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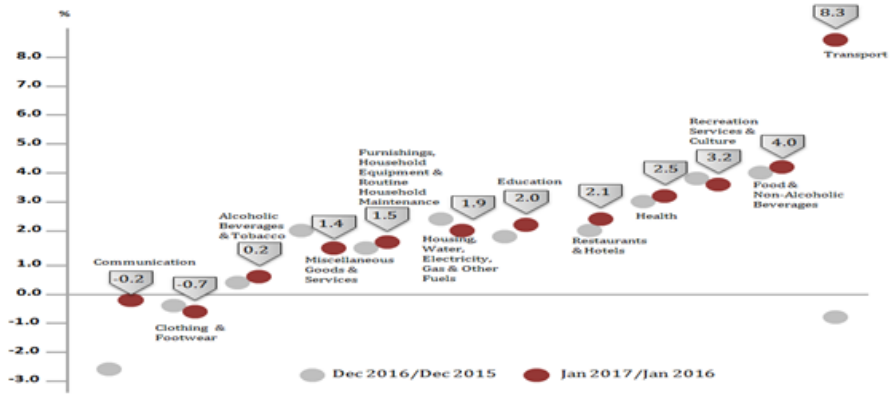
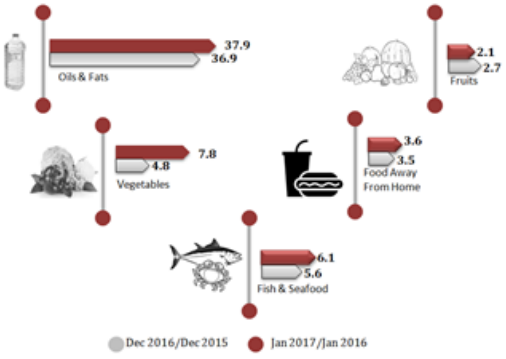
Year-on-Year Percentage Change

Malaysia's CPI rose at a higher rate of 3.2 per cent on a year-on-year basis in January 2017. On a monthly basis, CPI increased 1.1 per cent.

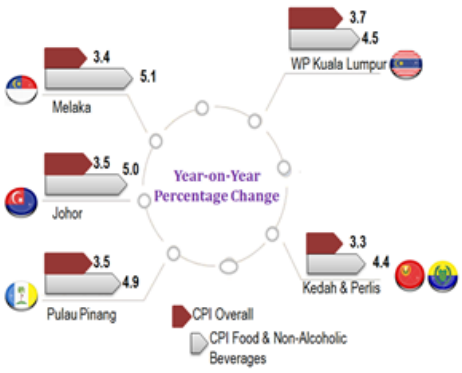
Year-on-Year Percentage Change
(By main group, Dec 2016 and Jan 2017, in per cent)



5 Sub-Groups recorded higher increases for Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Dec 2016 and Jan 2017 (Year-on-year, in per cent)



Five states recorded higher increases for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages above the national level index, Jan 2017 (Year-on-year, in per cent)



