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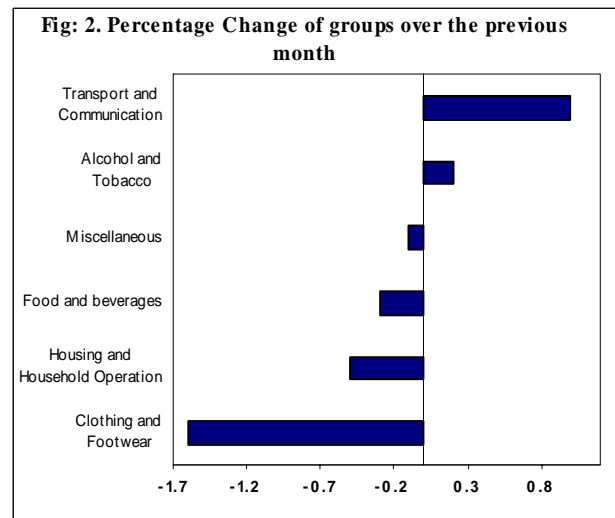
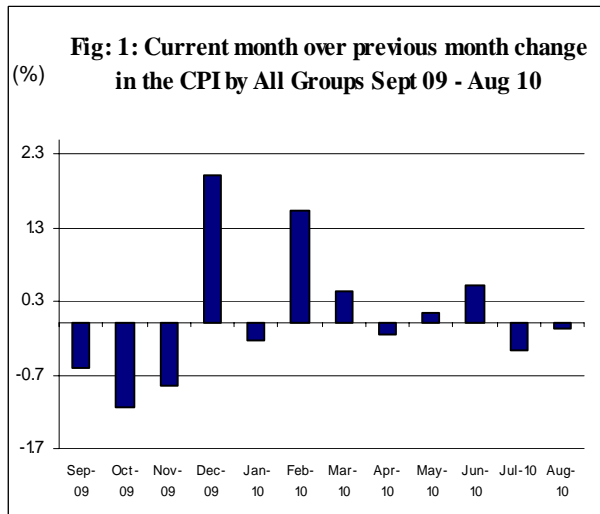
### CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - August 2010

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

#### SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of August 2010 recorded a decrease of 0.1 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 1.2 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 September 09 to August 10.

1.6 percent in the Clothing and Footwear, 0.5 percent in the Housing and Household Operation and a 0.3 percent in the Food group indices. On the contrary, increases were recorded for other groups namely Transport and Communication (1.0%) and Alcohol and Tobacco (0.2%). Graphically presented in Fig 2 is the August 2010 percentage change of groups over July 2010.



The 0.1 percent decrease in the Overall Index is attributed mainly to decreases of

The 1.6 percent decrease in the Clothing and Footwear group was primarily due to lower prices recorded for ie faitaga, dressing material (poplin) and ie lanutasi (calico).



Lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh), roofing iron and tea towel has contributed to a decrease of 0.5 percent in the Housing and Household Operation.



The 0.3 percent decrease in the Food group index is mainly due to lower prices recorded for sugar, chicken leg quarter, taro, breadfruit, yam and some vegetables namely tomatoes, pumpkin, chinese and head cabbages.



Higher prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) and telephone calls to USA are the main contributor to the 1.0 percent increase in the Transport and Communication group index.



The 0.2 percent increase in the Alcohol and Tobacco group is primarily due to higher prices recorded for cigarettes (Pocket Edition).



The local component registered a decrease of 1.2 percent due to lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh), taro, yams, breadfruits, tomatoes, chinese cabbage, cabbage round, pumpkins and airline fare (Apia-Auckland-Apia).

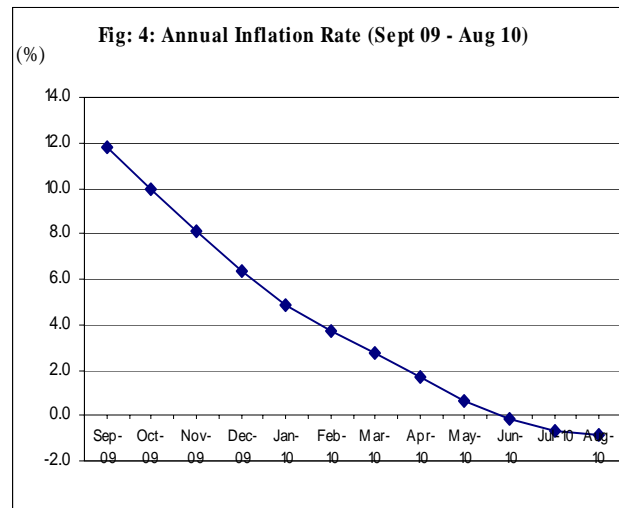


Higher prices recorded for rice, mutton flaps and fuel (petrol and diesel) is reflected in the 1.2 percent increase in the imported component.



