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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX March 2018

Key findings:

The Consumer Price Index for March 2018 decreased by 0.6 percent compared to the previous month.

- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index decreased by 1.7 percent.
- The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index also decreased by 1.3 percent.
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended March 2018 was 2.7 percent.

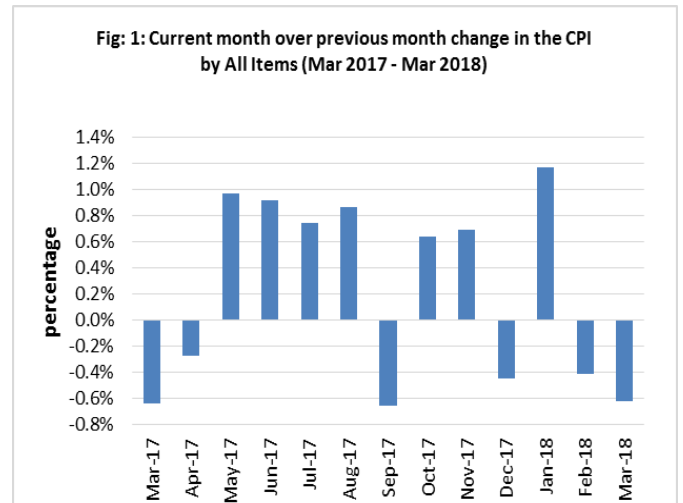
In the year to March 2018, the CPI rose 3.6 percent.

SUMMARY

The Consumer Price Index for March 2018 was 0.6 percent lower than in February 2018 and was 3.6 percent higher than March 2017.

The decrease of the Imported Goods Component by 1.0 percent reflects lower prices for imported food which also contributed to the decrease of 0.6 percent in the All Items Consumer Price Index.

The Local Goods Component registered a decrease of 0.2 percent from the previous month. Figure 1 shows the month to month percentage changes in the Consumer Price Index by all Divisions from March 2017 to March 2018.

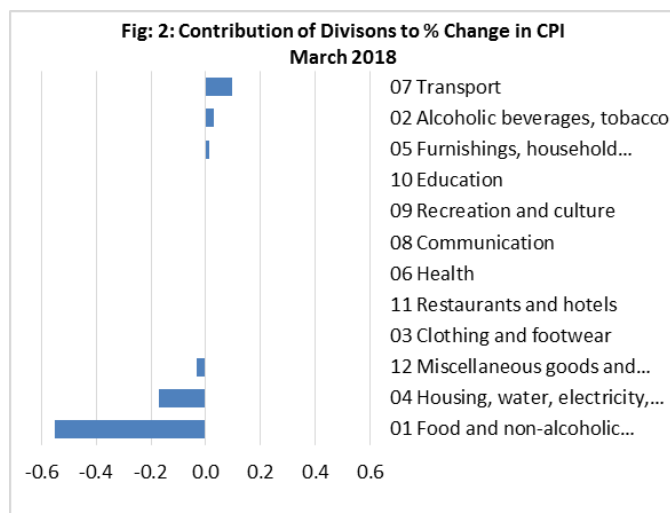


Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Total All Divisions Contribution

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages along with Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels division were the main contributors to the overall decrease of 0.6 percent in the All Division Consumer Price Index.

On the other hand, there was offsetting positive contribution from the Transport division with 0.1 percent.



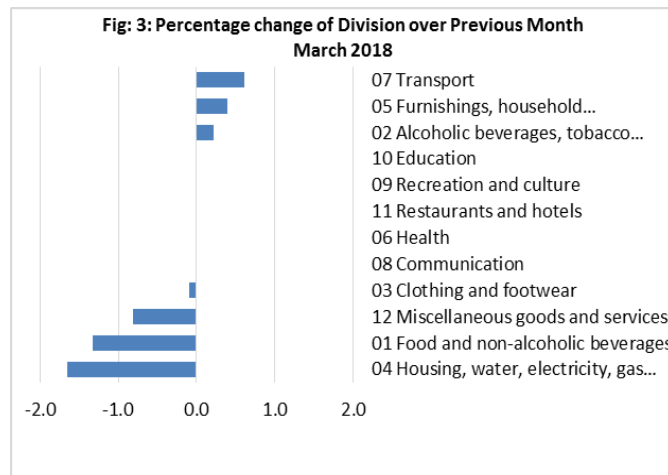
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Consumer Price Index (% Change)

The 0.6 percent decrease in the Overall Index was mainly due to a decrease of 1.7 percent in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index. The Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages, Miscellaneous Goods and Services and Clothing and Footwear indices showed decreases of 1.3, 0.8 and 0.1 percent respectively.

