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Commentary

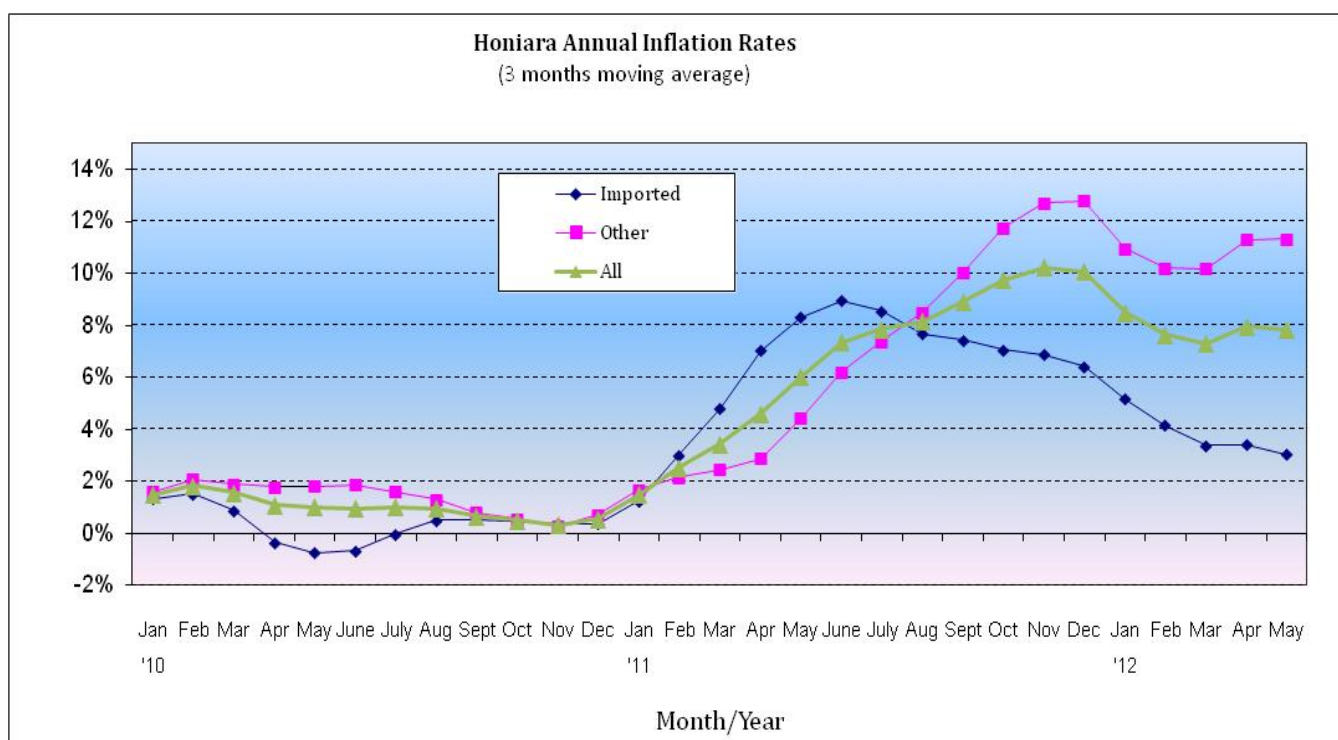
The Honiara Consumer Price Index for the month of May 2012 declined slightly by 0.5% from 171.4 in April 2011 to 170.5. This was largely driven by a general decline in food prices and betel nut.

The Food sub-index fell slightly by 0.7% due to declines in the prices of most local fruit & vegetables at the Honiara market notably pawpaw, cooking bananas, melon and cucumber. These outweighed slight increases in the prices of mainly local peanuts and bush cabbage.

Other main changes in sub-indexes were as follows:

- Drinks & Tobacco was down by 3.9% due mainly to a 16% drop in the price of betel nut.
- Transport & Communications dropped slightly by 1% due to a marginal decline in the prices of petrol (0.5%) and diesel (0.1%).
- Miscellaneous sub-index was slightly up by 1.3% attributed mainly to a 5% rise in the price of soap.

