

Please address all correspondence
To Government Statistician
In reply, please quote the file reference



File Ref: CPI 3/17

GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX March 2017

Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for March 2017 decreased by 0.6 percent compared to the previous month.

- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index decreased by 1.3 percent, driven down by lower prices for market staples and fresh fish.
- Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance index increased by 1.3 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended March 2017 was 1.2 percent.

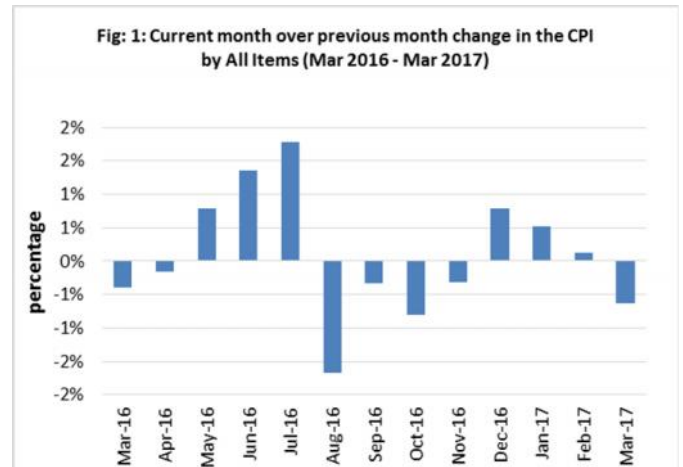
In the year to March 2017, the CPI rose 1.4 percent.

SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for March 2017 was 0.6 percent lower than in February 2017 and was 1.4 percent higher than March 2016.

The decrease of the Local Goods component by 1.4 percent reflects lower prices for local food and airline fare which were also the main contributors to the decrease of 0.6 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

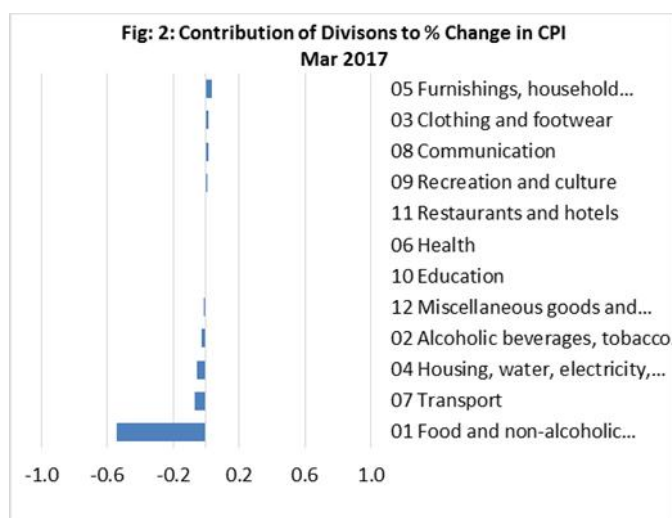
The Imported Goods Component recorded an increase of 0.1 percent over February 2017. Figure 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by All Divisions from March 2016 to March 2017.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Total All Divisions Contribution

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, Transport along with Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels divisions were the main contributors to the overall decrease of 0.6 percent in the All Divisions Consumer Price Index.



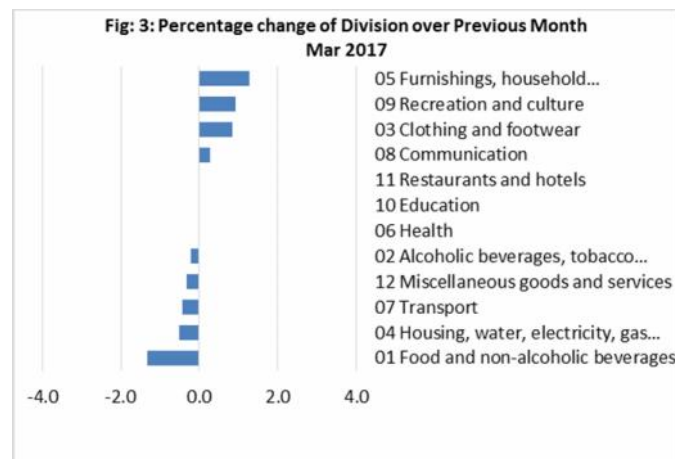
Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The 0.6 percent decrease in the Overall Index is attributed mainly to a decrease of 1.3 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index, 0.5 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity Gas and Other Fuel index, 0.4 percent decrease in the Transport index, 0.3 percent decrease in the Miscellaneous Goods and Services index and a slight decrease of 0.2 percent in the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco index.

