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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES OF BUILDING MATERIALS FOURTH QUARTER 2016

The Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials increased by 0.4% from 227.6 in the third quarter 2016 to 228.5 in the fourth quarter 2016.

This increase was directly attributable to marginal increases observed in:

- Walls and Roof : 1.4%
- Plumbing and Plumbing Fixtures: 0.1%

These increases were offset by decreases in the following Sections:

- Finishing, Joinery Units, Painting and External Works: -1.6%
- Windows, Doors & Balustrading: -0.1%
- Site Preparation, Structure and Concrete Frame: -0.1%

When a year on year analysis is undertaken, the index for the fourth quarter 2016 decreased by 0.1% over the fourth quarter 2015. The main contributors to this decrease were:

- Site Preparation, Structure and Concrete Frame: -2.6%
- Finishing, Joinery Units, Painting and External Works: -1.7%

Special points of interest:

- * The Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials is a measure of the price movements in the inputs into construction.
- * The All Items Index for fourth quarter 2016 was 228.5 an increase of 0.4% over the index for the previous quarter.

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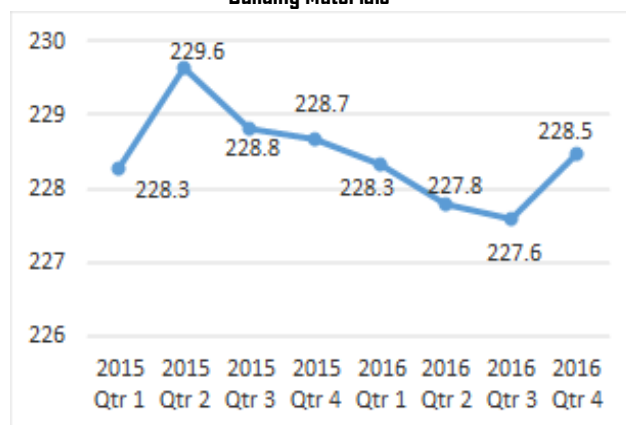
What is the Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials?

The Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials is a quarterly measure of the relative change in the retail prices of building materials used in the construction of an average home based on a sample of retail stores of different types and sizes.

It is an important indicator of movements in the prices of building materials and useful in the analysis of cost, price fluctuations, trends and the Construction Sector.

The Index is also a component of the Retail Price Index.

The Movement in the Index of Retail Prices of Building Materials



INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES OF BUILDING MATERIALS

(Base Period: Average of 4 quarters 1996 = 100)

4th Quarter 2016

Industry	Weight	Qtr 1 2015	Qtr 2 2015	Qtr 3 2015	Qtr 4 2015	Qtr 1 2016	Qtr 2 2016	Qtr 3 2016	Qtr 4 2016
Site Preparation, Structure and Concrete Frame	1637	299.9	306.5	304.6	302.8	294.9	296.8	295.2	295.0
Walls and Roof	3795	260.1	260.5	258.4	259.1	260.4	258.7	258.1	261.6
Electrical Installation and Fixtures^r	979	280.1	281.5	279.3	279.6	282.1	281.7	282.9	282.7
Plumbing and Plumbing Fixtures^r	541	192.8	193.2	200.5	201.1	208.1	203.9	205.1	205.2
Windows, Doors and Balustrading	1242	151.9	151.5	151.6	152.4	152.2	151.7	152.6	152.4
Finishing, Joinery Units, Painting and External Works	1806	131.5	131.5	132.1	130.7	130.0	130.5	130.5	128.5
ALL ITEMS INDEX	10000	228.3	229.6	228.8	228.7	228.3	227.8	227.6	228.5

*r-revised***SOURCE: CENTRAL STATISTICAL OFFICE**

Differences in totals may be due to rounding