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Key Findings

The Annual Inflation Rate for August 2024 is 3.5%

The Consumer Price Index decreased by 0.4% from the previous month

- The Miscellaneous goods and services index increased by 4.2%.
- The Furnishings, household equipment and household maintenance index also increased by 3.8%.
- The Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco, Kava index increased by 1.2%.
- The Clothing and footwear index increased by 0.6%
- The Food and non-alcoholic beverages index declined by 1.8%.
- The Transport index declined by 0.5%.

The Average Annual Inflation Rate is 4.5%

Summary

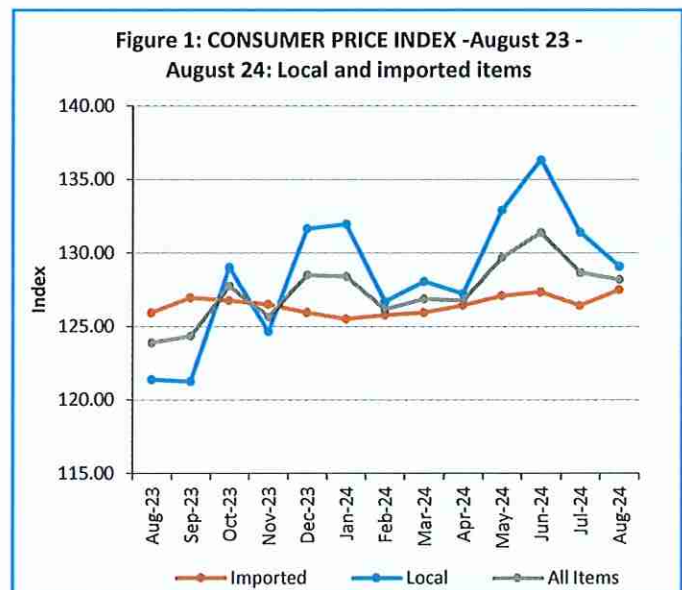
The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for August 2024 for all items is 128.2. Compared to the same month in the previous year, CPI increased 3.5% (annual inflation rate). The index for August 2023 was 123.9. The increase was attributed to increase in prices of Alcoholic Beverages such as Kava, Tobacco and Miscellaneous goods and services. (Figure 1)

CPI decreased by 0.4% from 128.7 in the previous month to 128.2. (Figure 1) This decrease was led by the decrease in the price of local food items, and transport.

Over the previous two months, the index for all items increased by 2.2% in June 2024, then decreased by 2.1% in July 2024.

The price of Local goods components increased by 6.3% in comparison to the same month in the previous year. This was due to the increase in prices of food items such as fish and seafood, fruits, and vegetables.

The price of the Imported goods component was increased by 1.2% compared to the same month in



the previous year. The increase was majority contributed to by the increase in the price of food such as meat, household appliances and alcohol beverages.

Annual Inflation Rate

The inflation rate for August 2024 is 3.5% compared to 2.9% for the same month in the previous year (Figure 2). Inflation increases at a slow rate from August 2023 to August 2024.

Comparisons between local and imported inflation, the all-items' inflation continues to be dominated by annual local price is significantly higher than imported annual change. In August 2024, the gap between the local and imported rate of inflation is significant with local annual change at 6.3% and imported at 1.2%.

Miscellaneous goods and service with 0.4%, Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels and transport are equally at 0.3%. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household with 0.2%. However, Restaurant and Hotels recorded an overall decrease in contribution to change with a percentage point of 0.1%.