On the contrary, increases were recorded for other divisions namely Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance with 1.3 percent, Recreation and culture with 0.9 percent, Clothing and Footwear with 0.8 percent and Communication with 0.3 percent.

No changes were recorded for the Health, Education and Restaurants indices. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the March 2017 percentage change for all divisions from February 2017.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Local Goods Component

The Local Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 1.4 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for taro, fresh fish (piece and large), chinese cabbage, koko samoa, tomato and airline fare.

Imported Goods Component

Increased prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) and washing powder have resulted in the 0.1 percent increase in the Imported Goods Component.

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

Lower prices recorded for taro, fresh fish (piece and large), chinese cabbage, koko samoa and tomato is reflected in the 1.3 percent decrease in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

The 0.5 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index was a result of the lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh).

Transport Index

A decrease of 0.4 percent in the Transport index was a reflection of the lower prices recorded for airline fare (Apia-Auckland-Apia).

Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

The Furnishing, Household, Equipment and Maintenance Index recorded an increase of 1.3 percent higher due to the rise in prices recorded for washing powder, washing soap and mosquito coil.

Recreation and Culture Index

Increased prices recorded for LCD television and laptop have resulted in the 0.9 percent increase in the Recreation and Culture index.

Clothing and Footwear Index

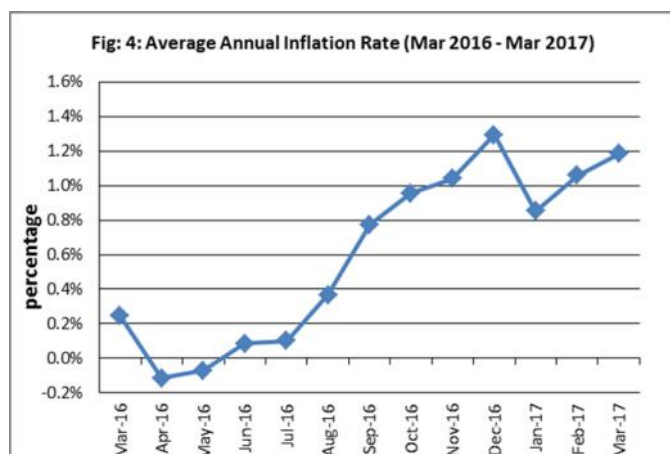
Higher prices recorded for jandals, puletasi and long sleeve shirt for men resulted in the 0.8 percent increase in the Clothing and Footwear index.

Underlying Indices ^{1/}

The All Items Underlying Index for March 2017 registered no change when compared to February 2017, and an increase of 1.6 percent when compared to March 2016. The Imported Items Underlying Index registered a decrease of 0.1 percent, while Local Items Underlying Index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent.

Average Annual Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended March 2017 was 1.2 percent. For the twelve months ending March 2016 the inflation rate was 0.2 percent. Presented in Fig 4 is the Average annual inflation rate (March 2016 - March 2017).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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

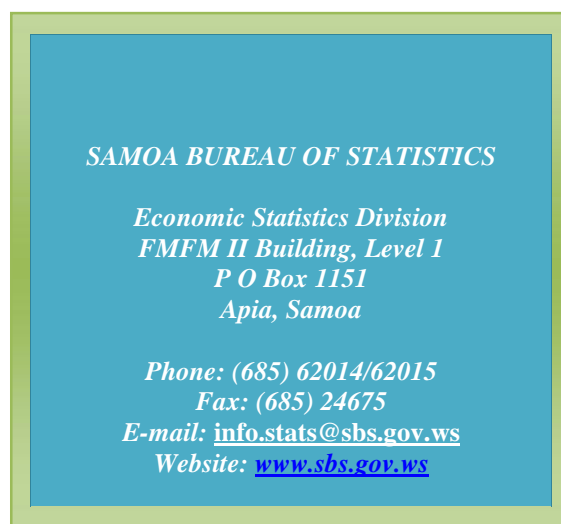
Technical Notes:

The Consumer Price (CPI) measures the rate of inflation for Samoa. It is designed to measure the change in prices for the goods purchased by households in Samoa. The CPI measures the change in prices by comparing the prices for a basket of goods and services at the collection period with the price for the same goods in a base period.

