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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

March 2015

Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for March 2015 decreased by 1.1 percent compared to the previous month.

- The continue decrease of oil prices internationally in March 2015 has pushed local fuel prices down as reflected in the 5.0 percent decline in the Transport index that also contributed the most to the overall decrease in the All Items index.
- Restaurants index increased by 8.5 percent.
- Clothing and Footwear index also increased by 5.8 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended March 2015 was 1.2 percent.

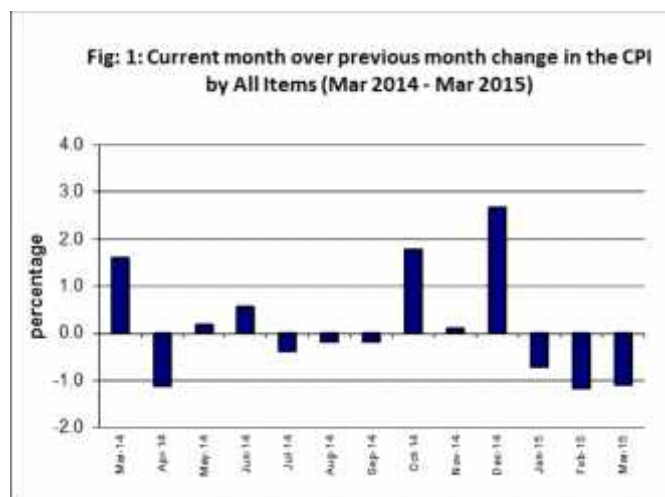
In the year to March 2015, the CPI rose 0.4 percent.

SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for March 2015 was 1.1 percent lower than in February 2015 and was 0.4 percent higher than March 2014.

The decrease of the Imported Goods Component by 2.1 percent reflects lower prices for imported food and fuel (petrol and diesel) which were also the main contributor to the decrease of 1.1 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

The Local Goods Component also recorded a decrease of 0.5 percent over February 2015. Figure 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by All Divisions from March 2014 to March 2015.

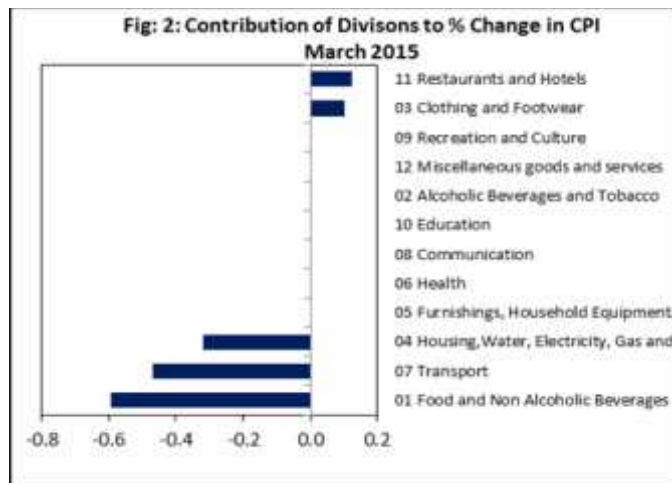


Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Total All Divisions Contribution

As depicted in Fig 2, Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, Transport and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels divisions were the main contributors to the overall decrease of 1.1 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand, there were offsetting positive contributions from Restaurants with 0.12 percent and Clothing and Footwear with 0.10 percent.



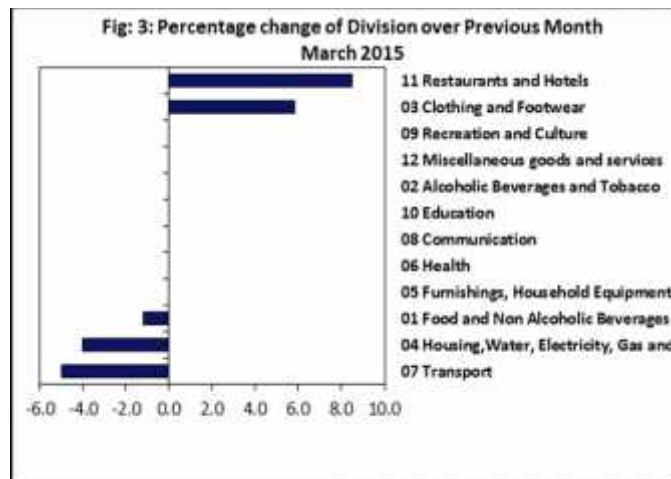
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Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The Transport, Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels and Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages indices recorded decreases of 5.0, 4.0 and 1.2 percent respectively.

On the contrary, increases were recorded for Restaurants with 8.5 percent and Clothing and Footwear with 5.8 percent.

No changes were recorded for the Alcoholic Beverages, Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance, Health, Communication, Recreation and Culture, Education and Miscellaneous Goods and Services indices. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the March 2015 percentage change for all divisions from February 2015.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 2.1 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for mutton flap, sugar and fuel (petrol and diesel).

Local Goods Component

Decreased prices recorded for electricity, fresh fish (piece and string), taamu, chinese cabbage and airline fare (Apia-Auckland-Apia) have resulted in the 0.5 percent decrease in the Local Good Component.

Transport Index

A decrease of 5.0 percent in the Transport index was a reflection of the lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) and airline fare (Apia-Auckland-Apia).

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

Lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh), cooking gas and kerosene is reflected in the 4.0 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index.

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

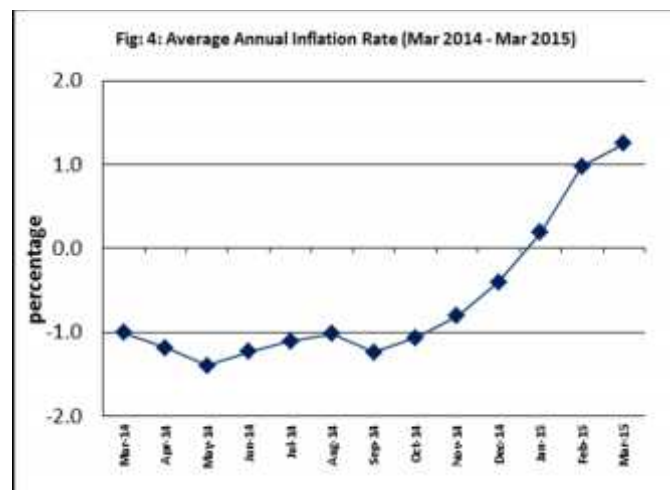
The 1.2 percent decrease in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index was mainly due to lower prices recorded for mutton flap, fresh fish (piece and string), taamu and chinese cabbage.



Imported Items Underlying Index registered a decrease of 1.2 percent while the Local Items Underlying Index reported a 2.2 percent increase.

Average Annual Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended March 2015 was 1.2 percent. For the twelve months ending March 2014 the inflation rate was negative 1.0 percent. Presented in Fig 4 is the Average annual inflation rate (March 2014 - March 2015).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Restaurants Index

The 8.5 percent increase in the Restaurants index is mainly due to higher prices recorded for meal (fish and chips).

Clothing and Footwear Index

An increase of 5.8 percent in the Clothing and Footwear index is reflected in the higher prices recorded for school uniform and shirt (short sleeve white).

Underlying Indices ^{1/}

The All Items Underlying Index for March 2015 registered a decrease of 0.5 percent when compared to February 2015, and an increase of 0.5 percent when compared to March 2014. The

The attached Tables and Graphs provide the user with more detailed analysis.



Date of release: 13th March 2015.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 11th May 2015.

^{1/}Underlying inflation is measure of inflation that excludes certain items that face volatile price movements. Underlying inflation eliminates products that can have temporary price shocks because these shocks can diverge from the overall trend of inflation and give a false measure of inflation.

Underlying inflation can also exclude government charges as they change rarely and are not set by an open market and so may also give a false measure of inflation. Prices that are subject to price control or subsidy could also be removed for the same reasons.

Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

(Base Period : Average Prices August 2010 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	1000	502	97	17	78	31	16	97	58	34	31	15	24
Ave - 2012	107.9	110.3	107.8	113.1	108.9	100.4	96.0	111.2	100.0	98.0	101.6	100.0	100.9
Ave - 2013	108.6	111.1	110.8	113.5	107.2	101.4	96.1	111.8	100.0	98.5	101.6	101.6	100.7
Ave - 2014	108.1	107.3	114.2	117.8	110.8	100.2	108.4	117.2	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	98.4
2014													
March	108.4	109.4	114.6	113.2	108.4	100.5	106.9	111.3	100.0	98.9	101.6	109.4	100.0
April	107.2	106.7	113.2	120.1	108.4	99.1	106.9	113.7	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	98.5
May	107.4	105.6	113.2	119.5	110.7	99.9	106.9	119.9	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	99.0
June	108.0	106.6	114.8	119.3	110.5	99.9	106.9	119.5	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	98.2
July	107.6	105.3	114.8	119.3	110.9	99.9	108.1	121.2	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	98.5
August	107.4	105.3	114.8	119.2	110.9	99.9	109.2	118.7	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	98.5
September	107.2	104.8	114.8	119.2	113.0	100.5	110.6	118.0	100.0	99.0	101.6	109.4	98.5
October	109.1	108.0	114.8	119.2	113.1	100.6	110.5	121.2	100.0	98.9	101.6	109.4	96.4
November	109.2	108.3	114.8	119.2	113.2	100.4	110.5	120.1	100.0	98.9	101.6	109.4	96.3
December	112.1	115.7	114.3	119.2	113.0	100.4	110.6	112.8	100.0	98.9	101.6	109.4	96.3
2015													
January	111.3	112.5	116.6	112.6	113.0	100.6	110.4	119.9	100.0	98.9	103.4	109.4	96.1
February	110.0	112.7	116.6	112.2	112.2	100.2	110.4	106.1	100.0	99.1	103.4	109.4	96.2
March (P)	108.8	111.4	116.6	118.7	107.7	100.2	110.4	100.8	100.0	99.1	103.4	118.7	96.2
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2015 over	-1.1	-1.2	0.0	5.8	-4.0	0.0	0.0	-5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.5	0.0
Feb 2015													
Mar 2015 over	0.4	1.8	1.7	4.9	-0.6	-0.3	3.3	-9.4	0.0	0.2	1.8	8.5	-3.8
Mar 2014													
ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	480	348	n.a.	17	17	31	14	13	n.a.	2	n.a.	15	24
Ave - 2012	104.3	105.3		113.1	101.7	100.4	95.4	100.1		86.8		100.0	100.9
Ave - 2013	104.7	106.0		113.5	99.4	101.4	95.5	97.4		87.0		101.6	100.7
Ave - 2014	105.9	107.4		117.8	99.6	100.2	94.4	95.7		87.7		109.4	98.4
2014													
March	105.1	106.5		113.2	98.9	100.5	92.7	95.6		87.0		109.4	100.0
April	105.0	106.3		120.1	98.9	99.1	92.7	95.6		88.1		109.4	98.5
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2015													
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February	106.1	108.0		112.2	99.3	100.2	96.6	96.4		89.5		109.4	96.2
March (P)	105.6	106.7		118.7	98.2	100.2	96.6	96.4		89.5		118.7	96.2
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2015 over	-0.5	-1.2		5.8	-1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		8.5	0.0
Feb 2015													
Mar 2015 over	0.5	0.2		4.9	-0.7	-0.3	4.3	0.8		2.9		8.6	-3.8
Mar 2014													

