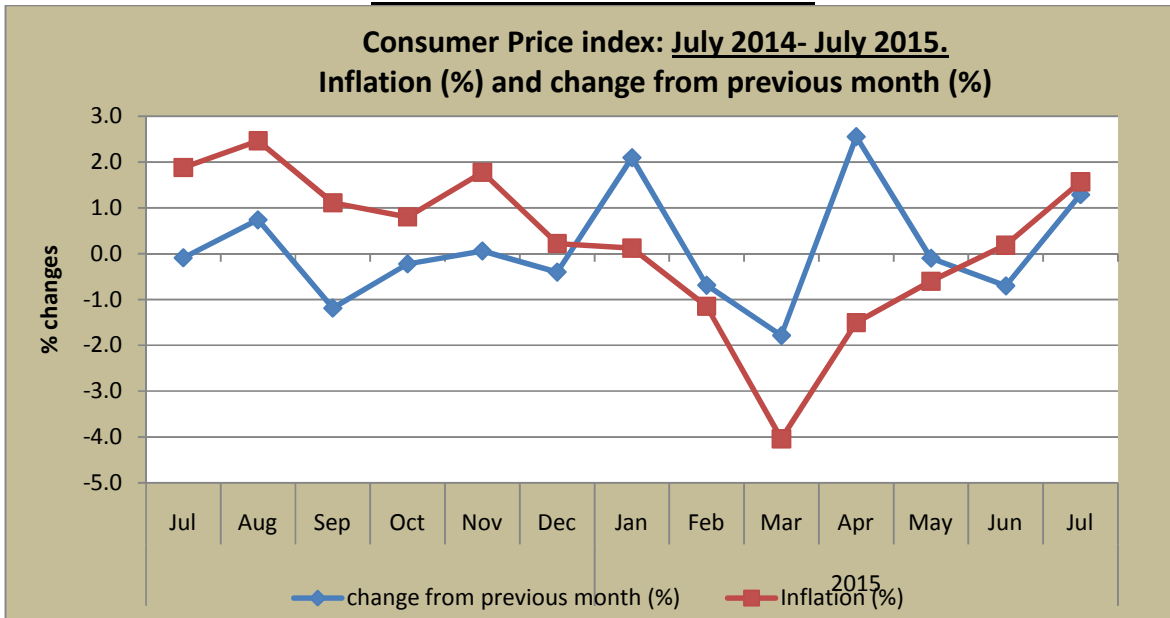




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Consumer Price Index for July 2015 recorded an increase of 1.3%
With an Annual Inflation Rate of 1.6%



The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** for **July 2015** recorded an increase of **1.3%** from **June 2015 (108.7)** and now stands at **110.1**. In comparison with the previous month, local index recorded an increase of **2.6%** and import index increased by **0.3%**. For the previous two months, **June 2015** recorded a decrease of **0.7%** and **May 2015** decreased by **0.1%**

The **annual rate of inflation for July** was **1.6%** compares to **0.2%** in previous month and the second **inflation** after **4** conservative month **deflations**. The **annual inflation** for the same month of previous year, **July 2014** was **1.9%**. Local Index marked an increase by **9.7%** while Imported Index decreased by **3.9%** in **July 2015**.

Food Group recorded an increase of **1.8%** towards the index position of **July 2015**. This was due to increase in prices of some **fruits and vegetables, Meat, fish & poultry** items. Prices of some imported items (tinned & packaged food, frozen meat) increased throughout the months.

Housing Group recorded a decrease by **0.4%** in the index position of **July 2015**, due to decrease in price of **Timber** compares to the previous month.

Household Operation group recorded an increase towards the index position of **July 2015**. The decreases in **water supply** and **LP gas** was offset by the increase in price of **Electricity** compares to the previous month.

Tobacco, alcohol & kava Tonga group index marked an increase by **0.5%** compares to the previous month. This was due to increase in price of **imported tobacco**.

Clothing & footwear groups index marked no change compares to the previous month.

Transportation group recorded an increase of **3.4%** to the **index position** of **July 2015** compares to the previous month. This was due to increase in price of both **Petrol** and **Diesel**.

