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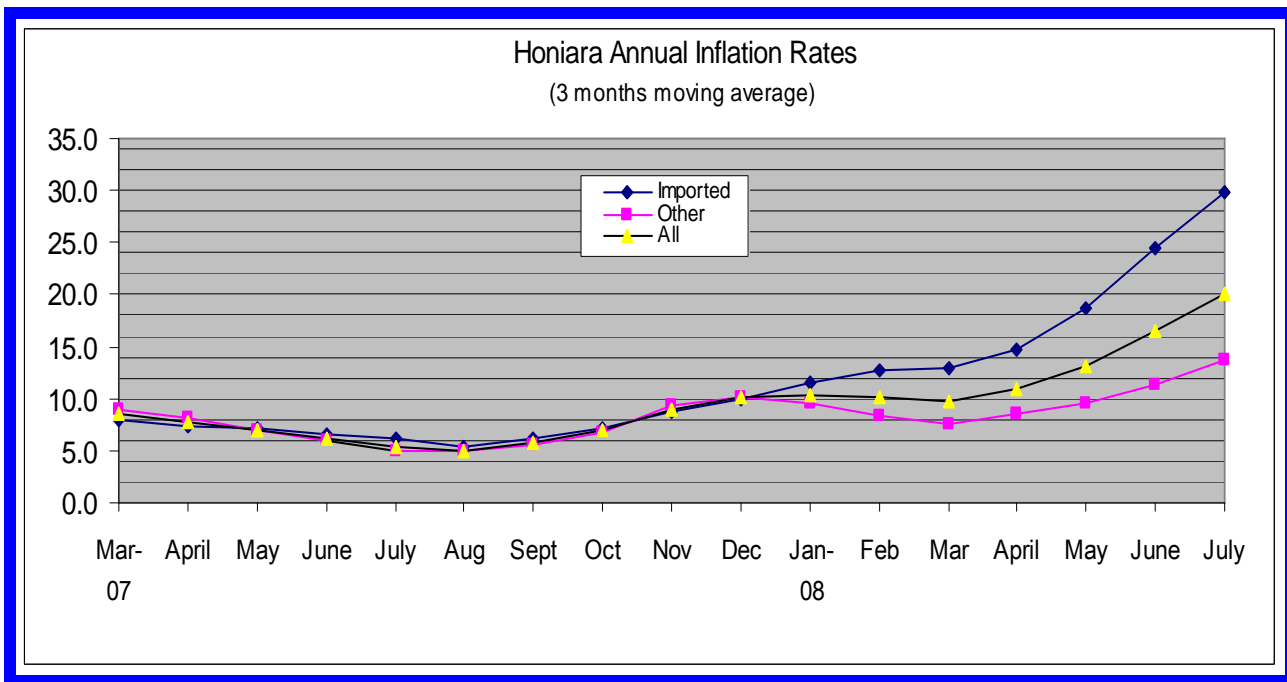
Changes in the Honiara Consumer Price Index

The Honiara Consumer Price Index rose 2.5% from 138.3 in June to 141.8 in July. This was largely due to increases in the prices of Rice, Fuel, Electricity and Domestic Airfares. The unrelenting increase in the price of rice since April 2008 was due to a world wide shortage in supply, while the recorded increases in electricity charges and airfares were caused by the continual increase in fuel prices.

The Food sub-index rose by 1.3% on account of increase in the prices of rice, which rose 4.6% from \$184.9 to \$193.4 per 20kg bag; Fish & Chips, which went up 13.5% to \$14.75 per standard packet; Coral fish [up 0.5% to \$24.25/lb] and Milo [+5% to \$30.70 per 240g can]. Increases were also recorded in the prices of some fresh vegetables at the Honiara Market, notably Tomatoes, which rose 5.6% to \$17.95/kg, and Fern Cabbage [up 17% to \$3.75 per kg]. These were however outweighed by declines in the prices of other market produce such as Ripe Bananas [down 2% to \$2.30/kg] and Spring Onions [-13% to \$16.30/kg] resulting in a slight drop of 0.9% in overall prices at the Honiara Market.

Fuel prices went up again in July. Petrol and Diesel prices rose by 5.7% and 7.4% to \$11.60 and \$13.30 per litre respectively. The persistent increase in fuel prices had forced airlines to increase air fares. Airfares for the Honiara/Auki, and Honiara/Gizo routes rose by 46% and 23%, and were now \$620 and \$1,019 respectively. These had resulted in an increase of 6.8% in the Transport & Communications sub-index.

