i> and <i>May 2012</i>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Percentage change between <i>May 2011</i> and <i>May 2012</i>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>-0.6</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>

**TABLE 2: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SERIES WITH % CHANGES FOR THE PERIOD  
AND INFLATION RATE FOR THE PERIOD AND YEAR**  
Index Period: MAY 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	<u>89.6</u>	<u>9.6</u>
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	<u>93.6</u>	<u>10.5</u>
<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	<u>94.5</u>	<u>5.6</u>
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	<u>94.9</u>	<u>1.4</u>
<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	<u>96.1</u>	<u>1.7</u>
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	<u>98.3</u>	<u>3.6</u>
<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	100.0	107.5	104.3	-2.2	7.1	<u>101.9</u>	<u>6.0</u>
July	105.1	107.1	105.5	1.1	5.9		
August	105.6	107.1	106.5	0.9	6.1		
September	103.7	107.8	106.1	-0.3	5.6		
October	99.4	107.9	104.3	-1.7	4.3		
November	99.5	107.0	103.8	-0.5	4.4		
December	99.9	106.3	103.6	-0.2	3.8	<u>104.4</u>	<u>6.3</u>
<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		
April	104.5	108.5	106.8	1.1	1.5		
May	105.2	108.5	107.1	0.3	0.4	<u>105.1</u>	<u>3.8</u>

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

	WEIGHTS			MAY 2012			APRIL 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>107.6</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>105.9</b>	<b>109.1</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Fruit and Vegetables	6.5	0.9	7.5	109.6	107.9	109.4	105.1	107.8	105.4	4.3	0.1	3.8
Meats, Fish & Poultry	3.7	14.6	18.4	112.9	112.1	112.3	112.9	112.7	112.8	0.0	-0.5	-0.4
Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products	0.5	3.2	3.6	101.7	106.8	106.1	100.8	106.2	105.5	0.8	0.5	0.6
Cereals and Cereal Products	3.4	3.5	6.9	107.2	109.3	108.3	107.2	109.7	108.5	0.0	-0.4	-0.2
Other Food	0.0	5.7	5.7	0.0	101.4	101.4	0.0	101.3	101.3	-	0.1	0.1
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	3.7	0.0	3.7	99.7	0.0	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>97.7</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>98.1</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>
House Maintenance Goods	0.1	0.8	0.9	100.0	97.7	98.0	100.0	98.1	98.3	0.0	-0.4	-0.4
House Maintenance Services	1.6	0.0	1.6	100.0	0.0	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>102.3</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>104.8</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.03</b>
Domestic Fuel and Power	6.0	1.1	7.1	112.1	108.5	111.6	112.1	108.4	111.5	0.0	0.1	0.0
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	0.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
Household Furni., Furn. & Textiles	1.4	0.0	1.4	107.5	0.0	107.5	107.5	0.0	107.5	0.0	-	0.0
H/hold Supplies & Services	4.7	1.2	5.9	100.0	98.9	99.8	100.0	98.4	99.7	0.0	0.4	0.1
Communications Services	5.2	0.0	5.2	100.0	0.0	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>0.0</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>116.3</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>115.5</b>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Public Transportation	0.5	2.9	3.4	107.0	104.7	105.0	107.0	104.7	105.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private Transportation	0.0	8.6	8.6	0.0	120.3	120.3	0.0	119.2	119.2	-	1.0	1.0
<b>F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
Tobacco	0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0	109.4	109.4	0.0	109.3	109.3	-	0.0	0.0
Alcohol	0.8	1.6	2.4	100.0	92.0	94.7	100.0	94.2	96.1	0.0	-2.3	-1.5
Kava	0.7	0.0	0.7	100.0	0.0	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>103.3</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>102.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</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	102.8	102.8	-	0.2	0.2
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>105.2</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>104.5</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.3</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 : May 2012