On the contrary, increases were recorded for other divisions namely Transport with 0.6 percent, Furnishing, Household Equipment and Maintenance with 0.4 percent and Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco with 0.2 percent.

No changes were recorded for the Health, Communication, Recreation and Culture, Education and Restaurants indices. Graphically presented in Fig 3 is the March 2018 percentage change for all divisions from February 2018.



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

Imported Goods Component

The Imported Goods Component of the Consumer Price Index registered a decrease of 1.0 percent when compared to the previous month. This decrease was mainly due to lower prices recorded for chicken leg quarter, salted beef, soy sauce and paint.

Local Goods Component

Decreased prices recorded for electricity (kwh) have resulted in the 0.2 percent decrease in the Local Good Component.

Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels Index

The 1.7 percent decrease in the Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index was a result of the lower prices recorded for electricity (kwh) and paint (high gloss and plus 2 plastic) .

Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages Index

Lower prices recorded for chicken leg quarter, salted beef, soy sauce, taro, fresh fish (large), chinese cabbage and taamu is reflected in the 1.3 percent decrease in the Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages index.

Miscellaneous Goods and Services Index

A decrease of 0.8 percent in the Miscellaneous Good and Services index was a reflection of the lower prices recorded for hair gel and toilet soap.

Transport Index

Increased prices recorded for fuel (petrol and diesel) is reflected in the 0.6 percent increase in the Transport index.

Furnishings, Household Equipment, and Maintenance Index

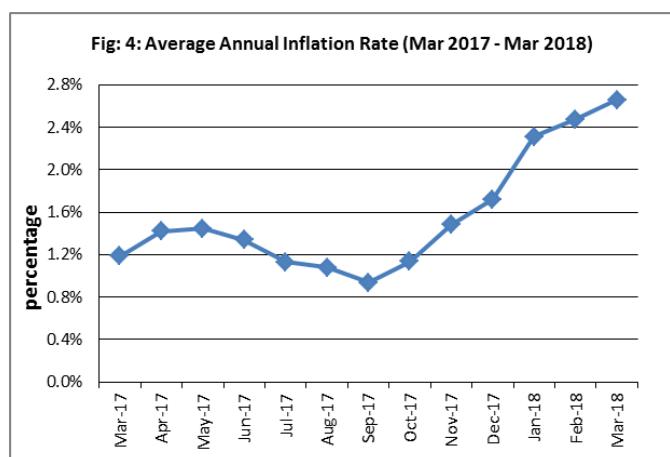
The Furnishing, Household, Equipment and Maintenance Index recorded an increase of 0.4 percent higher due to the rise in prices recorded for futon mattress and batteries (AA).

Underlying Indices ^{1/}

The All Items Underlying Index for March 2018 registered a decrease of 1.1 percent when compared to February 2018, and an increase of 2.8 percent when compared to March 2017. The Imported Items Underlying Index registered a decrease of 1.5 percent, while the Local Items Underlying Index also recorded a decrease of 0.1 percent.

Inflation Rate

The average annual inflation rate for the year ended March 2018 was 2.7 percent. For the twelve months ending March 2017 the inflation rate was 1.2 percent. Presented in Fig 4 is the average annual inflation rate (March 2017 - March 2018).



Source : Samoa Bureau of Statistics

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

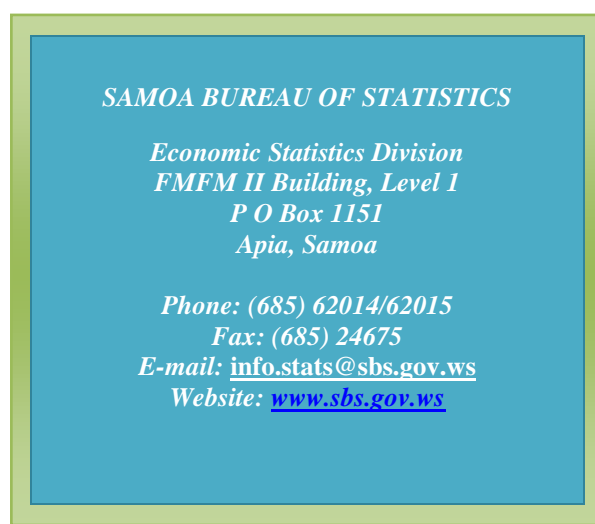
Technical Notes:

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 is 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.

^{1/} 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: 11th April 2018.

The next Consumer Price Index will be released on 9th May 2018.

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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
Weights	1000.0	403.7	128.4	21.2	119.6	30.8	4.6	148.5	51.5	6.1	19.7	22.4	43.5
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
Ave - 2016	101.1	103.7	102.8	98.8	92.6	99.4	99.2	101.3	100.0	95.4	101.1	99.3	100.6
Ave - 2017	102.9	105.0	107.6	96.6	92.2	99.1	95.6	107.3	101.2	90.7	97.9	98.3	98.1
2017													
March	101.0	101.2	105.8	98.6	90.9	99.6	94.5	107.5	100.3	88.5	96.8	98.0	99.3
April	100.7	100.4	107.5	97.5	89.9	99.9	94.5	107.5	100.3	90.1	96.8	98.0	98.6
May	101.7	102.1	107.6	98.5	91.2	99.7	95.3	108.0	100.3	90.1	97.8	98.0	98.2
June	102.6	103.8	107.4	97.0	92.8	99.3	95.3	109.0	100.3	90.4	97.8	98.3	97.5
July	103.4	106.5	108.2	95.0	94.7	99.1	95.3	105.0	100.3	90.4	97.8	98.3	97.4
August	104.3	107.8	108.5	95.4	94.1	99.1	95.3	107.9	100.3	91.7	97.8	98.3	97.2
September	103.6	107.2	108.3	95.1	94.0	99.2	95.3	104.3	101.8	92.0	97.8	98.3	97.1
October	104.3	108.1	108.5	95.3	90.5	98.9	95.3	108.1	103.7	92.0	97.8	98.6	98.1
November	105.0	108.0	108.7	95.7	94.7	98.9	95.3	109.8	103.4	92.0	97.8	98.6	97.7
December	104.5	107.2	108.7	95.8	92.7	98.3	95.3	110.6	103.4	92.0	97.8	98.6	97.6
2018													
January	105.7	108.6	110.3	95.7	93.0	98.3	95.3	113.5	103.4	91.7	97.8	98.6	97.5
February	105.3	108.2	110.6	94.7	90.9	98.6	95.3	111.3	103.4	92.9	111.6	98.6	97.6
March (P)	104.7	106.8	110.9	94.6	89.4	99.0	95.3	112.0	103.4	92.9	111.6	98.6	96.8
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2018 over Feb 2018	-0.6%	-1.3%	0.2%	-0.1%	-1.7%	0.4%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%
Mar 2018 over Mar 2017	3.6%	5.5%	4.8%	-4.0%	-1.6%	-0.6%	0.9%	4.2%	3.1%	5.0%	15.3%	0.6%	-2.6%
ALL 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
Weights	586.7	345.3	n.a	21.2	24.2	30.8	3.5	26.4	51.5	5.6	12.3	22.4	43.5
Ave - 2015	102.5	103.5		98.7	101.7	99.7	99.8	101.9		98.3		98.7	99.2
Ave - 2016	101.7	103.2		98.8	97.5	99.4	99.0	100.2		95.0		99.3	100.6
Ave - 2017	104.0	107.8		96.6	93.8	99.1	94.2	104.2	101.2	90.0	96.7	98.3	98.1
2017													
March	101.8	104.2		98.6	94.1	99.6	92.7	101.1	100.3	87.6	94.8	98.0	99.3
April	101.2	103.2		97.5	94.3	99.9	92.7	101.2	100.3	89.3	94.8	98.0	98.6
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July	104.5	108.9		95.0	94.4	99.1	93.8	103.7	100.3	89.7	96.5	98.3	97.4
August	105.5	110.7		95.4	94.3	99.1	93.8	103.3	100.3	91.1	96.5	98.3	97.2
September	105.6	110.5		95.1	93.7	99.2	93.8	103.3	101.8	91.4	96.5	98.3	97.1
October	106.9	112.2		95.3	92.6	98.9	93.8	106.5	103.7	91.4	96.5	98.6	98.1
November	107.2	112.5		95.7	92.8	98.9	93.8	111.4	103.4	91.4	96.5	98.6	97.7
December	105.9	110.4		95.8	92.6	98.3	93.8	109.9	103.4	91.4	96.5	98.6	97.6
2018													
January	105.4	109.5		95.7	92.5	98.3	93.8	112.3	103.4	91.0	96.5	98.6	97.5
February	105.8	109.3		94.7	94.1	98.6	93.8	112.1	103.4	92.4	115.6	98.6	97.6
March (P)	104.7	107.5		94.6	93.3	99.0	93.8	112.1	103.4	92.4	115.6	98.6	96.8
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2018 over Feb 2018	-1.1%	-1.7%		-0.1%	-0.9%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%
Mar 2018 over Mar 2017	2.8%	3.2%		-4.0%	-0.9%	-0.6%	1.2%	10.9%	3.1%	5.4%	21.9%	0.6%	-2.6%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : n.a. Not applicable

