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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX June 2013

### Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for June 2013 decreased by 1.3 percent compared to the previous month.

- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index decreased by 2.7 percent, driven down by lower prices for market staples.
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels decreased by 2.0 percent.
- Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco index increased by 1.1 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended May 2013 down by 0.2 percent.

The CPI fell 1.7 percent from June 2012.

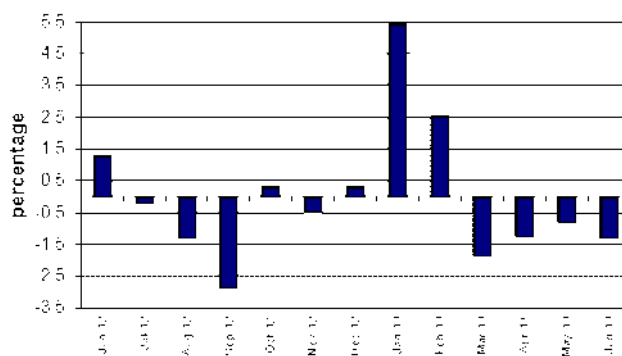
### SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for June 2013 was 1.3 percent lower than in May 2013 and was 1.7 percent lower than June 2012.

The decrease of the Local Goods Component by 2.2 percent reflects lower prices for market staples and fresh fish, which were also the main contributor to the decrease of 1.3 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

The Imported Goods Component also recorded a decrease of 0.1 percent from May 2013. Figure 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index for all Divisions from June 2012 to June 2013.

Fig: 1: Current month over previous month change in the CPI by All Divisions (Jun 2012 - Jun 2013)

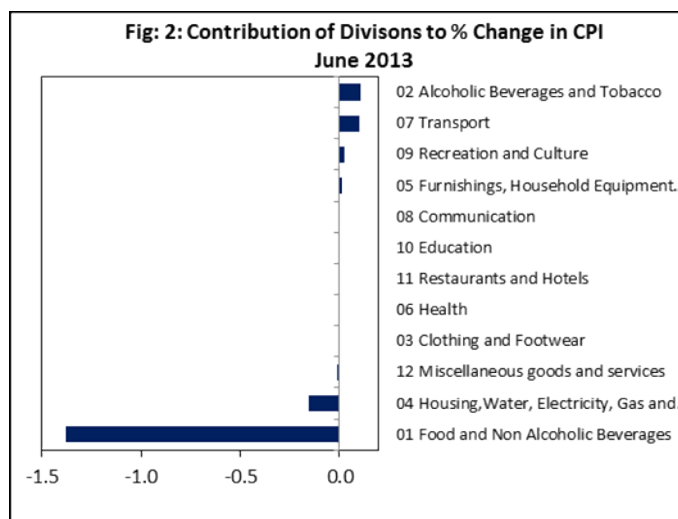


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## Total All Divisions Contribution

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages divisions along with Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels were the main contributors to the overall decrease of 1.3 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand there were offsetting contributions from the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco division with 0.11 percent and Transport division with 0.10 percent.



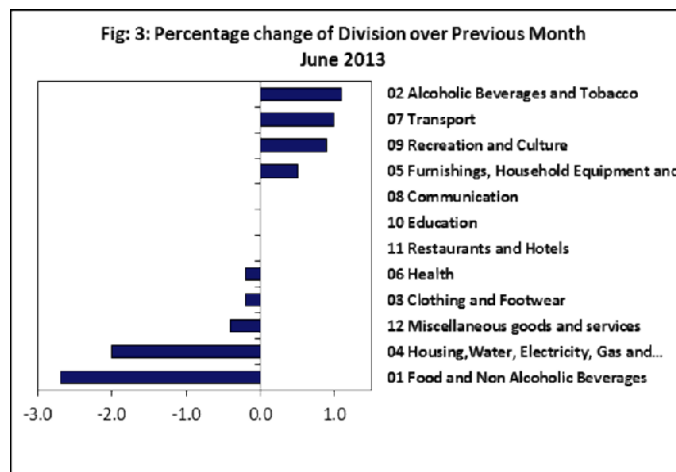
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## Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index recorded a decrease of 2.7 percent. Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels showed a decrease of 2.0 percent. Miscellaneous Goods and Services registered a decrease of 0.4 percent while Clothing and Footwear and Health both recorded slight decreases of 0.2 percent.

On the other hand, increases were recorded for Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 1.1 percent, Transport with 1.0 percent, Recreation and Culture with 0.9 percent and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance with 0.5 percent.

No changes were recorded for the Communication, Education and Restaurants indices. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the June 2013 percentage change for all divisions from May 2013.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Local Goods Component

The Local Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 2.2 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for electricity, taamu, fresh fish (large and piece), banana, chinese cabbage and breadfruit.

## Imported Goods Component

Decreased prices recorded for fuel (petrol) have resulted in the 0.1 percent decrease in the imported Good Component.

## Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

Lower prices recorded for taamu, fresh fish (large and piece), banana, chinese cabbage and breadfruit are reflected in the 2.7 percent decrease in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index.



### **Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index**

The 2.0 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index is a result of the lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh).

### **Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index**

The 0.4 percent decrease in the Miscellaneous Good and Services index was mainly due to lower prices recorded for toilet paper.

### **Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco Index**

Increased prices recorded for beer are reflected in the 1.1 percent increase in the Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco index.

### **Transport Index**

Higher prices recorded for airline fare (return ticket to NZ) are reflected in the 1.0 percent increase in the Transport index.

### **Recreation and Culture Index**

The 0.9 percent increase in the Recreation and Culture Index was mainly due to higher prices recorded for cinema admission (adult ticket).

### **Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index**

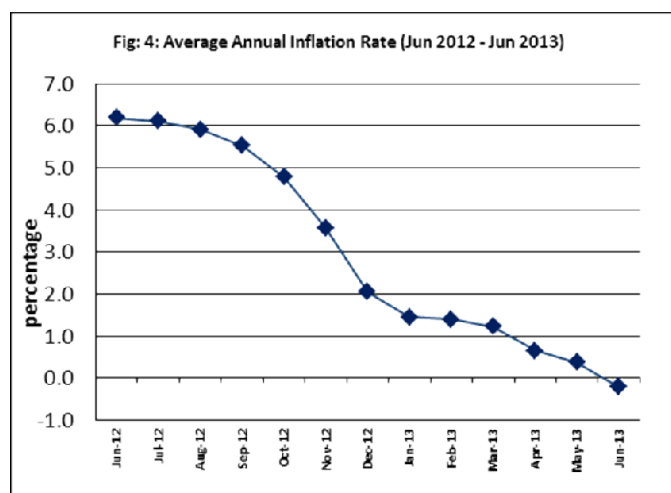
An increase of 0.5 percent in the Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance index is a result of the higher prices recorded for washing soap and mosquito net.

### **Underlying Indices**

The All Items Underlying Index for June 2013 registered no change from the previous month, and an increase of 0.6 percent when compared to June last year. The Imported and local component of Underlying Index both registered no change from May this year.

### **Inflation Rate**

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended June 2013 fell by 0.2%. For the twelve months ending June 2012 the inflation rate was 6.2 percent, therefore the average annual inflation rate declined by 6.0 percentage points over the year. Presented in Fig 4 is the Average annual inflation rates (June 2012 - June 2013).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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

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Date of release: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2013

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Note: The Samoa Bureau of Statistics is introducing methodology improvement to the Consumer Price Index to more accurately reflect prices paid by households when specific products change or are no longer available.