	WEIGHTS			MAY 2012			MAY 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>107.6</b>	<b>108.8</b>	<b>108.3</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>106.6</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Fruit and Vegetables	6.5	0.9	7.5	109.6	107.9	109.4	126.0	108.3	123.8	-13.1	-0.4	-11.7
Meat, Fish & Poultry	3.7	14.6	18.4	112.9	112.1	112.3	99.1	106.8	105.2	13.9	5.0	6.7
Dairy Farm & Vegetables Products	0.5	3.2	3.6	101.7	106.8	106.1	105.8	108.8	108.5	-3.9	-1.9	-2.2
Cereals and Cereal Products	3.4	3.5	6.9	107.2	109.3	108.3	112.0	108.0	109.9	-4.2	1.1	-1.5
Other Food	0.0	5.7	5.7	0.0	101.4	101.4	0.0	103.9	103.9	-	-2.4	-2.4
Drinks, Sweets & Meals away from home	3.7	0.0	3.7	99.7	0.0	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>97.7</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
House Maintenance Goods	0.1	0.8	0.9	100.0	97.7	98.0	100.0	99.5	99.5	0.0	-1.8	-1.6
House Maintenance Services	1.6	0.0	1.6	100.0	0.0	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>102.3</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102.5</b>	<b>100.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>3.9</b>
Domestic Fuel and Power	6.0	1.1	7.1	112.1	108.5	111.6	100.0	106.2	101.0	12.1	2.2	10.5
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	0.0	107.5	100.0	0.0	100.0	7.5	-	7.5
H/hold Supplies & Services	4.7	1.2	5.9	100.0	98.9	99.8	100.0	101.4	100.3	0.0	-2.5	-0.5
Communications Services	5.2	0.0	5.2	100.0	0.0	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>116.3</b>	<b>116.0</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>119.1</b>	<b>118.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-2.4</b>	<b>-2.3</b>
Public Transport	0.5	2.9	3.4	107.0	104.7	105.0	107.0	104.7	105.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private Transport	0.0	8.6	8.6	0.0	120.3	120.3	0.0	124.1	124.1	-	-3.0	-3.0
<b>F. TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>102.4</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>101.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Tobacco	0.0	2.9	2.9	0.0	109.4	109.4	0.0	103.4	103.4	-	5.8	5.8
Alcohol	0.8	1.6	2.4	100.0	92.0	94.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	-8.0	-5.3
Kava	0.7	0.0	0.7	100.0	0.0	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>103.3</b>	<b>102.2</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>102.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</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	102.8	102.8	-	0.2	0.2
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>105.2</b>	<b>108.5</b>	<b>107.1</b>	<b>105.0</b>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>106.7</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>



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

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Group or Subgroup	Annual														
	2009	2010	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	May-12
<b>A.FOOD GROUP</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>98.3</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>	<b>107.9</b>	<b>108.3</b>
Fruit and Vegetables	83.0	92.6	123.8	92.4	106.3	110.2	103.2	81.1	78.0	81.5	83.7	90.0	104.3	105.4	109.4
Meats, Fish & Poultry	95.7	98.1	105.2	104.3	106.7	111.4	112.6	109.7	108.5	105.7	105.8	106.5	107.9	112.8	112.3
Dairy Farm & Vegetable Products	101.9	99.8	108.5	109.2	108.3	108.4	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	105.5	105.6	105.3	105.5	106.1
Cereals and Cereal Products	111.0	103.5	109.9	110.4	110.8	111.0	110.8	110.8	111.1	111.6	110.2	109.3	108.2	108.5	108.3
Other Food	90.6	99.2	103.9	104.4	105.0	104.7	104.5	103.1	102.0	103.1	103.0	101.6	101.6	101.3	101.4
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	99.7	99.7	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>99.7</b>	<b>99.6</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>99.4</b>	<b>99.3</b>
House Maintenance Goods	106.1	103.3	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.4	99.4	99.1	98.8	99.6	99.6	98.3	98.0
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>100.4</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>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>104.4</b>
Domestic Fuel and Power	99.0	100.6	101.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	111.3	111.3	115.7	110.7	110.8	111.6	111.5	111.6
H/hold Appl., Equipment & Utensils	101.8	99.7	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.0	100.0	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	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5	107.5
H/hold Supplies & Services	96.9	98.2	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	100.3	99.8	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.8
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>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>	<b>115.2</b>	<b>116.0</b>
Public Transportation	96.5	97.5	105.0	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	124.1	121.6	117.1	114.8	113.6	113.1	114.5	113.8	113.4	114.6	116.5	119.2	120.3
<b>F.TOBACCO, ALCOHOL &amp; KAVA GROUP</b>	<b>82.9</b>	<b>93.7</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>	<b>103.0</b>	<b>102.4</b>
Tobacco	79.1	90.4	103.4	102.7	103.0	104.5	104.6	104.6	104.7	104.6	109.8	110.1	109.3	109.3	109.4
Alcohol	89.1	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	95.2	95.2	96.1	96.1	94.7
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>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>	<b>102.1</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	102.8	102.9	102.9	102.9	103.5	104.8	102.9	102.7	102.7	102.4	103.0	102.8	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>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>	<b>106.8</b>	<b>107.1</b>

