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INDEX OF RETAIL PRICES—February, 2022 (Base: January, 2015 = 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 the prices collected for the month of February, 2022, was 114.4, representing an increase of 0.3 point or 0.3% above the All Items Index for January, 2022.

The Rate of Inflation, as measured by the percentage change in the average All Items Index for the period January to February, 2022, over the period January to February, 2021, was 4.0%. This rate is greater than that observed for the period January to February, 2021, over the period January to February, 2020, which was 0.9%.

SECTION INDICES

FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Index for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased from 128.1 in January, 2022 to 129.6 in February, 2022, reflecting an increase of 1.2%. Contributing significantly to this increase was the general upward movement in the prices of whole chickens—fresh, white flour, corn curls, cheese balls, tortilla chips etc., parboiled rice, carrots, crix, other chilled or frozen chicken, whole chickens—frozen, full cream milk and Milo. However, the full impact of these price increases was offset by the general decrease in the prices of tomatoes, pumpkin, hot peppers, chive, powdered milk—full cream, potatoes, celery, green (sweet) pepper, mixed fresh seasoning and sweet potatoes.

Price changes in this section for the month of February, 2022 accounted for a net overall increase of 0.3 point in the All Items Index.

OTHER SECTIONS

A further review of the data for February, 2022 compared with January, 2022, reflected an increase in the sub-indices for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco of 0.7%, and Health of 0.1%. However, a decrease was noted in the sub-index for Clothing and Footwear of 0.1%. All other sections remained unchanged.

Price changes in the Other Sections for the month of February, 2022 had a negligible effect on the All Items Index.

Changes in consumer prices in February, 2022, compared with those of February, 2021, reflected in various sections of the Index are shown hereunder:

Sections	Percentage Change February, 2021—February, 2022
All Items	4.2
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	8.6
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	3.3
Clothing and Footwear	0.6
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	6.7
Home Ownership	8.3
Rent	0.4
Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	3.4
Health	3.1
Transport	2.2
Communication	3.1
Recreation and Culture	-2.6
Education	0.0
Hotels, Cafés and Restaurant	2.2
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	1.0

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GENERAL INDEX AND SECTION INDICES
Figures for February, 2022

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Period	All Items Jan 2015 =100	Section Indices														
		Food and Non- Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels				Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Maintenance of the House	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Hotels, Cafes and Restaurants	Miscellaneous Goods and Services
					Total	Home- ownership	Rent	Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels								
Weights	1000	173	9	57	275	193	22	60	67	41	147	45	66	10	25	85
Average																
January - February 2020	108.9	116.6	111.3	94.9	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.3	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
January - February 2021	109.9	119.8	114.8	91.0	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
January - February 2022	114.3	128.9	118.3	91.3	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.8	110.6	109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
2020 January	108.9	116.5	111.1	95.3	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.2	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
February	108.9	116.6	111.5	94.4	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.4	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
March	109.0	117.4	111.8	94.7	104.2	104.4	107.0	100.7	104.3	132.7	107.0	106.8	109.5	102.5	116.4	112.1
April	109.1	117.8	112.0	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.5	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
May	109.0	117.6	111.2	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
June	108.8	116.6	111.5	94.3	104.0	104.1	107.5	100.7	104.2	133.7	106.9	106.7	109.5	102.5	117.2	112.3
July	109.0	117.3	111.1	93.3	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	134.5	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
August	109.2	117.9	111.9	93.4	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	135.7	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
September	109.5	119.9	112.4	92.8	104.0	104.1	107.2	100.7	104.7	136.2	106.8	106.7	109.6	102.5	118.0	112.3
October	109.5	120.4	112.5	92.7	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	136.7	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
November	109.6	120.8	114.6	92.3	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.0	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
December	109.5	120.1	113.4	92.1	104.0	104.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.2	106.8	106.7	109.4	102.5	118.0	112.2
2021 January	109.9	120.2	114.7	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.5	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
February	109.8	119.3	114.9	90.7	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
March	109.9	119.8	115.5	91.2	104.8	105.1	107.3	100.7	104.4	137.6	108.2	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.0	112.1
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May	110.5	120.6	116.1	91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
June	110.8	122.5	116.2	91.0	106.5	107.1	108.1	100.7	104.7	137.9	108.4	106.6	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
July	111.4	123.1	115.9	91.0	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.1	108.4	107.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
August	111.6	124.6	115.1	91.0	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.2	108.4	107.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
September	112.1	126.8	116.3	91.5	107.9	108.8	108.1	100.7	104.7	138.7	108.4	107.2	109.7	102.5	118.2	112.0
October	113.8	129.6	116.0	91.2	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	139.9	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
November	113.6	128.2	116.0	91.1	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	141.0	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
December	113.3	127.0	115.6	91.0	110.4	112.1	107.9	100.7	107.2	140.2	110.1	107.2	109.9	102.5	119.4	112.4
2022 January	114.1	128.1	117.9	91.3	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.7	110.6	109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2
February	114.4	129.6	118.7	91.2	111.8	113.8	107.7	100.7	108.0	141.8	110.6	109.9	106.9	102.5	120.6	113.2

NOTE: To find the equivalent of old base (January, 2003 = 100) to the new base (January, 2015 = 100) at the All Items level, multiply the All Items Index of the new base by 2.307.