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Weight	Unit	2014			2015		
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages								
Chicken Leg Quarters	41.8	lb	1.91	1.89	1.91	1.94	2.03	2.06
Taro	41.2	lb	0.61	0.57	0.63	1.08	0.93	0.97
Rice short grain	26.5	lb	1.48	1.55	1.55	1.46	1.47	1.54
Mutton (Pure Flap)	25.5	lb	8.91	8.29	8.36	9.12	9.14	8.70
Canned fish Natural Oil (b)	25.1	15oz	3.36	3.35	3.33	3.41	3.32	3.30
Bread	22.3	loaf	1.91	1.91	1.89	1.74	1.74	1.74
Canned fish Tomato Sauce (b)	22.1	15oz	2.74	2.74	2.74	3.00	2.96	2.88
Taamu	18.9	lb	1.10	1.06	1.10	1.40	1.73	1.67
Sugar Brown	18.7	lb	1.30	1.32	1.31	1.27	1.26	1.11
Fish (piece)	14.5	lb	7.60	7.14	8.85	7.68	8.00	7.44
Canned Beef (b)	13.7	12oz	13.20	13.28	13.27	12.79	12.86	12.82
Mineral Water	12.4	500mls	1.85	1.85	1.87	2.00	2.00	2.00
Chicken Wings (a)	12.0	lb	3.68	3.53	3.48	3.38	3.43	3.35
Fish (string)	11.7	lb	3.93	3.96	4.25	4.49	5.22	4.15
Koko Samoa	11.5	sml cup	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.29	5.14	5.14
Biscuits Sky Flakes (a)	11.0	850g	14.15	14.15	14.15	14.10	14.33	14.33
Bananas	10.5	lb	0.31	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.37	0.36
Fish (large)	10.2	lb	8.40	5.88	6.39	8.40	6.21	7.05
Milk unskimmed UHT (b)	9.9	ltr	4.07	4.09	4.13	4.08	4.11	4.13
Butter Anchor	9.4	lb	10.73	10.80	10.85	11.08	10.98	11.00
Soft Drink Coke	9.2	750mls	3.54	3.54	3.50	3.59	3.59	3.59
Ramen Maggie	8.8	85g	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.08
Flour	6.8	lb	1.11	1.17	1.17	1.10	1.05	1.05
Yam	6.3	lb	1.64	1.29	1.82	1.75	1.76	1.79
Oil Cooking oil (a)	5.8	500mls	6.65	6.65	6.90	6.60	6.60	6.60
Taro Leaves	5.5	lb	2.57	3.33	3.37	2.53	2.86	2.70
Coconuts	5.1	lb	0.32	0.32	0.31	0.27	0.26	0.26
Chinese Cabbage	5.0	lb	3.63	3.04	2.76	2.74	3.08	2.23
Salted Beef	4.9	lb	5.92	5.93	5.92	6.01	6.61	6.61
Eggs	4.3	doz	5.93	6.10	6.04	5.59	5.59	5.59
Stewing beef	4.3	lb	5.58	5.58	5.58	5.80	6.14	6.14
Breadfruit	4.2	lb	0.30	0.36	0.71	0.48	0.23	0.38
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco								
Cigarettes (b)	41.70	20rolls	9.00	9.36	9.43	9.86	9.86	9.86
Beer Vailima	32.3	355mls	4.53	4.53	4.53	4.54	4.54	4.54
Spirit Volka nip	6.3	nip	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.00	10.00	10.00
Spirit whisky nip	6.3	nip	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.00	10.00	10.00
Clothing and Footwear								
School Uniform	5.4	each	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	29.00	34.00
Ie Solosolo	2.1	2yds	7.55	7.55	7.47	7.67	7.78	7.78
Jandals soft rubber	2.1	10.5	8.18	8.18	8.18	8.18	8.18	8.23
Jandals hard rubber	1.6	8	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25
Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels								
Electricity	56.9	kwh	1.02	1.02	1.02	1.05	1.05	1.00
Roofing iron	5.2	12ft	52.40	52.40	52.40	53.60	53.60	53.60
Cement	4.4	40kg	22.88	22.88	22.88	23.38	23.00	23.13
Natural gas	3.5	20lb	75.45	75.45	75.45	75.45	70.80	69.90
Kerosene	2.1	ltr	2.94	3.09	2.94	2.65	2.30	2.03
Furnishings, Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance								
Washing powder (b)	6.00	200g	1.66	1.70	1.70	1.55	1.51	1.51
Washing soap	4.3	bar	2.90	2.90	2.90	2.93	2.93	2.93
Refridgerator	3.7	331ltrs	2900.00	2900.00	2900.00	2900.00	2900.00	2900.00
Sheeting material	3.3	yd	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.95	12.95
Sefe 3 sheves (a)	2.7	48*48	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00	515.00
Kerosene stove 2 burners	2.0	each	144.33	144.33	144.33	141.67	141.67	141.67
Mosquito coil	2.0	box	1.26	1.26	1.26	1.28	1.28	1.28