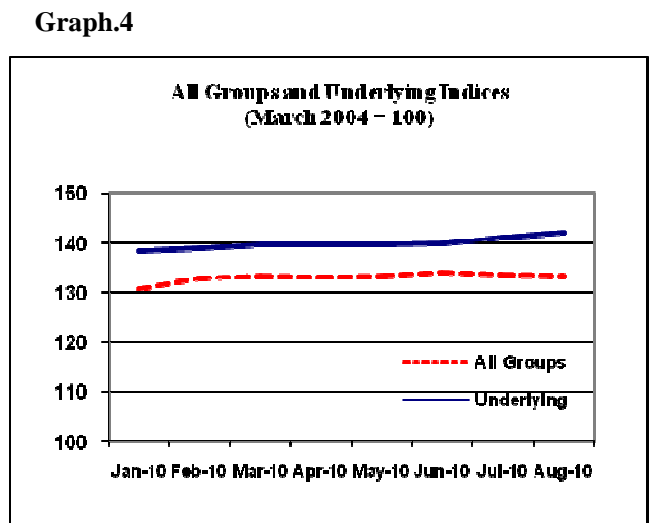
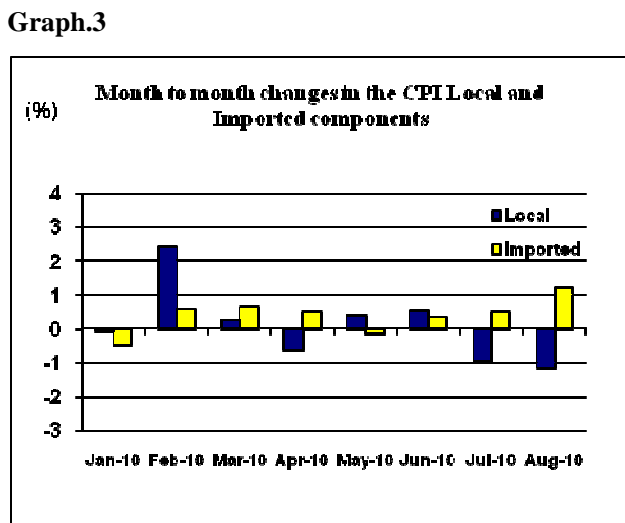
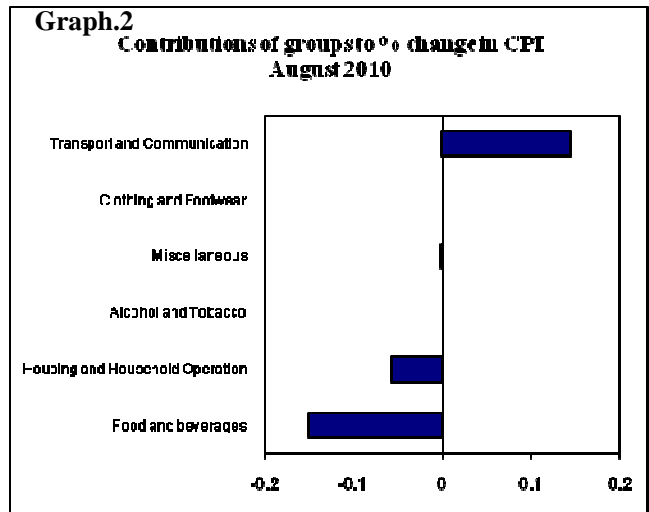
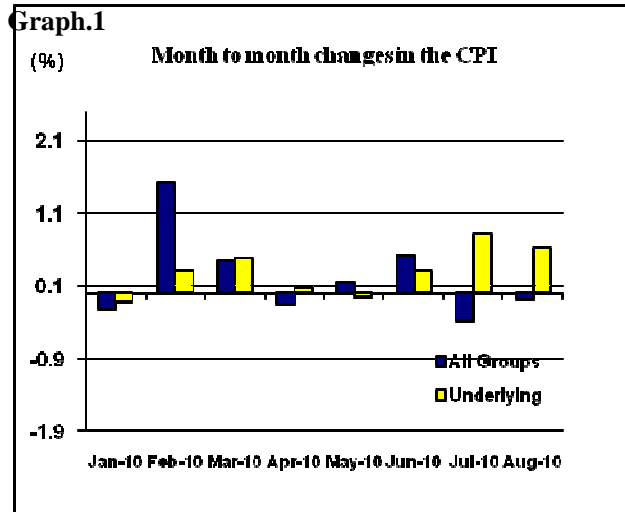
The All Items Underlying Index for August 2010 registered an increase of 0.6 percent when compared to July 2010, and an increase of 1.4 percent when compared to August 2009. The 0.6 percent increase in the Overall Underlying Index is attributed to an increase of 0.9 percent in the imported component. The local component decreased by 0.3 percent.