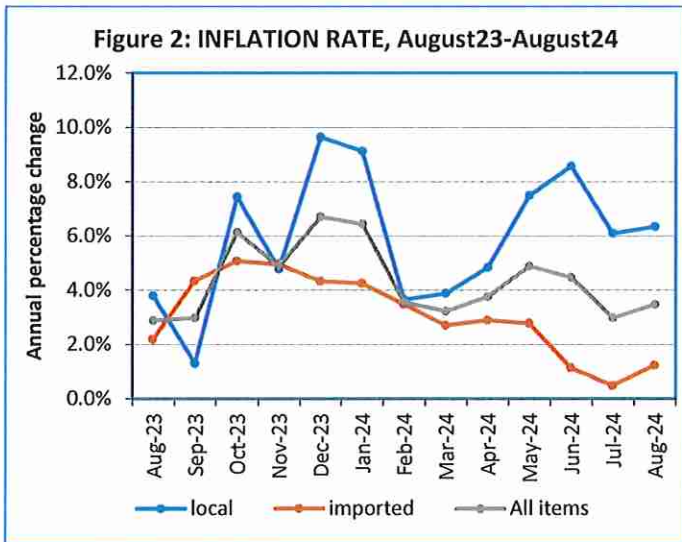
Local Goods contributed 2.79% which was greater than the 0.69% that Import Goods contributed. Mostly the contribution from the Imported component was attributed to the change of Miscellaneous Goods and Services (0.37%) this is due to the personal care goods such as toilet paper, diapers, and toothpaste. For Local component contribution, the majority was attributed to Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (1.98%) and Alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and kava (47%), Housing, water, electricity, gas, and other fuels (40%), prices change which consist of fall in price of seafood, root crops and vegetables.

All Groups Contribution (Previous Month)

From the previous month, CPI decreased by 0.4%. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages is continuously the largest contributor with a 0.8% contribution to the overall decrease in August 2024. The total decrease in CPI was contributed by a 0.75 percentage point of overall cost of Local items. As for Imported goods, it contributed a 0.33 percentage point to the overall increase of CPI in August 2024.

The other component where contribution to the changes was Transport with a total percentage point contribution of -0.1. This contribution was attributed to a decrease in the price of petrol.

Comparing the Local and Imported Items contribution, most of the contribution was attributed to Local components, which contributed to a -0.75% decrease in CPI from the previous month. As for the Imported component, it contributed 0.33% change.



Contribution to Change (Previous Year)

Figure 3: Shows the percentage contributions by groups in August 2024 compared to August 2023. Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages were still the main contributor with 1.8 percent, also followed by Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava with a 0.5 percentage point contribution to the overall increase of 3.5%.

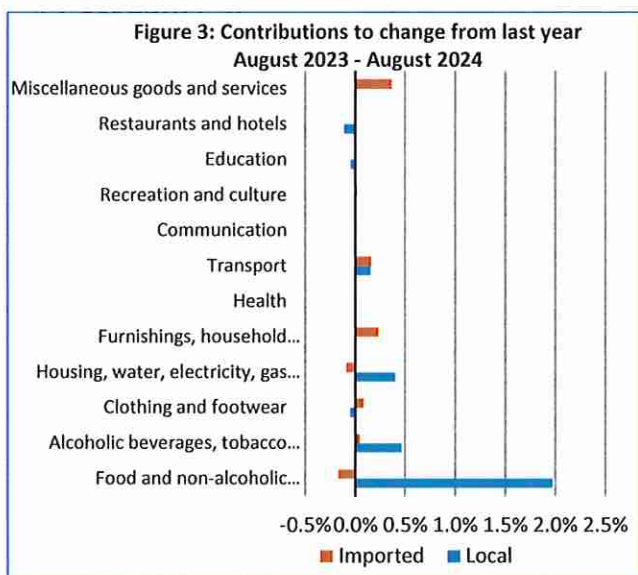
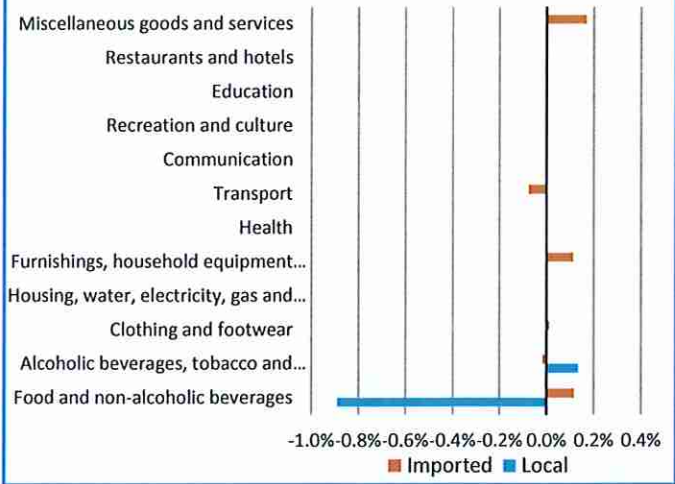


