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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2019

### Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for February 2019 increased by 0.7 percent compared to the previous month.

- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 2.2 percent.
- The Clothing and Footwear index also increased by 1.6 percent.
- The continue decrease of oil prices internationally in February 2019 has pushed local fuel prices down as reflected in the 1.6 percent decrease in the Transport index.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended February 2019 was 3.4 percent.

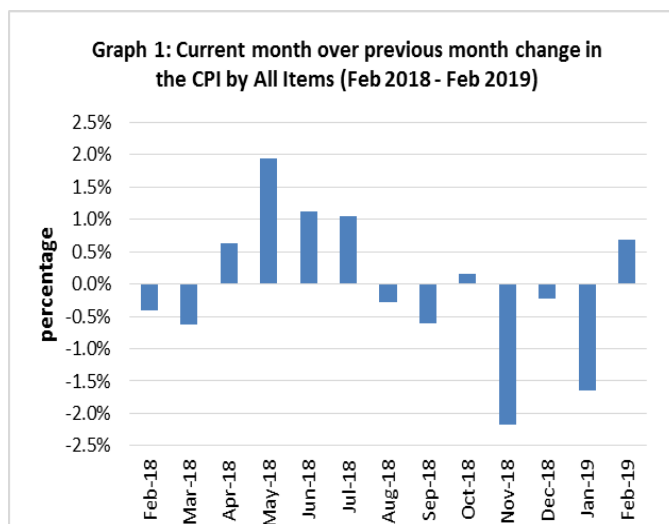
In the year to February 2018, the CPI remained unchanged.

### SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for February 2019 was 0.7 percent higher than January 2019, and no change when compared to February 2018.

The increase of the Imported Goods component by 2.1 percent from the previous month was due to higher prices for imported food and spirit which were also the main contributors to the increase of 0.7 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

Decreased prices recorded for local food was result in the 0.7 percent decrease in the Local Good Component. Graph 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by all Divisions from February 2018 to February 2019.

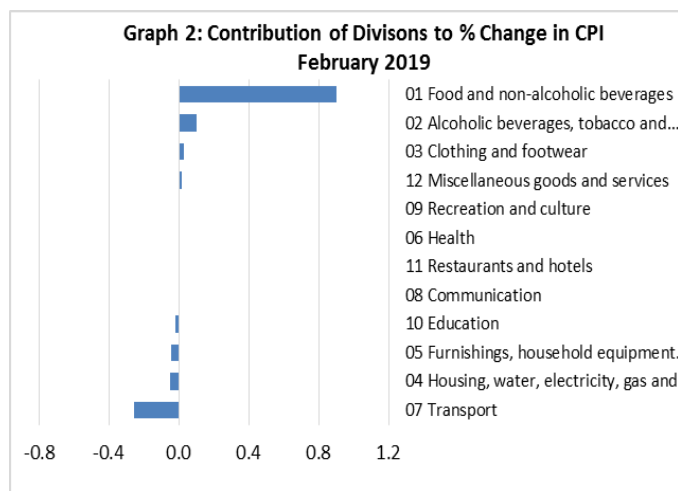


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## Total All Divisions Contribution

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco divisions were the main contributors to the overall increase of 0.7 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand, there was offsetting negative contribution from the Transport division with 0.1 percent.



