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## SAMOA BUREAU OF STATISTICS

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX September 2016

### Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for September 2016 decreased by 0.3 percent compared to the previous month.

- Transport index decreased by 4.2 percent driven by reduced fuel price.
- Restaurants also decreased by 2.0 percent.
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index increased by 5.5 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended September 2016 was 0.8 percent.

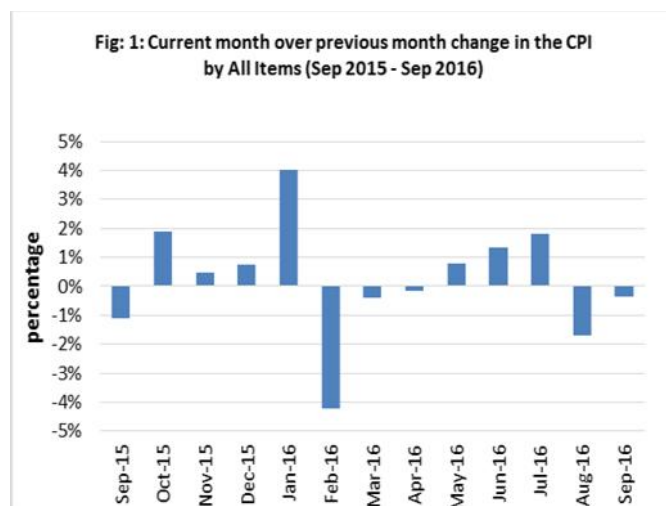
In the year to September 2016, the CPI rose 4.1 percent.

### SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for September 2016 was 0.3 percent lower than in August 2016 and was 4.1 percent higher than August 2015.

The decrease of the Imported Goods component by 1.2 percent from the previous month was due to lower prices for fuel, which was also the main contributor to the decrease of 0.3 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

The Local Goods Component registered an increase of 0.5 percent from August 2016. Figure 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by all Divisions from September 2015 to September 2016.

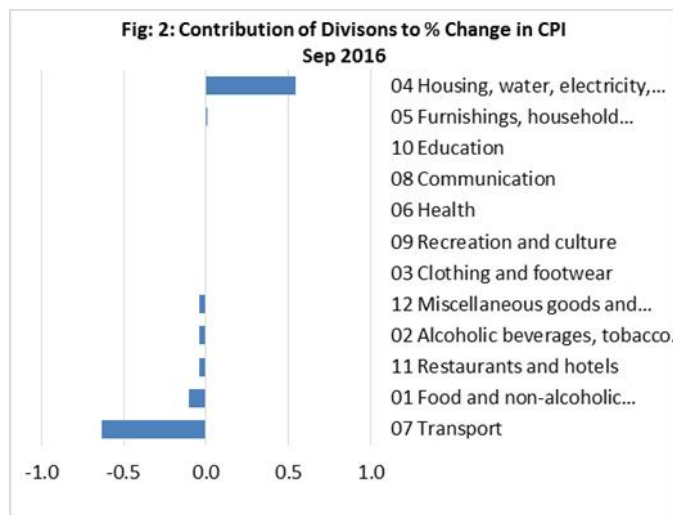


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## Total All Divisions Contribution

Transport divisions along with Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages were the main contributors to the overall decrease of 0.3 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand, there was offsetting positive contribution from Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels division with 0.5 percent.



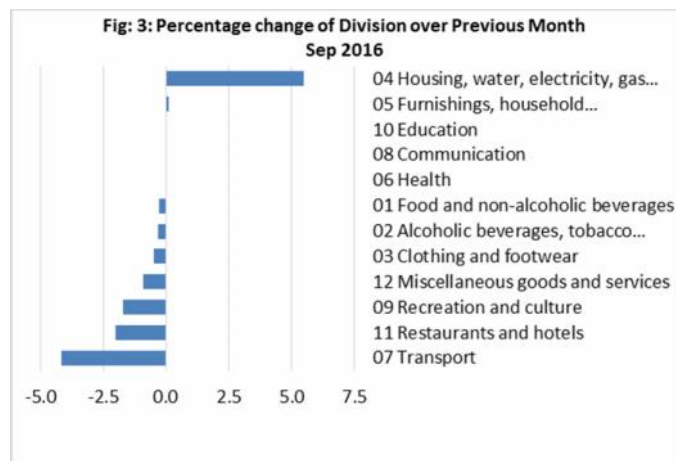
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## Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The decrease recorded month on month for the Transport index with 4.2 percent, Restaurants index with 2.0 percent, Recreation and Culture with 1.7 percent and Miscellaneous Goods and Services with 0.9 percent. The Clothing and Footwear index registered decrease of 0.5 percent, while Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco indices both registered decreases of 0.3 percent.