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



The annual inflation rate to May 2012 calculated on a 3 months moving average basis was 7.8% from the preceding month. The inflation rates for imported and other items were 3% and 11.3% 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 |
|--|----------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <i>Wght</i> | 429 | 47 | 38 | 181 | 47 | 164 | 76 | 18 | 1000 |
| 2010 | 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 |
| | October | 166.5 | 170.8 | 141.3 | 189.5 | 166.9 | 143.7 | 122.9 | 175.5 | 163.1 | 1.6 |
| | November | 164.8 | 174.3 | 142.3 | 189.1 | 169.6 | 142.5 | 122.9 | 176.8 | 162.4 | -0.4 |
| | December | 163.6 | 174.1 | 143.2 | 189.0 | 169.0 | 141.9 | 122.6 | 186.3 | 161.9 | -0.3 |
| 2012 | January | 162.7 | 181.5 | 143.1 | 190.0 | 170.1 | 140.9 | 129.7 | 186.8 | 162.5 | 0.3 |
| | February | 168.6 | 173.3 | 143.8 | 191.4 | 169.7 | 141.7 | 129.7 | 187.2 | 165.0 | 1.6 |
| | March | 175.2 | 175.3 | 143.8 | 191.4 | 169.9 | 143.0 | 129.7 | 188.0 | 168.2 | 1.9 |
| | April/r | 176.7 | 177.2 | 143.8 | 202.8 | 171.9 | 144.9 | 129.7 | 188.7 | 171.4 | 1.9 |
| | May | 175.5 | 170.3 | 143.8 | 202.7 | 171.9 | 144.8 | 129.7 | 191.1 | 170.5 | -0.5 |
| Percentage Change in the CPI by Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 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 | |
| | October | 8.7 | 18.7 | -0.1 | 26.9 | 1.5 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 3.2 | 10.8 | |
| | November | 7.3 | 19.2 | 0.5 | 26.4 | 3.2 | 4.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 10.1 | |
| | December | 7.6 | 15.0 | 1.1 | 25.6 | 2.9 | 0.8 | 2.2 | 7.5 | 9.4 | |
| 2012 | January | 4.4 | 15.5 | 1.0 | 15.1 | 2.9 | -1.0 | 5.6 | 7.4 | 6.1 | |
| | February | 7.6 | 10.0 | 1.5 | 15.9 | 2.5 | -0.5 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 7.5 | |
| | March | 9.8 | 10.8 | 1.4 | 15.1 | 2.6 | -0.7 | 5.9 | 4.8 | 8.3 | |
| | April/r | 7.4 | 6.1 | 1.9 | 19.6 | 3.8 | 0.2 | 5.5 | 6.6 | 8.1 | |
| | May | 7.1 | -4.6 | 1.9 | 19.2 | 3.7 | -1.3 | 5.5 | 8.0 | 7.1 | |
| <i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 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 | |
| | October | 8.9 | 17.9 | 0.1 | 21.0 | 2.0 | 4.9 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 9.8 | |
| | November | 8.4 | 19.6 | 0.2 | 23.8 | 2.1 | 5.6 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 10.2 | |
| | December | 7.9 | 17.6 | 0.5 | 26.3 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 2.3 | 4.2 | 10.1 | |
| 2012 | January | 6.4 | 16.5 | 0.8 | 22.1 | 3.0 | 1.4 | 3.4 | 5.6 | 8.5 | |
| | February | 6.5 | 13.5 | 1.2 | 18.6 | 2.7 | -0.2 | 4.6 | 6.5 | 7.6 | |
| | March | 7.3 | 12.1 | 1.3 | 15.4 | 2.7 | -0.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 | 7.3 | |
| | April/r | 8.3 | 8.9 | 1.6 | 16.9 | 3.0 | -0.3 | 5.8 | 5.4 | 8.0 | |
| | May | 8.1 | 3.8 | 1.7 | 18.0 | 3.4 | -0.6 | 5.6 | 6.5 | 7.8 | |

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| Year/ Month | Food | Drinks & Tobacco | Clothing & Footwear | Housing & Utilities | Household Operations | Transport & Commu-nications | Recreation health & Oth. Serv. | Misce-llaneous | All Items | (%) Change | |
|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | 2010 | July | 165.0 | 138.2 | 122.3 | 154.5 | 150.4 | 153.3 | 138.7 | 171.0 | 156.1 |
| | 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 |
| | October | 177.2 | 143.1 | 120.4 | 172.3 | 154.4 | 183.6 | 141.8 | 175.5 | 168.5 | 0.2 |
| | November | 177.6 | 143.1 | 121.6 | 170.7 | 158.1 | 179.5 | 141.8 | 176.8 | 168.5 | 0.0 |
| | December | 176.3 | 143.1 | 122.7 | 170.6 | 157.3 | 177.8 | 141.1 | 186.3 | 168.0 | -0.3 |
| 2012 | January | 175.5 | 143.1 | 122.5 | 173.9 | 158.7 | 173.7 | 148.2 | 186.8 | 168.1 | 0.0 |
| | February | 176.9 | 143.1 | 123.4 | 178.8 | 158.2 | 176.3 | 148.2 | 187.2 | 169.7 | 1.0 |
| | March | 177.1 | 143.1 | 123.4 | 178.7 | 158.4 | 180.5 | 148.2 | 188.0 | 170.4 | 0.4 |
| | April/r | 176.0 | 143.1 | 123.4 | 184.6 | 161.0 | 186.8 | 148.2 | 188.7 | 171.7 | 0.7 |
| | May | 176.0 | 143.1 | 123.4 | 184.3 | 160.9 | 186.3 | 148.2 | 191.1 | 171.7 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 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 | |
| | October | 7.0 | 2.6 | -1.9 | 9.6 | 2.5 | 16.2 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 7.0 | |
| | November | 6.6 | 2.6 | -1.1 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 13.6 | 0.3 | 2.0 | 6.5 | |
| | December | 8.1 | 2.6 | -0.2 | 5.7 | 4.5 | 3.0 | -0.2 | 7.5 | 5.8 | |
| 2012 | January | 5.5 | 2.6 | 1.4 | -0.6 | 4.2 | -2.2 | 4.8 | 7.4 | 3.3 | |
| | February | 4.9 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 2.2 | 3.7 | -0.8 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 3.5 | |
| | March | 4.5 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 3.8 | -0.3 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 3.4 | |
| | April/r | 2.5 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 5.5 | 5.5 | 1.9 | 4.5 | 6.6 | 3.3 | |
| | May | 1.8 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 5.3 | -1.9 | 4.5 | 8.0 | 2.4 | |
| <i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 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 | |
| | October | 6.7 | 2.9 | -1.7 | 10.0 | 2.5 | 16.7 | 1.6 | 2.9 | 7.1 | |
| | November | 6.8 | 2.6 | -1.5 | 9.3 | 3.0 | 15.8 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 6.9 | |
| | December | 7.2 | 2.6 | -1.1 | 7.8 | 4.0 | 10.7 | 0.1 | 4.2 | 6.4 | |
| 2012 | January | 6.7 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 1.6 | 5.6 | 5.2 | |
| | February | 6.1 | 2.6 | 1.1 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 6.5 | 4.2 | |
| | March | 5.0 | 2.6 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 3.9 | -1.1 | 5.2 | 5.7 | 3.4 | |
| | April/r | 3.9 | 1.7 | 2.3 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 0.3 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 3.4 | |
| | May | 2.9 | 0.8 | 2.5 | 4.0 | 4.9 | -0.1 | 4.8 | 6.5 | 3.0 | |

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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 | 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 |
| | October | 158.4 | 173.3 | 234.1 | 196.5 | 199.5 | 126.2 | 114.6 | -- | 159.4 | 2.7 |
| | November | 154.9 | 177.2 | 234.1 | 196.5 | 199.5 | 126.2 | 114.6 | -- | 158.3 | -0.7 |
| | December | 154.0 | 177.0 | 234.1 | 196.5 | 199.5 | 126.2 | 114.6 | -- | 157.9 | -0.3 |
| 2012 | January | 152.9 | 185.0 | 234.1 | 196.5 | 200.0 | 126.6 | 121.6 | -- | 158.7 | 0.5 |
| | February | 162.4 | 176.1 | 234.1 | 196.5 | 200.0 | 126.6 | 121.6 | -- | 161.9 | 2.0 |
| | March | 173.7 | 178.3 | 234.1 | 196.5 | 200.0 | 126.6 | 121.6 | -- | 166.7 | 2.9 |
| | April | 177.2 | 180.3 | 234.1 | 210.1 | 200.4 | 126.6 | 121.6 | -- | 171.2 | 2.7 |
| | May | 175.0 | 172.9 | 234.1 | 210.1 | 200.4 | 126.6 | 121.6 | -- | 169.7 | -0.8 |
| Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 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 | |
| | October | 10.2 | 20.1 | 4.3 | 34.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 3.5 | -- | 13.6 | |
| | November | 7.9 | 20.6 | 4.3 | 34.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 3.5 | -- | 12.7 | |
| | December | 7.2 | 16.0 | 4.3 | 34.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 3.5 | -- | 12.1 | |
| 2012 | January | 3.5 | 16.5 | 0.0 | 21.9 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 6.1 | -- | 8.2 | |
| | February | 9.9 | 10.6 | 0.0 | 21.9 | 0.2 | -0.3 | 6.1 | -- | 10.4 | |
| | March | 14.4 | 11.5 | 0.0 | 20.6 | 0.2 | -0.9 | 6.1 | -- | 11.9 | |
| | April | 11.4 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 25.6 | 0.4 | -0.9 | 6.1 | -- | 11.5 | |
| | May | 11.4 | -5.0 | 0.0 | 25.6 | 0.4 | -0.9 | 6.1 | -- | 10.5 | |
| <i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i> | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2010 | 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/r | 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 | |
| | October | 10.9 | 19.2 | 4.3 | 25.8 | 1.2 | -1.5 | 3.5 | -- | 11.8 | |
| | November | 9.9 | 21.1 | 4.3 | 30.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 3.5 | -- | 12.7 | |
| | December | 8.5 | 18.9 | 4.3 | 34.4 | -0.4 | -0.5 | 3.5 | -- | 12.8 | |
| 2012 | January | 6.2 | 17.7 | 2.8 | 30.0 | -0.2 | -0.4 | 4.4 | -- | 11.0 | |
| | February | 6.9 | 14.4 | 1.4 | 25.8 | 0.0 | -0.4 | 5.2 | -- | 10.2 | |
| | March | 9.3 | 12.9 | 0.0 | 21.5 | 0.2 | -0.5 | 6.1 | -- | 10.2 | |
| | April | 11.9 | 9.5 | 0.0 | 22.7 | 0.3 | -0.7 | 6.1 | -- | 11.3 | |
| | May | 12.4 | 4.0 | 0.0 | 24.0 | 0.4 | -0.9 | 6.1 | -- | 11.3 | |

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 | 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 |
| | October | 527.3 | 550.8 | 197.9 | 706.1 | 456.6 | 577.0 | 430.9 | 379.7 | 516.2 | 1.6 |
| | November | 521.7 | 562.2 | 199.4 | 704.4 | 464.0 | 572.1 | 430.9 | 382.6 | 514.1 | -0.4 |
| | December | 518.0 | 561.4 | 200.6 | 704.3 | 462.5 | 570.0 | 430.1 | 403.2 | 512.7 | -0.3 |
| 2012 | January | 515.0 | 585.3 | 200.4 | 707.8 | 465.4 | 566.0 | 454.7 | 404.2 | 514.4 | 0.3 |
| | February | 533.9 | 558.9 | 201.4 | 713.0 | 464.4 | 569.0 | 454.7 | 405.1 | 522.5 | 1.6 |
| | March | 554.6 | 565.4 | 201.4 | 712.9 | 465.0 | 574.2 | 454.7 | 406.9 | 532.4 | 1.9 |
| | April/r | 559.4 | 571.4 | 201.4 | 755.5 | 470.4 | 582.0 | 454.7 | 408.2 | 542.6 | 1.9 |
| | May | 555.5 | 549.4 | 201.4 | 755.1 | 470.3 | 581.3 | 454.7 | 413.5 | 539.9 | -0.5 |
| Percentage Change in the CPI by Group | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 months moving average on same period a year ago | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2009 | 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/r | -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 | |
| | October | 2.9 | 13.3 | 1.7 | 14.2 | 5.8 | 4.6 | 3.5 | 6.9 | 5.9 | |
| | November | 3.8 | 14.4 | 1.2 | 16.3 | 5.5 | 4.8 | 3.2 | 6.2 | 6.7 | |
| | December | 4.8 | 14.8 | 0.7 | 18.3 | 5.2 | 4.5 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 7.4 | |
| 2012 | January | 5.3 | 15.4 | 0.6 | 18.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 7.7 | |
| | February | 6.0 | 15.9 | 0.6 | 18.7 | 4.3 | 3.6 | 3.3 | 5.3 | 8.0 | |
| | March | 7.0 | 16.0 | 0.6 | 18.8 | 3.9 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 4.8 | 8.4 | |
| | April/r | 7.3 | 16.2 | 0.7 | 19.2 | 3.5 | 2.7 | 3.8 | 4.5 | 8.5 | |
| | May | 7.4 | 13.6 | 0.8 | 19.5 | 3.2 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 4.7 | 8.4 | |

