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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – December 2011

(Base Period: Average Prices August 2010 = 100)

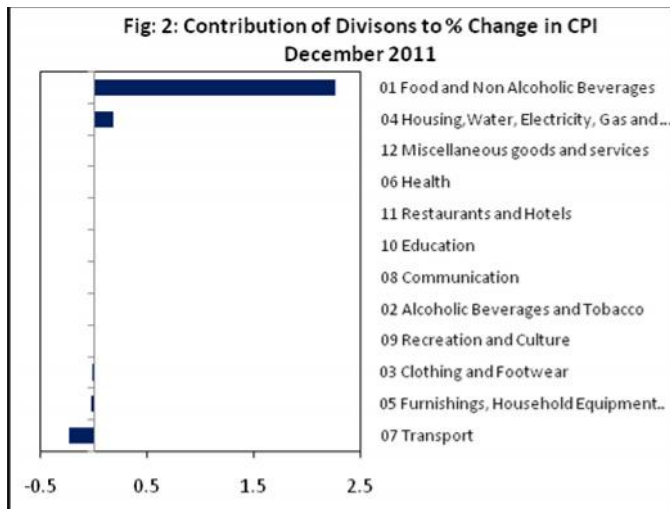
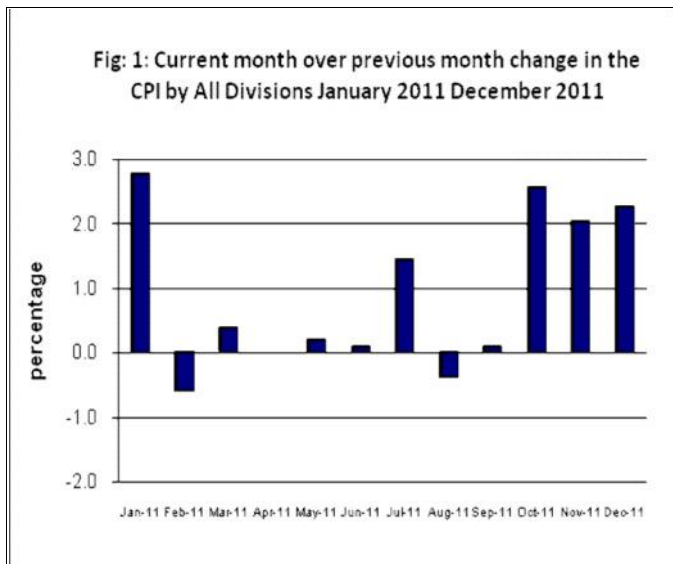
SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of December 2011 recorded an increase of 2.3 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 11.4 percent when compared to the same month of last year.

The increase of the Local Goods component by 4.2 percent, due to higher prices for market staples, was the main contributor to the 2.3 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index. The Imported Goods Component recorded a decrease of 0.6 percent. Depicted in Fig 1 are the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by all Divisions from January to December 2011.

Total All Divisions Contribution

A positive contribution from the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages along with Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels were the main contributor to the overall increase of 2.3 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index. Negative contribution was registered for the Transport index of 0.2 percent. Contributions of all Divisions to the overall percentage change in the Consumer Price Index in October 2011 are shown in Fig 2.

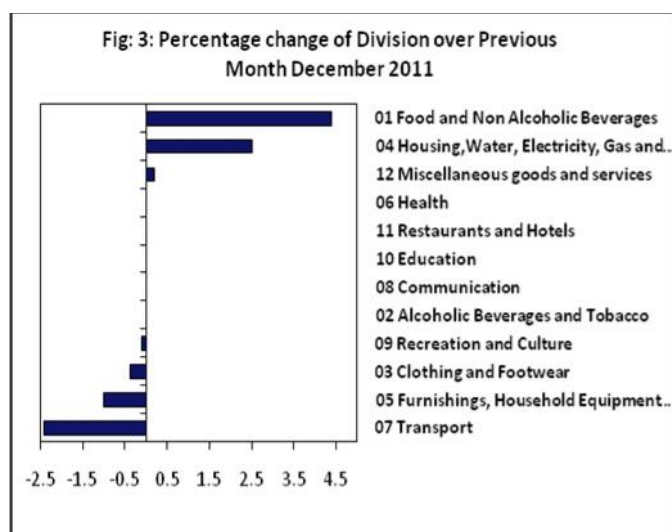


Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The 2.3 percent increase in the Overall Index was mainly due to an increase of 4.4 percent in Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index. The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels and Miscellaneous Goods and Services indices

also recorded an increase of 2.5 and 0.2 percent respectively. No changes were recorded for the other indices namely Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Health, Communication, Education and Restaurants.

