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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – January 2012

(Base Period: Average Prices August 2010 = 100)

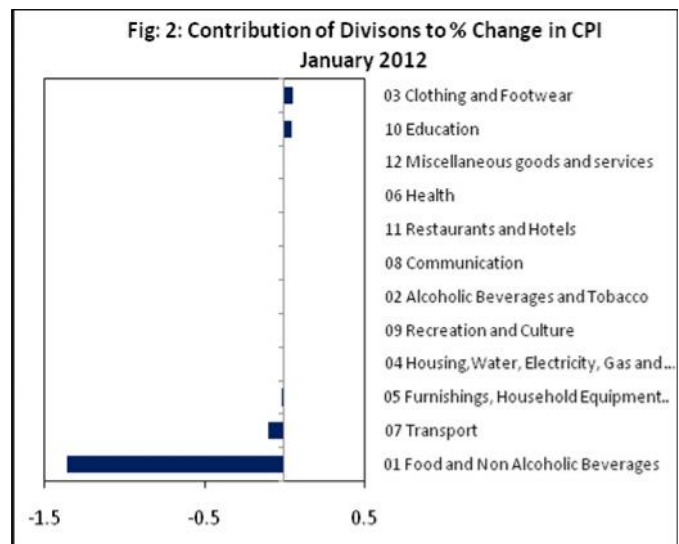
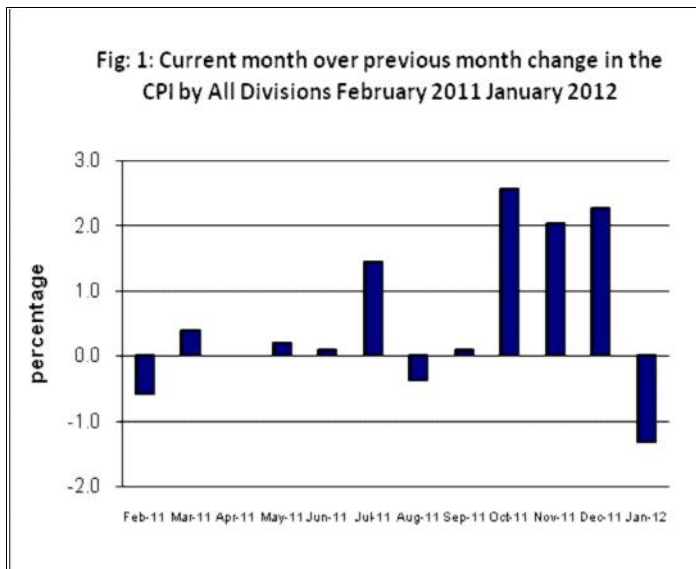
#### SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of January 2012 registered a decrease of 1.3 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 6.9 percent when compared to the same month of last year.

The decrease of the Local Goods component by 3.0 percent, due to lower prices for market staples, was the main contributor to the decrease of 1.3 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index. The Imported Goods Component recorded an increase of 1.1 percent. Depicted in Fig 1 are the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by all Divisions from February 2011 to January 2012.

#### Total All Divisions Contribution

Negative contributions from the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages division along with Transport are the main contributor to the overall decrease of 1.3 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index. Positive contributions were registered for the Clothing and Footwear division of 0.1 percent and Education division of 0.05 percent. Contributions of Divisions to percentage change in the Consumer Price Index in January 2012 are shown in Fig 2.



#### Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The 1.3 percent decrease in the Overall Index was mainly due to decreases of 2.5 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index, 1.0

percent in the Transport index, 0.5 percent in the Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance and 0.1 percent in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels. On the contrary, increases were recorded for Clothing and Footwear and Education indices recorded 3.1 and 1.6 percent respectively. No changes were recorded for other indices namely Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Health, Communication, Recreation and Culture, Restaurants and Miscellaneous Goods and Services. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the January 2012 percentage change of Divisions over December 2011.

### Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

A decrease of 2.5 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index was mainly due to lower prices recorded for taro, banana, breadfruit, taamu, tomatoes and pumpkins.



### Transport Index

The 1.0 percent decrease in the Transport index was mainly due to lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol), which offset higher prices recorded for car registration.

### Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

Decreased prices recorded for table knives and table spoons has lead to the 0.5 percent decrease in the Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Maintenance index.