The basket of goods that is priced is based on the average expenditures of households as recorded in the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES). The HIES survey identifies how much households spend on different items. The more households spend on an item on average, the more important it is to the price index, and the higher the weight in the index.

^{1/} *Monthly movements in the 'headline' CPI series can be volatile. This volatility reflects price changes in particular items that may be due, among other factors, to fluctuations in commodity markets and agricultural conditions, policy changes, or seasonal or infrequent price resetting.*

Underlying inflation is measure of inflation that excludes certain items that face volatile price movements. Underlying inflation eliminates products that can have temporary price shocks because these shocks can diverge from the overall trend of inflation and give a false measure of inflation.



Date of release: 18th April 2017.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 9th May 2017.

Muagututi'a S Reupena.
GOVERNMENT STATISTICIAN

Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.
(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	1000.0	403.7	128.4	21.2	119.6	30.8	4.6	148.5	51.5	6.1	19.7	22.4	43.5
Ave - 2014	99.1	94.8	96.1	98.9	114.3	98.9	97.3	115.8	100.1	99.7	98.3	92.2	101.9
Ave - 2015	99.8	97.9	97.7	98.6	106.0	99.7	99.9	108.7	100.0	99.9	100.0	98.7	99.2
Ave - 2016	101.1	103.7	102.8	98.8	92.6	99.4	99.2	101.3	100.0	95.4	101.1	99.3	100.6
2016													
March	99.6	100.6	99.7	99.7	96.7	100.1	100.2	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
April	99.5	101.9	99.8	99.9	95.8	99.5	100.2	95.1	100.0	93.9	100.0	100.0	100.5
May	100.2	102.3	99.8	99.8	94.7	98.4	98.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.2
June	101.6	105.9	99.8	99.2	92.9	98.5	98.0	100.7	100.0	98.3	100.0	100.0	102.1
July	103.4	106.5	105.5	99.2	93.1	99.3	96.7	106.0	100.0	94.1	102.2	100.0	101.7
August	101.7	105.2	106.0	97.9	84.5	99.4	96.7	104.3	100.0	93.2	102.2	100.0	101.5
September	101.3	105.0	105.7	97.5	89.1	99.5	96.7	100.0	100.0	91.6	102.2	98.0	100.6
October	100.5	103.3	105.7	97.7	88.1	99.9	101.3	99.9	100.0	91.6	102.2	98.0	99.6
November	100.2	103.0	105.8	97.7	86.0	99.1	101.3	100.4	100.0	91.6	102.2	98.0	99.7
December	101.0	103.3	105.8	97.7	86.3	98.4	101.3	105.0	100.0	90.3	102.2	98.0	99.3
2017													
January	101.5	104.5	106.0	97.6	90.0	98.5	101.3	102.0	100.0	91.6	102.2	98.0	99.1
February	101.6	102.6	106.1	97.8	91.3	98.3	94.5	108.0	100.0	87.7	96.8	98.0	99.6
March (P)	101.0	101.2	105.8	98.6	90.9	99.6	94.5	107.5	100.3	88.5	96.8	98.0	99.3
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2017 over Feb 2017	-0.6%	-1.3%	-0.2%	0.8%	-0.5%	1.3%	0.0%	-0.4%	0.3%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%
Mar 2017 over Mar 2016	1.4%	0.6%	6.1%	-1.1%	-6.0%	-0.5%	-5.7%	8.9%	0.3%	-11.5%	-3.2%	-2.0%	-0.6%
ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	586.7	345.3	n.a	21.2	24.2	30.8	3.5	26.4	51.5	5.6	12.3	22.4	43.5
Ave - 2014	105.0	107.3		98.9	102.2	98.9	96.5	102.9		95.4		92.1	102.0
Ave - 2015	102.5	103.5		98.7	101.7	99.7	98.8	101.9		98.3		98.7	99.2
Ave - 2016	101.7	103.2		98.8	97.5	99.4	99.0	100.2		95.0		99.3	100.6
2016													
March	100.2	100.6		99.7	97.4	100.1	100.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
