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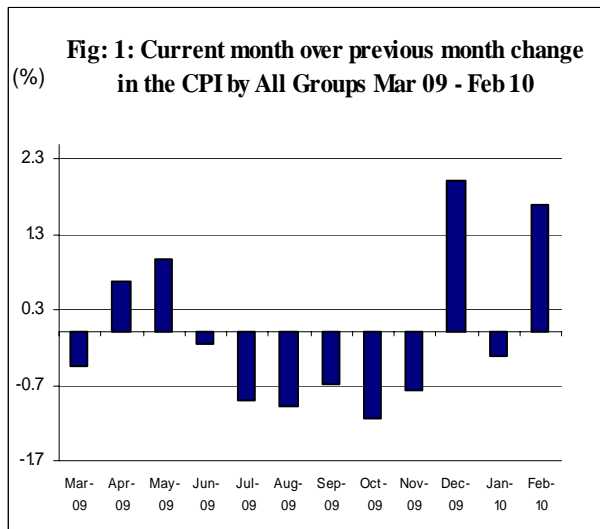
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - February 2010

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

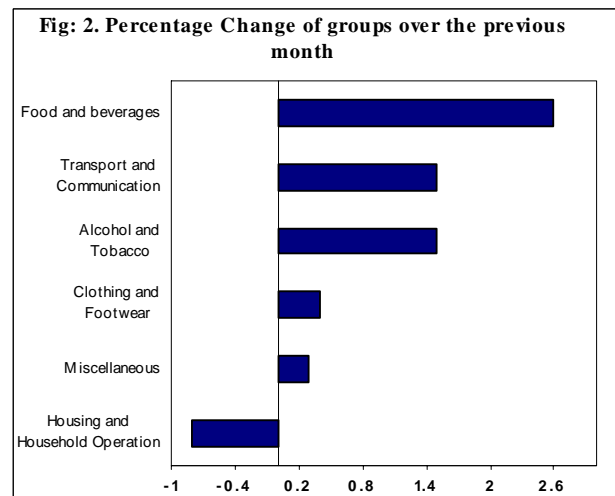
SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of February 2010 recorded an increase of 1.7 percent when compared to the previous month, and a decrease of 0.1 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 March 09 to February 10.



The 1.7 percent increase in the Overall Index is attributed mainly to an increase of

2.6 percent in the Food group index. Increases were also recorded for other groups namely Alcohol and Tobacco (1.5%), Transport and Communication (1.5%), Clothing and Footwear (0.4%) and Miscellaneous (0.3%). On the contrary, Housing and Household Operation group recorded a decrease of 0.8 percent. Graphically presented in Fig 2 is the February 2010 percentage change of groups over January 2010.



The 2.6 percent increase in the Food group was primarily due to higher prices recorded for mutton flaps, taamu, fresh fish (string, large, piece) and some vegetables namely tomatoes, chinese and head cabbages, cucumber, water cress and pumpkin.



Increased prices recorded for cigarette (Pall Mall Filter and Menthol, Pocket Edition) is reflected in the 1.5 percent increase in the Alcohol and Tobacco group index.



Higher prices recorded for petrol and telephone (local call) has resulted in the 1.5 percent increase in the Transport and Communication group index.



The 0.4 percent increase in the Clothing and Footwear group is primarily due to higher prices recorded for ie lanutasi (calico) and men's handkerchief.



Lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh) has contributed to the 0.8 percent decrease in the Housing and Household Operation group index.



Increased prices recorded for taamu, fresh fish (string, large, piece) and some vegetables namely tomatoes, chinese and head cabbages, cucumber, water cress, pumpkin, cigarette (Pall Mall Filter and Menthol, Pocket Edition) and telephone (local call) are the main contributor to the 3.1 percent increase in the local component.

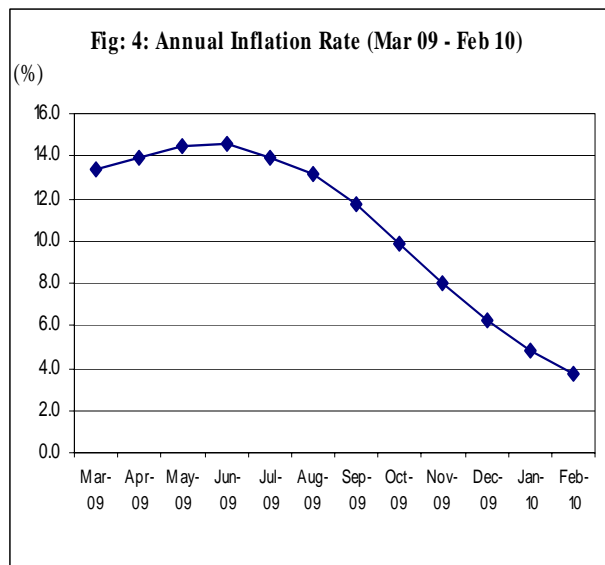


The imported component registered an increase of 0.6 percent due to higher prices recorded for petrol and spirit (whisky).



The All Items Underlying Index for February 2010 registered an increase of 0.3 percent when compared to January 2010, and a decrease of 0.8 percent when compared to February 2009. The 0.3 percent increase in the Overall Underlying Index is attributed to an increase of 0.6 percent in the local component. The imported component also increased by 0.1 percent.

The twelve months ending February 2010 compared to the twelve months ending February 2009 shows an increase of 3.7 percent, as illustrated below in Fig 4.



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

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