

**INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES – September 2007**  
**(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 September, 2007 was 134.2 representing an increase of 0.4 point or 0.3% over the Index for August, 2007.

The annual rate of inflation as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January – September 2007 over that for the period January – September, 2006 was 7.9%. This is the same as the increase in the average All Items Index reflected for the period January – September, 2006 over the average All Items Index for the same period in 2005.

**SECTION INDICES**

**FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 222.7 in August, 2007 to 225.0 in September, 2007, reflecting an increase of 1.0%. Contributing significantly to this increase was a general rise in the prices of whole chicken, sweet potatoes, yams, melongene, ripe bananas, green bananas, cucumber, avocado, hot peppers, oranges and mangoes. Partly offsetting these increases were general price decreases in onion, garlic, lime, carrots, tomatoes, pumpkin, ochores, irish potatoes and crack corn.

Price changes in this section, for the month of September, 2007 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.4 point in the All Items Index.

**OTHER SECTIONS**

A further review of the data for September, 2007 compared with August, 2007 indicated an increase in the general price level for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco 0.2%. However a general price decrease was noted for Clothing and Footwear 0.1%.

Price changes in these sections, for the month of September 2007, had a negligible net overall effect on the All Items Index.

Growth in consumer prices in September, 2007 compared with those of September, 2006 reflected in various sections of the Index is shown hereunder:

<b>Sections</b>	<b>Percentage Change September 2007 – September 2006</b>
All Items	7.3
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	14.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	8.4
Clothing and Footwear	2.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	3.9
Home Ownership	4.5
Rent	4.1
Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	1.8
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Maintenance of the House	1.3
Health	4.4
Transport	5.6
Communication	0.0
Recreation and Culture	5.3
Education	11.5
Hotels, Cafes and Restaurant	7.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	5.6