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## **HONIARA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

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## Commentary

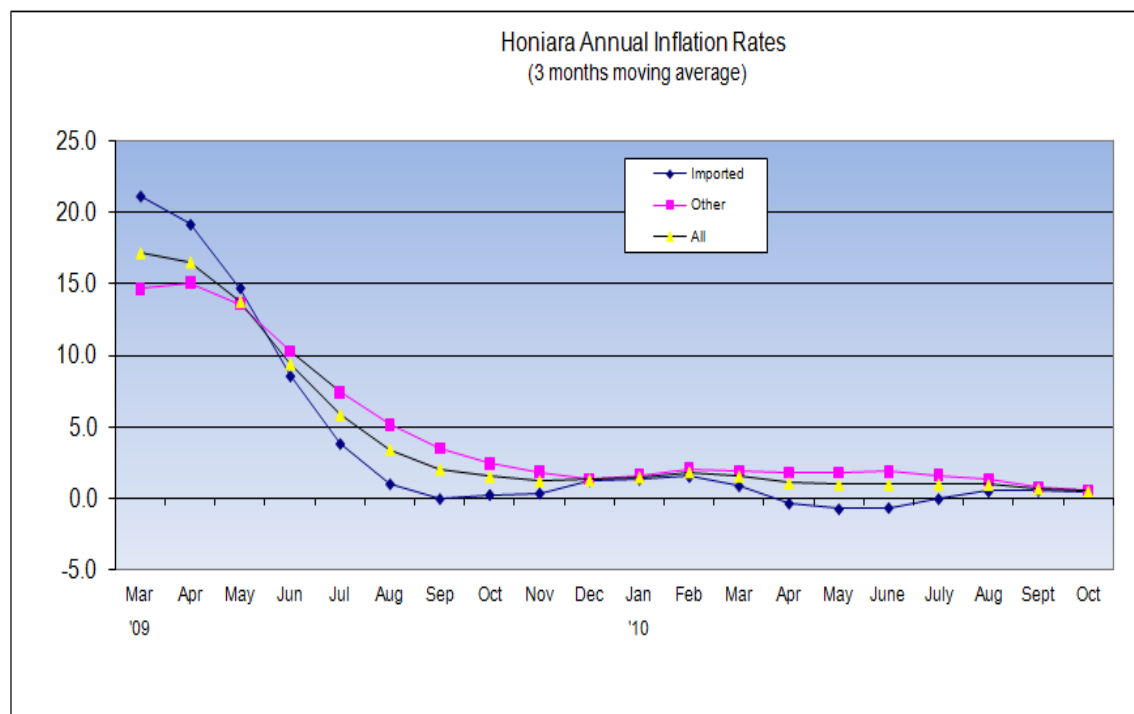
The Honiara Consumer Price Index for the month of October 2010 rose by 0.7% from 146.1 in September to 147.2. This was largely driven by a general rise in food prices, and increases in the price of betel nut as well as the standard labour charge for servicing vehicles.

The domestic Food sub-index rose 1.5% to 143.6 following a decline of 0.6% in September. The October rise was largely due to increases in the prices of cassava, which went up 3.7% to \$2.48/kg, kumara (up 5.6% to \$3.34/kg), flour (4.4% to \$178.83/25kg bag), cabin biscuits (2.9% to \$1.73/pkt) and coral fish (3.1% to \$36.15/kg). The imported Food sub-index also rose 0.4% to 165.7 driven by increases in the prices of soup-meat, which went up 3.3% to \$30.31/500g pkt, corned beef (2.4% to \$26.08/340g can), curry-chicken (7.7% to \$8.42/312g can) and cooking oil. These were partly offset by a decline of 2% (11 cents) in the price of slippery cabbage to result in a 1% rise the overall Food sub-index.

Changes in other sub-indexes were as follows-

- Drinks & Tobacco was up 1.6% on account of an increase of 9.4% (from 46 to 52cents) in the price of betel nut.
- Transport & Communication increased by 1.0% due to a rise in the standard labour charge for servicing vehicles which went up from \$50.00 to \$65.00 per hour.
- Housing & Utilities increased 0.2% on account of a 0.5% rise in cooking (LP) gas.
- Recreation, Health & Other Services was up 0.7% largely driven by increases in the prices of electronic recreational equipment, notably 21" television sets, which rose 9% to an average of \$2,332 per unit.

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



The annual inflation rate to October 2010 calculated on 3-months moving average basis was 0.5%; down 0.2 percentage points from 0.7% in September. The inflation rates for imported and domestic items were 0.5% and 0.6% 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	
2009	January	155.9	132.3	129.9	158.2	148.6	122.6	109.0	152.9	144.8	0.3
	February	157.0	134.8	130.4	158.2	148.0	126.9	112.3	153.1	146.3	1.1
	March	162.0	138.7	121.2	157.8	148.0	129.2	112.3	153.3	148.6	1.8
	April	162.2	124.6	121.0	151.7	148.4	130.3	112.3	153.7	147.1	-1.0
	May	162.3	123.0	121.7	144.7	148.9	130.9	112.3	154.2	146.0	-0.8
	June	161.2	130.5	131.3	144.7	151.1	130.9	112.3	155.8	146.4	0.3
	July	160.2	129.2	131.3	144.7	151.1	134.1	112.3	155.8	146.4	0.0
	August	159.5	129.4	131.7	144.4	152.6	132.1	112.5	155.8	145.9	-0.3
	September	158.5	131.2	131.7	145.0	153.2	134.8	112.6	155.9	146.1	0.1
	October	157.8	133.6	131.7	147.4	154.3	134.9	112.6	157.0	146.4	0.2
	November	158.7	138.0	131.8	147.5	154.3	133.9	112.7	157.0	146.9	0.3
	December	158.1	138.6	131.8	147.5	154.3	135.3	112.7	157.0	146.9	0.0
2010	January	158.8	143.9	139.7	147.3	154.3	135.6	119.2	159.2	148.3	0.9
	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
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	October	3.7	8.5	9.8	-5.9	10.7	2.3	-4.0	5.4	1.8	
	November	1.0	12.1	9.9	-7.6	4.4	4.0	-3.9	3.0	0.3	
	December	2.4	5.6	9.9	-6.8	4.1	10.4	-3.9	2.6	1.8	
	January	1.8	8.8	7.5	-6.9	3.9	10.6	9.3	4.1	2.4	
	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	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	October	3.5	8.2	9.8	-4.9	10.6	-0.5	-4.0	5.8	1.5	
	November	2.6	9.8	9.8	-5.9	8.4	1.9	-3.9	4.3	1.2	
	December	2.3	8.7	9.8	-6.8	6.3	5.5	-3.9	3.7	1.3	
	January	1.7	8.8	9.0	-7.1	4.1	8.3	0.3	3.3	1.5	
	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	

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	
2009	January	176.3	117.1	118.3	149.3	142.1	128.0	136.9	152.9	155.4	0.6
	February	176.1	117.1	118.8	148.9	140.8	122.8	136.9	153.1	154.5	-0.6
	March	175.9	117.1	119.3	147.5	140.8	130.3	136.9	153.3	155.2	0.5
	April	175.2	131.1	119.1	140.2	140.8	133.3	137.1	153.7	154.4	-0.5
	May	174.5	131.1	119.9	139.8	141.0	134.9	137.1	154.2	154.4	0.0
	June	174.4	138.2	119.9	139.8	144.0	134.9	137.1	155.8	154.7	0.2
	July	173.5	138.2	119.9	139.8	144.0	145.4	137.1	155.8	155.6	0.6
	August	173.9	138.2	120.3	139.8	145.3	143.3	137.8	155.8	155.7	0.1
	September	173.9	138.2	120.3	141.8	146.1	143.3	138.0	155.9	156.0	0.2
	October	176.1	138.2	120.5	143.6	146.6	143.6	138.0	157.0	157.5	0.9
	November	176.7	138.2	120.5	144.1	146.6	140.2	138.5	157.0	157.4	0.0
	December	176.5	138.2	120.5	144.1	146.6	144.8	138.5	157.0	157.9	0.3
2010	January	177.5	138.2	120.5	144.2	146.6	145.6	138.5	159.2	158.6	0.4
	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
Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	October	4.2	18.0	2.2	-3.7	11.9	-9.7	0.1	5.4	1.8	
	November	1.2	18.0	2.3	-6.7	3.1	-5.8	0.5	3.0	-0.3	
	December	1.3	18.0	2.3	-3.5	2.8	13.1	0.5	2.6	2.2	
	January	0.6	18.0	1.9	-3.4	3.1	13.8	1.1	4.1	2.1	
	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	
2010	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	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	October	3.6	18.0	2.2	-6.6	12.1	-14.9	-0.9	5.8	0.3	
	November	2.8	18.0	2.2	-5.9	8.9	-10.8	-0.3	4.3	0.4	
	December	2.2	18.0	2.3	-4.7	5.8	-1.6	0.3	3.7	1.2	
	January	1.0	18.0	2.2	-4.6	3.0	6.4	0.7	3.3	1.3	
	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	
2010	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	

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
	<b>Wght</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>53</b>		<b>602</b>	
2009	January	140.3	133.7	181.7	161.8	165.5	120.2	96.9	--	137.8	0.1
	February	142.3	136.4	181.7	162.0	166.7	128.7	101.6	--	140.9	2.3
	March	151.4	140.7	181.7	162.0	166.7	128.7	101.6	--	144.9	2.8
	April	152.2	124.1	181.7	156.3	168.0	128.9	101.6	--	142.9	-1.4
	May	152.9	122.2	181.7	146.7	169.5	129.1	101.6	--	141.0	-1.3
	June	151.1	129.8	181.7	146.7	169.5	129.1	101.6	--	140.9	-0.1
	July	150.0	128.3	181.7	146.7	169.5	129.1	101.6	--	140.3	-0.4
	August	148.6	128.6	181.7	146.2	171.8	127.1	101.6	--	139.3	-0.7
	September	146.8	130.5	181.7	146.2	171.8	131.1	101.6	--	139.5	0.1
	October	143.8	133.2	181.7	148.9	174.6	131.1	101.6	--	139.1	-0.3
	November	144.9	138.0	181.7	148.9	174.6	131.1	101.6	--	139.9	0.6
	December	144.1	138.6	181.7	148.9	174.6	131.1	101.6	--	139.6	-0.2
2010	January	144.4	144.4	224.5	148.6	174.6	131.1	110.8	--	141.4	1.3
	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
Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	October	3.1	7.7	40.3	-6.7	8.1	9.1	-6.2	--	1.8	
	November	0.8	11.6	40.3	-8.0	7.2	9.1	-6.2	--	0.8	
	December	3.4	4.6	40.3	-8.0	7.2	9.1	-6.2	--	1.4	
	January	3.0	8.0	23.6	-8.2	5.5	9.1	14.4	--	2.6	
	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	
2010	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	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	October	3.4	7.3	40.3	-4.2	7.5	8.2	-6.2	--	2.4	
	November	2.4	9.1	40.3	-5.9	7.3	9.1	-6.2	--	1.8	
	December	2.4	7.9	40.3	-7.5	7.5	9.1	-6.2	--	1.3	
	January	2.4	8.0	33.4	-8.0	6.7	9.1	0.1	--	1.6	
	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	
2010	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	



Table 4. The Honiara Consumer Price Index by Group (Spliced Series)

Year/Quarter/Month		Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Com'cations	Recreation, Health & Other Serv	Miscella- neous	All Items	%age Change
( 4th Quarter 1992 = 100 )											
2003	March-Qtr	271.5	308.1	138.5	298.3	216.5	283.0	290.5	192.1	263.1	
	June-Qtr	270.2	304.2	139.5	319.9	250.1	289.2	293.4	198.5	269.4	2.4
	Sept-Qtr	269.9	310.0	139.5	317.1	252.0	290.0	297.2	201.8	270.0	0.2
	Dec-Qtr	272.3	334.3	139.5	306.8	252.4	293.0	297.2	202.4	271.5	0.6
2004	March-Qtr	287.4	343.9	139.6	309.6	254.4	300.3	307.7	203.5	281.2	3.5
	June-Qtr	296.8	327.9	139.9	307.2	258.1	306.8	316.2	205.4	286.3	1.8
	Sept-Qtr	298.0	328.4	140.0	318.0	258.6	316.3	318.8	207.5	289.3	1.1
	Dec-Qtr	298.2	315.1	140.0	337.2	259.7	323.5	318.9	208.0	291.8	0.8
2005	March-Qtr	300.5	326.5	140.0	336.5	260.5	322.8	343.1	209.9	295.3	1.2
	June-Qtr	310.2	317.4	140.0	350.4	267.6	328.3	348.2	213.7	302.7	2.5
	Sept-Qtr	322.4	319.7	140.1	366.4	273.1	398.9	350.5	215.3	318.1	5.1
	Dec-Qtr	316.6	322.5	140.1	372.6	273.7	401.5	350.7	216.5	316.6	-0.5
2006	March-Qtr	326.8	335.5	159.4	391.5	293.0	415.0	394.7	232.0	332.4	5.0
	June-Qtr	345.4	340.6	159.5	397.0	293.4	422.9	393.8	231.9	342.4	3.0
	Sept-Qtr	351.0	364.3	160.0	399.6	295.3	427.9	393.8	233.2	347.1	1.4
	Dec-Qtr	348.7	370.2	165.4	406.3	298.2	432.3	395.7	247.5	349.2	0.6
2007	March-Qtr	349.9	369.9	166.9	471.5	304.7	436.2	397.2	248.9	360.8	3.3
	June-Qtr	355.9	371.3	167.9	470.4	307.8	438.5	398.0	246.2	363.8	0.8
	Sept-Qtr	362.0	349.1	166.6	475.2	321.6	439.3	399.0	257.1	367.2	0.9
	Dec-Qtr	385.7	378.5	166.9	482.2	351.2	452.6	401.4	290.7	384.3	
2008	January	389.6	409.0	166.4	516.5	352.3	466.1	411.2	294.7	395.1	2.1
	February	395.3	409.0	166.2	516.5	352.6	465.0	411.2	297.8	397.6	0.6
	March	389.9	395.8	166.2	516.7	353.1	468.8	411.2	298.4	395.2	-0.6
	April	410.6	403.4	166.9	529.0	355.4	479.9	411.2	296.6	407.9	3.2
	May	449.0	396.3	168.2	530.0	361.0	487.1	411.2	305.1	425.7	4.4
	June	465.7	398.5	168.8	562.5	374.2	508.7	411.2	306.2	438.0	2.9
	July	470.5	400.1	168.8	562.5	374.2	543.2	411.2	318.1	448.5	2.4
	August	487.8	389.8	168.0	563.7	377.1	547.9	411.2	314.2	456.3	1.7
	September	486.4	388.7	168.0	563.7	379.5	544.4	411.2	322.4	455.5	-0.2
	October	482.0	397.1	168.0	583.3	381.6	529.5	411.2	322.4	455.2	-0.1
	November	497.5	397.1	168.0	594.9	404.7	517.0	411.2	329.8	463.5	1.8
	December	489.1	423.1	168.0	589.4	405.6	492.1	411.2	331.1	457.1	-1.4
2009	January	493.6	426.7	182.0	589.4	406.6	492.1	382.2	330.8	458.4	0.3
	February	497.0	434.7	182.6	589.4	404.9	509.7	393.7	331.4	463.3	1.1
	March	513.0	447.4	169.7	587.9	404.9	518.8	393.7	331.8	470.5	1.6
	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
	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
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
(b) 12 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	October	16.0	5.8	6.1	5.4	12.8	5.2	-3.3	9.3	10.0	
	November	13.8	6.1	6.9	2.4	11.9	4.2	-4.0	8.6	8.3	
	December	11.9	6.3	7.6	0.7	10.9	4.6	-4.3	7.8	7.1	
	January	10.0	6.6	7.4	-1.0	10.0	5.0	-3.1	7.1	6.0	
2010	February	8.0	7.2	7.2	-2.7	9.0	4.9	-2.2	6.6	4.9	
	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	
2010	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	

Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMUNITIES

DESCRIPTION	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007				2008				2009				2010				
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	
FOOD																						
RICE (Solreis 20kg bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	99.78	103.18	107.07	109.00	112.51	119.45	160.73	196.09	203.08	207.23	206.33	204.67	205.17	193.56	167.50	167.50	172.50	174.33
NOODLE (Maggi: 85g pkt)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.15	2.28	2.27	2.25	2.27	2.30	2.40	2.60	2.69	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.92	2.92	2.96	2.96
FLOUR (plain white flour: 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	114.13	116.79	121.13	123.02	149.18	167.63	177.29	182.96	200.51	205.00	194.61	178.83	177.17	176.50	176.50	175.50	175.50	171.17
CHICKEN WINGS (imported, 500g pkt)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	20.88	21.50	23.50	24.83	27.50	27.50	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
TUNA (second grade Tampi: 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.04	5.07	5.33	5.29	5.25	5.27	6.36	6.71	6.73	6.71	6.71	6.37	6.53	6.51	6.50	6.50	6.67	6.68
KUMARA PEAPS (\$/Kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.28	2.31	2.50	2.29	5.71	3.27	3.50	4.16	3.77	3.50	4.14	4.27	3.85	3.83	3.87	3.06	3.25	3.42
Slippery Cabbage \$/Kg	5.02	3.88	4.24	4.94	5.01	6.97	5.93	6.39	5.42	6.01	9.77	11.09	10.18	8.34	9.57	8.35	7.22	7.13	8.47	10.39	8.75	9.88
WHITE SUGAR (Chelex: 500gpm pkt)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.64	3.86	4.40	4.43	4.45	4.61	4.78	5.06	4.95	4.59	4.66	4.87	6.11	6.57	6.78	6.87	6.95	7.12
SALT (Siv salt, 1kg.)	3.17	3.95	3.71	4.22	4.50	4.56	4.76	4.64	4.46	4.43	4.46	4.50	4.44	4.54	4.57	4.57	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.55
DRINKS & TOBACCO																						
SOLBREW BEER (Solbrew: 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.83	6.87	7.84	8.00	8.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10
TWIST TOBACCO (per stick)	5.50	7.02	7.02	7.31	7.40	7.43	7.51	7.51	7.51	7.52	7.83	7.88	7.88	7.85	9.14	11.14	11.98	14.73	15.23	15.50	15.50	15.50
UTILITIES																						
WATER CHARGES (500gal)	26.13	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.55	63.13	65.66	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	101.02	120.69	121.33	122.62	156.80	156.80	181.80	212.60	213.00	190.62	178.17	186.99	182.61	181.02	181.02	177.34	177.34
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION																						
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	535.69	556.97	637.45	638.05	680.50	788.90	984.90	1169.00	891.00	703.33	769.67	868.33	856.33	887.00	909.50	957.10	927.10	897.05
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per cal. with Honora)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.55
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES																						
BATH SOAP (Giv: 85g cake)	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.80	1.83	1.80	2.01	2.04	2.14	2.19	2.25	2.35	2.45	2.39	2.41	2.46	2.46	2.52	2.52	2.68	2.78	2.82
TOOTHPASTE (Colgate: 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	8.95	9.46	10.01	12.74	13.54	13.27	12.74	14.27	15.36	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.68	15.68	18.18	17.18	17.18