Table 2. AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SELECTED COMMODITIES

Commodities	Wt	Unit	2017			2018		
			Jan	Feb	Mar	Jan	Feb	Mar (P)
01 Food and non-alcoholic beverages								
Leg Quarters Chicken	62.2	kg	3.35	3.31	3.36	4.06	3.99	3.73
Raw Sugar	21.3	kg	3.12	3.13	3.01	2.95	2.99	3.00
Bread	17.2	loaf	1.73	1.75	1.72	1.68	1.72	1.70
Corned Beef (a)	15.9	12 oz	8.67	8.37	8.25	8.22	8.22	8.22
Taro	15.2	kg	2.18	1.69	1.53	2.08	1.98	1.91
Re-packed medium grain rice	13.4	kg	3.22	3.13	3.19	3.21	3.25	3.24
Prepacked medium grain rice (a)	13.4	907g	3.28	3.33	3.18	3.19	3.00	3.00
Canned fish between \$3.00 and \$3.99 Natural Oil	12.7	15 oz	3.46	3.40	3.45	3.51	3.48	3.49
Bongo	10.2	20grms	0.84	0.81	0.81	0.83	0.83	0.83
Keke Saina Biscuits (a)	9.2	pkt 10	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.40	6.40	6.50
Tip Top Ice Cream (a)	9.2	2 ltr	14.95	14.97	14.78	15.03	15.03	15.03
Ramen maggie	9.0	85gms	1.11	1.11	1.16	1.12	1.12	1.12
Fish (Piece)	7.9	kg	18.22	15.48	11.03	16.82	17.13	17.35
Butter Anchor	7.7	454g	12.19	12.19	12.36	13.46	13.46	13.46
Round Pancake (a)	7.5	sml	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
Mutton Flaps	6.6	kg	17.02	16.92	16.81	20.95	20.76	20.80
Canned fish \$4:00 or over N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	4.77	4.91	4.81	4.58	4.58	4.77
Canned fish under \$3.00 in N/Oil	6.4	15 oz	2.53	2.62	2.52	2.53	2.52	2.53
Wings Turkey	6.3	kg	4.13	4.12	4.10	6.70	6.06	6.61
Fish (string)	6.0	kg	9.51	8.46	8.94	11.06	9.76	9.97
Fish (large)	6.0	kg	16.95	14.17	13.99	18.58	16.47	15.90
02 Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and narcotics								
Lager Beer	37.9	355 mls	3.43	3.44	3.45	3.46	3.52	3.54
Pall Mall Filter Cigarettes (Red)	24.3	20 rolls	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.60	12.60	12.60
Pall Mall Menthol Cigarettes (Green)	24.3	20 rolls	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.60	12.60	12.60
Beer (a)	16.3	330 mls	3.33	3.33	3.31	3.34	3.34	3.34
Winfield Tobacco (a)	12.6	packet	14.68	14.68	14.68	15.00	15.00	15.00
03 Clothing and footwear								
Uniform le Faitaga College boys	4.3	size 8-10	33.00	33.00	33.00	32.33	31.33	31.33
Uniform Pa'ave (a)	3.7	size 7	33.67	33.67	33.33	32.67	32.67	32.67
04 Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels								
Electricity / Cashpower / kw h 1- 100 / total cost per unit	50.6	kw h	0.63	0.71	0.67	0.67	0.62	0.59
Reservoir treated Water	28.5	15-40 m3	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.40
Liquid gas	15.8	9kg	59.50	59.50	59.50	59.50	61.00	61.00
Government house Rent	12.2	2 b/room	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00	650.00

