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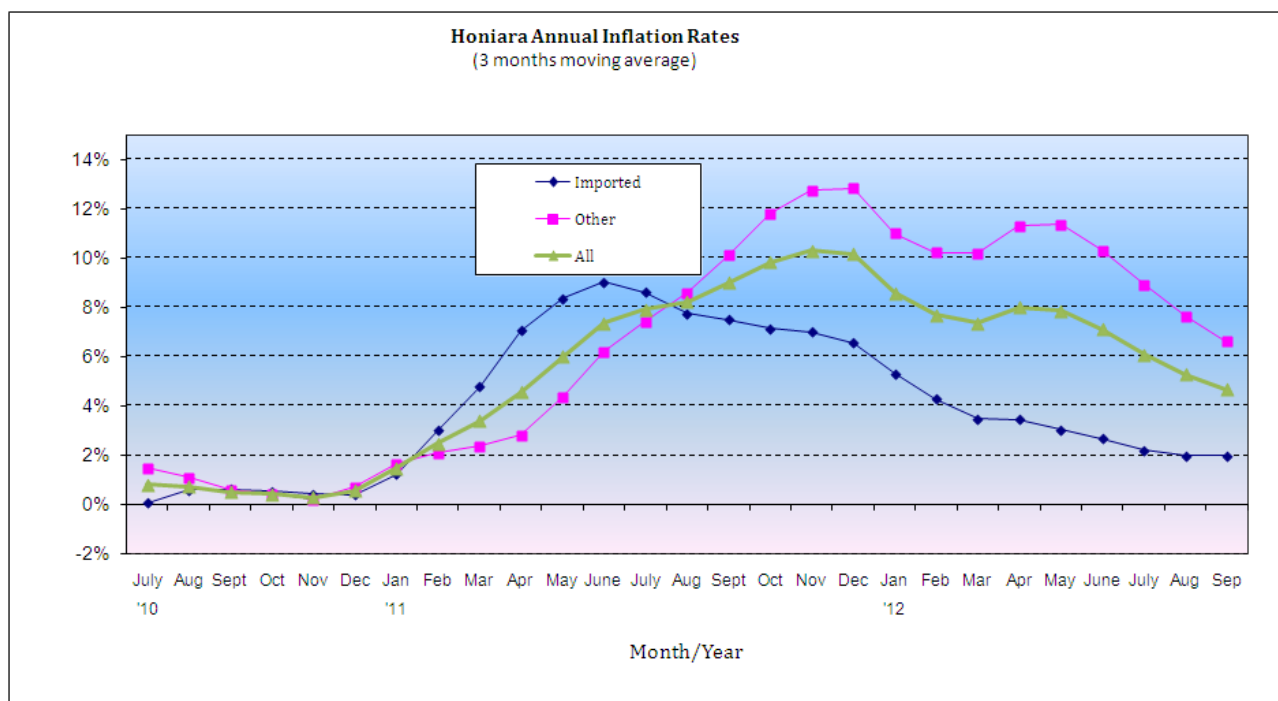
The Honiara Consumers Price Index for September marginally fell by 0.04% from 167.5 in August to 167.4. This was largely driven by declines in the prices of locally produced food, and furniture, which outweighed increases in mainly petrol and diesel prices.

The food sub-index fell by 1.1% to 168.5 due to declines in the prices of rice, pork chops, flour and most local fruit and vegetables at the Honiara market, in particular bush cabbage, kumara, cassava, tomatoes, dry coconuts and coral fish. These outweighed increases in the prices of bread, minced meat and poultry products to result in the fall in the overall food sub-index.