Source: Malaysia's Consumer Price Index (2010=100), January 2017

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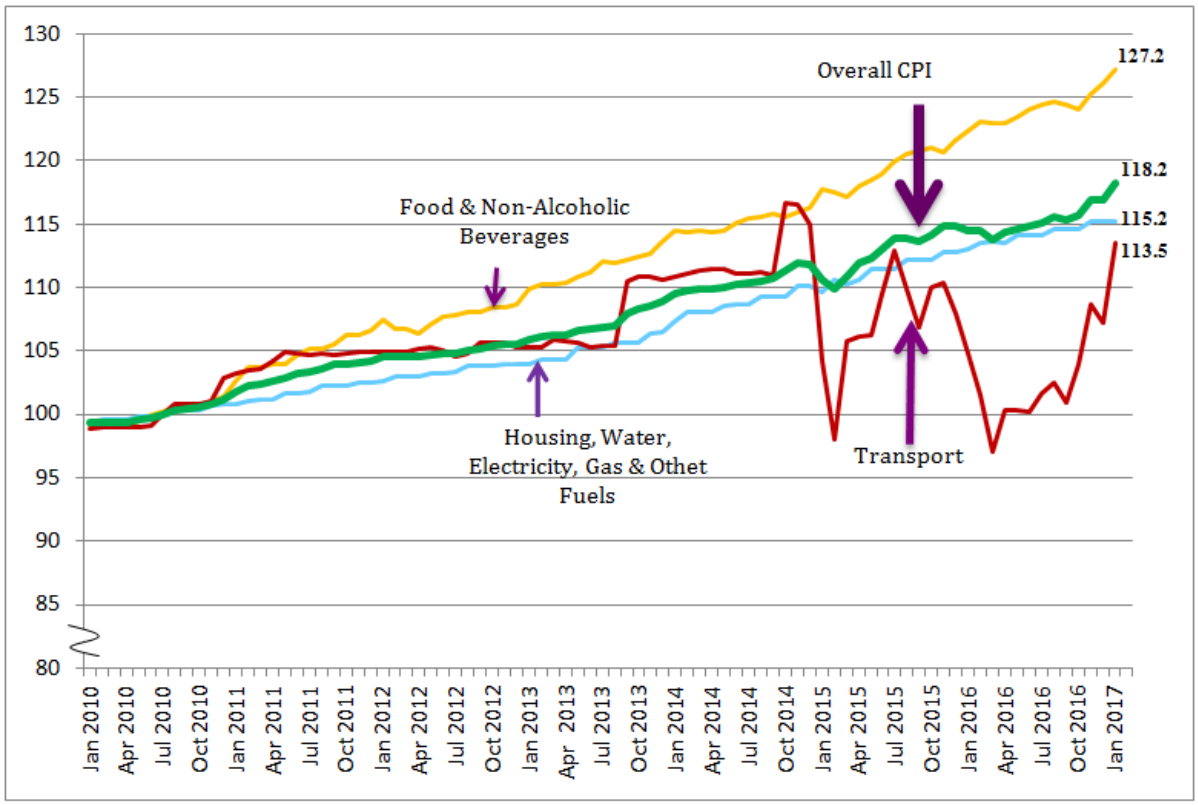
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The overall index for CPI rose 3.2 per cent to 118.2 in January 2017 from 114.5 in the corresponding month of the preceding year. Among the major groups which recorded increases were the indices for Transport (+8.3 per cent), Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+4.0 per cent), Recreation Services & Culture (+3.2 per cent), Health (+2.5 per cent), Restaurants and Hotels (+2.1 per cent), Education (+2.0 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+1.9 per cent) (Table 1).

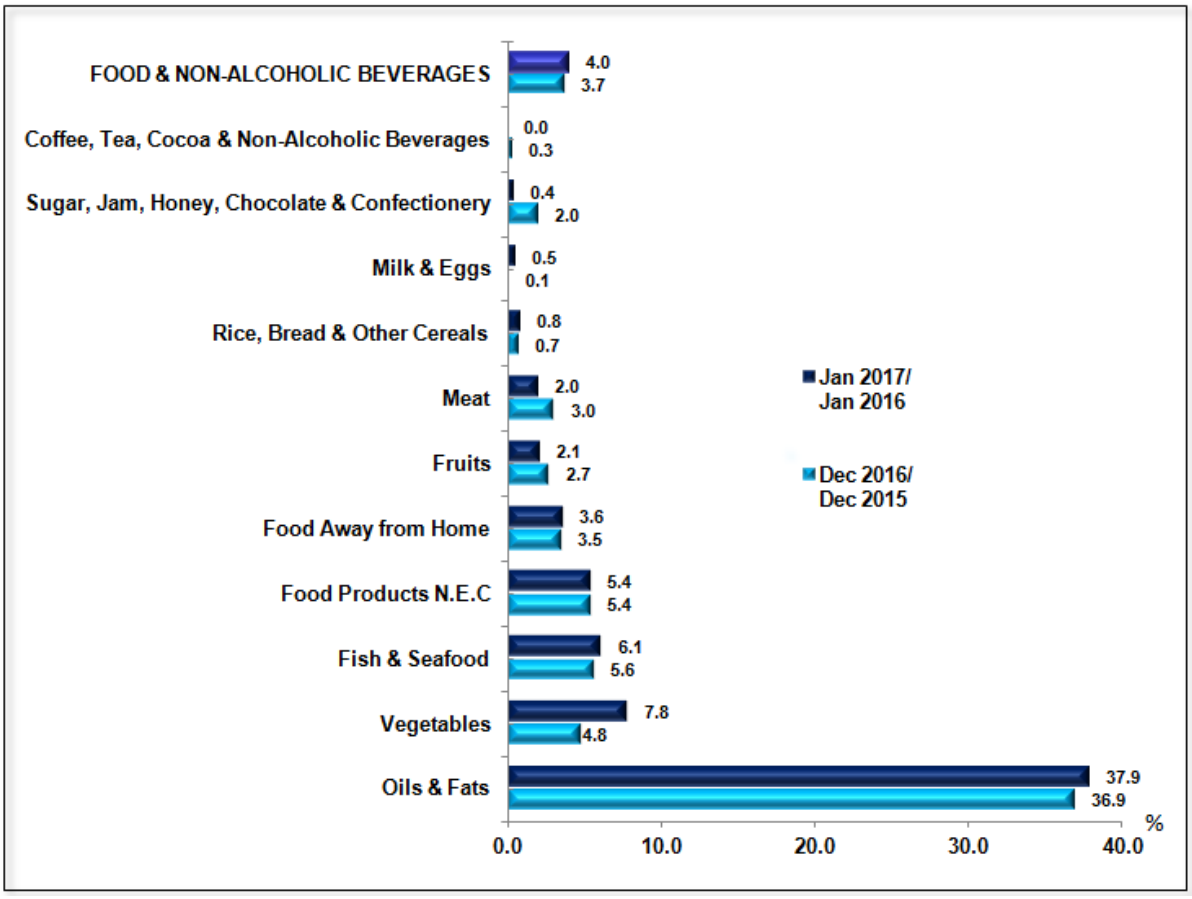
Chart 1: Consumer Price Index: Index Number for Overall and Selected Main Groups



The index of transport group showed a significant increase of 8.3 per cent on a year-on-year basis in January 2017, after falling 0.6 per cent and 1.5 per cent in December 2016 and November 2016. The average price of 1 litre of RON95 petrol was RM2.10 in January 2017 compared to RM1.85 in January 2016. As for RON97, the average price increased to RM2.40 in January 2017 from RM2.25 in January 2016.

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages which accounted 30.2 per cent in the CPI weights, increased 4.0 per cent in January 2017. The increase was fuelled by food sub-group which encapsulated of **Oils and Fats (+37.9 per cent); Vegetables (+7.8 per cent); Fish & Seafood (+6.1 per cent)** and **Fruit (+2.1 per cent)**. As for Food Away From Home index, it continued to rise in January 2017 and showed an increase of 3.6 per cent.