April	100.6	101.4		99.9	97.5	99.5	100.3	100.0	100.0	93.4	100.0	100.0	100.5
May	100.5	101.0		99.8	97.6	98.4	97.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.2
June	103.3	105.7		99.2	97.9	98.5	97.4	100.2	100.0	98.2	100.0	100.0	102.1
July	102.9	105.0		99.2	97.5	99.3	95.7	100.4	100.0	93.7	103.5	100.0	101.7
August	102.7	104.7		97.9	97.6	99.4	95.7	99.8	100.0	92.6	103.5	100.0	101.5
September	102.7	104.9		97.5	97.5	99.5	95.7	100.9	100.0	90.9	103.5	98.0	100.6
October	102.7	105.0		97.7	97.7	99.9	101.8	100.9	100.0	91.0	103.5	98.0	99.6
November	102.5	104.9		97.7	94.1	99.1	101.8	100.4	100.0	91.0	103.5	98.0	99.7
December	102.2	104.6		97.7	94.1	98.4	101.8	100.0	100.0	89.6	103.5	98.0	99.3
2017													
January	102.4	105.0		97.6	94.3	98.5	101.8	101.2	100.0	91.0	103.5	98.0	99.1
February	101.9	104.4		97.8	94.1	98.3	92.7	101.1	100.0	86.8	94.8	98.0	99.6
March (P)	101.8	104.2		98.6	94.1	99.6	92.7	101.1	100.3	87.6	94.8	98.0	99.3
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2017 over Feb 2017	0.0%	-0.3%		0.8%	0.0%	1.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%
Mar 2017 over Mar 2016	1.6%	3.6%		-1.1%	-3.4%	-0.5%	-7.6%	1.1%	0.3%	-12.4%	-5.2%	-2.0%	-0.6%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2016			2017		
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages								
Leg Quarters Chicken	62.2	kg	2.45	2.74	2.84	3.35	3.31	3.36
Raw Sugar	21.3	kg	2.38	2.65	2.65	3.12	3.13	3.01
Bread	17.2	loaf	1.71	1.78	1.78	1.73	1.75	1.72
Corned Beef (a)	15.9	12 oz	8.20	8.57	8.57	8.67	8.37	8.25
Taro	15.2	kg	2.69	2.37	2.25	2.18	1.69	1.53
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.4	kg	3.31	3.52	3.54	3.22	3.13	3.19
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.4	907g	3.40	3.42	3.41	3.28	3.33	3.18
Canned fish between \$3.00 and \$3.99 Natural Oil	12.7	15 oz	3.93	3.29	3.29	3.46	3.40	3.45
Bongo	10.2	20grms	0.73	0.82	0.81	0.84	0.81	0.81
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.2	pkt 10	6.43	5.87	5.84	6.25	6.25	6.25
Tip Top Ice Cream (a)	9.2	2 ltr	15.10	14.92	14.92	14.95	14.97	14.78
Ramen maggie	9.0	85grms	1.06	1.10	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.16
Fish (Piece)	7.9	kg	17.43	18.08	15.70	18.22	15.48	11.03
Butter Anchor	7.7	454g	11.40	11.71	11.71	12.19	12.19	12.36
Round Pancake (a)	7.5	sml	0.10	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Mutton Flaps	6.6	kg	15.65	15.90	14.59	17.02	16.92	16.81
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	4.68	4.48	4.46	4.77	4.91	4.81
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	2.50	2.82	2.75	2.53	2.62	2.52
Wings Turkey	6.3	kg	6.45	6.69	6.74	4.13	4.12	4.10
Fish (string)	6.0	kg	10.82	9.75	9.08	9.51	8.46	8.94
Fish (large)	6.0	kg	19.16	16.04	14.98	16.95	14.17	13.99
02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics								
Lager Beer	37.9	355 mls	3.34	3.42	3.41	3.43	3.44	3.45
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.3	20 rolls	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.3	20 rolls	10.50	10.50	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Beer (a)	16.3	330 mls	3.20	3.24	3.18	3.33	3.33	3.31
Winfield Tobacco (a)	12.6	packet	12.80	12.90	12.90	14.68	14.68	14.68
03 Clothing and footwear								