Figure 4: Contributions to % change from previous month (July - August 2024)



Percentage Changes by Group

Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages

The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index increased by 1.8% from the previous month. This rise was mostly to the fall in prices of goods which included noodles Maggie meat (beef local sausages, palm corned beef, and chicken wings), vegetables (pepper capsicum, tomatoes head cabbage) and root crops (taro dryland *Futuna*, taro wetland *Tonga*, sweet potatoes and cassava).

Transport

A 0.5% decline in the overall index for transport. This was due to a decrease in the price of petrol.

Clothing and footwear

Clothing and footwear groups total index increases by 0.6% and this is due to the rise in price of school shirts (boys)

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Kava

The index for this group recorded an increase of 1.2% from the previous month. This was due to the increase in price of Kava, Tongan tobacco and cigarettes *Palataisi**

Furnishing, Household Equipment & Household Maintenance

The index for this group increased by 3.8% from the previous month. The main reason of this changes was from the increase in price of household items such as Washing Machine and Laundry Detergent (coral & daia)

Miscellaneous Goods and Services

The index also recorded an increase of 4.2% from the previous month. This was attributed to an increase in the price of personal hygiene care products which includes Toilet paper, Diapers (Huggies), Colgate toothpaste, shampoo and deodorant.

The remaining groups of items recorded no change in index from the previous month.

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Table 1 Contribution to % change from the previous month, All groups: July – August 2024

Group	Local	Imported	Total
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	-0.89%	0.12%	-0.8%
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	0.13%	-0.01%	0.1%
Clothing and footwear	0.00%	0.01%	0.0%
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.00%	0.11%	0.1%
Health	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Transport	0.00%	-0.07%	-0.1%
Communication	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Recreation and culture	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Education	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Restaurants and hotels	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.00%	0.17%	0.2%
TOTAL	-0.75%	0.33%	-0.4%

Source: Tonga Statistics Department
(P): Provisional figures

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

Group	Local	Imported	Total
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.98%	-0.16%	1.8%
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	0.47%	0.05%	0.5%
Clothing and footwear	-0.05%	0.09%	0.0%
Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	0.40%	-0.08%	0.3%
Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	-0.01%	0.24%	0.2%
Health	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Transport	0.16%	0.17%	0.3%
Communication	0.00%	0.00%	0.0%
Recreation and culture	0.00%	0.02%	0.0%
Education	-0.04%	0.00%	0.0%
Restaurants and hotels	-0.11%	0.00%	-0.1%
Miscellaneous goods and services	0.00%	0.37%	0.4%
TOTAL	2.79%	0.69%	3.5%

Source: Tonga Statistics Department
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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%
2019													
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
2020													
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
2021													
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
2022													
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 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%
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
	April	126.8	137.4	105.3	121.4	124.2	116.0	119.7	130.0	102.3	113.9	112.0	143.0	120.0
	May	129.7	143.8	105.7	121.4	124.6	116.7	119.7	131.2	102.3	113.9	112.0	143.0	121.6
	June	132.5	150.6	106.8	121.4	125.1	118.2	119.7	130.3	102.3	113.9	112.0	143.0	122.9
	July	128.7	140.7	108.6	125.7	128.7	120.0	119.7	128.0	102.3	113.9	112.0	136.4	122.0
	August	128.2	138.3	109.9	126.5	128.7	124.6	119.7	127.4	102.3	113.9	112.0	136.4	127.1
Percentage change between July 2024 and August 2024		-0.4	-1.8	1.2	0.6	0.0	3.8	0.0	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2
Percentage change between August 2023 and August 2024		3.5	4.3	5.3	1.8	2.9	7.6	0.0	1.9	0.0	2.2	-2.0	-3.1	9.3

Source: Tonga Statistics Department
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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				
	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			<u>100.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>
	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				
2020	January	99.8	100.7	100.3	-0.3	0.6				
	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			<u>100.2</u>	<u>0.2</u>
	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				
2021	January	100.4	102.6	101.6	0.7	1.3				
	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			<u>101.6</u>	<u>1.4</u>
	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				
2022	January	106.7	112.5	109.9	-0.3	8.2				
	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			<u>110.3</u>	<u>8.5</u>
	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				

2023	January	120.9	120.4	120.6	0.2	9.7		
	February	122.2	121.5	121.8	1.0	8.7		
	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	121.5	10.3
	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	124.3	6.4
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		
	April	127.2	126.4	126.8	-0.1	3.8		
	May	132.9	127.1	129.7	2.1	4.9		
	June	138.4	127.7	132.5	2.2	5.4		
	July	131.2	126.7	128.7	-2.9	3.0		
	August	129.1	127.5	128.2	-0.4	3.5	127.8	4.5

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

	Weights			July 2024			August 2024			% Change		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15.2%	24.6%	39.8%	165.8	125.2	140.7	158.3	125.9	138.3	- 4.5%	0.5%	-1.8%
Food	14.6%	23.2%	37.8%	168.3	126.7	142.8	160.3	126.8	139.8	-	0.1%	-2.1%
Non-alcoholic beverages	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	107.7	99.4	102.0	109.9	108.9	109.2	2.0%	9.5%	7.1%
B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	6.7%	4.9%	11.6%	100.1	120.2	108.6	102.7	119.8	109.9	2.6%	-0.3%	1.2%
Alcoholic beverages	0.9%	3.2%	4.1%	127.8	117.8	120.0	127.8	116.9	119.2	0.0%	-0.8%	-0.6%
Tobacco	4.1%	1.7%	5.8%	109.7	124.7	114.0	111.3	125.4	115.4	1.4%	0.6%	1.2%
Kava	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	63.9	0.0	63.9	70.1	0.0	70.1	9.7%	-	9.7%
C. Clothing and footwear	0.4%	1.7%	2.1%	102.2	130.5	125.7	102.2	131.5	126.5	0.0%	0.7%	0.6%
Clothing	0.4%	1.5%	1.8%	102.2	131.0	125.4	102.2	132.2	126.4	0.0%	0.9%	0.7%
Footwear	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	127.4	127.4	0.0	127.4	127.4	-	0.0%	0.0%
D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	7.2%	3.6%	10.8%	117.2	151.9	128.7	117.2	151.9	128.7	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.2%	1.8%	2.0%	175.8	198.0	195.5	175.8	198.0	195.5	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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%	118.2	107.7	115.4	118.2	107.7	115.4	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.8%	2.4%	3.2%	110.5	123.4	120.0	110.5	129.6	124.6	0.0%	5.0%	3.8%
Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	115.6	0.0	115.6	115.6	0.0	115.6	0.0%	-	0.0%
Household appliances	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0	104.7	104.7	0.0	113.6	113.6	-	8.6%	8.6%
Tools and equipment for house and garden	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0	117.1	117.1	0.0	117.1	117.1	-	0.0%	0.0%
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	0.3%	1.5%	1.8%	102.3	132.7	127.3	102.3	138.3	131.9	0.0%	4.2%	3.6%
F. Health	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%
G. Transport	3.4%	13.0%	16.4%	131.6	127.1	128.0	131.6	126.3	127.4	0.0%	-0.6%	-0.5%
Operation of personal transport equipment	1.3%	9.9%	11.2%	122.2	122.3	122.3	122.2	121.3	121.4	0.0%	-0.8%	-0.7%
Transport services	2.2%	3.1%	5.3%	137.2	142.4	140.2	137.2	142.4	140.2	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
H. Communication	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%
I. Recreation and culture	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	113.9	113.9	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	0.0%	0.0%