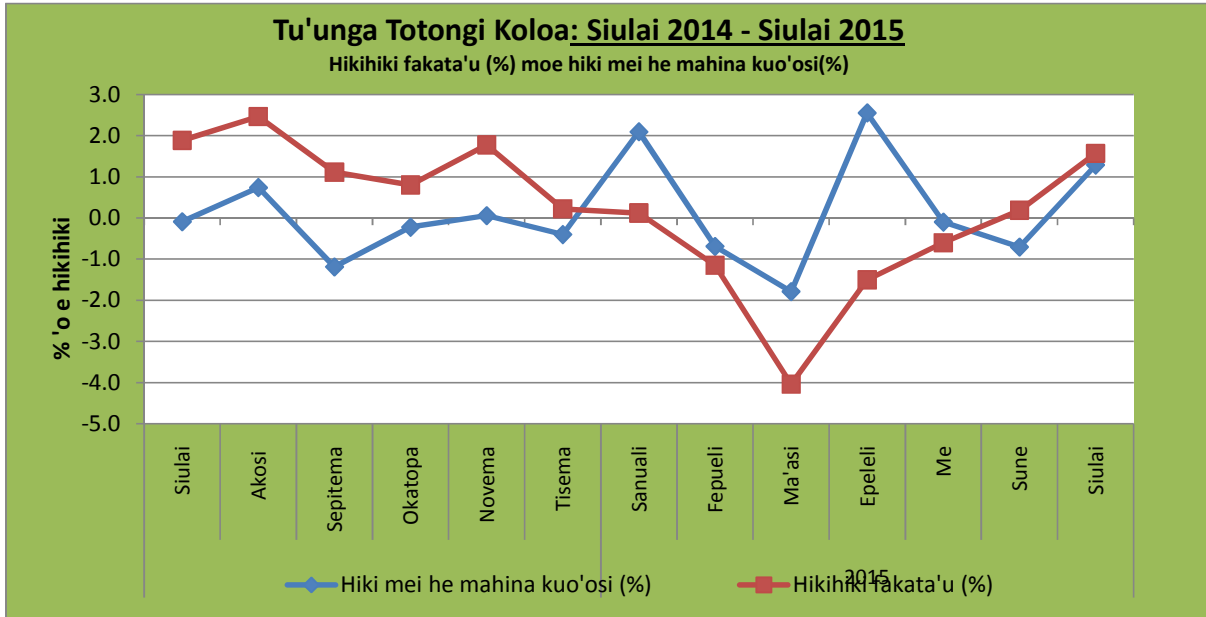
Misc. Goods and Services group index recorded no change compared to the previous month.

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Na'e hiki peseti 'e 1.3 'a e tu'unga totongi koloa 'i Siulai 2015. Pea koe hikihiki fakata'u 'oe totongi e koloa na'e hiki peseti 'e 1.6.



Ko e **tu'unga 'o e totongi koloa** ki he mahina **Siulai 2015**, 'i hono fakaha mei he **Potungae Sitetisitika**, na'e hiki 'a e totongi 'o e koloa 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 1.3** mei **Sune 2015**, na'e hiki peseti **2.6** 'a e totongi 'o e koloa **fakalotofonua** pea hiki peseti 'e **0.3** 'a e **koloa humai**. Koe ongo mahina 'e ua kimu'a, na'e holo peseti 'e **0.7** 'i **Sune 2015** pea holo peseti 'e **0.1** 'i **Me 2015**.

Ko e **Hikihiki fakata'u** 'o e totongi koloa ki he mahina ko **Siulai 2015 na'e hiki peseti 1.6 fakahoa kihe hiki peseti 0.2 'o e mahina kimu'a Sune 2015** pea koe ua'aki ia 'a e hiki he 'osi 'a e **mahina e 4** 'o e holo 'a e totongi fakatau 'o e koloa. Na'e hiki 'aki 'a e **peseti 'e 9.7** 'ae totongi koloa fakalotofonua kae holo **peseti 'e 3.9** 'a e koloa hu mai. Koe **hiki fakata'u 'i Siulai 2014** na'e peseti 'e **1.9**

Koe tu'unga 'oe **koloa me'atokoni** na'e hiki **peseti 'e 1.8** mei **Sune**. Koe hiki ko'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'ihe totongi 'o e ngaahi **Koloa me'atokoni** fakaloto fonua .Na'e hiki moe totongi 'oe ngaahi koloa me'atokoni **humai** 'e ni'ihii.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Langa**, Na'e holo **peseti 0.4** makatu'unga mei holo 'ae totongi 'oe **papa** ihe mahina **Siulai 2015**.

Koe **Koloa Naunau Faka'api** na'e hiki peseti 'e **0.1** neongo na'e holo ae totongi **vai** moe **LP kasa** ka na'e kei ma'olunga pe 'a e hiki 'ae '**Uhila** 'ihe mahina **Siulai 2015** 'i hono fakahoa kihe mahina **Sune 2015**.

Koe koloa **Tapaka**, '**olokaholo moe kava tonga** na'e hiki peseti **0.5** makatu'unga ia mei he hiki ihe totongi 'oe **tapaka** hu mai.

Koe **Koloa Fefononga 'aki** na'e hiki peseti 'e **3.4** mei **Sune 2015**. Koe hiki ko 'eni na'e makatu'unga ia mei he hiki 'oe tu'unga totongi 'oe **penisini** moe **Tisolo**.

Koe **koloa vala moe su moe ngaahi koloa kehe** na'e tu'uma'u pe hono totongi ihe mahina **Siulai 2015**.

Koe ngaahi fakaikiiki 'oe 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/