Uniform Ie Faitaga College boys	4.3	size 8-10	31.50	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.7	size 7	32.00	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.67	33.33
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels								
Electricity / Cashpower / kwh 1- 100 / total cost per unit / loc	50.6	kwh	0.63	0.60	0.60	0.68	0.70	0.69
Reservoir treated Water	28.5	15-40 m3	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Liquid gas	15.8	9kg	63.00	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50
Government house Rent	12.2	2 b/room	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance								
Washing powder (a)	6.3	200g	1.50	1.82	1.82	1.87	1.84	1.87
Soap yellow Washing soap	5.9	bar	2.82	2.85	2.89	2.79	2.79	2.81
Mosquito coil	4.4	12 coil	1.43	1.43	1.40	1.28	1.28	1.30
06 Health								
Amoxicillin mg Tablets (a)	2.5	500 mg	8.03	7.60	7.62	7.33	6.67	6.67
Hospital Charge	1.1	night	30.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2016			2017		
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
07 Transport								
Petrol	60.8	1 ltr	2.31	2.18	2.07	2.32	2.52	2.56
Taxi Fare PO Motootua Hosp	8.2	per trip	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80
Taxi Fares PO Malua	8.2	per trip	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30
Taxi Fares PO Falefa	8.2	per trip	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20
Air Fares Fagalii Pago Fagalii	6.8	return trip	395.00	395.00	395.00	380.00	380.00	380.00
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.8	1 month	1797.60	1285.41	1719.50	949.25	1548.80	1163.00
08 Communication								
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20
09 Recreation and culture								
Television (a)	2.30	LCD	1224.67	1224.67	1224.67	1007.83	941.00	957.83
Exercise Book warwick	1.44	1B4 64 paç	1.33	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
Laptop (a)	1.33	each	3259.00	3259.00	3259.00	2999.60	2729.60	2771.60
10 Education								
Fees PTA Primary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6	67.50	67.50	67.50	72.50	62.50	62.50
Fees PTA Secondary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10	49.00	49.00	49.00	48.00	48.00	48.00
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registration	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00
Fees Secondary Y Examination Fees (a)	3.61	Y12-13	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50
11 Restaurants and hotels								
Fish & Meal	7.79	1 serve	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Curry & Meal	4.87	1 serve	3.50	3.33	3.33	3.00	3.00	3.00
Chicken & Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	9.10	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36
Steam rice & chicken Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83
12 Miscellaneous goods and services								
Paper Sofan deluxe ply Toilet Paper	8.52	250 sheets	0.90	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.99
Hair Gel	4.59	1124ml	3.60	5.06	5.06	4.69	5.11	5.11
Remains price for Storage of remains (a)	4.41	per day	60.00	56.67	56.67	60.00	60.00	60.00
Basic Casket (a)	4.41	each	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67
Standard Embalming (a)	4.41	1 person	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Toilet soap (a)	4.38	90g	1.66	1.85	1.84	1.85	1.84	1.85
Diapers (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg	13.98	13.13	13.14	10.67	10.67	10.67

