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**TUVALU  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
REPORT  
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## OVERVIEW

The prices were started collecting on the 13<sup>th</sup> February and were finalized on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2005. The quality and quantity of the priced items were properly observed with their prices. This is very important to the CPI measurement.

The current CPI calculations is based on the expenditure weights of the base year, September 2003 = 1000. The changes occurred to the CPI were according to the priced commodities that have changed prices.

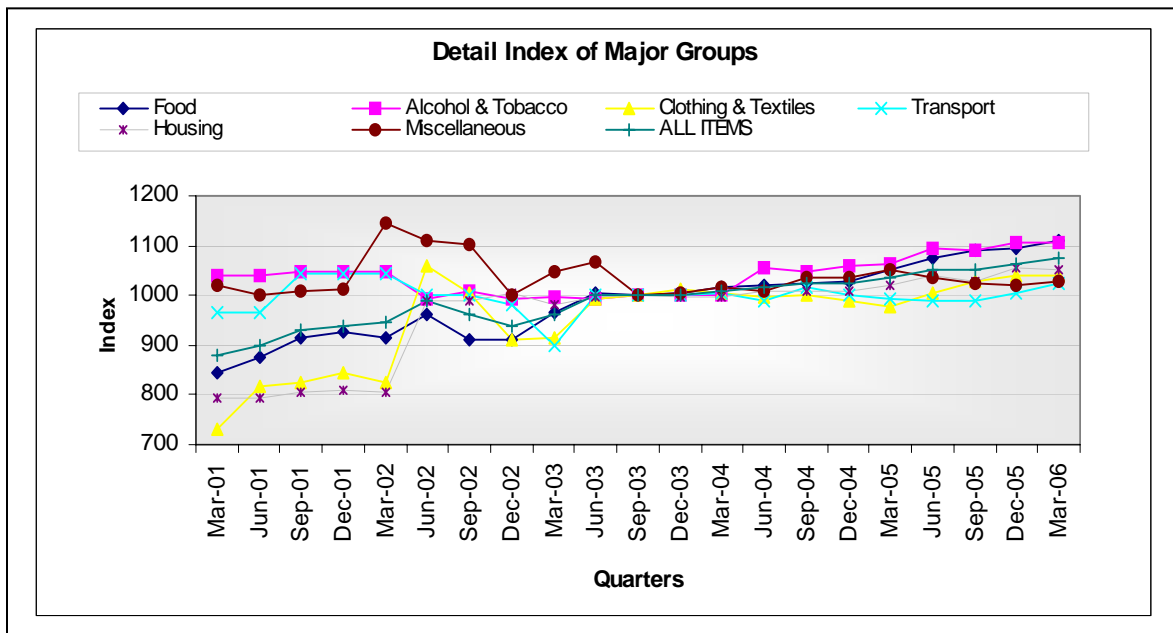
### Outlets

The outlets in which the priced commodities were obtained are the Fetuvalu High School, Tuvalu Gas, NAFICOT, Marine Department, TCS, Island Supermarket, Otinielu Taxis' base, Nui Store, Kaupule Funafuti, Tuvalu General Hardware, Bakery Market, Fusi, Matagi Gali Bar, William's business, Semi & Fili buses, Samuelu Hardware, Saitala & Sulani video library, Manaema Bakery, Setusa & Tima Fish Market, VLH, Education, Telecom, Post Office, Travel Office, TEC, Personnel and Training Department, and finally at the Sunset Bar.

## CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OF TUVALU

The Consumer Price Index experienced a quarterly increase of 0.9% over the last three months. The items with change in prices resulted in the CPI quarterly increase from 1063.9 to 1073.3. This brings the annual inflation rate to 3.6% for this quarter.

The following graph generally provides the contributions of major groups onto the Consumer Price Index of Tuvalu. (Refer to appendix 3)



Studying the trend of the major groups of the CPI over the last five years, it is observed that the entire major groups have a steady increase in their index. Therefore prices of items-to price have been increase within this period.

For this quarter almost all the groups showed a quarterly increase in their index except for the Miscellaneous group.

## **QUARTERLY SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT OF THE CPI**

*Note: Refer to appendix 4*

*(Contributions generally show the contributions of items with price changed, sub-groups and major groups onto the overall net change of the CPI)*

### ***Food Group***

The group has the highest contribution onto the CPI for this quarter. Its index increases from 1093.6 to 1108.2. The sub-groups that show an increase in their index from the priced commodities are the meat, cereals, fruits & vegetables, and the miscellaneous sub-group. The rise in the prices of salt beef, corned beef, fresh tuna and potatoes highly influence the movement of the CPI with a total contribution of 6.7.

Opposing the above increase the dairy produced, beverages and the cooking oil & fats sub-groups experience a quarterly decrease in their index over the last three months. They provide a total contribution of -0.6.

However the group's index increases by 0.5% with a total contribution of 5.6.

### ***Alcohol and Tobacco***

The alcohol sub-group depicts a slightly decrease of -0.1% in its index where the prices of the commodities within the tobacco sub-group remain constant. The change in the price of whisky from \$37.90 to \$36.85 is the only matter that contributes to the change occurred to the group.

Hence the group's index decreases from 1107.0 to 1041.6 with a contribution of -0.07.

### ***Clothing & Textile***

The group's index increases from 1038.5 to 1041.6. The clothing sub-group is the only contributor to this change where the prices of the items within the textiles sub-group did not change since the last three months. The men's T-shirts, brassiere and the clothes from Fiji are the only items of the group that have changed prices.

From the above change in price, the group's index increases by 0.3% with a total contribution of 0.07.

### ***Transport***

The group experienced a quarterly increase in its index from 1006.1 to 1023.8. The sub-groups that contribute to this change are the plane fares, bus & taxi fare and finally the private transport sub-group. Especially the rise in the price of motorcycle tubes from \$17.70 to \$24.00 which has a very high contribution of 2.1 onto the CPI. The other items of the group that contribute to the group's increase in its index are the airfare to Suva-Auckland-Suva, adult bus fare, bicycle, bicycle tube and motor oil. With these changes, the group experienced a quarterly increase of 1.8% with a total contribution of 3.2.

### ***Housing***

The changes in the prices of the items within the house maintenance and the household appliances resulted in the group's quarterly decrease over the last three months. The increase in the prices of paint and washing machine led to the group's contribution of 0.5. The other priced commodities that experienced a decrease in price are the timber, light tube, electric fan and mattress. They provide a total contribution of -1.5.

From the above changes, the group's index has been decreased from 1054.7 to 1051.5 with a contribution of -0.5.

### ***Miscellaneous***

The group shows a slightly increase in it index at this quarter from 1018.4 to 1028.7. The sub-groups that contribute to this increase are the toiletries, cleaning materials and the miscellaneous sub-group. The change in price occurred to baby powder, washing powder, toilet cleaner, mosquito spray and the batteries resulted in the group's contribution of 1.1. From these items, only the mosquito spray shows a decrease in it price.

Thus the group experienced a quarterly increase of 1.0% in it index with a total contribution of 1.1

### **CONCLUSION**

Almost all of the major groups showed an increase in their index since the last three months. The alcohol & tobacco and the housing groups are the only two that experienced a quarterly decrease from their priced commodities. The items that mostly affected the CPI are the salt beef, canned corned beef, fresh tuna, oranges, onions, and motorcycle tubes.

Regarding the CPI movements detailed above, the CPI experienced a quarterly increase of 0.9% and the items with change in price have a total contribution of 9.4 onto the CPI. This brings the annual inflation rate to 3.6%.

## Appendix 1 Expenditure Weights under the revised and previous CPI

The table below shows the expenditure weights at the subgroup level for the revised index and for the previous index.

The weights used in the revised index are shown in the second column from the right. These are based on the best estimate of household expenditure in 2002 shown in the right hand column.

The weights for the revised CPI excluding the Household appliance sub-group are shown in the second column of figures. This allows a more direct comparison with the previous CPI regimen.

The detailed allocations of subgroup weights to priced commodities are available from the Tuvalu Central Statistics Division

	Expenditure weight of the previous CPI (Base 1983), at Sept 2003	Revised CPI on weight base Calendar 2002		
		Expenditure weight excluding Home Appliances	Expenditure weight	Approximately represents an average weekly expenditure per household in 2002
<b>FOOD GROUP</b>				
Subgroup Meat	7.720	11.006	10.393	\$20.82
Subgroup Fish	9.364	3.512	3.316	\$6.64
Subgroup Dairy products	4.901	3.642	3.439	\$6.89
Subgroup Cereals	14.551	11.413	10.778	\$21.59
Subgroup Sugar and sweets	4.183	4.228	3.992	\$8.00
Subgroup Fruit and vegetables	2.721	2.669	2.520	\$5.05
Subgroup Beverages (Non-alcoholic)	2.144	1.556	1.469	\$2.94
Subgroup Cooking oils and fats	1.010	1.132	1.069	\$2.14
Subgroup Miscellaneous food	1.782	1.590	1.502	\$3.01
<b>Food Group</b>	<b>48.376</b>	<b>40.746</b>	<b>38.479</b>	<b>\$77.08</b>
Subgroup Alcohol	4.041	5.308	5.013	\$10.04
Subgroup Tobacco	7.200	9.305	8.787	\$17.60
<b>Alcohol and Tobacco Group</b>	<b>11.241</b>	<b>14.613</b>	<b>13.80</b>	<b>\$27.65</b>
Subgroup Clothing	3.722	1.015	0.959	\$1.92
Subgroup Textiles	2.544	1.596	1.507	\$3.02
<b>Clothing and Textile Group</b>	<b>6.266</b>	<b>2.611</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>\$4.94</b>
Subgroup Ship fares	1.278	2.023	1.910	\$3.83
Subgroup Air fares	1.258	2.266	2.140	\$4.29
Subgroup Bus and taxi fares	1.390	0.423	0.399	\$0.80
Subgroup Private transport	8.232	14.246	13.453	\$26.95
<b>Transport Group</b>	<b>12.157</b>	<b>18.958</b>	<b>17.903</b>	<b>\$35.86</b>
Subgroup House rental	4.406	2.363	2.231	\$4.47
Subgroup House maintenance	3.072	1.756	1.658	\$3.32
Subgroup Fuel and electricity	3.089	7.615	7.191	\$14.41
Subgroup Household appliances <sup>(1)</sup>	---	---	5.565	\$11.15
<b>Housing Group</b>	<b>10.567</b>	<b>11.734</b>	<b>16.645</b>	<b>\$33.34</b>
Subgroup Education	1.430	1.601	1.512	\$3.03
Subgroup Post and telecommunications.	1.526	1.344	1.269	\$2.54
Subgroup Entertainment	2.111	3.172	2.996	\$6.00
Subgroup Toiletries	1.433	1.226	1.157	\$2.32
Subgroup Cleaning materials	2.302	1.866	1.762	\$3.53
Subgroup Fishing gear	1.335	1.159	1.094	\$2.19
Subgroup Miscellaneous	1.255	0.970	0.916	\$1.83
<b>Miscellaneous Group</b>	<b>11.392</b>	<b>11.338</b>	<b>10.707</b>	<b>\$21.45</b>
<b>All Groups</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>100.000</b>	<b>\$200.32</b>

## Appendix 2: Annual CPI

Annual indexes on the base 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2003 are shown in the following table. They have been calculated as the simple average of the constituent quarters using unrounded quarterly index numbers.  
(Base September 2003 = 1000)

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>1 Food Group</b>							
1.1 Meat	818	858	846	947	977	992	1024
1.2 Fish	792	792	876	999	978	1048	1091
1.3 Dairy Produce	798	798	935	950	1000	1078	1176
1.4 Cereals	770	786	794	762	994	1012	1046
1.5 Sugar and Sweets	969	962	1016	1032	981	997	1044
1.6 Fruits & Vegetables	819	814	998	1003	964	1070	1161
1.7 Beverages	1060	1007	958	1014	1073	996	1011
1.8 Cooking Oil and Fats	1291	1215	1251	1152	1112	1113	1301
1.9 Miscellaneous	1005	1118	1097	1110	1050	1049	1280
<b>Total Food Group</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>846</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>925</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1078</b>
<b>2 Alcohol &amp; Tobacco Group</b>							
2.1 Alcohol	1202	1186	1264	1066	1003	1084	1159
2.2 Tobacco	899	912	921	979	995	1016	1048
<b>Total Alcohol &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1044</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>1088</b>
<b>3 Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>							
3.1 Clothing	626	895	760	837	918	1014	1099
3.2 Textiles	785	851	868	1114	1080	987	957
<b>Total Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>804</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1013</b>
<b>4 Transport Group</b>							
4.1 Ship Fares	1465	1092	1092	1023	1000	1000	1000
4.2 Plane Fares	1641	1320	1320	1323	1073	1013	1004
4.3 Bus Fares	833	1000	1000	1000	1000	970	954
4.4 Private Transport	790	866	945	957	952	1003	992
<b>Total Transport Group</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>975</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>994</b>
<b>5 Housing Group</b>							
5.1 House Rentals	559	571	571	893	1000	1000	1000
5.2 House Maintenance	933	967	967	985	993	1032	1039
5.3 Fuel & Utilities	942	927	962	989	991	990	1012
5.4 Household Appliances	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Total Housing Group</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>790</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>994</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>1037</b>
<b>6 Miscellaneous Group</b>							
6.1 Education	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
6.2 Postal and Telecom	1000	1000	1000	1002	1000	901	880
6.3 Entertainment	1640	1640	1640	1640	1320	1038	1050
6.4 Toiletries	1082	1145	1055	1041	1028	1092	1188
6.5 Cleaning Materials	1126	1083	1068	970	978	1068	1028
6.6 Fishing Gear	651	1532	1418	1262	984	1043	1063
6.7 Miscellaneous	629	714	941	825	961	995	1014
<b>Total Misc. Group</b>	<b>1028</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>1011</b>	<b>1090</b>	<b>1031</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1032</b>
<b>All Groups</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1051</b>

### Appendix 3: Quarterly contributions of major groups with sub-groups

The table below provides the quarterly index of the groups that contribute to the observed Consumer Price Index of Tuvalu (Base September 2003 = 1000)