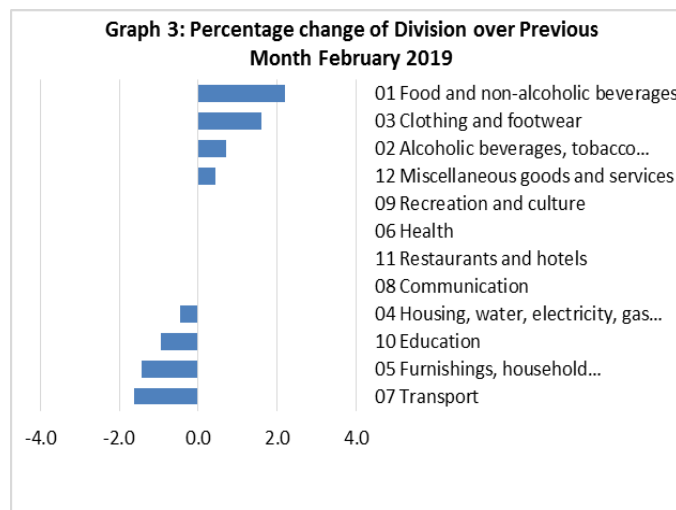
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## Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The 0.7 percent increase in the Overall Index was mainly due to an increase of 2.2 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index. Clothing and Footwear index also recorded an increase of 1.6 percent, while Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco and Miscellaneous Goods and Services indices showed increases of 0.7 and 0.4 percent respectively.

On the contrary, decreases were recorded for other divisions namely Transport with 1.6 percent, Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance with 1.4 percent, Education with 0.9 percent and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels with 0.5 percent.

No changes were recorded for Health, Communication, Recreation and Culture and Restaurants indices. Graphically presented in Graph 3 is the February 2019 percentage change for all divisions from January 2019.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 2.1 percent when compared to the previous month. This increase was mainly due to higher prices recorded for chicken leg quarter, raw sugar, canned fish, spirit, cargo short and shirt.

## Local Goods Component

Decreased prices recorded for taro, fresh fish (piece, string and large), koko samoa, green banana, coconut, taamu and head cabbage have resulted in the 0.7 percent decrease in the Local Good Component.

## Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

An increase of 2.2 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index was a reflection of the higher prices recorded for chicken leg quarter, raw sugar, canned fish and tomato.

## Clothing and Footwear Index

The 1.6 percent increase in the Clothing and Footwear index was a result of the higher prices recorded for school uniform, puletasi, cargo short and shirt.

## Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

Higher prices recorded for toilet paper and toilet soap is reflected in the 0.4 percent increase in the Miscellaneous Good and Services index.

## Transport Index

The Transport index recorded a decrease of 1.6 percent lower due to the decline in prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel).

## Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

Decreased prices recorded for washing soap, mosquito coil and bush knife is reflected in the 1.4 percent decrease in the Furnishing, Household, Equipment and Maintenance index.

## Education

The 0.9 percent decrease in the Education index was a result of the lower prices recorded for Parents Teachers Association (PTA) fees.

## Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

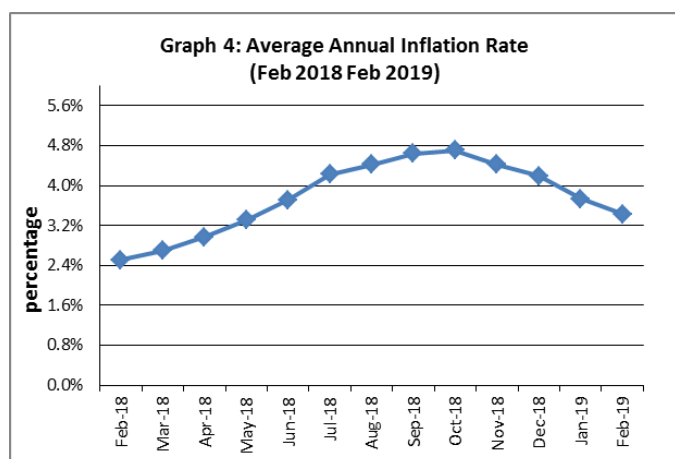
Lower prices recorded for kerosene is resulted in the 0.5 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index.

## Underlying Indices <sup>1/</sup>

The All Items Underlying Index for February 2019 registered an increase of 2.7 percent when compared to January 2019, and a decrease of 0.9 percent when compared to February 2018. The Imported Items Underlying Index registered an increase of 3.9 percent, while the Local Items Underlying Index also recorded an increase of 0.2 percent.

## Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended February 2019 was 3.4 percent. For the twelve months ending February 2018 the inflation rate was 2.5 percent. Presented in Graph 4 is the average annual inflation rate (February 2018 - February 2019).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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

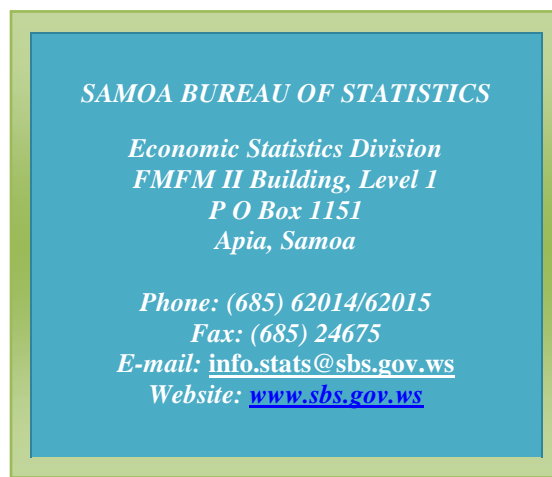
## Technical Notes:

The Consumer Price (CPI) measures the rate of inflation for Samoa. It is designed to measure the change in prices for the goods and services 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.

<sup>1/</sup> 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 a 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: 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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**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
<i>Weights</i>	<b>1000.0</b>	<b>403.7</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>
<i>Ave - 2016</i>	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
<i>Ave - 2017</i>	102.9	105.1	107.6	96.6	92.2	99.1	95.6	107.3	101.2	90.7	97.9	98.3	98.1
<i>Ave - 2018</i>	107.2	111.0	112.3	95.3	91.0	98.0	97.0	115.0	103.3	92.6	110.4	99.0	97.8
2018													
February	105.3	108.2	110.6	94.7	90.9	98.6	95.3	111.3	103.4	92.9	111.6	98.6	97.6
March	104.7	106.8	110.9	94.6	89.4	99.0	95.3	112.0	103.4	92.9	111.6	98.6	96.8
April	105.3	107.9	111.1	95.0	90.7	98.8	95.3	111.9	103.4	93.2	111.6	98.6	97.5
May	107.4	112.1	112.5	95.0	89.8	98.4	95.3	113.6	103.4	93.2	111.6	98.6	97.9
June	108.6	115.3	112.1	95.0	88.1	97.3	95.3	115.2	103.4	93.2	111.6	98.6	97.6
July	109.7	116.7	112.0	95.0	89.7	97.6	98.5	117.4	103.4	93.2	111.6	98.6	98.3
August	109.4	115.6	113.2	95.0	92.9	97.2	98.5	114.9	103.4	92.0	111.6	98.6	98.1
September	108.7	113.1	113.6	94.8	93.5	98.2	98.5	116.1	103.4	92.0	111.6	98.6	97.9
October	108.9	112.4	113.8	96.0	95.2	97.9	98.5	117.4	103.4	93.8	111.6	98.6	98.0
November	106.5	108.1	113.6	96.2	89.7	97.6	98.5	117.8	103.4	92.3	111.6	100.6	98.0
December	106.3	107.0	113.6	96.3	89.6	96.8	99.9	119.3	102.9	90.9	111.6	100.6	98.2
2019													
January	104.6	106.0	115.4	93.7	89.4	97.6	99.9	109.3	102.9	91.0	111.6	100.6	98.1
February (P)	105.3	108.3	116.3	95.2	89.0	96.2	99.9	107.5	102.9	91.0	110.5	100.6	98.5
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Feb 2019 over Jan 2019	0.7%	2.2%	0.7%	1.6%	-0.5%	-1.4%	0.0%	-1.6%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.4%
Feb 2019 over Feb 2018	0.0%	0.1%	5.1%	0.5%	-2.1%	-2.5%	4.8%	-3.4%	-0.5%	-2.1%	-0.9%	2.0%	0.9%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 2. ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING 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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>586.7</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>
Ave - 2016	101.7	103.2		98.8	97.5	99.4	99.0	100.2		95.0		99.3	100.6
Ave - 2017	104.1	107.9		96.6	93.8	99.1	94.2	104.2	101.2	90.0	96.7	98.3	98.1
Ave - 2018	106.6	110.8		95.3	93.4	98.0	96.0	110.8	103.3	92.0	114.0	99.0	97.8
2018													
February	105.8	109.3		94.7	94.1	98.6	93.8	112.1	103.4	92.4	115.6	98.6	97.6
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April	104.6	107.3		95.0	92.9	98.8	93.8	112.5	103.4	92.7	115.6	98.6	97.5
May	106.9	111.1		95.0	93.1	98.4	93.8	112.5	103.4	92.7	115.6	98.6	97.9
June	109.7	116.0		95.0	93.3	97.3	93.8	112.3	103.4	92.7	115.6	98.6	97.6
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November	105.5	108.8		96.2	94.5	97.6	98.0	107.8	103.4	91.7	115.6	100.6	98.0
December	103.1	105.0		96.3	94.1	96.8	99.8	108.2	102.9	90.2	115.6	100.6	98.2
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January	102.0	103.2		93.7	94.5	97.6	99.8	107.5	102.9	90.3	115.6	100.6	98.1
February (P)	104.8	108.0		95.2	94.9	96.2	99.8	106.5	102.9	90.3	113.9	100.6	98.5
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Feb 2019 over Jan 2019	2.7%	4.7%		1.6%	0.4%	-1.4%	0.0%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	-1.5%	0.0%	0.4%
Feb 2019 over Feb 2018	-0.9%	-1.2%		0.5%	0.9%	-2.5%	6.5%	-5.0%	-0.5%	-2.3%	-1.5%	2.0%	0.9%

