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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - JULY 2007

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of July 2007 registered a decrease of 0.4 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 7.8 percent when compared to the same month of last year. The 0.4 percent decrease in the Overall Index attributed mainly to a decrease of 1.1 percent in the Food group and Clothing and Footwear group indices. Alcohol and Tobacco group index recorded no change from the previous month. On the contrary, Transport and Communication, Miscellaneous and Housing and Household Operation group indices registered increases of 0.7, 0.6 and 0.2 percent respectively.

The local component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 1.0 percent due to lower prices recorded for banana, breadfruit, coconut, fresh fish and some vegetables namely tomatoes, head cabbage, chinese cabbage and pumpkin. The imported component exhibit an increase of 0.4 percent due to higher prices recorded for brown sugar, butter (anchor), petrol (unleaded) and engine oil (small pint).

Decreased prices recorded for ie lanutasi (calico), dressing material (poplin) and ie faitaga contributed to the 1.1 percent decrease in the Clothing and Footwear group index.

The 0.7 percent increase in the Transport and Communication group is primarily due to higher prices recorded for petrol (unleaded) and engine oil.

Miscellaneous group has registered an increase of 0.6 percent due to higher prices recorded for consultation fee (private doctor) and cough mixture.

The All Items Underlying Index for the month of July 2007 showed an increase of 0.4 percent when compared to June this year, and an increase of 8.9 percent when compared to July last year. The 0.4 percent increase in the All Underlying Index is attributed to an increase of 0.8 percent in the local component. The imported component also increased by 0.3 percent.

The twelve months ending July 2007 compared to the twelve months ending July 2006 registered an increase of 5.3 percent.

The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more details.



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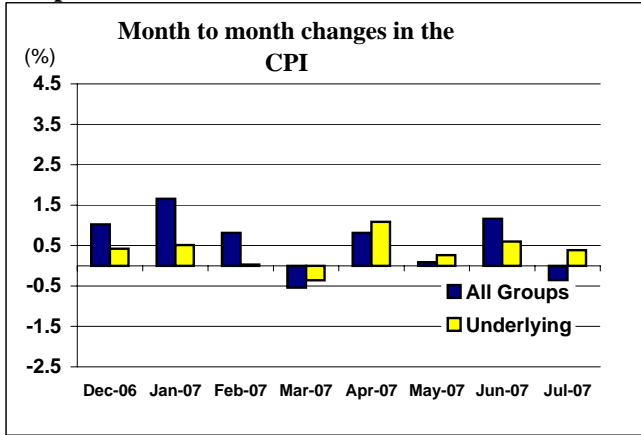
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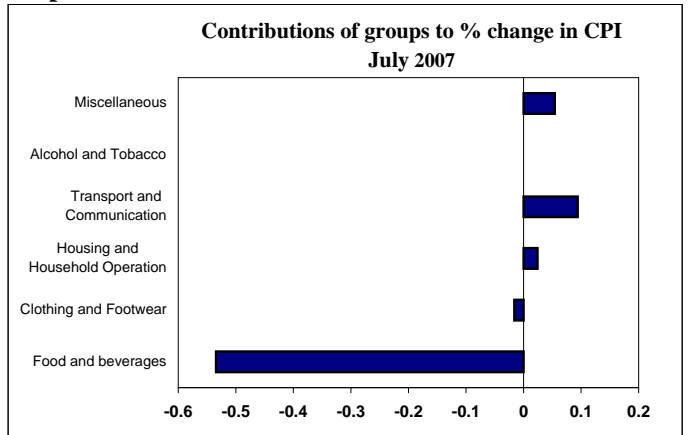
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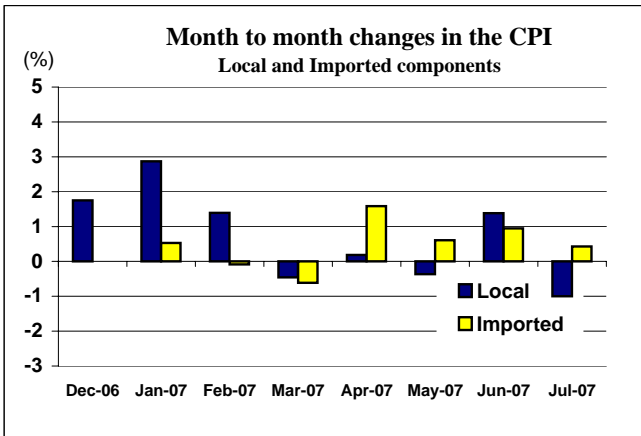
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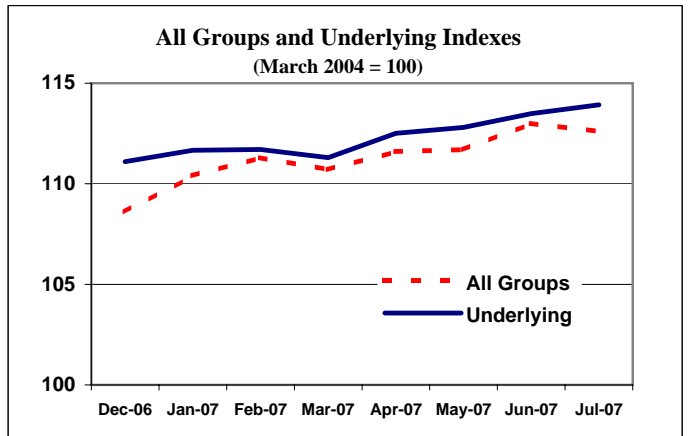
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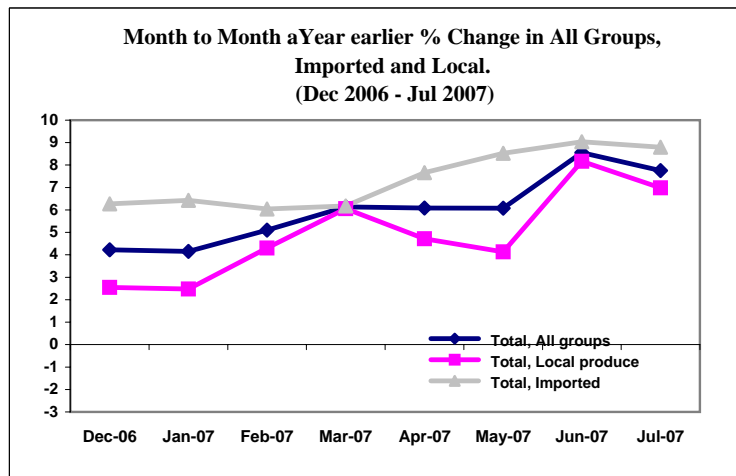


Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

(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
2005	101.9	99.9	88.8	107.7	108.1	100.2	101.0
2006	105.8	103.9	85.0	111.0	113.9	104.8	102.8
2006							
July	104.5	101.7	85.3	111.3	113.9	104.1	101.7
August	105.0	102.5	84.8	111.1	113.9	105.4	102.1
September	105.1	102.5	83.9	111.5	114.0	105.4	102.1
October	107.5	105.3	84.5	112.1	112.4	111.7	105.4
November	107.5	106.0	85.1	110.9	110.3	112.0	106.0
December	108.6	108.2	84.0	110.8	109.7	111.6	107.5
2007							
January	110.4	111.7	83.9	111.0	110.7	111.9	107.0
February	111.3	111.7	82.9	116.1	110.7	116.0	104.5
March	110.7	110.8	82.8	115.5	110.5	116.1	104.1
April	111.6	111.7	82.7	116.3	112.9	116.3	104.4
May	111.7	111.4	82.3	116.5	113.7	116.7	104.7
June	113.0	113.4	80.7	117.2	114.9	117.7	104.5
July (a)	112.6	112.2	79.8	117.4	115.7	117.7	105.1
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Jul 2007 over Jun 2007	-0.4	-1.1	-1.1	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.6
Jul 2007 over Jul 2006	7.8	10.3	-6.4	5.5	1.6	13.1	3.3
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
2005	102.9	103.5	88.8	104.1	103.4		102.1
2006	106.3	107.8	85.0	104.3	107.3		105.8
2006							
July	104.6	105.8	85.3	103.8	107.2		103.4
August	105.3	106.8	84.8	103.0	108.1		104.4
September	106.0	107.7	83.9	103.6	109.1		104.4
October	110.1	112.0	84.5	104.7	110.7		111.1
November	110.6	112.6	85.1	104.6	110.7		112.4
December	111.1	112.8	84.0	105.2	110.7		115.5
2007							
January	111.7	113.7	83.9	105.4	110.7		114.6
February	111.7	114.3	82.9	106.1	110.3		109.3
March	111.3	114.0	82.8	105.5	110.3		108.6
April	112.5	115.3	82.7	106.4	118.6		109.0
May	112.8	115.6	82.3	106.5	118.6		109.8
June	113.5	116.6	80.7	106.8	117.4		109.3
July (a)	113.9	117.0	79.8	107.3	118.0		110.6
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Jul 2007 over Jun 2007	0.4	0.3	-1.1	0.5	0.5		1.2
Jul 2007 over Jul 2006	8.9	10.6	-6.4	3.4	10.1		7.0

