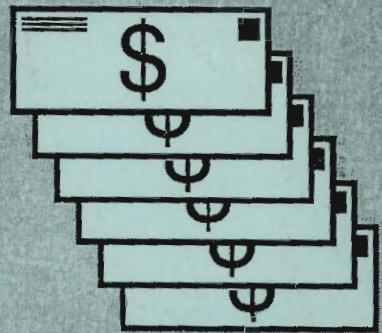
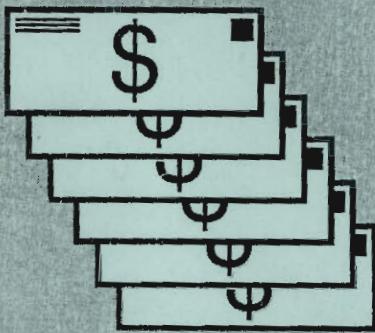


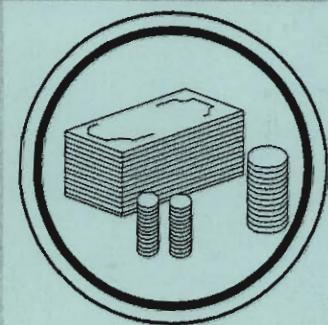
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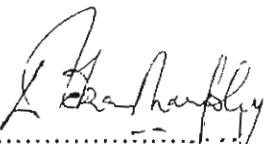
The Consumer Price Index is based on the 1992 Household Expenditure Survey which covered the four most populous parishes or population zones in Dominica: St George, St Paul, St Patrick and St Andrew. From a total of 13,576 households (total of all four parishes), eight hundred and fifty-five (855) were selected for the survey. Five hundred and seventy-four (574) questionnaires were completed, representing a 67.1% response rate. The number of items selected from the 1992 survey was more than twice that of 1982 reflecting a more detailed Consumer Price Index. A total of three hundred (300) items came from eighty-one (81) sources. These sources excluded Rent, which was measured in seven categories from forty-four (44) households.

The addition of new sub-groups and the increase/decrease in the weights of others showed the change in consumer spending patterns, over the last ten years. The shifts (decreases) in group indices **FOOD**, **HOUSING** and **UTILITIES**, **FURNITURE** and **HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT**, and **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO** were absorbed by movements (increases) in **TRANSPORTATION**, **CLOTHING** and **FOOTWEAR** and **MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES**.

A national expenditure survey facilitates the compiling of a Consumer Price index where a basis of consumer spending is measured. The All Items Index is calculated out of 1000 and is segmented into group and sub-group indices. Following a household expenditure survey, weights are derived by calculating the total value of items consumed to the total quantity consumed.

The public often makes the error of assuming that the monthly and/or yearly Consumer Price Index measures the prices of all items on retail shelves and every service available. It must be explained that the index covers selected consumer items and services based on a Household Expenditure survey. Such items and services rarely change (in the Index) until another survey is conducted. What the consumer pays for these items are recorded on a monthly basis and within a specific period.

From the 1992 survey, new sub-groups were represented as follows:- Repairs to House, Insurance Payments, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Services, House Cleaning, Repairs to Equipment, Purchase of Motor Vehicles, Transport Insurance and Fees, Clothing Accessories and Personal Life Insurance. February 1994 was established as the base in calculating this new series.



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REVIEW

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The All Items Consumer Price Index recorded an average of 102.10 for 1996, reflecting a 1.69 per cent increase over the year, and a 2.10 per cent over the February 1994 period(Tables 1 & 3). The highest increase, 9.3 per cent, over the year was recorded in the ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO group index(Table 5).

The highest percentage increase in the All Items Index was registered in the month of November(Table 2). This sharp rise was mainly influenced by food prices which affected the food group. A 1.45 per cent rise, the highest for the year was recorded in that group index. The FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT group index recorded a 1.0 per cent fall over the year (Table 5).

For the last five years (1991 - 1996), the current year recorded the lowest percentage increase in group indices HOUSING AND UTILITIES AND CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO, however, recorded the highest percentage increase in 1996. This movement resulted from a 50.0 per cent increase in the consumption tax on beers, stout, whisky, brandy and gin; a 35.0 per cent increase on cigarettes; a 45.0 per cent increase on wine, and an additional increase of \$3.30 per litre (in consumption tax) on rum. This general increase consequently affected the retail price of alcoholic beverages.

THE FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT group has recorded a drop in its index for the second consecutive year. This may be attributed to a large international furniture and household company which has entered the market with easier terms of payment and so, driving down the prices of former existing competitors. The items mainly suffering deflationary prices are living room furniture, beds and television sets.

The average percentage increase, recorded in all group indices for that period (1991 - 1996) were as follows; FOOD, 10.42; ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO, 20.79; HOUSING AND UTILITIES, 2.04; FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT, -1.14; TRANSPORTATION, 9.74; CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, 23.28; and MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES, 14.41.

The annual percentage increases in the year since the 1994 base period have reflected a slower movement when compared to the previous 1984 base period (Table 3).

From the February 1994 base period to the end of 1996, the All Items Index rose by 3.42 per cent with group index, ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO registering the highest increase, 12.39 per cent (Table 6A). FOOD recorded a 1.93 percent rise.

The Miscellaneous Expenses group index which includes Health and Education followed with a 7.69 per cent rise. TRANSPORTATION AND CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR registered increases of 6.95 and 3.29 per cent respectively. The lowest increase 0.77 per cent was reflected in the HOUSING AND UTILITIES group index. Only the FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT group index recorded a decline, 4.16 per cent.

Significant sub-group percentage increases were noted in Dairy Products: 18.63; Educational Expenses, 13.35; Alcoholic Beverages, 12.68; Meat (fresh, chilled or frozen), 11.99; Tobacco Products, 11.53; Purchase of Motor Vehicles, 11.36; Medicines & Health Expenses, 9.53; Cereals, 9.13; Purchased Transportation, 8.84 and Transport Insurance and Fees, 8.62. Deflated prices however, affected sub-group indices: Recreational Equipment, 16.95; Laundry and Dry Cleaning Services, 9.17; Kitchen Equipment, 8.61 and Repairs to House, 5.98.

For the period 1984 to 1996, the prices of salted fish, melons, whisky, water, women's casual and formal dresses, girls' dresses and doctor's fees increased by more than 100.0 per cent (Table 7). Other notable price increases were registered in local beef, fish, powdered milk, cheese, cooking oil, carrots, beans, coca-cola, sandwiches, cigarettes, radio-recorders, men's formal and casual shoes, tooth paste, television fees and school fees - all registering percentage increases from 50.0 to 99.8 per cent.

Deflationary prices however, affected imported beef, chicken, whole legs, butter, grapefruits, instant coffee, colour television sets and kerosene.

More recently, over the last two years, price increases in the Clothing and Footwear group were low in comparison to the other group indices. This price stability is due to the sharp increase in the number of entrepreneurs entering the clothing and footwear market.

Within the FOOD group, significant price increases were reflected in imported pork, mutton, salted beef, evaporated milk, tomatoes, carrots, lettuce and cereals. However, the starchy food groups continually recorded decreased prices due to a glut on the market particularly in the last year.

Price reductions were also noted in beef, bacon, flour, milo instant breakfast drink, beans and lentils. Over the period, the prices of fresh tuna and red snapper, fresh milk, cooking oil, local coffee beans, yams and coca-cola drinks remained stable.