Main changes in other sub-indexes were as follows:-

- Drinks & Tobacco was up 1.4% due to increases in the price of beer (2.6%) and the price of betel-nut (3.6%).
- Household Operations fell by 3.2% on account of substantial declines in the prices of locally manufactured furniture. For instance, the price of a standard dining table fell by \$218 (11%) to \$1,848 on average whilst that of dining chair dropped by \$320 (46%) to an average price of \$370. This was observed to be driven by stiff competition in the local furniture manufacturing industry.
- Transport & Communications rose by 2.9%, driven by increases in the prices of petrol, which rose by 6.3% to an average of \$10.54/litre, diesel which rose by 4.5% to an average of \$10.91/litre. It was also observed that the hourly labour charge for servicing vehicles rose substantially by \$25 (38.5%).

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



The annual inflation rate to September 2012 calculated on a 3 months moving average basis was 4.7%, down 0.6 of a percentage point from 5.3% in August. The inflation rates for imported and other items were 2.0% and 6.6% respectively.

Correction: Food sub-indexes in Tables 1 and 3 and corresponding inflation rates as published in the August version of this bulletin (Statistical Bulletin 12/2012), were incorrect. This is now corrected in this bulletin. The National Statistics Office sincerely apologises for any inconvenience this may have caused to our users.

Table 1. THE HONIARA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY GROUP (4th Qtr 2005=100)

Year/ Month	Wght	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu-nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce-llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
		429	47	38	181	47	164	76	18	1000	
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	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
	June	170.2	173.5	143.8	202.7	172.1	143.7	129.7	192.3	168.3	-1.3
	July	171.1	168.0	143.6	202.7	172.1	143.7	129.7	193.8	168.4	0.1
	August	170.5	168.7	143.6	202.7	172.2	138.8	129.7	197.4	167.5	-0.6
	September	168.5	170.9	144.0	204.0	166.7	142.9	129.7	197.4	167.4	-0.04
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2011	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	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	
	June	4.6	-2.5	1.8	19.2	3.7	-2.0	5.5	8.9	6.1	
	July	4.5	-5.7	1.7	14.3	2.5	-0.7	5.5	9.8	5.1	
	August	3.0	0.1	1.7	15.1	2.6	-3.5	5.5	11.8	4.6	
	September	1.6	-0.1	1.8	15.9	0.3	-1.0	5.5	12.5	4.3	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2011	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	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	
	June	6.4	-0.5	1.9	19.4	3.7	-1.1	5.5	7.8	7.1	
	July	5.4	-4.3	1.8	17.5	3.3	-1.4	5.5	8.9	6.1	
	August	4.1	-2.7	1.7	16.2	2.9	-2.1	5.5	10.1	5.3	
	September	3.0	-2.0	1.7	15.1	1.8	-1.7	5.5	11.3	4.7	

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

Year/ Month	Food	Drinks &	Clothing &	Housing &	Household	Transport	Recreation	Misce-	All	(%)	
		Tobacco	Footwear	Utilities	Operations	& Commu-	health &	llaneous	Items	Change	
	<i>Wght</i>	186	4	31	52	34	50	23	18	398	
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	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
	June	176.9	143.1	123.4	184.3	161.3	182.9	148.2	192.3	171.8	0.0
	July	177.2	143.1	123.2	184.3	161.3	182.9	148.2	193.8	172.0	0.1
	August	178.4	143.1	123.2	184.3	161.4	167.3	148.2	197.4	170.8	-0.7
	September	179.4	145.3	123.6	187.0	163.1	173.1	148.2	197.4	172.5	1.0
Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2011	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	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	
	June	2.4	0.0	2.6	4.2	5.3	-3.7	4.5	8.9	2.4	
	July	1.4	0.0	2.4	4.2	3.6	-2.8	4.5	9.8	2.0	
	August	1.8	0.0	2.4	7.0	3.6	-9.0	4.5	11.8	1.8	
	September	1.8	1.6	2.6	8.6	6.3	-6.7	4.5	12.5	2.6	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2011	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	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	
	June	2.2	0.0	2.7	4.7	5.4	-1.2	4.5	7.8	2.7	
	July	1.9	0.0	2.6	4.2	4.7	-2.8	4.5	8.9	2.2	
	August	1.9	0.0	2.5	5.1	4.2	-5.1	4.5	10.1	2.0	
	September	1.7	0.5	2.5	6.6	4.5	-6.2	4.5	11.3	2.1	