The twelve months ending August 2010 compared to the twelve months ending August 2009 shows a decrease of 0.9 percent, as illustrated below in Fig 4.

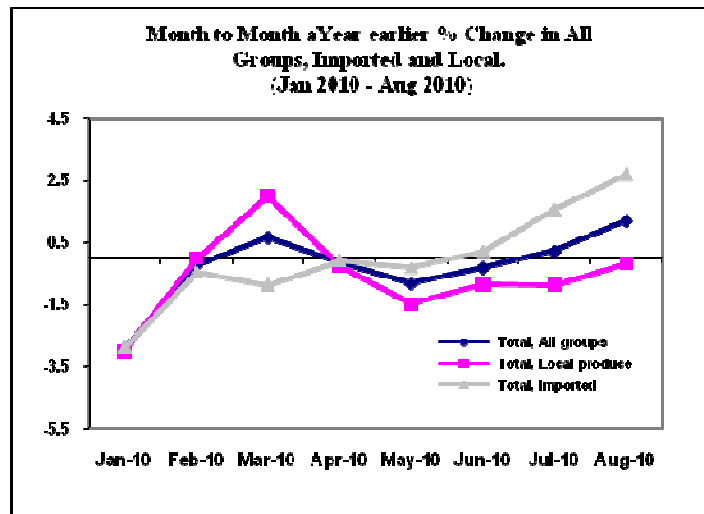


The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more detailed analysis.

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**Graph 5**



**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>	<b>1000</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>100</b>
2006	105.7	103.9	85.0	111.0	113.5	104.8	102.8
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
2009							
August	131.9	140.3	88.7	129.5	126.3	126.3	116.1
September	131.1	138.2	89.3	129.0	128.0	126.3	116.1
October	129.6	135.4	89.5	129.3	127.4	126.3	116.1
November	128.5	133.5	89.4	128.8	126.8	127.2	115.7
December	131.1	138.4	89.7	128.7	128.1	126.9	115.2
2010							
January	130.8	136.4	89.9	130.9	127.8	126.9	119.2
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 (a)	133.5	137.8	92.2	135.2	131.4	132.5	121.8
<b><u>Percentage Change (a)</u></b>							
Aug 2010 over Jul 2010	-0.1	-0.3	-1.6	-0.5	1.0	0.2	-0.1
Aug 2010 over Aug 2009	1.2	-1.8	3.9	4.4	4.0	4.9	4.9
<b>ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX</b>							
Group	All Items	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	<b>514</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>48</b>
2006	106.3	107.8	85.0	104.3	107.3		105.8
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
2009							
August	140.0	148.5	88.7	117.3	153.2		118.3
September	140.6	149.3	89.3	117.0	151.5		118.3

October	139.3	147.7	89.5	115.9	151.5	118.3
November	138.8	147.2	89.4	115.8	149.7	117.4
December	138.6	147.1	89.7	115.6	149.4	116.4
2010						
January	138.5	146.5	89.9	115.4	149.4	119.9
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 (a)	142.0	150.9	92.2	114.5	147.2	122.8
<b><u>Percentage Change (a)</u></b>						
Aug 2010 over Jul 2010	0.6	0.9	-1.6	-0.5	-2.3	0.0
Aug 2010 over Aug 2009	1.4	1.6	3.9	-2.4	-3.9	3.8