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(a) : New commodity from February 2016

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : Please note unit of conversion was in pound's (lb's) but been converted into kilograms (kg)

Table 3. IMPORTED GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing,Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	494.7	269.1	23.8	15.2	28.3	26.9	2.5	88.6	n.a	5.6	n.a	n.a	34.7
Ave - 2014	110.7	109.6	110.8	100.9	108.7	98.2	98.0	138.3		91.3			102.0
Ave - 2015	104.5	104.5	103.0	99.5	104.5	99.1	100.5	114.0		96.8			99.2
Ave - 2016	102.5	103.9	105.1	98.8	98.7	99.3	98.5	101.8		95.0			100.7
2016													
March	99.4	100.8	100.0	99.7	96.1	100.1	100.4	95.8		100.0			99.8
April	99.4	101.7	100.7	99.8	96.7	99.4	100.4	92.6		93.4			100.6
May	100.3	101.2	100.7	99.8	98.0	98.2	96.2	98.4		100.0			101.5
June	103.9	107.1	100.8	99.6	98.8	98.3	96.2	100.5		98.2			102.6
July	104.9	106.1	109.1	99.6	99.6	99.2	93.8	106.8		93.7			102.1
August	104.9	105.8	109.1	97.9	100.2	99.3	93.8	107.8		92.6			101.9
September	103.7	106.1	109.5	98.0	99.3	99.5	93.8	100.8		90.9			100.8
October	103.6	106.1	109.5	97.6	98.8	99.9	102.5	100.6		91.0			99.5
November	104.1	106.1	110.2	97.7	96.5	99.0	102.5	104.5		91.0			99.1
December	104.6	105.8	110.2	97.8	97.5	98.2	102.5	108.2		89.6			98.6
2017													
January	104.3	106.2	110.2	97.6	96.8	98.3	102.5	105.4		91.0			98.3
February	105.0	105.3	110.2	97.6	98.3	98.1	89.5	112.1		86.8			99.0
March (P)	105.1	105.0	109.7	98.2	98.4	99.5	89.5	113.5		87.6			98.6
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2017 over Feb 2017	0.1%	-0.3%	-0.5%	0.6%	0.1%	1.5%	0.0%	1.2%		1.0%			-0.4%
Mar 2017 over Mar 2016	5.7%	4.2%	9.7%	-1.5%	2.4%	-0.6%	-10.8%	18.5%		-12.4%			-1.3%
IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing,Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	401.2	269.1	n.a	15.2	24.2	26.9	2.5	23.0	n.a	5.6	n.a	n.a	34.7
Ave - 2014	107.3	109.6		100.9	102.5	98.2	98.0	108.9		91.3			102.0
Ave - 2015	103.4	104.5		99.5	102.0	99.1	100.5	105.9		96.8			99.2
Ave - 2016	102.4	103.9		98.8	97.5	99.3	98.5	100.1		95.0			100.7
2016													
March	100.3	100.8		99.7	97.4	100.1	100.4	100.0		100.0			99.8
April	100.9	101.7		99.8	97.5	99.4	100.4	100.0		93.4			100.6
May	100.7	101.2		99.8	97.6	98.2	96.2	100.0		100.0			101.5
June	104.7	107.1		99.6	97.9	98.3	96.2	100.0		98.2			102.6
July	103.9	106.1		99.6	97.5	99.2	93.8	100.2		93.7			102.1
August	103.6	105.8		97.9	97.6	99.3	93.8	99.5		92.6			101.9
September	103.7	106.1		98.0	97.5	99.5	93.8	100.8		90.9			100.8
October	103.7	106.1		97.6	97.7	99.9	102.5	100.8		91.0			99.5
November	103.4	106.1		97.7	94.1	99.0	102.5	100.2		91.0			99.1
December	103.0	105.8		97.8	94.1	98.2	102.5	99.8		89.6			98.6
2017													
January	103.4	106.2		97.6	94.3	98.3	102.5	101.1		91.0			98.3
February	102.7	105.3		97.6	94.1	98.1	89.5	101.0		86.8			99.0
March (P)	102.6	105.0		98.2	94.1	99.5	89.5	101.0		87.6			98.6
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2017 over Feb 2017	-0.1%	-0.3%		0.6%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.1%		1.0%			-0.4%
Mar 2017 over Mar 2016	2.2%	4.2%		-1.5%	-3.4%	-0.6%	-10.8%	1.0%		-12.4%			-1.3%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 4. LOCAL GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