Table 3. PRICE INDEX OF OTHER ITEMS BY GROUP (4th Qtr 2005=100)

Year/ Month	Wght	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Commu-nications	Recreation health & Oth. Serv.	Misce-llaneous	All Items	(%) Change
		243	43	7	129	13	114	53		602	
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
June		165.1	176.4	234.1	210.1	200.4	126.6	121.6	--	166.0	-2.2
July		166.3	170.3	234.1	210.1	200.4	126.6	121.6	--	166.1	0.0
August		164.4	171.0	234.1	210.1	200.4	126.3	121.6	--	165.3	-0.5
September		160.2	173.3	234.1	210.8	176.3	129.6	121.6	--	164.0	-0.8
Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2011 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	
June		6.6	-2.7	0.0	25.6	0.4	-0.9	6.1	--	8.8	
July		7.2	-6.2	0.0	18.3	0.4	0.6	6.1	--	7.4	
August		4.1	0.1	0.0	18.3	0.4	0.0	6.1	--	6.6	
September		1.4	-0.2	0.0	18.7	-11.6	2.7	6.1	--	5.6	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2011 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	
June		9.8	-0.5	0.0	25.6	0.4	-0.9	6.1	--	10.3	
July		8.4	-4.6	0.0	23.1	0.4	-0.4	6.1	--	8.9	
August		5.9	-3.0	0.0	20.7	0.4	-0.1	6.1	--	7.6	
September		4.2	-2.2	0.0	18.5	-3.6	1.1	6.1	--	6.5	

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)										
1993	106.8	114.8	101.1	103.3	106.8	102.4	110.4	106.6	106.4	
1994	118.8	123.3	111.5	118.3	116.7	134.7	124.8	122.8	120.5	13.3
1995	132.7	147.5	100.0	141.3	132.2	148.4	154.0	120.0	138.7	15.1
1996	145.0	144.4	123.4	166.1	139.7	151.5	169.6	142.8	148.4	7.0
1997	160.5	173.6	127.4	170.0	144.4	157.3	182.0	147.7	159.6	7.5
1998	181.6	189.7	135.6	175.5	170.1	195.0	194.3	165.7	179.3	12.4
1999	201.8	186.7	136.5	190.6	182.3	207.6	201.1	173.6	193.7	8.0
2000	215.1	231.1	137.4	207.9	199.1	213.1	211.9	176.3	207.4	7.1
2001	235.3	240.4	136.9	224.0	197.3	220.3	237.5	178.1	223.3	7.7
2002	260.4	282.3	138.3	247.8	206.6	254.5	256.6	181.7	244.2	9.3
2003	271.0	314.1	139.3	310.5	242.7	288.8	294.5	198.7	268.5	10.0
2004	295.1	328.8	139.9	318.0	257.7	311.7	315.4	206.1	287.1	6.9
2005	312.4	321.5	140.0	356.5	268.7	362.9	348.1	213.9	308.2	7.3
2006	343.0	352.7	161.1	398.6	295.0	424.5	394.5	236.1	342.8	11.2
2007	363.4	367.2	167.1	474.8	321.3	441.7	398.9	260.7	369.0	7.7
2008	451.1	400.7	167.6	552.4	372.6	504.1	411.2	311.4	432.9	17.3
2009	504.8	425.7	180.4	556.3	413.4	527.3	393.4	335.7	463.8	7.1
2010	491.8	475.9	197.0	552.0	433.9	553.2	418.7	362.3	468.2	0.9
2011	515.3	546.6	198.3	652.9	456.3	578.2	430.5	384.1	503.0	7.4
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	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
June	538.9	559.7	201.4	755.2	470.9	577.1	454.7	416.1	532.8	-1.3
July	541.6	541.9	201.1	755.2	470.9	577.1	454.7	419.5	533.2	0.1
August	539.7	544.0	201.1	755.2	471.2	557.2	454.7	427.2	530.2	-0.6
September	533.6	551.4	201.7	759.9	456.2	573.6	454.7	427.2	530.0	-0.04
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group										
<i>12 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>										
2011 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	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	
June	7.4	11.4	0.9	19.7	3.1	1.5	4.2	5.2	8.3	
July	7.2	9.1	1.1	19.3	2.8	1.1	4.4	5.7	8.0	
August	6.7	7.9	1.2	19.0	2.8	0.6	4.6	6.4	7.7	
September	6.1	6.2	1.3	18.8	2.7	0.0	4.8	7.3	7.2	

