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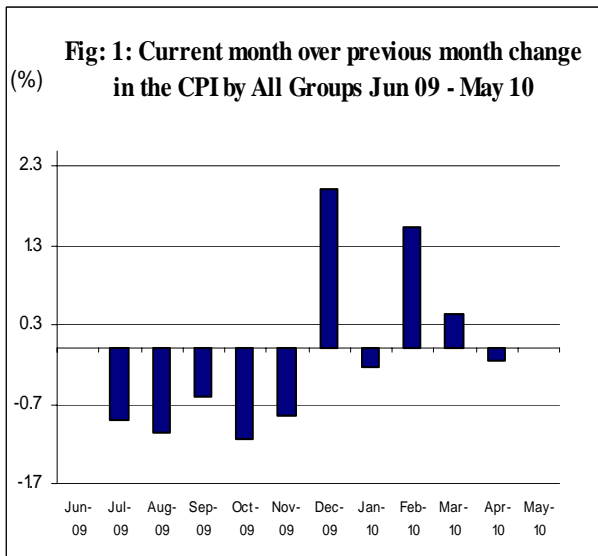
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - May 2010

(Based Period: Average Prices March 2004 = 100)

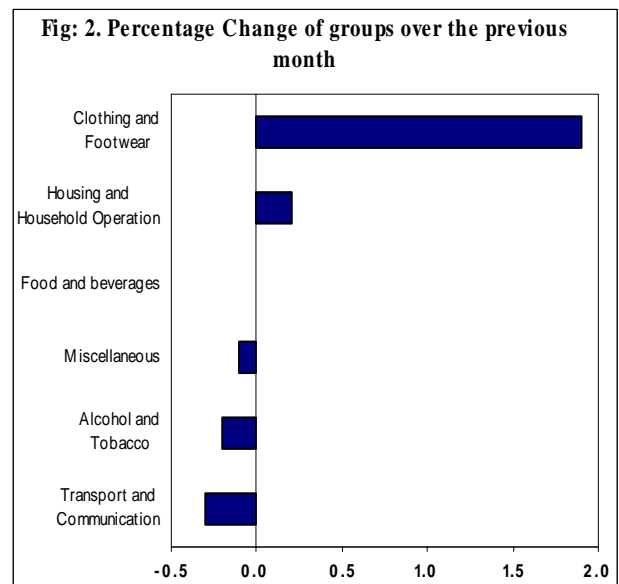
SUMMARY

The All Items Consumer Price Index for the month of May 2010 exhibit no change when compared to the previous month, but registered a decrease of 1.0 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 June 09 to May 10.

registered increases of 1.9 and 0.2 percent respectively, while Food group recorded no change from the previous month. On the contrary, decreases were recorded for other groups such as Transport and Communication (0.3%), Alcohol and Tobacco (0.2%) and Miscellaneous (0.1%). Graphically presented in Fig 2 is the May 2010 percentage change of groups over April 2010.



The Clothing and Footwear and Housing and Household Operation group indices



Higher prices recorded for jandals (soft rubber) and ie solosolo (cotton print) is reflected in the 1.9 percent increase in the Clothing and Footwear group index.



The 0.2 percent increase in the Housing and Household Operation group is primarily due to higher prices recorded for kerosene and refrigerator.



The 0.3 percent decrease in the Transport and Communication group is primarily due to lower prices recorded for car battery.



Decreased prices recorded for Samoan kava has contributed to the 0.2 percent decrease in the Alcohol and Tobacco group index.



The local component registered an increase 0.2 percent due to higher prices recorded for taro, coconut and some vegetables namely tomatoes and pumpkin.