### Clothing and Footwear Index

The 3.1 percent increase in the Clothing and Footwear index was mainly due to higher prices recorded for ie solosolo and ie lanutasi.

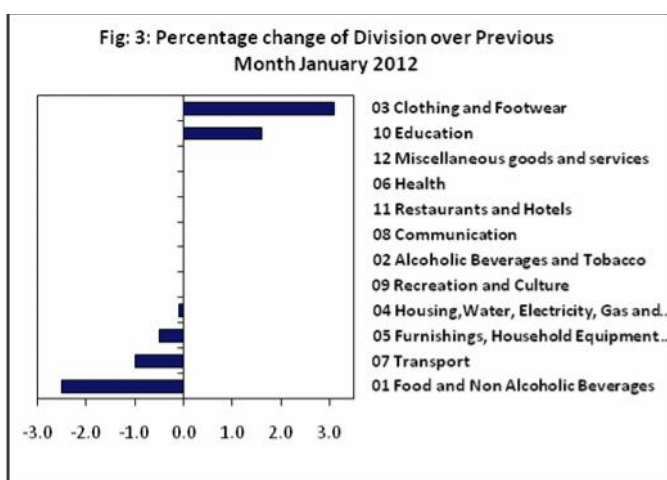
### Education Index

Increased of NUS registration fee is reflected in the 1.6 percent increase in the Education index.

### Underlying Indices

The All Items Underlying Index for January 2012 registered an increase of 1.4 percent when compared to December 2011, and an increase of 3.0 percent when compared to January 2011.

Fig: 3: Percentage change of Division over Previous Month January 2012



### Local Goods Component

The Local Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 3.0 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for taro, banana, breadfruit, taamu, tomatoes and pumpkins.

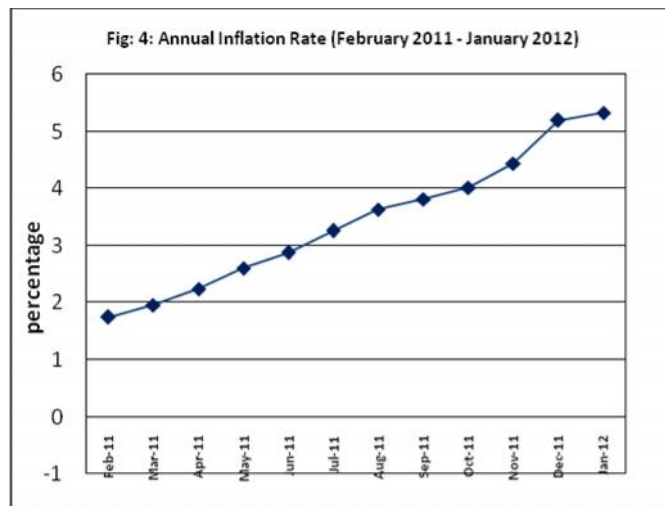
### Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 1.1 percent when compared to December last year. This increase was mainly due to higher prices recorded for sugar brown, chicken leg quarter, canned beef and canned fish (natural oil).

The Imported Items Underlying Index recorded an increase of 1.6 percent and the Local Items Underlying Index with 0.6 percent increase.

### **Inflation Rate**

The twelve months ending January 2012 compared to the twelve months ending January 2011 shows an increase of 5.3 percent. Presented in Fig 4 are the Annual inflation rates (February 2011-January 2012).

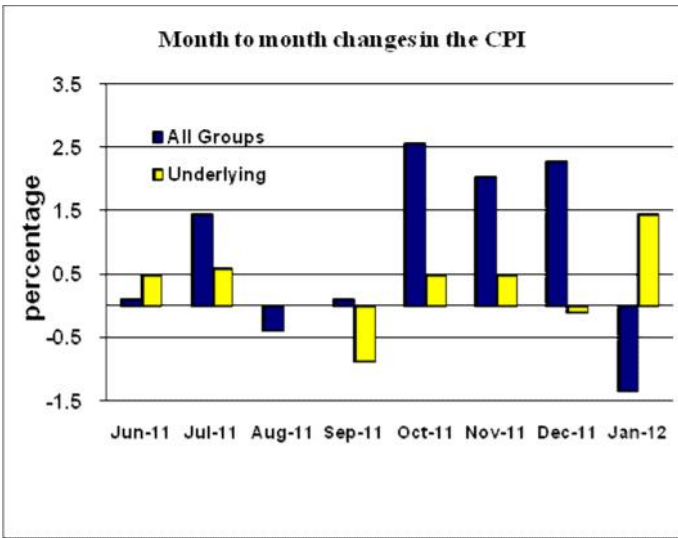


The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more detailed analysis.