05 Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance

Washing powder (a)	6.3	200g	1.87	1.84	1.87	1.84	1.81	1.81
Soap yellow Washing soap	5.9	bar	2.79	2.79	2.81	2.94	2.98	2.98
Mosquito coil	4.4	10 coil	1.28	1.28	1.30	1.18	1.18	1.18

06 Health

Amoxicillin mg Tablets (a)	2.5	500 mg	7.33	6.67	6.67	6.83	6.83	6.83
Hospital Charge	1.1	night	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50

07 Transport

Petrol	60.8	1 ltr	2.32	2.52	2.56	2.70	2.67	2.69
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	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00	380.00
Air Fares Apia Auckland Apia	6.8	1 month	949.25	1548.80	1163.00	1480.93	1005.50	1057.20

08 Communication

Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.25	0.25	0.25
Calling per minute Rate cell phone (a)	10.02	per minute	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Internet data bundles per mb Rate (a)	10.02	per mb	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20

09 Recreation and culture

Television (a)	2.30	LCD	1007.83	941.00	957.83	966.00	966.00	966.00
Exercise Book w arw ick	1.44	1B4 64 pa	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.37	1.45	1.45
Laptop (a)	1.33	each	2999.60	2729.60	2771.60	2952.60	2952.60	2952.60

10 Education

Fees PTA Primary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	7.23	Year 6	72.50	62.50	62.50	62.50	82.50	82.50
Fees PTA Secondary Y Urban Registration fees (a)	5.11	Year 10	48.00	48.00	48.00	50.00	52.00	52.00
Fees Tertiary NUS registration School Fees	3.79	registratio	292.00	292.00	292.00	292.00	320.00	320.00
Fees Secondary Y Examination Fees (a)	3.61	Y12-13	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50	25.50

11 Restaurants and hotels

Fish & Meal	7.79	1 serve	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.17	9.17	9.17
Curry & Meal	4.87	1 serve	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Chicken & Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.36
Steam rice & chicken Meal (a)	4.87	1 serve	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83	4.83

12 Miscellaneous goods and services

Paper Sofan deluxe ply Toilet Paper	8.52	250 sheet:	0.98	0.98	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.98
Hair Gel	4.59	1124ml	4.69	5.11	5.11	4.77	4.81	4.31
Remains price for Storage of remains (a)	4.41	per day	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Basic Casket (a)	4.41	each	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67	1966.67
Standard Embalming (a)	4.41	1 person	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00	1500.00
Toilet soap (a)	4.38	90g	1.85	1.84	1.85	1.83	1.83	1.83
Diapers (a)	4.19	5kg-10kg	10.67	10.67	10.67	9.94	9.97	9.97

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

(a) : New commodity from February 2016

(P) : Provisional figures

Note : Please note unit of conversion was in pound's (lb's) but been converted into kilograms (kg)