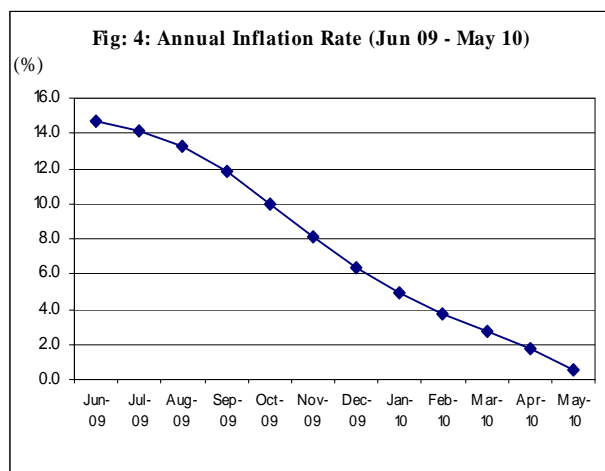
Lower prices recorded for rice, canned fish and chicken leg quarter are the main contributors to the 0.1 percent decrease in the imported component.



The All Items Underlying Index for May 2010 recorded a decrease of 0.1 percent when compared to April 2010, and a

decrease of 0.6 percent when compared to May 2009. The 0.1 percent decrease in the Overall Underlying Index is attributed to a decrease of 0.1 percent in the imported component. The local component registered an increase of 0.2 percent.

The twelve months ending May 2010 compared to the twelve months ending May 2009 registered an increase of 0.6 percent, as illustrated below in Fig 4.



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

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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
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							
May	134.5	145.4	88.8	129.0	126.6	127.7	114.5
June	134.5	144.7	89.0	130.7	126.5	128.0	115.8
July	133.3	142.3	88.7	129.1	127.5	127.9	116.0
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 (a)	133.2	138.2	92.2	134.0	130.4	132.1	120.6
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
May 2010 over Apr 2010	0.0	0.0	1.9	0.2	-0.3	-0.2	-0.1
May 2010 over May 2009	-1.0	-5.0	3.8	3.9	3.0	3.4	5.3
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
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							
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	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 (a)	139.6	147.5	92.2	114.8	154.4	122.9
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
May 2010 over Apr 2010	-0.1	-0.2	1.9	0.2	0.4	0.0
May 2010 over May 2009	-0.6	-1.3	3.8	-1.1	8.7	4.5

(a): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Unit	2009			2010		
		Mar	Apr	May	Mar	Apr	May (a)
1 Flour	1 lb	1.54	1.48	1.39	1.40	1.36	1.33
2 Rice	1 lb	2.16	2.22	2.22	1.90	1.78	1.63
3 Salt	1 lb	0.72	0.72	0.71	0.80	0.80	0.72
4 Sugar (Brown)	1 lb	1.06	1.07	1.10	1.05	1.19	1.33
5 Taamu	1 lb	2.00	1.91	2.15	0.82	1.15	1.19
6 Breadfruit	1 lb	1.13	0.72	0.78	0.38	0.48	0.58
7 Potatoes	1 lb	1.31	1.31	1.29	1.37	1.32	1.31
8 Onions	1 lb	1.34	1.30	1.29	1.40	1.35	1.24
9 Taro	1 lb	1.35	1.51	1.70	0.91	0.89	1.03
10 Yam	1 lb	1.57	1.31	1.44	1.27	1.47	1.32
11 Chinese Cabbage	1 lb	1.87	3.20	3.29	3.64	2.27	2.49
12 Head Cabbage	1 lb	2.80	3.59	5.28	4.59	3.57	3.61
13 Cucumbers	1 lb	1.53	1.55	1.71	1.80	2.12	1.84
14 Pumpkins	1 lb	0.70	0.78	1.17	1.14	1.00	1.54
15 Water Cress	1 lb	3.21	3.54	3.93	5.98	3.63	4.29
16 Tomatoes	1 lb	3.55	4.32	5.88	7.21	5.40	6.56
17 Taro leaves	1 lb	3.30	2.00	3.06	3.57	2.88	3.35
18 Bananas	1 lb	0.68	0.80	0.74	0.39	0.47	0.49
19 Coconuts	1 lb	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.22	0.19	0.24
20 String Fish	1 lb	3.32	3.89	4.26	3.53	3.48	3.56
21 Large Fish	1lb	4.30	6.35	5.93	6.74	6.27	4.43
22 Fish (piece)	1lb	4.47	5.69	5.06	7.01	7.08	5.16
23 Canned fish (Early Dawn Natural Oil)	15 oz	4.42	4.42	4.38	4.49	4.49	4.25
24 Mutton Flaps	1 lb	4.32	4.36	4.36	5.09	5.02	5.06
25 Mutton Neck	1 lb	3.64	3.54	3.64	4.42	4.38	4.38
26 Chicken leg quarters	1 lb	2.32	2.24	2.27	1.83	1.83	1.77
27 Turkey Wings	1 lb	2.90	2.75	2.94	3.43	3.43	3.35
28 Pig Trotter	1 lb	2.94	2.94	2.88	2.86	2.96	3.35
29 Eggs	doz	6.67	6.87	6.83	6.24	6.20	6.10
30 Cigarettes Pall Mall Filter	20 rolls	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.93	8.14	8.14
31 Cigarettes Pall Mall Menthol	20 rolls	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.93	8.14	8.14
32 Cigarettes (Pocket Edition)	packet	16.10	16.10	16.20	17.78	19.33	19.33
33 Samoan kava	packet	7.88	7.88	7.88	8.63	8.63	8.38
34 Shirt short sleeve white (children)	32 size	13.67	13.67	14.67	15.67	15.67	15.67
35 le Solosolo (cotton print 42 inch)	2yds	6.18	6.12	6.15	5.78	5.78	6.12
36 Jandals (soft rubber)	size 10.5	4.98	4.98	4.98	5.75	5.35	6.81