On the other hand, increases were recorded for Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels with 5.5 percent and Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance index with 0.1 percent.

No changes were recorded for the Health, Communication and Education indices. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the September 2016 percentage change for all divisions from August 2016.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

## Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 1.2 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol, diesel and kerosene).

## Local Goods Component

The Local Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered an increase of 0.5 percent when compared to the previous month. This increase was mainly due to higher prices recorded for electricity.

## Transport Index

Lower prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) and airline fare (Fagalii-Pagopago) is reflected in the 4.2 percent decrease in the Transport Index.

## Restaurants Index

The 2.0 percent decrease in the Restaurants Index was a result of lower prices recorded for meal (curry and chopsuey).

## Recreation and Culture Index

Decreased prices recorded for LCD television have resulted in the 1.7 percent decrease in the Recreation and Culture index.

## Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

Lower prices recorded for hair gel and tooth paste is reflected in the 0.9 percent decrease in the Miscellaneous Good and Services index.

## Clothing and Footwear Index

The 0.5 percent decrease in the Clothing and Footwear index was result of lower prices recorded for puletasi.

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

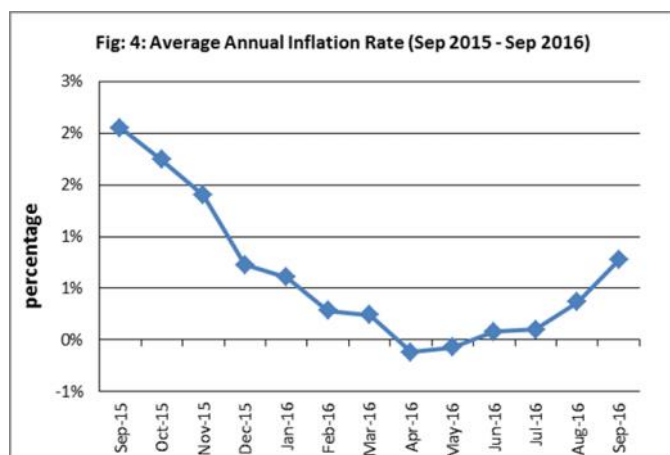
Higher prices recorded for electricity tariff has resulted in the 5.5 percent increase in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index.

## Underlying Indices <sup>1/</sup>

The All Items Underlying Index for September 2016 registered no change from the previous month, but showed an increase of 2.1 percent when compared to September 2015. The Local Items Underlying Index registered a decrease of 0.4 percent, while the Imported Items Underlying Index recorded an increase of 0.1 percent.

## Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended September 2016 was 0.8 percent. For the twelve months ending September 2015 the inflation rate was 2.1 percent. Presented in Fig 4 is the average annual inflation rate (September 2015 - September 2016).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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

### Technical Notes:

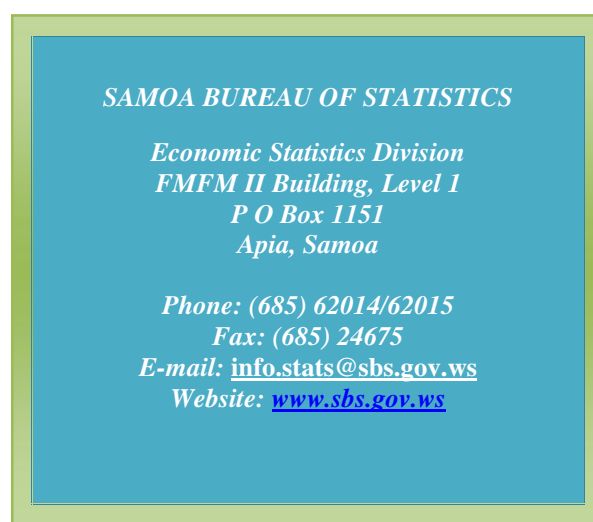
The Consumer Price (CPI) measures the rate of inflation for Samoa. It is designed to measure the change in prices for the goods purchased by households in Samoa. The CPI measures the change in prices by comparing the prices for a basket of goods and services

