

**INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES – June 2009**  
**(Base: January, 2003 = 100)**

The following Memorandum on the Index of Retail Prices is published for general information.

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**GENERAL INDEX**

The All Items Index of Retail Prices calculated from prices collected for the month of June, 2009 was 157.7 representing a decrease of 0.1 point or 0.1% below the Index for May, 2009.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January – June, 2009 over that for the period January – June, 2008 was 10.8%. This compares with a percentage increase of 10.0% observed in the average All Items Index for the period January – June, 2008 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2007.

**SECTION INDICES**

**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages decreased from 306.0 in May, 2009 to 305.6 in June, 2009, reflecting a decrease of 0.1%. Contributing significantly to this decrease was the general downward movement in the prices of fish – carite and king fish, whole chicken, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, irish potatoes, plantain, limes, hot peppers and melon. However, the full impact of these price decreases was offset by the general rise in the prices of cucumber, pumpkin, ochroes, christophene, yams, avocado, chive, celery, paw paw and oranges.

Price changes in this section, for the month of June, 2009 accounted for a net overall decrease of 0.1 point in the All Items Index.

**OTHER SECTIONS**

A further review of the data for June, 2009 compared with May, 2009 reflected decreases in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.1%; and Clothing and Footwear 1.5%.

Price changes in these sections for the month of June, 2009 had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in June, 2009 compared with those of June, 2008 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Percentage Change June 2009 – June 2008</b>
All Items	8.4
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	16.5
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	7.6
Clothing and Footwear	-1.4
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	4.2
Home Ownership	6.6
Rent	4.2
Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	-2.9
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	-7.0
Health	7.0
Transport	7.5
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	1.6
Education	6.8
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	15.9
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	7.4