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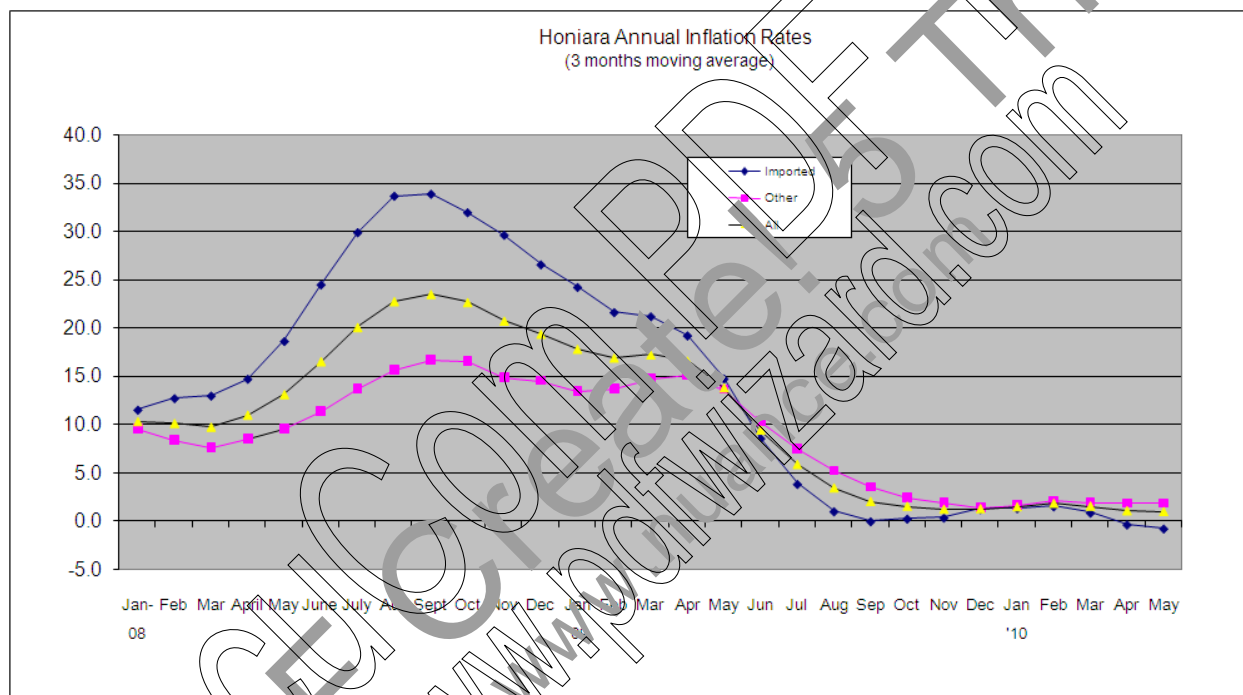
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## Commentary

The Honiara Consumers Price Index for May fell by 0.5% from 148.5 in April to 147.7. This was predominantly due to declines in the prices of betel nut and local food items which outweighed increases in fuel prices.

The price of betel nut dropped 40% to 57cents per nut in May. This is reflected in the Drinks & Tobacco sub-index which fell 9.1% to 145.9. Local food prices also fell during the month, notably that of cassava which dropped 37.6% to \$1.99/kg, kumara down 20.9% to \$3.05/kg, melon down 23.4% to \$6.71/kg, tomatoes down 17.9% to \$24.24/kg and green beans down 13.1% to \$10.87/kg resulting in a 0.8% drop in the Food sub-index.

The above falls outweighed increases in the prices of kerosene which rose 5.2% to \$9.57/litre, petrol which was up 6.4% to \$9.57/litre, diesel up 6.4% to \$9.49/litre leading to a 0.5% monthly drop in the overall index.



The annual inflation rate to May 2010 calculated on a 3-month moving average basis was 1.0%, down 0.1 of a percentage point from 1.1% in April. The inflation rates for imported and other items were -0.7% and 1.8% 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 & Communications	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	125.3	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	147.8	-0.1
	November	157.2	123.1	120.0	159.7	147.9	128.7	117.3	152.4	146.6	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	147.8	0.3
	February	157.0	134.8	130.4	158.2	148.0	126.9	112.3	151.1	146.6	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	153.3	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	112.3	155.8	145.9	-0.3
	September	158.5	131.2	131.7	145.0	153.2	134.6	112.6	155.9	146.1	0.1
	October	157.8	133.6	131.7	147.4	154.3	134.9	112.6	157.6	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	135.1	112.7	157.0	146.9	0.0
2010	January	158.8	143.9	139.7	147.3	154.3	136.6	119.2	157.2	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	137.2	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
<b>Percentage Change in the CPI by Group</b>											
(a) on the same month a year ago											
2008	January	10.1	10.7	0.4	9.7	14.3	5.7	3.3	20.0	8.8	
	February	13.8	10.3	-0.8	9.5	17.7	7.2	3.3	17.9	10.6	
	March	11.8	7.2	-0.8	9.5	15.1	8.1	3.3	20.0	9.8	
	April	16.2	8.2	-0.2	12.4	16.5	9.7	3.3	19.9	12.5	
	May	25.9	6.8	0.0	12.4	16.8	11.1	3.3	24.2	17.0	
	June	30.2	7.8	0.3	13.5	20.0	15.0	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	18.7	21.8	24.9	3.3	28.0	25.0	
	September	32.0	12.5	0.2	18.7	19.8	23.2	2.5	15.0	22.2	
	October	28.7	10.1	0.2	22.1	19.9	17.9	2.5	15.0	20.7	
	November	25.1	10.0	0.8	2.0	14.6	14.8	2.5	11.4	19.2	
	December	27.0	2.3	-1.0	-1.4	14.3	7.4	2.5	11.9	18.1	
2009	January	26.7	4.3	4.1	14.1	14.4	5.6	-7.1	12.2	16.0	
	February	25.7	6.3	9.1	14.1	14.8	9.6	-4.3	11.3	16.5	
	March	31.6	13.1	2.1	13.9	14.7	10.7	-4.3	11.2	19.1	
	April	25.0	0.1	5.1	14.2	14.2	9.0	-4.2	12.2	14.2	
	May	14.4	0.1	3.3	14.2	12.9	7.9	-4.2	9.4	8.6	
	June	9.6	5.6	3.9	14.1	10.5	3.3	-4.2	10.1	5.8	
	July	7.8	4.2	8.9	14.1	10.5	-0.9	-4.2	6.0	3.3	
	August	3.5	7.1	9.7	14.6	10.7	-3.2	-4.0	7.3	1.2	
	September	3.1	8.8	9.7	-4.2	10.5	-0.5	-4.0	4.6	1.5	
	October	3.7	8.5	9.7	-5.9	10.7	2.3	-4.0	5.4	1.8	
	November	1.0	12.1	8.9	-7.6	4.4	4.0	-3.9	3.0	0.3	
	December	2.1	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	13.6	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	1.1	18.6	15.0	1.5	2.9	6.1	6.1	8.6	1.2	
(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago											
2008	January	11.6	7.5	0.2	15.5	16.8	5.3	2.1	18.8	10.3	
	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	
	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	

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 & Communications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Miscellaneous	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	157.6	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	157.8	-2.2	
2009	January	<b>176.3</b>	<b>117.1</b>	<b>118.3</b>	<b>149.3</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>152.9</b>	<b>157.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>	
	February	176.1	117.1	118.8	148.9	140.8	122.8	136.9	152.9	154.1	-0.6	
	March	175.9	117.1	119.3	147.5	140.8	130.3	136.9	153.8	154.2	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	154.8	154.7	0.2	
	July	173.5	138.2	119.9	139.8	144.0	134.9	137.1	155.5	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	155.5	156.0	0.2	
	October	176.1	138.2	120.5	143.6	146.6	143.3	138.0	155.8	157.5	0.9	
	November	176.7	138.2	120.5	144.1	146.6	142.2	138.5	157.0	157.4	0.0	
	December	176.5	138.2	120.5	144.1	146.6	142.2	138.5	157.0	157.9	0.3	
2010	January	<b>177.5</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>145.3</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>158.6</b>	<b>0.4</b>	
	February	170.0	138.2	120.5	144.2	146.0	144.4	138.5	159.3	154.9	-2.3	
	March	170.2	138.2	120.5	146.5	145.2	147.4	138.5	159.9	155.6	0.5	
	April	162.5	138.2	120.5	145.3	145.0	147.8	138.0	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	
<b>Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group</b>												
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>												
2008	January	13.4	3.6	0.5	14.9	17.0	16.9	2.8	20.0	12.6		
	February	13.0	3.6	-1.0	13.9	17.0	17.0	4.4	17.9	13.1		
	March	13.5	3.6	-1.0	14.0	15.9	27.7	2.8	20.0	13.3		
	April	19.1	3.6	0.3	22.2	20.5	22.9	2.8	19.9	17.8		
	May	32.2	3.6	0.1	4.3	16.4	31.1	4.3	24.2	24.7		
	June	39.6	3.6	0.4	1.9	18.4	47.0	4.3	24.6	30.8		
	July	43.3	3.6	0.4	3.2	19.7	52.4	4.3	29.5	34.1		
	August	46.6	1.1	3.1	0.0	21.7	54.7	4.3	28.0	36.0		
	September	43.0	0.0	0.3	3.0	21.7	48.4	2.1	15.0	31.5		
	October	41.8	0.0	0.3	2.0	21.7	31.2	0.4	15.0	28.4		
	November	44.5	0.0	0.0	7.5	15.3	21.8	0.4	11.4	28.9		
	December	37.9	0.0	2.2	21.5	16.3	-0.5	0.4	11.9	22.5		
2009	January	39.0	0.0	1.2	15.7	16.3	-5.2	-0.7	12.2	21.4		
	February	39.0	0.0	7.2	15.4	15.0	-8.4	-0.7	11.3	20.9		
	March	38.7	0.0	7.7	14.9	14.8	-3.8	-0.7	11.2	21.2		
	April	31.3	0.0	9.9	13.9	14.0	-7.8	-0.5	12.2	15.7		
	May	15.3	11.1	1.6	0.3	13.6	-8.6	-2.0	9.4	8.1		
	June	8.9	18.0	7.2	5.6	14.0	-18.4	-2.0	10.1	2.7		
	July	6.9	18.0	1.3	-7.8	12.4	-15.2	-2.0	6.0	1.0		
	August	6.5	18.0	2.2	-8.7	12.1	-18.3	-1.5	7.3	-0.6		
	September	18.0	18.0	2.2	-7.4	12.3	-16.3	-1.3	4.6	-0.4		
	October	4.1	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	2.3	18.0	2.3	-3.5	2.8	13.1	0.5	2.6	2.2		
2010	January	<b>0.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>		
	February	-3.1	18.0	1.5	-3.1	3.7	17.6	1.1	4.4	0.3		
	March	-2.3	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		
<b>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</b>												
2008	January	12.2	3.6	0.3	10.3	16.8	16.3	3.6	18.8	11.5		
	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	<b>40.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>24.2</b>		
	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	<b>1.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>-4.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>		
	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		

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	--	131.5	-0.3	
October	139.5	123.7	129.5	159.6	161.6	120.2	108.3	--	136.9	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	--	131.7	-0.8	
2009											
January	140.3	133.7	181.7	161.8	165.5	120.2	96.9	--	137.8	0.7	
February	142.3	136.4	181.7	162.0	166.7	128.7	101.6	--	139.9	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	7.3	
February	149.5	153.0	224.5	147.2	172.9	132.8	109.8	--	144.0	1.8	
March	156.1	146.6	224.5	147.2	172.9	132.8	109.8	--	146.3	1.5	
April	153.0	162.6	224.5	147.2	172.9	132.8	109.8	--	146.2	-0.1	
May	150.9	146.6	224.5	147.2	172.9	132.8	109.8	--	144.2	-1.4	
<b>Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group</b>											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2008											
Jan	7.6	11.1	0.0	7.9	12.7	0.4	3.6	--	6.4		
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	15.1	0.4	3.6	--	9.1		
May	21.0	8.6	0.0	8.8	16.4	0.4	3.6	--	12.0		
June	22.8	7.0	0.0	8.9	17.7	0.4	3.6	--	13.0		
July	21.9	8.2	0.0	8.9	13.3	2.5	3.6	--	16.1		
August	27.4	15.7	0.0	4.7	23.3	11.4	3.6	--	17.9		
September	23.4	11.3	0.0	4.0	11.4	11.4	3.6	--	16.0		
October	18.5	13.8	0.0	11.0	14.5	11.5	3.6	--	15.5		
November	11.3	11.1	0.0	10.7	11.5	11.5	3.6	--	12.9		
December	18.1	11.0	0.0	11.4	11.5	11.5	3.6	--	15.1		
2009											
January	16.7	4.9	46.3	13.6	13.6	11.5	-10.6	--	12.3		
February	15.2	6.8	40.3	13.6	14.5	19.5	-6.2	--	13.6		
March	25.8	14.1	40.3	13.6	14.5	18.6	-6.2	--	18.1		
April	20.0	1.7	40.3	8.0	14.6	18.8	-6.2	--	13.6		
May	13.6	-1.0	40.3	8.0	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	3.1	9.0	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	3.8	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	12.7	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		
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2008											
Jan	11.0	7.7	0.0	17.6	16.9	0.4	1.2	--	9.5		
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		
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		

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

Year/Month	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Communications	Recreation, Health & Other Serv	Miscellaneous	All Items	%age Change
<b>(4th Quarter 1992 = 100)</b>										
<b>2003</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>274.8</b>	<b>312.3</b>	<b>138.5</b>	<b>295.4</b>	<b>212.3</b>	<b>281.2</b>	<b>290.4</b>	<b>190.6</b>	<b>263.9</b>
	February	269.3	312.8	138.6	299.7	213.6	283.8	290.4	192.1	262.9
	March	270.5	299.1	138.6	299.7	223.6	283.8	290.5	193.7	263.3
	April	269.5	304.7	139.5	323.9	249.5	290.0	292.3	196.4	269.4
	May	272.6	301.5	139.5	320.9	250.1	288.9	293.8	198.1	270.5
	June	268.5	306.4	139.5	315.0	250.8	288.6	294.1	200.8	268.4
	July	268.0	307.4	139.5	315.2	251.9	288.4	297.8	201.9	268.6
	August	271.2	311.3	139.5	318.9	252.0	290.3	296.9	201.7	270.8
	September	270.5	311.3	139.5	317.3	252.0	291.4	296.9	201.7	270.4
	October	272.7	332.0	139.5	306.8	252.2	292.4	297.0	201.9	271.4
	November	272.5	334.5	139.5	306.8	252.4	292.4	297.6	202.7	271.6
	December	271.9	336.4	139.5	306.8	252.4	292.4	296.8	202.7	271.5
<b>2004</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>282.3</b>	<b>341.2</b>	<b>139.5</b>	<b>308.2</b>	<b>252.3</b>	<b>294.4</b>	<b>306.2</b>	<b>202.8</b>	<b>277.6</b>
	February	290.3	345.1	139.7	310.6	254.6	302.0	307.2	204.3	282.9
	March	289.5	345.4	139.7	310.1	256.2	304.3	309.7	203.4	283.0
	April	296.6	327.4	139.7	306.7	258.0	306.2	309.7	205.2	285.5
	May	297.1	327.4	140.0	307.4	258.2	307.0	319.5	205.2	286.7
	June	296.6	328.8	140.0	307.4	258.2	307.0	319.5	205.9	286.6
	July	298.2	329.0	140.0	315.4	258.1	315.3	319.1	207.2	287.0
	August	296.1	320.8	140.0	312.9	258.8	314.7	318.7	207.4	287.1
	September	299.7	335.3	140.0	325.8	258.9	318.8	318.7	207.9	287.4
	October	298.6	313.8	140.0	333.7	259.4	323.1	318.8	207.1	287.4
	November	298.4	313.8	140.0	336.3	259.7	322.7	319.0	207.5	287.1
	December	297.7	317.8	140.0	341.7	260.1	324.7	318.9	208.5	282.3
<b>2005</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>295.2</b>	<b>326.4</b>	<b>140.0</b>	<b>341.7</b>	<b>260.1</b>	<b>324.7</b>	<b>318.9</b>	<b>209.1</b>	<b>287.5</b>
	February	300.2	326.6	140.0	333.0	260.3	321.3	343.1	209.4	294.6
	March	306.0	326.6	140.0	334.7	261.2	322.6	343.1	211.4	297.8
	April	304.1	326.4	140.0	334.7	261.2	329.6	342.2	212.2	297.7
	May	314.8	309.8	140.1	350.7	270.3	327.7	342.2	212.2	304.9
	June	311.7	316.0	140.1	365.7	271.2	327.7	350.1	213.1	305.6
	July	317.9	316.0	140.1	364.2	271.7	328.6	350.4	214.7	315.4
	August	328.2	321.6	140.1	366.7	273.6	328.3	350.4	215.3	321.0
	September	321.2	321.4	140.1	368.2	274.1	329.9	350.7	216.0	318.1
	October	315.6	321.2	140.1	371.8	273.4	327.7	350.7	216.4	315.4
	November	315.9	321.2	140.1	373.1	273.7	400.1	350.7	216.4	317.0
	December	318.4	325.2	140.1	372.7	273.9	400.1	350.7	216.7	317.4
<b>2006</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>324.5</b>	<b>339.7</b>	<b>159.5</b>	<b>392.7</b>	<b>292.6</b>	<b>416.8</b>	<b>316.3</b>	<b>232.0</b>	<b>332.1</b>
	February	325.1	337.3	159.5	390.6	292.9	413.2	316.8	232.0	331.3
	March	330.7	329.5	159.2	391.3	293.5	414.9	316.8	232.0	333.7
	April	338.7	321.9	159.4	395.6	293.3	422.0	316.8	232.0	338.4
	May	347.1	350.3	159.5	397.3	293.4	421.6	316.8	231.6	343.4
	June	350.3	349.8	159.5	398.3	293.3	425.1	316.8	232.0	345.4
	July	353.9	364.7	159.5	399.3	293.9	426.7	316.8	231.6	348.0
	August	352.3	365.5	160.3	399.8	293.0	428.4	316.8	233.7	347.9
	September	346.7	362.7	160.3	399.8	293.0	428.6	316.8	234.4	345.5
	October	349.4	378.5	160.3	403.9	297.2	433.0	316.8	241.5	349.2
	November	348.9	371.5	160.0	406.9	298.6	431.7	316.8	249.5	349.5
	December	347.9	360.5	160.6	407.1	299.1	432.1	316.8	251.4	348.9
<b>2007</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>353.9</b>	<b>369.6</b>	<b>165.8</b>	<b>471.7</b>	<b>308.3</b>	<b>441.2</b>	<b>398.0</b>	<b>245.6</b>	<b>363.1</b>
	February	347.4	370.9	167.5	471.7	301.3	437.7	395.8	252.5	359.4
	March	348.6	369.2	167.5	471.7	304.6	433.7	398.0	248.7	360.0
	April	353.4	372.9	167.3	470.7	305.1	436.9	398.0	247.3	362.5
	May	356.6	371.3	168.3	469.9	309.0	437.5	398.0	245.6	364.0
	June	357.7	369.6	167.3	472.2	309.2	441.2	398.0	245.6	365.0
	July	358.3	348.9	167.3	472.2	309.2	437.5	398.0	245.6	364.2
	August	359.1	353.0	167.3	475.8	309.7	438.5	398.0	245.6	364.9
	September	368.5	345.1	167.3	477.1	348.5	442.0	401.0	280.3	372.7
	October	374.6	361.8	167.6	477.7	348.0	449.2	401.4	280.3	377.1
	November	397.6	360.0	167.7	482.3	352.6	450.4	401.4	295.9	388.7
	December	385.0	413.1	165.4	455.4	353.0	458.2	401.4	295.9	387.0
<b>2008</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>389.6</b>	<b>409.1</b>	<b>166.4</b>	<b>516.3</b>	<b>352.3</b>	<b>466.1</b>	<b>411.2</b>	<b>294.7</b>	<b>395.1</b>
	February	385.3	409.0	166.2	510.5	352.6	465.0	411.2	297.8	397.6
	March	389.6	395.8	166.2	506.7	353.1	468.8	411.2	298.4	395.2
	April	410.6	403.4	166.2	529.0	355.4	479.9	411.2	296.6	407.9
	May	441.0	396.3	166.2	530.0	361.0	487.1	411.2	305.1	425.7
	June	465.1	398.5	168.8	562.5	374.2	508.7	411.2	306.2	438.0
	July	470.5	400.4	168.8	562.5	374.2	543.2	411.2	318.1	448.5
	August	481.8	389.5	168.0	563.7	377.1	547.9	411.2	314.2	456.3
	September	480.1	368.7	168.0	563.7	379.5	544.4	411.2	322.4	455.5
	October	482.1	397.1	168.0	583.3	381.6	529.5	411.2	322.4	455.2
	November	497.1	397.1	168.0	594.9	404.7	517.0	411.2	329.8	463.5
	December	481.1	423.1	168.0	589.4	405.6	492.1	411.2	331.1	457.1
<b>2009</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>431.6</b>	<b>426.7</b>	<b>182.0</b>	<b>589.4</b>	<b>406.6</b>	<b>492.1</b>	<b>382.2</b>	<b>330.8</b>	<b>458.4</b>
	February	497.0	434.7	182.6	589.4	404.9	509.7	393.7	331.4	463.3
	March	513.0	447.4	169.7	587.9	404.9	518.8	393.7	331.8	470.5
	April	513.4	401.9	169.4	565.1	406.0	523.1	393.9	332.6	465.7
	May	513.7	396.7	170.4	539.2	407.5	525.5	393.9	333.7	462.2
	June	510.3	420.9	183.9	539.2	413.4	525.5	393.9	337.2	463.5
	July	507.1	416.7	183.9	539.2	413.4	538.4	393.9	337.2	463.5
	August	505.1	417.4	184.4	537.9	417.6	530.2	394.7	337.2	461.9
	September	501.8	423.1	184.4	540.0	419.2	541.4	394.9	337.3	462.5
	October	499.6	431.0	184.5	549.1	422.3	541.8	394.9	339.8	463.6
	November	502.3	445.2	184.6	549.6	422.3	537.7	395.4	339.8	465.0
	December	500.7	447.0	184.6	549.6	422.3	543.3	395.4	339.8	465.1
<b>2010</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>502.6</b>	<b>464.2</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>548.8</b>	<b>422.3</b>	<b>544.3</b>	<b>417.9</b>	<b>344.4</b>	<b>469.4</b>
	February	501.4	489.3	195.6	545.2	419.2	547.5	417.9	346.0	469.7
	March	513.5	470.5	195.6	547.7	418.1	551.2	417.9	346.0	474.8
	April	497.5	517.9	195.6	546.5	418.0	551.7	417.9	347.7	470.1
	May	493.4	470.6	196.1	547.5	419.3	557.4	417.9	362.3	467.6

**Percentage Change in the CPI by Group**

*(b) 12 months moving average on same period a year ago*

<b>2009</b>	February	26.4	8.2	2.0	17.0	15.9	14.3	1.5	18.1	18.4
	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
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