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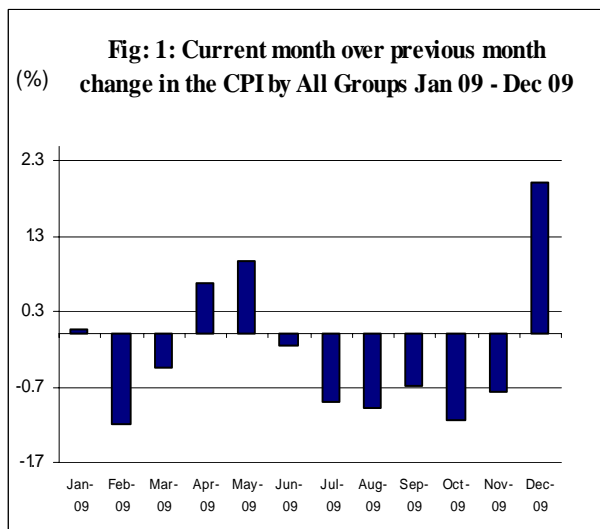
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - December 2009

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

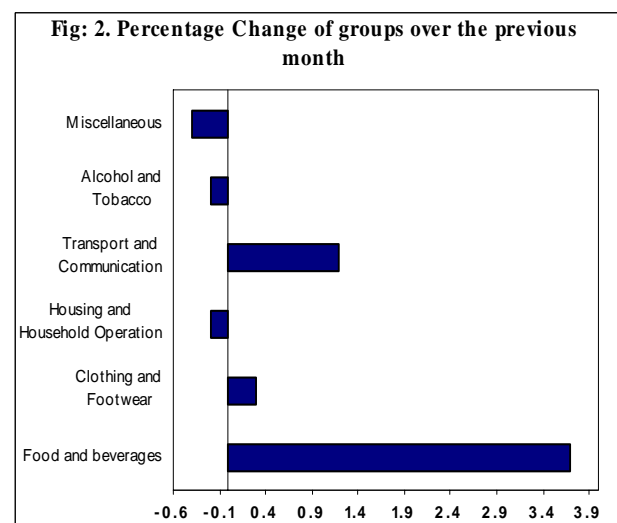
SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of December 2009 recorded an increase of 2.0 percent when compared to the previous month, and a decrease of 2.5 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 January to December 09.



The 2.0 percent increase in the Overall Index is attributed mainly to an increase of

3.7 percent in the Food group index. Transport and Communication and Clothing and Footwear group indices also increased by 1.2 and 0.3 percent respectively. On the contrary, Miscellaneous recorded a decrease of 0.4 percent, while Alcohol and Tobacco and Housing and Household Operation group indices both registered decreases of 0.2 percent. Graphically presented in Fig 2 is the December 2009 percentage change of groups over November 2009.



The 3.7 percent increase in the Food group was primarily due to higher prices recorded for mutton flaps, mutton neck, taro, taamu, breadfruit, coconut, fresh fish (string, large, piece) and some vegetables namely tomatoes, chinese and head cabbages.



Increased prices recorded for fuel (unleaded, diesel) is reflected in the 1.2 percent increase in the Transport and Communication group index.



The Clothing and Footwear group registered an increase of 0.3 percent due to higher prices recorded for ie lanutasi (calico) and jandals.



Decreased prices recorded for magnesium trisilicate has contributed to the 0.4 percent decrease in the Miscellaneous group index.



The local component of the Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 3.7 percent due to higher prices recorded for taro, taamu, breadfruit, coconut, fresh fish (string, large, piece) and some vegetables such as tomatoes, chinese and head cabbages.