TABLE 1:
MONTHLY CONSUMER PRICE INDICES
1991-1996

FEBRUARY 1994=100.00

GROUPS	WEIGHTS	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	Avg.
FOOD	401.81	1991	92.79	88.46	87.86	90.03	87.23	88.61	89.35	89.48	92.19	90.65	92.25	92.84	90.15
		1992	94.10	94.28	96.05	96.83	96.88	97.87	100.95	99.30	99.35	99.35	99.21	100.05	97.85
		1993	100.66	100.51	97.47	95.81	96.94	104.43	101.22	101.2	99.91	99.46	100.57	100.77	99.91
		1994	99.11	100.00	95.47	94.12	93.95	93.86	93.52	95.66	96.50	97.62	96.76	96.91	96.12
		1995	97.28	97.96	97.49	97.56	98.43	98.24	97.89	97.34	97.73	96.73	96.89	99.27	97.73
		1996	98.86	98.01	98.09	98.60	98.74	98.98	100.21	99.43	100.77	99.84	101.29	101.93	99.56
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	16.16	1991	89.02	89.02	89.90	91.66	91.66	91.92	91.76	91.38	92.23	92.23	92.23	94.18	91.43
		1992	95.02	95.37	94.86	95.19	95.19	96.02	97.75	97.52	97.77	97.85	97.85	97.99	96.53
		1993	98.42	98.51	97.65	97.06	97.66	97.65	98.12	98.17	99.87	99.23	99.65	99.65	98.47
		1994	100.00	100.00	99.96	99.96	99.96	99.96	99.61	101.28	101.67	101.72	101.27	101.27	100.55
		1995	100.22	99.96	99.83	97.86	100.36	100.85	100.95	100.95	100.93	100.92	103.2	105.38	100.95
		1996	107.61	107.61	108.51	108.38	108.47	108.66	108.87	111.98	112.93	114.22	113.86	112.39	110.37
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	1991	98.19	97.03	98.80	98.69	98.28	98.19	97.96	97.89	97.85	97.77	97.75	97.23	97.97
		1992	97.06	98.16	98.21	98.87	98.93	98.50	99.97	99.71	99.82	100.45	100.15	99.96	99.15
		1993	99.73	99.66	99.83	99.96	100.04	100.32	100.03	99.97	99.99	99.60	99.67	99.70	99.88
		1994	100.12	100.00	100.06	100.05	99.75	99.93	100.35	100.27	100.10	100.16	100.36	100.29	100.12
		1995	100.40	100.34	100.3	100.31	100.09	100.6	100.63	99.76	99.00	99.35	99.33	99.29	99.95
		1996	99.38	99.56	99.90	100.04	99.95	99.95	99.51	99.75	99.95	100.65	100.62	100.77	100.00
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT	57.79	1991	93.11	94.07	94.15	96.63	96.63	98.15	98.15	97.82	97.88	98.48	98.48	98.48	96.84
		1992	98.48	98.48	98.43	98.43	98.43	98.43	98.48	98.35	98.35	96.57	96.57	96.57	97.96
		1993	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	96.56	100.33	99.62
		1994	100.00	100.00	99.83	99.83	99.98	99.98	98.46	96.86	97.47	97.55	97.72	97.59	98.77
		1995	97.26	97.35	96.80	96.57	96.32	95.45	97.03	96.87	96.98	96.57	96.55	95.71	96.62
		1996	95.69	95.42	95.26	95.46	95.52	95.70	95.90	95.92	95.62	95.70	95.75	95.84	95.65
TRANSPORT,	162.02	1991	96.41	96.46	96.46	96.51	94.69	94.69	94.69	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52
		1992	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	96.52	99.20	99.20	99.20	99.20	99.20	97.64
		1993	99.20	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	99.93
		1994	100.00	100.00	100.00	101.16	101.16	101.16	102.66	102.66	102.07	102.34	102.34	102.29	101.49
		1995	102.29	102.15	102.15	102.12	100.95	100.84	104.51	104.71	103.03	102.13	102.13	104.36	102.61
		1996	105.31	105.67	105.67	105.80	105.14	104.53	106.22	106.40	106.40	106.09	106.09	106.95	105.86
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	1991	75.67	76.99	82.99	81.63	81.95	83.90	85.38	85.74	89.14	88.37	88.69	90.01	84.21
		1992	92.50	93.92	93.72	93.09	93.70	94.08	92.41	89.05	90.54	91.06	91.07	87.54	91.89
		1993	90.94	90.81	95.00	95.38	93.10	96.38	94.44	94.93	94.86	96.19	96.86	99.12	94.83
		1994	99.97	100.00	101.72	101.72	101.72	101.72	101.06	101.17	101.15	100.42	103.75	103.79	101.52
		1995	102.80	102.09	102.14	102.44	102.19	102.33	104.41	103.82	103.25	102.55	102.37	102.71	102.76
		1996	104.21	103.78	103.91	104.09	103.82	104.35	104.07	103.74	103.20	103.25	103.25	103.29	103.75
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	1991	90.02	92.98	93.39	93.33	94.03	94.11	94.46	94.32	94.30	94.36	94.25	95.17	93.73
		1992	95.35	95.33	98.72	98.25	98.16	98.16	98.68	98.49	98.53	98.63	99.02	98.92	98.02
		1993	97.77	97.73	97.62	97.42	97.35	97.38	97.38	97.06	99.89	100.04	100.11	100.13	98.32
		1994	99.96	100.00	99.60	101.19	101.19	101.19	103.89	104.25	104.32	104.18	104.03	104.10	102.33
		1995	104.10	104.08	104.08	104.61	105.40	105.83	106.11	105.99	106.63	106.38	106.31	106.37	105.49
		1996	106.46	106.60	106.61	106.68	106.74	108.47	107.65	107.89	106.94	107.01	107.89	107.69	107.22
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	1991	92.27	90.78	91.38	92.36	91.02	91.86	92.30	92.51	93.95	93.26	93.96	94.40	92.50
		1992	95.16	95.54	96.75	97.08	97.15	97.55	99.10	98.33	98.50	98.57	98.51	98.55	97.57
		1993	98.89	98.89	97.92	97.21	97.54	101.06	99.49	99.47	99.34	99.19	99.96	100.20	99.10
		1994	99.63	100.00	98.23	98.13	98.03	98.02	98.48	99.32	99.59	100.03	99.92	99.96	99.11
		1995	100.03	100.21	99.99	100.08	100.35	100.35	101.09	100.72	100.57	99.96	100.03	101.36	100.40
		1996	101.51	101.23	101.33	101.61	101.54	101.86	102.45	102.25	102.63	102.33	103.05	103.42	102.10

**TABLE 2. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
MONTHLY PERCENTAGE CHANGES
1991-1996**

GROUPS	WEIGHTS	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
FOOD	401.81	1991	0.28	-4.67	-0.68	2.47	-3.11	1.58	0.84	0.15	3.03	-1.67	1.77	0.64
		1992	1.36	0.19	1.88	0.81	0.05	1.02	3.15	-1.63	0.05	0.00	-0.14	0.85
		1993	0.61	-0.15	-3.02	-1.70	1.18	7.73	-3.07	-0.02	-1.27	-0.45	1.12	0.20
		1994	-1.65	0.90	-4.53	-1.41	-0.18	-0.10	-0.36	2.29	0.88	1.16	-0.88	0.16
		1995	0.38	0.70	-0.48	0.07	0.89	-0.19	-0.36	-0.56	0.40	-1.02	0.17	2.46
		1996	-0.41	-0.86	0.08	0.52	0.14	0.24	1.24	-0.78	1.35	-0.92	1.45	0.63
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	16.16	1991	0.00	0.00	0.99	1.96	0.00	0.28	-0.17	-0.41	0.93	0.00	0.00	2.11
		1992	0.89	0.37	-0.53	0.35	0.00	0.87	1.80	-0.24	0.26	0.08	0.00	0.14
		1993	0.44	0.09	-0.87	-0.60	0.62	-0.01	0.48	0.05	1.73	-0.64	0.42	0.00
		1994	0.35	0.00	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.35	1.68	0.39	0.05	-0.44	0.00
		1995	-1.04	-0.26	-0.13	-1.97	2.55	0.49	0.10	0.00	-0.02	-0.01	2.26	2.11
		1996	2.12	0.00	0.84	-0.12	0.08	0.18	1.11	1.92	0.85	1.14	-0.32	-1.29
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	1991	0.02	-1.18	1.82	-0.11	-0.42	-0.09	-0.23	-0.07	-0.04	-0.08	-0.02	-0.53
		1992	-0.17	1.13	0.05	0.67	0.06	-0.43	1.49	-0.26	0.11	0.63	-0.30	-0.19
		1993	-0.23	-0.07	0.17	0.13	0.08	0.28	-0.29	-0.06	0.02	-0.39	0.07	0.03
		1994	0.42	-0.12	0.06	-0.01	-0.30	0.18	0.42	-0.08	-0.17	0.06	0.20	-0.07
		1995	0.11	-0.06	-0.04	0.01	-0.22	0.51	0.03	-0.86	-0.76	0.35	-0.02	-0.04
		1996	0.09	0.18	0.34	0.14	-0.09	0.00	-0.44	0.24	0.20	0.70	-0.03	0.15
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT	57.79	1991	-0.18	1.03	0.09	2.63	0.00	1.57	0.00	-0.34	0.06	0.61	0.00	0.00
		1992	0.00	0.00	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	-0.13	0.00	-1.81	0.00	0.00
		1993	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.90	-0.71
		1994	0.38	0.00	-0.17	0.00	0.15	0.00	-1.52	-1.63	0.63	0.08	0.17	-0.13
		1995	-0.34	0.09	-0.56	-0.24	-0.26	-0.90	1.66	-0.16	0.11	-0.42	-0.02	-0.87
		1996	-0.02	-0.28	-0.17	0.21	0.06	0.19	0.21	0.02	-0.31	0.08	0.05	0.09
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	1991	-3.79	0.05	0.00	0.05	-1.89	0.00	0.00	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		1992	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		1993	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
		1994	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.16	0.00	0.00	1.48	0.00	-0.57	0.26	0.00	-0.05
		1995	0.00	-0.14	0.06	-0.03	-1.15	-0.11	3.64	0.18	-1.60	-0.87	0.00	2.18
		1996	0.91	0.34	0.00	0.12	-0.62	-0.58	1.62	0.17	0.00	-0.29	0.00	0.81
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	1991	0.00	1.74	7.79	-1.64	0.39	2.38	1.76	0.42	3.97	-0.86	0.36	1.49
		1992	2.77	1.54	-0.21	-0.67	0.66	0.41	-1.78	-3.64	1.67	0.57	0.01	-3.88
		1993	3.88	-0.14	4.61	0.40	-2.39	3.52	-2.01	0.52	-0.07	1.40	0.70	2.33
		1994	0.86	0.03	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	-0.65	0.11	-0.02	-0.72	3.32	0.04
		1995	-0.95	-0.69	0.05	0.29	-0.24	0.14	2.03	-0.57	-0.55	-0.68	-0.18	0.33
		1996	1.46	-0.41	0.13	0.17	-0.26	0.51	-0.27	-0.32	-0.52	0.05	0.00	0.04
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	1991	0.16	3.29	0.44	-0.06	0.75	0.09	0.37	-0.15	-0.02	0.06	-0.12	0.98
		1992	0.19	-0.02	3.56	-0.48	-0.09	0.00	0.53	-0.19	0.04	0.10	0.40	-0.10
		1993	-1.16	-0.04	-0.11	-0.20	-0.07	0.03	0.00	-0.33	2.92	0.15	0.07	0.02
		1994	-0.17	0.04	-0.40	1.60	0.00	0.00	2.67	0.35	0.07	-0.13	-0.14	0.07
		1995	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.51	0.76	0.41	0.26	-0.11	0.60	-0.23	-0.07	0.06
		1996	0.08	0.13	0.01	0.07	0.06	1.62	-0.76	0.22	-0.88	0.07	0.82	-0.19
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	1991	-0.29	-1.61	0.66	1.07	-1.45	0.92	0.48	0.23	1.56	-0.73	0.75	0.47
		1992	0.81	0.40	1.27	0.34	0.07	0.41	1.59	-0.78	0.17	0.07	-0.06	0.04
		1993	0.35	0.00	-0.98	-0.73	0.34	3.61	-1.55	-0.02	-0.13	-0.15	0.78	0.24
		1994	-0.57	0.37	-1.77	-0.10	-0.10	-0.01	0.47	0.85	0.27	0.44	-0.11	0.04
		1995	0.07	0.18	-0.22	0.09	0.27	0.00	0.74	-0.37	-0.15	-0.61	0.07	1.33
		1996	0.15	-0.28	0.10	0.28	-0.07	0.32	0.58	-0.20	0.37	-0.29	0.70	0.36