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

**Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES**

Commodities	Unit	2009			2010		
		Jun	Jul	Aug	Jun	Jul	Aug (a)
1 Flour	1 lb	1.48	1.42	1.45	1.24	1.22	1.21
2 Rice	1 lb	2.22	2.02	2.02	1.71	1.77	1.98
3 Salt	1 lb	0.67	0.65	0.67	0.74	0.73	0.70
4 Sugar (Brown)	1 lb	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.29	1.39	1.35
5 Taamu	1 lb	2.14	1.96	1.93	1.17	0.93	0.96
6 Breadfruit	1 lb	0.62	0.47	0.54	0.66	0.38	0.17
7 Potatoes	1 lb	1.33	1.33	1.31	1.30	1.31	1.34
8 Onions	1 lb	1.19	1.22	1.31	1.36	1.45	1.45
9 Taro	1 lb	1.78	1.83	1.63	1.18	1.29	1.15
10 Yam	1 lb	1.82	1.65	1.55	1.31	1.37	1.14
11 Chinese Cabbage	1 lb	2.71	1.59	1.08	2.69	1.92	1.46
12 Head Cabbage	1 lb	3.46	2.89	1.71	3.23	3.30	1.86
13 Cucumbers	1 lb	1.72	1.48	1.10	1.33	1.06	1.39
14 Pumpkins	1 lb	1.26	1.15	0.93	1.32	1.25	0.84
15 Green Beans	1 lb	7.45	5.03	2.98	4.97	3.65	2.82
16 Water Cress	1 lb	4.95	3.73	2.78	4.04	4.93	4.25
17 Tomatoes	1 lb	5.14	4.36	3.03	7.00	6.88	3.81
18 Taro leaves	1 lb	3.15	3.11	2.11	3.52	3.21	3.02
19 Bananas	1 lb	0.71	0.64	0.72	0.52	0.51	0.50
20 Coconuts	1 lb	0.22	0.21	0.27	0.24	0.23	0.23
21 String Fish	1 lb	3.88	4.59	3.85	3.55	3.30	3.86
22 Large Fish	1lb	6.35	7.56	7.17	6.67	5.37	6.39
23 Fish (piece)	1lb	4.87	5.79	5.28	4.15	3.38	4.49
24 Canned fish (Early Dawn Natual Oil)	15 oz	4.39	4.54	4.49	4.00	3.74	3.74
25 Mutton Flaps	1 lb	4.37	4.52	4.55	4.97	4.95	5.08
26 Chicken leg quarters	1 lb	2.26	2.26	2.32	1.87	1.89	1.83
27 Turkey Wings	1 lb	2.94	2.94	3.15	3.35	3.52	3.63
28 Pig Trotter	1 lb	2.91	2.91	2.94	3.38	3.43	3.43
29 Eggs	doz	6.63	6.43	6.33	6.59	6.44	6.24
30 Cigarettes ( Pocket Edition )	packet	16.20	16.20	16.10	19.33	19.33	19.58
31 le Lanutasi ( cotton,calico)	2yds	6.98	6.98	7.32	7.50	7.50	7.17
32 Dressing Material (poplin)	1yard	3.52	3.52	3.52	3.62	3.62	3.38
33 le Faitaga	36/38	35.03	35.07	35.15	32.25	31.75	30.92
34 roofing iron ( Zincalume)	12 ft	60.78	60.78	60.78	59.40	61.20	59.40
35 Air Fares ( Apia-Auckland-Apia )	return trip	1370.50	1370.50	1295.18	1474.18	1680.43	1272.43
36 Electricity	kwh	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.93	0.94	0.92
37 Kerosene	1 ltr	2.07	2.02	1.99	2.33	2.21	2.34

38	Tea Towel (long stripes)	each	2.30	2.20	2.20	2.73	2.40	2.07
39	Telephone ( USA call )	3 mins	5.37	5.37	5.37	5.37	5.37	8.07
40	Petrol (unleaded)	1 ltr	2.23	2.32	2.16	2.51	2.39	2.52
41	Diesel	1 ltr	2.16	2.23	2.15	2.55	2.43	2.56
42	Car Tyre ( Radial // imported)	205/70R(14)	242.50	252.50	252.50	254.00	226.50	199.00
43	Car Battery (12 volt)	N50	253.67	258.33	258.33	263.33	263.33	263.33
44	Diapers (Huggies 16kg & over)	24 package	34.84	34.84	34.61	36.48	36.89	37.36