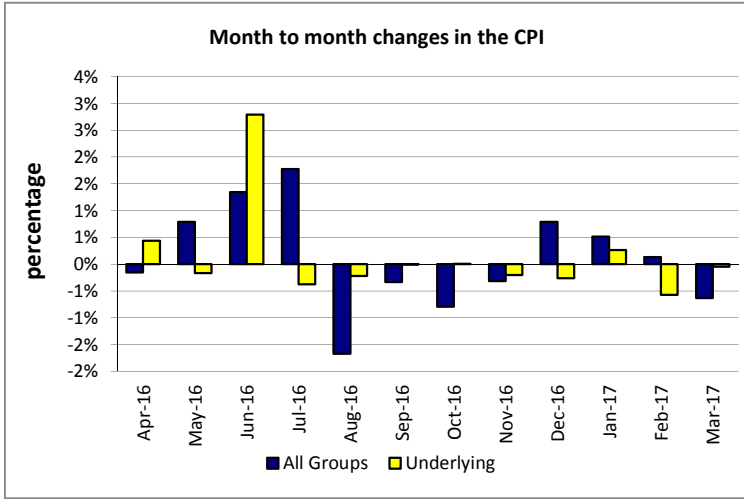
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	505.3	134.6	104.6	6.0	91.3	3.9	2.2	59.9	51.5	0.4	19.7	22.4	8.8
Ave - 2014	91.9	81.5	93.4	96.3	115.9	100.8	95.8	99.8	100.1	100.0	98.2	92.1	
Ave - 2015	96.9	92.0	96.7	97.6	106.4	101.3	98.2	104.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.7	
Ave - 2016	99.7	102.5	102.3	98.6	90.7	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	101.1	99.3	
2016													
March	99.8	100.4	99.6	99.6	96.8	100.0	100.0	103.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	99.5	102.2	99.6	100.0	95.5	100.0	100.0	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
May	100.2	104.6	99.6	100.0	93.6	100.0	100.0	101.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
June	99.3	103.5	99.5	98.2	91.1	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
July	101.9	107.3	104.6	98.2	91.1	100.0	100.0	104.8	100.0	100.0	102.2	100.0	100.0
August	98.5	104.2	105.3	97.9	79.6	100.0	100.0	99.2	100.0	100.0	102.2	100.0	100.0
September	99.0	102.8	104.8	96.2	86.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	100.0	102.2	98.0	100.0
October	97.5	97.8	104.8	98.0	84.7	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	100.0	102.2	98.0	100.0
November	96.3	96.6	104.8	97.5	82.8	100.0	100.0	94.4	100.0	100.0	102.2	98.0	102.3
December	97.5	98.3	104.8	97.5	82.8	100.0	100.0	100.4	100.0	100.0	102.2	98.0	102.3
2017													
January	98.8	101.1	105.0	97.5	87.9	100.0	100.0	96.8	100.0	100.0	102.2	98.0	102.3
February	98.3	97.1	105.1	98.2	89.2	100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0	100.0	96.8	98.0	102.3
March (P)	97.0	93.7	104.9	99.6	88.5	100.0	100.0	98.6	100.3	100.0	96.8	98.0	102.3
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2017 over Feb 2017	-1.4%	-3.5%	-0.2%	1.5%	-0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mar 2017 over Mar 2016	-2.9%	-6.7%	5.3%	0.0%	-8.6%	0.0%	0.0%	-4.3%	0.3%	0.0%	-3.2%	-2.0%	2.3%

LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX

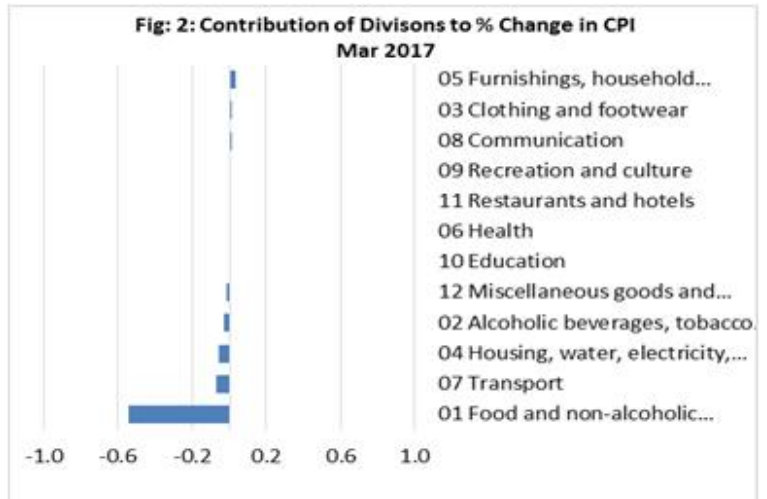
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	185.5	76.1	n.a	6.0	n.a	3.9	1.0	3.4	51.5	n.a	12.3	22.4	8.8
Ave - 2014	98.3	99.7		96.3	98.3	100.8	80.0	100.0		100.0		92.1	
Ave - 2015	99.9	100.3		97.6	98.8	101.3	91.7	100.0		100.0		98.7	
Ave - 2016	100.3	100.6		98.6		100.0	100.0	101.0				99.3	
2016													
March	99.9	99.8		99.6		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
April	100.1	100.2		100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
May	100.1	100.2		100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
June	100.3	100.8		98.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
July	100.7	101.1		98.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	100.0	100.0
August	100.6	101.1		97.9		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	100.0	100.0
September	100.3	100.9		96.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	98.0	100.0
October	100.3	100.9		98.0		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	98.0	100.0
November	100.3	100.7		97.5		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	98.0	102.3
December	100.3	100.6		97.5		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	98.0	102.3
2017													
January	100.3	100.6		97.5		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	98.0	102.3
February	100.0	101.2		98.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		94.8	98.0	102.3
March (P)	100.1	101.2		99.6		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.3		94.8	98.0	102.3
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2017 over Feb 2017	0.1%	0.0%		1.5%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mar 2017 over Mar 2016	0.2%	1.4%		0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	1.8%	0.3%		-5.2%	-2.0%	2.3%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics
(P): Provisional figures
Note: n.a. Not applicable

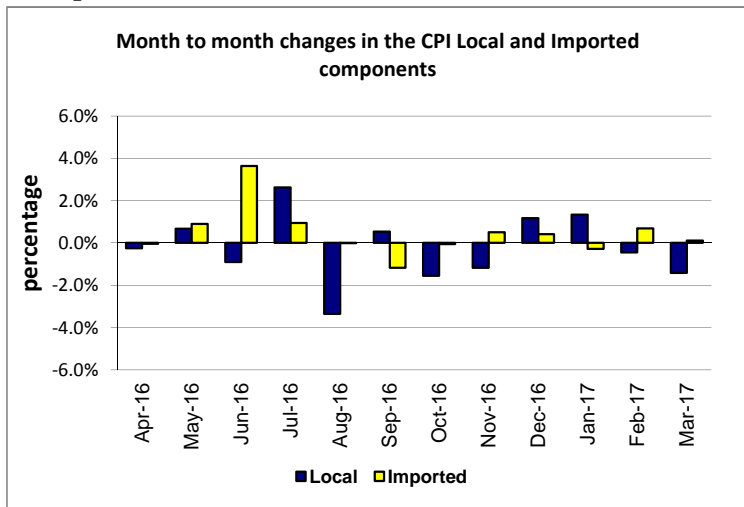
Graph.1



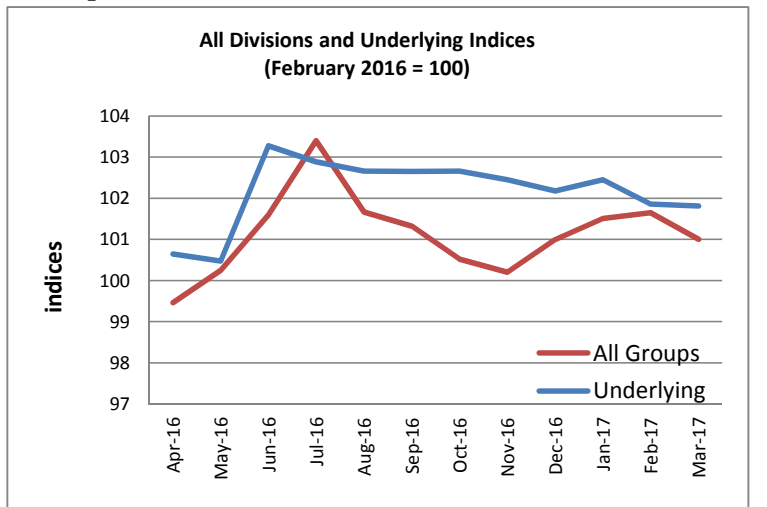
Graph.2



Graph.3



Graph.4



Graph.5

