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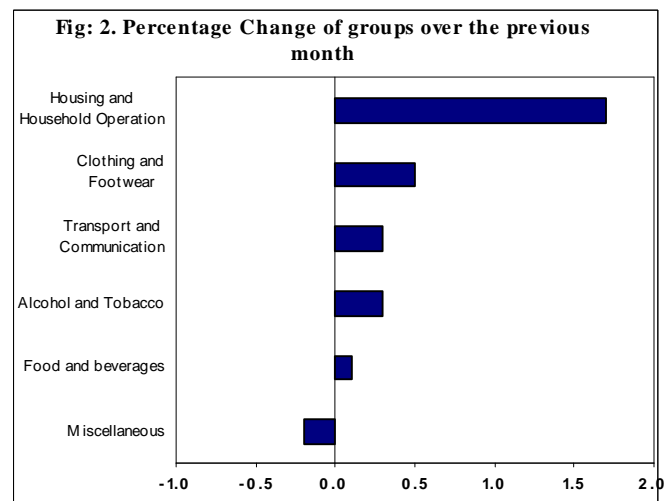
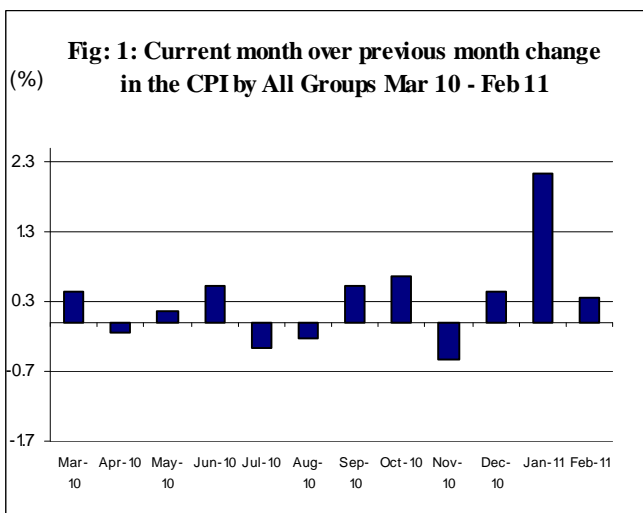
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - February 2011

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of February 2011 registered an increase of 0.4 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 4.1 percent when compared to the same month of last year. Depicted in Fig 1 are the month to month changes in the Consumer Price Index by all groups from February 2010 to January 2011.

Transport and Communications and Clothing and Footwear group indices also recorded slight increases of 0.3 percent, 0.3 percent and 0.5 percent respectively. On the contrary, Miscellaneous group index recorded a decrease of 0.2 percent when compared to the previous month. Graphically presented in Fig 2 is the February 2011 percentage change of groups over January 2011.



The 0.4 percent increase in the Overall Index is attributed mainly to increases of 0.1 percent in the Food group index and 1.7 percent in the Housing and Household Operation group index. Alcohol and Tobacco,

The Imported Goods Component registered an increase of 0.7 percent mainly due to an increase of 0.8 percent in the Food group index. Slight increases were also recorded

for Housing and Household Operation (1.4 percent), Transport and Communication (0.7 percent) and Clothing and Footwear group index (0.5 percent). No changes were recorded for Alcohol and Tobacco and Miscellaneous group indices.

The Local Goods Component registered an increase of 0.1 percent primarily due to increases of 0.2 percent in the Transport and Communications and an increase of 0.4 percent in the Alcohol and Tobacco group index. Housing and Household Operation and Miscellaneous group indices also recorded increases of 1.9 percent and 1.0 percent respectively.

Higher prices recorded for rice, turkey wings, chinese cabbage, head cabbage, pumpkin and water cress are reflected in the 0.1 percent increase in the Food group Index.



Higher prices recorded for electricity (kWh), natural gas (household/20lb), paint butex gloss (white/4litre), nails (4" and 2") and refrigerator (fisher & paykel/331 litres) were the main contributors to an increase of 1.7 percent in the Housing and Household Operations group index.



The 0.3 percent increase in the Alcohol and Tobacco is mainly due to higher prices recorded for cigarettes (pocket edition).



The 0.3 percent increase in the Transport and Communications group index is mainly due to higher prices recorded for fuel (petrol) and airfares (Apia-Auckland-Apia).



Higher prices recorded for dressing material (cotton, poplin 45inch) was the main contributor to an increase of 0.5 percent in the Clothing and Footwear group index.



The 0.2 percent decrease in the Miscellaneous group index is mainly due to lower prices recorded for diapers huggies (16kg and over)



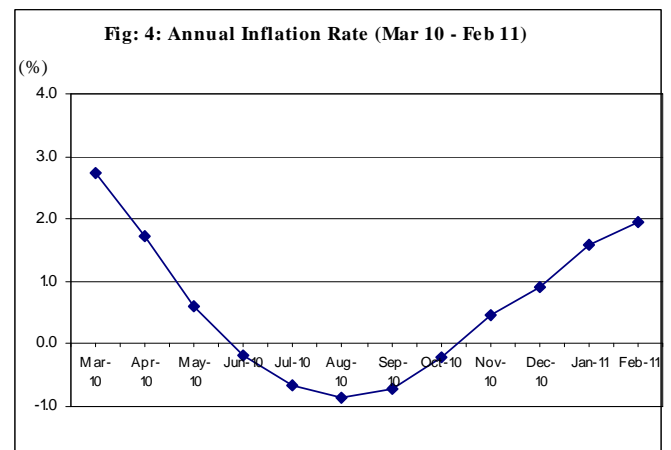
Increase of 0.7 percent in the imported component was due to higher prices recorded for rice, turkey wings, fuel (petrol), nails (4" and 2"), refrigerator (fisher & paykel/331 litres) and dressing material (poplin 45inch).

Increase of 0.1 percent in the local component was due to higher prices recorded for electricity (kwh), natural gas (household/20lb), paint butex gloss (white/4litre), cigarettes (pocket edition), chinese cabbage, head cabbage, pumpkin and

water cress and airfares (Apia-Auckland-Apia).

The All Items Underlying Index for February 2011 registered an increase of 0.7 percent when compared to January 2011, and an increase of 5.4 percent when compared to February 2010. The 0.7 percent increase in the Overall Underlying Index is attributed to increases of 1.3 percent in the imported component and 0.5 percent in the local component.

The twelve months ending February 2011 compared to the twelve months ending February 2010 shows an increase of 1.9 percent, as illustrated below in Fig 4.