Newspapers, books and stationery	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	113.9	113.9	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	0.0%	0.0%
J. Education	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%
K. Restaurants and hotels	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	136.4	0.0	136.4	136.4	0.0	136.4	0.0%	-	0.0%
Catering services	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	136.4	0.0	136.4	136.4	0.0	136.4	0.0%	-	0.0%
L. Miscellaneous goods and services	0.5%	3.7%	4.2%	103.3	124.5	122.0	103.3	130.3	127.1	0.0%	4.7%	4.2%
Personal care	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	124.5	124.5	0.0	130.3	130.3	-	4.7%	4.7%
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%
TOTAL	44.9%	55.1%	100%	131.2	126.7	128.7	129.1	127.5	128.2	-	0.6%	-0.4%

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

	Weights			August 2023			August 2024			% Change		
	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total	Local	Imported	Total
A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	15.2%	24.6%	39.8%	142.2	126.7	132.6	158.3	125.9	138.3	11.3	-0.6	4.3
Food	14.6%	23.2%	37.8%	143.5	127.6	133.8	160.3	126.8	139.8	11.7	-0.6	4.5
Non- alcoholic beverages	0.6%	1.4%	2.0%	109.9	110.7	110.4	109.9	108.9	109.2	0.0	-1.6	-1.1
B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	6.7%	4.9%	11.6%	94.1	118.5	104.4	102.7	119.8	109.9	9.1	1.1	5.3
Alcoholic beverages	0.9%	3.2%	4.1%	114.3	113.8	113.9	127.8	116.9	119.2	11.8	2.8	4.7
Tobacco	4.1%	1.7%	5.8%	111.3	127.4	116.0	111.3	125.4	115.4	0.0	-1.6	-0.5
Kava	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	43.7	0.0	43.7	70.1	0.0	70.1	60.5	-	60.5
C. Clothing and footwear	0.4%	1.7%	2.1%	118.9	125.3	124.2	102.2	131.5	126.5	-14.0	4.9	1.8
Clothing	0.4%	1.5%	1.8%	118.9	125.8	124.5	102.2	132.2	126.4	-14.0	5.1	1.5
Footwear	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.0	122.7	122.7	0.0	127.4	127.4	-	3.9	3.9
D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	7.2%	3.6%	10.8%	110.3	154.7	125.1	117.2	151.9	128.7	6.2	-1.9	2.9
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	0.2%	1.8%	2.0%	184.0	204.6	202.3	175.8	198.0	195.5	-4.5	-3.2	-3.4
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%	107.9	107.0	107.6	118.2	107.7	115.4	9.6	0.7	7.2
E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	0.8%	2.4%	3.2%	111.8	117.2	115.7	110.5	129.6	124.6	-1.2	10.6	7.6
Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	117.6	0.0	117.6	115.6	0.0	115.6	-1.8	-	-1.8
Household appliances	0.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0	105.1	105.1	0.0	113.6	113.6	-	8.1	8.1
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	122.8	119.2	102.3	138.3	131.9	0.0	12.6	10.7
F. Health	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
G. Transport	3.4%	13.0%	16.4%	126.0	124.7	125.0	131.6	126.3	127.4	4.4	1.3	1.9
Operation of personal transport equipment	1.3%	9.9%	11.2%	122.2	119.2	119.6	122.2	121.3	121.4	0.0	1.7	1.5
Transport services	2.2%	3.1%	5.3%	128.3	142.4	136.6	137.2	142.4	140.2	6.9	0.0	2.7
H. Communication	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
I. Recreation and culture	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	111.4	111.4	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	2.2	2.2
Newspapers, books and stationery	0.0%	1.1%	1.1%	0.0	111.4	111.4	0.0	113.9	113.9	-	2.2	2.2
J. Education	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
K. Restaurants and hotels	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	140.8	0.0	140.8	136.4	0.0	136.4	-3.1	-	-3.1
Catering services	3.1%	0.0%	3.1%	140.8	0.0	140.8	136.4	0.0	136.4	-3.1	-	-3.1
L. Miscellaneous goods and services	0.5%	3.7%	4.2%	103.3	118.1	116.4	103.3	130.3	127.1	0.0	10.3	9.3
Personal care	0.0%	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	118.1	118.1	0.0	130.3	130.3	-	10.3	10.3
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
TOTAL	44.9%	55.1%	100%	121.4	125.9	123.9	129.1	127.5	128.2	6.3	1.2	3.5

