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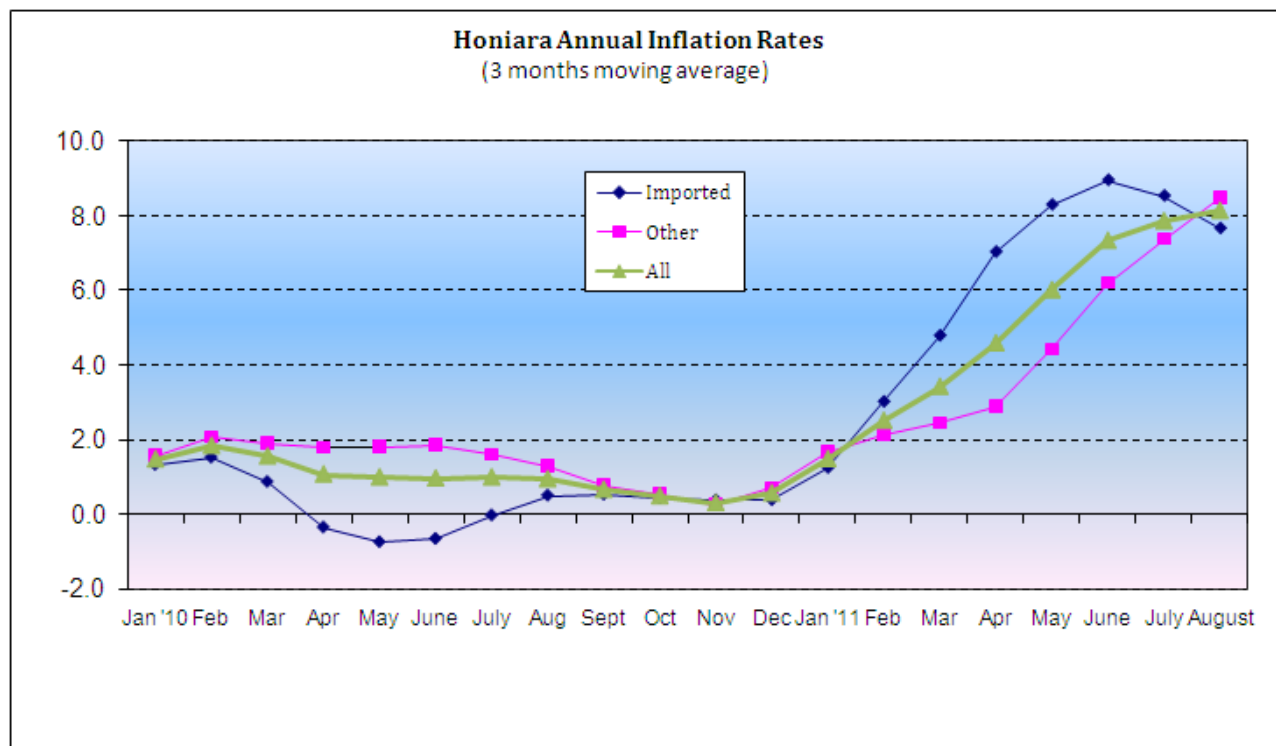
The Honiara Consumers Price Index for August slightly fell by 0.1% from 160.2 in July to 160.1. This was largely driven by declines in the prices of petroleum products and betel nut which outweighed a general increase in food prices.

The overall Food sub-index rose 1.1% on account of increases in the prices of rice, meat and fresh fruit and vegetables at the Honiara market. The price of rice slightly rose by 1% (\$1.67) to \$173.00/20kg bag. Meat prices also went up in August, notably sausages which rose 12% (\$5.00) to \$47.50/ 500g packet, whole chicken, 7% (\$5.00) and corned beef. These, coupled with increases in the prices of kumara, cassava, fern cabbage, spring onions and green-coconuts had outweighed slight declines in the prices of a few other market produce such as bush cabbage and cucumbers to result in the rise in the Food sub-index.

Changes in other sub-indexes are as follows:-

- Drinks & Tobacco fell 5.5% on account of a drop in the price of betel-nut which declined 22% (20cents) to 80cents per nut..