37	Electricity	kwh	0.83	0.81	0.80	0.89	0.90	0.90
38	Kerosene	1 ltr	2.28	2.19	2.12	2.14	2.23	2.26
39	Refrigerator (Fisher & Paykel)	331 litres	2690.00	2690.00	2600.00	2500.00	2500.00	2690.00
40	Petrol (unleaded)	1 ltr	2.35	2.30	2.36	2.44	2.56	2.52
41	Diesel	1 ltr	2.23	2.13	2.28	2.36	2.50	2.49
42	Car Battery (12 volt)	N50	272.00	272.00	263.67	249.33	261.00	264.33
43	Paracetamol	20 tab	2.17	2.17	1.83	2.17	2.50	2.50
44	Diapers (Huggies 16kg & over)	24 package	34.84	34.84	34.84	35.64	36.23	36.06
45	Washing soap (yellow)	bar	3.03	3.15	3.15	2.87	2.93	2.90

(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
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							
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	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 (a)	140.9	145.9	92.2	122.5	176.0	128.6	128.1
September (a)	109.5	106.7	83.9	114.9	152.2	103.7	106.1
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>							
May 2010 over Apr 2010	-0.1	-0.3	1.9	0.7	-1.0	0.0	0.0
May 2010 over May 2009	-0.3	-2.2	3.8	0.4	6.6	5.8	4.9
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	n.a.	35
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							
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	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 (a)	138.4	145.9	92.2	114.8	175.7	128.1
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>						
May 2010 over Apr 2010	-0.1	-0.3	1.9	0.4	0.8	0.0
May 2010 over May 2009	-1.3	-2.2	3.8	-1.1	13.9	4.9

(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>	563	215	64	114	105	65
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						
May	129.5	140.4	134.3	117.8	128.7	110.4
June	129.4	139.0	136.2	117.9	128.7	112.4
July	128.1	136.2	134.1	117.9	128.7	112.4
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 (a)	127.3	128.0	142.7	118.4	132.6	116.7
<i>Percentage Change (a)</i>						
May 2010 over Apr 2010	0.2	0.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0
May 2010 over May 2009	-1.7	-8.8	6.3	0.5	3.0	5.7
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
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					
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	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 (a)	143.2	152.3	114.8	134.3	109.4
<u>Percentage Change (a)</u>					
May 2010 over Apr 2010	0.2	0.3	-0.3	0.0	0.0
May 2010 over May 2009	1.5	1.7	-1.1	2.8	3.4

(a): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable