CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 2010 = 100	
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							% CHANGE		
Code	Description	WEIGHTS	May 2015	May 2014	May 2013	Apr 2015	May 2015/ May 2014	May 2014/ May 2013	May 2015/ Apr 2015
0	ALL PRODUCTS	100.00	107.28	108.09	109.65	107.00	-0.75	-1.42	0.27
11.01	FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	20.35	116.91	115.11	114.66	117.15	1.56	0.39	-0.20
11.02	ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO & NARCOTICS	1.83	123.37	121.87	116.23	122.98	1.23	4.85	0.31
11.03	CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	3.66	100.49	101.64	103.81	100.49	-1.13	-2.09	0.00
11.04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	29.05	103.31	106.40	106.00	102.85	-2.90	0.38	0.45
11.05	FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.5	108.63	109.94	112.23	108.49	-1.19	-2.04	0.13
11.06	HEALTH	1.94	130.05	126.48	125.86	130.07	2.82	0.49	-0.02
11.07	TRANSPORT	18.72	110.40	112.09	108.62	109.42	-1.51	3.19	0.89
11.08	COMMUNICATION	10.03	90.96	90.96	114.77	90.96	0.00	-20.74	0.00
11.09	RECREATION AND CULTURE	2.71	106.65	106.37	102.11	106.65	0.26	4.17	0.00
11.10	EDUCATION	0.83	122.33	118.43	113.99	122.33	3.29	3.90	0.00
11.11	RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	1.81	107.25	107.25	104.90	107.25	0.00	2.24	0.00
11.12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	4.59	105.90	104.31	104.05	105.94	1.53	0.25	-0.04

The above table shows a computation of the Consumer Price Index for the month of May 2015 with changes for the previous month April 2015 and the corresponding month of last year May 2014. The overall index moved from 107.00 index points in April 2015 to 107.28 index points in May 2015 representing an increase of 0.27%. An examination of the following sub-groups revealed the following.

The major group "Alcohol Beverages and Tobacco" increased by 0.31% resulting from price increase of Wine 0.11%, Beer 0.28% and Tobacco 0.67%. "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels" which has the highest weight share increased by 0.45% due to an increase in the price of Materials for the Repairs and Maintenance of Dwelling 0.66%, Electricity 0.42% and Cooking Gas inclusive of both the twenty and one hundred pound cylinder by 5.45%. "Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance" 0.13% due to an increase in Non-Durable Household Goods, "Transport" also increased by 0.89% due to an increase in the price of Motor Vehicle Fuel 5.28%. The other groups remained relatively constant.

Relative to the corresponding month of last year the Consumer Price Index moved from 108.09 index points in May 2014 to 107.28 index points in May 2015 representing a decline of 0.75%. The major group recorded the following decreases:-"Clothing and Footwear" 1.31%, "Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" 2.90%, "Furnishing, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance" 1.19% and "Transport" 1.51%. The following items contributed to these decreases:-Men's Clothing 2.32%, Women's Clothing 3.79%, Men's Footwear 0.23%, Rental for Housing 0.36%, Electricity 9.00%, Cooking Gas 14.57%, Bedroom Furniture 0.75%, Living-room and Dining-room Furniture 13.20%, Household Utensils 1.14%, Small Tools 1.7% and Motor Vehicle Fuel 13.69%.

All the other groups recorded increases between 0.26% and 3.29% resulting from price increase of the following Rice 0.83%, Other Cereals 0.20%, Beef and Veal 6.30%, Pork 7.43%, Mutton 3.02%, Poultry 3.48%, Fresh Fish 3.85%, Preserve Milk 0.35%, Cheese 10.46%, Butter 2.95%, Margarine 2.78%, Fresh Fruit 3.79%, Jams, Marmalades and Honey 13.85%, Hot Beverages 2.94%, Spirits 2.10%, Tobacco 3.05%, Pharmaceutical Product 4.71%, Medical Services 2.23%, Books 6.18% resulting from an increase in the price of Mathematics books for Primary Schools and Drafting Books for Secondary Schools, Pre-primary and Primary Education 2.12%, Tertiary Education 3.84% and Personal Care Products 3.68%.

Accordingly, the inflation rate for the month of May is negative 0.75%. This can be compared to a decrease of 1.42% for the same period in 2014.

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