TABLE 3. ALL ITEM INDICES BY YEAR AND MONTH
1985-1996

FEBRUARY 1994 = 100.00

YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	YEAR INDEX	% INC.
1985	70.14	70.69	70.83	70.41	70.62	70.90	71.45	71.73	71.94	72.73	72.73	73.28	71.45	2.10
1986	72.38	72.24	71.68	72.10	72.38	72.73	73.36	74.54	75.86	75.24	75.38	75.52	73.62	3.04
1987	75.73	75.94	76.08	77.19	77.33	77.75	77.89	78.17	76.29	77.34	78.94	77.76	77.20	4.86
1988	77.97	77.34	76.02	76.58	77.48	77.41	78.16	79.69	79.90	80.31	84.34	81.77	78.91	2.22
1989	81.63	81.84	83.09	83.71	84.76	84.41	84.97	83.65	86.71	87.20	88.80	88.45	84.94	7.64
1990	86.65	86.93	84.22	84.50	86.24	86.10	87.07	86.79	88.46	90.82	91.58	92.55	87.66	3.20
1991	92.27	90.78	91.38	92.36	91.02	91.86	92.30	92.51	93.95	93.26	93.96	94.40	92.50	5.52
1992	95.16	95.54	96.75	97.08	97.15	97.55	99.10	98.33	98.50	98.57	98.51	98.55	97.57	5.48
1993	98.89	98.89	97.92	97.21	97.54	101.06	99.49	99.47	99.34	99.19	99.96	100.20	99.10	1.57
1994	99.63	100.00	98.23	98.13	98.03	98.02	98.48	99.32	99.59	100.03	99.92	99.96	99.11	0.01
1995	100.03	100.21	99.99	100.08	100.35	100.35	101.09	100.72	100.57	99.96	100.03	101.36	100.40	1.31
1996	101.51	101.23	101.33	101.61	101.54	101.86	102.45	102.25	102.63	102.33	103.05	103.42	102.10	1.69

**TABLE 4. MONTHLY INDEX OF FOOD AND NON-FOOD GROUPS
1986-1996**

GROUPS	February 1994=100.00										
	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Jan Food	73.5	75.2	79.3	85.0	85.5	92.8	94.1	100.7	99.1	97.3	98.9
Non-food	74.1	76.1	77.2	79.4	87.8	92.3	96.1	97.7	100.0	101.9	103.3
Feb Food	73.3	75.7	77.7	84.7	86.2	88.5	94.3	100.5	100.0	98.0	98.0
Non-food	74.1	76.1	77.3	80.1	87.8	93.0	96.6	97.9	100.0	101.7	103.4
Mar Food	72.4	76.1	74.7	86.7	80.8	87.9	96.1	97.5	95.5	97.5	98.1
Non-food	73.7	76.3	77.3	80.8	87.1	94.3	97.4	98.3	100.1	101.7	103.5
Apr Food	73.4	78.0	75.0	87.1	81.8	90.0	96.8	95.8	94.1	97.6	98.6
Non-food	73.7	76.8	78.0	81.5	86.8	94.4	97.4	98.3	100.8	101.8	103.6
May Food	73.9	78.1	76.9	89.2	84.1	87.2	96.9	96.9	94.0	98.4	98.7
Non-food	73.9	77.0	78.1	81.7	88.1	94.2	97.5	98.1	100.8	101.6	103.4
Jun Food	73.1	79.6	77.7	88.3	83.6	88.6	97.9	104.4	93.9	98.2	99.0
Non-food	75.0	76.6	77.4	81.9	88.3	94.6	97.4	98.6	100.8	101.8	103.8
Jul Food	75.1	80.3	79.7	88.8	85.5	89.4	101.0	101.2	93.5	97.9	100.2
Non-food	74.7	76.4	77.3	82.5	88.6	94.8	97.8	98.3	101.8	103.2	104.0
Aug Food	77.9	81.0	82.1	85.7	84.3	89.5	99.3	101.2	95.7	97.3	99.4
Non-food	74.8	76.3	78.2	82.4	89.0	95.1	97.9	98.2	101.8	103.0	104.1
Sep Food	80.8	76.9	82.5	85.3	87.3	92.2	99.4	99.9	96.5	97.7	100.8
Non-food	75.0	76.1	78.2	88.1	89.7	95.5	98.1	99.0	101.7	102.5	103.9
Oct Food	78.9	79.1	83.3	87.1	87.6	90.7	99.4	99.5	97.6	96.7	99.8
Non-food	75.3	76.3	78.4	87.6	93.6	95.4	98.2	99.1	101.7	102.1	104.0
Nov Food	78.7	81.4	92.6	90.5	89.5	92.3	99.2	100.6	96.8	96.9	101.3
Non-food	75.7	77.3	78.5	87.9	93.6	95.4	98.2	99.6	102.0	102.1	104.2
Dec Food	79.2	78.9	86.2	89.6	92.5	92.8	100.1	100.8	96.9	99.3	101.9
Non-food	75.6	77.2	79.0	87.9	92.9	95.8	97.7	99.8	102.0	102.8	104.4
AVG. Food	75.8	78.3	80.6	87.3	85.7	90.2	97.9	99.9	96.1	97.7	99.6
Non-food	74.6	76.5	77.9	83.5	89.4	94.6	97.5	98.6	101.1	102.2	103.8

TABLE 5. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GROUP INDICES
1986-1996

GROUP	WEIGHTS	1986	February 1994 = 100.0								
			% CHANGE 85-'86	% CHANGE 86-'87	% CHANGE 87-'88	% CHANGE 88-'89	% CHANGE 89-'90	% CHANGE 89-'90	% CHANGE 89-'90	% CHANGE 89-'90	% CHANGE 89-'90
FOOD	401.81	75.8	2.1	78.3	3.3	80.6	2.9	87.3	8.3	85.8	-1.8
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBAC.	16.16	74.2	8.2	77.8	4.9	81.8	5.1	85.3	4.3	87.5	2.5
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	67.9	0.2	68.7	1.2	69.6	1.2	78.5	12.9	93.1	18.6
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIP.	57.79	77.4	2.3	78.4	1.2	80.6	2.8	85.1	5.7	90.5	6.3
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	86.0	6.4	87.5	1.7	87.9	0.5	88.1	0.3	92.0	3.8
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	62.5	6.9	65.5	4.8	67.4	2.9	71.8	6.6	73.7	2.7
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	80.3	3.7	82.4	2.7	83.8	1.7	90.4	7.8	90.7	0.4
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	73.6	3.0	77.2	4.8	78.9	2.2	84.9	7.6	87.6	3.2

TABLE 5 cont'd. PERCENTAGE CHANGE IN GROUP INDICES
1986-1996

GROUP	WEIGHTS	1991	% CHANGE		% CHANGE		% CHANGE		% CHANGE		% CHANGE		1996	95-'96
			90-'91	1992	91-'92	1993	92-'93	1994	93-'94	1995	94-'95	1996		
FOOD	401.81	90.2	5.1	97.9	8.5	99.9	2.1	96.1	-3.8	97.7	1.7	99.6	1.9	
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBAC.	16.16	91.4	4.5	96.5	5.6	98.5	2.0	100.6	2.2	101.0	0.3	110.4	9.3	
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	98.0	5.2	99.2	1.2	99.9	0.7	100.1	0.2	99.9	-0.2	100.0	0.1	
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIP.	57.79	96.8	7.0	98.0	1.2	97.1	-0.8	98.8	1.7	96.6	-2.2	95.7	-1.0	
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	96.5	4.9	97.6	1.1	99.9	2.4	101.5	1.6	102.6	1.1	105.9	3.2	
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	84.2	14.2	91.9	9.1	94.8	3.2	101.5	7.1	102.8	1.2	103.8	0.9	
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	93.7	3.3	98.0	4.6	98.3	0.3	102.3	4.1	105.5	3.1	107.2	1.6	
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	92.5	5.6	97.6	5.5	99.1	1.6	99.1	0.0	100.4	1.3	102.1	1.7	

TABLE 6. CONSUMER PRICE INDICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS FEB. 1986 – FEB. 1996