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Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

| DESCRIPTION | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | | | | 2012 | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Year | Qr-1 | Qr-2 | Qr-3 | Qr-4 | Qr-1 | Apr | May |
| FOOD | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RICE (soybean 20kg bag) | 67.69 | 81.08 | 93.65 | 91.70 | 99.73 | 107.94 | 189.34 | 205.65 | 176.25 | 172.50 | 172.47 | 173.11 | 175.00 | 163.56 | 167.33 | 167.00 |
| NOCCLE (Maggi 86g pkt) | 1.50 | 1.73 | 1.94 | 2.02 | 2.15 | 2.27 | 2.50 | 2.32 | 2.92 | 3.00 | 3.10 | 3.07 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| FLOUR (gran white flour 25kg bag) | 60.23 | 93.36 | 114.86 | 110.06 | 114.13 | 127.53 | 182.10 | 183.90 | 177.14 | 191.61 | 195.67 | 198.56 | 196.00 | 155.78 | 192.33 | 192.33 |
| CHICKEN MING (imported 500g pkt) | 15.44 | 20.42 | 20.63 | 18.67 | 20.83 | 24.35 | 33.13 | 31.25 | 30.00 | 30.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 41.00 | 49.00 | 52.00 | 53.00 |
| TUNA (second grade Tuna 180g can) | 3.73 | 3.93 | 4.70 | 4.64 | 5.04 | 5.24 | 6.27 | 6.58 | 6.34 | 5.90 | 5.57 | 5.43 | 4.94 | 5.06 | 5.08 | 5.25 |
| KUMARA HERRIS (94g) | 3.66 | 2.05 | 1.72 | 2.23 | 2.28 | 3.20 | 3.63 | 3.94 | 3.45 | 3.84 | 3.36 | 4.25 | 4.85 | 4.88 | 4.34 | 4.77 |
| SUPREMY CARBAGE \$/kg | 5.32 | 3.83 | 4.24 | 4.64 | 5.01 | 6.16 | 9.25 | 6.37 | 7.24 | 5.58 | 7.93 | 7.27 | 6.12 | 7.31 | 6.73 | 10.27 |
| WHITE SUPREMY (Onion 500g/m pkt) | 2.77 | 3.22 | 3.36 | 3.47 | 3.54 | 4.26 | 4.65 | 5.06 | 5.85 | 7.26 | 3.33 | 8.51 | 8.44 | 6.28 | 6.00 | 3.00 |
| SALT (dry sat. 1kg.) | 3.17 | 3.95 | 3.71 | 4.22 | 4.50 | 4.91 | 4.46 | 4.54 | 4.54 | 4.78 | 4.63 | 4.63 | 4.62 | 4.58 | 4.58 | 4.88 |
| DRINKS & TOBACCO | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SO. BREWERY (softbev. 35cm code) | 4.37 | 6.07 | 6.07 | 6.16 | 6.33 | 7.30 | 3.75 | 9.08 | 9.07 | 9.25 | 9.25 | 9.25 | 9.25 | 9.58 | 9.75 | 9.75 |
| TRIST TOBACCO (per pack) | 5.50 | 7.02 | 7.02 | 7.31 | 7.40 | 7.49 | 7.73 | 10.03 | 15.23 | 18.23 | 18.75 | 19.75 | 19.75 | 19.67 | 19.50 | 19.50 |
| UTILITIES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WATER CHARGES (50gal) | 26.13 | 29.20 | 29.20 | 29.20 | 29.20 | 33.70 | 62.10 | 53.42 | 56.00 | 65.66 | 65.66 | 79.00 | 111.77 | 111.77 | 111.77 | 111.77 |
| ELECTRICITY (40 hrs) | 41.89 | 74.50 | 74.50 | 81.90 | 101.02 | 116.42 | 177.00 | 192.18 | 178.53 | 210.31 | 224.764 | 233.46 | 232.77 | 232.77 | 277.80 | 277.80 |
| TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| PETROL (cents per lit) | 247.33 | 350.20 | 350.20 | 499.06 | 535.86 | 628.24 | 956.45 | 759.42 | 921.03 | 1193.13 | 1203.67 | 1137.00 | 1137.33 | 1091.33 | 1199.50 | 1194.00 |
| TELEPHONE CHARGES (per cal with +charge) | 0.46 | 0.61 | 0.61 | 0.67 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 | 0.65 |
| MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EGG - 30PZ (per 86g case) | 1.54 | 1.73 | 1.73 | 1.50 | 1.33 | 2.00 | 2.31 | 2.43 | 2.86 | 2.52 | 2.51 | 2.51 | 2.57 | 2.89 | 2.30 | 2.94 |
| TOOTH PASTE (Onion 110g) | 6.63 | 7.91 | 7.91 | 8.63 | 8.36 | 10.29 | 13.46 | 15.61 | 16.83 | 18.92 | 18.92 | 18.69 | 18.92 | 18.92 | 18.92 | 18.92 |

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