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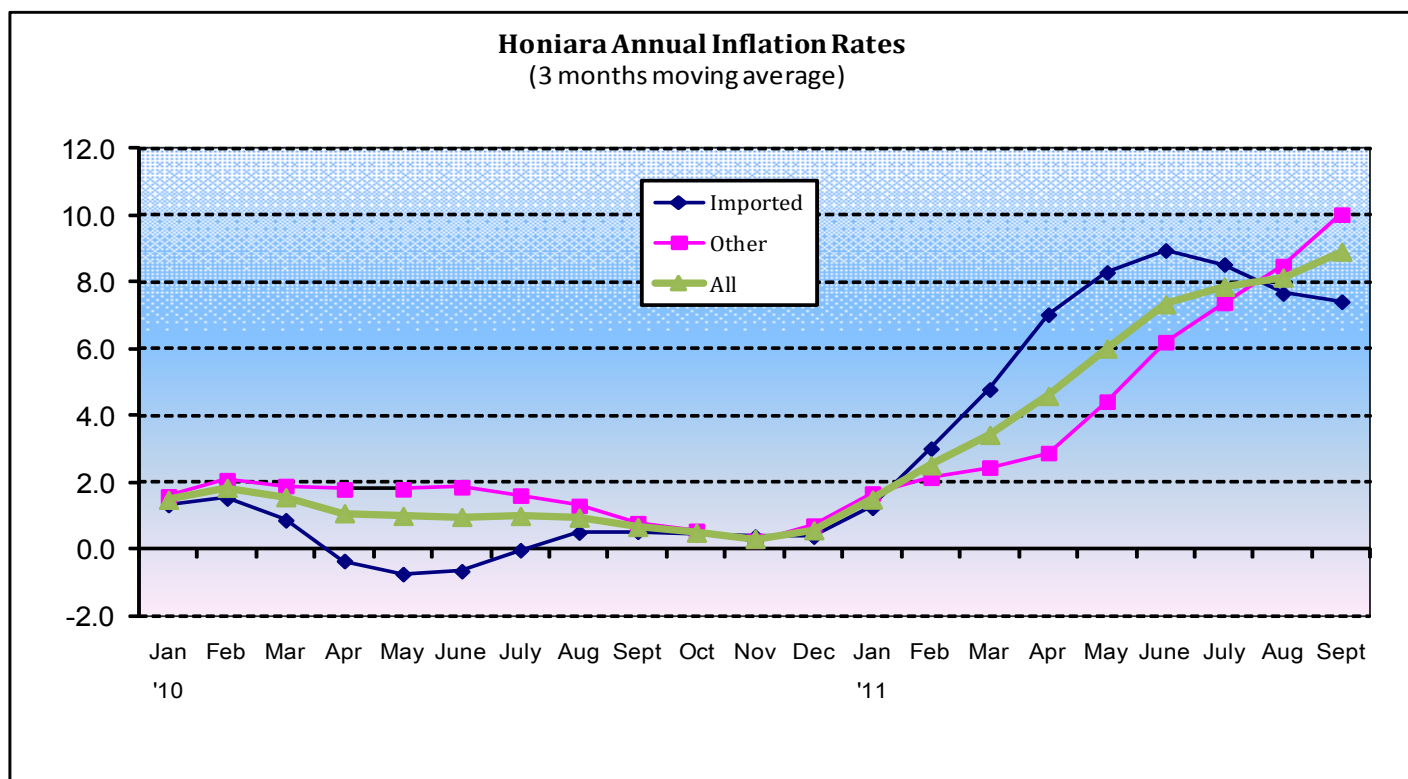
The Honiara Consumers Price Index for September increased by 0.2% from 160.1 in the previous month to 160.4. The slight rise was largely driven by increases in the prices of some food items, betel nut and fuel which outweighed minor price declines elsewhere in the consumption basket.

The food sub index rose 0.3% on account of increases in the prices of rice, which rose 1.2% to \$175.00/20kg bag, imperial corned beef, up 4.9% to \$24.37/340g can, ox & palm corned beef, 2.8%, coconut biscuit 5.9%. Fruit and vegetables prices at the market also rose on average by 1.0% driven by increases in the prices of cucumbers which went up 15% to \$7.04/kg, bush lime, up 8% to \$10.98/kg, bush cabbage 6%, and green beans 5%. These had outweighed declines in the prices of other food items such as second grade tuna which fell 2.7% to \$5.33/180g can, flour, 2.2% to \$195.67/25kg bag, noodles, 3.2% and kumara, 4.4%, to result in the 0.3% rise in the overall food sub-index.

Changes in other sub-indexes are as follows:-

- Drinks & Tobacco was up 1.6% on account of a 7% increase (from 80 to 87 cents/nut) in the price of betel-nut.
- Household operations fell 1.0% driven by slight declines in the prices of household supplies such as washing powder, toilet paper and steel-wool.
- Transport & Communications rose 0.4% on account of increases in the prices of petrol and diesel which rose 18cents (1.5%), and 11cents (0.9%) to \$11.84/litre and \$12.07/litre respectively.
- Miscellaneous items fell 0.6% on account of declines in the prices of perfume (9.1%), baby oil (5.9%) and toothpaste (0.5%).

