

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – MARCH 2024

(Base Period: September 2018 = 100.0)

### Key Findings:

The Annual Inflation Rate for March 2024 is 3.2%

The Consumer Price Index increased by 0.6% from the previous month.

- The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 0.8%.
- The Transport index also increased by 0.8%.
- The Restaurant and Hotels index rose by 1.6%

The Average Annual Inflation Rate is 5.2%

### Summary

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for March 2024 for all items is 126.9. Compared to the same month in the previous year, CPI increased by 3.2% (annual inflation rate). The index for March 2023 was 122.9. The increase was mainly attributed by increase in food and transport prices (Figure1).

CPI increased by 0.6% from 126.2 in the previous month to 126.9. This was mainly driven by the increase in the price of local food items.

Over the previous two months, the index for all items decreased by 0.1% in January 2024 to 140.0, then slightly decreased by 0.1% in January 2024 to 139.8.

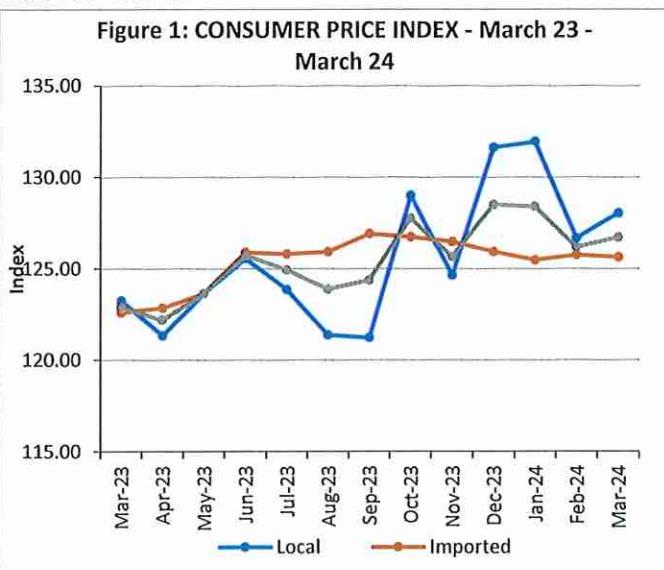
The price of Local goods components rose by 1.7% compared to the same month in the previous year. This was attributed to the increase in prices of food items such as tomatoes, capsicum, and eggs.

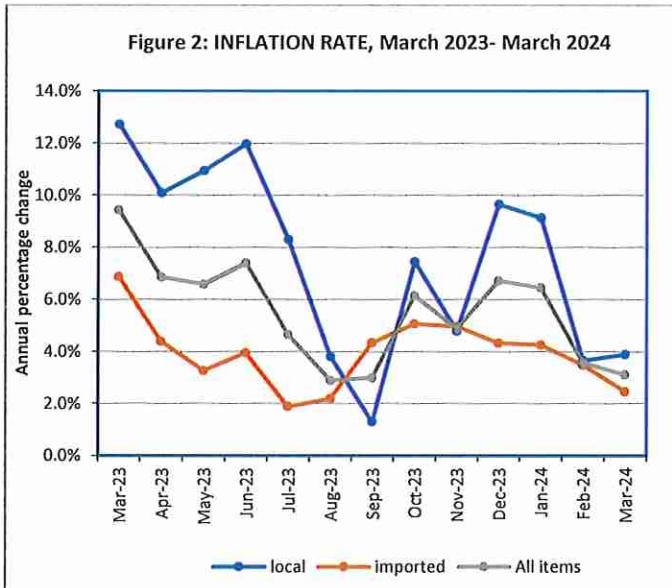
The price of the Imported goods component also increased by 1.5% compared to the same month in the previous year. The increase was majorly contributed by a rise in cost of transport services such as airfares.

### Annual Inflation Rate

The overall trend of rate of inflation declined since March 2023. The inflation rate for March 2024 is 3.2% compared to 9.4% for the same month in the previous year (Figure 2). Inflation significantly declined in the previous month.

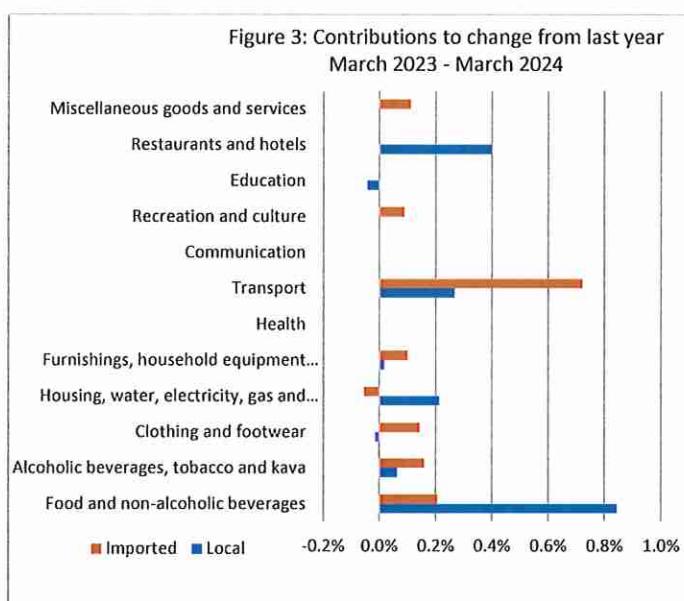
When comparing local and imported inflation, the rise in local prices continues to dominate overall inflation and is significantly higher than imported annual change. In March 2024 the gap between the local and imported rate of inflation is notable with local annual change at 3.9% and imported at 2.7%.