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

	Unit	2009	2010	2011	May-11	Jun-11	Jul-11	Aug-11	Sep-11	Oct-11	Nov-11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb-12	Mar 12	Apr 12	May 12	
<b>ROOT CROPS</b>																		
1	Talo - Futuna	1 kg	0.85	1.26	0.89	0.95	0.91	0.80	0.96	0.82	0.84	0.66	0.81	1.71	0.82	0.73	0.73	0.81
2	Talo - Tonga	1kg	1.09	1.40	1.08	0.90	0.92	1.04	1.07	1.24	1.08	0.96	0.90	1.33	1.12	1.23	1.21	1.03
3	Manioka	1 kg	0.71	0.66	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.45	0.43	0.62	0.44	0.41	0.52	0.46	0.45	0.46	0.43	0.47
4	Kumala	1 kg	0.98	1.15	0.95	0.78	0.78	0.87	0.94	1.10	1.01	1.07	0.90	1.05	0.85	0.91	1.14	1.14
5	Yams; early	1 kg	3.19	4.08	3.99	3.37	3.76	4.59	4.38	5.15	4.67	4.56	3.86	4.74	3.61	3.19	3.21	4.04
6	Yams, late	1 kg	1.89	2.44	1.95	1.89	2.29	2.36	2.28	1.59	1.98	1.70	1.70	1.70	1.66	2.15	2.09	1.93
<b>VEGETABLES</b>																		
1	Lu	1 kg	3.47	4.62	3.91	3.43	2.77	3.12	2.31	3.20	3.47	4.85	4.90	4.58	4.17	4.41	4.91	4.56
2	Pele	1 kg	2.06	2.04	2.09	1.17	1.53	1.84	2.28	2.57	2.22	2.08	2.52	2.42	2.26	2.39	2.36	2.30
3	Tomatoes	1 kg	5.44	3.81	4.73	10.27	4.31	5.69	6.77	4.00	1.52	1.36	1.37	1.78	2.98	5.98	5.83	6.06
4	H/Cabbage	1 kg	2.83	2.25	2.66	3.02	1.35	1.99	2.07	1.55	0.99	1.05	1.10	1.80	4.76	3.50	3.65	3.86
7	Carrots	1 kg	4.86	4.05	4.64	5.80	4.66	8.36	5.06	3.40	3.21	3.28	2.83	2.26	5.23	4.43	4.59	5.08
8	Capsicum	1 kg	11.07	8.50	9.23	10.51	11.54	18.91	12.50	10.79	8.41	8.31	5.20	3.78	4.97	6.87	7.10	7.06
<b>FRUITS AND NUTS</b>																		
1	Bananas ripe	1 kg	3.13	4.02	2.69	2.50	2.72	2.02	2.88	3.35	2.30	2.67	2.57	2.46	2.45	2.78	3.03	3.39
2	Watermelon	1 kg	1.12	1.22	1.03	1.15	0.86	1.28	1.32	1.50	0.83	0.87	1.15	0.98	0.69	0.89	0.99	1.17
3	Pineapple	1 kg	5.55	4.61	5.22	5.54	3.78	6.99	7.79	7.31	5.10	2.71	4.27	4.45	4.44	5.31	5.31	4.60
4	Pawpaw	1 kg	2.73	3.11	1.72	1.46	1.61	1.86	2.47	1.80	1.35	1.44	1.85	1.25	1.36	1.46	2.27	2.51
5	Coconut (dry)	1 kg	0.33	0.36	0.35	0.36	0.35	0.31	0.32	0.33	0.37	0.37	0.36	0.38	0.36	0.33	0.33	0.30
6	Coconut (green)	1 kg	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.64	0.53	0.59	0.53	0.64	0.57	0.57	0.58	0.55	0.62	0.65	0.62	0.64
7	Peanuts	1 kg	23.09	24.23	17.64	25.00	14.80	14.53	17.33	18.13	17.33	16.33	12.67	16.01	16.33	18.00	20.00	20.50
<b>MARINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>																		
1	Sausages	1 kg	8.87	8.31	6.90	6.75	7.12	7.00	6.87	6.80	6.67	6.75	6.87	6.90	6.90	7.15	7.15	7.20
2	Eggs	1 egg	0.54	0.50	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.49	0.49	0.53	0.55	0.55	0.47	0.47	0.47	0.49	0.50	0.51
3	Tuna	1 kg	9.15	10.37	11.70	10.00	9.50	10.38	13.50	14.00	11.00	12.67	13.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
4	Octopus	1 kg	14.56	12.31	19.83	14.77	16.77	10.96	10.13	10.36	7.81	11.54	20.56	35.50	30.12	30.00	33.50	32.50
5	Cockles (to'o)	1 kg	4.47	3.05	3.29	2.68	3.49	5.02	4.48	3.77	4.03	3.29	3.47	3.06	2.71	2.24	2.61	2.81
7	Stringed fish (Mixed)	1 kg	8.94	7.85	7.58	7.12	7.11	8.62	9.32	8.56	7.06	7.01	7.00	7.69	7.28	7.19	7.67	7.89