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**Table 3. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES**

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2017			2018			2019		
			Dec	Jan	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)	Dec	Jan	Feb (P)
<b>01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>											
Leg Quarters Chicken	62.2	kg	4.39	4.06	3.99	3.44	3.13	3.74			
Raw Sugar	21.3	kg	2.96	2.95	2.99	2.69	2.69	2.76			
Bread	17.2	loaf	1.68	1.68	1.72	1.68	1.68	1.70			
Corned Beef (a)	15.9	12 oz	8.22	8.22	8.22	8.15	8.13	8.13			
Taro	15.2	kg	1.81	2.08	1.98	3.03	2.99	2.44			
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.4	kg	3.20	3.21	3.25	3.23	3.18	3.10			
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.4	907g	3.05	3.19	3.00	3.02	3.02	3.10			
Canned fish between \$3.00 and \$3.99 Natural Oil	12.7	15 oz	3.50	3.51	3.48	3.50	3.47	3.42			
Bongo	10.2	20grms	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.81	0.81			
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.2	pkt 10	6.38	6.40	6.40	6.25	6.29	6.39			
Tip Top Ice Cream (a)	9.2	2 ltr	15.07	15.03	15.03	15.32	15.32	15.32			
Ramen maggie	9.0	85gms	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.08			
Fish (Piece)	7.9	kg	14.31	16.82	17.13	25.39	19.02	16.08			
Butter Anchor	7.7	454g	13.24	13.46	13.46	13.54	13.61	13.96			
Round Pancake (a)	7.5	sml	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15			
Mutton Flaps	6.6	kg	20.85	20.95	20.76	22.03	22.34	22.02			
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	4.83	4.58	4.58	4.85	4.88	5.22			
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	2.50	2.53	2.52	2.53	2.53	2.52			
Wings Turkey	6.3	kg	6.97	6.70	6.06	6.08	6.08	6.25			
Fish (string)	6.0	kg	9.01	11.06	9.76	10.94	11.68	11.15			
Fish (large)	6.0	kg	15.86	18.58	16.47	18.60	21.00	16.58			
<b>02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics</b>											
Lager Beer	37.9	355 mls	3.44	3.46	3.52	3.55	3.60	3.64			
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.3	20 rolls	12.20	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.40	13.40			
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.3	20 rolls	12.20	12.60	12.60	13.00	13.40	13.40			
Beer (a)	16.3	330 mls	3.31	3.34	3.34	3.35	3.36	3.36			
Winfield Tobacco (a)	12.6	packet	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00			
<b>03 Clothing and footwear</b>											
Uniform le Faitaga College boys	4.3	size 8-10	32.33	32.33	31.33	31.33	29.33	29.67			
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.7	size 7	32.67	32.67	32.67	34.67	34.67	35.33			
<b>04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>											
Electricity / Cashpower / kw h 1- 100 / total cost per t	50.6	kw h	0.67	0.67	0.62	0.58	0.58	0.58			
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	59.50	59.50	61.00	62.00	62.00	62.00			
Government house Rent	12.2	2 b/room	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00			

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**05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance**

Washing powder (a)	6.3	200g	1.84	1.84	1.81	1.72	1.73	1.73
Soap yellow Washing soap	5.9	bar	2.94	2.94	2.98	2.85	2.90	2.75
Mosquito coil	4.4	10 coil	1.20	1.18	1.18	1.28	1.30	1.20

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**06 Health**

Amoxicillin mg Tablets (a)	2.5	500 mg	6.83	6.83	6.83	7.92	7.92	7.92
Hospital Charge	1.1	night	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50

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**07 Transport**

Petrol	60.8	1 ltr	2.56	2.70	2.67	2.89	2.57	2.41
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	380.00	380.00	380.00	395.00	395.00	395.00
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.8	1 month	1489.07	1480.93	1005.50	2035.67	1066.87	1507.83

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**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	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
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

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**09 Recreation and culture**

Television (a)	2.30	LCD	1007.83	966.00	966.00	966.00	968.83	968.83
Exercise Book w arw ick	1.44	1B4 64 pa	1.37	1.37	1.45	1.35	1.35	1.35
Laptop (a)	1.33	each	2808.60	2952.60	2952.60	2878.60	2878.60	2878.60

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**10 Education**

Fees PTA Primary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6	62.50	62.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50
Fees PTA Secondary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10	50.00	50.00	52.00	52.00	52.00	50.00
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registratio	292.00	292.00	320.00	320.00	320.00	320.00
Fees Secondary Y Examination Fees (a)	3.61	Y12-13	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50

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**11 Restaurants and hotels**

Fish & Chip Meal	7.79	1 serve	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17	9.17
Curry & Chopsuey Meal	4.87	1 serve	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.33	3.33	3.33
Chicken & Chips Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	9.36	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

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**12 Miscellaneous goods and services**

Paper Sofan deluxe ply Toilet Paper	8.52	250 sheet:	0.98	0.98	0.98	1.01	1.01	1.04
Hair Gel	4.59	1124ml	4.81	4.77	4.81	4.36	4.36	4.36
Remains price for Storage of remains (a)	4.41	per day	60.00	60.00	60.00	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	1.83	1.83	1.83	1.86	1.85	1.88
Diapers (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg	9.94	9.94	9.97	9.21	9.21	9.21