### Contribution to Change (Previous Year)

Figure 3 shows the percentage contribution by groups in March 2024 compared to March 2023. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages remains the major contributor with 1.1 percentage points followed by Transport with a 1 percentage point contribution to the overall increase of 3.2%.



The remaining groups Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco & Kava, Clothing & Footwear, Housing, Water, electricity, gas and other fuels, Furnishing, Household Equipment & routine household maintenance, Recreation and Culture, Restaurant and hotels, and Miscellaneous goods & services contributed 0.2, 0.1, 0.2, 0.1, 0.4, and 0.1 percentage points respectively.

The Local Goods contributed 1.7 percentage points which was slightly higher than that of Import with 1.3 percentage points contribution. Most of the contribution from the Imported component was attributed to the increase in Transport 0.7% and imported Food Items 0.2%. For instance, increase in air transport and food items such as sugar and milk.

For Local component contribution, the majority was attributed to Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (0.8%) and Restaurants & Hotels (0.4%) items price change which include the rise in price of eggs, vegetables, and beef.

### All Groups Contribution (Previous Month)

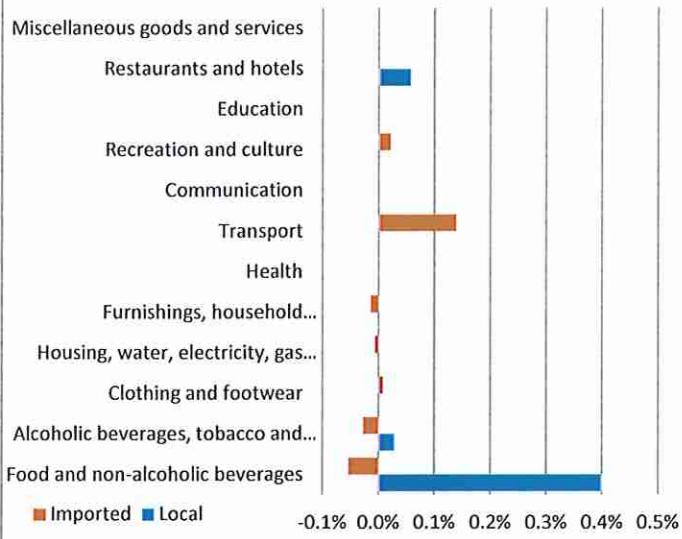
CPI increased by 0.6% from the previous month. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages continues as the largest contributor with a 0.3 percentage point contribution. Overall cost of Local items contributed 0.5 percentage point to the overall increase in CPI. On the other hand, cost of imported goods declined by 0.06 percent from the previous month.

Transport was the second largest with a total of 0.1 percentage point contribution to the overall increase from the previous month. This contribution was attributed to rise in fuel prices.

Clothing and footwear contributed 0.01 percentage points to the overall decline of the CPI from the previous month, Recreation and culture 0.02, Restaurant and hotels 0.06.

Alternatively, Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and Furnishing, household equipment and routine household recorded a decline by 0.01 percent point each.

Figure 4: Contributions to % change from previous month (February - March 2024)



## Recreation and Culture

This group saw an increase of 2.3% from previous month mainly due to the rise in price of stationaries.

## Restaurants and Hotels

The overall index for this group recorded a 1.6% increase from previous month which was mainly attributed to increase in price of takeout food.

All other remaining groups of items recorded little to no changes from the previous month.

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## Percentage Changes by Group

### Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 0.8% from the previous month. This increase was mainly due to the decrease in prices of goods which included beef, Tuna, capsicum, and tomatoes

### Clothing & Footwear

The index for this group saw a 0.4% increase from the previous month with was mainly influenced by the increase in prices of items such as garments.

### Housing, Water, Electricity & Gas

The index for this group continued to decline by 0.1%. This was attribute mostly to decrease in prices of materials for maintenance and repair of dwellings such as timber, roofing iron and cement bag.

### Furnishing, Household Equipment & Household Maintenance

The index recorded a slight decrease of 0.4% from the previous month. This was attributed to a decrease in price cleaning and paper products.

### Transport

A 0.8% increase in the overall index for transport group was recorded in March 2024 compared to the previous month.

**Table 1 Contribution to % change from the previous month, All groups: February – March 2024**

Group	Local	Imported	Total
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.40%	-0.05%	0.34%
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	0.03%	-0.03%	0.00%
Clothing and footwear	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.01%
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.00%	-0.01%	-0.01%
Health	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Transport	0.00%	0.14%	0.14%
Communication	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Recreation and culture	0.00%	0.02%	0.02%
Education	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Restaurants and hotels	0.06%	0.00%	0.06%
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>

**Table 2 Contributions to % change from last year, all groups, March 2023 – March 2024**

Group	Local	Imported	Total
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	0.84%	0.21%	1.1%
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	0.06%	0.16%	0.2%
Clothing and footwear	-0.01%	0.14%	0.1%
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	0.21%	-0.05%	0.2%
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.02%	0.10%	0.1%
Health	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Transport	0.27%	0.72%	1.0%
Communications	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Recreation and culture	0.00%	0.09%	0.1%
Education	-0.04%	0.00%	0.0%
Restaurants and hotels	0.40%	0.00%	0.4%
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.00%	0.11%	0.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

**Table 3 Consumer Price Index by Major Groups**

Year/month	All items	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity and gas	Furnishings, household equipment and household maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weight	100%	39.8%	11.6%	2.1%	10.8%	3.2%	0.3%	16.4%	5.2%	1.1%	2.2%	3.1%	4.2%
<b>2019</b>													
January	99.7	100.1	100.1	102.6	101.0	99.8	100.0	94.4	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	101.0
February	99.9	101.1	100.2	102.9	101.5	100.1	100.0	92.4	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	101.0
March	100.4	102.2	99.7	101.5	100.9	100.5	100.0	93.9	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	99.8
April	98.7	98.1	98.1	101.5	98.9	100.6	100.0	96.3	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	99.8
May	99.6	99.5	97.7	101.5	98.9	100.7	100.0	98.5	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	98.8
June	99.8	99.6	97.2	101.5	100.2	100.8	100.0	99.0	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	98.8
July	100.0	100.8	97.5	102.1	100.3	101.7	100.0	97.1	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	98.6
August	100.5	102.2	97.3	102.1	100.3	101.7	100.0	96.4	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	98.9
September	100.4	102.0	96.8	103.8	99.0	102.0	100.0	97.4	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	98.9
October	100.9	102.8	96.5	103.8	100.0	102.0	100.0	98.3	100.0	103.6	104.2	108.2	99.3
November	100.4	100.7	96.6	103.9	100.4	102.1	100.0	99.4	101.6	103.6	104.2	108.2	99.7
December	100.6	101.4	95.1	104.3	100.8	100.5	100.0	99.7	101.6	103.6	104.2	108.2	99.8
<b>2020</b>													
January	100.3	100.5	95.5	105.5	100.5	100.5	100.0	99.7	101.6	103.6	104.2	108.2	99.9
February	100.6	101.6	94.7	106.1	100.6	100.2	100.0	99.6	101.6	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.0
March	100.8	102.3	94.7	106.1	102.6	100.3	100.0	97.4	101.6	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.8
April	100.0	102.8	93.9	106.5	98.9	102.2	100.0	94.7	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	99.7
May	99.6	104.0	95.5	108.8	99.2	103.3	100.0	87.6	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.2
June	98.4	102.6	99.4	109.1	96.9	103.3	100.0	82.3	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.3
July	98.9	103.5	100.3	109.1	89.7	102.5	100.0	87.2	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.6
August	98.8	102.1	100.3	110.5	89.2	102.5	100.0	90.2	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.8
September	99.4	102.9	100.4	110.5	89.2	102.7	100.0	91.8	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.8
October	99.3	102.8	100.0	112.6	89.1	103.4	100.0	91.6	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.8
November	99.7	103.2	100.1	112.6	90.6	104.1	100.0	91.3	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	100.9
December	100.9	105.2	100.3	112.6	93.8	104.4	100.0	91.5	99.9	103.6	104.8	108.2	101.4
<b>2021</b>													
January	101.6	106.2	100.1	114.3	94.0	103.9	100.0	93.1	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	101.9
February	102.8	108.0	100.0	113.2	94.5	103.9	100.0	95.4	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	102.4
March	104.1	109.9	100.3	113.4	96.1	103.9	100.0	98.0	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	102.5
April	104.5	109.6	100.3	113.4	96.2	103.9	100.0	100.3	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	103.8
May	104.3	107.9	100.4	113.9	98.5	103.9	100.0	101.4	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	103.8
June	105.2	110.5	99.9	113.9	98.6	103.9	100.0	101.5	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	104.0
July	105.6	110.2	100.1	113.9	102.8	104.5	100.0	101.2	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	104.0
August	105.8	110.4	99.9	114.0	102.6	104.5	100.0	102.2	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	104.0
September	105.9	110.3	99.8	113.6	103.2	104.9	100.0	102.9	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	104.0
October	106.4	111.2	99.3	113.6	103.7	104.9	100.0	103.2	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	106.2
November	107.8	112.0	99.3	113.6	108.5	104.9	100.0	106.3	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	106.2
December	110.2	116.6	100.0	113.6	109.8	106.4	100.0	108.1	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	107.6
<b>2022</b>													
January	109.9	114.8	99.6	113.8	115.9	106.7	100.0	106.5	99.9	103.6	104.8	109.5	107.8
February	112.1	119.3	99.9	113.8	115.9	107.0	100.0	107.7	99.9	103.6	104.8	111.9	109.1
March	112.3	117.8	100.1	113.8	116.7	107.1	100.0	112.1	99.9	103.6	104.8	111.9	109.1
April	114.3	119.6	100.1	113.8	116.7	109.1	100.0	118.9	99.9	103.6	104.8	114.7	110.4
May	116.0	120.4	100.6	115.0	121.0	109.3	100.0	123.3	99.9	103.6	104.8	114.7	112.0
June	117.1	121.2	101.3	115.0	121.4	109.5	100.0	127.3	99.9	103.6	104.8	114.7	112.1
July	119.4	121.4	103.1	115.9	134.7	109.5	100.0	129.9	99.9	103.6	104.8	117.6	112.4
August	120.4	123.8	102.9	116.2	137.9	109.6	110.7	127.2	99.9	103.6	104.8	121.6	112.9
September	120.8	125.4	102.9	116.2	138.3	109.6	119.7	123.9	99.9	103.6	104.8	126.1	114.1
October	120.4	124.2	102.9	115.4	139.4	109.6	119.7	122.9	102.3	103.6	104.8	126.1	114.1
November	119.8	122.1	103.2	115.4	139.2	110.5	119.7	124.0	102.3	103.6	104.8	127.2	114.4
December	120.4	123.1	103.4	115.7	141.5	110.8	119.7	123.5	102.3	103.6	104.8	127.2	115.1

Year/month		All items	Food and non-alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	Clothing and footwear	Housing, water, electricity and gas	Furnishings, household equipment and household	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and culture	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weight		100%	39.8%	11.6%	2.1%	10.8%	3.2%	0.3%	16.4%	5.2%	1.1%	2.2%	3.1%	4.2%
2023	January	120.6	127.0	102.8	115.7	131.3	110.6	119.7	121.1	102.3	103.6	114.3	127.2	114.9
	February	121.8	130.4	102.4	115.0	131.3	111.2	119.7	120.2	102.3	103.6	114.3	127.2	116.5
	March	122.9	132.5	103.3	113.7	131.4	111.8	119.7	120.9	102.3	103.6	114.3	127.2	116.8
	April	122.2	132.0	103.4	114.3	125.9	111.5	119.7	120.3	102.3	103.6	114.3	133.1	116.5
	May	123.6	134.5	103.1	119.5	127.0	111.5	119.7	120.0	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	116.1
	June	125.7	137.1	103.2	123.9	128.0	113.4	119.7	124.9	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	115.9
	July	124.9	136.0	104.0	124.4	125.7	113.5	119.7	123.4	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	116.3
	August	123.9	132.6	104.4	124.2	125.1	115.7	119.7	125.0	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	116.4
	September	124.4	132.3	104.4	124.4	123.6	116.7	119.7	129.1	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	117.9
	October	127.8	137.3	105.6	123.1	127.8	116.6	119.7	134.1	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	118.4
	November	125.7	132.1	105.8	123.1	128.4	116.5	119.7	133.3	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	118.4
	December	128.5	140.2	105.4	123.1	130.3	116.6	119.7	130.1	102.3	111.4	114.3	140.8	118.4
2024	January	128.4	139.8	105.7	119.9	134.7	117.3	119.7	127.4	102.3	111.4	112.0	140.8	119.6
	February	126.2	134.6	105.7	120.9	133.3	116.8	119.7	127.2	102.3	111.4	112.0	140.8	120.0
	March	126.9	135.7	105.7	121.4	133.2	116.3	119.7	128.3	102.3	113.9	112.0	143.0	120.0
Percentage change between February 2024 and March 2024		0.6	0.8	0.0	0.4	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.8	0.0	2.3	0.0	1.6	0.0
Percentage change between March 2023 and March 2024		3.2	2.5	2.3	6.7	1.4	4.0	0.0	6.1	0.0	10.0	-2.0	12.4	2.8

**Table 4 Consumer Price Index and Annual Inflation Rate**

Year	Month	Local	Import	All items	Monthly change for all items (%)	Annual inflation rate for period (%)	Average index for year	Average annual inflation rate (%)
2019	January	102.8	97.2	99.7	0.3	4.2	<u>100.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>
	February	103.7	96.8	99.9	0.1	3.2		
	March	104.3	97.1	100.4	0.5	2.0		
	April	99.9	97.7	98.7	-1.6	0.2		
	May	99.7	99.5	99.6	0.8	1.6		
	June	99.4	100.1	99.8	0.2	1.8		
	July	99.6	100.3	100.0	0.2	-0.5		
	August	99.6	101.1	100.5	0.5	-0.1		
	September	98.9	101.6	100.4	-0.1	0.4		
	October	99.8	101.8	100.9	0.5	0.2		
	November	99.7	101.0	100.4	-0.5	0.1		
	December	100.4	100.7	100.6	0.2	1.2	<u>100.1</u>	<u>1.2</u>
2020	January	99.8	100.7	100.3	-0.3	0.6	<u>100.2</u>	<u>0.2</u>
	February	100.5	100.8	100.6	0.3	0.8		
	March	100.6	100.9	100.8	0.2	0.4		
	April	98.9	100.9	100.0	-0.8	1.3		
	May	99.6	99.7	99.6	-0.4	0.1		
	June	98.3	98.5	98.4	-1.2	-1.4		
	July	97.3	100.2	98.9	0.5	-1.1		
	August	96.3	100.9	98.8	-0.1	-1.6		
	September	97.4	101.1	99.4	0.6	-0.9		
	October	96.9	101.3	99.3	-0.1	-1.6		
	November	97.6	101.3	99.7	0.3	-0.8		
	December	99.7	101.9	100.9	1.3	0.3	<u>99.7</u>	<u>-0.3</u>
2021	January	100.4	102.6	101.6	0.7	1.3	<u>101.6</u>	<u>1.4</u>
	February	101.3	103.9	102.8	1.1	2.1		
	March	102.3	105.7	104.1	1.4	3.3		
	April	102.0	106.5	104.5	0.3	4.5		
	May	100.9	107.0	104.3	-0.2	4.7		
	June	102.0	107.9	105.2	0.9	6.9		
	July	102.9	107.8	105.6	0.3	6.8		
	August	102.7	108.3	105.8	0.2	7.0		
	September	102.5	108.7	105.9	0.1	6.5		
	October	103.0	109.3	106.4	0.5	7.2		
	November	103.9	111.0	107.8	1.3	8.2		
	December	107.5	112.5	110.2	2.3	9.3	<u>105.4</u>	<u>5.6</u>
2022	January	106.7	112.5	109.9	-0.3	8.2	<u>110.3</u>	<u>8.5</u>
	February	110.7	113.2	112.1	2.0	9.1		
	March	109.3	114.7	112.3	0.2	7.8		
	April	110.2	117.7	114.3	1.8	9.4		
	May	111.5	119.7	116.0	1.5	11.3		
	June	112.1	121.1	117.1	0.9	11.2		
	July	114.4	123.5	119.4	2.0	13.1		
	August	116.9	123.2	120.4	0.9	13.8		
	September	119.7	121.6	120.8	0.3	14.0		
	October	120.1	120.6	120.4	-0.3	13.1		
	November	119.0	120.5	119.8	-0.5	11.1		
	December	120.1	120.7	120.4	0.5	9.2	<u>116.9</u>	<u>10.9</u>
2023	January	120.9	120.4	120.6	0.2	9.7		