at the collection period with the price for the same goods in a base period.

The basket of goods that is priced was based on the average expenditures of households as recorded in the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES). The HIES survey identifies how much households spend on different items. The more households spend on an item on average, the more important it is to the price index, and the higher the weight in the index.

<sup>1/</sup> Monthly movements in the 'headline' CPI series can be volatile. This volatility reflects price changes in particular items that may be due, among other factors, to fluctuations in commodity markets and agricultural conditions, policy changes, or seasonal or infrequent price resetting.

Underlying inflation is a 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.



Date of release: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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**Table 1. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.**  
(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	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
<i>Weights</i>	<b>1000.0</b>	<b>403.7</b>	<b>128.4</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>148.5</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>
Ave - 2013	99.5	98.1	93.2	95.3	110.6	100.1	86.3	110.4	100.1	99.3	98.3	85.6	104.3
Ave - 2014	99.1	94.8	96.1	98.9	114.3	98.9	97.3	115.8	100.1	99.7	98.3	92.2	101.9
Ave - 2015	99.8	97.9	97.7	98.6	106.0	99.7	99.9	108.7	100.0	99.9	100.0	98.7	99.2
2015													
September	97.3	93.5	98.1	99.0	97.7	100.7	100.0	112.1	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.0
October	99.2	96.7	98.1	98.2	104.6	100.6	100.0	108.5	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.3
November	99.6	98.3	99.2	99.1	104.9	99.9	100.0	103.4	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.5
December	100.4	101.2	99.2	98.7	94.8	100.2	100.0	102.2	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.4
2016													
January	104.4	106.9	100.2	98.9	103.7	100.1	100.0	105.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.6
February	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	99.6	100.6	99.7	99.7	96.7	100.1	100.2	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
April	99.4	101.8	99.8	99.9	95.8	99.5	100.2	95.1	100.0	93.9	100.0	100.0	100.5
May	100.2	102.3	99.8	99.8	94.7	98.4	98.0	99.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.2
June	101.6	105.9	99.8	99.2	92.9	98.5	98.0	100.7	100.0	98.3	100.0	100.0	102.1
July	103.4	106.5	105.8	99.2	93.1	99.3	96.7	106.0	100.0	94.1	102.2	100.0	101.7
August	101.7	105.2	106.0	97.9	84.5	99.4	96.7	104.3	100.0	93.2	102.2	100.0	101.5
September (P)	101.3	105.0	105.7	97.5	89.1	99.5	96.7	100.0	100.0	91.6	102.2	98.0	100.6
<b>Percentage Change (P)</b>													
Sep 2016 over Aug 2016	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.5%	5.5%	0.1%	0.0%	-4.2%	0.0%	-1.7%	0.0%	-2.0%	-0.9%
Sep 2016 over Sep 2015	4.1%	12.3%	7.7%	-1.6%	-8.8%	-1.2%	-3.3%	-10.8%	0.1%	-8.4%	2.2%	-2.0%	1.7%
<b>ALL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX</b>													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	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
<i>Weights</i>	<b>586.7</b>	<b>345.3</b>	<i>n.a</i>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>26.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>
Ave - 2013	103.8	105.9		95.3	101.9	100.0	97.6	104.8		94.7		85.6	104.3
Ave - 2014	105.0	107.3		98.9	102.2	98.9	96.5	102.9		95.4		92.1	102.0
Ave - 2015	102.5	103.5		98.7	101.7	99.7	99.8	101.9		98.3		98.7	99.2
2015													
September	100.5	0.0		99.1	102.2	100.7	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	99.0
October	101.2	101.8		98.2	101.0	100.6	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	99.2
November	101.0	101.5		99.1	101.6	99.9	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	99.5
December	100.7	100.9		98.8	101.5	100.1	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	99.4
2016													
January	100.6	100.7		99.0	101.0	100.1	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	101.5
February	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	100.2	100.5		99.7	97.4	100.1	100.3	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.9
April	100.6	101.3		99.9	97.5	99.5	100.3	100.0	100.0	93.4	100.0	100.0	100.5
May	100.5	101.0		99.8	97.6	98.4	97.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	101.2
June	103.3	105.7		99.2	97.9	98.5	97.4	100.2	100.0	98.2	100.0	100.0	102.1
July	102.9	105.0		99.2	97.5	99.3	95.7	100.4	100.0	93.7	103.5	100.0	101.7
August	102.7	104.7		97.9	97.6	99.4	95.7	99.8	100.0	92.6	103.5	100.0	101.5
September (P)	102.7	104.9		97.5	97.5	99.5	95.7	100.9	100.0	90.9	103.5	98.0	100.6
<b>Percentage Change (P)</b>													
Sep 2016 over Aug 2016	0.0%	0.2%		-0.5%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	-1.9%	0.0%	-2.0%	-0.9%
Sep 2016 over Sep 2015	2.1%	4.2%		-1.6%	-4.5%	-1.1%	-4.3%	0.9%	<i>n.a</i>	-9.1%	<i>n.a</i>	-2.0%	1.6%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note: n.a. Not applicable

**Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES**

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2015			2016		
			July	Aug	Sep	July	Aug	Sep (P)
<b>01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages</b>								
Leg Quarters Chicken	62.2	lb	1.34	1.34	1.37	1.62	1.60	1.58
Raw Sugar	21.3	1 lb	1.05	1.05	1.04	1.23	1.20	1.27
Bread	17.2	loaf	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.82	1.80	1.79
Corned Beef (a)	15.9	12 oz				8.55	8.67	8.67
Taro	15.2	1 lb	0.91	0.87	0.86	1.53	1.31	1.34
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.4	1 lb	1.47	1.47	1.47	1.61	1.60	1.63
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.4	2 lb				3.47	3.42	3.38
Canned fish between \$3.00 and \$3.99 Natural Oil	12.7	15 oz	3.92	3.92	3.92	3.27	3.39	3.44
Bongo	10.2	20grms	0.68	0.68	0.68	0.81	0.81	0.83
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.2	pkt 10				6.00	6.08	6.00
Tip Top Ice Cream (a)	9.2	2 ltr				14.73	14.73	14.85
Ramen maggie	9.0	85gms	1.08	1.08	1.08	1.10	1.10	1.11
Fish (Piece)	7.9	lb	7.25	7.22	6.28	6.89	7.32	6.84
Butter Anchor	7.7	1lb	10.82	10.82	10.82	11.84	11.84	12.09
Round Pancake (a)	7.5	sml				0.15	0.15	0.15
Mutton Flaps	6.6	lb	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.91	6.94	7.08
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	4.58	4.58	4.53	4.76	4.82	4.70
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.14	3.31	3.39
Wings Turkey	6.3	lb	2.97	2.97	2.67	2.68	2.65	2.65
Fish (string)	6.0	lb	3.11	3.11	2.88	2.22	2.09	2.00
Fish (large)	6.0	lb	4.44	4.76	4.71	4.04	4.48	4.37
<b>02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics</b>								
Lager Beer	37.9	355 mls	3.24	3.24	3.31	3.43	3.46	3.42
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.3	20 rolls	10.00	10.00	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.3	20 rolls	10.00	10.00	10.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Beer (a)	16.3	330 mls				3.31	3.31	3.31
Winfield Tobacco (a)	12.6	packet				14.60	14.60	14.60
<b>03 Clothing and footwear</b>								
Uniform le Faitaga College boys	4.3	size 8-10	31.50	31.50	31.50	33.00	33.00	33.00
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.7	size 7				33.67	33.67	33.67
<b>04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels</b>								
Electricity / Cashpower / kwh 1- 100 / total cost per unit / local	50.6	kwh	0.80	0.77	0.73	0.73	0.55	0.65
Reservoir treated Water	28.5	15-40 m3	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Liquid gas	15.8	20 lb	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	63.00
Government house Rent	12.2	2 b/room	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance</b>								
Washing powder (a)	6.3	200g				1.88	1.87	1.87
Soap yellow Washing soap	5.9	bar	2.90	2.90	2.97	2.82	2.77	2.78
Mosquito coil	4.4	12 coil	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.45	1.45	1.45
<b>06 Health</b>								
Amoxicillin mg Tablets (a)	2.5	500 mg				6.87	6.87	6.87
Hospital Charge	1.1	night	30.00	30.00	30.00	22.50	22.50	22.50