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

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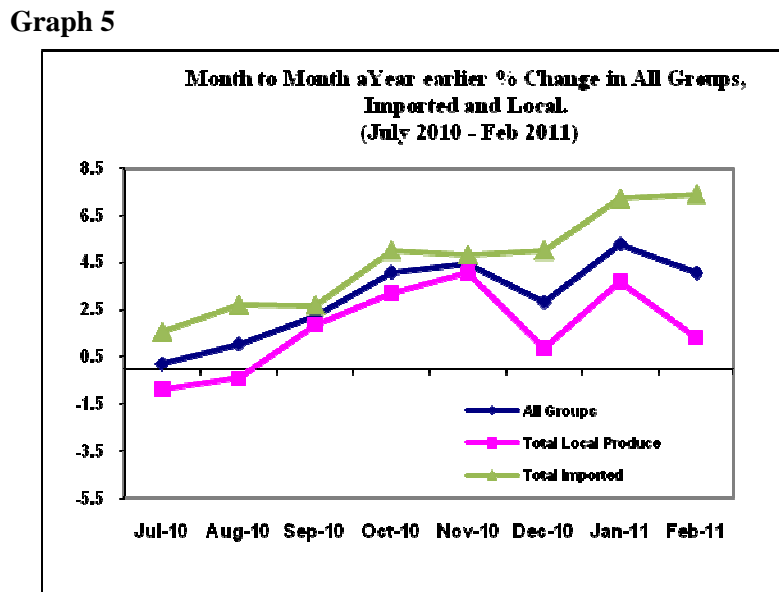
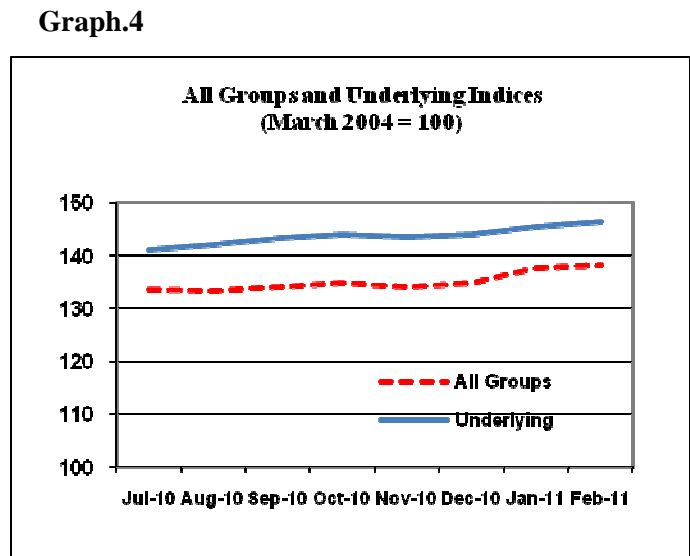
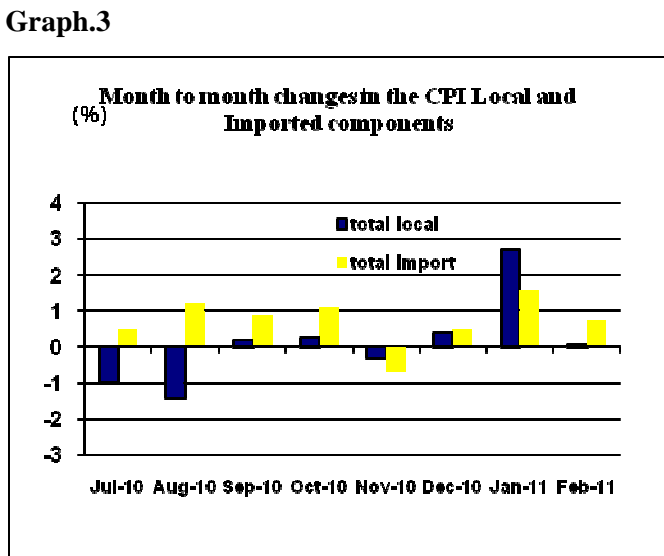
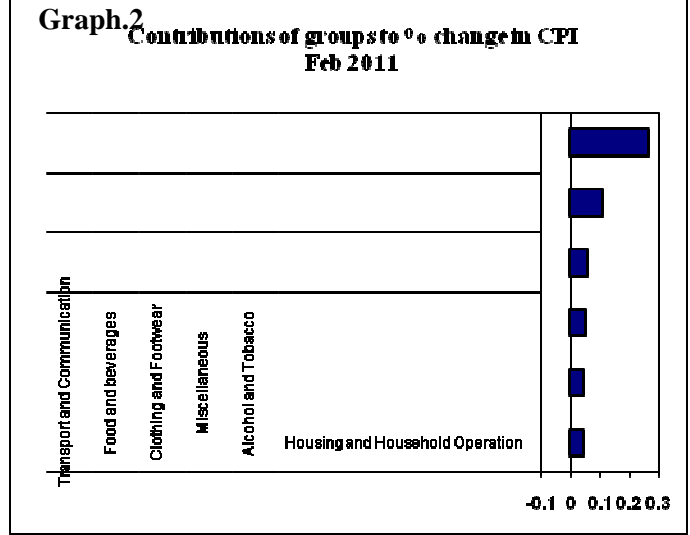
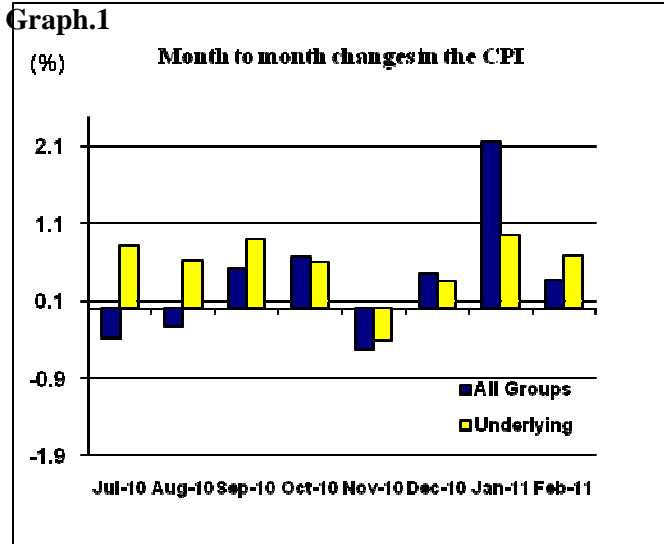


Fig 2: Percentage Change of groups over the previous month

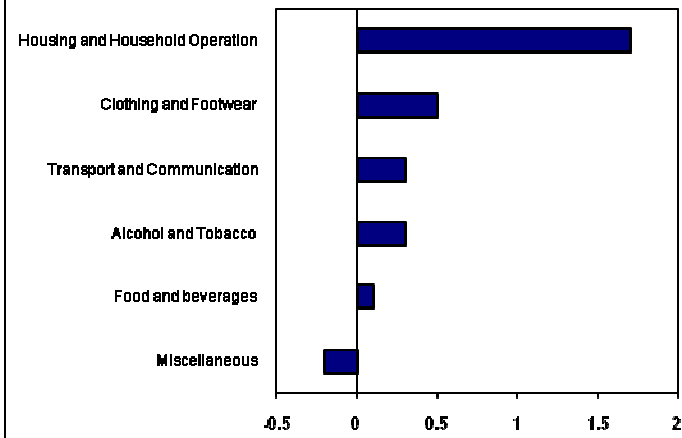


Fig 1: Current month over previous month change in the CPI by All Groups Mar 10 - Feb 11

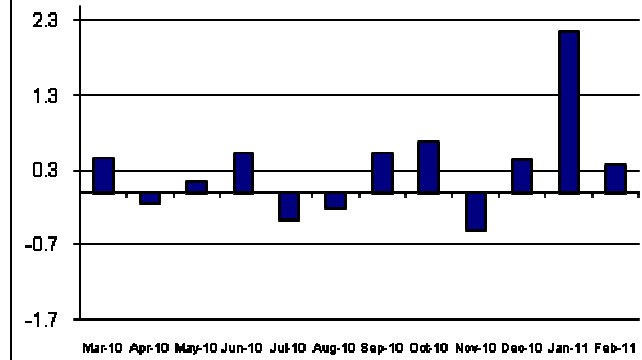


Fig 4: Annual Inflation Rate (Mar 10 - Feb 11)

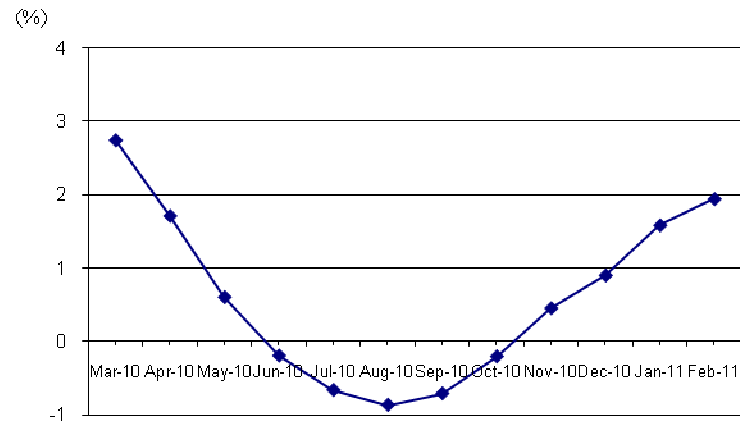


Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.**(Base Period : Average Prices March 2004 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	1000	503	20	111	144	122	100
2007	111.6	111.9	82.3	117.1	109.7	117.4	105.2
2008	124.5	127.7	83.9	128.8	124.7	122.9	113.4
2009	132.4	140.7	89.0	130.5	126.8	127.2	115.6
2010	133.5	138.6	91.8	134.3	129.7	133.6	120.9
2010							
February	132.8	140.0	90.3	129.8	128.5	128.8	119.5
March	133.4	139.7	90.3	133.2	129.4	130.1	119.7
April	133.2	138.2	90.5	133.7	130.8	132.3	120.7
May	133.4	138.2	92.2	135.5	130.4	132.1	120.6
June	134.1	139.3	93.6	135.9	130.9	132.1	120.7
July	133.6	138.2	93.7	135.9	130.1	132.3	121.9
August	133.3	137.8	92.2	135.2	130.2	132.5	121.8
September	134.0	137.9	91.8	136.7	130.6	136.4	121.8
October	134.9	139.6	92.3	135.8	128.7	139.6	121.9
November	134.2	138.4	92.5	134.3	129.0	139.5	122.0
December	134.8	139.7	91.7	134.1	129.5	140.1	120.9
2011							
January	137.7	144.8	92.1	135.1	131.4	140.7	120.9
February (a)	138.2	144.9	92.6	137.4	131.8	141.1	120.6
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Feb 2011 over Jan 2011	0.4	0.1	0.5	1.7	0.3	0.3	-0.2
Feb 2011 over Feb 2010	4.1	3.5	2.5	5.9	2.6	9.5	0.9
ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX							
Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	514	387	20	55	4	n.a.	48
2007	113.6	116.4	82.3	107.5	117.7		110.7
2008	127.7	133.4	83.9	112.8	141.8		116.1
2009	140.1	148.7	89.1	117.0	148.8		118.4
2010	141.2	149.8	91.7	114.8	148.0		122.2
2010							
February	138.9	146.9	90.3	115.8	152.9		120.5
March	139.6	147.8	90.3	115.4	151.7		121.0

April	139.7	147.8	90.5	114.6	153.8	122.9
May	139.6	147.5	92.2	114.8	154.4	122.9
June	140.0	148.0	93.6	114.9	154.2	123.1
July	141.2	149.5	93.7	115.1	150.7	122.8
August	142.0	150.9	92.2	114.5	147.2	122.8
September	143.3	152.5	91.8	115.4	146.9	122.8
October	144.1	153.8	92.3	114.6	135.1	122.8
November	143.6	153.0	92.5	113.8	139.6	123.2
December	144.1	154.0	91.7	113.1	139.6	122.4
2011						
January	145.4	156.1	92.1	112.8	133.1	120.2
February (a)	146.4	157.1	92.6	114.3	132.1	120.9
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Feb 2011 over Jan 2011	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.3	-0.8	0.6
Feb 2011 over Feb 2010	5.4	6.9	2.5	-1.3	-13.6	0.3

(a): Provisional figures
Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2010	2011		2010	2011	
			Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb
Food								
1 Taro	26.5	1 lb	1.27	1.04	0.92	0.91	0.98	0.86
2 Rice	26.4	1 lb	1.96	1.91	1.86	1.65	1.69	1.72
3 Sugar (Brown)	22.2	1 lb	1.09	1.09	1.06	1.59	1.72	1.75
4 Mutton (Pure Flaps)	21.7	1 lb	4.75	4.51	4.98	6.18	6.33	6.34
5 Taamu	11.6	1 lb	1.42	1.30	1.47	1.02	1.43	1.18
6 Fish (piece)	9.7	1 lb	5.41	5.94	6.02	4.96	6.00	5.09
7 Fish (string)	7.8	1lb	3.85	2.35	3.71	2.80	4.66	3.29
8 Large Fish	6.8	1lb	7.57	5.54	7.01	6.78	8.06	7.06
9 Yam	6.5	1 lb	1.59	1.36	1.40	1.12	1.46	1.18
10 Chinese Cabbage	6.2	1 lb	1.94	3.00	4.72	1.97	2.20	2.86
11 Coconuts	5.8	1 lb	0.30	0.27	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.26
12 Flour	4.5	1 lb	1.38	1.33	1.47	1.14	1.14	1.17
13 Head Cabbage	4.3	1 lb	2.09	2.71	4.20	2.26	2.15	3.43
14 Turkey Wings	3.1	lb	3.17	3.17	3.22	3.53	3.63	3.87
15 Pumpkins	2.0	1 lb	0.70	0.81	1.44	0.90	1.18	1.85
16 Green Beans	1.4	1 lb	3.92	4.67	4.67	2.08	2.23	3.50
17 Water Cress	1.2	1 lb	3.48	3.25	6.75	3.00	3.06	5.78
Clothing and Footwear								
18 Dressing Material (cotton,poplin)	2.5	45inch	3.50	3.50	3.39	3.38	3.23	3.36
Housing and Household Operations								
19 Electricity	33.3	kwh	0.81	0.85	0.82	0.92	0.93	0.96
20 Natural gas	9.5	20lb	68.70	68.70	68.70	70.50	70.50	72.30
21 Kerosene	7.4	1 ltr	2.01	2.08	2.12	2.26	2.39	2.39
22 Refridgerator (Fisher & Paykel)	1.9	331ltr	2690.00	2690.00	2690.00	2490.00	2490.00	2690.00
23 Paint butex gloss (white)	1.5	4ltr	63.00	63.40	60.00	60.00	60.00	62.20

24	Nails 2" (galvanised)	0.9	lb	3.55	3.45	3.50	3.03	3.03	3.28
25	Nails 4" (galvanised)	0.9	lb	3.55	3.45	3.50	3.03	3.03	3.28
Transport and Communications									
26	Petrol (unleaded)	20.1	1 ltr	2.42	2.27	2.33	2.41	2.57	2.60
27	Air Fares (Apia-Auckland-Apia)	7.1	return trip	1295.18	1295.18	1295.18	1468.95	1262.45	1303.50
28	Diesel	3.3	1 ltr	2.45	2.29	2.32	2.47	2.60	2.61
Alcohol and Tobacco									
29	Cigarettes (Pall Mall Filter)	20.0	20 rolls	7.73	7.73	7.90	8.14	8.29	8.29
30	Cigarettes (Pall Mall Menthol)	20.0	20 rolls	7.73	7.73	7.90	8.14	8.29	8.29
31	Cigarettes (Pocket Edition)	9.4	packet	16.33	16.33	17.63	19.70	19.33	20.00
32	Spirit (Volka)	5.7	nip	8.33	8.33	8.00	10.33	10.33	10.33
Miscellaneous									
33	Diapers (Huggies)	5.7	16kg & over	33.98	34.48	35.37	37.46	37.46	37.39
34	Paracetamol	3.9	500g	2.00	2.17	2.17	2.33	2.33	2.33
35	Tattslotto	3.8	1 ticket	15.00	15.00	15	12.00	12.00	13.5
36	Toilet soap (Lux)	3.5	100g	1.07	1.07	1.11	1.14	1.11	1.11
37	Exercise Book	1.0	40 pages	2.20	2.20	2.20	1.95	1.95	1.95

Table 3. IMPORTED GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base Period : Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	437	288	20	48	30	17	35
2007	116.7	116.7	82.3	115.7	145.2	115.2	114.4
2008	133.3	133.2	83.9	129.5	194.6	119.3	122.0
2009	140.6	148.2	89.0	123.5	160.7	121.9	122.8
2010	142.7	149.0	91.8	122.0	171.7	133.2	127.2
2010							
February	139.5	145.4	90.3	121.5	167.3	128.2	124.7
March	140.4	146.4	90.3	121.3	171.3	128.2	125.5
April	141.1	146.4	90.5	121.7	177.8	128.6	128.1
May	140.9	145.9	92.2	122.5	176.0	128.6	128.1
June	141.4	146.5	93.6	123.6	176.2	128.6	128.3
July	142.1	148.3	93.7	122.3	169.7	128.6	127.9
August	143.8	150.3	92.2	122.9	175.6	128.6	127.9
September	145.1	151.9	91.8	124.0	175.1	132.9	127.9
October	146.7	154.4	92.3	121.9	169.1	148.7	128.0
November	145.7	153.1	92.5	121.0	169.2	145.8	128.5
December	146.4	154.2	91.7	120.3	170.6	148.7	127.3
2011							
January	148.7	157.1	92.1	121.6	177.7	148.7	124.3
February (a)	149.8	158.3	92.6	123.3	178.9	148.7	124.3
October	146.7	154.4	92.3	121.9	169.1	148.7	128.0
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Feb 2011 over Jan 2011	0.7	0.8	0.5	1.4	0.7	0.0	0.0
Jan 2011 over Jan 2010	7.4	8.9	2.5	1.5	6.9	16.0	-0.3
IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX							
Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	385	288	20	40	2	<i>n.a.</i>	35
2007	113.7	116.7	82.3	106.8	113.1		114.4
2008	127.5	133.2	83.9	112.1	154.4		121.9
2009	139.7	148.2	89.1	117.6	164.6		122.8
2010	140.5	149.0	91.7	114.6	167.3		127.2
2010							
February	137.6	145.4	90.3	115.6	172.5		124.7
March	138.4	146.4	90.3	115.1	170.0		125.5

April	138.6	146.4	90.5	114.4	174.3	128.1
May	138.4	145.9	92.2	114.8	175.7	128.1
June	138.9	146.5	93.6	115.2	175.3	128.3
July	140.2	148.3	93.7	115.2	168.1	127.9
August	141.5	150.3	92.2	114.3	160.8	127.9
September	142.8	151.9	91.8	115.6	160.2	127.9
October	144.6	154.4	92.3	114.5	155.6	128.0
November	143.6	153.1	92.5	113.5	164.8	128.5
December	144.2	154.2	91.7	112.3	164.8	127.3
2011						
January	146.0	157.1	92.1	112.1	151.5	124.3
February (a)	147.1	158.3	92.6	114.0	149.4	124.3
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Feb 2011 over Jan 2011	1.3	1.9	0.3	-0.2	-8.1	-2.4
Feb 2011 over Feb 2011	6.9	8.9	2.6	-1.3	-13.4	-0.4

(a): Provisional figures
Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 4. LOCAL GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**(Base Period : Average Prices March 2004 = 100)**

Group	All Items	Food	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	563	215	64	114	105	65
2007	107.6	105.5	118.1	100.4	117.8	100.3
2008	117.6	120.3	128.2	106.4	123.5	108.8
2009	126.0	130.6	135.9	117.9	128.1	111.8
2010	126.5	124.8	143.5	118.6	133.6	117.6
2010						
February	127.6	132.8	136.1	118.3	128.9	116.7
March	127.9	130.9	142.2	118.3	130.4	116.7
April	127.1	127.4	142.8	118.4	132.9	116.7
May	127.6	128.0	145.3	118.4	132.6	116.7
June	128.3	129.7	145.2	119.0	132.6	116.7
July	127.0	124.8	146.1	119.7	132.9	118.6
August	125.2	121.2	144.5	118.3	133.1	118.6
September	125.4	119.1	146.2	118.9	137.0	118.6
October	125.7	119.8	146.2	118.1	138.2	118.6
November	125.3	118.9	144.3	118.5	138.5	118.6
December	125.8	120.3	144.5	118.7	138.8	117.4
2011						
January	129.2	128.4	145.3	119.2	139.4	117.4
February (a)	129.3	127.1	148.0	119.4	139.9	118.6
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Feb 2011 over Jan 2011	0.1	-1.0	1.9	0.2	0.4	1.0
Feb 2011 over Feb 2010	1.3	-4.3	8.7	0.9	8.5	1.6
LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX						
Group	All Items	Food	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	129	99	15	2	<i>n.a.</i>	13
2007	113.5	115.5	109.6	122.0		101.3
2008	128.3	134.0	109.6	122.0		101.3
2009	141.3	150.0	115.5	133.8		106.8
2010	143.2	152.3	115.2	129.6		109.4
2010						

February	142.6	151.2	116.5	134.3	109.4
March	143.1	151.8	116.4	134.3	109.4
April	142.9	151.8	115.2	134.3	109.4
May	143.2	152.3	114.8	134.3	109.4
June	143.3	152.4	114.3	134.3	109.4
July	143.9	153.1	114.7	134.3	109.4
August	143.5	152.6	115.0	134.3	109.4
September	144.6	154.1	115.0	134.3	109.4
October	142.9	152.1	114.9	115.7	109.4
November	143.3	152.8	114.5	115.7	109.4
December	143.7	153.2	115.1	115.7	109.4
2011					
January	143.7	153.2	114.8	115.7	109.4
February (a)	144.4	153.7	115.1	115.7	112.3
	143.3	152.4	114.3	134.3	109.4
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>					
Feb 2011					
over	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.0	2.7
Jan 2011					
Feb 2011					
over	1.3	1.7	-1.2	-13.8	2.7
Feb 2010					

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