Year	Month	Local	Import	All items	Monthly change for all items (%)	Annual inflation rate for period (%)	Average index for year	Average annual inflation rate (%)
	February	122.2	121.5	121.8	1.0	8.7	<u>121.5</u>	<u>10.3</u>
	March	123.3	122.6	122.9	0.9	9.4		
	April	121.3	122.9	122.2	-0.6	6.9		
	May	123.6	123.6	123.6	1.2	6.6		
	June	125.6	125.9	125.7	1.7	7.4		
	July	123.9	125.8	124.9	-0.6	4.6		
	August	121.4	125.9	123.9	-0.8	2.9		
	September	121.2	127.1	124.4	0.4	3.0		
	October	129.0	126.7	127.8	2.7	6.1		
	November	124.6	126.5	125.7	-1.6	4.9		
	December	131.6	125.9	128.5	2.2	6.7		
2024	January	131.9	125.5	128.4	-0.1	6.4		
	February	126.7	125.8	126.2	-1.7	3.6		
	March	128.0	125.9	126.9	0.6	3.2	<u>125.7</u>	<u>5.2</u>

**Table 5 Consumer Price Index with local and imported components,  
Percentage change from previous month, March 2024**

	Weights			February 2024			March 2024			% Change		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
<b>A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	15.2%	24.6%	39.8%	149.5	125.4	134.6	152.8	125.2	135.7	2.2%	-0.2%	0.8%
Food	14.6%	23.2%	37.8%	151.3	127.1	136.4	154.7	126.6	137.5	2.3%	-0.4%	0.8%
Non- alcoholic beverages	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	107.7	97.4	100.6	107.7	100.6	102.8	0.0%	3.3%	2.2%
<b>B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava</b>	6.7%	4.9%	11.6%	94.8	120.7	105.7	95.3	120.0	105.7	0.6%	-0.6%	0.0%
Alcoholic beverages	0.9%	3.2%	4.1%	114.3	117.5	116.8	114.3	117.5	116.8	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Tobacco	4.1%	1.7%	5.8%	109.7	126.7	114.6	110.6	124.7	114.7	0.8%	-1.6%	0.0%
Kava	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	50.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>C. Clothing and footwear</b>	0.4%	1.7%	2.1%	114.0	122.4	120.9	114.0	122.9	121.4	0.0%	0.5%	0.4%
Clothing	0.4%	1.5%	1.8%	114.0	122.0	120.4	114.0	122.6	121.0	0.0%	0.6%	0.5%
Footwear	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	124.6	124.6	0.0	124.6	124.6	-	0.0%	0.0%
<b>D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	7.2%	3.6%	10.8%	125.6	148.6	133.3	125.6	148.4	133.2	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.2%	1.8%	2.0%	175.8	196.0	193.7	175.8	191.6	189.8	0.0%	-2.3%	-2.0%
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	108.1	0.0	108.1	108.1	0.0	108.1	0.0%	-	0.0%
Electricity, gas and other fuels	5.0%	1.8%	6.8%	130.5	103.3	123.2	130.5	107.2	124.2	0.0%	3.7%	0.8%
<b>E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	0.8%	2.4%	3.2%	110.5	119.1	116.8	110.5	118.4	116.3	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.4%
Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	115.6	0.0	115.6	115.5	0.0	115.5	0.0%	-	0.0%
Household appliances	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0	105.1	105.1	0.0	105.1	105.1	-	0.0%	0.0%
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0	115.6	115.6	0.0	117.1	117.1	-	1.3%	1.3%
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	0.3%	1.5%	1.8%	102.3	125.8	121.7	102.3	124.5	120.6	0.0%	-1.0%	-0.9%
<b>F. Health</b>	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	141.4	100.0	119.7	141.4	100.0	119.7	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Medical products, appliances, and equipment	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0%	0.0%
Outpatient services	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	141.4	0.0	141.4	141.4	0.0	141.4	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>G. Transport</b>	3.4%	13.0%	16.4%	131.6	126.1	127.2	131.6	127.5	128.3	0.0%	1.1%	0.8%
Operation of personal transport equipment	1.3%	9.9%	11.2%	122.2	121.0	121.2	122.2	122.8	122.7	0.0%	1.5%	1.3%
Transport services	2.2%	3.1%	5.3%	137.0	142.4	140.2	137.0	142.4	140.2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>H. Communication</b>	5.2%	0.0%	5.2%	102.3	0.0	102.3	102.3	0.0	102.3	0.0%	-	0.0%
Telephone and telefax services	5.2%	0.0%	5.2%	102.3	0.0	102.3	102.3	0.0	102.3	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>I. Recreation and culture</b>	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	111.4	111.4	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	2.3%	2.3%
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	111.4	111.4	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	2.3%	2.3%
<b>J. Education</b>	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%	112.0	0.0	112.0	112.0	0.0	112.0	0.0%	-	0.0%
Pre-primary and primary education	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	100.1	0.0	100.1	100.1	0.0	100.1	0.0%	-	0.0%
Secondary education	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	126.4	0.0	126.4	126.4	0.0	126.4	0.0%	-	0.0%
Tertiary education	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	97.3	0.0	97.3	97.3	0.0	97.3	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>K. Restaurants and hotels</b>	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	140.8	0.0	140.8	143.0	0.0	143.0	1.6%	-	1.6%
Catering services	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	140.8	0.0	140.8	143.0	0.0	143.0	1.6%	-	1.6%
<b>L. Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	0.5%	3.7%	4.2%	103.3	122.2	120.0	103.3	122.3	120.0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Personal care	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	122.2	122.2	0.0	122.3	122.3	-	0.0%	0.0%
Financial services n.e.c.	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0%	-	0.0%
Other Services n.e.c.	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	104.2	0.0	104.2	104.2	0.0	104.2	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	44.9%	55.1%	100%	126.7	125.8	126.2	128.0	125.9	126.9	1.1%	0.1%	0.6%