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
Weights	494.7	269.1	23.8	15.2	28.3	26.9	2.5	88.6	n.a	5.6	n.a	n.a	34.7
Ave - 2015	104.5	104.5	103.0	99.5	104.5	99.1	100.5	114.0		96.8			99.2
Ave - 2016	102.5	103.9	105.1	98.8	98.7	99.3	98.5	101.8		95.0			100.7
Ave - 2017	107.3	110.1	110.0	97.0	97.6	98.9	91.7	111.2		90.0			97.1
2017													
March	105.1	105.0	109.7	98.2	98.4	99.5	89.5	113.5		87.6			98.6
April	104.6	104.1	110.3	98.5	98.5	99.8	89.5	112.9		89.3			97.7
May	104.6	105.3	108.6	98.2	97.9	99.6	91.1	110.3		89.3			97.1
June	107.0	109.5	108.9	95.9	98.2	99.2	91.1	111.7		89.7			96.3
July	107.7	111.6	110.1	95.7	97.6	99.0	91.1	109.2		89.7			96.1
August	108.5	113.9	110.5	96.3	96.9	98.9	91.1	107.1		91.1			95.9
September	108.6	113.7	110.2	95.9	96.8	99.1	91.1	107.8		91.4			95.8
October	110.4	115.7	110.2	96.3	96.5	98.7	91.1	112.1		91.4			97.0
November	111.3	115.9	110.5	96.7	97.5	98.8	91.1	115.7		91.4			96.5
December	110.9	115.0	110.5	96.5	97.6	98.0	91.1	116.3		91.4			96.4
2018													
January	110.3	112.1	110.5	96.9	98.7	98.0	91.1	121.6		91.0			96.3
February	110.0	111.8	110.3	95.5	99.9	98.4	91.1	120.5		92.4			96.4
March (P)	108.8	109.5	110.7	95.4	99.8	98.8	91.1	121.2		92.4			95.4
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2018 over Feb 2018	-1.0%	-2.0%	0.4%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.5%	0.0%	0.6%		0.0%			-1.0%
Mar 2018 over Mar 2017	3.5%	4.3%	1.0%	-2.9%	1.4%	-0.7%	1.8%	6.8%		5.4%			-3.3%

IMPORTED 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
Weights	401.2	269.1	n.a	15.2	24.2	26.9	2.5	23.0	n.a	5.6	n.a	n.a	34.7
Ave - 2015	103.4	104.5		99.5	102.0	99.1	100.5	105.9		96.8			99.2
Ave - 2016	102.4	103.9		98.8	97.5	99.3	98.5	100.1		95.0			100.7
Ave - 2017	106.0	110.1		97.0	93.8	98.9	91.7	104.5		90.0			97.1
2017													
March	102.6	105.0		98.2	94.1	99.5	89.5	101.0		87.6			98.6
April	102.0	104.1		98.5	94.3	99.8	89.5	101.2		89.3			97.7
May	102.9	105.3		98.2	94.3	99.6	91.1	104.0		89.3			97.1
June	105.5	109.5		95.9	94.4	99.2	91.1	104.0		89.7			96.3
July	106.9	111.6		95.7	94.4	99.0	91.1	104.0		89.7			96.1
August	108.4	113.9		96.3	94.3	98.9	91.1	103.5		91.1			95.9
September	108.3	113.7		95.9	93.7	99.1	91.1	103.5		91.4			95.8
October	109.8	115.7		96.3	92.6	98.7	91.1	107.2		91.4			97.0
November	110.3	115.9		96.7	92.8	98.8	91.1	112.8		91.4			96.5
December	109.5	115.0		96.5	92.6	98.0	91.1	111.1		91.4			96.4
2018													
January	107.7	112.1		96.9	92.5	98.0	91.1	113.3		91.0			96.3
February	107.5	111.8		95.5	94.1	98.4	91.1	112.6		92.4			96.4
March (P)	105.9	109.5		95.4	93.3	98.8	91.1	112.6		92.4			95.4
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2018 over Feb 2018	-1.5%	-2.0%		-0.1%	-0.9%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%			-1.0%
Mar 2018 over Mar 2017	3.2%	4.3%		-2.9%	-0.9%	-0.7%	1.8%	11.5%		5.4%			-3.3%

