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## Commentary

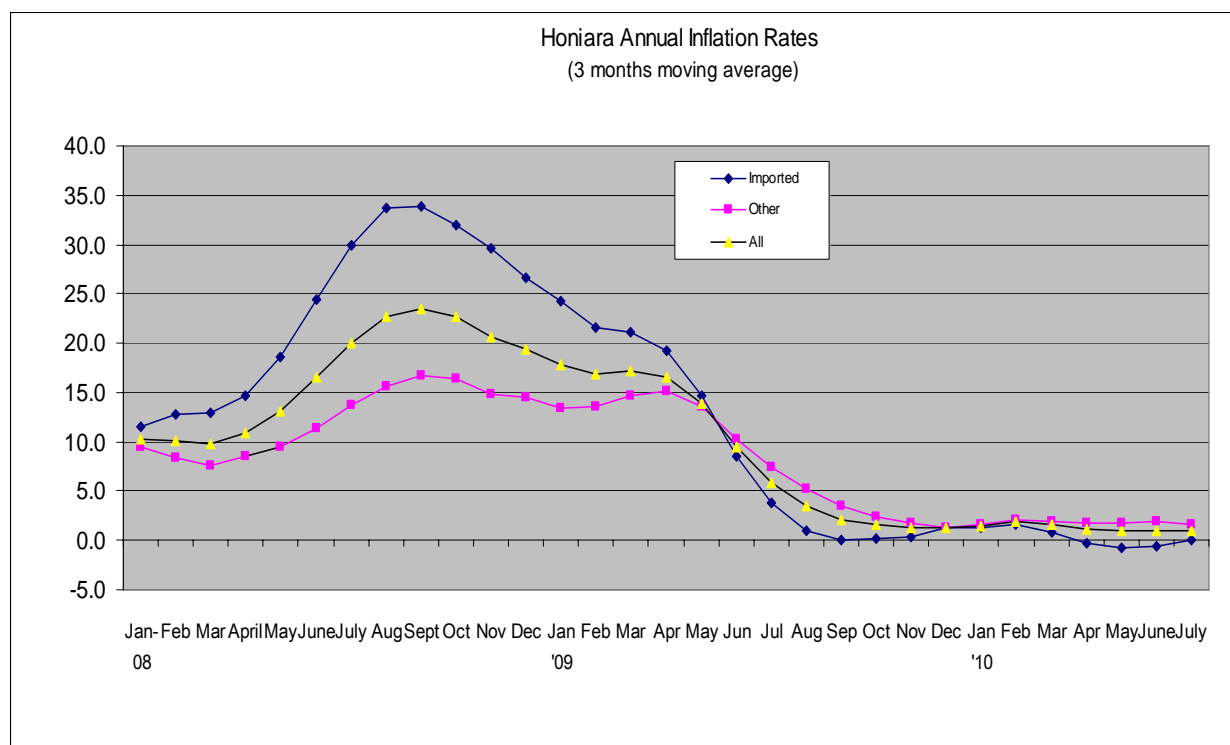
The Honiara Consumers Price Index for July slightly rose by 0.2% from 147.6 in June to 147.9. This was due to increases in the prices of some imported food items, betel nut and electricity which outweighed declines in the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables from the Honiara market and fuel.

The imported Food sub-index rose 1.4% to 165.0 in July driven by increases in the prices of some imported food items such as rice which rose 3.3% to \$172.50/20kg bag, mince-meat (16.7% to \$35/500g pkt) and corned beef (3.8% to \$25.63/340g can). These outweighed declines in the prices of fresh fruit and vegetables at the Honiara market, notably cooking bananas which dropped 24.8% to \$4.21/kg, local peanuts 37.1% to \$21.71/kg, tomatoes 25.8% to \$13.46/kg, green beans 18.3% to \$7.62/kg and cassava 7.3% to \$2.01 to result in a moderate rise of 0.1% in the overall Food sub-index.

Changes in other sub-indexes were as follows:-

- Drinks & Tobacco was up 1.8% to 147.3 due to a 11.6 % increase (from 53.8 to 60cents) in the price of betel nut.
- Housing & Utilities also rose 0.9% to 148.6 driven by a 5% increase (from \$168.8 to \$177.3/40 units) in the price of electricity. This outweighed a slight drop (3.2%) in the price of LP gas after it increased 26% to \$108.5/10kg cylinder in the previous month.
- Transport and Communications fell 0.6% to 138.9 on account of declines in the prices of petrol and diesel. The price of petrol fell 3.1% to \$9.27/litre, whilst that of diesel dropped 2.4% to \$9.26/litre during the month.

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



The annual inflation rate to July 2010 calculated on a 3-months moving average basis remained stable at its May and June levels of 1.0%. The inflation rates for imported and other items were zero and 1.6 % 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	April	111.6	115.6	119.4	126.3	111.5	108.8	113.5	114.3	114.5	0.7
	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
	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
<b>Percentage Change in the CPI by Group</b>											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2008	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	
	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2008	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	
	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	

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	April	112.0	113.0	117.1	112.2	106.0	112.1	134.1	114.3	113.3	0.2
	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	<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>155.4</b>	<b>0.6</b>
	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	<b>177.5</b>	<b>138.2</b>	<b>120.5</b>	<b>144.2</b>	<b>146.6</b>	<b>145.6</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	159.9	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
<b>Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group</b>											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2008	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	-5.6	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	<b>0.6</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	-3.5	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	
<b>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</b>											
2008	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	-8.8	-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	
	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	

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	
<b>2007</b>	April	111.3	115.9	129.5	132.0	126.0	107.4	104.5	--	115.3	1.0
	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
<b>2008</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>120.1</b>	<b>127.5</b>	<b>129.5</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>145.7</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>108.3</b>	--	<b>122.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>
	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
<b>2009</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>140.3</b>	<b>133.7</b>	<b>181.7</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>165.5</b>	<b>120.2</b>	<b>96.9</b>	--	<b>137.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>
	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
<b>2010</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>144.4</b>	<b>224.5</b>	<b>148.6</b>	<b>174.6</b>	<b>131.1</b>	<b>110.8</b>	--	<b>141.4</b>	<b>1.3</b>
	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
<b>Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group</b>											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
<b>2008</b>	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	
<b>2009</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>40.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>-10.6</b>	--	<b>12.3</b>	
	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	
<b>2010</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>-8.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>14.4</b>	--	<b>2.6</b>	
	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
<b>2008</b>	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	
<b>2009</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>-1.2</b>	--	<b>13.4</b>	
	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	
<b>2010</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>-8.0</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>0.1</b>	--	<b>1.6</b>	
	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	



**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	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	January	February	March	April	May	June	July		
<b>FOOD</b>																													
RICE (Sohrus 20kg bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	95.10	97.72	103.07	103.21	103.18	107.07	109.00	112.51	119.45	160.73	194.09	203.08	207.23	206.33	204.67	205.17	205.50	187.58	187.58	187.58	187.50	187.50	187.00	172.50	
NOODLE (Maogyi 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	2.92	2.92	2.96	2.96	
FLOUR (plain white flour 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	113.13	114.13	114.63	114.63	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	176.50	176.50	176.50	176.50	175.50	175.50	
CHICKEN WINGS (imported 500g pkt)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	19.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	23.50	24.83	27.50	27.50	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	
TUNA (second grade Toney 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	6.71	6.71	6.37	6.53	6.53	6.53	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.67	
KUMARA HEAPS (\$/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	3.50	4.14	4.27	3.85	3.83	3.88	3.98	3.87	3.06	3.25	3.20	3.20	
Slippy 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	8.34	9.57	8.35	7.22	7.04	6.50	7.85	8.47	10.39	8.75	9.88	9.88	
WHITE SUGAR (Chebsaq 500gpm 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	4.59	4.66	4.87	6.11	6.63	6.47	6.62	6.78	6.87	6.87	6.95	6.95	
SALT (Sky salt 1kg.)	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	4.54	4.57	4.57	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	4.47	
<b>DRINKS &amp; TOBACCO</b>																													
SOLBREW BEER (Solbrew 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.87	6.80	6.82	6.84	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	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	7.85	9.14	11.14	11.98	13.73	15.23	15.23	15.23	15.23	15.50	15.50	15.50	
<b>UTILITIES</b>																													
WATER CHARGES (500gal)	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	56.00	56.00	56.00	56.00	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	101.02	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	185.80	181.02	181.02	181.02	181.02	181.02	181.02	188.83	177.34
<b>TRANSPORT &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>																													
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	537.48	529.92	533.28	542.07	556.97	637.45	638.05	680.50	788.90	984.90	1165.00	891.00	703.33	769.67	868.33	856.33	884.00	872.00	905.00	909.50	967.10	967.10	967.10	927.10	
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call within Honara)	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
<b>MISCELLANEOUS GOODS &amp; SERVICES</b>																													
BATH SOAP (6m 85g cdk)	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.80	1.84	1.84	1.82	1.81	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	2.52	2.52	2.52	2.68	2.78	2.78	
TOOTHPASTE (Colgate 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	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.68	15.68	15.68	15.68	15.68	18.18	18.18	17.18	