Decreases were recorded for Transport of 2.4 percent, Furnishing Household Equipment and Maintenance of 1.0 percent, Clothing and Footwear of 0.4 percent and Recreation and Culture of 0.1 percent. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the October 2011 percentage change of Divisions over September 2011.



Local Goods Component

The Local Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 4.2 percent when compared to the previous month. This increase was mainly due to higher prices recorded for taro, banana, breadfruit, taamu, tomatoes and electricity (kwh).

Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 0.6 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol, diesel, kerosene).

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

Higher Prices were recorded for taro, banana, breadfruit, taamu and tomatoes were the main contributors to an increase of 4.4 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index.



Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

Higher price recorded for electricity (kwh), timber (2*4, dressed) and nails were the main contributors to an increase of 2.5 percent in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index.

Transport Index

A decrease of 2.4 percent in the Transport index was mainly due to lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel)

Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

Lower prices recorded for sefe (3 shelves) was the main contributor to a decrease of 1.0 percent in the Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance index.

Clothing and Footwear Index

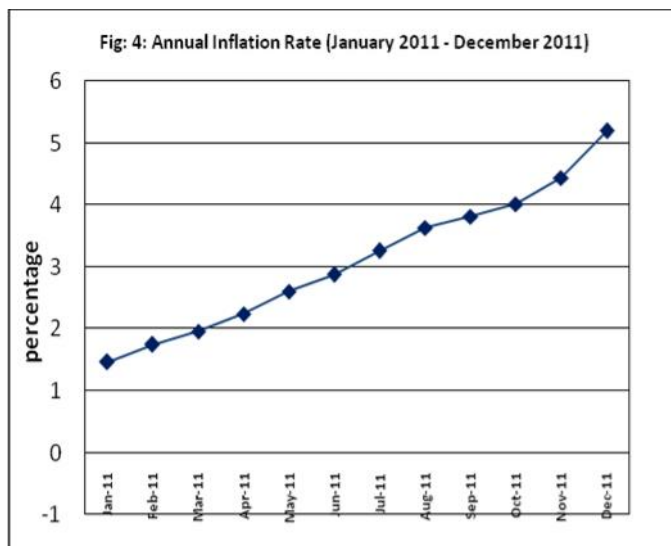
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Underlying Indices

The All Items Underlying Index for December 2011 registered a decrease of 0.1 percent when compared to November 2011, but an increase of 1.9 percent when compared to December 2010. The Local Items Underlying Index recorded a decrease of 0.3 percent while the Imported Items Underlying Index showed no change from the previous month.

Inflation Rate

The twelve months ending December 2011 compared to the twelve months ending December 2010 shows an increase of 5.2 percent. Presented in Fig 4 are the Annual inflation rates (January 2011-December 2011).

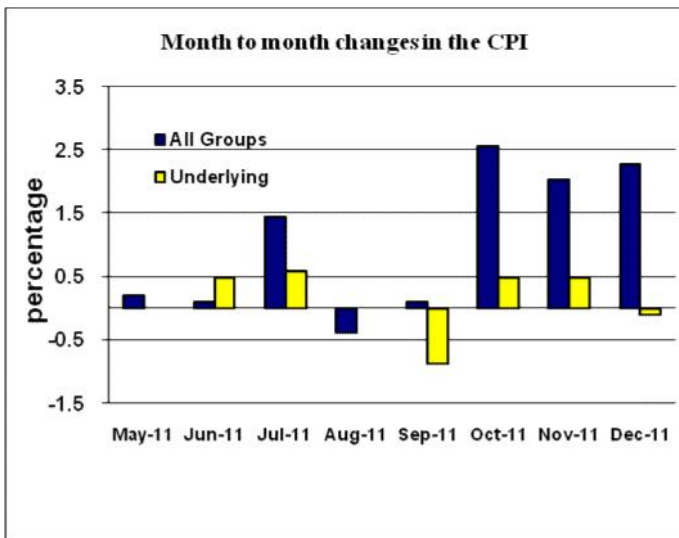


The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more detailed analysis.