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2015			2016		
			July	Aug	Sep	July	Aug	Sep (P)
<b>07 Transport</b>								
Petrol	60.8	1 ltr	2.73	2.73	2.62	2.37	2.40	2.18
Taxi Fare PO Motootua Hosp	8.2	per trip	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.80
Taxi Fares PO Malua	8.2	per trip	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30	31.30
Taxi Fares PO Falefa	8.2	per trip	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20	43.20
Air Fares Fagalii Pago Fagalii	6.8	return trip	395.00	395.00	395.00	395.00	395.00	380.00
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.8	1 month	1874.00	1389.50	1948.10	1799.30	1163.90	1175.05
<b>08 Communication</b>								
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute				0.45	0.45	0.45
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb				0.20	0.20	0.20
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute				0.44	0.44	0.44
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb				0.20	0.20	0.20
<b>09 Recreation and culture</b>								
Television (a)	2.30	LCD				1044.50	1082.83	1016.17
Exercise Book warwick	1.44	1B4 64 paç	1.38	1.33	1.33	1.30	1.30	1.30
Laptop (a)	1.33	each				3217.00	2896.80	2956.80
<b>10 Education</b>								
Fees PTA Primary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6				72.50	72.50	72.50
Fees PTA Secondary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10				48.00	48.00	48.00
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registration	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00
Fees Secondary Y Examination Fees (a)	3.61	Y12-13				25.50	25.50	25.50
<b>11 Restaurants and hotels</b>								
Fish & Meal	7.79	1 serve	8.90	8.90	8.90	9.00	9.00	9.00
Curry & Meal	4.87	1 serve	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.33	3.33	3.00
Chicken & Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve				9.36	9.36	9.36
Steam rice & chicken Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve				4.83	4.83	4.83
<b>12 Miscellaneous goods and services</b>								
Paper Sofan deluxe ply Toilet Paper	8.52	250 sheets	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.99	0.99	0.99
Hair Gel	4.59	1124ml	3.80	3.80	3.80	5.26	5.30	5.14
Remains price for Storage of remains (a)	4.41	per week				56.67	56.67	56.67
Basic Casket (a)	4.41	each				1966.67	1966.67	1966.67
Standard Embalming (a)	4.41	1 person				1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Toilet soap (a)	4.38	90g				1.83	1.81	1.83
Diapers (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg				13.49	13.34	13.33

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(a) : New commodity from February 2016