Commodities	Weight	Unit	2014			2015		
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
Health								
Paracetamol	3.7	20tablet	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.88	1.88	1.88
Magnesium Trisillicate	3.6	120mls	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.60	7.60	7.60
Cough Mixture	3.6	100mls	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
Hospital Charge	2.1	per night	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Transport								
Petrol	39.1	ltr	3.04	3.18	3.10	2.78	2.42	2.16
Labour charge car repair	9.1	min crg	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67	51.67
Air Fares Apia-Auckland-Apia	7.8	return	2162.06	1917.45	1453.25	2449.35	1268.20	1115.95
Air Fares Fagalii-Pago	7.8	return	365.00	380.00	380.00	395.00	395.00	395.00
Bus Fares Apia-Motootua Hosp	3.7	per trip	0.80	0.80	0.80	1.30	1.30	1.30
Bus Fares Apia-Malua	3.7	per trip	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.60	2.60	2.60
Bus Fares Apia-Falefa	3.7	per trip	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.70	3.70	3.70
Car Tyre 205/70R(14)	3.7	size 14	215.00	215.00	215.00	220.00	220.00	220.00
Taxi Fares PO-Motootua Hosp	3.3	per trip	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.80	4.80	4.80
Taxi Fares Po-Malua	3.3	per trip	26.10	26.10	26.10	31.30	31.30	31.30
Taxi Fares PO-Falefa	3.3	per trip	36.00	36.00	36.00	43.20	43.20	43.20
Diesel	2.8	ltr	3.18	3.31	3.17	2.83	2.50	2.24
Car Registration 1500-2000 cc	2.0	ann rate	290.00	290.00	290.00	352.00	352.00	352.00
Boat Fares Mulifanua-Salelologa	1.3	one way	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Communication								
Telephone local call	23.6	1 min	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
Telephone NZ call	10.6	3 mins	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55	2.55
Telephone USA call	10.6	3 mins	5.37	5.37	5.37	5.35	5.35	5.35
Telephone Rental	10.6	monthly	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15	24.15
Internet Prepaid Rates (a)	2.6	30 mins	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10	5.10
PO Box rental (small box)	0.2	ann rate	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
Recreation and Culture								
National Lotto (a)	23.6	ticket	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Tattslotto	3.8	ticket	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
News Paper Samoa Observer	2.7	each	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Education								
School Fees Primary	10.5	Yr 4	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
School Fees Secondary	8.1	Yr 10	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
School Fees Primary	7.6	Yr 8	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
School Fees (NUS registration)	5.1	tertiary	265.00	265.00	265.00	292.00	292.00	292.00
Restaurants								
Meal (Fish & Chips)	11.0	1 serve	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00
Meal (Pinati)	3.7	1 serve	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Miscellaneous goods and services								
Toilet soap	7.6	90g	1.13	1.13	1.13	1.04	1.04	1.04
Diapers (16kg & over)	7.2	24pkt	37.40	37.40	37.40	37.80	37.90	37.90
Toilet Paper	3.6	roll	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(a) : New commodity from August 2010