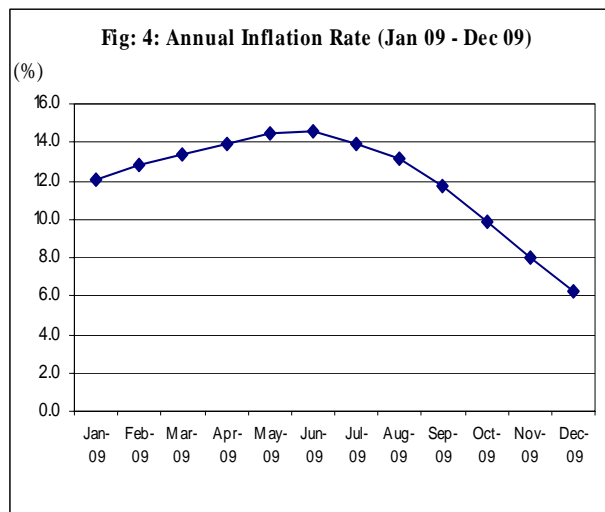


Higher prices recorded for fuel (unleaded, diesel) are the main contributor to the 0.3 percent increase in the imported component.



The All Items Underlying Index for December 2009 registered a decrease of 0.1 percent when compared to November 2009, and a decrease of 3.3 percent when compared to December 2008. The 0.1 percent decrease in the Overall Underlying Index is attributed to a decrease of 0.2 percent in the imported component, while the local component registered a slight increase of 0.1 percent.

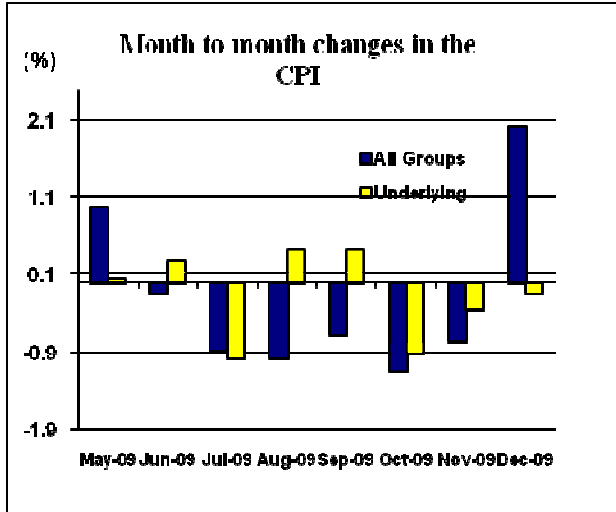
The twelve months ending December 2009 compared to the twelve months ending December 2008 shows an increase of 6.3 percent, as illustrated below in Fig 4.



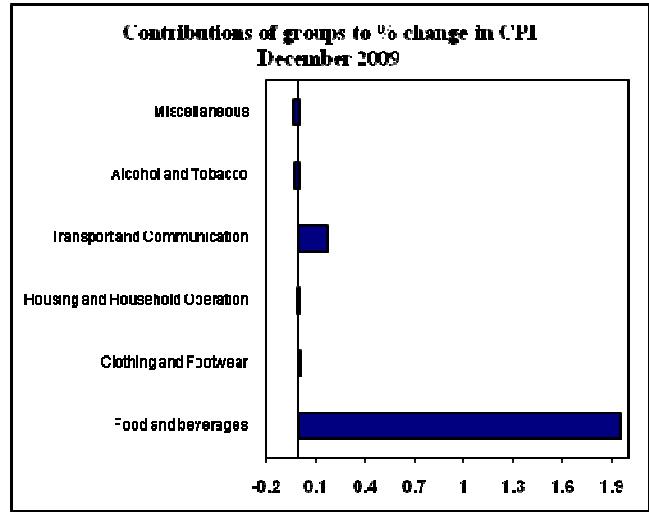
The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more detailed analysis.

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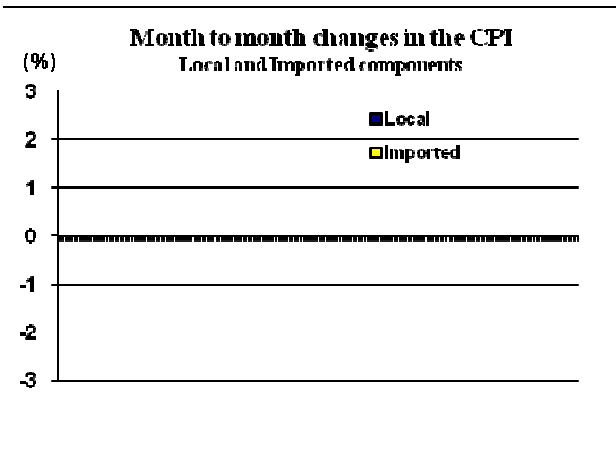
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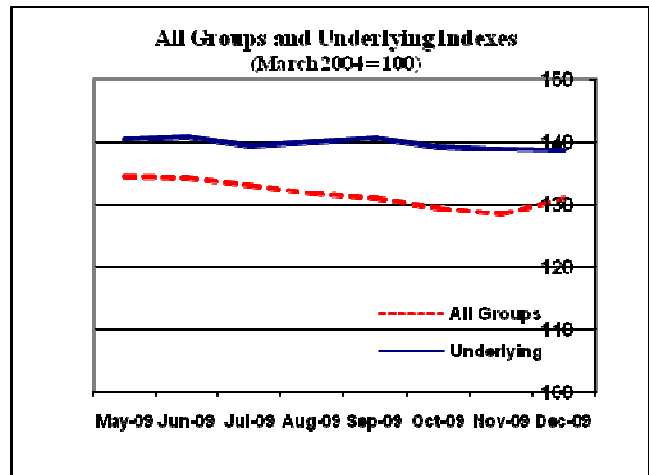
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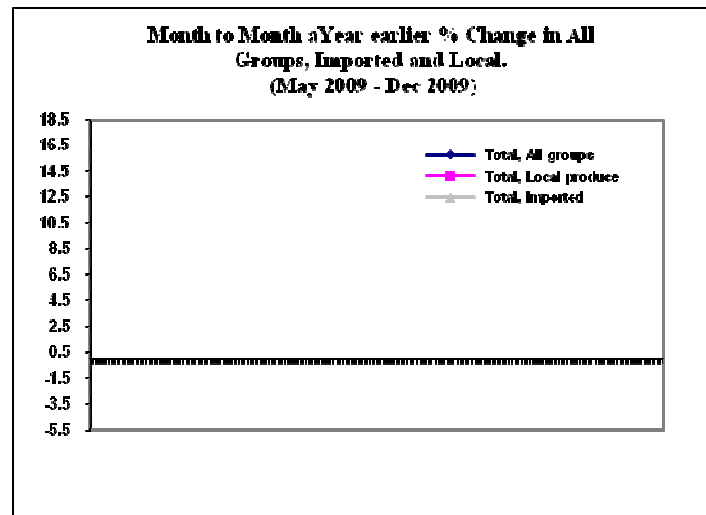
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December	143.3	152.7	88.6	117.2	150.9		119.6
2009							
January	142.3	151.2	88.7	117.3	150.9		121.2
February	140.0	148.3	89.2	118.0	144.4		119.4
March	140.6	149.1	89.0	118.3	144.2		119.4
April	140.3	149.0	88.5	117.7	144.2		118.2
May	140.4	149.4	88.8	116.1	142.1		117.6
June	140.8	149.5	89.0	118.1	150.9		117.7
July	139.4	147.7	88.7	117.4	153.2		118.2
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 (a)	138.6	147.1	89.7	115.5	149.4		116.4
			<i>Percentage Change (a)</i>				
Dec 2009							
over	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	-0.3	-0.2		-0.9
Nov 2009							
Dec 2009							
over	-3.3	-3.7	1.2	-1.5	-1.0		-2.7
Dec 2008							
(a): Provisional figures							
Note: n.a. Not applicable							