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

Groups	Annual																				
	2021	2022	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	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24
A. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	110.2	121.1	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	137.4	143.8	150.6	140.7	138.3
Food	110.7	122.0	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	139.2	146.0	153.1	142.8	139.8
Non- alcoholic beverages	100.8	103.1	108.5	103.9	108.6	111.0	109.7	109.7	110.4	110.4	109.8	110.5	110.5	102.3	100.6	102.8	102.8	101.9	102.3	102.0	109.2
B. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and kava	99.9	101.7	104.0	103.3	103.4	103.1	103.2	104.0	104.0	104.4	105.6	105.8	105.4	105.7	105.7	105.7	105.3	105.7	106.8	108.6	109.9
Alcoholic beverages	105.3	108.9	113.4	113.2	113.2	112.5	112.4	113.2	113.2	113.9	114.9	116.0	116.0	116.8	116.8	116.8	117.1	116.8	120.0	120.0	119.2
Tobacco	112.4	113.3	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	113.7	114.7	114.7	114.0	115.4
Kava	46.1	46.1	45.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	43.7	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50	50.0	50.0	63.9	70.1
C. Clothing and footwear	113.7	115.0	120.4	113.7	114.3	119.5	123.9	124.4	124.2	124.4	123.1	123.1	123.1	119.9	120.9	121.4	121.4	121.4	121.4	125.7	126.5
Clothing	114.6	115.8	120.3	113.8	113.8	118.9	124.0	124.5	124.5	124.5	122.8	122.8	122.8	119.2	120.4	121.0	121	121.0	121.0	125.4	126.4
Footwear	107.1	110.0	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	124.6	124.6	124.6	127.4	127.4
D. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels	100.7	128.2	128.0	131.4	125.9	127.0	128.0	125.7	125.1	123.6	127.8	128.4	130.3	134.7	133.3	133.2	124.2	124.6	125.1	128.7	128.7
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	113.4	158.1	198.7	195.3	195.3	201.1	206.3	206.0	202.3	199.9	192.8	196.3	199.0	201.3	193.7	189.8	189.5	191.7	193.9	195.5	195.5
Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling	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	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1	108.1
Electricity, gas and other fuels	94.8	125.5	113.3	119.8	111.0	111.0	111.2	107.5	107.6	106.0	114.7	114.7	116.9	123.2	123.2	124.2	110.0	110.0	110.1	115.4	115.4
E. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance	104.5	109.0	113.8	111.8	111.5	111.5	113.4	113.5	115.7	116.7	116.6	116.5	116.6	117.3	116.8	116.3	116	116.7	118.2	120.0	124.6
Furniture and furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	110.3	111.6	114.1	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	111.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	117.6	115.6	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.5	115.6	115.6
Household appliances	97.6	100.3	102.8	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	105.1	104.7	113.6
Tools and equipment for house and garden	106.3	108.9	114.4	112.6	112.6	112.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	115.6	117.1	117.1	117.1	117.1	117.1	117.1
Goods and services for routine household maintenance	105.2	111.6	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	120.1	121.3	123.9	127.3	131.9
F. Health	100.0	107.4	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	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7	119.7
Medical products, appliances and equipment	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Outpatient services	100.0	115.7	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4	141.4
G. Transport	101.1	120.6	125.2	120.9	120.3	120.0	124.9	123.4	125.0	129.1	134.1	133.3	130.1	127.4	127.2	128.3	130	131.2	130.3	128.0	127.4
Operation of personal transport equipment	100.5	126.6	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	125.2	127.0	125.6	122.3	121.4