(b) : Average price across all brands

(P) : Provisional figures

Table 3. IMPORTED GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base Period : Average Prices August 2010 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing,Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	424.8	272.0	17.1	10.9	17.5	22.7	12.8	46.8	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	n.a.	23.7
Ave - 2012	106.7	105.7	113.9	110.6	103.8	102.1	95.1	118.6		76.7			100.9
Ave - 2013	106.9	106.2	112.1	110.9	101.7	103.0	95.2	119.7		77.0			100.7
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April	106.9	106.7	106.0	111.1	101.2	100.8	92.1	121.6		78.9			98.5
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June	108.3	108.9	115.2	109.8	100.3	102.0	92.1	118.4		78.9			98.2
July	109.0	109.2	115.2	109.8	101.8	101.9	93.6	121.9		78.9			98.5
August	109.6	110.0	115.2	109.6	101.8	101.9	95.0	122.8		78.9			98.5
September	109.4	109.3	115.2	109.6	102.1	102.8	96.7	124.1		78.9			98.5
October	109.0	108.9	115.2	109.7	102.6	102.8	96.6	122.9		78.1			96.4
November	108.4	108.6	115.2	109.6	102.7	102.5	96.6	119.7		78.1			96.3
December	107.3	108.1	112.2	109.6	102.0	102.5	96.7	114.2		78.1			96.3
2015													
January	107.3	108.8	112.2	109.5	101.9	102.7	96.4	110.1		78.1			96.1
February	105.8	108.9	112.2	108.8	98.3	102.2	96.4	97.4		81.5			96.2
March (P)	103.6	107.2	112.2	108.9	95.9	102.2	96.4	88.1		81.5			96.2
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2015 over Feb 2015	-2.1	-1.6	0.0	0.1	-2.4	0.0	0.0	-9.5		0.0			0.0
Mar 2015 over Mar 2014	-3.7	0.1	-2.7	-1.3	-5.3	-0.6	4.6	-27.3		5.8			-3.8
IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing,Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	362.8	272.0	n.a.	10.9	15.4	22.7	12.8	4.0	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	n.a.	23.7
Ave - 2012	104.9	105.7		110.6	101.4	102.1	95.1	122.0		76.7			100.9
Ave - 2013	105.0	106.2		110.9	98.9	103.0	95.2	113.2		77.0			100.7
Ave - 2014	106.2	108.2		110.0	98.7	102.3	94.0	107.4		78.2			98.4
2014													
March	105.4	107.1		110.4	97.9	102.7	92.1	107.2		77.0			100.0
April	105.0	106.7		111.1	97.9	100.8	92.1	107.1		78.9			98.5
May	105.0	106.6		110.1	98.1	101.9	92.1	107.2		78.9			99.0
June	106.6	108.9		109.8	97.8	102.0	92.1	107.2		78.9			98.2
July	106.9	109.2		109.8	98.9	101.9	93.6	107.2		78.9			98.5
August	107.6	110.0		109.6	98.9	101.9	95.0	107.2		78.9			98.5
September	107.2	109.3		109.6	99.1	102.8	96.7	107.1		78.9			98.5
October	106.8	108.9		109.7	99.6	102.8	96.6	107.2		78.1			96.4
November	106.6	108.6		109.6	100.2	102.5	96.6	107.1		78.1			96.3
December	106.2	108.1		109.6	100.3	102.5	96.7	109.6		78.1			96.3
2015													
January	106.7	108.8		109.5	100.3	102.7	96.4	109.6		78.1			96.1
February	106.7	108.9		108.8	98.3	102.2	96.4	109.6		81.5			96.2
March (P)	105.4	107.2		108.9	97.2	102.2	96.4	109.6		81.5			96.2
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2015 over Feb 2015	-1.2	-1.6		0.1	-1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0			0.0
Mar 2015 over Mar 2014	-0.1	0.1		-1.3	-0.8	-0.6	4.6	2.3		5.8			-3.8

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P): Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

Table 4. LOCAL GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base Period : Average Prices August 2010 = 100)