ITEMS	2001			2002				2003				2004				2005				2006
	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar	June	Sep	Dec	Mar
<b>1 Food Group</b>																				
1.1 Meat	822	859	911	948	944	946	951	949	959	1000	1001	992	981	998	998	1001	1023	1032	1040	1062
1.2 Fish	911	902	954	923	1023	1023	1025	938	973	1000	1000	1046	1046	1046	1053	1068	1141	1141	1014	1089
1.3 Dairy Produce	929	940	933	927	952	960	959	985	1000	1000	1013	1096	1089	1044	1086	1151	1178	1174	1200	1188
1.4 Cereals	758	849	812	766	811	721	752	959	1010	1000	1007	1006	1028	1034	978	1039	1026	1052	1066	1069
1.5 Sugar and Sweets	1008	1033	1029	1109	1041	1068	910	936	986	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	990	1018	1018	1070	1070	1070
1.6 Fruits & Vegetables	1015	1017	1011	1028	1271	859	855	886	972	1000	1000	1058	1056	1058	1110	1076	1171	1153	1243	1283
1.7 Beverages	839	954	992	1000	1023	995	1036	1056	1233	1000	1004	971	1003	1004	1004	1004	1004	1004	1032	1019
1.8 Cooking Oil and Fats	1271	1105	1357	1105	1073	1208	1224	1224	1224	1000	1000	1000	1000	1151	1301	1301	1301	1301	1301	1295
1.9 Miscellaneous	988	1118	1148	1092	1253	1047	1047	1163	1015	1000	1024	1035	1035	952	1176	1176	1317	1311	1318	1332
<b>Total Food Group</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>916</b>	<b>963</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>1016</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1027</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>1076</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>1108</b>
<b>2 Alcohol &amp; Tobacco Group</b>																				
2.1 Alcohol	1266	1262	1262	1262	1001	1001	1001	1013	1000	1000	1000	1007	1125	1097	1109	1121	1101	1193	1222	1221
2.2 Tobacco	913	929	929	929	989	1011	986	989	989	1000	1000	1000	1015	1020	1030	1030	1091	1030	1041	1041
<b>Total Alcohol &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1007</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>1048</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>1063</b>	<b>1095</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>1107</b>	<b>1107</b>
<b>3 Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>																				
3.1 Clothing	768	762	774	764	975	886	723	728	884	1000	1061	1033	1005	1008	1009	1002	1082	1145	1169	1176
3.2 Textiles	889	914	951	914	1179	1176	1186	1186	1152	1000	984	984	993	993	978	962	956	956	956	956
<b>Total Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>825</b>	<b>1058</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1014</b>	<b>1003</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>1005</b>	<b>1029</b>	<b>1039</b>	<b>1042</b>
<b>4 Transport Group</b>																				
4.1 Ship Fares	1092	1092	1092	1092	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
4.2 Plane Fares	1320	1320	1320	1320	1325	1325	1325	1145	1145	1000	1000	1023	898	1074	1057	1011	991	987	1028	1043
4.3 Bus Fares	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	900	971	1007	1007	936	936	936	1007
4.4 Private Transport	889	1001	1001	1001	953	954	923	829	977	1000	1001	1004	1004	1013	993	988	988	988	1005	1025
<b>Total Transport Group</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1001</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>1024</b>
<b>5 Housing Group</b>																				
5.1 House Rentals	571	571	571	571	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
5.2 House Maintenance	967	967	967	967	994	985	992	963	994	1000	1014	1030	1037	1027	1036	1039	1034	1038	1045	1036
5.3 Fuel & Utilities	935	986	992	986	975	975	1022	977	1000	1000	989	989	989	992	992	1000	1003	1000	1045	1045
5.4 Household Appliances	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1000	1000	1000	1027	1028	1026	1052	1107	1078	1092	1085
<b>Total Housing Group</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>1004</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>1040</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>1055</b>	<b>1052</b>
<b>6 Miscellaneous Group</b>																				
6.1 Education	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
6.2 Postal and Telecom	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1008	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	868	868	868	868	883	883	883	883
6.3 Entertainment	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1000	1000	1000	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050
6.4 Toiletries	1035	1040	1053	1040	1129	1023	973	1099	1020	1000	992	1042	1107	1111	1111	1232	1223	1164	1134	1138
6.5 Cleaning Materials	1057	1057	1065	1057	991	896	937	899	967	1000	1045	1088	1077	1080	1028	1056	1042	1015	1000	1016
6.6 Fishing Gear	1418	1418	1418	1418	1418	1514	699	910	1035	1000	991	950	939	1093	1191	1165	1040	1024	1024	1024
6.7 Miscellaneous	913	968	968	968	686	822	822	922	922	1000	1000	1041	909	1014	1014	1014	1014	1014	1014	1099
<b>Total Misc. Group</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>1109</b>	<b>1103</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>1069</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1006</b>	<b>1017</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>1034</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>1037</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1029</b>
<b>All Groups</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>931</b>	<b>939</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>940</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1036</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>1053</b>	<b>1064</b>	<b>1073</b>
<b>Annual Inflation Rate</b>	-0.5	3.9	4.6	7.5	9.9	3.2	0.02	1.5	1.2	4.1	6.7	5.1	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.7	3.5	2.8	3.9	3.6
<b>Quarterly Percentage Change</b>	2.1	3.6	0.9	0.7	4.4	-2.7	-2.2	2.2	4.1	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.004	1.2	1.4	0.2	1.1	0.9
<b>Average Annual Percentage Change</b>	0.7	0.7	1.5	3.9	6.5	6.3	5.1	3.6	1.5	1.7	3.4	4.3	4.4	3.9	2.8	2.2	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.5

## Appendix 4: Specifications of the Quarterly Change of the CPI

Quarterly change caused by the priced commodities with change in price.

