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**TUVALU  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
REPORT  
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# OVERVIEW

The prices were started collecting on the 17<sup>th</sup> May and were finalized on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 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. With this, again Mr Lito Timaio and I went to the CPI outlets to update the prices.

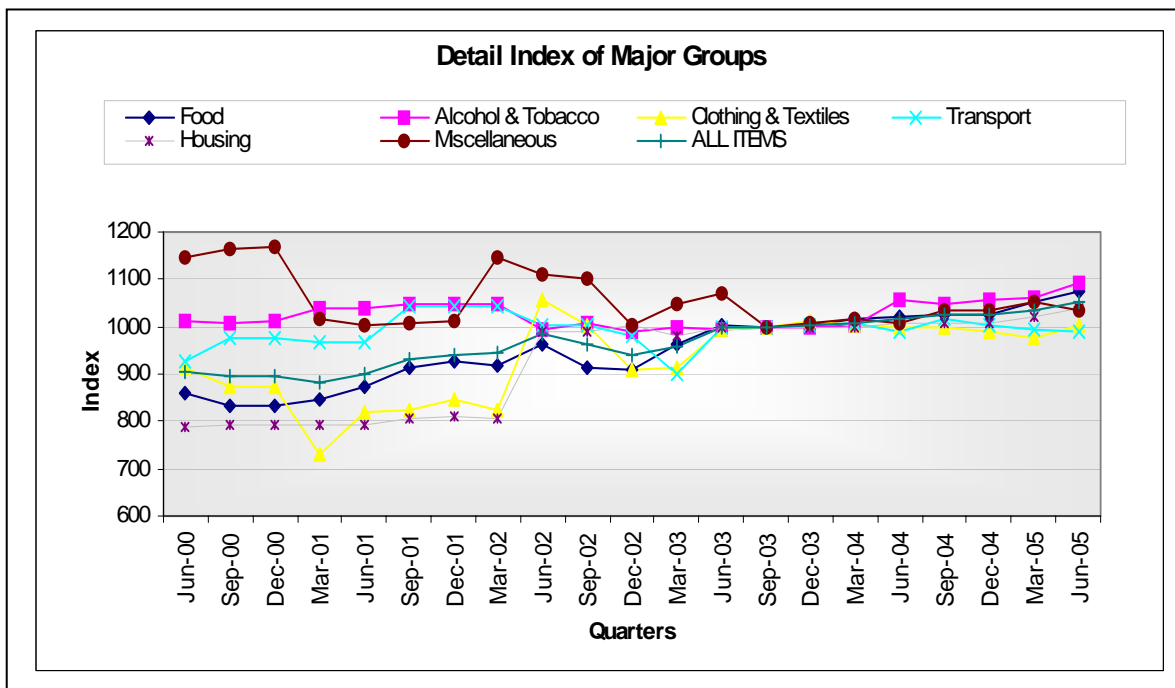
## Outlets

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 CPI at this quarter experienced an increase of 1.4% over the last three months from 1036.1 to 1050.8. This brings the annual inflation rate to 2.7% for the last twelve months

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 most of the groups showed a quarterly increase in their index except for the Transport and 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 of 8.7 onto the quarterly change of the CPI. The sub-groups that show an increase in prices of their items are the meat, fish, dairy produce, fruits & vegetables, beverages and the miscellaneous sub-groups. The rise in prices of salt beef, fresh tuna, and oranges highly involve in the group's quarterly increase of 2.2%. They provide a total contribution of 7.9.

The cereal is the only sub-group that experiences a quarterly decrease in its index. Note the decrease in the price of cabin biscuits affected the group's index with a contribution of -1.4.

However at this quarter, the group's index increases from 1052.8 to 1075.5.

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

The group has the second highest contribution of 4.4. Note the rise in the price of cake tobacco from \$4.30 to \$4.90 has a contribution of 5.4. Hence the tobacco sub-group's index has been quarterly increased by 15.1%.

The alcohol sub-group depicts a quarterly decrease of 7.0%. Beer from the bar is the only item that contributes to this change where it has a contribution of -1.0.

As a result, the group experiences a quarterly increase of 2.8% where its index changed from 977.5 to 1004.9.

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

The clothing sub-group has been quarterly increased by 7.9%. This resulted from the increase in the prices of men's t-shirt, expenses on clothes from Fiji, girls' primary school uniform, and singlet's for children. It led to its total contribution of 0.8.

The textiles sub-group shows a decrease in its index from 961.8 to 955.9. The two types of dress materials (shown in table appendix 4) are the only items that have changed their prices. This brings the sub-group contribution to -0.1.

However the group's index changed from 977.5 to 1004.9 with a contribution of 0.7.

### ***Transport***

The group experienced a quarterly decrease in its index from 992.5 to 988.5. The sub-groups that contribute to this change are the plane fares, bus and taxi fares, and finally the private transport. The priced commodities that have changed prices are the adult air fare to Suva and Auckland, bus fares, bicycle tube, motor oil, car registration and motor cycle registration. This resulted in the group's quarterly decrease of -0.4% and a contribution of -0.7.

### ***Housing***

The group shows an increase in its index over the last three months. For the house maintenance sub-group, the price of the roofing iron increases from \$32.75 to \$36.20, the price for reinforcing rods increases from \$13.75

to \$14.15 and the price of paint increases from \$25.80 to \$26.30. The prices of timber, cement and louver glass had been decreased as compared to the previous quarter. Hence the sub-group experienced a quarterly decrease of -0.5% with a contribution of -0.1

Both the fuel & electricity and the household appliances show an increase in their prices. The change in the prices of butane gas, refrigerator and the electric fan resulted in a contribution of 3.3.

From the above changes, the group's index has been increased from 1021.4 to 1040.4 with a contribution of 3.2.

### ***Miscellaneous***

The group provides a decrease of -1.3% over the last three months. The postal & telecom sub-group is the only sub-group that has experienced a quarterly increase where the toiletries, cleaning materials and the fishing gear sub-groups showed a decrease in their index. The increase in price occurred to overseas postage, baby powder, and fish hook resulted in a total contribution of 1.5. Items in which their prices have been dropped down are the toilet paper, disinfected, mosquito spray, and the fishing line. They provided a total contribution of 3.0.

Thus the group's index decreased from 1050.7 to 1036.6 with a total contribution of -1.5.

## **CONCLUSION**

The all group's index has been increased from 1036.1 to 1050.8 over the last three months. Thus it indicates the increase in prices of the items. The major groups that experience a quarterly increase from their commodities are the food, alcohol & tobacco, clothing & textiles and housing group. The transport and the miscellaneous groups have shown a quarterly decrease in their index.

However at this quarter, the CPI experienced a quarterly increase of 1.4% and a total contribution of 14.7. This brings the annual inflation rate to 3.5%.

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

	2000			2001				2002				2003				2004				2005	
	Jun-00	Sep-00	Dec-00	Mar-01	Jun-01	Sep-01	Dec-01	Mar-02	Jun-02	Sep-02	Dec-02	Mar-03	Jun-03	Sep-03	Dec-03	Mar-04	Jun-04	Sep-04	Dec-04	Mar-05	Jun-05
<b>1 Food Group</b>																					
1.1 Meat	865	865	865	791	822	859	911	948	944	946	951	949	959	1000	1001	992	981	998	998	1001	1023
1.2 Fish	820	740	740	737	911	902	954	923	1023	1023	1025	938	973	1000	1000	1046	1046	1046	1053	1068	1141
1.3 Dairy Produce	840	765	765	938	929	940	933	927	952	960	959	985	1000	1000	1013	1096	1089	1044	1086	1151	1178
1.4 Cereals	783	784	784	758	758	849	812	766	811	721	752	959	1010	1000	1007	1006	1028	1034	978	1039	1026
1.5 Sugar and Sweets	982	942	942	994	1008	1033	1029	1109	1041	1068	910	936	986	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	990	1018	1018
1.6 Fruits & Vegetables	849	833	872	950	1015	1017	1011	1028	1271	859	855	886	972	1000	1000	1058	1056	1058	1110	1076	1171
1.7 Beverages	975	969	969	1048	839	954	992	1000	1023	995	1036	1056	1233	1000	1004	971	1003	1004	1004	1004	1004
1.8 Cooking Oil and Fats	1177	1263	1263	1271	1271	1105	1357	1105	1073	1208	1224	1224	1224	1000	1000	1000	1000	1151	1301	1301	1301
1.9 Miscellaneous	1131	1124	1124	1134	988	1118	1148	1092	1253	1047	1047	1163	1015	1000	1024	1035	1035	952	1176	1176	1317
<b>Total Food Group</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>845</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>2 Alcohol &amp; Tobacco Group</b>																					
2.1 Alcohol	1188	1179	1188	1266	1266	1262	1262	1262	1001	1001	1001	1013	1000	1000	1000	1007	1125	1097	1109	1121	1101
2.2 Tobacco	913	913	913	913	913	929	929	929	989	1011	986	989	989	1000	1000	1000	1015	1020	1030	1030	1091
<b>Total Alcohol &amp; Tobacco</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>1012</b>	<b>1040</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>3 Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>																					
3.1 Clothing	904	904	904	738	768	762	774	764	975	886	723	728	884	1000	1061	1033	1005	1008	1009	1002	1082
3.2 Textiles	927	824	824	718	889	914	951	914	1179	1176	1186	1186	1152	1000	984	984	993	993	978	962	956
<b>Total Clothing &amp; Textiles</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>872</b>	<b>730</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>4 Transport Group</b>																					
4.1 Ship Fares	1092	1092	1092	1092	1092	1092	1092	1092	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
4.2 Plane Fares	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1320	1325	1325	1325	1145	1145	1000	1000	1023	898	1074	1057	1011	991
4.3 Bus Fares	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	900	971	1007	1007	936
4.4 Private Transport	829	903	903	889	889	1001	1001	1001	953	954	923	829	977	1000	1001	1004	1004	1013	993	988	988
<b>Total Transport Group</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>967</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>5 Housing Group</b>																					
5.1 House Rentals	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	571	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
5.2 House Maintenance	967	967	967	967	967	967	967	967	994	985	992	963	994	1000	1014	1030	1037	1027	1036	1039	1034
5.3 Fuel & Utilities	918	935	935	935	935	986	992	986	975	975	1022	977	1000	1000	989	989	989	992	992	1000	1003
5.4 Household Appliances	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	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
<b>Total Housing Group</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>793</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>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	1000
6.2 Postal and Telecom	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1008	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	868	868	868	868	883
6.3 Entertainment	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1000	1000	1000	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050
6.4 Toiletries	1099	1191	1191	1094	1035	1040	1053	1040	1129	1023	973	1099	1020	1000	992	1042	1107	1111	1111	1232	1223
6.5 Cleaning Materials	1119	1043	1043	1095	1057	1057	1065	1057	991	896	937	899	967	1000	1045	1088	1077	1080	1028	1056	1042
6.6 Fishing Gear	1438	1626	1626	1418	1418	1418	1418	1418	1418	1514	699	910	1035	1000	991	950	939	1093	1191	1165	1040
6.7 Miscellaneous	783	776	783	913	913	968	968	968	686	822	822	922	922	1000	1000	1041	909	1014	1014	1014	1014
<b>Total Misc. Group</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>1018</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>All Groups</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>880</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>
Annual Inflation Rate	5.3	3.9	1.3	-1.8	-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
Quarterly Percentage Change	0.7	-0.8	0.2	-1.9	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
Average Annual Percentage Change	-	4.9	3.9	2.2	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



## 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 (Mar_05)	current weights	Previous Price	Price Relative	Current Price	Quarterly % Change	Items-to-price Contribution (base1000)
<b>I. FOOD GROUP</b>								
<b>1.1 Meat</b>								
Chicken, Whole frozen	1.095	1.291	1.241	\$7.80	\$7.80	\$7.50	-3.85	-0.496
Salt Beef	1.843	1.843	2.126	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$8.65	15.33	2.827
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1000.8</b>	<b>1023.2</b>					<b>2.2</b>	<b>2.330</b>
<b>1.2 Fish</b>								
Fresh Tuna	2.017	2.193	2.434	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$3.33	11.00	2.412
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1068.0</b>	<b>1140.7</b>					<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.412</b>
<b>1.3 Dairy Produce</b>								
Condense Milk	0.590	0.719	0.690	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.40	-4.00	-0.287
Evaporated Milk	0.691	0.845	0.891	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$2.90	5.45	0.461
Powdered Milk	0.307	0.357	0.374	\$6.40	\$6.40	\$6.70	4.69	0.168
Tin Butter	0.388	0.545	0.558	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$4.60	2.22	0.121
Eggs	0.370	0.416	0.462	\$5.40	\$5.40	\$6.00	11.11	0.462
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1151.3</b>	<b>1178.2</b>					<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.924</b>
<b>1.4 Cereals</b>								
Rice	1.813	2.125	2.176	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$1.32	2.40	0.509
Noodles	0.075	0.082	0.060	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.40	-27.27	-0.225
Weet-Bix	0.377	0.377	0.338	\$2.85	\$2.85	\$2.55	-10.53	-0.397
Cabin Biscuits	4.451	4.615	4.479	\$5.20	\$5.20	\$5.05	-2.96	-1.365
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1039.4</b>	<b>1025.7</b>					<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.478</b>
<b>1.6 Fruits &amp; Vegetables</b>								
Oranges	0.407	0.463	0.729	\$3.30	\$3.30	\$5.20	57.58	2.66
Apples	0.356	0.389	0.454	\$4.15	\$4.15	\$4.85	16.87	0.66
Pears	0.254	0.254	0.254	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.80	0.00	0.00
Potatoes	0.352	0.415	0.377	\$1.65	\$1.65	\$1.50	-9.09	-0.38
Onions	0.352	0.362	0.302	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.50	-16.67	-0.60
Cabbages	0.364	0.478	0.484	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.85	1.32	0.06
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1075.9</b>	<b>1171.3</b>					<b>8.9</b>	<b>2.403</b>
<b>1.7 Beverages</b>								
Coffee	0.298	0.251	0.255	\$5.50	\$2.75	\$2.80	1.82	0.046
Tea	0.136	0.142	0.136	\$4.65	\$4.65	\$4.45	-4.30	-0.061
Milo	0.014	0.012	0.012	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$6.00	0.00	0.000
Cocoa	0.030	0.030	0.033	\$2.60	\$3.35	\$3.60	7.46	0.023
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1003.9</b>	<b>1004.4</b>					<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.007</b>
<b>1.9 Miscellaneous Food</b>								
Salt	0.056	0.056	0.045	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.40	-20.00	-0.112
Soy Sauce	0.251	0.251	0.318	\$6.50	\$1.50	\$1.90	26.67	0.670
Twisties	0.313	0.560	0.672	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.60	20.00	1.119
Meals away from home	0.248	0.248	0.293	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.90	18.00	0.447
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1175.8</b>	<b>1317.3</b>					<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.125</b>
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1052.8</b>	<b>1075.5</b>					<b>2.2</b>	<b>8.723</b>

Item	Base weight	weights (Mar_05)	current weights	Previous Price	Price Relative	Current Price	Quarterly % Change	Items-to-price Contribution (base1000)
<b>2. ALCOHOL &amp; TOBACCO</b>								
<b>2.1 Alcohol</b>								
Beer from the Bar	1.172	1.440	1.340	\$2.15	\$2.15	\$2.00	-6.98	-1.005
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>1120.6</b>		<b>1100.5</b>				<b>-1.8</b>	
<b>2.2 Tobacco</b>								
Cake Tobacco	3.451	3.575	4.116	\$4.30	\$4.30	\$4.95	15.12	5.405
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>1029.6</b>		<b>1091.1</b>					
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>1062.7</b>		<b>1094.5</b>				<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.400</b>
<b>3. CLOTHING &amp; TEXTILES</b>								
<b>3.1 Clothing</b>								
Men's "T" Shirt	0.145	0.145	0.147	\$22.00	\$8.50	\$8.60	1.18	0.017
Expenses on clothes from Fiji	0.252	0.214	0.220	\$76.42	\$76.42	\$78.59	2.83	0.061
Girls prim sch. uniform dress	0.025	0.025	0.026	\$10.80	\$10.80	\$10.90	0.93	0.002
Children's Singlet	0.063	0.057	0.125	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$3.30	120.00	0.683
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>1002.3</b>		<b>1081.9</b>				<b>7.9</b>	<b>0.763</b>
<b>3.2 Textiles</b>								
Dress Material (High qual. Patterned(A)	0.492	0.469	0.437	\$5.90	\$5.90	\$5.50	-6.78	-0.318
Dress Material (Plain) (B)	0.389	0.389	0.412	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$4.50	5.88	0.229
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>961.8</b>		<b>955.9</b>				<b>-0.6</b>	<b>-0.089</b>
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>977.5</b>		<b>1004.9</b>				<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.674</b>
<b>4. TRANSPORT</b>								
<b>4.2 Plane Fares</b>								
Fare to Auckland (Air)	0.713	0.652	0.645	\$694.87	\$694.87	\$687.61	-1.04	-0.068
Fare to Suva(Air)	1.427	1.511	1.477	\$543.50	\$543.50	\$531.00	-2.30	-0.348
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>1010.8</b>		<b>991.3</b>				<b>-1.9</b>	<b>-0.416</b>
<b>4.3 Bus and taxi Fares</b>								
Fare Adult	0.100	0.143	0.114	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.40	-20.00	-0.285
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>1007.1</b>		<b>935.7</b>				<b>-7.1</b>	
<b>4.4 Private Transport</b>								
Bicycle Tube	0.104	0.146	0.124	\$4.50	\$4.50	\$3.80	-15.56	-0.228
Motor Oil	0.084	0.098	0.083	\$5.40	\$5.40	\$4.55	-15.74	-0.154
Car registration	0.304	0.304	0.310	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$51.00	2.00	0.061
Motorcycle Registration	0.774	0.774	0.805	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	4.00	0.310
Sub-Group Index(base 1000)	<b>988.1</b>		<b>988.0</b>				<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.012</b>
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>	<b>992.5</b>		<b>988.5</b>				<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.713</b>

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<b>5. HOUSING</b>								
<b>5.2 House Maintenance</b>								
Timber	0.392	0.406	0.388	\$4.40	\$4.40	\$4.20	-4.55	-0.185
Cement	0.315	0.319	0.309	\$14.95	\$14.95	\$14.45	-3.34	-0.107
Roofing Iron	0.156	0.160	0.177	\$32.75	\$32.75	\$36.20	10.53	0.169
Reinforcing Rods	0.092	0.092	0.094	\$13.75	\$13.75	\$14.15	2.91	0.027
Louvre Glass	0.100	0.100	0.096	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.15	-4.44	-0.045
Paint	0.214	0.239	0.244	\$25.80	\$25.80	\$26.30	1.94	0.046
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1039.3</b>	<b>1033.6</b>				<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.094</b>
<b>5.3 Fuel &amp; Electricity</b>								
Butane Gas	0.408	0.488	0.511	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$45.00	4.65	0.227
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>999.9</b>	<b>1003.0</b>				<b>0.3</b>	
<b>5.4 Household Appliances</b>								
Refrigerator	0.662	0.789	1.069	\$1,025	\$1,025	\$1,389	35.51	2.800
Electric Fan	0.627	0.657	0.680	\$69.20	\$69.20	\$71.65	3.54	0.233
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1052.5</b>	<b>1107.0</b>				<b>5.2</b>	<b>3.033</b>
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1021.4</b>	<b>1040.4</b>				<b>1.9</b>	<b>3.166</b>
<b>6. MISCELLANEOUS</b>								
<b>6.2 Postal &amp; Telecomm</b>								
Overseas Postage	0.016	0.016	0.035	\$0.40	\$0.40	\$0.90	125.00	0.196
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>868.0</b>	<b>883.4</b>				<b>1.8</b>	
<b>6.4 Toiletries</b>								
Baby Powder	0.078	0.197	0.205	\$2.40	\$2.40	\$2.50	4.17	0.082
Toilet Paper	0.196	0.196	0.179	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.50	-9.09	-0.179
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1231.5</b>	<b>1223.2</b>				<b>-0.7</b>	<b>-0.097</b>
<b>6.5 Cleaning Materials</b>								
Disinfectant	0.223	0.221	0.211	\$2.10	\$2.10	\$2.00	-4.76	-0.105
Mosquito Spray	0.163	0.145	0.132	\$3.80	\$3.80	\$3.45	-9.21	-0.134
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1055.7</b>	<b>1042.2</b>				<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-0.239</b>
<b>6.6 Fishing Gear</b>								
Fish Hook	0.204	0.082	0.204	\$0.10	\$0.10	\$0.25	150.00	1.223
Fishing Line Fine	0.644	0.864	0.605	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$5.25	-30.00	-2.591
<b>Sub-Group Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1165.2</b>	<b>1040.1</b>				<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-1.369</b>
<b>Group's Index(base 1000)</b>		<b>1050.7</b>	<b>1036.6</b>				<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.509</b>
<b>All Groups Index (base 1000)</b>		<b>1036.1</b>	<b>1050.8</b>				<b>1.4</b>	<b>14.741</b>