(P) : Provisional figures

**Table 3. IMPORTED GOODS COMPONENT OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**  
(Base Period : Average Prices February 2016 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>494.7</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>88.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Ave - 2013	109.5	107.6	109.6	101.7	108.7	98.9	99.2	137.1		89.9			104.3
Ave - 2014	110.7	109.6	110.8	100.9	108.7	98.2	98.0	138.3		91.3			102.0
Ave - 2015	104.5	104.5	103.0	99.5	104.5	99.1	100.5	114.0		96.8			99.2
2015													
September	102.0	100.6	94.0	98.4	104.9	100.3	100.0	117.8		100.0			99.0
October	102.4	102.2	94.0	96.9	102.6	100.2	100.0	112.3		100.0			99.2
November	102.3	101.6	100.0	98.4	103.6	99.8	100.0	112.4		100.0			99.5
December	101.4	101.2	100.7	97.9	102.8	100.1	100.0	106.4		100.0			99.4
2016													
January	101.1	100.5	101.4	98.2	102.4	100.1	100.0	105.7		100.0			101.5
February	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0			100.0
March	99.4	100.7	100.0	99.7	96.1	100.1	100.4	95.8		100.0			99.8
April	99.4	101.7	100.7	99.8	96.7	99.4	100.4	92.6		93.4			100.6
May	100.3	101.2	100.7	99.8	98.0	98.2	96.2	98.4		100.0			101.5
June	103.9	107.1	100.8	99.6	98.8	98.3	96.2	100.5		98.2			102.6
July	104.9	106.1	109.1	99.6	99.6	99.2	93.8	106.8		93.7			102.1
August	104.9	105.8	109.1	97.9	100.2	99.3	93.8	107.8		92.6			101.9
September (P)	103.7	106.1	109.5	98.0	99.3	99.5	93.8	100.8		90.9			100.8
<b>Percentage Change (P)</b>													
Sep 2016 over Aug 2016	-1.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.0%	-1.0%	0.1%	0.0%	-6.5%		-1.9%			-1.1%
Sep 2016 over Sep 2015	1.6%	5.4%	16.5%	-0.4%	-5.4%	-0.8%	-6.2%	-14.5%		-9.1%			1.8%
<b>IMPORTED ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX</b>													
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>401.2</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Ave - 2013	106.1	107.6		101.7	102.7	98.9	99.2	114.8		89.9			104.3
Ave - 2014	107.3	109.6		100.9	102.5	98.2	98.0	108.9		91.3			102.0
Ave - 2015	103.4	104.5		99.5	102.0	99.1	100.5	105.9		96.8			99.2
2015													
September	100.5	100.6		98.4	102.4	100.3	100.0	100.0		100.0			99.0
October	101.6	102.2		96.9	101.2	100.2	100.0	100.0		100.0			99.2
November	101.2	101.6		98.4	101.8	99.8	100.0	100.0		100.0			99.5
December	100.8	101.2		97.9	101.8	100.1	100.0	100.0		100.0			99.4
2016													
January	100.5	100.5		98.2	101.1	100.1	100.0	100.0		100.0			101.5
February	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0			100.0
March	100.3	100.7		99.7	97.4	100.1	100.4	100.0		100.0			99.8
April	100.9	101.7		99.8	97.5	99.4	100.4	100.0		93.4			100.6
May	100.7	101.2		99.8	97.6	98.2	96.2	100.0		100.0			101.5
June	104.7	107.1		99.6	97.9	98.3	96.2	100.0		98.2			102.6
July	103.9	106.1		99.6	97.5	99.2	93.8	100.2		93.7			102.1
August	103.6	105.8		97.9	97.6	99.3	93.8	99.5		92.6			101.9
September (P)	103.7	106.1		98.0	97.5	99.5	93.8	100.8		90.9			100.8
<b>Percentage Change (P)</b>													
Sep 2016 over Aug 2016	0.1%	0.3%		0.0%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	1.2%		-1.9%			-1.1%
Sep 2016 over Sep 2015	3.2%	5.4%		-0.4%	-4.8%	-0.8%	-6.2%	0.8%		-9.1%			1.8%

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 February 2016 = 100)

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>505.3</b>	<b>134.6</b>	<b>104.6</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>91.3</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Ave - 2013	93.3	89.6	90.3	86.6	111.2	103.4	56.3	91.4	100.1	99.6	98.2	85.6	
Ave - 2014	91.9	81.5	93.4	96.3	115.9	100.8	95.8	99.8	100.1	100.0	98.2	92.1	
Ave - 2015	96.9	92.0	96.7	97.6	106.4	101.3	98.2	104.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	98.7	
2015													
September	94.4	87.0	98.9	100.0	95.8	101.7	100.0	107.8	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	
October	97.2	91.8	98.9	100.0	105.2	101.7	100.0	105.6	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	
November	98.0	95.3	99.0	100.0	105.2	100.0	100.0	96.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	
December	99.7	101.2	99.0	100.0	92.7	100.3	100.0	99.2	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	
2016													
January	106.3	112.6	100.0	100.0	104.2	100.0	100.0	105.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
February	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	99.8	100.4	99.6	99.6	96.8	100.0	100.0	103.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
April	99.5	102.2	99.6	100.0	95.5	100.0	100.0	98.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
May	100.2	104.6	99.6	100.0	93.6	100.0	100.0	101.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
June	99.3	103.5	99.5	98.2	91.1	100.0	100.0	100.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
July	102.0	107.3	105.0	98.2	91.1	100.0	100.0	104.8	100.0	100.0	102.2	100.0	100.0
August	98.5	104.2	105.3	97.9	79.6	100.0	100.0	99.2	100.0	100.0	102.2	100.0	100.0
September (P)	99.0	102.8	104.8	96.2	86.0	100.0	100.0	98.8	100.0	100.0	102.2	98.0	100.0
<b>Percentage Change (P)</b>													
Sep 2016 over Aug 2016	0.5%	-1.3%	-0.5%	-1.8%	8.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-2.0%	0.0%
Sep 2016 over Sep 2015	4.9%	18.1%	6.0%	-3.8%	-10.2%	-1.7%	0.0%	-8.3%	0.1%	0.0%	2.2%	-2.0%	

**LOCAL ITEMS UNDERLYING INDEX**

Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	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
<b>Weights</b>	<b>185.5</b>	<b>76.1</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>51.5</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>
Ave - 2013	97.2	100.3		86.6	93.4	103.4	80.0	100.0		100.0		85.6	
Ave - 2014	98.3	99.7		96.3	98.3	100.8	80.0	100.0		100.0		92.1	
Ave - 2015	99.9	100.3		97.6	98.8	101.3	91.7	100.0		100.0		98.7	
2015													
September	100.7	101.0		100.0	99.0	101.7	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	
October	100.3	100.3		100.0	98.8	101.7	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	
November	100.7	101.1		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	
December	100.1	100.2		100.0	98.4	100.3	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	
2016													
January	100.8	101.3		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0		100.0	
February	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
March	99.9	99.8		99.6		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
April	100.1	100.2		100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
May	100.1	100.2		100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
June	100.3	100.8		98.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		100.0	100.0	100.0
July	100.7	101.1		98.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	100.0	100.0
August	100.6	101.1		97.9		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	100.0	100.0
September (P)	100.3	100.9		96.2		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.0		103.5	98.0	100.0
<b>Percentage Change (P)</b>													
Sep 2016 over Aug 2015	-0.4%	-0.1%		-1.8%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	-2.0%	0.0%
Sep 2016 over Sep 2015	-0.4%	0.0%		-3.8%		-1.7%	0.0%	1.8%	n.a		n.a	-2.0%	n.a