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Unit	2008			2009		
		Oct	Nov	Dec	Oct	Nov	Dec (a)
1 Flour	1 lb	1.49	1.61	1.61	1.45	1.38	1.38
2 Rice	1 lb	1.89	2.13	2.22	2.00	2.00	1.96
3 Salt	1 lb	0.74	0.78	0.84	0.72	0.72	0.72
4 Sugar (Brown)	1 lb	1.05	1.07	1.07	1.06	1.09	1.09
5 Taamu	1 lb	1.69	2.04	1.88	1.39	1.21	1.42
6 Breadfruit	1 lb	0.50	0.63	0.23	0.66	0.42	0.57
7 Potatoes	1 lb	1.61	1.60	1.61	1.32	1.28	1.20
8 Onions	1 lb	1.44	1.37	1.37	1.42	1.42	1.38
9 Taro	1 lb	1.74	1.71	1.48	1.26	1.06	1.27
10 Yam	1 lb	1.50	1.44	1.53	1.23	1.53	1.59
11 Chinese Cabbage	1 lb	1.50	1.81	2.49	1.03	1.42	1.94
12 Head Cabbage	1 lb	2.11	1.75	4.57	1.51	1.36	2.09
13 Cucumbers	1 lb	1.58	0.80	1.08	1.13	1.61	1.35
14 Pumpkins	1 lb	1.03	1.02	1.04	0.61	0.57	0.70
15 Water Cress	1 lb	4.14	2.41	3.08	2.57	2.24	3.48
16 Tomatoes	1 lb	2.05	1.53	3.22	1.58	1.27	3.60
17 Taro leaves	1 lb	2.78	2.14	2.78	3.63	2.46	3.05
18 Bananas	1 lb	0.56	0.61	0.56	0.58	0.50	0.42
19 Coconuts	1 lb	0.21	0.25	0.26	0.22	0.25	0.30
20 String Fish	1 lb	4.16	3.43	3.93	3.69	3.17	3.85
21 Large Fish	1lb	7.43	6.26	7.65	5.68	4.97	7.57
22 Fish (piece)	1lb	5.57	4.92	5.79	3.89	3.48	5.41
23 Mutton Flaps	1 lb	3.94	4.00	4.45	4.55	4.50	4.75
24 Mutton Neck	1 lb	3.43	3.46	3.69	3.81	4.23	4.38
25 Turkey Wings	1 lb	2.81	2.88	3.01	3.43	3.17	3.17
26 Chicken leg quarters	1 lb	2.64	2.70	2.77	2.21	2.11	2.04
27 Pig Trotter	1 lb	2.95	3.00	3.08	2.90	2.86	2.86
28 Eggs	doz	6.27	6.39	6.51	5.81	5.91	5.60
29 Beer (Vailima)	350 mls	3.74	3.83	3.80	3.67	3.69	3.69
30 Cigarettes (Pall Mall Filter)	20 rolls	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.73	7.73
31 Cigarettes (Pall Mall Menthol)	20 rolls	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.73	7.73
32 Shirt short sleeve white (children)	32 size	12.95	12.95	14.77	15.26	15.26	15.09
33 Handkerchief (men)	each	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.20	1.24	1.24
34 T shirt (children)	32 size	7.39	7.39	7.39	8.43	8.43	8.50
35 Ie Lanutasi (calico)	2yds	6.42	6.42	6.72	7.32	7.05	7.45
36 Jandals (soft rubber)	10.5 size	4.82	4.82	4.82	5.35	5.35	5.75
37 Electricity	kwh	0.96	0.96	0.87	0.82	0.81	0.81

38	PVC pipe (20 ft)	0.5 inch	11.24	10.18	10.18	10.62	10.62	10.62
39	Petrol (unleaded)	1 ltr	3.11	2.91	2.39	2.26	2.20	2.42
40	Diesel	1 ltr	3.34	3.06	2.64	2.22	2.20	2.45
41	Magnesium Trisilicate	100mls	6.60	6.60	7.30	8.30	8.30	7.62
42	Car Tyre (Radial)	205/70(R14)	177.50	177.50	177.50	252.50	242.50	240.00
43	Tooth Paste (Colgate)	110g	5.23	5.23	4.94	5.23	4.91	4.91
44	Diapers (Huggies 16kg & over)	24 package	34.76	34.76	34.76	34.61	33.98	33.98
45	Washing soap (yellow)	bar	3.10	3.18	3.26	2.97	2.88	2.88