- Housing & Utilities was down by 0.7% driven by declines in the prices of kerosene and LP gas. The price of kerosene fell 3.% to \$12.91/litre whilst that of LP gas dropped by 8%. on average
- Transport & Communications fell 0.7% on account of declines in the prices of petrol and diesel. The prices of petrol and diesel dropped 4% (45cents) to \$11.66, and 3% (41cents) to \$11.96 respectively.

Apart from the above, price movements elsewhere in the basket were negligible.



The annual inflation rate to August 2011 calculated on a 3 months moving average basis was 8.1%, up 0.2 of a percentage point from 7.9% in July. The inflation rates for imported and other items were 7.6% and 8.5% respectively.

Table 1. THE HONIARA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY GROUP (4th Qtr 2005=100)

Year/ Month		Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu-nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce-llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
	Wght	429	47	38	181	47	164	76	18	1000	
2010	February	158.4	151.7	139.7	146.3	153.2	136.4	119.2	159.9	148.4	0.1
	March	162.2	145.9	139.7	147.0	152.8	137.3	119.2	159.9	150.0	1.1
	April	157.1	160.6	139.7	146.7	152.7	137.4	119.2	160.7	148.5	-1.0
	May	155.9	145.9	140.0	147.0	153.2	138.8	119.2	167.4	147.7	-0.5
	June	154.5	144.7	141.4	147.3	158.4	139.8	119.2	171.1	147.6	0.0
	July	154.6	147.3	141.1	148.6	158.4	138.9	119.2	171.0	147.9	0.2
	August	152.1	147.5	141.1	149.1	163.3	140.4	119.2	171.0	147.4	-0.4
	September	151.7	141.5	141.1	149.1	163.3	135.0	119.2	171.8	146.1	-0.9
	October	153.2	143.9	141.5	149.3	164.4	136.4	120.0	170.1	147.2	0.7
	November	153.6	146.3	141.7	149.6	164.3	136.4	120.0	173.4	147.5	0.3
	December	152.1	151.4	141.7	150.5	164.3	140.8	120.0	173.4	148.0	0.3
2011	January	155.8	157.1	141.7	165.1	165.4	142.4	122.7	174.0	153.1	3.4
	February	156.8	157.5	141.7	165.1	165.6	142.4	122.5	178.6	153.6	0.3
	March	159.5	158.2	141.8	166.2	165.6	144.0	122.5	179.4	155.3	1.1
	April/r	164.6	167.0	141.1	169.5	165.6	144.7	122.9	176.9	158.5	2.1
	May	163.9	178.6	141.1	170.0	165.8	146.7	122.9	176.9	159.2	0.4
	June	162.7	177.9	141.2	170.0	165.9	146.7	122.9	176.6	158.7	-0.4
	July	163.7	178.2	141.2	177.3	167.8	144.8	122.9	176.6	160.2	1.0
	August	165.4	168.4	141.2	176.0	167.9	143.8	122.9	176.6	160.1	-0.1
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	February	0.9	12.6	7.1	-7.5	3.5	7.4	6.1	4.4	1.4	
	March	0.1	5.2	15.3	-6.9	3.3	6.2	6.1	4.3	0.9	
	April	-3.1	28.9	15.4	-3.3	3.0	5.5	6.1	4.5	0.9	
	May	-3.9	18.6	15.0	1.5	2.9	6.1	6.1	8.6	1.2	
