CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

(Base: January – December 2012 = 100)

| March 2016 | February 2017 | March 2017 |
|------------|---------------|------------|
| 111.1 | 111.5 | 112.5 |

The main contributors to the change in the index between February and March 2017 were:

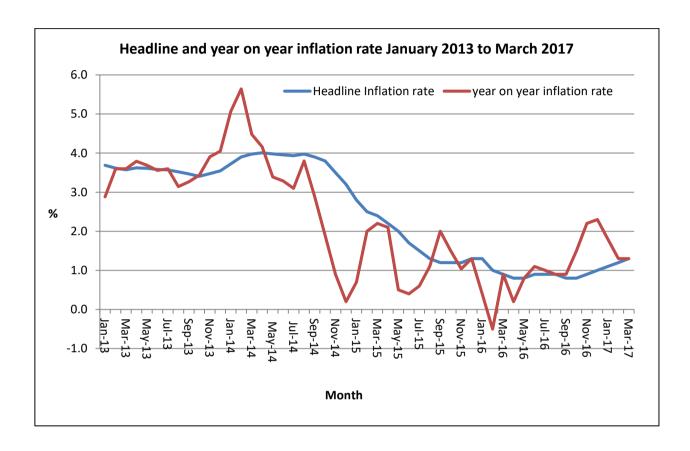
| Commodity | Change in index point | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| Vegetables | +0.7 | | |
| Other food products | +0.1 | | |
| Gasolene | +0.2 | | |
| Air tickets | -0.1 | | |
| Other goods and services | +0.1 | | |
| Total | +1.0 | | |

Sub-indices for the twelve divisions of consumption expenditure for the month of March 2017 compared to February 2017 are shown below:

| Division | February 2017 | March 2017 | % change in index between February and March 2017 |
|---|------------------|---------------|---|
| 1. Food and non alcoholic beverages | 115.1 | 117.9 | +2.4 |
| 2. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco | 135.2 | 135.1 | - |
| 3. Clothing and footwear | 123.1 | 123.2 | +0.1 |
| 4. Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels | 95.9 | 95.9 | - |
| 5. Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance | 107.9 | 108.1 | +0.2 |
| 6. Health | 122.4 | 123.0 | +0.4 |
| 7. Transport | 99.9 | 101.0 | +1.1 |
| 8. Communication | 94.4 | 94.4 | - |
| 9. Recreation and culture | 109.8 | 110.3 | +0.5 |
| 10. Education | 115.2 | 115.2 | - |
| 11. Restaurants and hotels | 118.8 | 119.8 | +0.8 |
| 12. Miscellaneous goods and services | 107.9 | 108.1 | +0.2 |
| All Divisions | <u>111.5</u> | <u>112.5</u> | +0.9 |
| All Divisions, excluding "Alcoholic beverages and tobacco" | <u>109.0</u> | <u>110.1</u> | +1.0 |

The **headline** inflation rate for the twelve months ending March 2017 works out to 1.3%, compared to 0.9% for the twelve months ending March 2016.

The **year-on-year** inflation rate for March 2017, as measured by the change in the CPI for March 2017 relative to March 2016, works out to 1.3%.



Detailed CPI series available at http://statsmauritius.govmu.org CPI and Inflation

Source: Statistics Mauritius Port Louis

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