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 4. 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
<i>Weights</i>	<b>494.7</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<i>n.a</i>	<b>5.6</b>	<i>n.a</i>	<i>n.a</i>	<b>34.7</b>
<i>Ave - 2016</i>	102.5	103.9	105.1	98.8	98.7	99.3	98.5	101.8		95.0			100.7
<i>Ave - 2017</i>	107.3	110.1	110.0	97.0	97.6	98.9	91.7	111.2		90.0			97.1
<i>Ave - 2018</i>	111.9	113.8	113.5	96.1	100.6	97.6	94.3	124.0		92.0			96.6
2018													
February	110.0	111.8	110.3	95.5	99.9	98.4	91.1	120.5		92.4			96.4
March	108.8	109.5	110.7	95.4	99.8	98.8	91.1	121.2		92.4			95.4
April	108.4	109.4	110.7	95.5	99.2	98.5	91.1	119.3		92.7			96.3
May	111.6	114.3	114.9	95.6	99.3	98.1	91.1	120.7		92.7			96.8
June	115.5	120.5	115.0	95.6	100.6	96.9	91.1	123.8		92.7			96.5
July	115.6	119.4	115.0	95.5	101.0	97.2	97.1	127.2		92.7			97.2
August	114.7	118.8	115.0	95.5	100.1	96.7	97.1	124.5		91.3			97.1
September	113.9	116.6	115.0	95.5	100.9	97.9	97.1	126.2		91.4			96.8
October	113.8	116.2	115.0	97.0	101.9	97.5	97.1	126.5		93.3			96.9
November	111.7	111.1	115.0	97.2	103.0	97.2	97.1	129.6		91.7			96.9
December	108.6	106.2	115.0	97.6	102.9	96.3	99.8	127.3		90.2			97.2
2019													
January	105.2	103.9	115.0	94.5	101.8	97.2	99.8	116.3		90.3			97.0
February (P)	107.4	110.0	116.6	95.4	100.0	95.6	99.8	110.4		90.3			97.5
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Feb 2019 over Jan 2019	2.1%	5.8%	1.4%	1.0%	-1.7%	-1.7%	0.0%	-5.1%		0.0%			0.5%
Feb 2019 over Feb 2018	-2.3%	-1.6%	5.7%	-0.1%	0.1%	-2.9%	9.5%	-8.4%		-2.3%			1.2%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable



**Table 5. IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING 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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>401.2</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Ave - 2016	102.4	103.9		98.8	97.5	99.3	98.5	100.1		95.0			100.7
Ave - 2017	106.0	110.1		97.0	93.8	98.9	91.7	104.5		90.0			97.1
Ave - 2018	108.8	113.8		96.1	93.4	97.6	94.3	111.2		92.0			96.6
2018													
February	107.5	111.8		95.5	94.1	98.4	91.1	112.6		92.4			96.4
March	105.9	109.5		95.4	93.3	98.8	91.1	112.6		92.4			95.4
April	105.9	109.4		95.5	92.9	98.5	91.1	113.1		92.7			96.3
May	109.2	114.3		95.6	93.1	98.1	91.1	113.1		92.7			96.8
June	113.2	120.5		95.6	93.3	96.9	91.1	112.9		92.7			96.5
July	112.6	119.4		95.5	93.2	97.2	97.1	111.7		92.7			97.2
August	112.0	118.8		95.5	92.6	96.7	97.1	111.7		91.3			97.1
September	110.6	116.6		95.5	92.9	97.9	97.1	110.1		91.4			96.8
October	110.3	116.2		97.0	94.0	97.5	97.1	107.5		93.3			96.9
November	106.9	111.1		97.2	94.5	97.2	97.1	107.7		91.7			96.9
December	103.6	106.2		97.6	94.1	96.3	99.8	108.1		90.2			97.2
2019													
January	101.9	103.9		94.5	94.5	97.2	99.8	107.3		90.3			97.0
February (P)	105.9	110.0		95.4	94.9	95.6	99.8	106.2		90.3			97.5
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Feb 2019 over Jan 2019	3.9%	5.8%		1.0%	0.4%	-1.7%	0.0%	-1.0%		0.0%			0.5%
Feb 2019 over Feb 2018	-1.5%	-1.6%		-0.1%	0.9%	-2.9%	9.5%	-5.7%		-2.3%			1.2%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 6. 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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>505.3</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>
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	
Ave - 2017	98.6	95.0	107.1	95.7	90.6	100.1	100.0	101.6	101.2	100.0	97.9	98.3	102.3
Ave - 2018	102.6	105.3	112.0	93.3	88.1	100.3	100.0	101.7	103.3	100.0	110.4	99.0	102.3
2018													
February	100.7	101.0	110.7	92.8	88.1	100.3	100.0	97.7	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
March	100.6	101.2	110.9	92.8	86.2	100.3	100.0	98.3	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
April	102.3	104.9	111.1	93.7	88.1	100.3	100.0	100.8	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
May	103.2	107.8	112.0	93.7	86.8	100.3	100.0	103.1	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
June	101.8	104.9	111.4	93.7	84.3	100.3	100.0	102.4	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
July	103.9	111.3	111.3	93.7	86.2	100.3	100.0	102.8	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
August	104.2	109.2	112.8	93.6	90.6	100.3	100.0	100.8	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
September	103.6	106.1	113.3	93.0	91.3	100.3	100.0	101.1	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
October	104.1	104.9	113.5	93.6	93.2	100.3	100.0	104.1	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
November	101.5	101.9	113.3	93.5	85.5	100.3	100.0	100.2	103.4	100.0	111.6	100.6	102.3
December	104.0	108.7	113.2	93.0	85.5	100.3	100.0	107.5	102.9	100.0	111.6	100.6	102.3
2019													
January	103.9	110.1	115.5	91.8	85.5	100.3	100.0	98.8	102.9	100.0	111.6	100.6	102.3
February (P)	103.2	105.1	116.2	94.8	85.5	100.3	100.0	103.2	102.9	100.0	110.5	100.6	102.3
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Feb 2019 over Jan 2019	-0.7%	-4.6%	0.6%	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Feb 2019 over Feb 2018	2.4%	4.0%	5.0%	2.1%	-2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	5.6%	-0.5%	0.0%	-0.9%	2.0%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