Item	Base weight	weights (Dec_05)	current weights	Previous Price (\$)	Price Relative (\$)	Current Price (\$)	Quarterly % Change	Contribution
<b>1. FOOD GROUP</b>								
<b>1.1 Meat</b>								
Lamb chops	0.514	0.491	0.498	7.40	7.40	7.50	1.35	0.066
Salt Beef	1.843	2.268	2.353	8.00	8.00	8.30	3.75	0.850
Canned Corned Beef (A)	1.974	1.906	2.035	4.20	4.03	4.30	6.78	1.292
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1040.5</b>	<b>1061.7</b>				<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.209</b>
<b>1.2 Fish</b>								
Fresh Tuna	2.017	2.069	2.317	2.83	2.83	3.17	12.01	2.485
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1014.3</b>	<b>1089.2</b>				<b>7.4</b>	
<b>1.3 Dairy Produce</b>								
Condense Milk	0.590	0.690	0.704	2.40	2.40	2.45	2.08	0.144
Powdered Milk	0.307	0.374	0.388	6.70	6.70	6.95	3.73	0.140
Liquid milk 1 ltrs	0.313	0.329	0.298	2.10	2.10	1.90	-9.52	-0.313
Tin Butter	0.388	0.600	0.564	4.95	4.95	4.65	-6.06	-0.364
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1199.6</b>	<b>1188.2</b>				<b>-1.0</b>	<b>-0.394</b>
<b>1.4 Cereals</b>								
Noodles	0.075	0.060	0.090	0.40	0.40	0.60	50.00	0.300
Weet-Bix	0.377	0.285	0.278	2.15	2.15	2.10	-2.33	-0.066
Sweet Biscuits	0.506	0.485	0.496	2.35	2.35	2.40	2.13	0.103
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1065.8</b>	<b>1069.0</b>				<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.337</b>
<b>1.6 Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>								
Oranges	0.407	0.828	0.666	5.90	5.90	4.75	-19.49	-1.613
Apples	0.356	0.365	0.328	3.90	3.90	3.50	-10.26	-0.375
Pears	0.254	0.388	0.385	5.80	5.80	5.75	-0.86	-0.033
Potatoes	0.352	0.377	0.427	1.50	1.50	1.70	13.33	0.503
Onions	0.352	0.302	0.513	1.50	1.50	2.55	70.00	2.112
Cabbages	0.364	0.465	0.509	3.70	3.70	4.05	9.46	0.440
Frozen Peas	0.065	0.028	0.027	1.70	1.70	1.60	-5.88	-0.017
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1242.7</b>	<b>1283.0</b>				<b>3.2</b>	<b>1.017</b>
<b>1.7 Beverages</b>								
Coffee	0.298	0.246	0.228	2.70	2.70	2.50	-7.41	-0.182
Tea	0.136	0.136	0.136	4.45	4.45	4.45	0.00	0.000
Milo	0.014	0.012	0.012	6.00	6.00	5.95	-0.83	-0.001
Cordial	0.003	0.002	0.002	2.30	2.30	2.20	-4.35	-0.001
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1031.8</b>	<b>1019.3</b>				<b>-1.2</b>	<b>-0.184</b>
<b>1.8 Cooking Oil and Fats</b>								
Margarine	0.372	0.638	0.645	5.00	5.00	5.05	1.00	0.064
Cooking Oil	0.696	0.752	0.739	3.05	3.05	3.00	-1.64	-0.123
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1300.6</b>	<b>1295.0</b>				<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.059</b>
<b>1.9 Miscellaneous Food</b>								
Soy Sauce	0.251	0.318	0.337	1.90	3.45	3.65	5.80	0.185
Vegemite	0.069	0.070	0.072	2.40	3.05	3.15	3.28	0.023
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1318.1</b>	<b>1332.0</b>				<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.208</b>
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1093.6</b>	<b>1108.2</b>				<b>1.3</b>	<b>5.618</b>