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



The annual inflation rate to September 2011 calculated on a 3 months moving average basis was 8.9%, up 0.8 of a percentage point from 8.1% in August. The inflation rates for imported and other items were 7.4% and 10.0% 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
	Wght	429	47	38	181	47	164	76	18	1000	
2010	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
	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
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
	August	-4.7	14.0	7.2	3.3	7.0	6.3	5.9	9.7	1.0	
	September	-4.3	7.9	7.2	2.9	6.6	0.2	5.9	10.2	0.0	
	October	-2.9	7.7	7.4	1.3	6.5	1.0	6.6	8.3	0.5	
	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
	August	-4.1	13.0	7.5	2.6	5.6	5.6	6.1	9.7	1.0	
	September	-4.1	11.9	7.3	2.9	6.2	3.3	6.0	9.9	0.7	
	October	-4.0	9.8	7.2	2.5	6.7	2.5	6.1	9.4	0.5	
	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	

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

Year/ Month	Food	Drinks	Clothing	Housing	Household	Transport	Recreation	Misce-	All	(%)	
		& Tobacco	& Footwear	& Utilities	Operations	& Commu- -nications	health & Oth. Serv.	llaneous	Items	Change	
	Wght	186	4	31	52	34	50	23	18	398	
2010	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
	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
Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
	August	-5.3	0.0	1.6	11.9	3.8	10.2	0.7	9.7	0.7	
	September	-5.1	0.9	1.6	10.3	3.3	10.2	0.5	10.2	0.6	
	October	-5.9	0.9	1.9	9.5	2.8	10.1	2.5	8.3	0.0	
	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
	August	-5.6	0.0	2.0	11.4	4.1	10.3	1.0	9.7	0.5	
	September	-5.1	0.3	1.7	10.9	3.9	8.6	0.8	9.9	0.5	
	October	-5.4	0.6	1.7	10.6	3.3	10.2	1.2	9.4	0.4	
	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	

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	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
	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
Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
	August	-4.1	15.4	23.6	-0.1	13.9	4.4	9.1	--	1.3	
	September	-3.6	8.6	23.6	-0.1	13.9	-4.7	9.1	--	-0.5	
	October	-0.1	8.3	23.6	-1.8	14.8	-3.3	9.1	--	0.9	
	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	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2010	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	
	August	-2.7	14.3	23.6	-0.8	8.8	3.3	9.1	--	1.3	
	September	-3.3	13.1	23.6	-0.2	11.3	0.8	9.1	--	0.8	
	October	-2.6	10.7	23.6	-0.7	14.2	-1.2	9.1	--	0.6	
	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/f	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	

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	March	513.0	447.4	169.7	587.9	404.9	518.8	393.7	331.8	470.5	1.6
	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
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
<i>12 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2009	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	
	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/f	-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	

Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

DESCRIPTION	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010				2011					
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	July	Aug	Sept	
FOOD																		
RICE (Soliras 20kg bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	99.78	107.94	169.84	206.85	193.56	167.33	172.78	171.33	167.66	167.39	171.33	173.00	175.00	
NOODLE (Maggi: 85g pk)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.15	2.27	2.50	2.82	2.82	2.93	2.96	2.96	3.00	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.00	
FLOUR (plain white flour: 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	114.13	127.53	182.10	188.90	176.50	176.17	174.06	181.83	191.61	195.67	200.00	200.00	195.67	
CHICKEN WING (imported, 500g pk)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	20.88	24.33	33.13	31.25	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	
TUNA (second grade Tawo: 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.04	5.24	6.27	6.58	6.51	6.56	6.21	6.10	5.90	5.57	5.48	5.48	5.33	
KUMARA HEAPS (\$/kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.28	3.20	3.68	3.94	3.83	3.39	3.26	3.30	3.84	3.36	3.32	4.81	4.60	
SLEEPY CABBAGE \$/kg	5.82	3.88	4.24	4.94	5.01	6.18	9.26	8.37	7.13	9.20	7.40	5.21	5.58	7.93	7.65	6.86	7.29	
WHITE SUGAR (Chelsea 500gm pk)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.64	4.28	4.85	5.06	6.57	6.87	6.98	6.90	7.26	8.33	8.47	8.47	8.58	
SALT (Siv salt 4kg.)	3.17	3.95	3.71	4.22	4.50	4.61	4.46	4.54	4.47	4.47	4.49	4.72	4.78	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.63	
DRINKS & TOBACCO																		
SOL BREW BEER (Solbrew, 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.83	7.80	8.75	9.08	9.10	9.10	9.07	9.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	
TWIST TOBACCO (per stick)	5.50	7.02	7.02	7.31	7.40	7.49	7.78	10.03	14.73	15.41	15.50	15.50	18.26	18.75	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	56.00	56.00	56.00	65.66	65.66	79.00	79.00	79.00	
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	116.42	177.00	192.19	182.61	176.96	177.34	177.34	210.31	224.7641	233.48	233.48	233.48	
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION																		
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	535.69	628.24	956.45	799.42	887.00	941.23	907.07	949.03	1193.13	1203.67	1211.00	1166.00	1184.00	
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call, within Honara)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.70	0.70	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	2.52	2.66	2.79	2.74	2.52	2.51	2.50	2.50	2.52	
TOOTHPASTE (Colgate: 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	10.29	13.46	15.51	15.68	17.35	17.18	17.25	18.92	18.92	18.92	18.92	18.82	

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