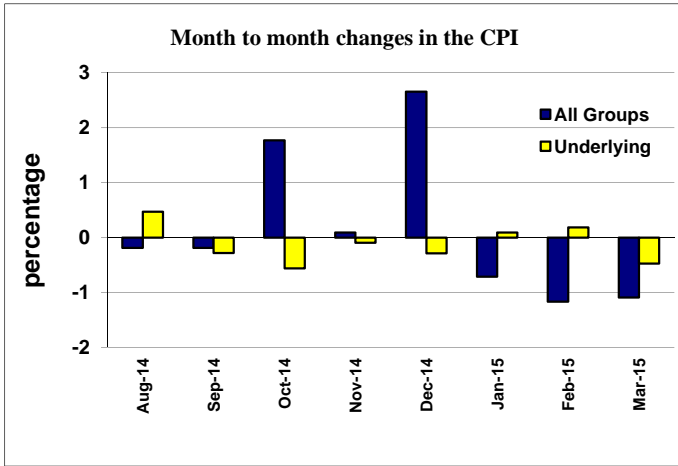
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	575.2	229.8	79.6	6.4	60.6	8.6	3.0	50.3	58.2	32.7	31.3	14.7	n.a.
Ave - 2012	108.8	115.8	106.5	117.3	110.3	95.9	100.0	104.2	100.0	98.8	101.6	100.0	
Ave - 2013	109.8	116.9	110.5	117.9	108.8	97.1	100.0	104.4	100.0	99.4	101.6	101.6	
Ave - 2014	108.1	106.4	114.4	131.1	113.4	94.6	170.0	113.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
2014													
March	108.9	112.1	114.5	117.9	110.4	94.5	170.0	102.0	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
April	107.3	106.7	114.7	135.5	110.4	94.5	170.0	106.3	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
May	108.0	104.4	114.7	135.5	113.5	94.5	170.0	121.0	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
June	107.8	104.0	114.7	135.5	113.5	94.5	170.0	120.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
July	106.6	100.8	114.7	135.5	113.5	94.5	170.0	120.7	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
August	105.7	99.8	114.7	135.5	113.5	94.5	170.0	114.9	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
September	105.7	99.6	114.7	135.5	116.2	94.5	170.0	112.3	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
October	109.2	106.9	114.7	135.5	116.2	95.0	170.0	119.7	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
November	109.7	107.8	114.7	135.5	116.2	95.0	170.0	120.4	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
December	115.6	124.6	114.7	135.5	116.2	95.0	170.0	111.5	100.0	99.8	101.6	109.4	
2015													
January	114.4	117.0	117.5	117.9	116.2	95.0	170.0	129.0	100.0	99.8	103.4	109.4	
February	113.1	117.2	117.5	117.9	116.2	95.0	170.0	114.2	100.0	99.8	103.4	109.4	
March (P)	112.6	116.4	117.5	135.5	111.1	95.0	170.0	112.5	100.0	99.8	103.4	118.7	
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2015 over Feb 2015	-0.5	-0.7	0.0	14.9	-4.4	0.0	0.0	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.6	
Mar 2015 over Mar 2014	3.3	3.8	2.6	14.9	0.6	0.5	0.0	10.3	-0.1	0.0	1.8	8.6	
LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	117.4	75.5	n.a.	6.4	1.2	8.6	0.9	9.1	n.a.	1.0	n.a.	14.7	n.a.
Ave - 2012	102.5	103.9		117.3	105.2	95.9	100.0	90.5		100.0		100.0	
Ave - 2013	103.8	105.5		117.9	105.9	97.1	100.0	90.5		100.0		101.6	
Ave - 2014	105.0	104.8		131.1	111.5	94.6	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
2014													
March	103.9	103.9		117.9	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
April	105.3	105.3		135.5	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
May	105.2	105.2		135.5	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
June	105.7	105.7		135.5	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
July	105.5	105.5		135.5	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
August	105.7	105.7		135.5	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
September	105.6	105.6		135.5	111.6	94.5	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
October	104.5	104.5		135.5	111.6	95.0	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
November	104.8	104.8		135.5	111.5	95.0	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
December	104.7	104.7		135.5	111.5	95.0	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
2015													
January	103.5	103.5		117.9	111.5	95.0	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
February	104.2	104.2		117.9	111.5	95.0	100.0	90.5		100.0		109.4	
March (P)	106.5	106.5		135.5	111.5	95.0	100.0	90.5		100.0		118.7	
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2015 over Feb 2015	2.2	2.2		14.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		8.5	
Mar 2015 over Mar 2014	2.5	2.5		14.9	-0.1	0.5	0.0	0.0		0.0		8.5	

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

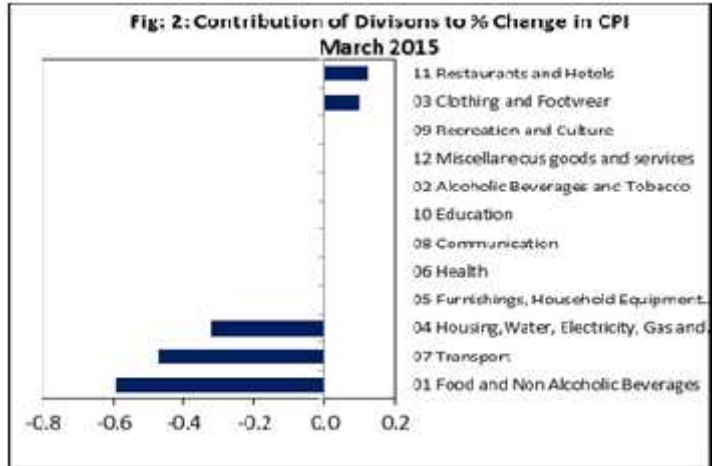
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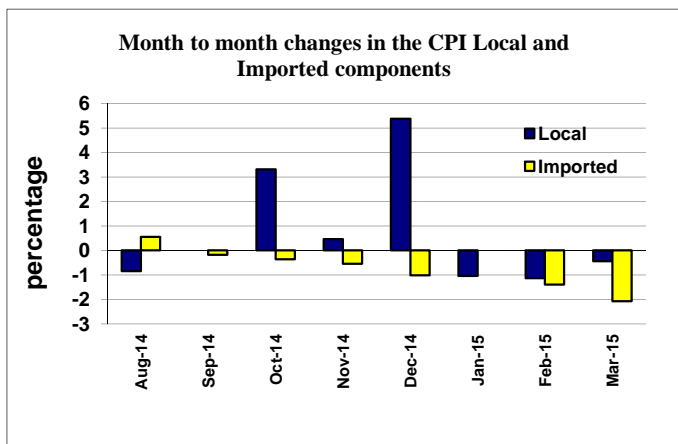
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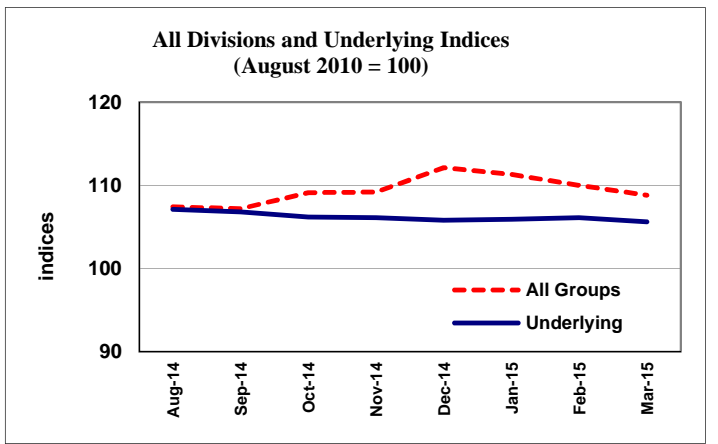
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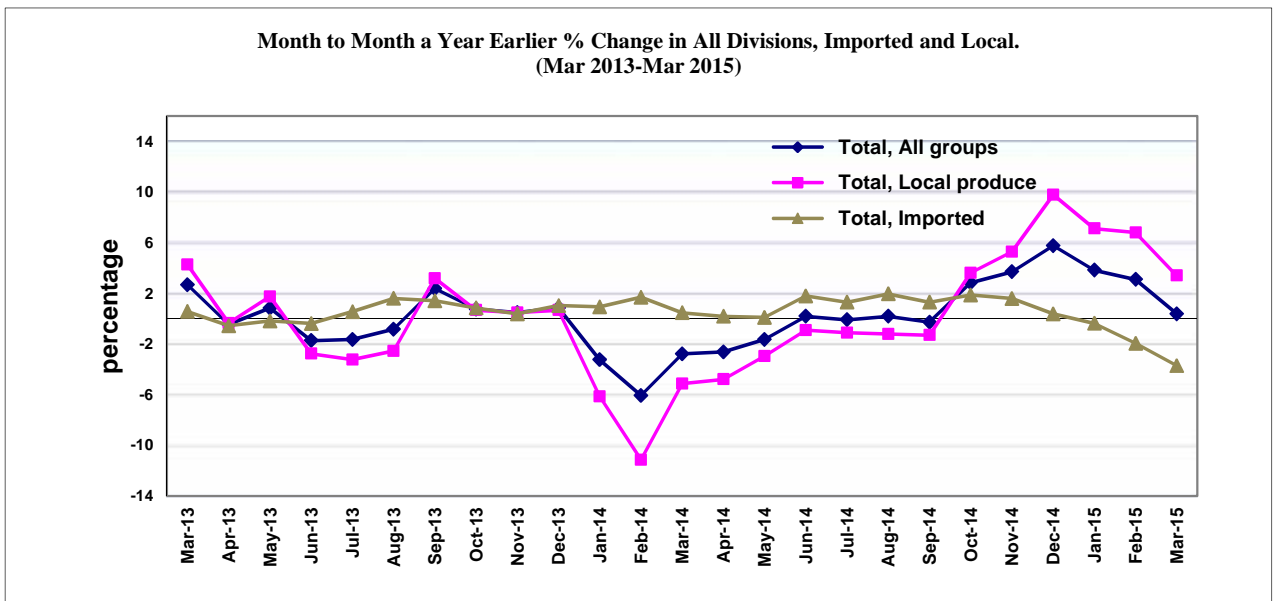
Graph.3



Graph.4



Graph 5



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