The Housing & Utilities sub-index also went up 4.1% on account of increases in Electricity charges, which rose 15.9% to \$181.80 per 40 units; Kerosene [up 6.6% to \$14.57/litre], and Cooking Gas which rose by 1.6%.



The annual inflation rate calculated on a three months moving average basis was 20.1% as at the end of July, an increase of 3.6 percentage points over the June figure. The inflation rates for Domestic Items and Imported items were 13.7% and 29.8% respectively.

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
	Wght	429	47	38	181	47	164	76	18	1000	
2006	March	104.5	102.2	113.7	105.0	107.3	103.3	112.3	107.2	105.4	0.7
	April	107.0	99.8	113.8	106.2	107.2	105.1	112.3	107.2	106.9	1.4
	May	109.6	108.6	113.9	106.6	107.2	105.0	112.3	107.0	108.5	1.5
	June	110.6	108.5	113.9	106.9	107.3	105.9	112.3	107.2	109.1	0.6
	July	111.8	113.1	113.9	107.2	107.4	106.3	112.3	107.0	109.9	0.8
	August	111.3	113.3	114.4	107.3	108.2	106.7	112.3	108.0	109.9	0.0
	September	109.5	112.5	114.4	107.3	108.2	106.7	112.3	108.3	109.1	-0.7
	October	110.4	117.3	116.8	108.4	108.6	107.8	112.8	111.6	110.3	1.1
	November	110.2	115.2	118.5	109.2	109.1	107.6	112.9	115.3	110.4	0.1
	December	109.9	111.8	118.9	109.5	109.2	107.6	112.9	116.2	110.2	-0.2
2007	January	111.8	114.6	118.4	126.3	112.7	109.9	113.5	113.5	114.7	4.1
	February	109.7	115.0	119.6	126.7	110.1	108.0	112.9	116.7	113.5	-1.0
	March	110.1	114.5	119.6	126.7	111.3	108.0	113.5	114.9	113.7	0.2
	April	111.6	115.6	119.4	126.3	111.5	108.8	113.5	114.3	114.5	0.7
	May	112.6	115.1	120.2	126.1	112.9	109.0	113.5	113.5	115.0	0.4
	June	113.0	114.6	120.2	126.3	113.0	109.9	113.5	113.5	115.3	0.3
	July	113.2	108.2	120.2	126.9	113.2	109.0	113.5	113.5	115.0	-0.2
	August	113.4	109.4	117.0	127.7	113.2	109.2	113.5	113.4	115.3	0.2
	Sept	116.4	107.1	119.7	128.0	126.3	110.1	114.4	129.5	117.7	2.1
	Oct	118.3	111.9	119.7	128.2	127.2	111.9	114.4	129.5	119.1	1.2
	Nov	125.6	111.9	119.0	129.8	128.9	112.2	114.4	136.8	122.8	3.1
	Dec	121.6	128.3	118.8	130.3	129.0	114.1	114.4	136.8	122.2	-0.4
2008	January	123.1	126.8	118.8	138.6	128.7	116.1	117.3	136.2	124.8	2.1
	February	124.9	126.8	118.6	138.6	128.9	115.8	117.3	137.6	125.6	0.6