**Table 6 Consumer Price Index with local and imported components,  
Percentage change from same month of the previous year, March 2024**

	Weights			March 2023			March 2024			% Change		
	Local	Import	Total	Local	Import	Total	Local	Import	Total	Local	Import	Total
<b>A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>	15.2%	24.6%	39.8%	146.0	124.1	132.5	152.8	125.2	135.7	4.7	0.8	2.5
Food	14.6%	23.2%	37.8%	147.8	125.3	134.0	154.7	126.6	137.5	4.7	1.1	2.6
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	102.5	104.5	103.9	107.7	100.6	102.8	5.1	-3.7	-1.0
<b>B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava</b>	6.7%	4.9%	11.6%	94.1	116.0	103.3	95.3	120.0	105.7	1.2	3.5	2.3
Alcoholic beverages	0.9%	3.2%	4.1%	114.3	113.0	113.2	114.3	117.5	116.8	0.0	4.1	3.2
Tobacco	4.1%	1.7%	5.8%	111.3	121.7	114.3	110.6	124.7	114.7	-0.7	2.4	0.3
Kava	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	43.7	0.0	43.7	50.0	0.0	50.0	14.4	-	14.4
<b>C. Clothing and footwear</b>	0.4%	1.7%	2.1%	118.9	112.7	113.7	114.0	122.9	121.4	-4.1	9.1	6.7
Clothing	0.4%	1.5%	1.8%	118.9	112.6	113.8	114.0	122.6	121.0	-4.1	8.9	6.3
Footwear	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	113.2	113.2	0.0	124.6	124.6	-	10.0	10.0
<b>D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>	7.2%	3.6%	10.8%	122.0	150.3	131.4	125.6	148.4	133.2	3.0	-1.2	1.4
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.2%	1.8%	2.0%	175.8	197.8	195.3	175.8	191.6	189.8	0.0	-3.1	-2.8
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%	108.1	0.0	108.1	108.1	0.0	108.1	0.0	-	0.0
Electricity, gas and other fuels	5.0%	1.8%	6.8%	125.3	104.9	119.8	130.5	107.2	124.2	4.2	2.2	3.7
<b>E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>	0.8%	2.4%	3.2%	108.1	113.1	111.8	110.5	118.4	116.3	2.2	4.6	4.0
Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	111.6	0.0	111.6	115.5	0.0	115.5	3.5	-	3.5
Household appliances	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0	101.2	101.2	0.0	105.1	105.1	-	3.9	3.9
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0	112.6	112.6	0.0	117.1	117.1	-	4.0	4.0
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	0.3%	1.5%	1.8%	102.3	118.6	115.7	102.3	124.5	120.6	0.0	5.0	4.2
<b>F. Health</b>	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%	141.4	100.0	119.7	141.4	100.0	119.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical products, appliances and equipment	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	-	0.0	0.0
Outpatient services	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	141.4	0.0	141.4	141.4	0.0	141.4	0.0	-	0.0
<b>G. Transport</b>	3.4%	13.0%	16.4%	122.0	120.6	120.9	131.6	127.5	128.3	7.8	5.7	6.1
Operation of personal transport equipment	1.3%	9.9%	11.2%	105.4	123.9	121.8	122.2	122.8	122.7	16.0	-0.8	0.8
Transport services	2.2%	3.1%	5.3%	131.8	110.2	119.1	137.0	142.4	140.2	4.0	29.2	17.7
<b>H. Communication</b>	5.2%	0.0%	5.2%	102.3	0.0	102.3	102.3	0.0	102.3	0.0	-	0.0
Telephone and telefax services	5.2%	0.0%	5.2%	102.3	0.0	102.3	102.3	0.0	102.3	0.0	-	0.0
<b>I. Recreation and culture</b>	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	103.6	103.6	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	10.0	10.0
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	103.6	103.6	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	10.0	10.0
<b>J. Education</b>	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%	114.3	0.0	114.3	112.0	0.0	112.0	-2.0	-	-2.0
Pre-primary and primary education	0.3%	0.0%	0.3%	100.1	0.0	100.1	100.1	0.0	100.1	0.0	-	0.0
Secondary education	1.1%	0.0%	1.1%	126.4	0.0	126.4	126.4	0.0	126.4	0.0	-	0.0
Tertiary education	0.8%	0.0%	0.8%	103.9	0.0	103.9	97.3	0.0	97.3	-6.4	-	-6.4
<b>K. Restaurants and hotels</b>	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	127.2	0.0	127.2	143.0	0.0	143.0	12.4	-	12.4
Catering services	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	127.2	0.0	127.2	143.0	0.0	143.0	12.4	-	12.4
<b>L. Miscellaneous goods and services</b>	0.5%	3.7%	4.2%	103.3	118.6	116.8	103.3	122.3	120.0	0.0	3.1	2.8
Personal care	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	118.6	118.6	0.0	122.3	122.3	-	3.1	3.1
Financial services n.e.c.	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	100.0	0.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	-	0.0
Other Services n.e.c.	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	104.2	0.0	104.2	104.2	0.0	104.2	22.9	-	21.8
<b>TOTAL</b>	44.9%	55.1%	100%	123.3	122.6	122.9	128.0	125.9	126.9	3.9	2.7	3.2