	June	-4.2	10.9	7.7	1.8	4.9	6.8	6.1	9.8	0.8	
	July	-3.5	14.0	7.5	2.7	4.9	3.6	6.1	9.7	1.0	
	August	-4.7	14.0	7.2	3.3	7.0	6.3	5.9	9.7	1.0	
	September	-4.3	7.9	7.2	2.9	6.6	0.2	5.9	10.2	0.0	
	October	-2.9	7.7	7.4	1.3	6.5	1.0	6.6	8.3	0.5	
	November	-3.2	6.0	7.5	1.4	6.5	1.8	6.5	10.4	0.4	
	December	-3.8	9.3	7.5	2.1	6.5	4.1	6.5	10.4	0.8	
2011	January	-1.9	9.2	1.5	12.1	7.1	5.1	3.0	9.3	3.3	
	February	-1.0	3.8	1.5	12.8	8.1	4.4	2.8	11.7	3.5	
	March	-1.7	8.5	1.6	13.1	8.4	4.9	2.8	12.2	3.5	
	April/r	4.7	4.0	1.0	15.5	8.4	5.3	3.1	10.1	6.8	
	May	5.2	22.4	0.8	15.7	8.2	5.7	3.1	5.7	7.8	
	June	5.3	22.9	-0.2	15.4	4.7	4.9	3.0	3.2	7.5	
	July	5.8	21.0	0.1	19.4	5.9	4.2	3.0	3.3	8.3	
	August	8.8	14.2	0.1	18.1	2.8	2.4	3.0	3.3	8.6	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	February	1.7	9.0	8.1	-7.0	3.8	9.5	3.7	3.7	1.8	
	March	0.9	8.8	9.8	-7.1	3.5	8.0	7.2	4.3	1.6	
	April	-0.7	15.1	12.5	-5.9	3.2	6.4	6.1	4.4	1.1	
	May	-2.3	17.1	15.3	-3.0	3.0	5.9	6.1	5.8	1.0	
	June	-3.7	19.3	12.6	-0.1	3.6	6.1	6.1	7.6	1.0	
	July	-3.9	14.4	10.0	2.0	4.2	5.5	6.1	9.4	1.0	
	August	-4.1	13.0	7.5	2.6	5.6	5.6	6.1	9.7	1.0	
	September	-4.1	11.9	7.3	2.9	6.2	3.3	6.0	9.9	0.7	
	October	-4.0	9.8	7.2	2.5	6.7	2.5	6.1	9.4	0.5	
	November	-3.5	7.2	7.4	1.9	6.5	1.0	6.3	9.7	0.3	
	December	-3.3	7.6	7.5	1.6	6.5	2.3	6.5	9.7	0.6	
2011	January	-3.0	8.2	5.4	5.2	6.7	3.7	5.3	10.0	1.5	
	February	-2.2	7.3	3.4	9.0	7.2	4.5	4.0	10.5	2.5	
	March	-1.5	7.1	1.5	12.7	7.9	4.8	2.8	11.1	3.4	
	April/r	0.6	5.4	1.3	13.8	8.3	4.9	2.9	11.3	4.6	
	May	2.7	11.4	1.1	14.8	8.3	5.3	3.0	9.3	6.0	
	June	5.1	16.0	0.6	15.6	7.1	5.3	3.1	6.3	7.3	
	July	5.4	22.1	0.2	16.8	6.3	4.9	3.1	4.1	7.9	
	August	6.6	19.4	0.0	17.6	4.5	3.8	3.0	3.3	8.1	

Table 2. PRICE INDEX OF IMPORTED ITEMS BY GROUP (4th Qtr 2005=100)

Year/ Month		Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu- -nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce- llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
	Wght	186	4	31	52	34	50	23	18	398	
2010	February	170.0	138.2	120.5	144.2	146.0	144.4	138.5	159.9	154.9	-2.3
	March	170.2	138.2	120.5	146.5	145.4	147.4	138.5	159.9	155.6	0.5
	April	162.5	138.2	120.5	145.3	145.0	147.8	138.5	160.7	152.0	-2.4
	May	162.3	138.2	120.9	146.3	145.7	152.5	138.5	167.4	153.0	0.7
	June	162.7	138.2	122.7	156.0	150.0	156.1	138.7	171.1	155.5	1.7
	July	165.0	138.2	122.3	154.5	150.4	153.3	138.7	171.0	156.1	0.3
	August	164.7	138.2	122.2	156.4	150.9	157.9	138.7	171.0	156.8	0.5
	September	165.0	139.5	122.2	156.4	151.0	157.9	138.7	171.8	157.0	0.2
	October	165.7	139.5	122.7	157.2	150.6	158.0	141.4	170.1	157.5	0.3
	November	166.6	139.5	123.0	158.0	150.5	158.0	141.4	173.4	158.2	0.4
	December	163.1	139.5	123.0	161.4	150.5	172.6	141.4	173.4	158.9	0.4
	2011 January	166.2	139.5	120.8	174.9	152.3	177.6	141.4	174.0	162.7	2.4
2011	February	168.6	139.5	120.8	174.9	152.6	177.6	140.6	178.6	164.0	0.8
	March	169.5	139.5	121.0	174.6	152.6	181.0	140.6	179.4	164.9	0.5
	April	171.7	143.1	120.1	175.0	152.6	183.2	141.8	176.9	166.2	0.8
	May	172.8	143.1	120.1	176.9	152.8	189.8	141.8	176.9	167.8	1.0
	June	172.8	143.1	120.2	176.9	153.1	189.8	141.8	176.6	167.8	0.0
	July	174.7	143.1	120.2	176.9	155.7	188.2	141.8	176.6	168.7	0.5
	August	175.3	143.1	120.2	172.3	155.8	183.9	141.8	176.6	167.8	-0.5
Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	February	-3.5	18.0	1.5	-3.1	3.7	17.6	1.1	4.4	0.3	
	March	-3.3	18.0	1.0	-0.7	3.3	13.1	1.1	4.3	0.3	
	April	-7.2	5.5	1.2	3.7	3.0	10.9	1.0	4.5	-1.6	
	May	-7.0	5.5	0.8	4.7	3.3	13.0	1.0	8.6	-0.9	
	June	-6.7	0.0	2.3	11.6	4.1	15.7	1.2	9.8	0.5	
	July	-4.9	0.0	2.0	10.6	4.4	5.4	1.2	9.7	0.3	
	August	-5.3	0.0	1.6	11.9	3.8	10.2	0.7	9.7	0.7	
	September	-5.1	0.9	1.6	10.3	3.3	10.2	0.5	10.2	0.6	
	October	-5.9	0.9	1.9	9.5	2.8	10.1	2.5	8.3	0.0	
	November	-5.7	0.9	2.0	9.6	2.7	12.7	2.1	10.4	0.5	
	December	-7.5	0.9	2.0	12.0	2.7	19.2	2.1	10.4	0.6	
	2011 January	-6.3	0.9	0.3	21.3	3.9	22.0	2.1	9.3	2.6	
2011	February	-0.8	0.9	0.3	21.3	4.5	23.0	1.5	11.7	5.9	
	March	-0.4	0.9	0.4	19.2	4.9	22.8	1.5	12.2	5.9	
	April	5.7	3.5	-0.3	20.4	5.2	24.0	2.4	10.1	9.4	
	May	6.5	3.5	-0.6	20.9	4.9	24.5	2.4	5.7	9.7	
	June	6.2	3.5	-2.0	13.4	2.1	21.6	2.3	3.2	7.9	
	July	5.9	3.5	-1.7	14.4	3.5	22.8	2.3	3.3	8.1	
	August	6.4	3.5	-1.6	10.2	3.3	16.4	2.3	3.3	7.0	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	February	-0.5	18.0	1.9	-3.3	3.2	14.8	0.9	3.7	1.5	
	March	-2.0	18.0	1.5	-2.4	3.4	14.8	1.1	4.3	0.9	
	April	-4.6	13.5	1.2	-0.1	3.3	13.8	1.1	4.4	-0.3	
	May	-5.8	9.3	1.0	2.5	3.2	12.4	1.0	5.8	-0.7	
	June	-7.0	3.6	1.4	6.7	3.5	13.2	1.1	7.6	-0.7	
	July	-6.2	1.8	1.7	9.0	3.9	11.2	1.1	9.4	0.0	
	August	-5.6	0.0	2.0	11.4	4.1	10.3	1.0	9.7	0.5	
	September	-5.1	0.3	1.7	10.9	3.9	8.6	0.8	9.9	0.5	
	October	-5.4	0.6	1.7	10.6	3.3	10.2	1.2	9.4	0.4	
	November	-5.6	0.9	1.8	9.8	2.9	11.0	1.7	9.7	0.4	
	December	-6.4	0.9	2.0	10.4	2.7	14.0	2.2	9.7	0.4	
	2011 January	-6.5	0.9	1.5	14.3	3.1	18.0	2.1	10.0	1.3	
2011	February	-5.0	0.9	0.9	18.2	3.7	21.4	1.9	10.5	3.0	
	March	-2.6	0.9	0.3	20.6	4.4	22.6	1.7	11.1	4.8	
	April	1.4	1.8	0.1	20.3	4.9	23.3	1.8	11.3	7.0	
	May	3.8	2.6	-0.2	20.2	5.0	23.8	2.1	9.3	8.3	
	June	6.1	3.5	-1.0	18.1	4.0	23.3	2.4	6.3	9.0	
	July	6.2	3.5	-1.4	16.1	3.5	23.0	2.3	4.1	8.5	