**Table 7. LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX**

**(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)**

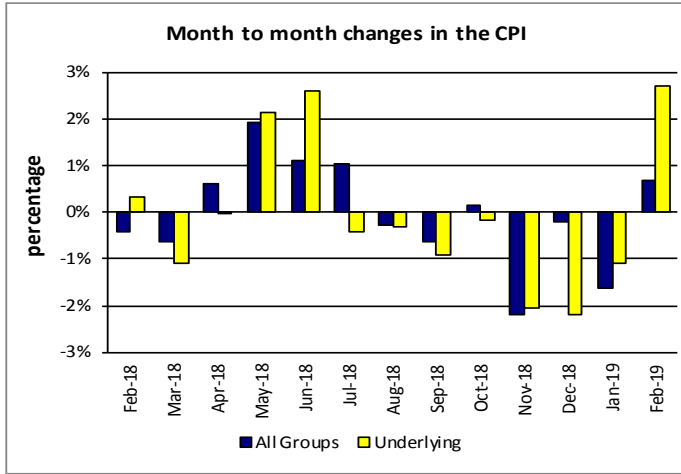
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water , Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
<b>Weights</b>	<b>185.5</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Ave - 2016	100.3	100.6		98.6		100.0	100.0	101.0				99.3	
Ave - 2017	99.9	100.1		95.7		100.1	100.0	101.8	101.2		96.7	98.3	102.3
Ave - 2018	101.9	100.3		93.3		100.3	100.0	108.3	103.3		114.0	99.0	102.3
2018													
February	102.0	100.4		92.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
March	102.0	100.3		92.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
April	101.9	100.0		93.7		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
May	101.8	99.8		93.7		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
June	102.0	100.2		93.7		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
July	101.9	100.0		93.7		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
August	101.9	100.2		93.6		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
September	102.0	100.3		93.0		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
October	102.0	100.4		93.6		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
November	102.4	100.7		93.5		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	100.6	102.3
December	102.2	100.7		93.0		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		115.6	100.6	102.3
2019													
January	102.2	100.7		91.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		115.6	100.6	102.3
February (P)	102.4	101.1		94.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		113.9	100.6	102.3
<b><u>Percentage Change (P)</u></b>													
Feb 2019 over Jan 2019	0.2%	0.4%		3.2%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		-1.5%	0.0%	0.0%
Feb 2019 over Feb 2018	0.3%	0.7%		2.1%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%		-1.5%	2.0%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

