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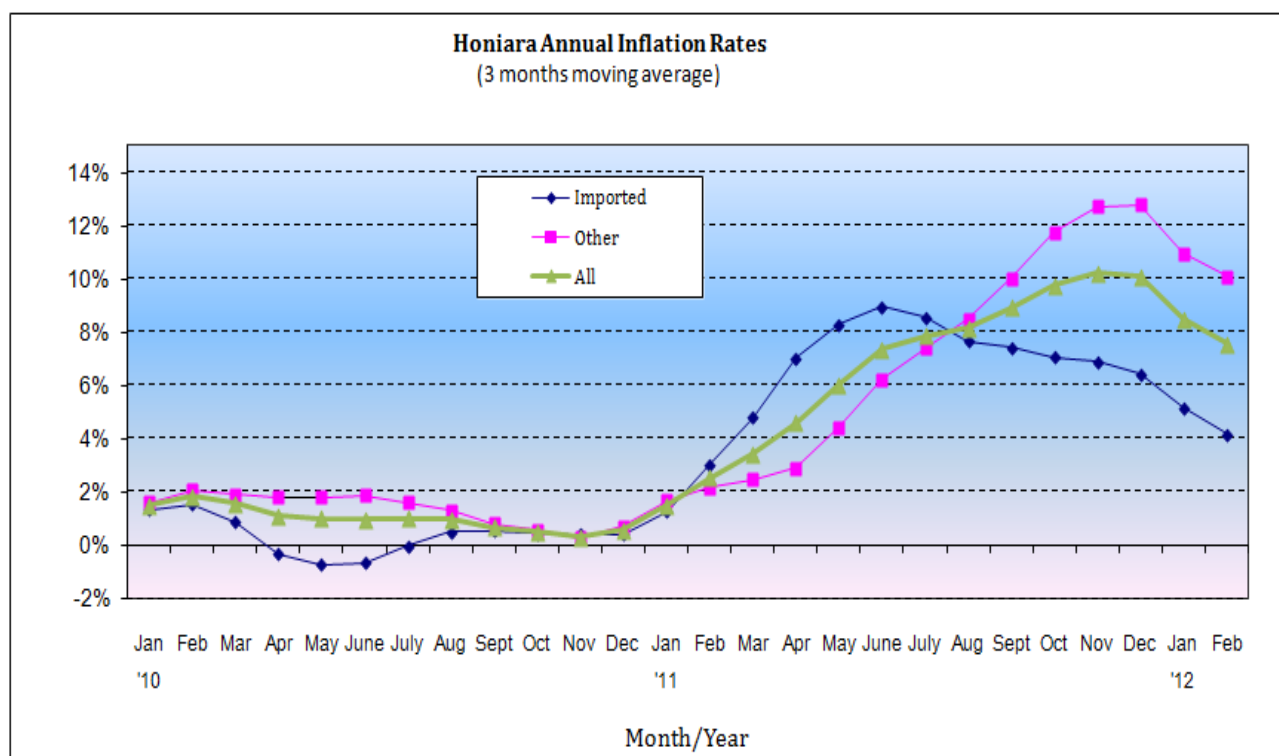
The Honiara Consumers Price Index for February rose by 1.4% from 162.5 to 164.7. This was largely driven by increases in food prices which outweighed a drop in the price of betel nut.

The overall Food sub-index went up 3.2% due to increases in the prices of chicken wings (29%), whole chicken (3%), corned beef (3%), luncheon-meat (3%), eggs (4.8%) and cooking oil and flour. Local fruit and vegetable prices at Honiara market also rose in February, notably bush cabbage (45%), chinese cabbage (22%), kumara (7.9%) and cucumbers. These had outweighed slight declines in the prices of rice, mince meat and sugar to result in the increase.

Changes in other sub-indexes are as follows:-

- Drinks & Tobacco fell 4.5% largely driven by a 19.5% drop in the price of betel-nut following a seasonal price hike of about the same magnitude in January. This outweighed a 5.4% increase in the price of solbrew beer to result in the overall decline in the sub-index.
- Housing & Utilities rose 0.8% on account of increases in the prices of LP gas (11%) and iron roofing (3%) which outweighed a marginal decline in the price of kerosene.
- Transport & Communications increased 0.6% driven by a 2.7% rise in the price of petrol which outweighed a 0.7% decline in the price of diesel.

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



The annual inflation rate to February 2012 calculated on a 3 months moving average basis was 7.6%, down 0.9 of a percentage point from 8.5% in January. The inflation rates for imported and other items were 4.2% and 10.1% 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
	<i>Wght</i>	429	47	38	181	47	164	76	18	1000	
2010	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
	September	165.9	171.1	141.4	176.0	166.2	144.3	122.9	175.6	160.4	0.2
	October	166.5	170.8	141.3	189.5	166.9	143.7	122.9	175.5	163.1	1.6
	November	164.8	174.3	142.3	189.1	169.6	142.5	122.9	176.8	162.4	-0.4
	December	163.6	174.1	143.2	189.0	169.0	141.9	122.6	186.3	161.9	-0.3
2012	January	162.7	181.5	143.1	190.0	170.1	140.9	129.7	186.8	162.5	0.3
	February	167.9	173.3	143.8	191.4	169.7	141.7	129.7	187.2	164.7	1.4
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	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	
	September	9.3	20.9	0.2	18.0	1.7	6.9	3.0	2.2	9.8	
	October	8.7	18.7	-0.1	26.9	1.5	5.4	2.3	3.2	10.8	
	November	7.3	19.2	0.5	26.4	3.2	4.5	2.3	2.0	10.1	
	December	7.6	15.0	1.1	25.6	2.9	0.8	2.2	7.5	9.4	
2012	January	4.4	15.5	1.0	15.1	2.9	-1.0	5.6	7.4	6.1	
	February	7.1	10.0	1.5	15.9	2.5	-0.5	5.9	4.8	7.2	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	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	
	September	8.0	18.7	0.1	18.5	3.5	4.5	3.0	2.9	8.9	
	October	8.9	17.9	0.1	21.0	2.0	4.9	2.8	2.9	9.8	
	November	8.4	19.6	0.2	23.8	2.1	5.6	2.6	2.4	10.2	
	December	7.9	17.6	0.5	26.3	2.5	3.5	2.3	4.2	10.1	
2012	January	6.4	16.5	0.8	22.1	3.0	1.4	3.4	5.6	8.5	
	February	6.4	13.5	1.2	18.6	2.7	-0.2	4.6	6.5	7.6	

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	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
	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
	September	176.2	143.1	120.5	172.3	153.4	185.6	141.8	175.6	168.2	0.2
	October	177.2	143.1	120.4	172.3	154.4	183.6	141.8	175.5	168.5	0.2
	November	177.6	143.1	121.6	170.7	158.1	179.5	141.8	176.8	168.5	0.0
	December	176.3	143.1	122.7	170.6	157.3	177.8	141.1	186.3	168.0	-0.3
2012	January	175.5	143.1	122.5	173.9	158.7	173.7	148.2	186.8	168.1	0.0
	February	176.9	143.1	123.4	178.8	158.2	176.3	148.2	187.2	169.7	1.0
Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2010	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	
	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	
	September	6.7	2.6	-1.4	10.2	1.6	17.5	2.3	2.2	7.1	
	October	7.0	2.6	-1.9	9.6	2.5	16.2	0.3	3.2	7.0	
	November	6.6	2.6	-1.1	8.1	5.0	13.6	0.3	2.0	6.5	
	December	8.1	2.6	-0.2	5.7	4.5	3.0	-0.2	7.5	5.8	
2012	January	5.5	2.6	1.4	-0.6	4.2	-2.2	4.8	7.4	3.3	
	February	4.9	2.6	2.1	2.2	3.7	-0.8	5.4	4.8	3.5	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2010	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	
	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	
	September	6.4	3.2	-1.6	11.6	2.8	18.9	2.3	2.9	7.4	
	October	6.7	2.9	-1.7	10.0	2.5	16.7	1.6	2.9	7.1	
	November	6.8	2.6	-1.5	9.3	3.0	15.8	1.0	2.4	6.9	
	December	7.2	2.6	-1.1	7.8	4.0	10.7	0.1	4.2	6.4	
2012	January	6.7	2.6	0.0	4.2	4.6	4.5	1.6	5.6	5.2	
	February	6.1	2.6	1.1	2.3	4.1	0.0	3.3	6.5	4.2	

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
	Wght	243	43	7	129	13	114	53		602	
2010	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
2011	January	147.8	158.8	234.1	161.2	199.5	127.0	114.6	--	146.7	4.1
	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
	September	158.0	173.8	234.1	177.5	199.5	126.2	114.6	--	155.3	0.2
	October	158.4	173.3	234.1	196.5	199.5	126.2	114.6	--	159.4	2.7
	November	154.9	177.2	234.1	196.5	199.5	126.2	114.6	--	158.3	-0.7
	December	154.0	177.0	234.1	196.5	199.5	126.2	114.6	--	157.9	-0.3
2012	January	152.9	185.0	234.1	196.5	200.0	126.6	121.6	--	158.7	0.5
	February	161.0	176.1	234.1	196.5	200.0	126.6	121.6	--	161.4	1.7
Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
2011	January	2.3	9.9	4.3	8.5	14.3	-3.2	3.5	--	3.7	
	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	
	September	11.6	22.6	4.3	21.5	2.0	1.0	3.5	--	11.8	
	October	10.2	20.1	4.3	34.4	-0.4	-0.5	3.5	--	13.6	
	November	7.9	20.6	4.3	34.4	-0.4	-0.5	3.5	--	12.7	
	December	7.2	16.0	4.3	34.4	-0.4	-0.5	3.5	--	12.1	
2012	January	3.5	16.5	0.0	21.9	0.2	-0.3	6.1	--	8.2	
	February	9.0	10.6	0.0	21.9	0.2	-0.3	6.1	--	10.0	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
2011	January	0.3	8.8	16.2	1.6	14.6	-3.2	7.1	--	1.7	
	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	
	September	9.4	20.0	4.3	21.5	4.9	-3.1	3.5	--	10.0	
	October	10.9	19.2	4.3	25.8	1.2	-1.5	3.5	--	11.8	
	November	9.9	21.1	4.3	30.1	0.4	0.0	3.5	--	12.7	
	December	8.5	18.9	4.3	34.4	-0.4	-0.5	3.5	--	12.8	
2012	January	6.2	17.7	2.8	30.0	-0.2	-0.4	4.4	--	11.0	
	February	6.6	14.4	1.4	25.8	0.0	-0.4	5.2	--	10.1	

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
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
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
September	525.2	552.0	198.1	655.8	454.7	579.5	430.9	379.9	507.9	0.2
October	527.3	550.8	197.9	706.1	456.6	577.0	430.9	379.7	516.2	1.6
November	521.7	562.2	199.4	704.4	464.0	572.1	430.9	382.6	514.1	-0.4
December	518.0	561.4	200.6	704.3	462.5	570.0	430.1	403.2	512.7	-0.3
2012 January	515.0	585.3	200.4	707.8	465.4	566.0	454.7	404.2	514.4	0.3
February	531.5	558.9	201.4	713.0	464.4	569.0	454.7	405.1	521.5	1.4
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group										
12 months moving average on same period a year ago										
2009 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	
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	
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	
September	2.0	12.5	2.3	12.1	6.2	4.2	3.8	7.4	5.1	
October	2.9	13.3	1.7	14.2	5.8	4.6	3.5	6.9	5.9	
November	3.8	14.4	1.2	16.3	5.5	4.8	3.2	6.2	6.7	
December	4.8	14.8	0.7	18.3	5.2	4.5	2.8	6.0	7.4	
2012 January	5.3	15.4	0.6	18.5	4.8	4.0	3.0	5.9	7.7	
February	6.0	15.9	1.2	18.7	4.3	3.6	3.3	5.3	8.0	

Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011				2012	
DESCRIPTION	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Jan	Feb
FOOD															
RICE (Sofras: 20kg Bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	99.78	107.94	169.84	205.85	176.25	172.50	172.47	173.11	175.00	169.17	168.00
NOODLE (Magji: 85g pkt)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.15	2.27	2.50	2.82	2.92	3.00	3.10	3.07	3.00	3.00	3.00
FLOUR (plain white flour: 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	114.13	127.53	182.10	188.90	177.14	191.61	195.67	198.56	195.00	195.00	199.33
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	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	53.00
TUNA (second grade Taiyo: 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.04	5.24	6.27	6.58	6.34	5.90	5.57	5.43	4.94	5.00	5.08
KUMARA HEAPS (\$/kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.28	3.20	3.68	3.94	3.45	3.84	3.36	4.25	4.96	4.56	4.92
SUPPERY CABBAGE \$/kg	5.82	3.88	4.24	4.94	5.01	6.18	9.26	8.37	7.24	5.58	7.93	7.27	6.12	5.53	8.01
WHITE SUGAR (Cheesa, 500gm pkt)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.64	4.28	4.85	5.06	6.83	7.26	8.33	8.51	8.44	8.50	8.17
SALT (5kg sat, 1kg.)	3.17	3.95	3.71	4.22	4.50	4.61	4.46	4.54	4.54	4.78	4.63	4.63	4.62	4.58	4.58
DRINKS & TOBACCO															
SOLBREW BEER (Solbrew, 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.83	7.80	8.75	9.08	9.07	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.75
TMIST TOBACCO (per stick)	5.50	7.02	7.02	7.31	7.40	7.49	7.78	10.03	15.28	18.26	18.75	19.75	19.75	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	65.66	65.66	79.00	111.77	111.77	111.77
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	116.42	177.00	192.19	178.56	210.31	224.764	233.48	232.77	232.77	232.77
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION															
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	535.69	628.24	958.45	799.42	921.08	1193.13	1203.67	1187.00	1131.33	1057.00	1086.00
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call, within Honiara)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.55	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	2.68	2.52	2.51	2.51	2.57	2.66	2.66
TOOTHPASTE (Colgate: 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	10.29	13.46	15.51	16.86	18.92	18.92	18.89	18.82	18.82	18.82