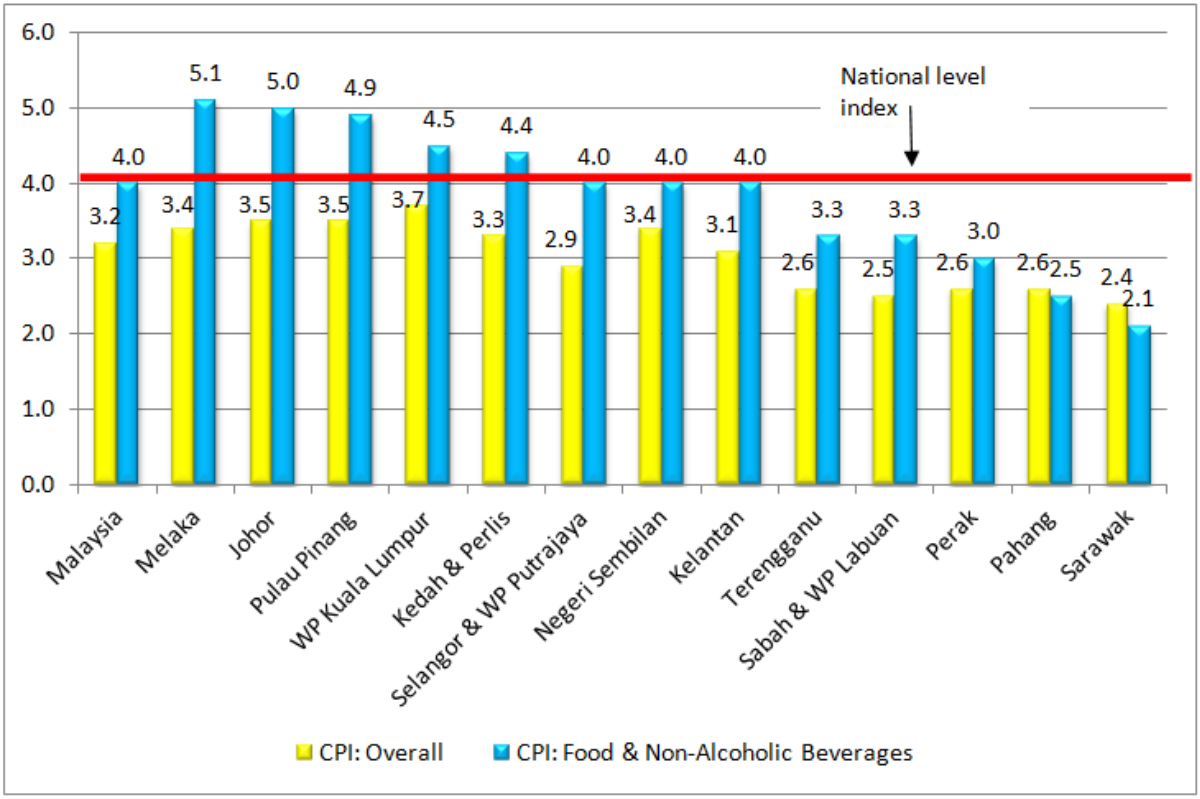
Chart 2: Consumer Price Index: Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages



Among the index of food items which recorded notable increases in January 2017 compared to the same period last year were **Round Cabbage (+49.6 per cent); Cooking Oil (+47.2 per cent); Cuttlefish (+10.7 per cent); Prawn (+8.6 per cent); Indian Mackerel (Fish) (+8.5 per cent); Spanish Mackerel (Fish) (+6.6 per cent)** and **Red Snapper (Fish) (+3.7 per cent)**. Meanwhile, decreases were registered in the index of some food items such as **Shallots (-14.0 per cent); Onions, Big (-7.3 per cent)** and **Watermelon (-1.1 per cent)**.

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages recorded an increase higher than the rate of overall CPI. The increase in the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages was reflected in most states in Malaysia especially those in highly urbanised states such as Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur, Selangor & Wilayah Persekutuan Putrajaya, Pulau Pinang, Johor and Melaka.

Chart 3: Consumer Price Index: Annual Percentage Change for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages by State



Five states recorded higher increases for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages index above the national level index for January 2017 compared to the corresponding month in 2016. The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages rose 5.1 per cent in Melaka, 5.0 per cent in Johor, 4.9 per cent in Pulau Pinang, 4.5 per cent in Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur and 4.4 per cent in Kedah & Perlis.

On a monthly basis, the index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages increased 0.9 per cent in January 2017, following an increase of 0.6 per cent in December 2016. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food recorded an increase of 1.2 per cent in January 2017 compared with the preceding month.

Based on a seasonally adjusted term, the overall CPI for January increased 1.1 per cent as compared to December 2016 (Table 1).

Core inflation rose 2.3 per cent in January 2017 compared to the same month of the previous year. Among the major groups which influenced the higher core rate were price increases for Transport (+3.3 per cent); Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (+3.3 per cent); Recreation Services & Culture (+3.2 per cent); Health (+2.5 per cent) and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels (+2.4 per cent) (Table 3).

Table 1: Consumer Price Index for Main Groups, Malaysia (2010=100)

Main Group	Wt. [1]	Index	Year-on-Year Percentage Change		Month-on-Month Percentage Change		Seasonally Adjusted Index	
		Jan 2017	Dec 2016/ Dec 2015	Jan 2017/ Jan 2016	Dec 2016/ Nov 2016	Jan 2017/ Dec 2016	Jan 2017	% Change Jan 2017/ Dec 2016
TOTAL	**100.0**	**118.2**	**1.8**	**3.2**	**0.0**	**1.1**	**118.2**	**1.1**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.2**	127.2	3.7	4.0	0.6	0.9	126.5	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	2.9	165.3	0.1	0.2	-0.1	0.0	165.3	0.0
Clothing & Footwear	3.3	98.3	-0.5	-0.7	-0.1	0.0	98.3	0.0
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	23.8	115.2	2.1	1.9	0.0	0.0	115.3	0.0
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	3.8	112.9	1.4	1.5	0.1	0.4	112.9	0.4
Health	1.7	119.7	2.4	2.5	0.2	0.3	119.7	0.3
Transport	13.7	113.5	-0.6	8.3	-1.4	5.9	113.5	5.9
Communication	5.2	97.9	-2.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	97.9	0.0
Recreation Services & Culture	4.9	111.2	3.3	3.2	0.1	0.1	111.2	0.1
Education	1.1	116.3	1.7	2.0	0.0	1.0	116.2	0.4
Restaurants & Hotels	2.9	126.5	1.9	2.1	0.2	0.3	126.5	0.3
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	6.5	113.6	1.8	1.4	-0.2	0.1	113.6	0.1
Non-Food	**69.8**	**114.3**	**1.0**	**2.9**	**-0.3**	**1.2**	**114.3**	**1.2**

Table 2: Consumer Price Index for Sub-Groups of Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages, Malaysia (2010=100)

Sub-groups	Wt. [1]	Index	Year-on Year Percentage Change		Month-on Month Percentage Change	
		Jan 2017	Dec 2016/ Dec 2015	Jan 2017/ Jan 2016	Dec 2016/ Nov 2016	Jan 2017/ Dec 2016
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**30.2**	**127.2**	**3.7**	**4.0**	**0.6**	**0.9**
Food	**29.0**	**127.9**	**3.8**	**4.1**	**0.7**	**0.9**
Food At Home	*17.9*	*127.7*	*4.1*	*4.4*	*1.0*	*0.9*
Rice, Bread & Other Cereals	*3.7*	*108.9*	*0.7*	*0.8*	*0.0*	*0.3*
Meat	*2.8*	*124.5*	*3.0*	*2.0*	*-0.2*	*2.2*
Fish & Seafood	*4.3*	*144.4*	*5.6*	*6.1*	*1.3*	*2.8*
Milk & Eggs	*1.6*	*123.4*	*0.1*	*0.5*	*-0.6*	*-0.2*
Oils & Fats	*0.5*	*140.5*	*36.9*	*37.9*	*0.3*	*0.6*
Fruits	*1.1*	*128.9*	*2.7*	*2.1*	*1.1*	*1.0*
Vegetables	*2.4*	*132.5*	*4.8*	*7.8*	*4.7*	*-1.2*
Sugar, Jam, Honey, Choc. & Confectionery	*0.6*	*134.7*	*2.0*	*0.4*	*0.1*	*0.0*
Food Products n.e.c.	*0.9*	*129.6*	*5.4*	*5.4*	*0.4*	*0.4*
Food Away From Home	*11.1*	*128.3*	*3.5*	*3.6*	*0.3*	*0.7*
Coffee, Tea, Cocoa & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	**1.2**	**111.6**	**0.3**	**0.0**	**0.0**	**-0.1**

Table 3: Headline CPI and Core Index by Main Groups, Malaysia (2010=100)