(a) : Provisional figures

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

Group	All	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscell- aneous
<i>Weights</i>	<b>437</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>35</b>
2006	109.2	107.3	85.0	113.9	140.1	104.8	108.0
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
2009							
August	140.0	148.0	88.7	121.7	156.8	123.0	123.0
September	141.3	149.0	89.3	122.1	164.6	123.0	123.0
October	139.7	146.9	89.5	120.8	162.1	123.0	123.0
November	139.0	146.4	89.4	120.7	159.0	124.3	121.8
December	139.4	146.2	89.7	120.1	170.1	122.3	120.5
2010							
January	138.7	145.3	89.9	120.7	162.6	122.3	123.9
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 (a)	143.8	150.3	92.2	122.9	175.6	128.6	127.9
September (a)	109.5	106.7	83.9	114.9	152.2	103.7	106.1
<b><u>Percentage Change (a)</u></b>							
Aug 2010 over Jul 2010	1.2	1.3	-1.6	0.5	3.5	0.0	0.0
Aug 2010 over Aug 2009	2.7	1.6	3.9	1.0	12.0	4.6	4.0
<b>IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX</b>							
Group	All	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscell- aneous
<i>Weights</i>	<b>385</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>35</b>
2006	105.9	107.3	85.0	104.3	107.8		108.0
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
2009							
July	138.8	146.9	88.7	118.0	173.3		122.9
August	139.5	148.0	88.7	117.5	173.3		123.0

September	140.3	149.0	89.3	117.5	169.8	123.0
October	138.7	146.9	89.5	116.2	169.8	123.0
November	138.1	146.4	89.4	116.1	166.0	121.8
December	137.8	146.2	89.7	115.5	165.4	120.5
2010						
January	137.4	145.3	89.9	115.1	165.4	123.9
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 (a)	141.5	150.3	92.2	114.3	160.8	127.9
<b><u>Percentage Change (a)</u></b>						
Aug 2010 over Jul 2010	0.9	1.3	-1.6	-0.8	-4.3	0.0
Aug 2010 over Aug 2009	1.4	1.6	3.8	-2.7	-7.2	3.9

(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>	<b>563</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>65</b>
2006	103.0	99.4	108.9	106.5	104.8	100.0
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
2009						
August	125.7	130.2	135.3	118.3	126.9	112.4
September	123.1	123.8	134.1	118.3	126.9	112.4
October	121.8	119.9	135.8	118.3	126.9	112.4
November	120.4	116.2	134.9	118.3	127.7	112.4
December	124.7	128.0	135.1	117.1	127.7	112.4
2010						
January	124.6	124.6	138.6	118.6	127.7	116.7
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 (a)	125.5	121.2	144.5	119.8	133.1	118.6
<b><u>Percentage Change (a)</u></b>						
Aug 2010 over Jul 2010	-1.2	-2.9	-1.1	0.1	0.2	0.0
Aug 2010 over Aug 2009	-0.2	-6.9	6.8	1.3	4.9	5.5
<b>LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX</b>						
Group	All Items	Food	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscellaneous
<i>Weights</i>	<b>129</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>n.a.</b>	<b>13</b>
2006	107.7	109.3	104.3	106.8		100.0
2007	113.5	115.5	109.6	122.0		101.3
2008	128.3	134.0	109.6	122.0		101.3
2008	141.3	150.0	115.5	133.8		106.8
2009						

August	141.4	150.1	116.8	134.3	105.8
September	141.5	150.3	115.6	134.3	105.8
October	141.2	150.1	115.2	134.3	105.8
November	141.0	149.8	115.0	134.3	105.8
December	141.1	149.8	115.8	134.3	105.8
2010					
January	141.7	150.1	116.1	134.3	109.4
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 (a)	143.5	152.6	115.0	134.3	109.4
	143.3	152.4	114.3	134.3	109.4
<b><u>Percentage Change (a)</u></b>					
Aug 2010 over Jul 2010	-0.3	-0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Aug 2010 over Aug 2009	1.5	1.7	-1.5	0.0	3.4

(a): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable