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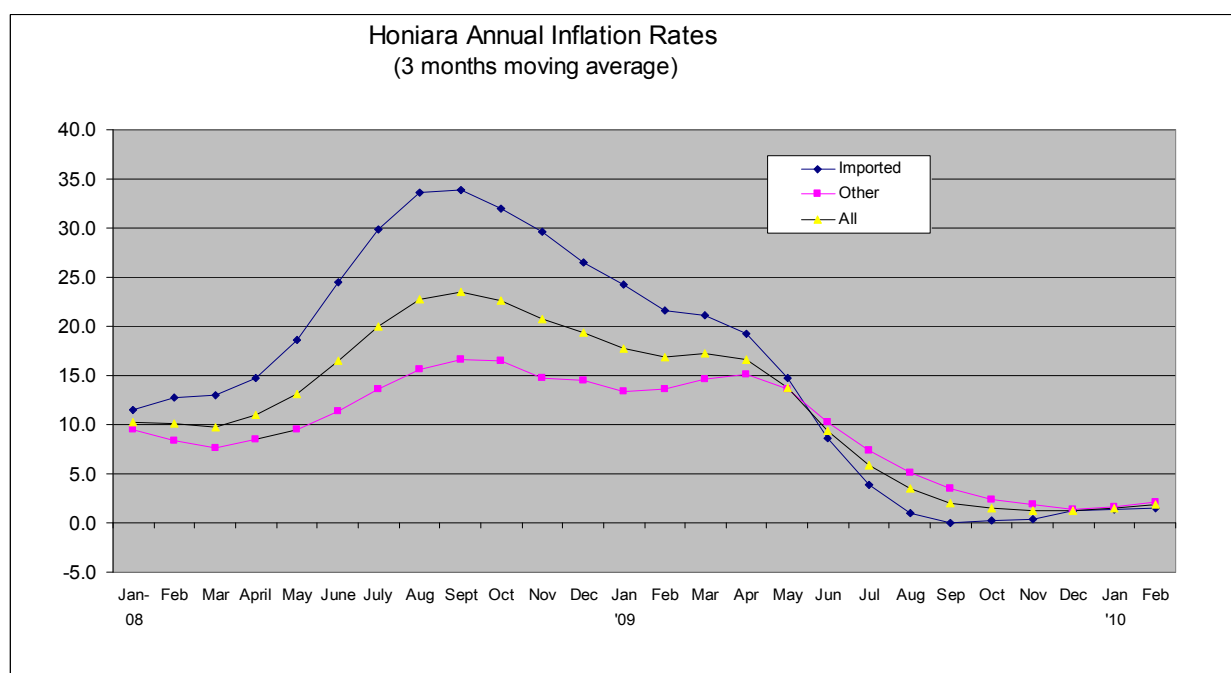
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Commentary

The Honiara Consumer Price Index for February 2010 slightly rose by 0.1% from 148.3 in January to 148.4. This was due to increases in the prices of local fruit and vegetables, twist tobacco and bettlenut which outweighed declines in the prices of rice, electricity and fuel. Fresh fruit and vegetables were in short supply in February as most food gardens that supply the Honiara Markets were destroyed in heavy rains experienced in late January and early February.

The domestic Food sub-index rose 3.5% to 149.5 driven by increase in the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables notably melon which rose 102% to \$9.33/kg, tomatoes 44.5% to \$13.77/kg, fern cabbage 40% to \$3.90/kg and green pepper 26.7% to \$16.76/kg. These increases was offset by a decline in the price of rice which fell 8.7% to 187.58/20kg bag to result in a marginal decline of 0.2% in the overall Food sub-index. The Housing and Utilities sub-index also dropped 0.7% to 146.3 on account of a decline in electricity charges, which fell 2.6% to \$181.02 per 40 units.

The price of twist-tobacco rose 10.9% to \$15.23/stick, whilst that of bettlenut increased 15.2% to 73cents/nut. These were reflected in a 5.4% rise in the Drinks & Tobacco sub-index. An increase of 0.6% was also recorded in the Transport & Communications sub-index. This was largely driven by a 1.3% rise (from \$700.50 to \$744.90) in airfares for the Honiara/Auki route and had outweighed declines in petrol and diesel prices which fell 1.4% to 872cents/litre and 2.3% to 877cents/litre respectively.



The annual inflation rate to February 2010 calculated on a 3-month moving average basis was 1.8%, up 0.3 percentage points from 1.5% in January. The inflation rates for imported and other items were 1.5 % and 2.1 % respectively.

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

Year/ Month	Wght	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu-nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce-llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
		429	47	38	181	47	164	76	18	1000	
2007	May	112.6	115.1	120.2	126.1	112.9	109.0	113.5	113.5	115.0	0.4
	June	113.0	114.6	120.2	126.3	113.0	109.9	113.5	113.5	115.3	0.3
	July	113.2	108.2	120.2	126.9	113.2	109.0	113.5	113.5	115.0	-0.2
	August	113.4	109.4	117.0	127.7	113.2	109.2	113.5	113.4	115.3	0.2
	Sept	116.4	107.1	119.7	128.0	126.3	110.1	114.4	129.5	117.7	2.1
	Oct	118.3	111.9	119.7	128.2	127.2	111.9	114.4	129.5	119.1	1.2
	Nov	125.6	111.9	119.0	129.8	128.9	112.2	114.4	136.8	122.8	3.1
	Dec	121.6	128.3	118.8	130.3	129.0	114.1	114.4	136.8	122.2	-0.4
2008	January	123.1	126.8	118.8	138.6	128.7	116.1	117.3	136.2	124.8	2.1
	February	124.9	126.8	118.6	138.6	128.9	115.8	117.3	137.6	125.6	0.6
	March	123.1	122.7	118.6	138.7	129.1	116.7	117.3	137.9	124.8	-0.6
	April	129.7	125.1	119.2	142.0	129.9	119.5	117.3	137.0	128.8	3.2
	May	141.8	122.9	120.1	142.3	131.9	121.3	117.3	141.0	134.5	4.4
	June	147.1	123.5	120.5	151.0	136.8	126.7	117.3	141.5	138.3	2.9
	July	148.6	124.0	120.5	151.0	136.8	135.3	117.3	147.0	141.7	2.4
	August	154.1	120.8	120.0	151.3	137.8	136.4	117.3	145.2	144.1	1.7
	September	153.6	120.5	120.0	151.3	138.7	135.6	117.3	149.0	143.9	-0.2
	October	152.2	123.1	120.0	156.6	139.4	131.9	117.3	149.0	143.8	-0.1
	November	157.2	123.1	120.0	159.7	147.9	128.7	117.3	152.4	146.4	1.8
	December	154.5	131.2	120.0	158.2	148.2	122.6	117.3	153.0	144.4	-1.4
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
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2008	February	13.8	10.3	-0.8	9.5	17.0	7.2	3.9	17.9	10.6	
	March	11.8	7.2	-0.8	9.5	15.9	8.1	3.3	20.0	9.8	
	April	16.2	8.2	-0.2	12.4	16.5	9.8	3.3	19.9	12.5	
	May	25.9	6.8	0.0	12.8	16.8	11.3	3.3	24.2	17.0	
	June	30.2	7.8	0.3	19.5	21.0	15.3	3.3	24.6	20.0	
	July	31.3	14.7	0.3	19.0	20.9	24.1	3.3	29.5	23.2	
	August	35.9	10.4	2.5	18.5	21.8	24.9	3.3	28.0	25.0	
	September	32.0	12.5	0.2	18.2	9.8	23.2	2.5	15.0	22.2	
	October	28.7	10.1	0.2	22.1	9.6	17.9	2.5	15.0	20.7	
	November	25.1	10.0	0.8	23.0	14.8	14.8	2.5	11.4	19.2	
	December	27.0	2.3	1.0	21.4	14.9	7.4	2.5	11.9	18.1	
2009	January	26.7	4.3	9.4	14.1	15.4	5.6	-7.1	12.2	16.0	
	February	25.7	6.3	9.9	14.1	14.8	9.6	-4.3	11.3	16.5	
	March	31.6	13.0	2.1	13.8	14.7	10.7	-4.3	11.2	19.1	
	April	25.0	-0.4	1.5	6.8	14.2	9.0	-4.2	12.2	14.2	
	May	14.4	0.1	1.3	1.7	12.9	7.9	-4.2	9.4	8.6	
	June	9.6	5.6	8.9	-4.1	10.5	3.3	-4.2	10.1	5.8	
	July	7.8	4.2	8.9	-4.1	10.5	-0.9	-4.2	6.0	3.3	
	August	3.5	7.1	9.7	-4.6	10.7	-3.2	-4.0	7.3	1.2	
	September	3.2	8.8	9.7	-4.2	10.5	-0.5	-4.0	4.6	1.5	
	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	
2010	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2008	February	11.5	11.9	-0.2	12.4	16.4	6.3	2.9	18.5	10.1	
	March	11.9	9.4	-0.4	9.6	15.7	7.0	3.5	19.3	9.7	
	April	14.0	8.5	-0.6	10.4	16.5	8.4	3.5	19.3	11.0	
	May	18.0	7.4	-0.3	11.6	16.4	9.7	3.3	21.4	13.1	
	June	24.1	7.6	0.0	14.9	18.1	12.2	3.3	22.9	16.5	
	July	29.1	9.6	0.2	17.1	19.6	16.9	3.3	26.1	20.0	
	August	32.5	10.9	1.0	19.0	21.2	21.4	3.3	27.4	22.7	
	September	33.0	12.5	1.0	18.5	17.2	24.1	3.1	23.8	23.5	
	October	32.1	11.0	1.0	19.6	13.4	22.0	2.8	19.0	22.6	
	November	28.5	10.8	0.4	21.1	11.4	18.6	2.5	13.8	20.7	
	December	26.9	7.2	0.7	22.2	13.1	13.3	2.5	12.7	19.3	
2009	January	26.3	5.3	3.7	19.4	15.0	9.2	-0.8	11.9	17.8	
	February	26.5	4.3	6.7	16.5	15.1	7.5	-3.0	11.8	16.9	
	March	28.0	7.8	7.1	14.0	15.0	8.6	-5.2	11.6	17.2	
	April	27.4	6.3	4.5	11.5	14.6	9.8	-4.2	11.5	16.6	
	May	23.3	4.2	1.7	7.4	13.9	9.2	-4.2	10.9	13.8	
	June	16.0	1.8	3.9	1.4	12.5	6.7	-4.2	10.5	9.4	
	July	10.5	3.3	6.4	-2.3	11.2	3.3	-4.2	8.5	5.9	
	August	6.9	5.6	9.2	-4.3	10.6	-0.3	-4.2	7.8	3.4	
	September	4.8	6.7	9.5	-4.3	10.6	-1.5	-4.1	6.0	2.0	
	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	
2010	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	

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

Year/ Month	Wght	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu-nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce-llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
		186	4	31	52	34	50	23	18	398	
2007	May	114.4	113.0	118.0	111.4	106.7	112.6	134.1	113.5	114.5	1.1
	June	114.7	113.0	118.0	112.2	106.7	115.6	134.1	113.5	115.1	0.5
	July	114.5	113.0	118.0	114.1	107.0	112.6	134.1	113.5	114.9	-0.2
	August	114.6	115.9	114.2	117.0	107.0	113.4	134.1	113.4	115.2	0.2
	September	118.1	117.1	117.4	115.1	120.8	115.4	137.0	129.5	119.1	3.5
	October	119.1	117.1	117.4	115.5	120.5	121.2	137.3	129.5	120.4	1.1
	November	120.8	117.1	116.6	121.2	122.3	122.2	137.3	136.8	122.5	1.7
	December	126.3	117.1	116.4	122.8	122.6	128.6	137.3	136.8	126.1	2.9
2008	January	126.9	117.1	116.4	129.0	122.3	135.1	137.9	136.2	127.9	1.5
	February	126.7	117.1	116.2	129.0	122.4	134.1	137.9	137.6	127.8	-0.1
	March	126.8	117.1	116.2	129.2	122.7	135.4	137.9	137.9	128.1	0.2
	April	133.4	117.1	116.8	137.7	123.5	144.5	137.9	137.0	133.5	4.2
	May	151.3	117.1	118.0	138.5	124.2	147.7	139.9	141.0	142.8	7.0
	June	160.1	117.1	118.5	148.0	126.4	165.3	139.9	141.5	150.6	5.5
	July	164.1	117.1	118.5	151.3	128.1	171.6	139.9	147.0	154.1	2.3
	August	168.0	117.1	117.8	153.1	129.6	175.4	139.9	145.2	156.6	1.7
	September	168.9	117.1	117.8	153.0	130.1	171.1	139.9	149.0	156.7	0.0
	October	168.9	117.1	117.8	149.1	131.0	159.0	137.9	149.0	154.6	-1.3
	November	174.6	117.1	117.8	154.4	142.2	148.8	137.9	152.4	157.8	2.1
	December	174.2	117.1	117.8	149.3	142.7	128.0	137.9	153.0	154.4	-2.2
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
Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2008	February	13.0	3.6	-1.0	13.9	17.4	22.5	4.4	17.9	13.1	
	March	13.5	3.6	-1.0	14.0	15.9	23.7	2.8	20.0	13.3	
	April	19.1	3.6	-0.3	22.8	16.5	28.9	2.8	19.9	17.8	
	May	32.2	3.6	-0.1	24.3	16.4	31.1	4.3	24.2	24.7	
	June	39.6	3.6	0.4	31.9	18.4	43.0	4.3	24.6	30.8	
	July	43.3	3.6	0.4	32.6	19.7	52.4	4.3	29.5	34.1	
	August	46.6	1.1	3.1	30.9	21.1	54.7	4.3	28.0	36.0	
	September	43.0	0.0	0.3	33.0	7.7	48.4	2.1	15.0	31.5	
	October	41.8	0.0	0.3	29.0	8.7	31.2	0.4	15.0	28.4	
	November	44.5	0.0	1.0	27.5	16.3	21.8	0.4	11.4	28.9	
	December	37.9	0.0	1.2	21.5	16.3	-0.5	0.4	11.9	22.5	
2009	January	39.0	0.0	1.6	15.7	16.3	-5.2	-0.7	12.2	21.4	
	February	39.0	0.0	2.2	15.4	15.0	-8.4	-0.7	11.3	20.9	
	March	38.7	0.0	2.7	14.1	14.8	-3.8	-0.7	11.2	21.2	
	April	31.3	11.9	1.9	1.8	14.0	-7.8	-0.5	12.2	15.7	
	May	15.3	11.9	1.6	0.9	13.6	-8.6	-2.0	9.4	8.1	
	June	8.9	18.0	1.2	-6.6	14.0	-18.4	-2.0	10.1	2.7	
	July	5.7	18.0	1.2	-7.6	12.4	-15.2	-2.0	6.0	1.0	
	August	3.5	18.0	2.2	-8.7	12.1	-18.3	-1.5	7.3	-0.6	
	September	3.0	18.0	2.2	-7.4	12.3	-16.3	-1.3	4.6	-0.4	
	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	
2010	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	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2008	February	13.5	3.6	-0.2	12.5	16.7	19.4	3.7	18.5	12.7	
	March	13.3	3.6	-0.5	14.3	16.1	21.0	3.3	19.3	13.0	
	April	15.2	3.6	-0.7	16.9	16.6	25.1	3.3	19.3	14.7	
	May	21.7	3.6	-0.4	20.3	16.3	28.0	3.3	21.4	18.6	
	June	30.4	3.6	0.0	26.3	17.1	34.4	3.8	22.9	24.5	
	July	38.4	3.6	0.2	29.6	18.2	42.2	4.3	26.1	29.9	
	August	43.2	2.8	1.3	31.8	19.7	50.0	4.3	27.4	33.6	
	September	44.3	1.5	1.3	32.2	15.8	51.8	3.6	23.8	33.9	
	October	43.8	0.4	1.2	31.0	12.2	44.5	2.3	19.0	31.9	
	November	43.1	0.0	0.5	29.8	10.9	33.5	1.0	13.8	29.6	
	December	41.4	0.0	0.8	25.9	13.8	17.2	0.4	12.7	26.6	
2009	January	40.4	0.0	1.3	21.5	16.3	4.9	0.1	11.9	24.2	
	February	38.7	0.0	1.7	17.5	15.9	-4.8	-0.3	11.8	21.6	
	March	38.9	0.0	2.2	15.1	15.4	-5.8	-0.7	11.6	21.2	
	April	36.3	4.0	2.3	10.3	14.6	-6.7	-0.6	11.5	19.2	
	May	27.7	7.9	2.1	5.4	14.1	-6.8	-1.1	10.9	14.7	
	June	17.8	13.9	1.6	-1.1	13.9	-11.9	-1.5	10.5	8.6	
	July	9.9	16.0	1.4	-4.2	13.3	-14.3	-2.0	8.5	3.8	
	August	6.0	18.0	1.5	-7.3	12.8	-17.3	-1.8	7.8	1.0	
	September	4.0	18.0	1.8	-7.9	12.3	-16.6	-1.6	6.0	0.0	
	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	
2010	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	

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

Year/ Month	Wght	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu-nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce-llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
		243	43	7	129	13	114	53		602	
2007	May	111.2	115.3	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.3	0.0
	June	111.7	114.7	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.4	0.1
	July	112.2	107.7	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.1	-0.3
	August	112.5	108.8	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.3	0.2
	Sep	115.1	106.2	129.5	133.3	140.7	107.8	104.5	--	116.8	1.2
	Oct	117.7	111.4	129.5	133.3	144.7	107.8	104.5	--	118.3	1.3
	Nov	129.2	111.4	129.5	133.3	146.1	107.8	104.5	--	122.9	3.9
	Dec	118.0	129.3	129.5	133.3	145.7	107.8	104.5	--	119.7	-2.6
2008	Jan	120.1	127.5	129.5	142.5	145.7	107.8	108.3	--	122.7	2.5
	Feb	123.5	127.7	129.5	142.5	145.7	107.8	108.3	--	124.1	1.1
	March	120.3	123.2	129.5	142.5	145.7	108.5	108.3	--	122.7	-1.2
	April	126.9	125.8	129.5	143.7	146.6	108.5	108.3	--	125.8	2.5
	May	134.6	123.4	129.5	143.8	152.2	110.0	108.3	--	129.1	2.7
	June	137.2	124.1	129.5	143.8	159.4	110.0	108.3	--	130.4	1.0
	July	136.8	124.7	129.5	150.9	159.4	119.6	108.3	--	133.6	2.5
	August	143.4	121.2	129.5	150.6	159.4	119.6	108.3	--	136.0	1.8
	September	142.0	120.8	129.5	150.6	161.1	120.2	108.3	--	135.5	-0.3
	October	139.5	123.7	129.5	159.6	161.6	120.2	108.3	--	136.6	0.8
	November	143.8	123.7	129.5	161.8	162.9	120.2	108.3	--	138.9	1.6
	December	139.4	132.5	129.5	161.8	162.9	120.2	108.3	--	137.7	-0.8
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
Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2008	Feb	14.4	11.1	0.0	7.9	12.7	0.4	3.6	--	9.0	
	March	10.6	10.9	0.0	7.9	16.2	0.4	3.6	--	7.4	
	April	13.9	7.5	0.0	7.9	16.1	1.1	3.6	--	9.1	
	May	21.0	8.6	0.0	8.8	16.4	1.1	3.6	--	12.0	
	June	22.8	7.0	0.0	8.9	17.7	2.5	3.6	--	13.0	
	July	21.9	8.2	0.0	8.9	23.3	2.5	3.6	--	16.1	
	August	27.4	15.7	0.0	14.2	23.3	11.4	3.6	--	17.9	
	September	23.4	11.3	0.0	14.0	23.3	11.4	3.6	--	16.0	
	October	18.5	13.8	0.0	13.0	14.5	11.5	3.6	--	15.5	
	November	11.3	11.1	0.0	19.7	11.7	11.5	3.6	--	12.9	
	December	18.1	11.0	0.0	21.4	11.5	11.5	3.6	--	15.1	
2009	January	16.7	4.9	40.3	13.5	13.6	11.5	-10.6	--	12.3	
	February	15.2	6.8	40.3	13.7	14.5	19.5	-6.2	--	13.6	
	March	25.8	14.2	40.3	13.7	14.5	18.6	-6.2	--	18.1	
	April	20.0	-1.4	40.3	8.8	14.6	18.8	-6.2	--	13.6	
	May	13.6	-1.0	40.3	2.1	11.4	17.4	-6.2	--	9.2	
	June	10.2	4.6	40.3	2.1	6.3	17.4	-6.2	--	8.1	
	July	9.7	2.9	40.3	-2.7	6.3	7.9	-6.2	--	5.1	
	August	3.6	6.1	40.3	-2.9	7.7	6.3	-6.2	--	2.5	
	September	3.4	8.0	40.3	-2.9	6.6	9.1	-6.2	--	3.0	
	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	
2010	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2008	Feb	9.9	12.6	0.0	12.4	15.8	0.4	2.4	--	8.4	
	March	10.8	9.8	0.0	7.9	14.9	0.6	3.6	--	7.6	
	April	13.0	9.0	0.0	8.2	16.2	0.8	3.6	--	8.5	
	May	15.2	7.7	0.0	8.6	16.7	1.5	3.6	--	9.5	
	June	19.2	7.9	0.0	8.9	19.2	2.0	3.6	--	11.4	
	July	21.9	10.2	0.0	10.7	21.4	5.5	3.6	--	13.7	
	August	24.1	11.7	0.0	12.4	23.3	8.4	3.6	--	15.6	
	September	24.2	13.6	0.0	13.8	20.2	11.5	3.6	--	16.7	
	October	23.0	12.0	0.0	15.6	16.3	11.5	3.6	--	16.5	
	November	17.5	11.9	0.0	18.0	12.5	11.5	3.6	--	14.8	
	December	15.8	7.9	0.0	20.8	11.6	11.5	3.6	--	14.5	
2009	January	15.3	5.9	13.4	18.7	12.3	11.5	-1.2	--	13.4	
	February	16.7	4.7	26.9	16.1	13.3	14.2	-4.5	--	13.6	
	March	19.2	8.6	40.3	13.6	14.2	16.5	-7.7	--	14.7	
	April	20.3	6.5	40.3	12.0	14.5	18.9	-6.2	--	15.1	
	May	19.6	3.9	40.3	8.1	13.5	18.2	-6.2	--	13.6	
	June	14.4	0.7	40.3	4.3	10.6	17.8	-6.2	--	10.3	
	July	11.1	2.2	40.3	0.4	8.0	14.0	-6.2	--	7.4	
	August	7.8	4.5	40.3	-1.2	6.8	10.3	-6.2	--	5.2	
	September	5.5	5.6	40.3	-2.8	6.9	7.8	-6.2	--	3.5	
	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	
2010	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	

Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

DESCRIPTION	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006				2007				2008				2009												2010						
	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	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February					
FOOD																																			
RICE (Solusis 25kg Bag)	67.69	81.08	83.95	91.70	95.10	97.72	103.07	103.21	103.18	107.07	100.00	112.51	119.45	160.73	196.09	203.08	206.37	207.83	207.50	207.50	206.00	205.50	204.67	204.67	204.67	204.50	204.50	205.50	205.50	205.50	197.58				
NOODLE (Maggi 85g pkt)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.04	2.11	2.19	2.26	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	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82	2.82		
FLOUR (plain white flour 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	143.86	110.09	113.13	114.13	114.63	114.63	116.79	121.13	123.02	149.18	167.63	177.29	182.96	200.51	206.50	206.17	202.33	202.50	202.50	178.83	178.83	178.83	178.83	177.17	177.17	177.17	176.50	176.50					
CHICKEN WINGS (imported, 500g pkt)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	19.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	23.50	24.83	27.50	27.50	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00			
TUNA (second grade Tاجر 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.03	5.03	5.05	5.06	5.07	5.33	5.29	5.25	5.27	6.36	6.71	6.73	6.75	6.68	6.68	6.70	6.70	6.72	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.53	6.53	6.53	6.50				
KUMARA HEADS (\$/kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.40	2.31	2.21	2.19	2.31	2.50	2.29	5.71	3.27	3.50	4.16	3.77	3.20	3.14	4.15	4.11	4.14	4.18	4.11	4.23	4.46	4.19	3.64	3.71	3.83	3.88					
Slampen Cabbage \$/kg	5.82	3.88	4.24	4.94	3.69	4.32	5.39	6.64	6.97	5.93	6.39	5.42	6.01	9.77	11.09	10.18	8.98	7.45	8.58	9.67	9.63	9.42	9.43	7.83	7.79	6.90	7.35	7.41	7.04	6.60					
WHITE SUGAR (Chebeca 500gm pkt)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.57	3.62	3.68	3.70	3.86	4.40	4.43	4.45	4.61	4.78	5.06	4.95	4.95	4.63	4.58	4.58	4.58	4.82	4.82	4.82	4.90	4.90	6.08	6.12	6.12	6.63	6.47				
SALT (5kg salt bag)	3.17	3.95	3.71	4.22	4.49	4.49	4.51	4.53	4.56	4.76	4.64	4.46	4.43	4.46	4.50	4.44	4.50	4.57	4.57	4.58	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.57	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47			
DRINKS & TOBACCO																																			
SOLUBLE BEER (Solbewy, 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.87	6.80	6.82	6.84	6.87	7.94	8.00	8.50	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.10	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	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.43	7.51	7.51	7.51	7.52	7.83	7.88	7.88	7.80	7.88	7.88	8.14	8.14	8.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.14	11.98	11.98	11.98	13.73	15.23		
UTILITIES																																			
WATER CHARGES (\$/100l)	26.13	29.20	29.20	29.20	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	65.66	65.66	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00	65.00		
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	101.02	101.02	101.02	101.02	120.69	121.33	122.62	156.80	156.80	181.80	212.60	212.60	213.20	213.20	213.20	179.32	179.32	179.32	179.32	177.60	177.60	186.99	186.99	186.99	186.80	181.02				
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION																																			
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	360.20	360.20	499.08	637.48	629.92	633.28	642.07	666.97	637.45	638.05	680.50	786.90	984.90	1160.00	891.00	711.00	667.00	742.00	761.00	774.00	774.00	883.00	861.00	861.00	861.00	865.00	829.00	875.00	884.00	872.00				
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call within Hobart)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.67	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	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70		
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES																																			
BATH SOAP (6w 85g cake)	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.80	1.84	1.94	1.82	1.81	1.80	2.01	2.04	2.14	2.19	2.25	2.35	2.45	2.40	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.38	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.46	2.52	2.52	
TOOTH PASTE (Cointer 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	9.46	10.01	12.74	13.54	13.27	12.74	14.27	15.36	15.36	15.36	15.36	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.88	15.88	