Main Group	Wt	HEADLINE CPI			CORE INDEX	
		Index Jan 2017	Percentage Change		Core Index[1] Wt.	Percentage Change
			Jan 2017/ Dec 2016	Jan 2017/ Jan 2016		Jan 2017/ Jan 2016
TOTAL	**100.0**	**118.2**	**1.1**	**3.2**	**100.0**	**2.3**
Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages	*30.2*	*127.2*	*0.9*	*4.0*	*26.7*	*3.3*
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco	*2.9*	*165.3*	*0.0*	*0.2*	*-*	*-*
Clothing and Footwear	*3.3*	*98.3*	*0.0*	*-0.7*	*4.5*	*-0.7*
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas & Other Fuels	*23.8*	*115.2*	*0.0*	*1.9*	*26.6*	*2.4*
Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance	*3.8*	*112.9*	*0.4*	*1.5*	*5.2*	*1.5*
Health	*1.7*	*119.7*	*0.3*	*2.5*	*2.3*	*2.5*
Transport	*13.7*	*113.5*	*5.9*	*8.3*	*6.7*	*3.3*
Communication	*5.2*	*97.9*	*0.0*	*-0.2*	*7.1*	*-0.2*
Recreation Services & Culture	*4.9*	*111.2*	*0.1*	*3.2*	*6.6*	*3.2*
Education	*1.1*	*116.3*	*1.0*	*2.0*	*1.5*	*2.0*
Restaurants and Hotels	*2.9*	*126.5*	*0.3*	*2.1*	*3.9*	*2.1*
Miscellaneous Goods & Services	*6.5*	*113.6*	*0.1*	*1.4*	*8.9*	*1.4*

Note: [1] Including cooking oil following the restructuring of Cooking Oil Price Stabilisation Scheme starting from 1 November 2016

Consumer Price Index
January 2017

Month-on-month increased 1.1 per cent

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) increased 0.9 per cent. While, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) recorded an increase of 1.2 per cent.

Higher prices this month

Food away from home prices rose 0.7 per cent

Meat prices rose 2.2 per cent

Fish & seafood prices rose 2.6 per cent

Fruits prices rose 1.0 per cent

Oil & fats prices rose 0.6 per cent

Medical products, appliances & equipment prices rose 0.3 per cent

Operation of personal transport equipment prices rose 7.1 per cent influenced by higher prices of fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment

Entertainment, recreational & cultural services prices rose 0.1 per cent

Expenditure in restaurants & cafe rose 0.4 per cent

Personal care goods & services prices rose 0.3 per cent

Weights	
Food away from home	11.1
Meat	2.8
Fish & seafood	4.3
Fruits	1.1
Oil & fats	0.5
Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.1
Operation of personal transport equipment	11.3
Entertainment, recreational & cultural services	2.8
Expenditure in restaurants & cafe	2.5
Personal care goods & services	3.2

Lower prices this month

Milk, cheese & eggs prices fell 0.2 per cent

Vegetables prices fell 1.2 per cent

Weights	
Milk, cheese & eggs	1.6
Vegetables	2.4

Year-on year rose 3.2 per cent

The index for Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages (weight: 30.2) rose 4.0 per cent. Meanwhile, the index for Non-Food (weight: 69.8) recorded an increase of 2.9 per cent.

Higher prices this year

Food away from home prices rose 3.6 per cent

Meat prices rose 2.0 per cent

Fish & seafood prices rose 6.1 per cent

Oil & fats prices rose 37.9 per cent

Fruits prices rose 2.1 per cent

Vegetables prices rose 7.6 per cent

Actual rental for housing rose 2.5 per cent

Medical products, appliances & equipment prices rose 2.3 per cent

Operation of personal transport equipment prices rose 10.4 per cent influenced by higher prices of fuels & lubricants for personal transport equipment

Entertainment, recreational & cultural services prices rose 5.0 per cent

Expenditure in restaurants & cafe rose 2.3 per cent

Personal care goods & services prices rose 0.8 per cent

Weights	
Food away from home	11.1
Meat	2.8
Fish & seafood	4.3
Oil & fats	0.5
Fruits	1.1
Vegetables	2.4
Actual rental for housing	18.1
Medical products, appliances & equipment	1.1
Operation of personal transport equipment	11.3
Entertainment, recreational & cultural services	2.8
Expenditure in restaurants & cafe	2.5
Personal care goods & services	3.2

Lower prices this year

Clothing prices fell 0.3 per cent

Telephone & telefax equipment prices fell 2.2 per cent

Weights	
Clothing	2.7
Telephone & telefax equipment	0.5

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