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	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	July	August	Sept	
FOOD																			
RICE (soyris: 20kg Bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	99.78	107.94	169.84	205.85	176.25	172.50	172.47	173.11	175.00	167.32	167.44	167.50	170.00	168.67	
NOODLE (Maggi: 85g pkt)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.15	2.27	2.50	2.82	2.92	3.00	3.10	3.07	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	
FLOUR (plain white flour: 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	114.13	127.53	182.10	188.90	177.14	191.61	195.67	198.56	195.00	192.23	192.11	192.33	192.33	191.67	
CHICKEN WING (imported, 500g pkt)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	20.88	24.33	33.13	31.25	30.00	30.00	41.00	41.00	41.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	53.00	58.00	
TUNA (second grade Tajov: 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.04	5.24	6.27	6.58	6.34	5.90	5.57	5.43	4.94	5.18	5.22	5.50	5.50	5.50	
KUMARA HEADS (\$/kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.28	3.20	3.68	3.94	3.45	3.94	3.36	4.25	4.96	4.52	4.56	4.60	4.53	3.89	
SUPPERY CABBAGE \$/kg	5.92	3.88	4.24	4.94	5.01	6.18	9.26	8.37	7.24	5.88	7.93	7.27	6.12	9.44	9.61	9.91	8.95	7.32	
WHITE SUGAR (Cheesa 500gm pkt)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.64	4.28	4.85	5.06	6.83	7.26	8.33	8.51	8.44	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.58	7.58	
SALT (50g salt, 1kg.)	3.17	3.85	3.71	4.22	4.50	4.61	4.46	4.54	4.54	4.78	4.63	4.63	4.62	4.58	4.58	4.58	4.75	4.75	
DRINKS & TOBACCO																			
SOLBREW BEER (Solbrew, 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.83	7.80	8.75	9.08	9.07	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.75	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	
TWIST TOBACCO (per stick)	5.50	7.02	7.02	7.31	7.40	7.49	7.78	10.03	15.28	18.26	18.75	19.75	19.75	19.54	19.58	19.75	19.75	19.75	
UTILITIES																			
WATER CHARGES (500gal)	26.13	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	53.70	62.10	58.42	56.00	65.66	65.66	79.00	111.77	111.77	111.77	111.77	111.77	111.77	
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	116.42	177.00	192.19	178.56	210.31	224.764	233.48	232.77	277.80	277.80	277.80	277.80	277.80	
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION																			
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	535.69	628.24	958.45	799.42	921.08	1193.13	1203.67	1187.00	1131.33	1191.10	1183.50	1157.00	992.00	1054.00	
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call, within Honiara)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.88	0.70	0.70	0.65	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES																			
BATH SOAP (50g 85g cake)	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.80	1.83	2.00	2.31	2.43	2.68	2.52	2.51	2.51	2.57	2.87	2.89	2.90	2.90	2.90	
TOOTH PASTE (Colgate: 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	10.29	13.46	15.51	16.88	18.92	18.92	18.89	18.82	18.82	18.82	21.00	20.80	20.80	