	March	123.1	122.7	118.6	138.7	129.1	116.7	117.3	137.9	124.8	-0.6
	April	129.7	125.1	119.2	142.0	129.9	119.5	117.3	137.0	128.8	3.2
	May	141.8	122.9	120.1	142.3	131.9	121.3	117.3	141.0	134.5	4.4
	June	147.1	123.5	120.5	145.0	135.5	126.7	117.3	141.5	138.3	2.9
	July	148.9	124.0	120.5	151.0	136.8	135.3	117.3	147.0	141.8	2.5
Table 1.1: Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>											
2007	January	9.1	8.8	4.0	19.9	5.3	5.8	0.4	5.9	9.3	
	February	6.8	10.0	5.0	20.9	2.8	5.0	0.5	8.8	8.5	
	March	5.4	12.1	5.2	20.6	3.8	4.5	1.1	7.2	7.9	
	April	4.3	15.9	4.9	19.0	4.0	3.5	1.1	6.6	7.1	
	May	2.7	6.0	5.5	18.3	5.3	3.8	1.1	6.1	6.0	
	June	2.1	5.7	5.5	18.2	5.3	3.8	1.1	5.9	5.7	
	July	1.2	-4.3	5.5	18.4	5.4	2.5	1.1	6.1	4.6	
	August	1.9	-3.4	2.3	19.0	4.7	2.4	1.1	5.0	4.9	
	September	6.3	-4.7	4.6	19.3	16.7	3.1	1.8	19.6	7.9	
	October	7.2	-4.7	2.4	18.2	17.1	3.7	1.5	16.1	8.0	
	November	14.0	-2.8	0.4	18.8	18.1	4.3	1.4	18.6	11.2	
	December	10.6	14.8	-0.1	18.9	18.1	6.1	1.4	17.7	10.9	
2008	January	10.1	10.7	0.4	9.7	14.3	5.7	3.3	20.0	8.8	
	February	13.8	10.3	-0.8	9.5	17.0	7.2	3.9	17.9	10.6	
	March	11.8	7.2	-0.8	9.5	15.9	8.1	3.3	20.0	9.8	
	April	16.2	8.2	-0.2	12.4	16.5	9.8	3.3	19.9	12.5	
	May	25.9	6.8	0.0	12.8	16.8	11.3	3.3	24.2	17.0	
	June	30.2	7.8	0.3	14.8	19.9	15.3	3.3	24.6	20.0	
	July	31.6	14.7	0.3	19.0	20.9	24.1	3.3	29.5	23.3	
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2007	March	7.1	10.3	4.7	20.4	4.0	5.1	0.7	7.3	8.6	
	April	5.5	12.6	5.0	20.1	3.5	4.3	0.9	7.5	7.8	
	May	4.1	11.2	5.2	19.3	4.4	3.9	1.1	6.6	7.0	
	June	3.0	9.0	5.3	18.5	4.9	3.7	1.1	6.2	6.3	
	July	2.0	2.3	5.5	18.3	5.3	3.4	1.1	6.0	5.4	
	August	1.8	-0.8	4.4	18.5	5.1	2.9	1.1	5.6	5.1	
	September	3.1	-4.2	4.1	18.9	8.9	2.7	1.3	10.2	5.8	
	October	5.1	-4.3	3.1	18.9	12.8	3.1	1.4	13.6	6.9	
	November	9.2	-4.1	2.4	18.8	17.3	3.7	1.6	18.1	9.0	
	December	10.6	2.3	0.9	18.7	17.8	4.7	1.4	17.5	10.0	
2008	January	11.6	7.5	0.2	15.5	16.8	5.3	2.1	18.8	10.3	
	February	11.5	11.9	-0.2	12.4	16.4	6.3	2.9	18.5	10.1	
	March	11.9	9.4	-0.4	9.6	15.7	7.0	3.5	19.3	9.7	
	April	14.0	8.5	-0.6	10.4	16.5	8.4	3.5	19.3	11.0	
	May	18.0	7.4	-0.3	11.6	16.4	9.7	3.3	21.4	13.1	
	June	24.1	7.6	0.0	13.3	17.8	12.2	3.3	22.9	16.5	
	July	29.2	9.6	0.2	15.5	19.2	16.9	3.3	26.1	20.1	