	August	6.2	3.5	-1.8	12.6	3.0	20.3	2.3	3.3	7.7	

Table 3. **PRICE INDEX OF OTHER ITEMS BY GROUP** (4th Qtr 2005=100)

Year/ Month		Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu- nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce- llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
		<i>Wght</i>	<i>243</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>602</i>	
2010	February	149.5	153.0	224.5	147.2	172.0	132.8	110.8	--	144.0	1.8
	March	156.1	146.6	224.5	147.2	172.0	132.8	110.8	--	146.3	1.5
	April	153.0	162.6	224.5	147.2	172.9	132.8	110.8	--	146.2	-0.1
	May	150.9	146.6	224.5	147.2	172.9	132.8	110.8	--	144.2	-1.4
	June	148.2	145.3	224.5	143.8	180.6	132.7	110.8	--	142.4	-1.2
	July	146.7	148.1	224.5	146.2	179.6	132.7	110.8	--	142.5	0.1
	August	142.5	148.4	224.5	146.2	195.7	132.7	110.8	--	141.1	-0.9
	September	141.5	141.7	224.5	146.2	195.7	125.0	110.8	--	138.8	-1.6
	October	143.6	144.3	224.5	146.2	200.4	126.8	110.8	--	140.3	1.1
	November	143.6	146.9	224.5	146.2	200.4	126.8	110.8	--	140.5	0.1
	December	143.6	152.5	224.5	146.2	200.4	126.8	110.8	--	140.9	0.3
	January	147.8	158.8	234.1	161.2	199.5	127.0	114.6	--	146.7	4.1
2011	February	147.7	159.2	234.1	161.2	199.5	127.0	114.6	--	146.7	0.0
	March	151.9	160.0	234.1	162.9	199.5	127.8	114.6	--	148.9	1.5
	April/r	159.1	169.3	234.1	167.3	199.5	127.8	114.6	--	153.4	3.0
	May	157.1	181.9	234.1	167.3	199.5	127.8	114.6	--	153.6	0.1
	June	154.9	181.2	234.1	167.3	199.5	127.8	114.6	--	152.6	-0.6
	July	155.2	181.5	234.1	177.5	199.5	125.8	114.6	--	154.6	1.3
	August	157.9	170.8	234.1	177.5	199.5	126.2	114.6	--	155.0	0.3
Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2010	February	5.0	12.1	23.6	-9.1	3.2	3.2	9.1	--	2.2	
	March	3.1	4.2	23.6	-9.1	3.2	3.2	9.1	--	0.9	
	April	0.5	31.1	23.6	-5.8	2.9	3.0	9.1	--	2.3	
	May	-1.3	20.0	23.6	0.3	2.0	2.9	9.1	--	2.2	
	June	-1.9	12.0	23.6	-2.0	6.6	2.7	9.1	--	1.1	
	July	-2.2	15.4	23.6	-0.4	5.9	2.7	9.1	--	1.5	
	August	-4.1	15.4	23.6	-0.1	13.9	4.4	9.1	--	1.3	
	September	-3.6	8.6	23.6	-0.1	13.9	-4.7	9.1	--	-0.5	
	October	-0.1	8.3	23.6	-1.8	14.8	-3.3	9.1	--	0.9	
	November	-0.9	6.4	23.6	-1.8	14.8	-3.3	9.1	--	0.4	
	December	-0.4	10.0	23.6	-1.8	14.8	-3.3	9.1	--	0.9	
	January	2.3	9.9	4.3	8.5	14.3	-3.2	3.5	--	3.7	
2011	February	-1.2	4.1	4.3	9.5	16.0	-4.4	3.5	--	1.8	
	March	-2.7	9.1	4.3	10.6	16.0	-3.8	3.5	--	1.8	
	April/r	4.0	4.1	4.3	13.6	15.4	-3.8	3.5	--	5.0	
	May	4.1	24.1	4.3	13.6	15.4	-3.8	3.5	--	6.5	
	June	4.5	24.7	4.3	16.4	10.5	-3.7	3.5	--	7.2	
	July	5.8	22.6	4.3	21.5	11.1	-5.2	3.5	--	8.5	