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
Weights	505.3	134.6	104.6	6.0	91.3	3.9	2.2	59.9	51.5	0.4	19.7	22.4	8.8
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	
Ave - 2016	99.7	102.5	102.3	98.6	90.7	100.0	100.0	100.5	100.0	100.0	101.1	99.3	
Ave - 2017	98.5	94.7	107.1	95.7	90.6	100.1	100.0	101.6	101.2	100.0	97.9	98.3	102.3
2017													
March	97.0	93.7	104.9	99.6	88.5	100.0	100.0	98.6	100.3	100.0	96.8	98.0	102.3
April	97.0	92.9	106.9	94.9	87.3	100.0	100.0	99.5	100.3	100.0	96.8	98.0	102.3
May	98.9	95.8	107.4	99.3	89.2	100.0	100.0	104.4	100.3	100.0	97.8	98.0	102.3
June	98.4	92.6	107.1	99.7	91.1	100.0	100.0	105.1	100.3	100.0	97.8	98.3	102.3
July	99.2	96.4	107.7	93.0	93.8	100.0	100.0	98.9	100.3	100.0	97.8	98.3	102.3
August	100.1	95.5	108.0	93.2	93.2	100.2	100.0	109.0	100.3	100.0	97.8	98.3	102.3
September	98.8	94.3	107.9	93.1	93.2	100.2	100.0	99.2	101.8	100.0	97.8	98.3	102.3
October	98.2	93.0	108.1	92.7	88.7	100.3	100.0	102.2	103.7	100.0	97.8	98.6	102.3
November	98.8	92.2	108.3	93.1	93.8	100.3	100.0	101.2	103.4	100.0	97.8	98.6	102.3
December	98.3	91.6	108.3	93.8	91.3	100.3	100.0	102.2	103.4	100.0	97.8	98.6	102.3
2018													
January	101.3	101.6	110.3	92.6	91.3	100.3	100.0	101.5	103.4	100.0	97.8	98.6	102.3
February	100.7	101.0	110.7	92.8	88.1	100.3	100.0	97.7	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
March (P)	100.6	101.2	110.9	92.8	86.2	100.3	100.0	98.3	103.4	100.0	111.6	98.6	102.3
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2018 over Feb 2018	-0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	-2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mar 2018 over Mar 2017	3.7%	8.0%	5.7%	-6.8%	-2.7%	0.3%	0.0%	-0.3%	3.1%	0.0%	15.3%	0.6%	0.0%

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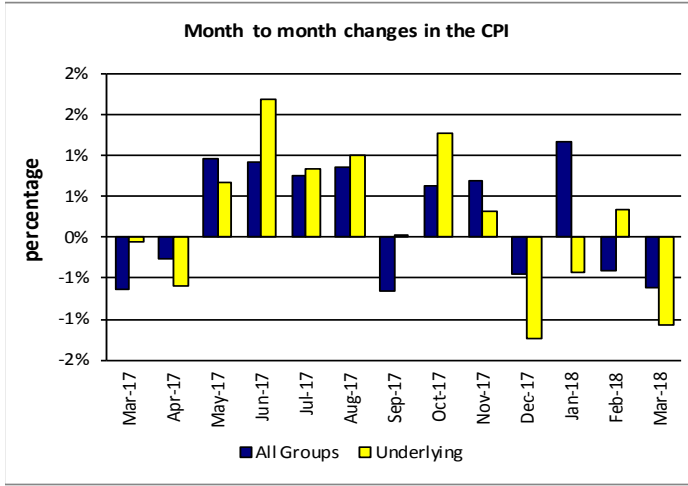
Group	All Items	Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages	Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Narcotics	Clothing and Footwear	Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels	Furnishings, Household Equipment and Maintenance	Health	Transport	Communication	Recreation and Culture	Education	Restaurants	Miscellaneous goods and services
Weights	185.5	76.1	n.a	6.0	n.a	3.9	1.0	3.4	51.5	n.a	12.3	22.4	8.8
Ave - 2015	99.9	100.3		97.6	98.8	101.3	91.7	100.0		100.0		98.7	
Ave - 2016	100.3	100.6		98.6		100.0	100.0	101.0				99.3	
Ave - 2017	99.7	99.6		95.7		100.1	100.0	101.8	101.2		96.7	98.3	102.3
2017													
March	100.1	101.2		99.6		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.3		94.8	98.0	102.3
April	99.5	100.0		94.9		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.3		94.8	98.0	102.3
May	99.7	99.9		99.3		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.3		96.5	98.0	102.3
June	99.5	99.3		99.7		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.3		96.5	98.3	102.3
July	99.3	99.3		93.0		100.0	100.0	101.8	100.3		96.5	98.3	102.3
August	99.3	99.3		93.2		100.2	100.0	101.8	100.3		96.5	98.3	102.3
September	99.7	99.3		93.1		100.2	100.0	101.8	101.8		96.5	98.3	102.3
October	100.6	100.1		92.7		100.3	100.0	101.8	103.7		96.5	98.6	102.3
November	100.6	100.3		93.1		100.3	100.0	101.8	103.4		96.5	98.6	102.3
December	98.1	94.1		93.8		100.3	100.0	101.8	103.4		96.5	98.6	102.3
2018													
January	100.6	100.2		92.6		100.3	100.0	105.7	103.4		96.5	98.6	102.3
February	102.0	100.4		92.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
March (P)	102.0	100.3		92.8		100.3	100.0	108.6	103.4		115.6	98.6	102.3
Percentage Change (P)													
Mar 2018 over Feb 2018	-0.1%	-0.1%		0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Mar 2018 over Mar 2017	1.8%	-1.0%		-6.8%		0.3%	0.0%	6.7%	3.1%		21.9%	0.6%	0.0%

