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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2019

Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for August 2019 decreased by 0.1 percent compared to the previous month.

- Transport index decreased by 3.5 percent driven by reduced fuel price.
- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 1.1 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended August 2019 was 1.3 percent.

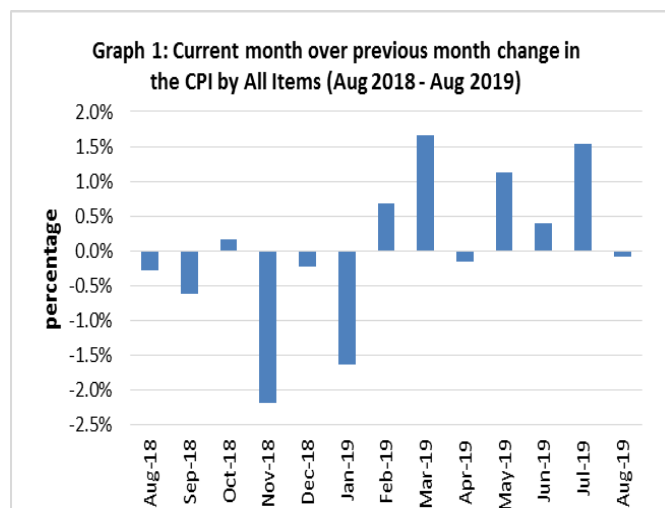
In the year to August 2019, the CPI rose 0.6 percent.

SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for August 2019 was 0.1 percent lower than in July 2019 and was 0.6 percent higher than August 2018.

The decrease of the Imported Goods Component by 0.5 percent reflects lower prices for fuel and spirit which also contributed to the decrease of 0.1 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

The Local Component recorded an increase of 0.4 percent from the previous month. Graph 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by All Divisions from August 2018 to August 2019.

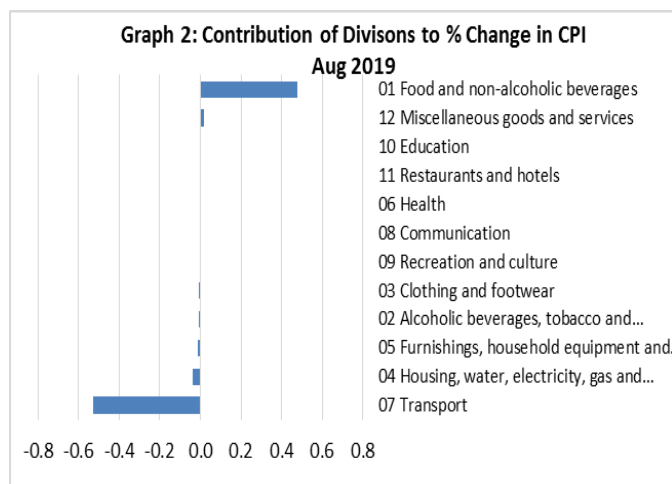


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Total All Divisions Contribution

As depicted in Graph 2, Transport division, with a negative contribution of 0.53 percent, was the main contributor to the overall decrease of 0.1 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand, there were offsetting positive contributions from Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages with 0.48 percent increase.



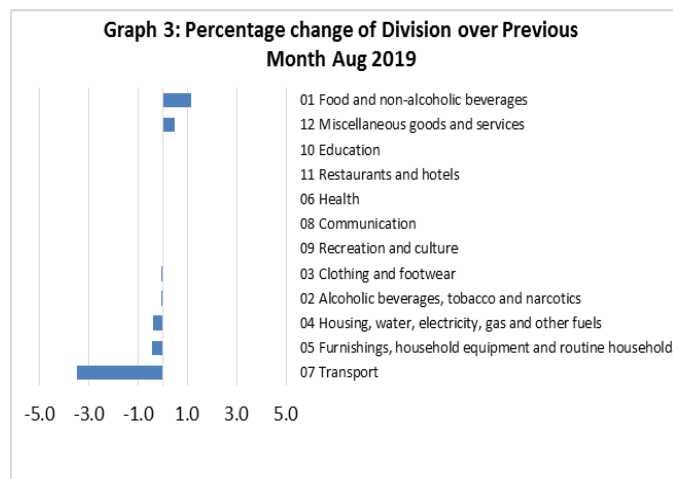
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Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The 0.1 percent decrease in the Overall Index was mainly due to a decrease of 3.5 percent in the Transport index. The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance both showed decreases of 0.4 percent.