(a): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Unit	2006			May
		May	Jun	Jul	
1 Biscuits	5lb carton	14.36	14.36	15.28	16.31
2 Flour	1 lb	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.89
3 Rice	1 lb	0.99	1.01	1.02	1.06
4 Eggs	1 doz	4.29	4.46	4.69	5.70
5 Taamu	1 lb	0.78	0.79	0.87	1.00
6 Potatoes	1 lb	1.24	1.18	1.09	1.49
7 Taro	1 lb	0.86	1.02	1.12	1.02
8 Yam	1 lb	1.48	1.36	1.57	1.40
9 Chinese Cabbage	1 lb	2.62	1.90	1.43	1.78
10 Head Cabbage	1 lb	3.52	2.26	1.47	3.72
11 Cucumbers	1 lb	1.42	1.01	1.34	1.73
12 Taro Leaves	1 lb	2.09	2.00	1.92	2.25
13 Onions	1 lb	1.01	1.05	1.04	1.42
14 Pumpkins	1 lb	1.06	1.00	0.98	1.23
15 Tomatoes	1 lb	4.68	4.34	3.69	4.95
16 Water Cress	1 lb	3.28	2.98	4.36	2.96
17 Bananas	1 lb	0.53	0.52	0.51	0.51
18 Breadfruit	1 lb	0.41	0.66	0.41	0.47
19 Coconuts	1 lb	0.22	0.16	0.19	0.19
20 Canned fish	15 oz can	2.14	2.15	2.18	2.41
21 Fresh Fish	1lb	5.07	5.51	4.92	6.81
22 Fish Piece	1lb	4.19	4.01	3.23	3.82
23 Canned Beef	12 oz can	8.24	8.26	8.26	8.56
24 Mutton Flaps	1 lb	2.85	2.76	2.78	3.18
25 Mutton Neck	1 lb	2.85	2.85	2.71	3.40
26 Turkey Tails	1 lb	1.74	1.81	1.86	2.01
27 Chicken leg quarters	1 lb	1.74	1.64	1.71	2.14
28 Brown sugar	1 lb	0.80	0.80	0.82	0.85
29 Salt	1 lb	0.52	0.52	0.49	0.53
30 Butter (Anchor)	1 lb	5.64	5.50	5.43	5.61
31 Electricity	kwh	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.79
32 Kerosene	1 ltr	2.29	2.47	2.39	2.16
33 Petrol (unleaded)	1 ltr	2.39	2.58	2.57	2.42
34 Diesel	1 ltr	2.44	2.56	2.56	2.37
35 Engine oil	small pint	3.17	3.17	3.33	3.67
36 Beer (Vailima)	350 mls	3.11	3.11	3.10	3.54
37 Kava	100 gm	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.95
38 Pall Mall Filter (Rothmans)	1 pkt	6.11	6.11	6.21	7.10
39 Pall Mall Menthol (Consulate)	1 pkt	6.11	6.11	6.21	7.10
40 Panties	medium	4.64	4.74	4.74	4.56
41 le solosolo	2yds	6.40	6.03	6.23	5.78
42 le Lanutasi (calico)	2yds	7.20	7.08	6.95	7.02
43 Dressing material (poplin)	2yds	2.82	3.02	3.05	2.68
44 le Faitaga	38 size	37.90	37.85	37.18	37.04
45 Private doctor	per visit	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50
46 Cough mixture	100 mls	7.28	7.28	7.28	8.27