Table 8 Monthly average price of selected local items

	Unit	2021	2022	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	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24
		ROOT CROPS																				
1	Talo - Futuna 1 kg	1.75	2.08	2.19	2.37	2.02	2.09	2.32	2.09	2.16	2.16	2.28	2.28	2.46	2.89	2.04	2.32	3.32	3.5	3.82	3.90	3.03
2	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	3.84	4.29	4.47	4.57	4.51
3	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	1.22	1.7	1.8	1.60	1.64
4	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	2.84	4.05	4.3	4.20	4.03
5	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	10.25	9.03	8.93	12.71	12.62
6	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	12.33	12.41	13.92	5.40	15.53
VEGETABLES																						
1	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	9.46	9.56	13.21	10.47	9.12
2	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	20.8	18.41	18.06	24.85	25.85	14.87	5.85
3	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	11.52	13.21	13.41	5.18	3.55
4	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	4.85	6.3	6.36	6.54	6.47
5	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	29.10	29.25	41.45	23.30	15.17
MARINE AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS																						
1	Sausages 1 kg	8.85	9.27	10.50	11.04	11.11	11.11	10.93	10.79	10.79	10.93	10.29	10.07	8.00	7.67	7.71	7.71	7.57	7.57	7.57	8.5	8.1
2	Eggs egg	19.31	23.45	27.95	26.63	26.63	27.13	28.20	28.40	28.90	28.90	28.40	28.40	28.40	28.98	30.57	30.57	30.73	30.73	30.87	29.9	29.9
3	Tuna 1 kg	18.90	21.92	21.83	19.00	21.76	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.25	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	21.91	24.00	24.00	24	25	25.00	25.00
4	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	25.87	28.13	41.3	28.84	25.57
5	Cockles Pipis 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	6.79	7.09	8.69	10.42	7.23
6	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	18.00	18	18	18.0	18.0
TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA																						
1	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	62.50	62.50	62.50	62.5	85.00	95.00

Table 9 Monthly average price of selected imported items

	Unit	2021	2022	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	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Annual Chang e %	
FOOD																								
Fruits and Vegetables																								
1	Onions	1 kg	2.92	3.20	3.91	4.31	4.12	3.83	3.79	3.71	3.59	3.81	3.96	3.96	4.27	4.16	4.10	3.94	3.81	3.15	3.19	3.02		-18.5%
2	Apples	1 kg	5.93	6.30	5.94	6.51	5.88	6.51	6.13	5.31	5.37	5.37	5.37	5.37	6.43	6.83	6.53	6.38	5.58	5.64	5.34	6.03		13.3%
3	Oranges	1 kg	8.20	9.43	8.98	9.60	9.07	10.4 ₂	9.49	9.44	9.33	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.93	8.51	7.50	7.49	7.47	7.93	6.14	5.42		-41.9%
Meats, Fish & Poultry																								
1	Mutton Flaps	1 kg	17.1	17.1	16.8	16.83	16.9	16.9	16.8	16.8	16.6	16.5	16.4	16.4	16.1	16.2	16.2	16.4	16.4	16.8	17.2	17.4		3.7%
2	Chicken Legs	1 kg	3.95	4.85	5.12	5.04	5.27	5.46	5.48	5.33	5.24	5.11	5.08	5.04	5.06	5.46	5.43	5.37	5.39	5.44	5.33	5.43		3.6%
3	Turkey tail	1 kg	12.2	13.4	11.7	12.51	12.3	12.1	12.4	11.4	10.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.4	11.4	11.4		-0.1%
Other Food																								
1	Flour	1 kg	1.95	2.16	2.65	2.63	2.72	2.66	2.73	2.75	2.69	2.66	2.69	2.71	2.71	2.79	2.78	2.76	2.84	2.88	2.73	2.73		1.5%
2	Sugar	1 kg	2.30	2.44	2.91	2.62	2.82	2.98	3.37	3.19	3.21	3.03	3.01	3.08	3.04	2.95	2.94	3.10	3.18	3.29	3.40	3.34		4.2%
TOBACCO, ALCOHOL AND KAVA																								
Tobacco																								
1	Pall Mall	Packet	23.1	23.2	23.8	23.29	23.4	23.5	24.2	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.4	24.2	24.2	24.2	23.8	23.2	23.8	23.8	23.8	24.0		-1.8%
TRANSPORTATION																								
Private Transportation																								
1	Petrol	litre	2.92	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	3.64	3.70	3.66	3.54	3.50		-3.31%
2	Diesel	litre	2.83	3.93	3.68	3.72	3.53	3.42	3.33	3.43	3.71	3.98	3.99	3.79	3.59	3.57	3.61	3.69	3.66	3.59	3.53	3.53		-4.92%