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- nications	health & Oth. Serv.	llaneous	Items	Change		
	Wght	186	4	31	52	34	50	23	18	398		
2006	March	102.7	110.8	110.1	106.0	101.5	98.9	131.5	107.2	105.1	0.6	
	April	103.0	110.8	110.3	109.9	101.4	104.1	131.5	107.2	106.4	1.3	
	May	103.4	110.8	110.3	109.9	101.4	104.1	131.5	107.0	106.6	0.2	
	June	106.8	110.8	110.3	110.9	101.5	106.9	131.5	107.2	108.7	1.9	
	July	108.0	110.8	110.3	111.8	101.7	108.1	131.5	107.0	109.5	0.8	
	August	107.7	110.8	111.0	111.5	102.7	109.4	131.5	108.0	109.7	0.2	
	September	107.9	110.8	111.0	111.5	102.8	109.6	131.6	108.3	109.8	0.1	
	October	109.4	110.8	114.0	114.2	103.3	110.3	131.8	111.6	111.4	1.4	
	November	110.6	113.0	116.0	112.8	104.0	108.0	132.0	115.3	111.9	0.5	
	December	110.7	113.0	116.5	113.0	104.1	108.1	132.0	116.2	112.1	0.1	
	2007	January	111.9	113.0	115.9	112.2	106.3	115.6	134.1	113.5	113.6	1.4
		February	112.1	113.0	117.4	113.3	104.3	109.5	132.0	116.7	113.0	-0.5
March		111.8	113.0	117.3	113.3	105.9	109.5	134.1	114.9	113.1	0.0	
April		112.0	113.0	117.1	112.2	106.0	112.1	134.1	114.3	113.3	0.2	
May		114.4	113.0	118.0	111.4	106.7	112.6	134.1	113.5	114.5	1.1	
June		114.7	113.0	118.0	112.2	106.7	115.6	134.1	113.5	115.1	0.5	
July		114.5	113.0	118.0	114.1	107.0	112.6	134.1	113.5	114.9	-0.2	
August		114.6	115.9	114.2	117.0	107.0	113.4	134.1	113.4	115.2	0.2	
September		118.1	117.1	117.4	115.1	120.8	115.4	137.0	129.5	119.1	3.5	
October		119.1	117.1	117.4	115.5	120.5	121.2	137.3	129.5	120.4	1.1	
November		120.8	117.1	116.6	121.2	122.3	122.2	137.3	136.8	122.5	1.7	
December		126.3	117.1	116.4	122.8	122.6	128.6	137.3	136.8	126.1	2.9	
2008	January	126.9	117.1	116.4	129.0	122.3	135.1	137.9	136.2	127.9	1.5	
	February	126.7	117.1	116.2	129.0	122.4	134.1	137.9	137.6	127.8	-0.1	
	March	126.8	117.1	116.2	129.2	122.7	135.4	137.9	137.9	128.1	0.2	
	April	133.4	117.1	116.8	137.7	123.5	144.5	137.9	137.0	133.5	4.2	
	May	151.3	117.1	118.0	138.5	124.2	147.7	137.9	141.0	142.7	6.9	
	June	160.1	117.1	118.5	148.0	126.4	165.3	137.9	141.5	150.5	5.5	
	July	164.1	117.1	118.5	151.3	128.1	171.6	137.9	147.0	154.0	2.3	
Table 2.1: Percentage Change in Imported Items Index by Group												
<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>												
2007	January	9.8	2.0	5.0	6.4	5.1	15.1	0.1	5.9	8.2		
	February	9.8	2.0	6.4	7.7	3.0	12.3	0.4	8.8	8.2		
	March	8.8	2.0	6.5	6.9	4.3	10.7	1.9	7.2	7.6		
	April	8.8	2.0	6.2	2.0	4.5	7.7	1.9	6.6	6.5		
	May	10.6	2.0	7.0	1.4	5.2	8.1	1.9	6.1	7.4		
	June	7.4	2.0	7.0	1.2	5.1	8.1	1.9	5.9	5.9		
	July	6.1	2.0	7.0	2.0	5.2	4.2	1.9	6.1	5.0		
	August	6.3	4.6	2.8	4.9	4.2	3.7	1.9	5.0	5.0		
	September	9.4	5.7	5.8	3.2	17.5	5.3	4.1	19.6	8.5		
	October	8.9	5.7	3.1	1.2	16.6	9.9	4.1	16.1	8.1		
	November	9.2	3.6	0.5	7.5	17.5	13.2	4.0	18.6	9.5		
	December	14.1	3.6	-0.1	8.7	17.8	19.0	4.0	17.7	12.5		
2008	January	13.4	3.6	0.5	14.9	15.0	16.9	2.8	20.0	12.6		
	February	13.0	3.6	-1.0	13.9	17.4	22.5	4.4	17.9	13.1		
	March	13.5	3.6	-1.0	14.0	15.9	23.7	2.8	20.0	13.3		
	April	19.1	3.6	-0.3	22.8	16.5	28.9	2.8	19.9	17.8		
	May	32.2	3.6	-0.1	24.3	16.4	31.1	2.8	24.2	24.6		
	June	39.6	3.6	0.4	31.9	18.4	43.0	2.8	24.6	30.7		
	July	43.3	3.6	0.4	32.6	19.7	52.4	2.8	29.5	34.0		
<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>												
2007	March	9.5	2.0	6.0	7.0	4.1	12.7	0.8	7.3	8.0		
	April	9.1	2.0	6.4	5.5	3.9	10.2	1.4	7.5	7.4		
	May	9.4	2.0	6.6	3.4	4.6	8.8	1.9	6.6	7.2		
	June	8.9	2.0	6.7	1.5	4.9	8.0	1.9	6.2	6.6		
	July	8.0	2.0	7.0	1.5	5.2	6.8	1.9	6.0	6.1		
	August	6.6	2.9	5.6	2.7	4.8	5.3	1.9	5.6	5.3		
	September	7.3	4.1	5.2	3.4	9.0	4.4	2.7	10.2	6.2		
	October	8.2	5.4	3.9	3.1	12.8	6.3	3.4	13.6	7.2		
	November	9.2	5.0	3.1	3.9	17.2	9.4	4.1	18.1	8.7		
	December	10.7	4.3	1.1	5.8	17.3	14.0	4.0	17.5	10.0		
	2008	January	12.2	3.6	0.3	10.3	16.8	16.3	3.6	18.8	11.5	
		February	13.5	3.6	-0.2	12.5	16.7	19.4	3.7	18.5	12.7	
March		13.3	3.6	-0.5	14.3	16.1	21.0	3.3	19.3	13.0		
April		15.2	3.6	-0.7	16.9	16.6	25.1	3.3	19.3	14.7		
May		21.7	3.6	-0.4	20.3	16.3	28.0	2.8	21.4	18.6		
June		30.4	3.6	0.0	26.3	17.1	34.4	2.8	22.9	24.4		
July		38.4	3.6	0.2	29.6	18.2	42.2	2.8	26.1	29.8		

Table 3: Price Index of Other Items By Group

Year/ Month	Food	Drinks	Clothing	Housing	Household	Transport	Recreation	Misce-	All	(%)	
		& Tobacco	& Footwear	& Utilities	Operations	& Commu- nications	health & Oth. Serv.	llaneous	Items	Change	
	Wght	243	43	7	129	13	114	53	602		
2006	March	105.8	101.4	129.5	104.6	122.2	105.3	103.9	--	105.6	0.8
	April	110.1	98.8	129.5	104.6	122.2	105.5	103.9	--	107.2	1.5
	May	114.4	108.4	129.5	105.3	122.2	105.4	103.9	--	109.7	2.4
	June	113.6	108.2	129.5	105.3	122.3	105.4	103.9	--	109.4	-0.3
	July	114.7	113.3	129.5	105.3	122.3	105.5	103.9	--	110.2	0.8
	August	114.0	113.6	129.5	105.6	122.5	105.5	103.9	--	110.0	-0.2
	September	110.7	112.6	129.5	105.6	122.5	105.5	103.9	--	108.7	-1.3
	October	111.1	118.0	129.5	106.1	122.5	106.8	104.5	--	109.6	0.8
	November	109.9	115.4	129.5	107.8	122.5	107.4	104.5	--	109.4	-0.2
	December	109.3	111.7	129.5	108.1	122.6	107.4	104.5	--	109.0	-0.4
2007	January	111.7	114.7	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.4	5.9
	February	107.9	115.2	129.5	132.0	125.4	107.4	104.5	--	113.8	-1.4
	March	108.8	114.6	129.5	132.0	125.5	107.4	104.5	--	114.2	0.3
	April	111.3	115.9	129.5	132.0	126.0	107.4	104.5	--	115.3	1.0
	May	111.2	115.3	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.3	0.0
	June	111.7	114.7	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.4	0.1
	July	112.2	107.7	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.1	-0.3
	August	112.5	108.8	129.5	132.0	129.3	107.4	104.5	--	115.3	0.2
	Sep	115.1	106.2	129.5	133.3	140.7	107.8	104.5	--	116.8	1.2
	Oct	117.7	111.4	129.5	133.3	144.7	107.8	104.5	--	118.3	1.3
	Nov	129.2	111.4	129.5	133.3	146.1	107.8	104.5	--	122.9	3.9
	Dec	118.0	129.3	129.5	133.3	145.7	107.8	104.5	--	119.7	-2.6
2008	Jan	120.1	127.5	129.5	142.5	145.7	107.8	108.3	--	122.7	2.5
	Feb	123.5	127.7	129.5	142.5	145.7	107.8	108.3	--	124.1	1.1
	March	120.3	123.2	129.5	142.5	145.7	108.5	108.3	--	122.7	-1.2
	April	126.9	125.8	129.5	143.7	146.6	108.5	108.3	--	125.8	2.5
	May	134.6	123.4	129.5	143.8	152.2	109.8	108.3	--	129.1	2.6
	June	137.2	124.1	129.5	143.8	159.4	109.8	108.3	--	130.3	1.0
	July	137.3	124.7	129.5	150.9	159.4	119.4	108.3	--	133.8	2.6

Table 3.1: Percentage Change in Other Items Index by Group

<i>(a) on the same month a year ago</i>										
2007	January	8.5	9.5	0.0	25.3	5.8	2.0	0.6	--	10.1
	February	4.6	10.7	0.0	26.2	2.6	2.0	0.6	--	8.7
	March	2.8	13.1	0.0	26.2	2.7	2.0	0.6	--	8.1
	April	1.2	17.3	0.0	26.2	3.1	1.7	0.6	--	7.5
	May	-2.7	6.4	0.0	25.4	5.8	1.9	0.6	--	5.1
	June	-1.7	6.0	0.0	25.4	5.7	1.9	0.6	--	5.5
	July	-2.2	-4.9	0.0	25.4	5.7	1.8	0.6	--	4.4
	August	-1.3	-4.2	0.0	25.0	5.6	1.8	0.6	--	4.8
	Sep	3.9	-5.7	0.0	26.2	14.9	2.2	0.6	--	7.5
	Oct	6.0	-5.6	0.0	25.6	18.2	0.9	0.0	--	7.9
	Nov	17.6	-3.4	0.0	23.7	19.3	0.4	0.0	--	12.4
	Dec	7.9	15.8	0.0	23.3	18.8	0.4	0.0	--	9.8
2008	Jan	7.6	11.1	0.0	7.9	12.7	0.4	3.6	--	6.4
	Feb	14.4	10.9	0.0	7.9	16.2	0.4	3.6	--	9.0
	March	10.6	7.5	0.0	7.9	16.1	1.1	3.6	--	7.4
	April	13.9	8.6	0.0	8.8	16.4	1.1	3.6	--	9.1
	May	21.0	7.0	0.0	8.9	17.7	2.2	3.6	--	12.0
	June	22.8	8.2	0.0	8.9	23.3	2.2	3.6	--	12.9
	July	22.5	15.7	0.0	14.2	23.3	11.2	3.6	--	16.2

<i>(b) 3 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>										
2007	March	5.3	11.1	0.0	25.9	3.7	2.0	0.6	--	9.0
	April	2.8	13.7	0.0	26.2	2.8	1.9	0.6	--	8.1
	May	0.3	12.1	0.0	25.9	3.9	1.9	0.6	--	6.9
	June	-1.1	9.7	0.0	25.7	4.8	1.8	0.6	--	6.0
	July	-2.2	2.4	0.0	25.4	5.7	1.9	0.6	--	5.0
	August	-1.7	-1.1	0.0	25.3	5.7	1.8	0.6	--	4.9
	Sep	0.1	-4.9	0.0	25.5	8.7	1.9	0.6	--	5.5
	Oct	2.8	-5.1	0.0	25.6	12.9	1.6	0.4	--	6.7
	Nov	9.1	-4.9	0.0	25.1	17.4	1.1	0.2	--	9.3
	Dec	10.5	2.1	0.0	24.2	18.8	0.5	0.0	--	10.1
2008	Jan	11.0	7.7	0.0	17.6	16.9	0.4	1.2	--	9.5
	Feb	9.9	12.6	0.0	12.4	15.8	0.4	2.4	--	8.4
	March	10.8	9.8	0.0	7.9	14.9	0.6	3.6	--	7.6
	April	13.0	9.0	0.0	8.2	16.2	0.8	3.6	--	8.5
	May	15.2	7.7	0.0	8.6	16.7	1.5	3.6	--	9.5
	June	19.2	7.9	0.0	8.9	19.2	1.8	3.6	--	11.3
	July	22.1	10.2	0.0	10.7	21.4	5.2	3.6	--	13.7

Table 4: The Honiara Consumer Price Index By Group (Sliced Series)

Year/Month	Food	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Operations	Transport & Com'cations	Recreation, Health & Other Serv	Miscellaneous	All Items	%'age Change	
(4th Quarter 1992 = 100)											
2005	January	295.2	326.4	140.0	341.7	260.1	324.7	343.1	209.0	293.5	
	February	300.2	326.6	140.0	333.0	260.3	321.3	343.1	209.4	294.6	0.4
	March	306.0	326.5	140.0	334.7	261.2	322.6	343.0	211.4	297.8	1.1
	April	304.1	326.4	140.0	334.7	261.2	329.6	344.2	214.2	297.7	0.0
	May	314.8	309.8	140.1	350.7	270.3	327.7	350.2	213.4	304.9	2.4
	June	311.7	316.0	140.1	365.7	271.2	327.7	350.2	213.5	305.6	0.2
	July	317.9	316.0	140.1	364.2	271.7	398.6	350.4	214.7	315.4	3.2
	August	328.2	321.6	140.1	366.7	273.6	398.3	350.4	215.3	321.0	1.8
	September	321.2	321.4	140.1	368.2	274.1	399.8	350.7	216.0	318.1	-0.9
	October	315.6	321.2	140.1	371.8	273.4	397.4	350.7	216.4	315.4	-0.8
	November	315.9	321.2	140.1	373.1	273.7	407.1	350.7	216.4	317.0	0.5
	December	318.4	325.2	140.1	372.7	273.9	400.1	350.7	216.7	317.4	0.1
2006	January	324.5	339.7	159.5	392.7	292.6	416.8	396.3	232.0	332.1	4.6
	February	325.1	337.3	159.5	390.5	292.9	413.2	393.8	232.0	331.3	-0.2
	March	330.7	329.5	159.2	391.3	293.5	414.9	393.8	232.0	333.7	0.7
	April	338.7	321.9	159.4	395.6	293.3	422.0	393.8	232.0	338.4	1.4
	May	347.1	350.3	159.5	397.3	293.4	421.6	393.8	231.6	343.4	1.5
	June	350.3	349.8	159.5	398.3	293.6	425.1	393.8	232.0	345.4	0.6
	July	353.9	364.7	159.5	399.3	293.9	426.7	393.8	231.6	348.0	0.8
	August	352.3	365.5	160.3	399.8	296.0	428.4	393.8	233.7	347.9	0.0
	September	346.7	362.7	160.3	399.8	296.1	428.6	393.9	234.4	345.5	-0.7
	October	349.4	378.5	163.6	403.9	297.2	433.0	395.6	241.5	349.2	1.1
	November	348.9	371.5	166.0	406.9	298.6	431.9	395.8	249.5	349.5	0.1
	December	347.9	360.5	166.6	408.1	298.9	432.0	395.8	251.4	348.9	-0.2
2007	January	353.9	369.6	165.8	470.7	308.3	441.2	398.0	245.6	363.1	4.1
	February	347.4	370.9	167.5	471.9	301.3	433.7	395.8	252.5	359.4	-1.0
	March	348.6	369.2	167.5	471.9	304.6	433.7	398.0	248.7	360.0	0.2
	April	353.4	372.9	167.3	470.7	305.1	436.9	398.0	247.3	362.5	0.7
	May	356.6	371.3	168.3	469.9	309.0	437.5	398.0	245.6	364.0	0.4
	June	357.7	369.6	168.3	470.7	309.2	441.2	398.0	245.6	365.0	0.3
	July	358.3	348.9	168.3	472.7	309.6	437.5	398.0	245.6	364.2	-0.2
	August	359.1	353.0	163.9	475.8	309.7	438.5	398.0	245.5	364.9	0.2
	September	368.5	345.5	167.6	477.1	345.5	442.0	401.0	280.3	372.7	2.1
	October	374.6	360.8	167.6	477.6	348.0	449.2	401.4	280.3	377.1	1.2
	November	397.6	361.0	166.7	483.6	352.6	450.4	401.4	295.9	388.7	3.1
	December	385.0	413.8	166.4	485.4	353.0	458.2	401.4	295.9	387.0	-0.4
2008	January	389.6	409.0	166.4	516.5	352.3	466.1	411.2	294.7	395.1	2.1
	February	395.3	409.0	166.2	516.5	352.6	465.0	411.2	297.8	397.6	0.6
	March	389.9	395.8	166.2	516.7	353.1	468.8	411.2	298.4	395.2	-0.6
	April	410.6	403.4	166.9	529.0	355.4	479.9	411.2	296.6	407.9	3.2
	May	449.0	396.3	168.2	530.0	361.0	487.1	411.2	305.1	425.7	4.4
	June	465.7	398.5	168.8	540.2	370.8	508.7	411.2	306.2	438.0	2.9
	July	471.5	400.1	168.8	562.5	374.2	543.2	411.2	318.1	449.0	2.5
Percentage Change in the CPI by Group											
<i>(b) 12 months moving average on same period a year ago</i>											
2007	January	9.7	10.1	14.1	12.3	9.2	15.1	11.9	10.0	10.9	
	February	9.6	10.6	13.2	12.7	8.3	13.2	10.7	9.8	10.6	
	March	9.3	11.6	12.5	13.1	7.6	11.4	9.5	9.6	10.2	
	April	8.7	13.0	11.7	13.2	6.9	9.5	8.3	9.4	9.7	
	May	8.1	12.4	10.9	13.7	6.7	7.7	7.3	9.2	9.1	
	June	7.2	11.9	10.2	14.4	6.4	5.9	6.4	8.9	8.5	
	July	6.3	10.2	9.5	15.2	6.2	5.5	5.5	8.8	8.0	
	August	5.9	8.7	8.5	16.0	5.9	5.1	4.5	8.5	7.7	
	Sept	5.7	7.1	7.7	16.8	6.7	4.7	3.7	9.4	7.7	
	Oct	5.5	5.2	6.6	17.6	7.4	4.3	2.8	9.8	7.5	
	Nov	5.8	3.7	5.2	18.4	8.2	4.2	2.0	10.2	7.6	
	Dec	6.0	4.1	3.7	19.1	8.9	4.0	1.1	10.4	7.7	
2008	January	6.1	4.3	3.4	18.2	9.7	4.0	1.4	11.6	7.6	
	February	6.6	4.4	2.9	17.1	10.9	4.2	1.6	12.4	7.8	
	March	7.2	4.0	2.4	16.1	11.9	4.5	1.8	13.5	8.0	
	April	8.2	3.5	2.0	15.6	12.9	5.1	2.0	14.6	8.4	
	May	10.1	3.6	1.6	15.1	13.9	5.7	2.2	16.1	9.4	
	June	12.5	3.8	1.1	14.8	15.1	6.7	2.4	17.6	10.6	
	July	15.1	5.3	0.7	14.9	16.4	8.5	2.6	19.5	12.1	