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

	Unit	Annual ...													Annual		
		2009	May 11	Jun 11	Jul 11	Aug 11	Sept 11	Oct 11	Nov 11	Dec 11	Jan 12	Feb 12	Mar 12	Apr 12	May 12	% change	
<b>FOOD</b>																	
<b>Fruits and Vegetables</b>																	
1	Potatoes	1 kg	2.54	2.91	2.80	3.03	3.00	3.05	2.60	2.60	2.59	2.70	2.59	3.00	2.83	2.85	-2%
2	Onions	1 kg	2.58	2.95	2.80	2.58	2.63	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.88	2.74	2.94	2.81	2.81	-5%
3	Apples	1 kg	12.06	8.07	8.31	8.31	8.47	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.53	9.08	8.02	8.02	8.02	-1%
4	Oranges	1 kg	13.59	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.15	11.15	12.00	12.00	9%
<b>Meats, Fish &amp; Poultry</b>																	
5	Mutton Flaps	1 kg	8.24	10.08	10.17	9.92	10.15	10.35	10.38	10.55	10.08	10.17	10.19	10.37	11.30	10.83	7%
6	Chicken Pieces	1 kg	4.01	3.68	3.53	3.55	3.61	3.83	3.80	3.78	3.58	3.58	3.53	3.58	3.84	3.74	2%
<b>Other Food</b>																	
1	Flour	1 kg	2.13	1.85	1.85	1.86	1.89	1.86	1.86	1.99	1.99	1.93	1.87	1.93	1.93	1.87	1%
2	Sugar	1 kg	1.90	2.74	2.76	2.71	2.71	2.64	2.66	2.71	2.71	2.60	2.59	2.54	2.51	2.54	-7%
<b>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA</b>																	
<b>Tobacco</b>																	
3	Winfield Blue	Packet	9.80	11.97	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83	12.75	12.75	12.50	12.50	12.50	4%
4	Port Royal Tobacco	Packet	13.37	22.85	22.85	22.85	23.70	23.73	24.07	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	24.13	6%
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>																	
<b>Private Transportation</b>																	
1	Petrol	litre	2.30	3.01	2.96	2.85	2.79	2.76	2.76	2.80	2.75	2.74	2.77	2.83	2.90	2.94	-2%
2	Diesel	litre	2.29	3.13	3.04	2.91	2.86	2.82	2.77	2.80	2.87	2.87	2.89	2.91	2.96	2.97	-5%



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