Item	Base weight	weights (Dec_05)	current weights	Previous Price (\$)	Price Relative (\$)	Current Price (\$)	Quarterly % Change	Contribution
<b>2. ALCOHOL &amp; TOBACCO</b>								
2.1 Alcohol								
Whisky	0.163	0.245	0.238	37.90	37.90	36.85	-2.77	-0.068
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		1221.9	1220.6				-0.1	
Group's Index(base 1000)		1107.0	1106.5				-0.04	
<b>3. CLOTHING &amp; TEXTILES</b>								
3.1 Clothing								
Men's "T" Shirt	0.145	0.158	0.161	9.25	9.25	9.40	1.62	0.026
Brassiere	0.063	0.053	0.053	3.75	3.75	3.80	1.33	0.007
Clothes from Fiji	0.252	0.216	0.220	76.91	76.91	78.42	1.96	0.042
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		1168.5	1176.3				0.7	0.075
Group's Index(base 1000)		1038.5	1041.6				0.3	
<b>4. TRANSPORT</b>								
4.2 Air Fares								
Fare to Auckland (Air)	0.713	0.613	0.644	653.70	653.70	687.10	5.11	0.313
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		1028.5	1043.1				1.4	
4.3 Bus and taxi Fares								
Fare Adult	0.100	0.114	0.143	0.40	0.40	0.50	25.00	0.285
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		935.7	1007.1				7.6	
4.4 Private Transport								
Motorcycle Tube	5.963	5.963	6.175	17.70	24.00	24.85	3.54	2.112
Bicycle	0.306	0.295	0.326	285.00	285.00	315.00	10.53	0.311
Bicycle Tube	0.104	0.124	0.127	3.80	3.80	3.90	2.63	0.033
Motor Oil	0.084	0.085	0.098	4.70	4.70	5.40	14.89	0.127
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		1005.5	1024.7				1.9	2.582
Group's Index(base 1000)		1006.1	1023.8				1.8	3.181
<b>5. HOUSING</b>								
5.2 House Maintenance								
Timber	0.392	0.388	0.365	4.35	4.35	4.10	-5.75	-0.223
Paint	0.214	0.230	0.250	24.80	24.80	26.90	8.47	0.195
Light Tube	0.076	0.076	0.065	3.80	3.80	3.25	-14.47	-0.110
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		1044.5	1036.2				-0.8	-0.137
5.4 Household Appliances								
Washing machine	0.418	0.416	0.449	570.00	570.00	616.00	8.07	0.336
Electric Fan	0.627	0.708	0.684	74.50	74.50	72.00	-3.36	-0.237
Mattress	0.627	0.594	0.546	77.60	77.60	71.30	-8.12	-0.482
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)		1091.7	1084.8				-0.6	-0.384
Group's Index(base 1000)		1054.7	1051.5				-0.3	-0.521

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<b>6. MISCELLANEOUS</b>								
<b>6.4</b> Toiletries								
Baby Powder	0.078	0.188	0.193	2.30	2.30	2.35	2.17	0.041
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1134.3</b>	<b>1137.8</b>				<b>0.3</b>	
<b>6.5</b> Cleaning Materials								
Washing Powder	0.445	0.518	0.534	3.10	3.10	3.20	3.23	0.167
Toilet Cleaner	0.216	0.166	0.195	2.90	2.90	3.40	17.24	0.287
Mosquito Spray	0.163	0.147	0.130	3.85	3.85	3.40	-11.69	-0.172
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1000.1</b>	<b>1016.1</b>				<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.282</b>
<b>6.7</b> Miscellaneous								
Battery	0.411	0.387	0.464	0.50	0.50	0.60	20.00	0.774
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1014.3</b>	<b>1098.8</b>				<b>8.3</b>	
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1018.4</b>	<b>1028.7</b>				<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.097</b>
<b>All Groups Index (base 1000)</b>		<b>1063.9</b>	<b>1073.3</b>				<b>0.9</b>	<b>9.382</b>