Table 5. Comparative Prices of Selected Commodities

Table 5. COMPARATIVE PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES																					
DESCRIPTION	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006				2007					2008							
	Year	Year	Year	Year	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
FOOD																					
RICE (Solrais: 20kg Bag)	67.69	81.08	83.85	91.70	95.10	97.72	103.07	103.21	103.18	107.07	109.00	109.00	109.08	119.45	119.45	119.45	119.45	129.00	168.30	184.90	193.43
NOODLE (Maggi: 85g pkt)	1.50	1.76	1.84	2.02	2.04	2.11	2.19	2.26	2.28	2.27	2.25	2.26	2.28	2.28	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.34	2.56	2.56
FLOUR (plain white flour: 25kg bag)	60.23	93.36	114.86	110.05	113.13	114.13	114.63	114.63	116.79	121.13	123.02	136.80	150.38	160.38	160.38	171.25	171.25	177.50	177.13	177.25	177.25
CHICKEN WING (imported, 500g pkt)	15.44	20.42	20.63	18.67	19.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50	23.50	24.83	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
TUNA (second grade Taiyo: 180g can)	3.73	3.93	4.70	4.94	5.03	5.03	5.05	5.06	5.07	5.33	5.29	5.22	5.27	5.27	5.27	5.27	5.27	6.20	6.20	6.68	6.68
KIMARA HEAPS (\$/Kg)	3.65	2.05	1.72	2.28	2.40	2.31	2.21	2.19	2.31	2.50	2.29	3.04	10.31	3.77	3.55	3.15	3.12	2.86	3.77	3.86	3.76
Slippery Cabbage \$/Kg	5.82	3.88	4.24	4.94	3.69	4.32	5.39	6.64	6.97	5.93	6.39	5.49	5.31	5.46	5.81	6.51	5.71	9.22	10.12	9.95	9.55
WHITE SUGAR (Chelsea, 500grm pkt)	2.77	3.22	3.36	3.47	3.57	3.62	3.68	3.70	3.86	4.40	4.43	4.36	4.47	4.52	4.60	4.62	4.62	4.68	4.77	4.90	4.95
SALT (Sky salt, 1kg,)	3.17	3.95	3.71	4.22	4.49	4.49	4.51	4.53	4.56	4.76	4.64	4.52	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.43	4.50	4.50
DRINKS & TOBACCO																					
SOLBREW BEER (Solbrew, 355ml bottle)	4.87	6.07	6.07	6.16	6.87	6.80	6.82	6.84	6.87	7.84	8.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
TWIST TOBACCO (per stick)	5.50	7.02	7.02	7.31	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.43	7.51	7.51	7.50	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.52	7.76	7.86	7.88	7.88
UTILITIES																					
WATER CHARGES (500gal)	26.13	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	29.20	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86	61.86
ELECTRICITY (40 units)	44.89	74.50	74.50	81.90	101.02	101.02	101.02	101.02	101.02	120.69	121.33	122.62	122.62	122.62	156.80	156.80	156.80	156.80	156.80	156.80	181.80
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION																					
PETROL (cents per litre)	247.36	350.20	350.20	499.08	537.48	529.92	533.28	542.07	556.97	637.45	638.05	657.40	657.40	726.70	790.70	780.80	795.20	884.70	973.00	1097.00	1160.00
TELEPHONE CHARGES (per call, within Honiara)	0.46	0.61	0.61	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES																					
BATH SOAP (Giv: 85g cake)	1.54	1.73	1.73	1.80	1.84	1.84	1.82	1.81	1.80	2.01	2.04	2.10	2.16	2.16	2.16	2.20	2.22	2.22	2.28	2.24	2.28
TOOTHPASTE (Colgate: 110g)	6.63	7.91	7.91	8.88	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	8.95	9.46	10.01	11.13	13.54	13.54	13.54	13.54	13.54	13.54	13.54	12.74	12.74