GROUPS Sub-groups	WEIGHTS	February 1994= 100.0											
		Feb 1986	Feb 1987	Feb 1988	Feb 1989	Feb 1990	Feb 1991	Feb 1992	Feb 1993	Feb 1994	Feb 1995	Feb. 1996	
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	72.3	76.0	77.4	81.9	86.9	90.8	95.6	98.9	100.0	100.2	101.2	
FOOD	401.81	73.3	75.7	77.7	84.7	86.2	88.5	94.3	100.5	100.0	98.0	98.0	
Meat(fresh, chill. or frozen)	36.37	73.0	81.2	77.9	85.9	89.4	100.1	98.1	97.2	100.0	108.2	97.7	
Meat(preserved)	11.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	98.4	99.6
Fish and Fish Preparations	39.98	51.8	55.1	66.1	58.6	66.2	77.9	86.2	92.9	100.0	100.6	104.8	
Dairy Products	36.57	81.8	86.9	91.8	98.3	100.3	98.6	99.8	100.5	100.0	100.0	114.4	
Oils and Fats	8.97	96.8	97.5	91.8	96.8	96.1	99.3	98.8	100.0	100.0	100.7	101.7	
Cereals	70.49	69.4	69.4	70.2	77.8	75.8	82.6	88.4	100.2	100.0	101.5	106.5	
Vegetables and Fruits	64.60	62.4	73.9	75.1	91.1	88.5	80.8	93.9	106.7	100.0	114.2	92.7	
Fruit and Fruit Preparations	58.39	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	98.3	113.0
Sugar and Other Sweets	15.24	76.3	78.6	80.7	94.5	98.3	97.9	95.6	98.3	100.0	100.1	90.5	
Miscellaneous Items	29.67	81.9	87.6	86.0	85.7	102.9	107.2	115.9	106.4	100.0	101.8	101.6	
Meals Taken Away From Home	20.78	72.79	73.5	76.5	78.2	82.3	89.3	92.7	100.0	100.0	98.4	103.1	
Non-alcoholic Beverages	8.95	82.2	89.7	91.3	86.9	89.8	91.4	94.5	93.6	100.0	96.3	99.0	
ALCOHOLIC BEV. & TOBACCO	16.16	73.6	76.7	79.6	84.2	86.6	89.0	95.4	98.5	100.0	100.0	107.6	
Alcoholic Beverages	12.11	73.8	77.7	81.0	86.5	88.5	91.3	98.0	100.5	100.0	99.2	108.6	
Tobacco Products	4.05	72.6	72.9	74.4	75.4	79.5	80.3	85.6	91.0	100.0	102.3	104.8	
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	68.7	68.9	69.1	72.3	90.5	97.1	98.2	99.7	100.0	100.3	99.6	
Rent (excluding electricity)	35.28	60.6	61.5	61.5	61.5	91.1	94.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.0	
Fuel Supplies	15.16	82.2	79.8	88.5	90.6	88.7	112.8	100.7	101.1	100.0	103.3	100.0	
Utility Services	55.31	79.1	78.6	74.5	87.1	84.3	88.4	91.2	97.7	100.0	100.3	100.6	
Repairs to House	17.61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	99.4	93.6
Insurance Payments	2.89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	100.0	100.0
Home Help Service	5.89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	100.0	100.0
Laundry and Dry Cleaning Serv.	1.57	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	94.5	90.8
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQ.	57.79	77.5	79.2	80.3	82.0	86.3	94.1	98.5	96.6	100.0	97.4	95.4	
Furniture & Furnishings	10.97	70.1	71.5	70.3	71.9	73.0	86.2	95.9	92.1	100.0	100.6	101.6	
Kitchen Equipment	11.13	83.1	85.1	88.1	89.8	96.7	100.3	100.5	100.0	100.0	99.6	91.2	
Recreational Equipment	11.69	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	91.9	83.6
Laundry and Cleaning Equip.	3.58	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	102.7	92.6
House Cleaning	19.27	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	96.2	99.7
Repairs to Equipment	1.15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	100.0	100.0
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	84.4	86.9	87.9	88.9	88.0	96.5	96.5	100.0	100.0	102.2	105.7	
Purchased Transportation	50.34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	103.4	105.3
Purchase of Motor Vehicles	50.89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	100.3	111.1
Operational Expenses	46.29	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	98.8	99.2
Insurance and Fees	14.50	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	115.1	108.6
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	60.2	64.8	66.6	67.8	73.0	77.0	93.9	90.8	100.0	102.1	103.8	
Clothing	49.69	58.2	63.4	63.0	64.3	68.8	73.9	93.5	91.7	100.0	103.7	102.7	
Footwear	15.77	66.2	69.3	77.7	78.5	85.8	86.4	95.0	87.9	100.0	97.8	106.7	
Clothing Accessories	2.89	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	98.9	106.4
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	79.4	82.2	83.0	87.2	92.03	93.0	95.3	97.7	100.0	104.1	106.6	
Personal Care & Supplies	38.21	82.1	83.1	83.1	91.6	101.4	100.7	100.6	100.5	100.0	100.2	102.0	
Medicines and Health Exp.	15.75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	104.2	106.8
Personal Life Insurance	4.80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	100.0	100.0
Educational Expenses	49.59	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	111.0	113.5
Sporting & Other Recreation	30.06	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	100.0	101.6	101.6
Other Miscellaneous	21.75	66.6	70.3	73.7	77.2	78.4	87.1	91.1	95.7	100.0	99.3	107.1	

TABLE 6A. CONSUMER PRICE INDICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS
 PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM BASE PERIOD TO FEBRUARY 1996 AND DECEMBER 1996

GROUPS Sub-groups	WEIGHTS	Feb 1994	Feb 1995	Feb. 1996	Dec. 1996	% CHANGE FEB. '94 TO FEB. '96	% CHANGE FEB. '94 TO DEC. '96
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	100.0	100.2	101.2	103.4	1.20	3.42
FOOD	401.81	100.0	98.0	98.0	101.9	-2.00	1.93
Meat(fresh,chill. or frozen)	36.37	100.0	108.2	97.7	112.0	-2.30	11.99
Meat(preserved)	11.80	100.0	98.4	99.6	107.4	-0.40	7.41
Fish and Fish Preparations	39.98	100.0	100.6	104.8	104.3	4.80	4.25
Dairy Products	36.57	100.0	100.0	114.4	118.6	14.40	18.63
Oils and Fats	8.97	100.0	100.7	101.7	102.1	1.70	2.1
Cereals	70.49	100.0	101.5	106.5	109.1	6.50	9.13
Vegetables and Fruits	64.60	100.0	114.2	92.7	97.8	-7.30	-2.17
Fruit and Fruit Preparations	58.39	100.0	98.3	113.0	103.6	13.00	3.63
Sugar and Other Sweets	15.24	100.0	100.1	90.5	101.8	-9.50	1.82
Miscellaneous Items	29.67	100.0	101.8	101.6	105.4	1.60	5.41
Meals Taken Away From Home	20.78	100.0	98.4	103.1	103.1	3.10	3.09
Non-alcoholic Beverages	8.95	100.0	96.3	99.0	102.0	-1.00	1.97
ALCOHOLIC BEV. & TOBACCO	16.16	100.0	100.0	107.6	112.4	7.60	12.39
Alcoholic Beverages	12.11	100.0	99.2	108.6	112.7	8.60	12.68
Tobacco Products	4.05	100.0	102.3	104.8	111.5	4.80	11.53
HOUSING & UTILITIES	133.71	100.0	100.3	99.6	100.8	-0.40	0.77
Rent (excluding electricity)	35.28	100.0	100.0	101.0	102.0	1.00	1.96
Fuel Supplies	15.16	100.0	103.3	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
Utility Services	55.31	100.0	100.3	100.6	102.8	0.60	2.77
Repairs to House	17.61	100.0	99.4	93.6	94.0	-6.40	-5.98
Insurance Payments	2.89	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
Home Help Service	5.89	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
Laundry and Dry Cleaning Serv.	1.57	100.0	94.5	90.8	90.8	-9.20	-9.17
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD EQUIP.	57.79	100.0	97.4	95.4	95.8	-4.60	-4.16
Furniture & Furnishings	10.97	100.0	100.6	101.6	100.9	1.60	0.92
Kitchen Equipment	11.13	100.0	99.6	91.2	91.4	-8.80	-8.61
Recreational Equipment	11.69	100.0	91.9	83.6	83.1	-16.40	-16.95
Laundry and Cleaning Equip.	3.58	100.0	102.7	92.6	91.7	-7.40	-8.27
House Cleaning	19.27	100.0	96.2	99.7	102.1	-0.30	2.10
Repairs to Equipment	1.15	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORTATION	162.02	100.0	102.2	105.7	107.0	5.70	6.95
Purchased Transportation	50.34	100.0	103.4	105.3	108.8	5.30	8.84
Purchase of Motor Vehicles	50.89	100.0	100.3	111.1	111.4	11.10	11.36
Operational Expenses	46.29	100.0	98.8	99.2	99.5	-0.80	-0.47
Insurance and Fees	14.50	100.0	115.1	108.6	108.6	8.60	8.62
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	68.35	100.0	102.1	103.8	103.3	3.80	3.29
Clothing	49.69	100.0	103.7	102.7	103.0	2.70	2.96
Footwear	15.77	100.0	97.8	106.7	103.8	6.70	3.77
Clothing Accessories	2.89	100.0	98.9	106.4	106.4	6.40	6.40
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	160.16	100.0	104.1	106.6	107.7	6.60	7.69
Personal Care & Supplies	38.21	100.0	100.2	102.0	106.8	2.00	6.81
Medicines and Health Exp.	15.75	100.0	104.2	106.8	109.5	6.80	9.53
Personal Life Insurance	4.80	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.00	0.00
Educational Expenses	49.59	100.0	111.0	113.5	113.4	13.50	13.35
Sporting & Other Recreation	30.06	100.0	101.6	101.6	101.6	1.60	1.62
Other Miscellaneous	21.75	100.0	99.3	107.1	105.1	7.10	5.06

**TABLE 7. PRICE MOVEMENTS OF SELECTED ITEMS IN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 1990–FEBRUARY 1996**

ITEMS	UNIT	1984 BASE PRICE	FEB 1990	FEB 1991	FEB 1992	FEB 1993	FEB 1994	FEB 1995	FEB 1996	% CHANGE 1984 BASE PRICE TO FEB. 94 BASE PRICE
FOOD										
Beef (local)	kg	8.25	11.00	13.20	13.20	15.03	15.40	15.40	13.20	86.67
imported	kg	16.17	14.60	14.86	14.90	11.92	12.19	12.19	11.48	-24.61
Chicken (backs & necks)	kg	2.83	3.77	3.76	3.67	3.82	3.66	3.78	3.41	29.33
wings	kg	5.64	6.21	6.74	6.76	6.12	6.45	6.53	6.18	14.36
whole legs	kg	6.36	6.06	6.43	5.98	5.65	6.26	6.42	5.82	-1.57
Fish (pot)	kg	8.25	9.35	11.00	11.00	14.67	14.30	14.30	15.40	73.33
tuna	kg	8.25	9.35	13.20	13.20	13.20	15.40	15.40	15.40	86.67
Salted fish	kg	7.61	14.83	16.53	17.98	16.93	16.22	16.51	18.18	113.14
Evaporated milk	410gms	1.20	1.53	1.46	1.48	1.52	1.52	1.52	1.89	26.67
Powdered milk	1800gms	14.46	21.58	20.95	20.24	19.94	22.41	22.26	25.14	54.98
Butter	250gms	5.33	4.86	5.01	5.01	5.01	3.28	3.17	4.09	-38.46
Cheese	kg	9.70	14.15	14.15	15.56	17.90	14.80	14.97	16.66	52.58
Eggs	dozen	5.73	6.09	6.08	6.23	5.50	6.37	6.04	5.94	11.17
Cooking Oil	1 litre	4.84	4.93	5.17	5.17	5.09	8.11	8.11	8.11	67.56
Sandwich loaf	sliced	2.50	2.40	2.75	2.75	2.88	2.88	2.75	2.92	15.20
Flour	kg	1.75	1.86	1.92	1.92	1.90	1.85	1.98	2.09	5.71
Rice	kg	1.98	2.04	1.95	2.04	2.04	2.07	2.05	1.88	4.55
Tomatoes	kg	6.60	4.77	4.40	8.43	6.60	4.40	11.00	7.43	-33.33
Carrots	kg	3.30	9.61	7.90	5.70	11.00	6.36	6.60	7.60	92.73
Cabbage	kg	5.50	4.40	4.40	3.67	4.40	4.40	6.60	3.58	-20.00
Onions	kg	3.56	3.80	3.91	4.02	3.90	3.96	3.67	3.69	11.24
Beans	kg	4.35	6.25	6.14	6.10	6.82	7.16	7.09	6.74	64.60
Lentils	kg	3.52	4.60	4.75	5.66	5.12	4.57	3.70	3.59	29.83
Oranges	each	0.54	0.32	0.33	0.30	0.33	0.33	0.50	1.00	-38.89
Grapefruit	each	0.25	0.18	0.18	0.13	0.14	0.20	0.20	0.20	-20.00
Melons	kg	1.28	1.78	2.71	2.57	1.31	3.30	1.98	2.20	157.81
White sugar	kg	1.45	2.06	2.06	2.06	2.06	2.12	2.13	1.85	46.21
Brown sugar	kg	1.58	1.87	1.85	1.80	1.87	1.90	1.9	1.66	20.25
Salt	kg	0.92	1.03	1.20	1.27	1.20	1.26	1.35	1.41	36.96
Tomato Ketchup	375 ml	3.89	5.44	5.44	5.16	4.21	3.93	4.87	4.83	1.03
Coffee(beans)	kg	12.05	13.57	13.60	13.95	13.96	13.42	13.42	13.42	11.37
instant	50 gms	9.69	10.95	6.47	7.03	6.06	6.06	7.67	8.47	-37.46
Coca-cola	296 ml	0.80	0.85	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.20	1.20	1.20	50.00
Ham sandwich	each	2.25	3.18	3.40	3.50	3.88	3.88	4.00	4.25	72.44
Roti	each	4.50	5.20	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.75	33.33

TABLE 7. cont'd. PRICE MOVEMENTS OF SELECTED ITEMS IN
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 1990-FEBRUARY 1996

ITEMS	UNIT	1984 BASE PRICE	FEB. 1990	FEB. 1991	FEB. 1992	FEB. 1993	FEB. 1994	FEB. 1995	FEB. 1996	% CHANGE 1984 BASE PRICE TO FEB.94
ALCOHOLIC BEV. & TOBACCO										
Rum	75 cl	8.40	10.04	10.18	9.91	9.57	9.67	10.18	10.34	15.12
Whisky	75 cl	18.25	28.19	29.96	38.25	41.14	40.38	39.79	41.17	121.26
Beer	284 ml	2.33	2.93	2.98	2.81	2.86	2.86	2.72	3.12	22.75
Cigarettes(hillsb.) (b&h)	pkt./20	1.65	2.11	2.19	2.50	2.51	2.75	2.75	2.75	66.67
	pkt./20	2.93	3.61	3.57	3.62	4.01	4.42	4.60	4.80	50.85
FUEL										
Kerosene	gal.	4.00	3.58	4.80	3.82	3.94	3.62	3.62	3.62	-9.50
Gas	9.1 kg	24.51	25.16	28.85	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.70	13.02
UTILITIES										
Electricity	month	34.21	37.33	38.14	31.58	41.28	43.14	93.49	94.29	26.10
Telephone	month	40.44	40.44	40.44	40.44	40.44	40.44	58.64	58.64	0.00
Water	month	9.17	11.03	16.50	25.00	25.00	26.89	26.89	26.89	193.24
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT										
Refrigerator	15 cu.ft	3078.25	2793.27	3303.12	3303.12	3258.44	3258.4	2509.8	2356.98	5.85
Radio-recorder		485.00	909.20	909.20	909.18	909.20	909.18	803.93	745.93	87.46
Black & white t.v.	17"	580.00	606.67	606.67	606.67	606.67	606.67	326.43	311.24	4.60
Colour t.v.	19"	1770.25	1735.56	1648.26	1648.26	1618.26	1618.2	1821.9	1487.00	-8.59
CLOTHING										
Women's dress	casual	49.98	74.70	75.07	123.50	114.75	118.53	85.00	97.75	137.15
	formal	68.74	122.25	155.56	197.98	196.41	193.44	245.00	265.00	181.41
Girl's dress		39.98	56.20	58.36	82.52	89.81	96.78	80.93	65.98	142.07
Boy's shirt trousers		36.45	45.46	35.00	38.66	46.65	42.53	42.66	45.89	16.68
		32.48	40.45	36.00	39.98	39.98	42.55	40.75	40.88	31.00
FOOTWEAR										
Women's shoes	casual	39.98	54.90	52.82	49.75	50.13	59.72	57.56	80.19	49.37
	formal	77.50	91.24	75.86	75.25	66.95	72.43	72.68	82.23	-6.54
Men's shoes	casual	57.50	63.68	65.56	108.79	87.04	114.86	79.57	79.57	99.76
	formal	75.00	95.00	100.00	142.97	131.70	146.51	127.68	130.85	95.35
MISCELLANEOUS										
Toilet soap	145 gm	1.54	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.31	1.26	1.47	1.63	-18.18
Tooth paste	76 gm	3.93	6.57	6.75	6.74	6.75	6.97	4.85	5.05	77.35
Deodorant	110 gm	9.40	13.21	13.21	13.03	13.21	13.14	12.92	13.88	39.79
Doctor's fees	per visit	20.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	40.00	45.00	55.00	55.00	125.00
Television fees	month	30.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	66.67
School fees(pre-schoo)	month	20.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	31.67	40.00	40.00	58.35
Petrol	gal.	6.00	6.17	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	8.33
Vehicle license	year	229.60	330.00	330.00	330.00	330.00	330.00	440.00	440.00	43.73

TABLE 8. PRICE MOVEMENTS OF SELECTED ITEMS IN CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
FEBRUARY 1994 BASE PRICE COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1996 PRICE

FEB. 1994 = 100.0

ITEMS DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATION	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1996	% CHANGE
ALL ITEMS				
1 FOOD				
MEAT				
1.01 MEAT (fresh, chilled or frozen)				
Beef				
(a) local	Kg	15.40	13.57	-11.88
(b) imported	Kg	12.80	11.64	-9.06
Chicken				
(a) backs and necks	Kg	3.68	4.14	12.50
(b) wings	Kg	6.45	7.32	13.49
(c) wholelegs	Kg	6.26	7.58	21.09
(d) thighs	Kg	5.64	6.72	19.15
Pork				
(a) local	Kg	12.10	13.20	9.09
(b) imported	Kg	11.23	23.99	113.62
Mutton	Kg	14.97	21.42	43.09
Turkey drumsticks	Kg	5.96	6.14	3.02
1.02 MEAT(Preserved)				
Salted Beef	kg	7.93	11.95	50.69
Corned Beef	340.5g	5.23	6.00	14.72
Salted Pork	Kg	7.93	8.47	6.81
Sausages	666.8g	13.82	15.44	11.72
Sausages	140g	1.97	1.92	-2.54
Bacon	kg	18.35	9.37	-48.94
Ham	450g	14.98	15.15	1.13
1.03 FISH AND FISH PREPARATIONS				
Fish (fresh)				
(a) pot	Kg	14.30	15.40	7.69
(b) tuna	Kg	15.40	15.40	0.00
(c) red snapper	Kg	15.40	15.40	0.00
Salted Fish	Kg	16.53	17.67	6.90
Smoked Fish	Kg	7.17	8.36	16.60
Canned Fish				
(a) sardines	106g	2.04	2.36	15.69
(b) tuna	174.8g	3.32	3.40	2.41
1.04 DAIRY PRODUCTS				
MILK				
Fresh Milk	75 cl.	3.00	3.00	0.00
Evaporated Milk	410g	1.52	2.01	32.24
Powdered Milk	1800g	22.41	25.79	15.08
Butter	250g	3.28	4.12	25.61
Cheese	Kg	14.63	15.93	8.89
Eggs	Doz	5.99	6.50	8.51

TABLE 8. continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1996	% CHANGE
1.05 OILS & FATS				
Cooking Oil	1 litre	8.11	8.11	0.00
Margarine	kg	4.19	4.56	8.83
1.06 CEREALS				
Bread				
(a) sandwich loaf(sliced)	pkg	2.75	2.98	8.36
Other Cereal Products				
Flour (loose white)	Kg	1.90	2.09	10.00
Rice				
(a) loose white	Kg	2.18	2.03	-6.88
(b) brand packaged	908g	2.91	3.80	30.58
Macaroni	206g	2.31	2.60	12.55
Corn Meal	Kg	3.57	4.29	20.17
Cassava Farine	Kg	11.17	11.37	1.79
Cornflakes	198g	7.46	8.46	13.40
Oats	550g	5.17	5.66	9.48
Breakfast Food(Drinks)				
Instant Chocolate	198g	6.11	6.06	-0.82
Coffee				
(a) instant	50g	6.06	8.48	39.93
(b) local beans	kg	13.42	13.42	0.00
Tea	pkg/25 bags	4.73	4.90	3.59
Ovaltine	400g	11.91	12.33	3.53
Milo	450g	11.91	9.45	-20.65
1.07 VEGETABLES AND FRUITS				
VEGETABLES(Fresh)				
Tomatoes	Kg	4.40	14.30	225.00
Carrots	Kg	6.36	9.49	49.21
Cabbages	Kg	4.40	5.86	33.18
Onions (imported)	Kg	3.79	3.36	-11.35
Garlic (imported)	Kg	20.14	17.55	-12.86
Cucumbers	Kg	4.72	2.55	-45.97
Pumpkins	kg	2.93	2.67	-8.87
Lettuce	medium hea	1.50	2.31	54.00
Sweet Peppers	Kg	11.00	11.73	6.64
Celery	bundle	1.00	1.00	0.00
Parsley	bundle	1.00	1.00	0.00
Thyme	bundle	1.00	1.00	0.00
Scallions(chives)	bundle	1.00	1.50	50.00
STARCHY FOODS				
Yams	Kg	4.40	4.40	0.00
Dasheens	Kg	1.62	1.54	-4.94
Bananas(green)	Kg	0.39	0.22	-43.59
Potatoes(not sweet)	Kg	3.35	2.41	-28.06
Potatoes(sweet)	Kg	3.06	3.85	25.82
Tannias	Kg	5.87	3.65	-37.82
Plantains (green)	Kg	1.98	2.26	14.14
Plantains (ripe)	kg	2.93	1.03	-64.85
Breadfruits	Kg	1.69	0.73	-56.80
DRIED VEGETABLES				
Peas	Kg	7.61	9.22	21.16
Beans	Kg	7.36	6.80	-7.61
Lentils	Kg	5.18	3.69	-28.76
CANNED VEGETABLES				
	241.2g	2.99	3.34	11.71

TABLE 8 continued.

ITEM	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1996	% CHANGE
1.08 FRUIT AND FRUIT PREPARATIONS				
Fresh Fruits				
Oranges	Each	0.33	0.41	24.24
Grapefruits	Each	0.20	0.25	25.00
Limes	kg	3.66	3.47	-5.19
Coconuts				
(dry)	each	0.29	0.33	13.79
(jelly)	Each	1.00	1.00	0.00
Ripe Bananas	kg	1.10	0.66	-40.00
Melons	Kg	3.30	2.08	-36.97
Pawpaw	Kg	2.93	1.00	-65.87
Soursop	Kg	2.34	2.07	-11.54
Peanuts (unshelled)	Kg	13.90	13.20	-5.04
Dried Fruit(prunes)	kg	12.85	11.00	-14.40
1.09 SUGAR AND OTHER SWEETS				
SUGAR OR EQUIVALENT				
White Sugar	kg	2.12	2.09	-1.42
Brown Sugar	kg	1.90	1.91	0.53
1.10 MISCELLANEOUS				
CONDIMENTS AND SAUCES				
CONDIMENTS				
Salt	kg	1.25	1.27	1.60
Nutmegs	kg	22.00	35.00	59.09
Ginger	kg	3.67	6.09	65.94
SAUCES AND RELISHES				
Tomato Ketchup	750ml	4.59	5.04	9.80
Pepper Sauce	85ml	1.96	1.99	1.53
Mustard	175ml	3.68	4.11	11.68
BABY FOODS				
(a) Cereal		6.38	8.54	33.86
(b) Strained/puree food		2.45	2.65	8.16
MEALS TAKEN AWAY FROM HOME				
Ham Sandwich	each	4.17	4.25	1.92
Roti	each	6.50	6.75	3.85
DRINKS TAKEN AWAY FROM HOME				
Passion fruit juice	medium glass	3.17	3.25	2.52
Grapefruit juice	medium glass	3.25	3.38	4.00
1.11 NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Coca-cola				
Coke	85ml	1.25	1.25	0.00
Juc	85ml	1.25	1.25	0.00
Instant drink	350g	7.20	7.68	6.67

TABLE 8 continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC 1996	% CHANGE
2.0 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO				
2.01 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES				
Rum	750ml	9.64	12.31	27.70
Whisky	75cl	40.38	41.17	1.96
Brandy	70cl	15.40	16.96	10.13
Gin	75cl	28.07	32.71	16.53
Wine	750ml	8.14	7.95	-2.33
Beers	8.75 fl.oz.	2.86	3.27	14.34
Stout	275ml	3.09	3.34	8.09
2.02 TOBACCO PRODUCTS				
Cigarettes	pkg/20	2.76	3.03	9.78
	pkg/20	4.38	4.98	13.70
Tobacco	kg	33.00	35.20	6.67
3.0 HOUSING AND UTILITIES				
3.01 RENT(excl. electricity)				
(a)	month	33.13	36.20	9.27
(b)	month	136.25	136.25	0.00
(c)	month	225.00	225.00	0.00
(d)	month	322.00	322.00	0.00
(e)	month	420.00	450.00	7.14
(f)	month	542.00	542.00	0.00
(g)	month	850.00	850.00	0.00
3.02 FUEL SUPPLIES				
Kerosene	gal.	3.62	3.62	0.00
Charcoal	ker(box)	12.00	12.00	0.00
Gas(cooking)	20 lb. cylinder	27.70	27.70	0.00
3.03 UTILITY SERVICES				
Electricity	month	92.88	97.28	4.74
Telephone (rental of one standard telephone + 138 excess calls)	month	58.64	58.64	0.00
Water Rates (avg. of metered & non.metered)	month	24.39	26.89	10.25
Sewerage Rates (owner occupied)	month	5.00	10.60	112.00
3.03 REPAIRS TO HOUSE				
Lumber	foot	3.08	2.38	-22.73
Cement	94 lb	14.16	15.07	6.43
Steel	1/2"/length 20ft.	11.59	10.48	-9.58
Paint	gallon	65.00	62.00	-4.62
Labour				
unskilled	day	37.50	37.50	0.00
skilled	day	67.00	67.50	0.75
3.04 HOME INSURANCE PAYMENTS				
3.05 HOME HELP SERVICE				
3.06 LAUNDRY AND DRY CLEANING SERVICES				
(a) one medium load	per load	5.50	5.50	0.00
(b) one suit(ladies)	per suit	25.00	20.00	-20.00
(c) one suit(men's)	per suit	24.00	24.00	0.00

TABLE 8 continued.

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC 1996	% CHANGE
4.0 FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT				
4.01 FURNITURE & FURNISHINGS				
Living Room Furniture				
three piece set	set	1533.94	1628.30	6.15
Carpet (vinyl)	yard	15.97	12.51	-21.67
Dining Room Furniture				
Table with 4 chairs	set	935.14	937.39	0.24
Bedroom Furniture				
Beds (double-wooden)	each	1068.67	968.89	-9.34
Mattresses (double,6")	each	303.97	332.03	9.23
Sheets (4 piece full)	set	88.30	84.46	-4.35
Wardrobes(standard,mirror,5 drawers)	each	1537.50	1449.50	-5.72
4.02 BABIES' FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT				
Cribs (standard)	each	827.50	877.50	6.04
Blankets 30" *30"	pkg/2	30.00	27.00	-10.00
4.03 KITCHEN EQUIPMENT				
Refrigerator 15 cu.ft	each	2511.43	2355.38	-6.21
Stove 4 burner	each	834.85	740.67	-11.28
Blender 7 speed,1 1/4 litre cup	each	239.13	180.77	-24.41
Pots regular 26cm	each	35.33	34.59	-2.09
4.06 RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT				
Radios with recorder(high speed, cont. play)	set	1026.43	795.00	-22.55
Stereo Sets(double deck,6 band equaliser, cd,turn table,radio am/fm	set	2073.93	1870.43	-9.81
Television Sets	set			
(a) black & white	set	483.88	326.43	-32.54
(b) colour 20 inch remote control	set	1744.75	1433.79	-17.82
VCR'S(Video Players/Recorders)	set	1395.00	1295.00	-7.17
4.07 LAUNDRY & CLEANING EQUIPMENT				
Washing Machines 7 cycles	each	1526.93	1377.84	-9.76
Iron steam	each	152.12	167.10	9.85
4.08 HOUSE CLEANING				
LAUNDRY SUPPLIES				
Soap				
(a) bar	each	0.75	0.93	24.00
(b) powder	400g	3.40	3.66	7.65
Bleach	16 fl.oz.	3.00	2.75	-8.33
Fabric Softener	1 litre	6.60	7.18	8.79
SPRAYS AND DISINFECTANTS				
Insect Spray				
Baygon	400ml	13.95	10.58	-24.16
Insect Repellants				
Fish Coil	pkg/6	1.62	1.63	0.62
Toilet Disinfectant	340g	4.23	4.29	1.42
Air fresheners	300ml	6.70	6.90	2.99
4.10 REPAIRS TO EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE				
Refrigerator(minor)	each	182.50	182.50	0.00
Television(minor)	each	95.00	95.00	0.00

TABLE 8 continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1996	% CHANGE
5.0 TRANSPORTATION				
5.01 PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION				
Bus Fares				
(a) 8 miles from city(1 way)	fare	3.00	3.00	0.00
Taxi Fares 3 miles from city(1 way)	fare	25.00	25.00	0.00
Air Fares				
(a)Dom/New York/Dom 21 dys	fare	1696.00	2005.00	18.22
(b)Dom/St.Maart/Dom 21 dys	fare	596.00	641.00	7.55
Sea Travel				
(a)Dom./G.loupe/Dom.	fare	224.00	230.25	2.79
5.02 PURCHASE OF MOTOR VEHICLES				
Motor Cars	each	54000.00	55000.00	1.85
Vans	each	47000.00	55500.00	18.09
Bicycles	each	360.50	458.35	27.14
5.03 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES				
Petrol regular	gall.	6.50	6.50	0.00
Oil & Grease				
(a) oil	can	11.00	11.00	0.00
(b) grease	can	10.00	10.30	3.00
Tyres	each	157.59	162.23	2.94
Batteries	each	231.75	231.75	0.00
Servicing(labour)				
(a) motor car 1300cc (minor serv.)	per service	95.00	95.00	0.00
(b) van	per service	115.00	115.00	0.00
Servicing(vehicle parts)				
(a) motor car 1300cc (minor serv.)	per service	250.00	215.00	-14.00
(b) van	per service	265.77	265.77	0.00
5.04 INSURANCE, TAXES,FEES				
Insurance	year	4384.00	4384.00	0.00
Vehicle License	year	330.00	440.00	33.33
Drivers License	year	60.00	80.00	33.33

TABLE 8 continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1996	% CHANGE
6.0 CLOTHING FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES				
6.01 CLOTHING				
6.011 WOMENSWEAR				
Dresses				
(a) casual	each	76.47	97.75	27.83
(b) formal	each	260.00	265.00	1.92
Blouses	each	37.06	38.00	2.54
Skirts	each	59.58	69.72	17.02
Suits	each	159.30	196.65	23.45
Dressmaking	2 piece	50.00	50.00	0.00
Dressmaking Material				
(a)formal	per yard	11.63	11.28	-3.01
(b)semi-formal	per yard	13.60	10.77	-20.81
6.012 GIRLSWEAR				
Dresses				
(a) casual	Each	59.21	65.98	11.43
(b) formal	Each	99.88	120.10	20.24
Girls' blouses	each	41.15	38.50	-6.44
6.013 MENSWEAR				
Shirts	each			
(a) long sleeve	each	84.00	87.09	3.68
(b) short sleeve	each	49.56	43.36	-12.51
Suits	Each	331.67	285.00	-14.07
Pants				
men's dress pants	each	79.66	80.33	0.84
Men's Jeans	each	113.63	104.06	-8.42
Sportswear				
(a) sneakers	pair	79.95	79.95	0.00
(b) shorts	each	37.83	30.35	-19.77
6.014 BOYSWEAR				
Shirts				
(a) long sleeve	each	42.66	45.89	7.57
(b) short sleeve	each	25.70	25.19	-1.98
Pants	each	40.75	40.88	0.32
Boy's Jeans	each	52.80	43.24	-18.11
6.015 INFANTSWEAR				
Disposable diapers (pkg/12)	Pkg/12	14.17	17.72	25.05
Cotton Diapers (pkg/12)	dozen	41.15	41.15	0.00
6.02 FOOTWEAR				
6.021 WOMENS' SHOES				
(a) casual	pair	63.30	73.31	15.81
(b) formal	pair	65.62	77.07	17.45
6.022 GIRL'S SHOES				
(a) casual	pair	39.09	46.30	18.44
(b) formal	pair	63.15	66.67	5.57
6.023 BOY'S SHOES				
(a) casual	pair	68.15	39.06	-42.69
(b) formal	pair	49.16	56.32	14.56
6.024 MEN'S SHOES				
(a) casual	pair	79.57	79.57	0.00
(b) formal	pair	127.74	130.39	2.07
6.03 CLOTHING ACCESSORIES				
Watches				
Women's	each	272.50	255.00	-6.42
Men's	each	360.00	395.00	9.72

TABLE 8 continued

ITEMS	UNIT	BASE PRICE FEB. 1994	DEC. 1996	% CHANGE
7.0 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES				
7.01 PERSONAL CARE SUPPLIES				
Personal Hygiene				
Toilet Soap	135g	1.48	1.94	31.08
Tooth Paste	80ml	4.87	5.62	15.40
Deodorant	175ml	13.08	14.12	7.95
Tooth Brushes	each	4.30	4.30	0.00
Personal Toilet Supplies				
Cosmetic Cream	10 oz.	21.45	23.45	9.32
Body Lotion	16 fl.oz.	12.73	12.95	1.73
Perfumes	50ml	39.73	37.23	-6.29
Colognes	2 fl.oz.	19.73	19.73	0.00
Hair Care and Supplies				
Hair cuts(men)	one	10.00	10.00	0.00
Hair dressing(ladies)				
Hair perm	one	46.67	46.67	0.00
Hair wash & set	one	18.33	16.67	-9.06
7.02 PATENT MEDICINES				
Liquid Medicine	120ml	11.43	12.58	10.06
Medicated Cream	30g	8.73	10.43	19.47
Vitamin Supplement(liquid)	300ml	16.43	21.43	30.43
7.03 CONTRACEPTIVES				
Oral Pills	pkg	3.60	3.60	0.00
Condom	pkg	4.95	3.95	-20.20
7.04 HEALTH EXPENSES				
Doctor's Fees	per visit	50.00	60.00	20.00
Dentist's Fees	per visit	30.00	30.00	0.00
Eye Specialist	per exam.	60.00	60.00	0.00
Health Insurance	month	25.67	25.67	0.00
7.05 PERSONAL LIFE INSURANCE				
7.06 SPORTING ACTIVITIES				
Entrance Fees To Spectator Sports	one ticket	5.00	5.00	0.00
7.07 OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES				
Margin TV Service	month	50.00	50.00	0.00
Cinema Fares	one ticket	4.00	5.00	25.00
7.08 READING MATERIAL & OTHER EXPENSES				
Newspaper	each	1.25	1.75	40.00
Magazines	each	6.18	6.18	0.00
7.09 EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES				
School fees	month	31.67	40.06	26.49
Music lessons	month	40.00	50.00	25.00
Text Books				
(a) English form 1	each	27.37	27.02	-1.28
(b) English form 4	each	34.30	30.20	-11.95
(c) Maths form 1	each	28.75	32.20	12.00
(d) Maths form 4	each	33.28	39.11	17.52
(e) Science form 1	each	26.00	29.41	13.12
(e) Biology form 4	each	39.55	40.69	2.88

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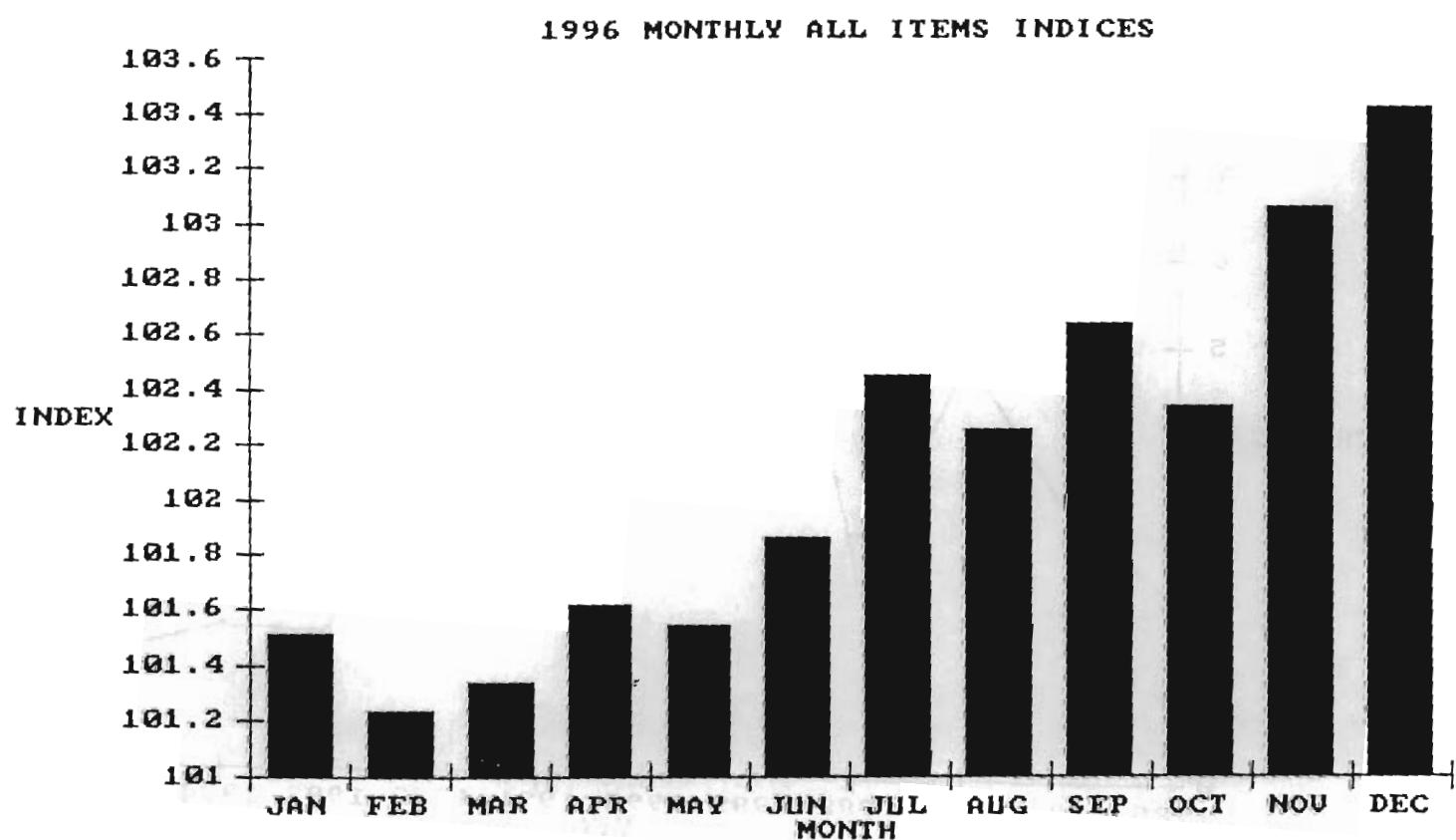


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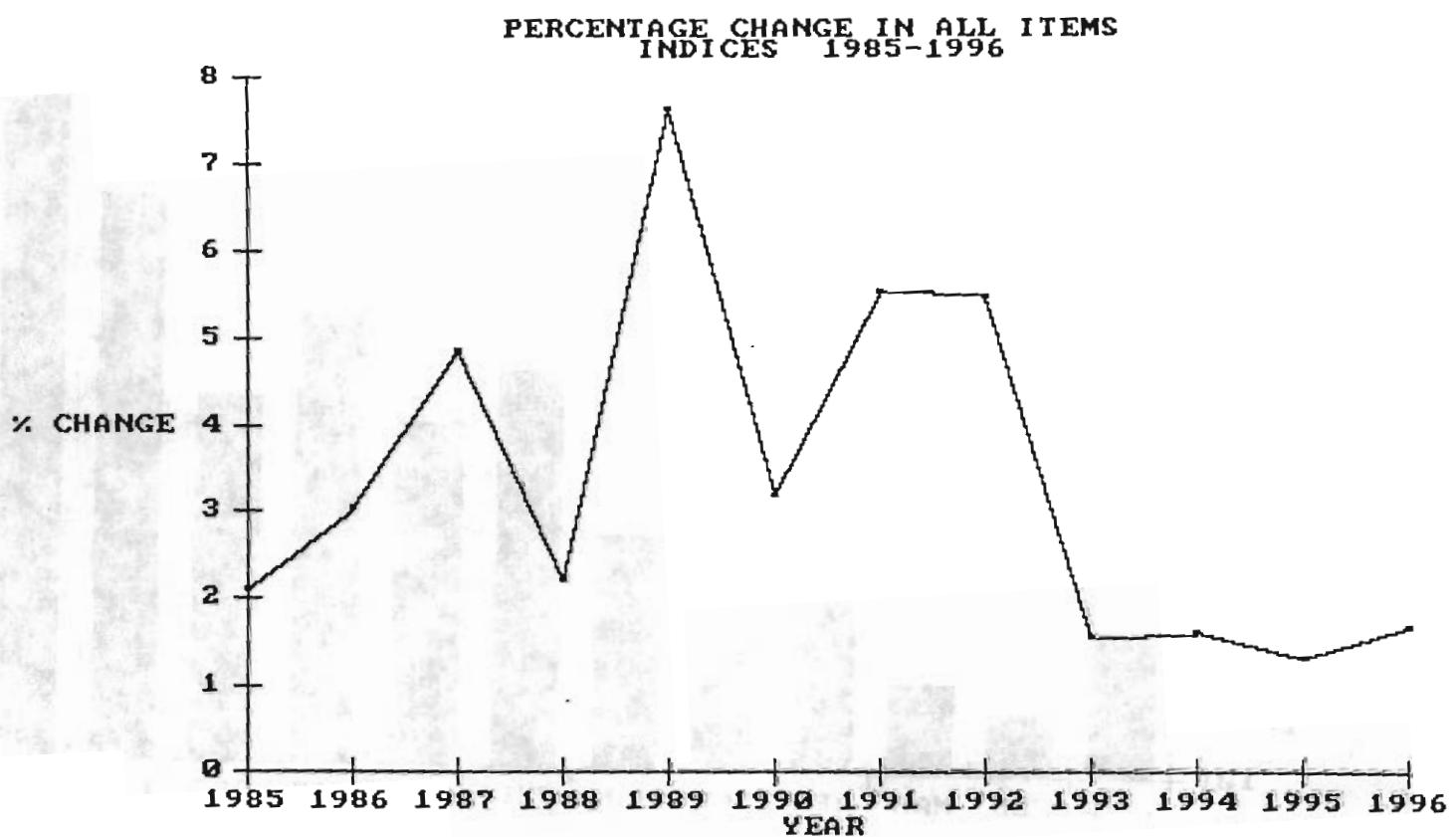


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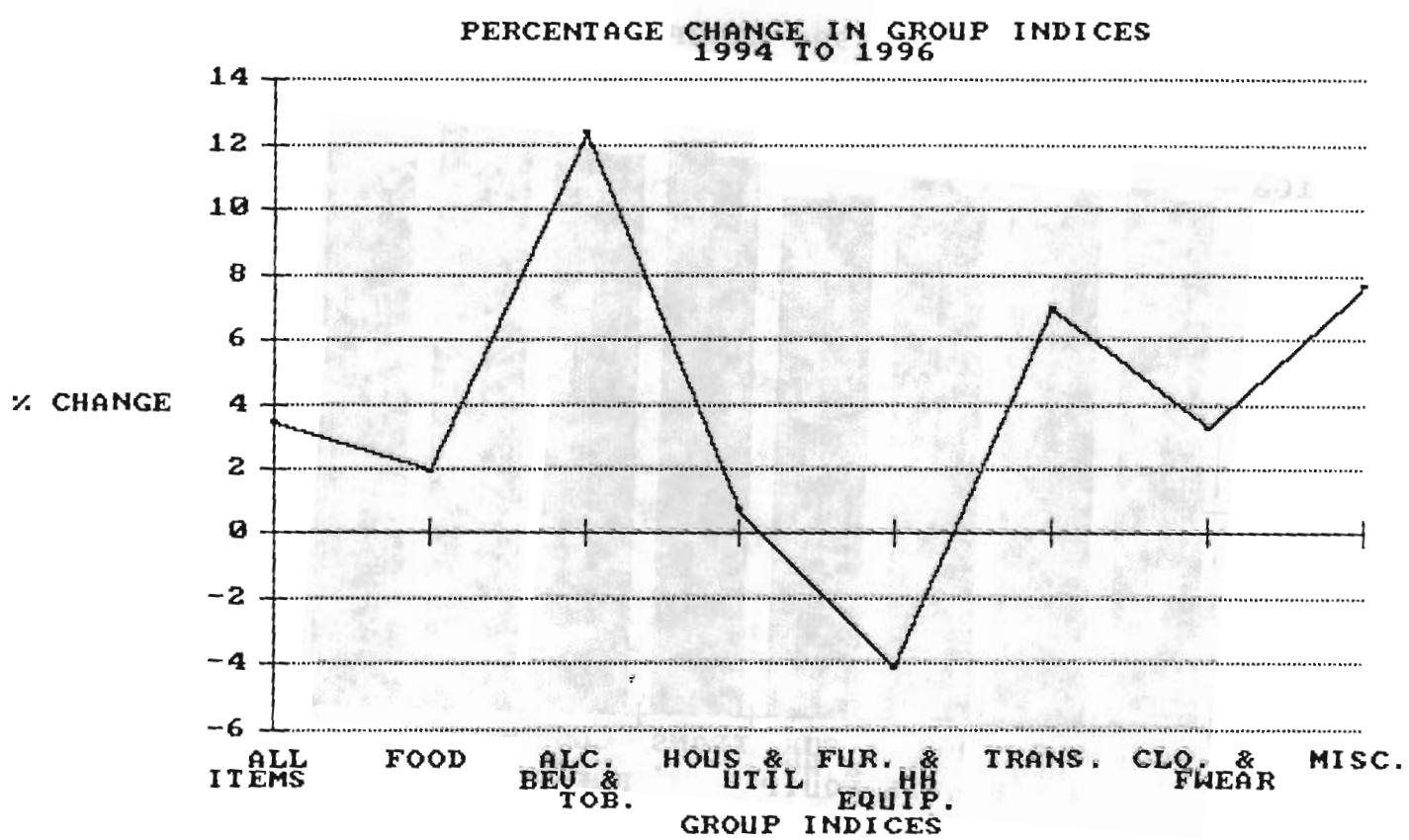
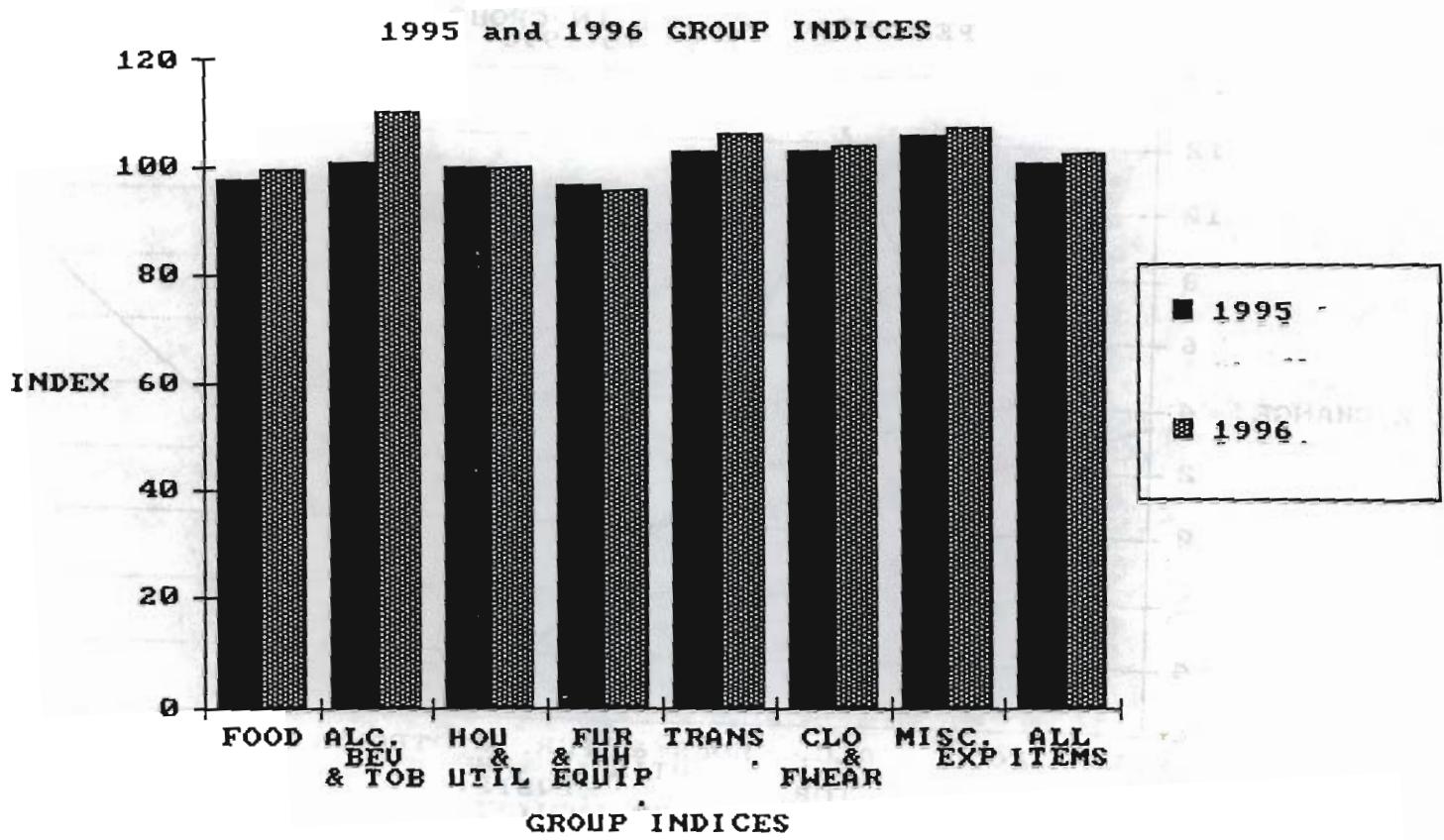


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