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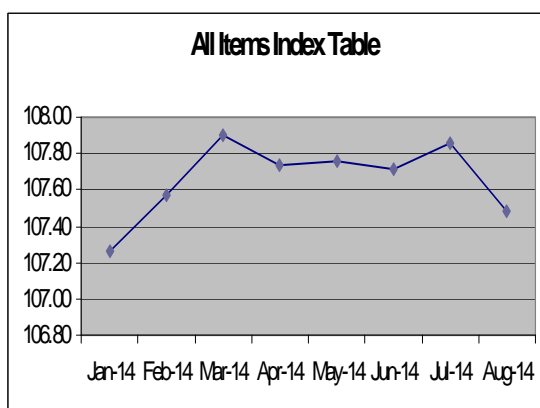
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

ALL BAHAMAS - SEPTEMBER 2014

ALL ITEMS INDEX

- The All Bahamas Consumer Price Index (CPI) (February 2010=100) registered an increase of 0.25 percent between August and September resulting in the index increasing from 107.48 to 107.75. This indicates that the basket of goods and services that consumers would have paid \$100.00 for in February 2010 must now be purchased at a price of \$107.75.
- The CPI showed an increase of 1.40 percent over the last 12 months.



YEAR-OVER-YEAR ANALYSIS

- The Recreation and Culture which increased by 7.74 percent, had the largest impact on the twelve month increase of the CPI.
- The Transport Index was also a major contributor to the year over year increase with a 3.15 percent increase.

MONTH-OVER-MONTH ANALYSIS

- The Education index experienced the largest growth of 2.36 percent over August 2014 which is attributed to the rise in tuition.
- The Recreation and Culture index also experienced a significant monthly increase of 1.14 percent due to increased prices of Games, toys and hobbies and Recreational and Cultural services items.

**ALL BAHAMAS
SUMMARY STATISTICS**

	Index	Monthly per cent Change		Quarterly per cent Change		Annual per cent Change
ALL ITEMS	107.75	0.25		0.03		1.40
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	106.62	0.22		-1.08		1.06
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	114.35	0.08		-1.07		2.78
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	100.46	-2.66		-1.83		-0.29
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND OTHER FUELS	107.69	1.02		0.85		1.07
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	109.17	-0.19		0.37		2.34
HEALTH	106.73	0.01		-0.60		0.42
TRANSPORT	118.58	-0.84		-0.81		3.15
COMMUNICATION	97.09	0.00		0.01		-0.35
RECREATION AND CULTURE	107.56	1.14		1.43		7.74
EDUCATION	112.64	2.36		2.34		3.01
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	109.51	-0.01		-0.51		0.26
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	103.44	0.02		-0.17		1.04



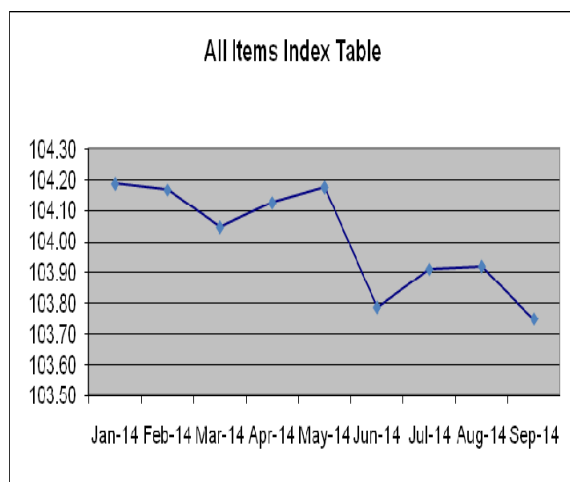
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

NEW PROVIDENCE – SEPTEMBER 2014

ALL ITEMS INDEX

- The New Providence Consumer Price Index (CPI) (February 2010=100) registered an increase of 0.32 percent between August and September resulting in the index increasing from 108.22 to 108.57. This indicates that the basket of goods and services that consumers would have paid \$100.00 for in February 2010 must now be purchased at a price of \$108.57.
- The CPI showed an increase of 1.75 percent over the last 12 months.



YEAR-OVER-YEAR ANALYSIS

- The Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics division had the largest impact on the twelve month increase of the CPI with a 1.75 percent increase over September 2013. The rise in the prices of Tobacco products in September 2014 over September 2013 was the most significant contributor to this increase.
- The Transport segment which increased 3.49 percent was the second major contributor to the overall annual increase.

MONTH-OVER-MONTH ANALYSIS

- The most significant increase occurred within the Education index which had an increase of 2.40 percent due to an increase in tuition.
- The Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, and Other Fuels index also experienced a large increase of 1.16 percent attributed to the increase in electricity rates over the previous month.

NEW PROVIDENCE SUMMARY STATISTICS

	Index	Monthly per cent Change		Quarterly per cent Change		Annual per cent Change
ALL ITEMS	108.57	0.32		0.03		1.75
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	107.52	0.47		-1.29		1.92
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	113.31	0.07		-1.00		3.44
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	101.12	-3.72		-2.68		-0.04
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND OTHER FUELS	109.56	1.16		0.95		1.38
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	110.46	0.00		0.66		3.11
HEALTH	107.24	0.02		-0.70		0.46
TRANSPORT	118.84	-0.78		-0.81		3.49
COMMUNICATION	96.38	0.00		0.01		-0.37
RECREATION AND CULTURE	108.38	1.36		1.60		8.77
EDUCATION	112.87	2.40		2.40		3.05
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	110.88	0.00		-0.60		0.35
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	102.45	0.03		-0.25		0.85



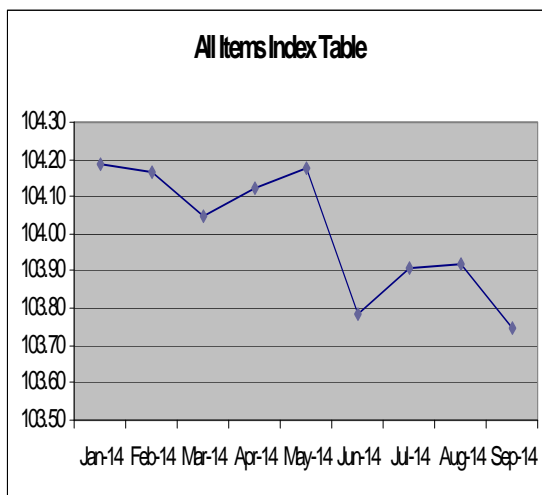
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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

GRAND BAHAMA - SEPTEMBER 2014

ALL ITEMS INDEX

- The Grand Bahama Consumer Price Index (CPI) (February 2010=100) registered a decrease of 0.16 percent between August and September resulting in the index decreasing from 103.92 to 103.75. This indicates that the basket of goods and services that consumers would have paid \$100.00 for in February 2010 must now be purchased at a price of \$103.75.
- The CPI showed a decrease of 0.35 percent over the last 12 months.



YEAR-OVER-YEAR ANALYSIS

- The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index had the largest impact on the twelve month decrease of the CPI, decreasing 2.53 percent over September 2013.
- The Clothing and Footwear division also contributed to the year over year decrease, declining by 1.69 percent.

MONTH-OVER-MONTH ANALYSIS

- Within the Transport Index, the Fuels and lubricants for personal transport equipment registered the only decrease of 2.83 percent for this group.
- The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages Index decreased 0.85 percent. Some of the items contributing to the decline included, Fresh or chilled fruit, 7.09 percent, Eggs and egg-based products, 3.34 percent and Fresh or chilled vegetables other than potatoes, 2.45 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA SUMMARY STATISTICS

	Index	Monthly per cent Change		Quarterly per cent Change		Annual per cent Change
ALL ITEMS	103.75	-0.16		-0.04		-0.35
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	102.65	-0.85		-0.40		-2.53
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS	121.60	0.16		-2.02		-0.92
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	99.30	0.00		0.40		-1.69
HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND OTHER FUELS	98.46	0.28		0.19		-0.49
FURNISHING, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	103.83	-0.29		-0.22		-0.69
HEALTH	102.46	-0.04		-0.20		0.11
TRANSPORT	119.00	-1.49		-1.08		2.10
COMMUNICATION	99.96	0.00		-0.02		-0.25
RECREATION AND CULTURE	105.45	0.00		0.76		3.33
EDUCATION	111.34	2.44		2.18		4.34
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	100.98	-0.11		-0.08		-1.35
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES	110.18	-0.02		0.26		1.65

WHAT IS THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX?

The Consumer Price index, often called the CPI, is one of the most widely used statistical series produced by the Department of Statistics (DOS). The CPI measures changes in the prices of a 'fixed basket' of prices for goods and services purchased by private households. This 'fixed basket' covers a wide range of goods and services which are divided into twelve major groups:

- Food And Non-Alcoholic Beverages
- Alcohol Beverages, Tobacco And Narcotics
- Clothing And Footwear
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas, And Other Fuels
- Furnishing, Household Equipment And Routine Household Maintenance
- Health
- Transport
- Communication
- Recreation And Culture
- Education
- Restaurants And Hotels
- Miscellaneous Goods And Services

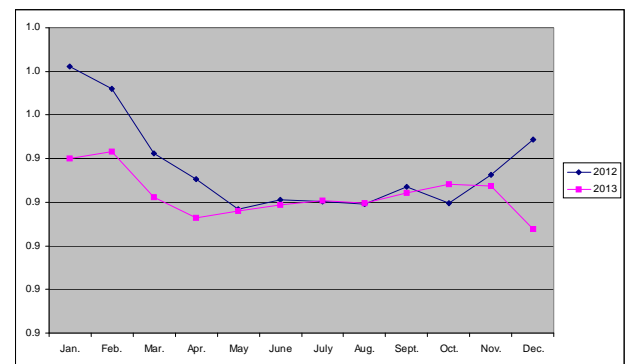
CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

• BASE PERIOD

The time period which is used as a reference point for measuring the price changes of goods and services. The base period for the CPI is February 2010.

• PURCHASING POWER

The Purchasing Power of money is the financial ability to buy goods and services. The Consumer Price Index having a 2010 base (February 2010=100) makes it possible to evaluate changes in the purchasing power of the Bahamian dollar relative to its 2010 value.



Special Indices