(a): Provisional figures

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
2005	104.5	103.1	88.8	110.8	122.6	98.9	102.9
2006	109.2	107.3	85.0	113.9	140.1	104.8	108.0
2006							
June	107.3	103.5	85.6	115.7	151.6	101.9	104.2
July	108.0	104.6	85.3	114.5	151.4	103.7	104.8
August	108.7	105.7	84.8	113.9	151.6	103.7	106.1
September	109.5	106.7	83.9	114.9	152.2	103.7	106.1
October	114.0	112.3	84.5	116.1	144.3	116.1	115.4
November	113.6	112.9	85.1	113.3	134.0	116.1	117.2
December	113.6	113.1	84.0	113.0	131.2	113.3	121.5
2007							
January	114.2	113.9	83.9	113.3	132.0	113.3	120.2
February	114.1	114.7	82.9	113.3	132.6	112.7	112.9
March	113.4	114.2	82.8	112.1	130.4	112.7	111.9
April	115.2	115.6	82.7	113.7	140.5	113.0	112.5
May	115.9	116.1	82.3	114.0	144.6	113.0	113.5
June	117.0	117.0	80.7	115.6	150.7	113.0	112.9
July (a)	117.5	117.2	79.8	116.4	154.2	113.0	113.7
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Jul 2007 over Jun 2007	0.4	0.2	-1.1	0.7	2.3	0.0	0.7
Jul 2007 over Jul 2006	9.5	13.2	-6.8	0.6	1.7	10.9	9.1
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
2005	102.6	103.1	88.8	105.4	107.0		102.9
2006	105.9	107.3	85.0	104.3	107.8		108.0
2006							
June	102.7	103.5	85.6	104.1	107.7		104.2
July	103.5	104.6	85.3	103.7	106.1		104.8
August	104.3	105.7	84.8	102.4	107.9		106.1
September	105.1	106.7	83.9	103.2	110.0		106.1
October	110.3	112.3	84.5	104.5	109.4		115.4
November	110.9	112.9	85.1	104.3	109.4		117.2
December	111.4	113.1	84.0	105.0	109.2		121.5
2007							
January	112.0	113.9	83.9	105.2	109.2		120.2
February	111.9	114.7	82.9	105.7	108.5		112.9
March	111.4	114.2	82.8	105.2	108.5		111.9
April	112.5	115.6	82.7	106.0	108.5		112.5
May	113.0	116.1	82.3	106.1	108.5		113.5
June	113.6	117.0	80.7	106.5	109.9		112.9
July (a)	113.9	117.2	79.8	107.4	111.2		113.7
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
Jul 2007 over Jun 2007	0.3	0.2	-1.1	0.8	1.2		0.7
Jul 2007 over Jul 2006	10.0	12.0	-6.4	3.6	4.8		8.5

(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
2005	99.9	95.7	105.4	104.3	100.4	100.0
2006	103.1	99.4	108.9	107.0	104.8	100.0
2006						
July	101.7	97.8	108.8	104.0	104.2	100.0
August	102.2	98.2	109.0	103.9	105.7	100.0
September	101.6	96.8	109.0	103.9	105.7	100.0
October	102.4	96.0	109.2	104.0	111.0	100.0
November	102.8	96.9	109.1	104.0	111.4	100.0
December	104.6	101.7	109.1	104.0	111.3	100.0
2007						
January	107.6	108.7	109.2	105.1	111.7	100.0
February	109.1	107.8	118.3	105.0	116.6	100.0
March	108.6	106.2	118.1	105.3	116.7	100.0
April	108.8	106.4	118.3	105.6	116.9	100.0
May	108.4	105.2	118.4	105.6	117.2	100.0
June	109.9	108.6	118.4	105.5	118.4	100.0
July (a)	108.8	105.5	118.2	105.5	118.4	100.6
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Jul 2007 over Jun 2007	-1.0	-2.9	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.6
Jul 2007 over Jul 2006	7.0	7.9	8.6	1.4	13.6	0.6
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	n.a.	13
2005	103.7	104.7	100.8	100.0		100.0
2006	107.7	109.3	104.3	106.8		100.0
2006						
July	107.9	109.6	104.1	108.3		100.0
August	108.5	110.2	104.7	108.3		100.0
September	108.6	110.4	104.9	108.3		100.0
October	109.4	111.2	105.5	112.0		100.0
November	109.9	111.8	105.3	112.0		100.0
December	110.1	112.1	105.5	112.0		100.0
2007						
January	110.8	113.0	105.8	112.0		100.0
February	111.2	113.3	107.3	112.0		100.0
March	111.2	113.4	106.5	112.0		100.0
April	112.4	114.6	107.3	128.2		100.0
May	112.2	114.2	107.7	128.2		100.0
June	113.1	115.5 (b)	107.7	124.5		100.0
July (a)	114.0	116.4	107.0	124.5		102.7
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
Jul 2007 over Jun 2007	0.8	0.8	-0.6	0.0		2.7
Jul 2007 over Jul 2006	5.7	6.2	2.8	15.0		2.7

(a): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

b: Revised figures