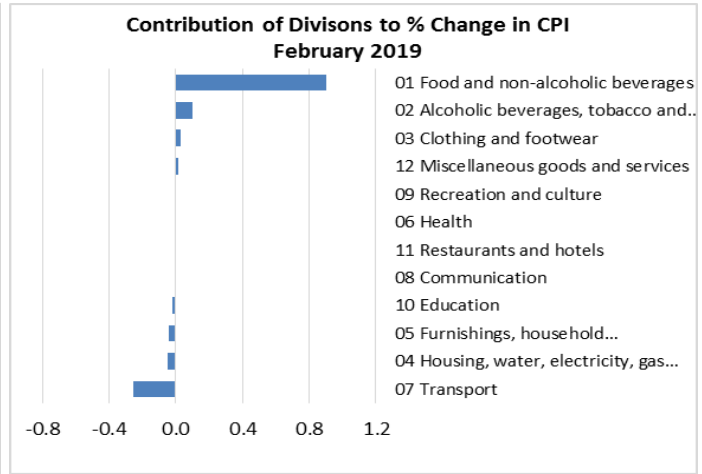
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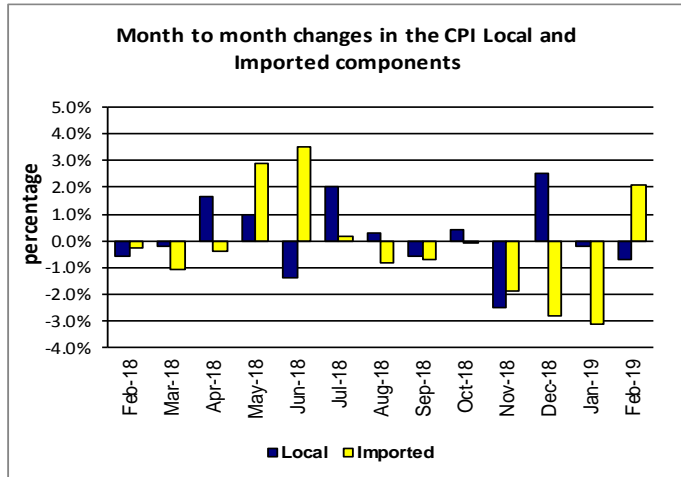
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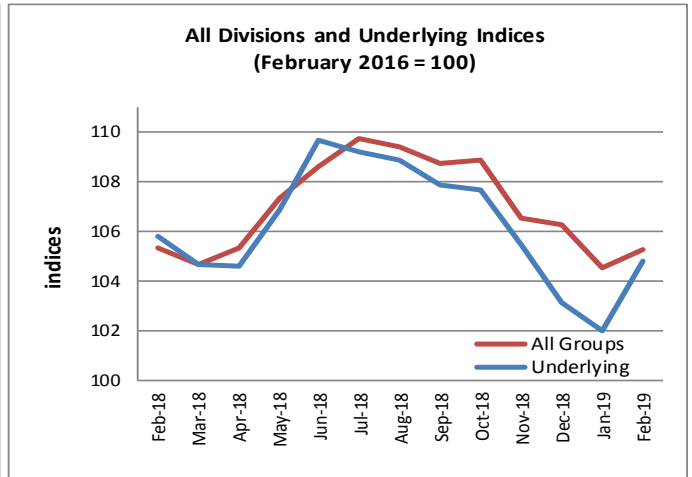
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**Graph.7**



**Graph.8**



**Graph.9**