On the contrary, increases were registered for Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index with 1.1 percent and Miscellaneous Goods and Services index with 0.5 percent respectively.

No changes were recorded for the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco, Clothing and Footwear, Health, Communication, Recreation and Culture, Education and Restaurants indices. Graphically presented in Graph 3 is the August 2019 percentage change for all divisions from July 2019.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 0.5 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol, diesel and kerosene) and spirit.

Local Goods Component

Increased prices recorded for airline fare and local food have resulted in the 0.4 percent increase in the local Good Component.

Transport Index

Lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) is reflected in the 3.5 percent decrease in the Transport index.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

The 0.4 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index influenced by the lower prices recorded for kerosene.

Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

The Furnishing, Household, Equipment and Maintenance index recorded a decrease of 0.4 percent due to the decrease in prices recorded for washing soap and mosquito coil.

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

An increase of 1.1 percent in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index was a reflection of the higher prices recorded for chicken leg quarter, corned beef, butter, taro, fresh fish (piece and large), egg, koko samoa and ripe banana.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

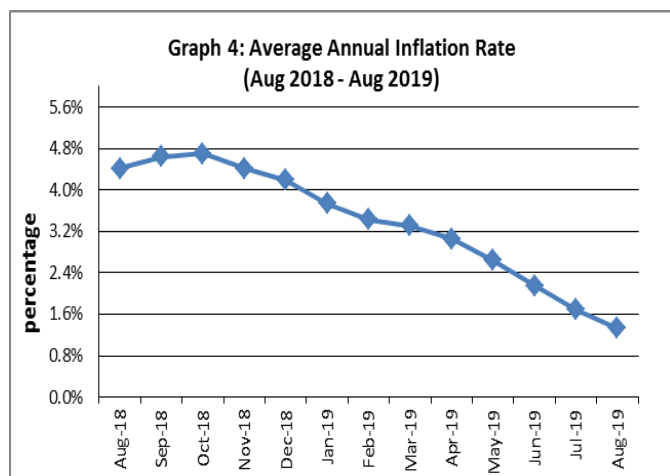
Higher prices recorded for toilet soap is reflected in the 0.5 percent increase in the Miscellaneous Good and Services index.

Underlying Indices ^{1/}

The All Items Underlying Index for August 2019 registered an increase of 0.6 percent when compared to July 2019, and an increase of 0.2 percent when compared to August 2018. The Imported Items Underlying Index registered an increase of 0.9 percent, while the Local Items Underlying Index recorded no change from the previous month.

Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended August 2019 was 1.3 percent. For the twelve months ending August 2018 the inflation rate was 4.4 percent. Presented in Graph 4 is the average annual inflation rate (August 2018 - August 2019).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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

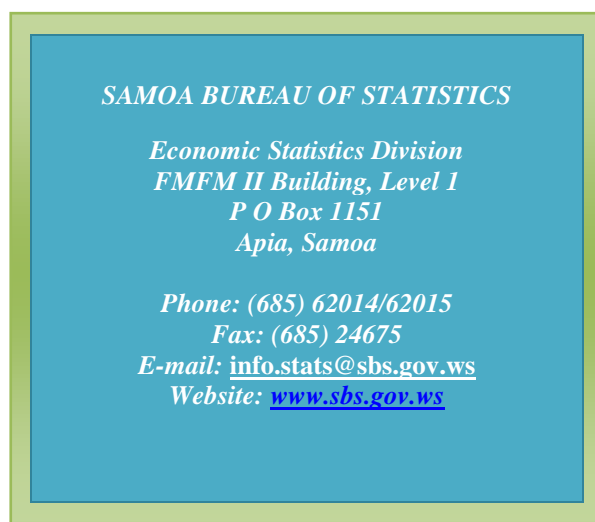
Technical Notes:

