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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - MAY 2007

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month May 2007 registered an increase of 0.1 percent when compared to the previous month, and an increase of 6.1 percent when compared to the same month of last year. The 0.1 percent increase in the Overall Index attributed mainly to an increase of 0.7 percent in the Transport and Communication group index. Alcohol and Tobacco and Miscellaneous group indices both registered increases of 0.3 percent. Housing and Household Operation group also showed an increase of 0.2 percent, while Food and Clothing and Footwear group indices registered decreases of 0.3 and 0.5 percent respectively.

The increase of 0.6 percent in the imported component resulted from higher prices recorded for canned fish, mutton neck and fuel (unleaded and diesel). Decreased prices recorded for taro, fish (piece), and some vegetable namely head cabbage, taro leaves and water cress are the main contributors to the 0.4 percent decrease in the local component.

Higher prices recorded for fuel (unleaded and diesel) has resulted in the 0.7 percent increase in the Transport and Communication group index.

The 0.3 percent increase in the Alcohol and Tobacco group was primarily due to higher prices recorded for cigarettes (Pall Mall Filter and Pall Mall Menthol).

Increased prices recorded for exercise book and small airmail envelope is reflected in the 0.3 percent increase in the Miscellaneous group index.

Clothing and Footwear group registered a decrease of 0.5 percent due to lower prices recorded for panties and brassiere.

The All Items Underlying Index for May 2007 shows an increase of 0.3 percent when compared to April this year, and an increase of 8.4 percent when compared to May last year. The 0.3 percent increase in the overall Underlying Index is attributed to an increase of 0.4 percent in the imported component, while local component registered a decrease of 0.2 percent.

The twelve months ending May 2007 compared to the twelve months ending May 2006 registered an increase of 4.3 percent.

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



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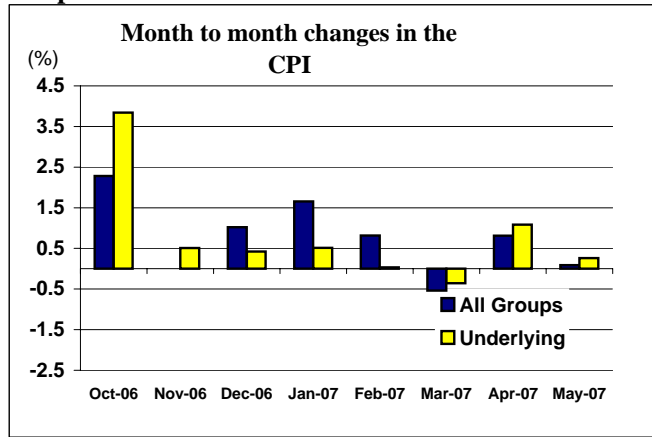
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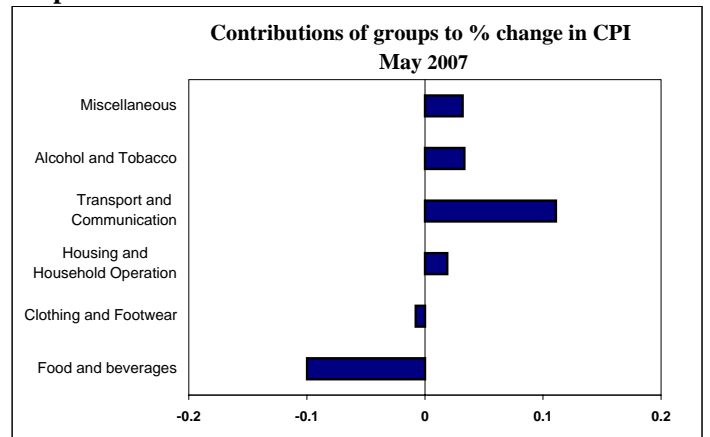
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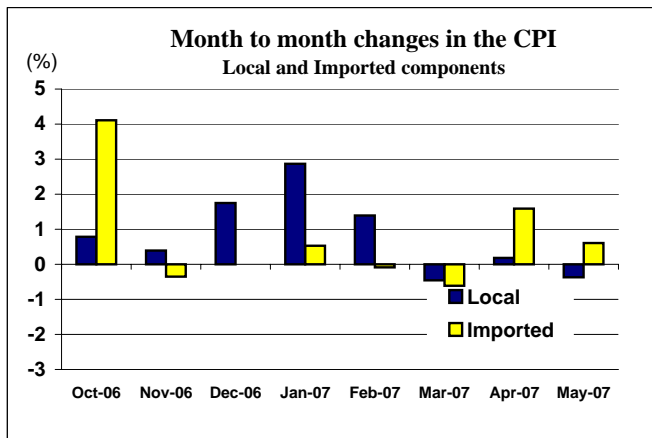
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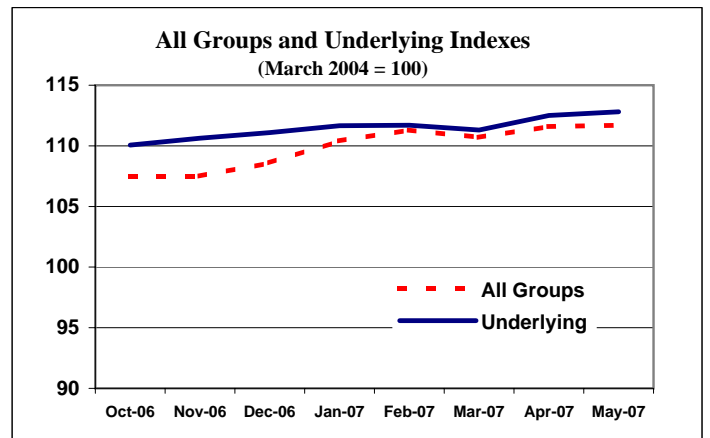
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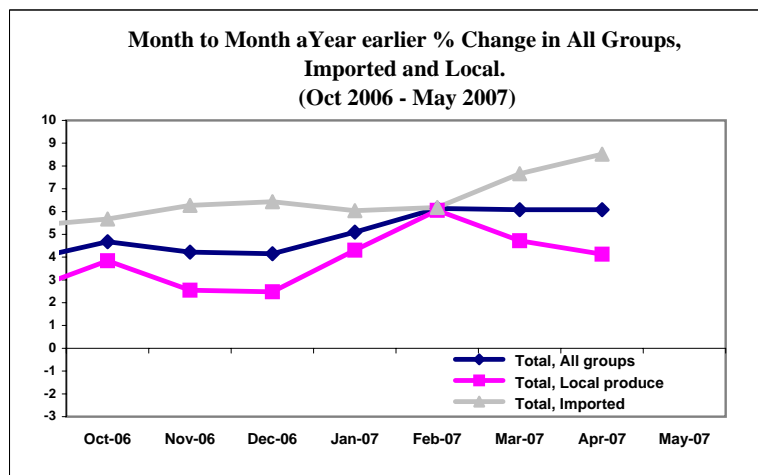


Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

(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							
May	105.3	102.7	85.7	110.9	117.8	102.3	101.5
June	104.1	101.3	85.6	111.7	114.0	102.3	101.5
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 (a)	111.7	111.4	82.3	116.5	113.7	116.7	104.7
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
May 2007 over Apr 2007	0.1	-0.3	-0.5	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.3
May 2007 over May 2006	6.1	8.5	-4.0	5.0	-3.5	14.1	3.2
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							
May	104.1	105.2	85.7	103.9	105.4		103.1
June	103.8	104.8	85.6	104.0	108.0		103.0
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 (a)	112.8	115.6	82.3	106.5	118.6		109.8
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
May 2007 over Apr 2007	0.3	0.3	-0.5	0.1	0.0		0.7
May 2007 over May 2006	8.4	9.9	-4.0	2.5	12.5		6.5

(a): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Unit	2006			2007		
		Mar	Apr	May	Mar	Apr	May (a)
1 Biscuits	5lb carton	14.36	14.36	14.36	15.53	16.31	16.31
2 Bread	1 loaf	1.11	1.11	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.16
3 Flour	1 lb	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.87	0.90	0.89
4 Rice	1 lb	1.00	1.00	0.99	1.04	1.06	1.06
5 Eggs	1 doz	4.36	4.34	4.29	5.54	5.70	5.70
6 Butter	1 lb	5.55	5.59	5.64	5.51	5.61	5.61
7 Vegetable Oil	500 gm	2.82	2.82	2.78	2.79	2.79	2.79
8 Taamu	1 lb	0.74	0.86	0.78	0.93	1.03	1.00
9 Potatoes	1 lb	1.21	1.21	1.24	1.53	1.53	1.49
10 Taro	1 lb	0.84	0.91	0.86	0.95	1.07	1.02
11 Yam	1 lb	1.29	1.09	1.48	1.18	1.30	1.40
12 Chinese Cabbage	1 lb	2.08	2.08	2.62	2.35	2.43	1.78
13 Head Cabbage	1 lb	2.28	2.58	3.52	4.32	4.14	3.72
14 Cucumbers	1 lb	1.55	1.31	1.42	1.67	1.73	1.73
15 Taro Leaves	1 lb	1.78	2.00	2.09	2.50	2.62	2.25
16 Onions	1 lb	0.94	0.94	1.01	1.46	1.46	1.42
17 Pumpkins	1 lb	1.56	1.10	1.06	1.04	1.15	1.23
18 Tomatoes	1 lb	5.97	4.02	4.68	5.90	4.36	4.95
19 Water Cress	1 lb	3.20	3.19	3.28	4.08	3.93	2.96
20 Bananas	1 lb	0.35	0.67	0.53	0.41	0.49	0.51
21 Breadfruit	1 lb	0.36	0.53	0.41	0.45	0.51	0.47
22 Coconuts	1 lb	0.18	0.23	0.22	0.17	0.18	0.19
23 Canned fish	15 oz can	2.13	2.14	2.14	2.37	2.37	2.41
24 Fresh Fish	1lb	4.86	4.53	5.07	5.89	6.29	6.81
25 Fish Piece	1lb	4.58	5.35	4.19	5.91	4.27	3.82
26 Canned Beef	12 oz can	8.21	8.24	8.24	8.46	8.56	8.56
27 Mutton Flaps	1 lb	2.91	2.89	2.85	3.23	3.22	3.18
28 Mutton Neck	1 lb	2.84	2.84	2.85	3.26	3.34	3.40
29 Turkey Tails	1 lb	1.70	1.69	1.74	2.05	2.01	2.01
30 Chicken leg quarters	1 lb	1.90	1.87	1.74	2.06	2.13	2.14
31 Koko Samoa	small cup	4.90	4.90	4.76	4.21	4.21	4.29
32 Coffee (local)	100 gm pkt	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.82
33 Tea	0.5 lb	2.73	2.73	2.65	2.69	2.69	2.69
34 Brown sugar	1 lb	0.81	0.81	0.80	0.85	0.85	0.85
35 Salt	1 lb	0.52	0.52	0.52	0.53	0.53	0.53
36 Electricity	kwh	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.79	0.79	0.79
37 Kerosene	1 ltr	2.20	2.21	2.29	2.07	2.14	2.16
38 Petrol	1 ltr	2.17	2.26	2.39	2.11	2.34	2.42
39 Diesel	1 ltr	2.20	2.26	2.44	2.21	2.28	2.37
40 Beer (Vailima)	350 mls	3.11	3.11	3.11	3.54	3.54	3.54
41 Cigarettes (Pall Mall Filter)	1 pkt	5.94	5.94	6.11	7.03	7.06	7.10
42 Cigarettes (Pall Mall Menthol)	1 pkt	5.94	5.94	6.11	7.03	7.06	7.10
43 Panties	medium	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.66	4.66	4.56
44 Brassiere	36A	7.28	7.28	7.47	6.94	6.94	6.74
45 Exercise Book olympic	40 pages	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.45
46 Envelops airmail	small	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.21

(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							
April	107.0	105.3	85.4	113.5	135.5	99.2	104.2
May	106.8	104.1	85.7	113.6	142.4	101.9	104.3
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 (a)	115.9	116.1	82.3	114.0	144.6	113.0	113.5
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
May 2007 over Apr 2007	0.6	0.4	-0.5	0.3	2.9	0.0	0.9
May 2007 over May 2006	7.7	9.8	-3.2	0.2	3.7	13.9	8.0
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							
May	103.1	104.1	85.7	103.9	106.7		104.3
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 (a)	113.0	116.1	82.3	106.1	108.5		113.5
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
May 2007 over Apr 2007	0.4	0.4	-0.5	0.1	0.0		0.9
May 2007 over May 2006	9.6	11.5	-4.0	2.1	1.7		8.8

(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						
May	104.1	100.9	108.8	111.4	102.3	100.0
June	101.6	98.3	108.7	104.1	102.4	100.0
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 (a)	108.4	105.2	118.4	105.6	117.2	100.0
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
May 2007 over Apr 2007	-0.4	-1.1	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
May 2007 over May 2006	4.1	4.3	8.8	-5.2	14.6	0.0
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
2005	103.7	104.7	100.8	100.0		100.0
2006	107.7	109.3	104.3	106.8		100.0
2006						
May	107.0	108.4	104.1	104.2		100.0
June	107.0	108.4	103.8	108.3		100.0
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 (a)	112.2	114.2	107.7	128.2		100.0
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
May 2007 over Apr 2007	-0.2	-0.3	0.4	0.0		0.0
May 2007 over May 2006	4.9	5.4	3.5	23.0		0.0

(a): Provisional figures

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