**Table 7 Consumer Price Index: Groups and subgroups - index number**

	Annual	2023	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24
<b>A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>															
Food		133.7	132.5	132.0	134.5	137.1	136.0	132.6	132.3	137.3	132.1	140.2	139.8	134.6	135.7
Non- alcoholic beverages		135.0	134.0	133.2	135.7	138.5	137.4	133.8	133.4	138.7	133.2	141.7	141.8	136.4	137.5
<b>B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava</b>															
Alcoholic beverages		108.5	103.9	108.6	111.0	109.7	109.7	110.4	110.4	109.8	110.5	110.5	110.5	102.3	102.8
Tobacco		104.0	103.3	103.4	103.1	103.2	104.0	104.4	104.4	105.6	105.8	105.4	105.7	105.7	105.7
Kava		113.4	113.2	113.2	112.5	112.4	113.2	113.9	113.9	114.9	116.0	116.0	116.8	116.8	116.8
<b>C. Clothing and footwear</b>															
Clothing		114.9	114.3	114.5	114.5	114.8	115.8	116.0	116.0	115.5	115.5	114.6	114.6	114.6	114.7
Footwear		45.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	51.5	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0
<b>D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>															
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling		120.4	113.7	114.3	119.5	123.9	124.4	124.2	124.4	123.1	123.1	119.9	120.9	121.4	121.4
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling		120.3	113.8	113.8	118.0	124.0	124.5	124.5	124.5	122.8	122.8	119.2	120.4	121.0	121.0
Electricity, gas and other fuels		120.7	113.2	117.8	123.5	123.5	123.5	122.7	123.7	124.6	124.6	124.6	124.6	124.6	124.6
<b>E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>															
Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings		198.7	195.3	195.3	201.1	206.3	206.0	202.3	199.9	192.8	196.3	199.0	199.0	201.3	189.8
Household appliances		108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1
Tools and equipment for house and garden		113.3	119.8	111.0	111.2	107.5	107.6	106.0	114.7	114.7	116.9	123.2	123.2	124.2	124.2
Goods and services for routine household maintenance		114.1	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	116.3	116.3
<b>F. Health</b>															
Medical products, appliances and equipment		117.8	115.7	115.2	115.3	118.3	118.5	119.2	120.9	120.7	120.6	120.8	121.9	121.7	120.6
Outpatient services		119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7
<b>G. Transport</b>															
Operation of personal transport equipment		122.9	121.8	120.9	120.5	119.5	117.3	119.6	125.6	131.2	130.1	125.3	121.4	121.2	122.7
Transport services		130.2	119.1	119.1	119.1	136.6	136.6	136.6	140.2	140.2	140.2	140.2	140.2	140.2	140.2
<b>H. Communication</b>															
Telephone and telefax services		102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3	102.3
<b>I. Recreation and culture</b>															
Newspapers, books and stationery		108.8	103.6	103.6	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	111.4	113.9	113.9
<b>J. Education</b>															
Pre-primary and primary education		114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	114.3	112.0	112.0
Secondary education		100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Tertiary education		126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4	126.4
<b>K. Restaurants and hotels</b>															
Catering services		103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	103.9	97.3	97.3	97.3
<b>L. Miscellaneous goods and services</b>															
Personal care		136.7	127.2	133.1	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	140.8	143.0
Financial services n.e.c.		104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2	104.2
Other Services n.e.c.		124.3	122.9	123.6	125.7	124.9	123.9	124.4	127.8	125.7	128.5	128.4	126.2	126.2	126.2
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>															