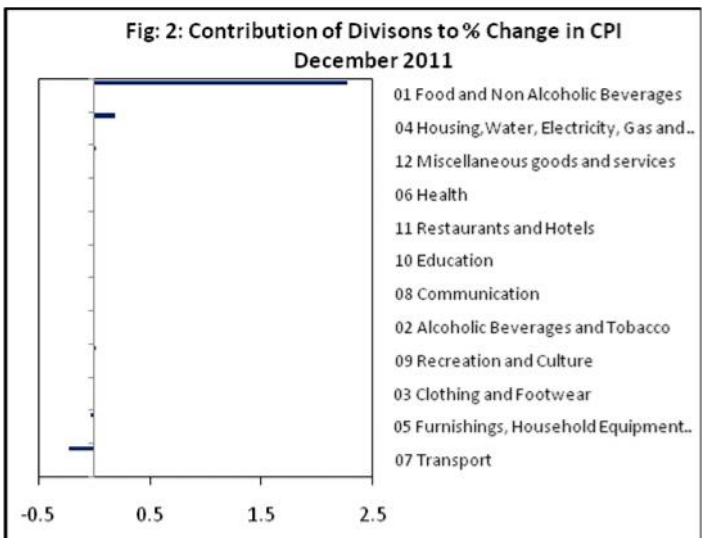
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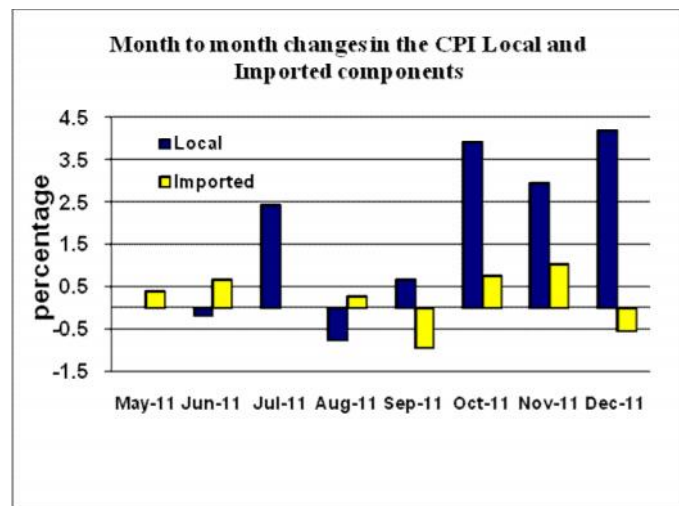
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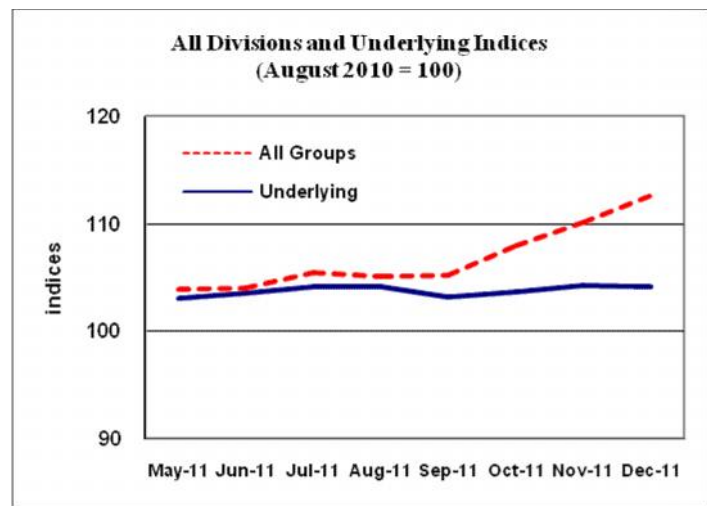
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Graph.3



Graph.4



Graph 5