The Consumer Price (CPI) measures the rate of inflation for Samoa. It is designed to measure the change in prices for the goods 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 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: 9th September 2019.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 9th October 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>	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
<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													
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	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
March	107.0	111.3	116.8	94.7	93.3	95.5	100.1	106.4	105.2	89.8	110.6	102.8	98.3
April	106.8	110.3	116.3	95.0	93.4	95.2	100.1	108.2	105.2	90.1	110.6	103.4	98.0
May	108.0	111.6	115.9	95.3	93.6	93.6	100.1	113.1	104.3	88.2	114.9	103.4	98.0
June	108.5	111.2	116.0	95.9	93.6	95.8	100.1	116.8	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.2
July	110.1	114.7	117.7	92.2	98.3	97.4	100.1	113.3	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.4
August (P)	110.1	116.0	117.7	92.2	97.9	97.0	100.1	109.4	104.3	87.1	114.9	103.4	97.9
<u>Percentage Change (P)</u>													
Aug 2019 over Jul 2019	-0.1%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.0%	-3.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Aug 2019 over Aug 2018	0.6%	0.4%	3.9%	-2.9%	5.5%	-0.2%	1.6%	-4.8%	0.9%	-5.2%	3.0%	4.8%	-0.2%

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
<i>Weights</i>	586.7	345.3	<i>n.a</i>	21.2	24.2	30.8	3.5	26.4	51.5	5.6	12.3	22.4	43.5
<i>Ave - 2016</i>	101.7	103.2		98.8	97.5	99.4	99.0	100.2		95.0		99.3	100.6
<i>Ave - 2017</i>	104.1	107.9		96.6	93.8	99.1	94.2	104.2	101.2	90.0	96.7	98.3	98.1
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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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February	104.8	108.0		95.2	94.9	96.2	99.8	106.5	102.9	90.3	113.9	100.6	98.5
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Aug 2019 over Jul 2019	0.6%	1.0%		0.0%	0.0%	-0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Aug 2019 over Aug 2018	0.2%	0.2%		-2.9%	2.0%	-0.2%	2.2%	-2.7%	0.9%	-5.7%	4.4%	4.8%	-0.2%

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Table 3. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2018			2019		
			Jun	Jul	Aug	Jun	Jul	Aug (P)
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages								
Leg Quarters Chicken	62.2	kg	4.97	4.86	4.81	4.30	4.74	4.99
Raw Sugar	21.3	kg	2.89	2.88	2.76	2.49	2.45	2.44
Bread	17.2	loaf	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.71	1.72	1.72
Corned Beef (a)	15.9	12 oz	8.17	8.17	8.17	7.97	7.88	8.05
Taro	15.2	kg	2.70	3.19	3.28	2.62	2.82	3.01
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.4	kg	3.27	3.21	3.21	2.92	2.93	2.82
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.4	907g	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.08
Canned fish between \$3.00 and \$3.99 Natural Oil	12.7	15 oz	3.53	3.52	3.47	3.50	3.49	3.44
Bongo	10.2	20grms	0.84	0.84	0.84	0.80	0.80	0.80
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.2	pkt 10	6.58	6.58	6.58	6.18	6.30	6.25
Tip Top Ice Cream (a)	9.2	2 ltr	14.93	14.93	14.95	15.32	15.32	15.32
Ramen maggie	9.0	85gms	1.12	1.12	1.11	1.08	1.08	1.08
Fish (Piece)	7.9	kg	17.68	19.95	18.91	16.75	18.67	21.04
Butter Anchor	7.7	454g	13.44	13.44	13.46	14.07	14.67	15.50
Round Pancake (a)	7.5	sml	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Mutton Flaps	6.6	kg	20.61	20.31	21.24	22.56	22.38	22.20
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	4.75	4.76	4.83	4.96	4.85	4.85
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	2.53	2.68	2.72	2.58	2.52	2.53
Wings Turkey	6.3	kg	6.13	6.16	6.43	6.22	6.27	6.24
Fish (string)	6.0	kg	10.82	10.90	11.14	10.43	12.37	11.39
Fish (large)	6.0	kg	14.64	18.33	16.71	17.47	21.82	20.55
02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics								
Lager Beer	37.9	355 mls	3.61	3.43	3.52	3.59	3.58	3.58
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.3	20 rolls	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.40	13.80	13.80
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.3	20 rolls	12.60	13.00	13.00	13.40	13.80	13.80
Beer (a)	16.3	330 mls	3.31	3.34	3.35	3.36	3.40	3.40
Winfield Tobacco (a)	12.6	packet	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
03 Clothing and footwear								
Uniform le Faitaga College boys	4.3	size 8-10	31.33	31.33	31.33	29.67	29.67	29.67
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.7	size 7	32.67	32.67	32.67	36.33	32.00	32.00
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels								
Electricity / Cashpower / kwh 1- 100 / total cost per unit	50.6	kwh	0.56	0.59	0.66	0.67	0.67	0.67
Reservoir treated Water	28.5	15-40 m3	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.67	1.67
Liquid gas	15.8	9kg	61.00	61.00	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
05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance								
Washing powder (a)	6.3	200g	1.79	1.81	1.81	1.78	1.90	1.90
Soap yellow Washing soap	5.9	bar	2.88	2.88	2.84	2.74	2.78	2.75
Mosquito coil	4.4	10 coil	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.18	1.20	1.18

06 Health

Amoxicillin mg Tablets (a)	2.5	500 mg	6.83	7.53	7.53	7.58	7.58	7.58
Hospital Charge	1.1	night	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50

07 Transport

Petrol	60.8	1 ltr	2.76	2.87	2.79	2.81	2.74	2.53
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	395.00	395.00	395.00	395.00
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.8	1 month	1472.87	1522.83	1251.20	1795.77	1221.69	1297.55

08 Communication

Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.43	0.43	0.43
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

09 Recreation and culture

Television (a)	2.30	LCD	966.00	966.00	966.00	827.67	827.67	827.67
Exercise Book warwick	1.44	1B4 64 paç	1.45	1.45	1.37	1.37	1.37	1.37
Laptop (a)	1.33	each	2998.60	2998.60	2998.60	2918.60	2918.60	2918.60

10 Education

Fees PTA Primary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50	82.50
Fees PTA Secondary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10	52.00	52.00	52.00	58.00	58.00	58.00
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registration	320.00	320.00	320.00	322.00	322.00	322.00
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 & 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	3.67	3.67	3.67
Chicken & Chips Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.64	9.64	9.64
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	1.00	1.01	1.01	1.00	1.00	1.00
Hair Gel	4.59	1124ml	4.46	4.49	4.49	4.44	4.43	4.43
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	1.86	1.85	1.85	1.86	1.91	1.96
Diapers (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg	9.56	9.56	9.34	8.99	8.99	8.99

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>	494.7	269.1	23.8	15.2	28.3	26.9	2.5	88.6	<i>n.a</i>	5.6	<i>n.a</i>	<i>n.a</i>	34.7
<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													
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	107.4	110.0	116.6	95.4	100.0	95.6	99.8	110.4		90.3			97.5
March	109.2	113.2	119.5	94.8	99.8	94.8	97.5	110.3		89.0			97.2
April	109.3	112.4	119.6	95.1	100.5	94.5	97.5	113.4		89.3			96.9
May	110.6	112.7	119.3	95.5	101.2	92.6	97.5	120.3		87.3			96.9
June	111.9	113.5	119.3	96.3	101.2	95.2	97.5	124.2		86.2			95.9
July	113.4	117.0	119.7	91.2	101.5	96.9	97.5	122.0		86.2			96.2
August (P)	112.8	118.5	118.2	91.2	100.0	96.5	97.5	114.9		86.2			96.8
<i>Percentage Change (P)</i>													
Aug 2019 over Jul 2019	-0.5%	1.3%	-1.3%	0.0%	-1.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	-5.8%		0.0%			0.6%
Aug 2019 over Aug 2018	-1.7%	-0.2%	2.8%	-4.5%	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.4%	-7.7%		-5.7%			-0.3%

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
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 - 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													
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	105.9	110.0		95.4	94.9	95.6	99.8	106.2		90.3			97.5
March	108.0	113.2		94.8	94.7	94.8	97.5	107.3		89.0			97.2
April	107.5	112.4		95.1	94.6	94.5	97.5	108.3		89.3			96.9
May	107.6	112.7		95.5	94.6	92.6	97.5	108.3		87.3			96.9
June	108.2	113.5		96.3	94.1	95.2	97.5	108.3		86.2			95.9
July	110.5	117.0		91.2	94.5	96.9	97.5	108.3		86.2			96.2
August (P)	111.5	118.5		91.2	94.5	96.5	97.5	108.3		86.2			96.8
Percentage Change (P)													
Aug 2019 over Jul 2019	0.9%	1.3%		0.0%	0.0%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%			0.6%
Aug 2019 over Aug 2018	-0.5%	-0.2%		-4.5%	2.0%	-0.3%	0.4%	-3.0%		-5.7%			-0.3%

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
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 - 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													
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	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
March	104.9	107.5	116.2	94.2	91.3	100.3	103.0	100.7	105.2	100.0	110.6	102.8	102.3
April	104.4	106.2	115.6	94.6	91.3	100.3	103.0	100.5	105.2	100.0	110.6	103.4	102.3
May	105.5	109.4	115.1	94.7	91.3	100.3	103.0	102.4	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
June	105.2	106.5	115.3	94.7	91.3	100.3	103.0	105.7	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
July	107.0	110.1	117.2	94.7	97.3	100.3	103.0	100.4	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
August (P)	107.4	111.1	117.5	94.7	97.3	100.3	103.0	101.2	104.3	100.0	114.9	103.4	102.3
<u>Percentage Change (P)</u>													
Aug 2019 over Jul 2019	0.4%	0.9%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Aug 2019 over Aug 2018	3.1%	1.7%	4.2%	1.3%	7.4%	0.0%	3.0%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	3.0%	4.8%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

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Table 7. LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX

(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

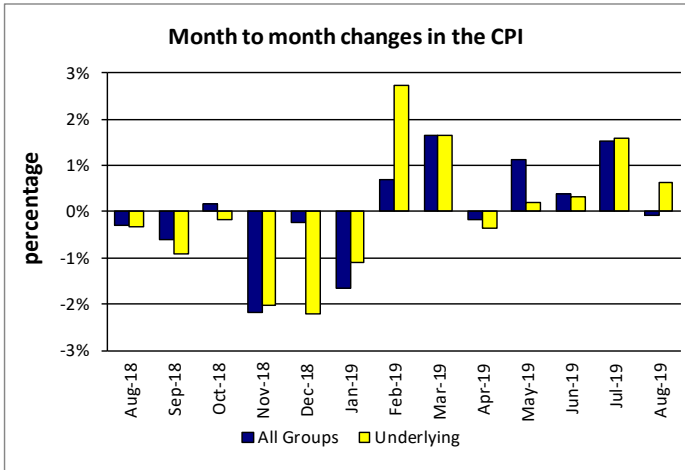
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
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 - 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													
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	102.4	101.1		94.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	102.9		113.9	100.6	102.3
March	103.3	101.3		94.2		100.3	106.3	108.6	105.2		113.9	102.8	102.3
April	103.3	101.0		94.6		100.3	106.3	108.6	105.2		113.9	103.4	102.3
May	103.8	101.7		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
June	103.6	101.2		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
July	103.9	102.0		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
August (P)	103.9	101.9		94.7		100.3	106.3	108.6	104.3		120.6	103.4	102.3
<u>Percentage Change (P)</u>													
Aug 2019 over Jul 2019	0.0%	-0.1%		0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Aug 2019 over Aug 2018	1.9%	1.7%		1.3%		0.0%	6.3%	0.0%	0.9%		4.4%	4.8%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

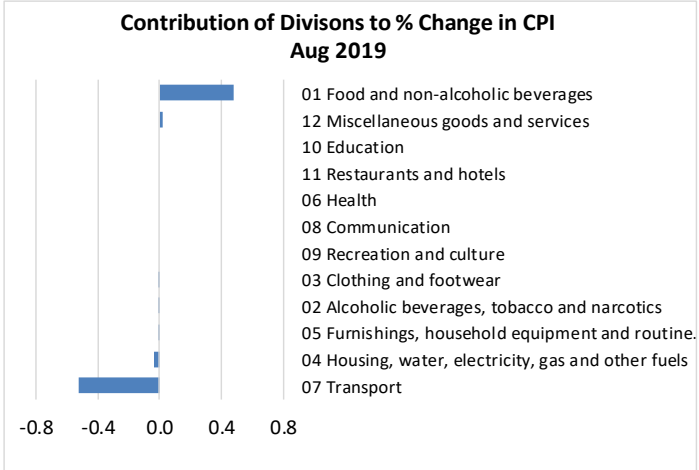
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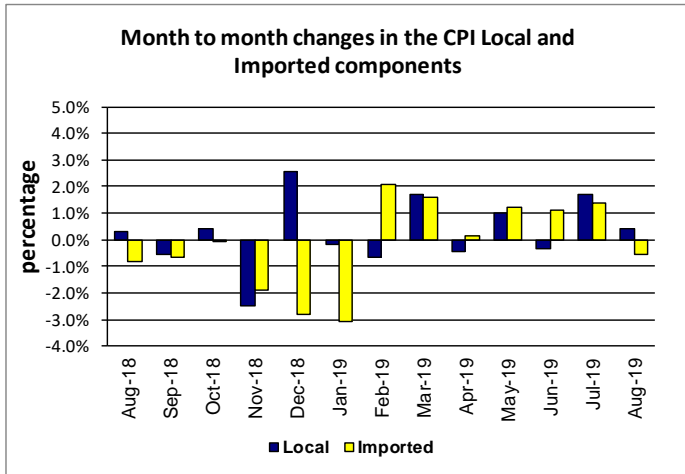
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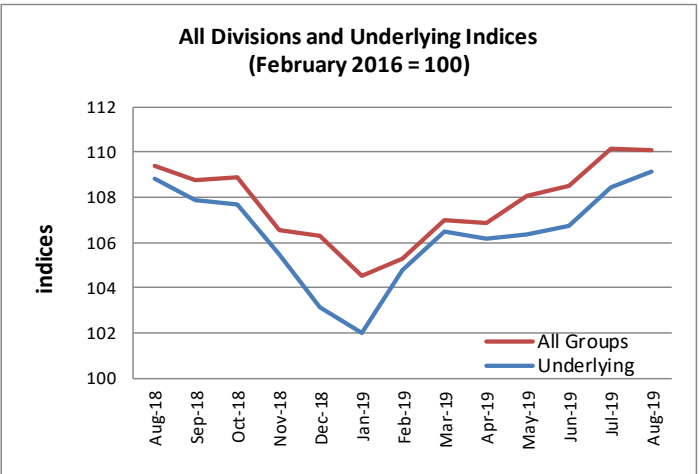
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