	August	10.9	15.1	4.3	21.5	2.0	-4.9	3.5	--	9.8	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2010	February	3.8	8.3	28.0	-8.4	5.3	7.1	5.3	--	2.1	
	March	3.7	8.1	23.6	-8.8	4.0	5.1	10.8	--	1.9	
	April	2.8	15.2	23.6	-8.0	3.1	3.1	9.1	--	1.8	
	May	0.8	17.8	23.6	-5.0	2.7	3.0	9.1	--	1.8	
	June	-0.9	20.9	23.6	-2.6	3.8	2.9	9.1	--	1.9	
	July	-1.8	15.7	23.6	-0.7	4.8	2.8	9.1	--	1.6	
	August	-2.7	14.3	23.6	-0.8	8.8	3.3	9.1	--	1.3	
	September	-3.3	13.1	23.6	-0.2	11.3	0.8	9.1	--	0.8	
	October	-2.6	10.7	23.6	-0.7	14.2	-1.2	9.1	--	0.6	
	November	-1.5	7.8	23.6	-1.2	14.5	-3.7	9.1	--	0.3	
	December	-0.5	8.3	23.6	-1.8	14.8	-3.3	9.1	--	0.7	
	January	0.3	8.8	16.2	1.6	14.6	-3.2	7.1	--	1.7	
2011	February	0.2	7.9	9.8	5.4	15.0	-3.6	5.2	--	2.2	
	March	-0.6	7.7	4.3	9.5	15.4	-3.8	3.5	--	2.5	
	April/r	0.0	5.7	4.3	11.2	15.8	-4.0	3.5	--	2.9	
	May	1.7	12.1	4.3	12.6	15.6	-3.8	3.5	--	4.4	
	June	4.2	17.1	4.3	14.5	13.7	-3.8	3.5	--	6.2	
	July	4.8	23.8	4.3	17.1	12.3	-4.2	3.5	--	7.4	
	August	7.0	20.7	4.3	19.8	7.7	-4.6	3.5	--	8.5	

Table 4. THE HONIARA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY GROUP (Spliced Series)											
Year/Month		Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu- -nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce- llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
(4th Quarter 1992 = 100)											
2009	April	513.4	401.9	169.4	565.1	406.0	523.1	393.9	332.6	465.7	-1.0
	May	513.7	396.7	170.4	539.2	407.5	525.5	393.9	333.7	462.2	-0.7
	June	510.3	420.9	183.9	539.2	413.4	525.5	393.9	337.2	463.5	0.3
	July	507.1	416.7	183.9	539.2	413.4	538.4	393.9	337.2	463.5	0.0
	August	505.1	417.4	184.4	537.9	417.6	530.2	394.7	337.2	461.9	-0.3
	September	501.8	423.1	184.4	540.0	419.2	541.4	394.9	337.3	462.5	0.1
	October	499.6	431.0	184.5	549.1	422.3	541.8	394.9	339.8	463.6	0.2
	November	502.3	445.2	184.6	549.6	422.3	537.7	395.4	339.8	465.0	0.3
	December	500.7	447.0	184.6	549.6	422.3	543.3	395.4	339.8	465.1	0.0
	2010 January	502.6	464.2	195.6	548.8	422.3	544.3	417.9	344.4	469.4	0.9
	February	501.4	489.3	195.6	545.2	419.2	547.5	417.9	346.0	469.7	0.1
	March	513.5	470.5	195.6	547.7	418.1	551.2	417.9	346.0	474.8	1.1
2010	April	497.5	517.9	195.6	546.5	418.0	551.7	417.9	347.7	470.1	-1.0
	May	493.4	470.6	196.1	547.5	419.3	557.4	417.9	362.3	467.6	-0.5
	June	489.1	466.8	198.1	548.7	433.6	561.4	418.1	370.2	467.4	0.0
	July	489.6	475.0	197.6	553.5	433.6	557.9	418.1	370.0	468.2	0.2
	August	481.5	475.9	197.6	555.5	446.7	563.8	418.1	370.0	466.6	-0.4
	September	480.4	456.5	197.6	555.5	446.9	542.3	418.1	371.8	462.5	-0.9