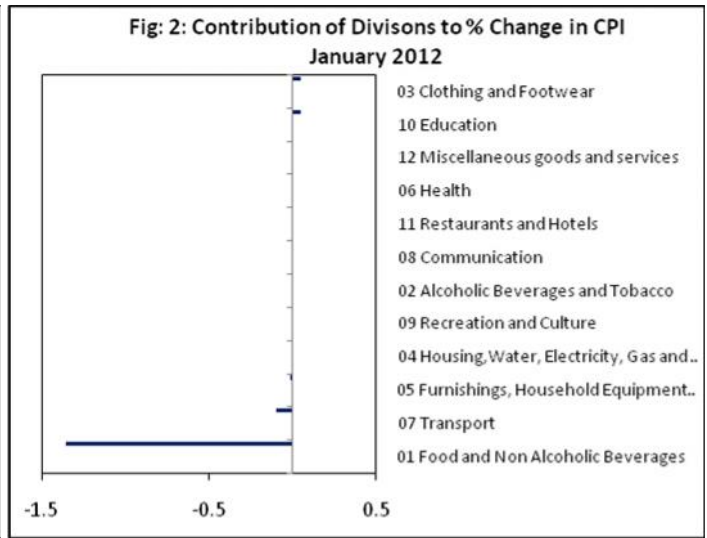
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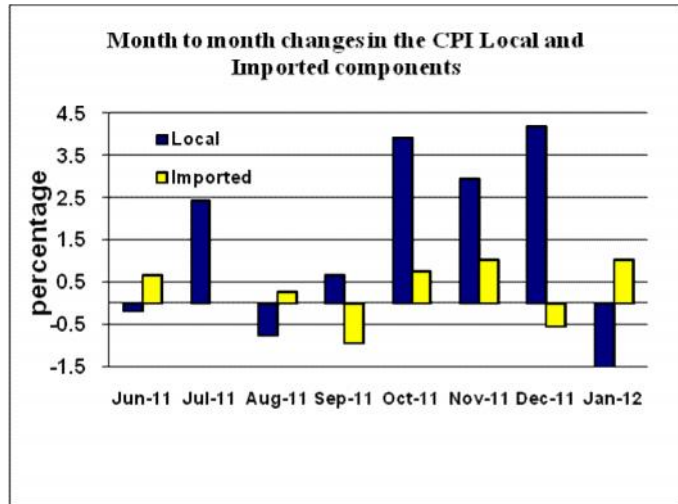
**Graph.1**



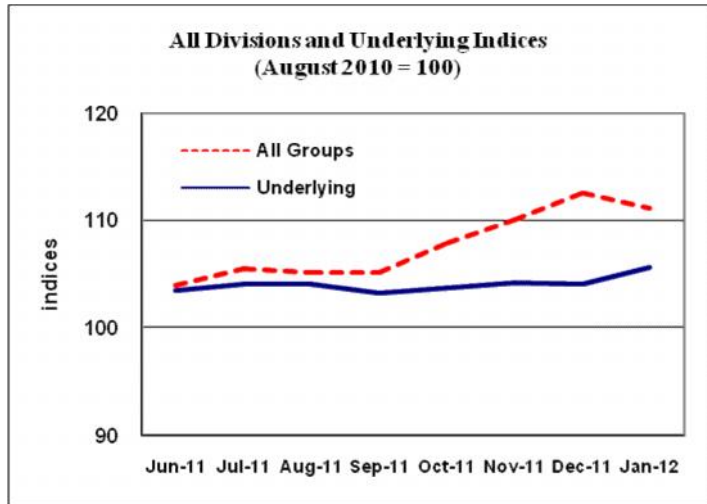
**Graph.2**



**Graph.3**



**Graph.4**



**Graph 5**