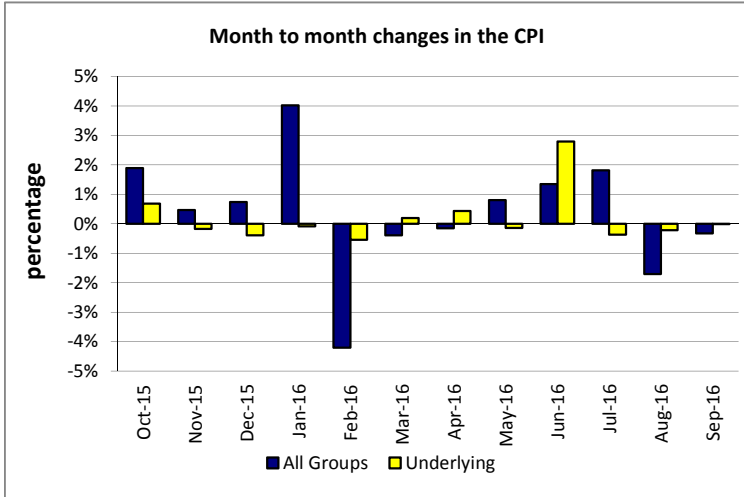
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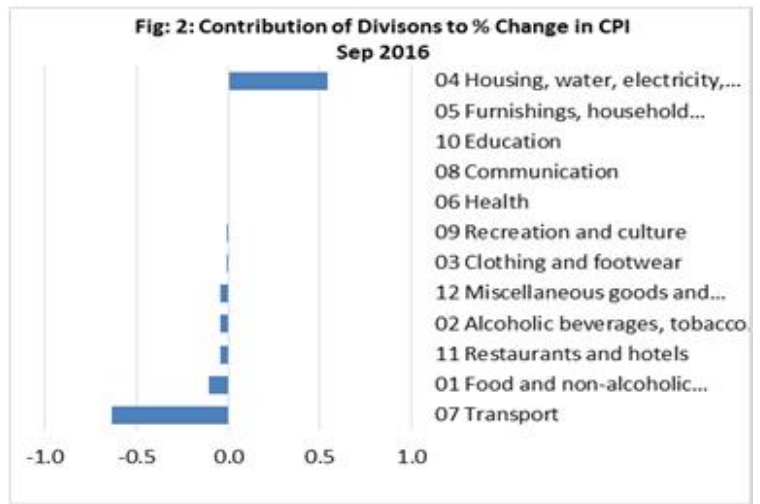
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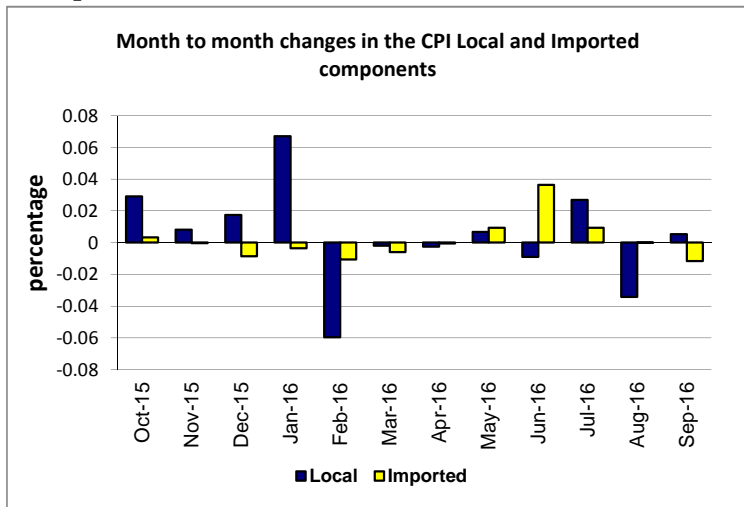
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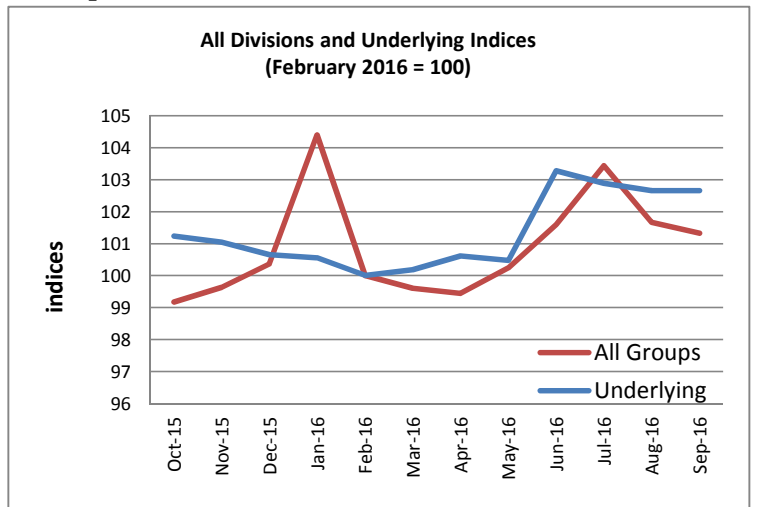
**Graph.2**



**Graph.3**



**Graph.4**



**Graph.5**