	October	485.0	464.0	198.1	556.4	449.8	547.5	421.0	368.1	465.9	0.7
	November	486.1	471.7	198.4	557.2	449.6	547.5	421.0	375.2	467.1	0.3
	December	481.4	488.4	198.4	560.9	449.6	565.3	421.0	375.2	468.7	0.3
	2011 January	493.2	506.9	198.5	615.2	452.5	571.8	430.4	376.4	484.6	3.4
	February	496.3	508.1	198.5	615.2	453.1	571.8	429.5	386.6	486.2	0.3
	March	505.0	510.3	198.6	619.4	453.1	578.2	429.5	388.2	491.6	1.1
	April/r	521.0	538.7	197.6	631.4	453.1	580.9	430.9	382.8	501.8	2.1
2011	May	518.9	576.1	197.6	633.4	453.6	589.0	430.9	382.8	504.1	0.4
	June	515.0	573.9	197.8	633.4	454.1	589.0	430.9	382.2	502.3	-0.4
	July	518.2	574.9	197.8	660.7	459.2	581.4	430.9	382.2	507.2	1.0
	August	523.8	543.3	197.8	655.8	459.4	577.4	430.9	382.2	506.9	-0.1
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
12 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2009	March	28.0	8.7	2.2	17.4	15.8	14.4	0.9	17.3	19.1	
	April	28.7	7.9	2.3	16.8	15.6	14.3	0.2	16.7	19.2	
	May	27.5	7.4	2.5	15.8	15.2	14.0	-0.4	15.5	18.4	
	June	25.5	7.2	3.2	13.6	14.4	12.9	-1.0	14.3	17.1	
	July	23.4	6.3	3.9	11.6	13.6	10.7	-1.6	12.5	15.3	
	August	20.5	6.1	4.5	9.6	12.7	8.3	-2.2	11.0	13.3	
	September	18.1	5.9	5.3	7.7	12.7	6.4	-2.8	10.1	11.6	
	October	16.0	5.8	6.1	5.4	12.8	5.2	-3.3	9.3	10.0	
	November	13.9	6.0	6.9	2.9	11.9	4.3	-3.8	8.6	8.4	
	December	11.9	6.3	7.6	0.7	10.9	4.6	-4.3	7.8	7.1	
	2010 January	10.0	6.6	7.4	-1.0	10.0	5.0	-3.1	7.1	6.0	
	February	8.0	7.2	7.2	-2.7	9.0	4.9	-2.2	6.6	4.9	
2010	March	5.7	6.5	8.3	-4.3	8.1	4.5	-1.4	6.0	3.5	
	April	3.6	8.9	9.4	-5.1	7.2	4.3	-0.5	5.4	2.5	
	May	2.1	10.4	10.6	-5.1	6.4	4.1	0.3	5.4	1.9	
	June	1.0	10.9	10.5	-4.6	5.9	4.4	1.2	5.4	1.5	
	July	0.1	11.7	10.3	-4.1	5.5	4.8	2.1	5.7	1.3	
	August	-0.6	12.2	10.1	-3.5	5.2	5.7	2.9	5.9	1.3	
	September	-1.2	12.1	9.9	-2.9	4.9	5.7	3.8	6.4	1.1	
	October	-1.7	12.0	9.6	-2.3	4.6	5.6	4.7	6.6	1.0	
	November	-2.1	11.5	9.4	-1.5	4.8	5.4	5.6	7.3	1.0	
	December	-2.6	11.8	9.2	-0.8	5.0	4.9	6.5	7.9	0.9	
	2011 January	-2.9	11.8	8.7	0.8	5.2	4.5	5.9	8.3	1.0	
	February	-3.0	11.0	8.2	2.6	5.6	4.2	5.6	8.9	1.2	
2011	March	-3.2	11.3	7.1	4.3	6.0	4.1	5.3	9.6	1.4	
	April/r	-2.5	9.2	5.9	5.9	6.5	4.1	5.1	10.0	1.9	
	May	-1.8	9.7	4.8	7.1	6.9	4.1	4.8	9.8	2.5	
	June	-1.0	10.7	4.1	8.2	6.9	4.0	4.6	9.2	3.0	
	July	-0.2	11.4	3.5	9.6	7.0	4.0	4.3	8.6	3.6	
	August	0.9	11.4	2.9	10.8	6.6	3.7	4.1	8.1	4.3	

Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES																
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010				2011			
DESCRIPTION	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	July	August
FOOD																
RICE (Solrais: 20kg Bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	99.78	107.94	169.84	205.85	193.56	167.33	172.78	171.33	167.66	167.39	171.33	173.00
NOODLE (Maggi: 85g pkt)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.15	2.27	2.50	2.82	2.82	2.93	2.96	2.96	3.00	3.10	3.10	3.10
FLOUR (plain white flour: 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	114.13	127.53	182.10	188.90	176.50	176.17	174.06	181.83	191.61	195.67	200.00	200.00
CHICKEN WING (imported, 500g pkt)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	20.88	24.33	33.13	31.25	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	41.00	41.00	41.00
TUNA (second grade Taiyo: 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.04	5.24	6.27	6.58	6.51	6.56	6.21	6.10	5.90	5.57	5.48	5.48
KUMARA HEAPS (\$/kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.28	3.20	3.68	3.94	3.83	3.39	3.26	3.30	3.84	3.36	3.32	4.81
SLIPPERY CABBAGE \$/kg	5.82	3.88	4.24	4.94	5.01	6.18	9.26	8.37	7.13	9.20	7.40	5.21	5.58	7.93	7.65	6.86
WHITE SUGAR (Chelsea, 500gm pkt)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.64	4.28	4.85	5.06	6.57	6.87	6.98	6.90	7.26	8.33	8.47	8.47
SALT (Sky salt, 1kg,)	3.17	3.95	3.71	4.22	4.50	4.61	4.46	4.54	4.47	4.47	4.49	4.72	4.78	4.63	4.63	4.63
DRINKS & TOBACCO																
SOLBREW BEER (Solbrew, 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.83	7.80	8.75	9.08	9.10	9.10	9.07	9.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25
TWIST TOBACCO (per stick)	5.50	7.02	7.02	7.31	7.40	7.49	7.78	10.03	14.73	15.41	15.50	15.50	18.26	18.75	19.75	19.75
UTILITIES																
WATER CHARGES (500gal)	26.13	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	53.70	62.10	58.42	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	65.66	65.66	79.00	79.00
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	116.42	177.00	192.19	182.61	176.96	177.34	177.34	210.31	224.76	233.48	233.48
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION																
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	535.69	628.24	958.45	799.42	887.00	941.23	907.07	949.03	1193.13	1203.67	1211.00	1166.00
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call, within Honiara)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES																
BATH SOAP (Giv: 85g cake)	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.80	1.83	2.00	2.31	2.43	2.52	2.66	2.79	2.74	2.52	2.51	2.50	2.50
TOOTH PASTE (Colgate: 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	10.29	13.46	15.51	15.68	17.35	17.18	17.25	18.92	18.92	18.92	18.92