**Table 8 Monthly average price of selected local items**

	Unit	Annual												Feb 24	Mar 24		
		2021	2022	2023	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23			
<b>ROOT CROPS</b>																	
Talo - Futuna	1 kg	1.75	2.08	2.19	2.37	2.02	2.09	2.32	2.09	2.16	2.28	2.28	2.46	2.89	2.04	2.32	
Talo - Tonga	1kg	1.62	2.06	2.68	2.00	2.11	2.37	2.18	2.73	2.77	2.87	3.01	2.91	3.71	2.92	3.61	2.53
Manioke	1 kg	0.87	0.86	0.99	0.97	0.76	0.82	0.79	0.96	0.99	1.11	1.16	1.12	1.62	1.53	1.32	1.23
Kumala	1 kg	1.93	2.41	2.74	2.58	2.32	2.55	3.35	3.13	2.75	2.78	3.20	2.64	3.16	2.69	2.66	2.60
Yams; early	1 kg	6.63	13.31	16.37	8.75	10.67	15.99	18.46	20.29	21.05	17.04	22.05	13.41	21.60	15.78	8.92	9.37
Yams; late	1 kg	3.47	4.32	6.87	4.82	4.79	4.70	4.93	4.98	4.98	9.04	12.70	9.30	12.62	12.62	12.11	12.05
<b>VEGETABLES</b>																	
Lu	1 kg	5.57	7.94	8.06	5.54	5.43	5.31	5.35	6.07	6.86	5.80	17.07	8.86	8.49	7.96	8.68	11.33
Tomatoes	1 kg	11.60	11.34	14.03	22.88	22.62	24.32	19.18	13.21	5.94	6.02	5.48	7.68	8.81	10.31	20.80	18.41
H/Cabbage	1 kg	3.50	4.06	5.64	10.92	9.53	5.02	6.71	4.58	2.18	2.94	4.25	5.78	7.24	5.75	5.02	8.35
Carrots	1 kg	4.73	4.76	5.05	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	4.85	6.08	5.99	4.95	4.69	4.42	4.42
Capsicum	1 kg	14.60	22.20	23.70	37.06	31.24	32.24	42.63	34.48	21.46	17.89	13.24	14.69	12.47	8.36	15.07	21.26
<b>MARINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS</b>																	
Sausages	1 kg	8.85	9.27	10.50	11.04	11.11	10.93	10.79	10.79	10.93	10.29	10.07	8.00	7.67	7.71	7.71	
Eggs	1 egg	19.31	23.45	27.95	26.63	26.63	27.13	28.20	28.40	28.90	28.40	28.40	28.40	28.98	30.57	30.57	
Tuna	1 kg	18.90	21.92	21.83	19.00	21.76	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.25	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	21.91	24.00	
Octopus	1 kg	24.20	25.92	31.21	27.57	23.47	23.74	30.04	27.29	26.31	25.61	27.59	31.82	52.58	42.53	29.09	26.69
Cockles (to'o)	1 kg	6.81	8.05	9.10	7.99	8.23	9.61	10.11	10.15	9.98	8.48	7.69	7.43	10.88	8.76	6.44	6.89
Stringed fish (Mixed)	1 kg	10.00	12.22	15.33	14.59	14.33	14.00	14.79	15.31	15.12	15.59	16.49	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
<b>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA</b>																	
Kava	1 kg	56.67	56.88	55.83	52.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	52.50	65.00	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	

**Table 9 Monthly average price of selected imported items**

		Annual															Annual change %
	Unit	2022	2023	Mar 23	Apr 23	May 23	Jun 23	Jul 23	Aug 23	Sept 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	
<b>FOOD</b>																	
Fruits and Vegetables																	
Onions	1 kg	3.20	3.91	4.31	4.12	3.83	3.79	3.71	3.59	3.81	3.96	4.27	4.16	4.10	4.10	-4.8%	
Apples	1 kg	6.30	5.94	6.51	6.91	5.88	6.51	6.13	5.31	5.37	5.37	6.43	6.83	6.53	6.53	0.3%	
Oranges	1 kg	9.43	8.98	9.60	9.41	9.07	10.42	9.49	9.44	9.33	7.50	7.50	8.93	8.51	7.50	-21.9%	
Meats, Fish & Poultry																	
Mutton Flaps	1 kg	17.10	16.80	16.83	16.95	16.97	16.96	16.88	16.86	16.68	16.52	16.46	16.15	16.22	16.28	-3.2%	
Chicken Legs	1 kg	4.85	5.12	5.04	5.12	5.27	5.46	5.48	5.33	5.24	5.11	5.08	5.04	5.06	5.46	5.43	7.8%
Turkey tail	1 kg	13.42	11.71	12.51	12.34	12.12	12.41	11.42	11.42	10.12	10.29	10.29	11.11	11.16	11.12	-11.11%	
Other Food																	
Flour	1 kg	2.16	2.65	2.63	2.63	2.72	2.66	2.73	2.75	2.69	2.66	2.69	2.71	2.71	2.78	2.78	5.8%
Sugar	1 kg	2.44	2.91	2.62	2.71	2.82	2.98	3.37	3.19	3.21	3.03	3.01	3.08	3.04	2.95	2.94	12.1%
<u>TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA</u>																	
Tobacco																	
Pall Mall	Packet	23.23	23.88	23.29	23.43	23.43	23.57	24.29	24.43	24.43	24.43	24.43	24.29	24.29	24.29	23.86	2.5%
TRANSPORTATION																	
Private Transportation																	
Petrol	litre	3.67	3.54	3.53	3.54	3.48	3.39	3.45	3.62	3.77	3.72	3.58	3.48	3.48	3.53	0.0%	
Diesel	litre	3.93	3.68	3.72	3.61	3.53	3.42	3.33	3.43	3.71	3.98	3.99	3.79	3.59	3.57	3.61	-3.2%