Source : Samoa Bureau Statistics

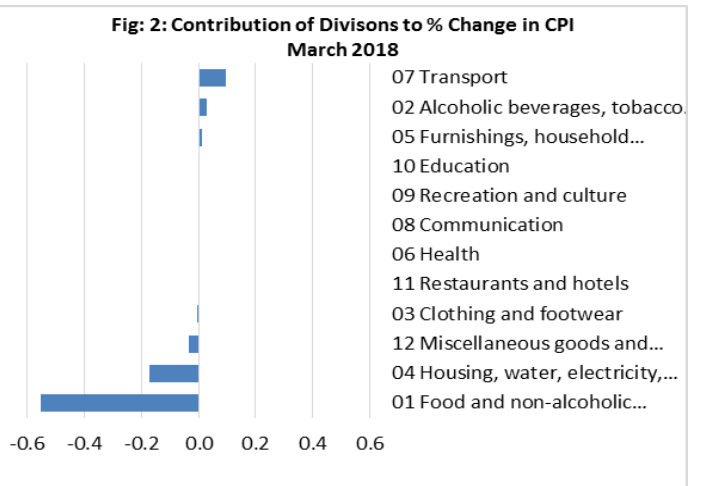
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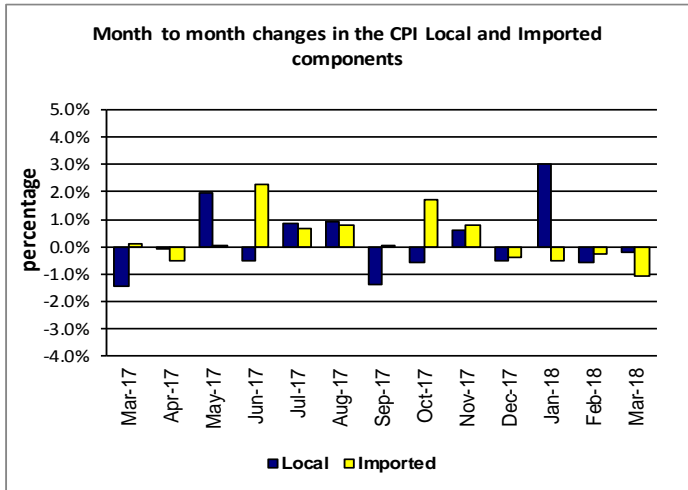
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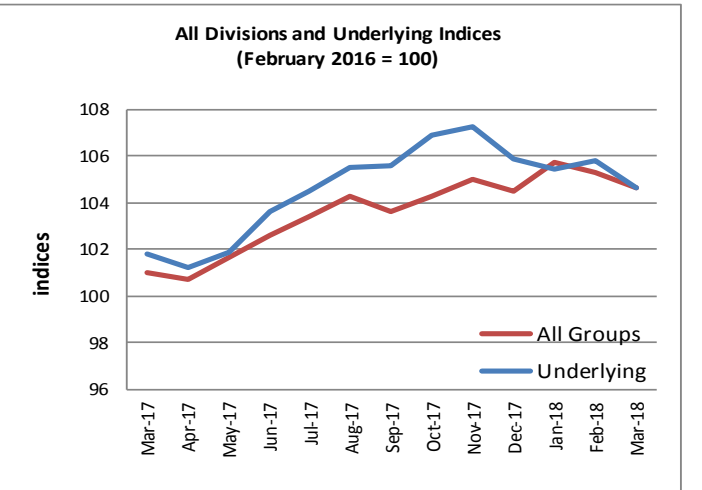
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Graph.4



Graph.5