(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>	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	
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	
2008								
December	145.6	153.7	88.6	129.3	168.8	119.0	127.1	
2009								
January	142.8	151.7	88.7	128.4	148.9	119.0	127.1	
February	140.1	147.8	89.2	128.3	152.3	118.2	122.3	
March	141.6	149.0	89.0	126.6	164.4	119.6	122.4	
April	141.2	148.7	88.5	124.9	161.7	121.5	123.0	
May	141.3	149.2	88.8	122.0	165.1	121.5	122.1	
June	141.1	149.0	89.0	123.4	159.2	123.8	122.3	
July	139.9	146.9	88.7	122.5	164.0	123.0	122.9	
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 (a)	139.4	146.2	89.7	120.0	170.1	122.3	120.5	
September (a)	109.5	106.7	83.9	114.9	152.2	103.7	106.1	
			<i>Percentage Change (a)</i>					
Dec 2009								
over	0.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.6	7.0	-1.6	-1.1	
Nov 2009								
Dec 2009								
over	-4.3	-4.9	1.2	-7.2	0.8	2.8	-5.2	
Dec 2008								
IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX								
Group	All	Food	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Household Operations	Transport and Communications	Alcohol and Tobacco	Miscell- aneous	
<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	
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	
2008								

December	144.2	153.7	88.6	118.5	159.1		127.1
2009							
January	142.7	151.7	88.7	118.8	159.1		127.1
February	139.5	147.8	89.2	119.2	159.1		122.3
March	140.4	149.0	89.0	119.6	158.5		122.4
April	140.2	148.7	88.5	118.6	158.5		123.0
May	140.1	149.2	88.8	116.1	154.3		122.1
June	140.3	149.0	89.0	118.5	168.4		122.3
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 (a)	137.8	146.2	89.7	115.3	165.4		120.5
			<i>Percentage Change (a)</i>				
Dec 2009							
over	-0.2	-0.1	0.3	-0.7	-0.4		-1.1
Nov 2009							
Dec 2009							
over	-4.4	-4.9	1.2	-2.7	4.0		-5.2
Dec 2008							
(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)						
			Housing and	Transport	Alcohol	
Group	All		Household	and	and	Miscell-
	Items	Food	Operations	Communications	Tobacco	aneous
<i>Weights</i>	563	215	64	114	105	65
2005	99.9	95.7	105.4	104.3	100.4	100.0
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	117.5	120.3	128.2	105.8	123.5	108.8
2008						
December	125.6	133.6	126.8	116.6	128.6	109.2
2009						
January	128.1	135.3	141.5	116.6	128.6	110.4
February	127.3	134.3	137.4	116.4	128.6	111.6
March	125.1	128.6	136.6	116.4	128.6	111.6
April	127.1	134.7	134.9	116.4	128.6	110.4
May	129.2	140.4	134.3	116.4	128.7	110.4
June	129.1	139.0	136.2	116.5	128.7	112.4
July	127.8	136.2	134.1	116.5	128.7	112.4
August	125.4	130.2	135.3	116.9	126.9	112.4
September	122.8	123.8	134.1	116.9	126.9	112.4
October	121.5	119.9	135.8	116.9	126.9	112.4
November	120.1	116.2	134.9	116.9	127.7	112.4
December (a)	124.5	128.0	135.1	115.9	127.7	112.4
			Percentage Change (a)			
Dec 2009						
over	3.7	10.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	0.0
Nov 2009						
Dec 2009						
over	-0.9	-4.2	6.5	-0.6	-0.7	2.9
Dec 2008						
LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX						
			Housing and	Transport	Alcohol	
Group	All		Household	and	and	Miscell-
	Items	Food	Operations	Communications	Tobacco	aneous
<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
2007	113.5	115.5	109.6	122.0		101.3

2008	128.3	134.0	109.6	122.0		101.3
2008						
December	140.6	150.1	113.8	143.1		100.0
2009						
January	141.1	150.0	113.5	143.1		105.8
February	141.6	149.9	114.7	130.6		111.7
March	141.2	149.4	114.9	130.6		111.7
April	140.9	149.6	115.4	130.6		105.8
May	141.1	149.8	116.1	130.6		105.8
June	142.1	151.0	116.9	134.3		105.8
July	141.1	149.9	115.5	134.3		105.8
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 (a)	141.1	149.8	115.8	134.3		105.8
			<i>Percentage Change (a)</i>			
Dec 2009						
over	0.1	0.0	0.7	0.0		0.0
Nov 2009						
Dec 2009						
over	0.4	-0.2	1.8	-6.1		5.8
Dec 2008						
(a): Provisional figures						
Note: n.a. Not applicable						