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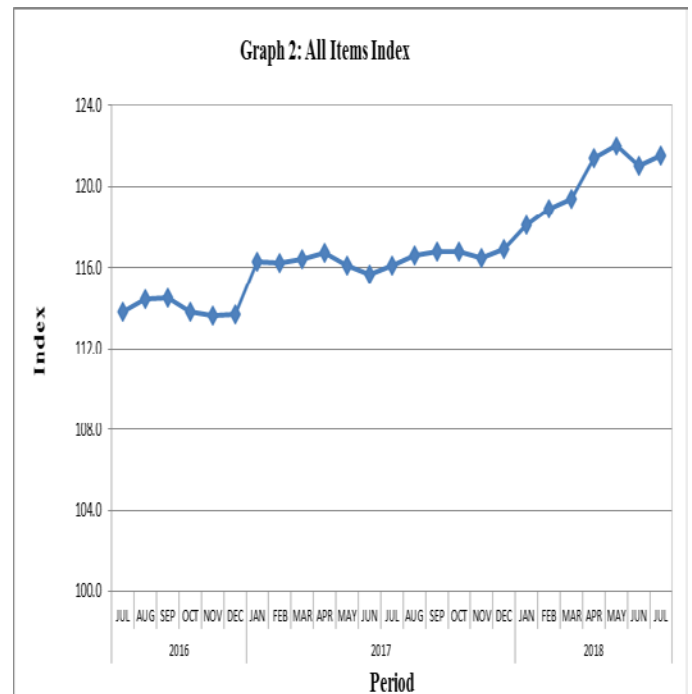
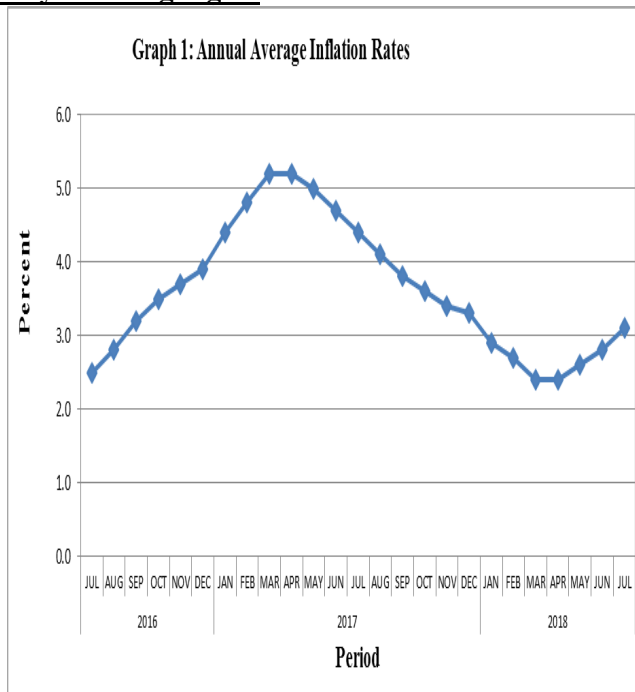
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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – JULY 2018

[Base: Average 12 months 2011 = 100.0]

The Consumer Price Index [CPI] is compiled to indicate average changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households nationwide with monthly price collections carried out in the urban areas [Suva, Lami, Nasinu, Nausori, Lautoka, Nadi, Ba and Labasa]. The index is currently taken to represent price changes in the rural areas as well. The CPI weights are derived from the Household Income and Expenditure Survey [HIES] of 2008/2009.

July 2018 Highlights

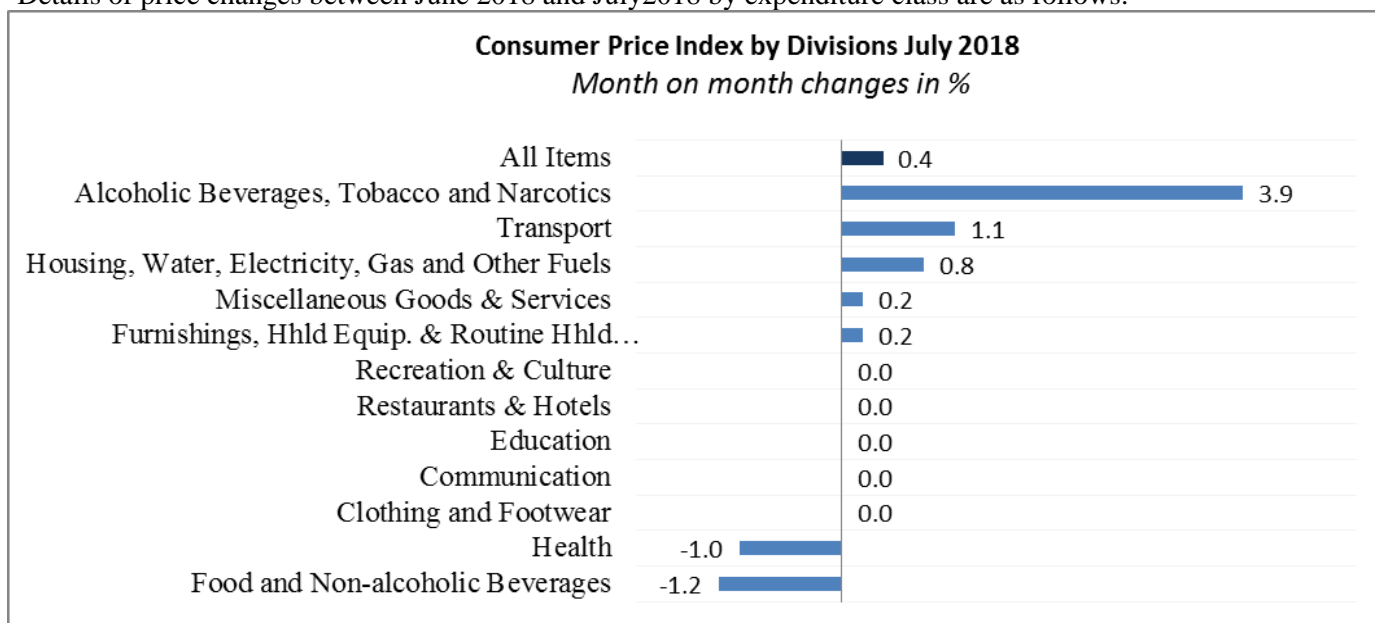


The average annual rate of inflation for the twelve months to July 2018 [i.e. comparing the average CPI for the 12 months to July 2018 with the average for the 12 months to July 2017] stands at 3.1 percent while the month- on- month inflation rate [compared with July 2017] stands at 4.7 percent.

The All Items CPI for the month of July registered an increase of 0.4 percent over June 2018 [121.0] and stands at 121.5.

There are two measures of inflation used in Fiji. One compares the average CPI over the past twelve months with the average CPI over the previous twelve months while the other compares the CPI in the current month with the CPI in the comparable month of the previous year.

Details of price changes between June 2018 and July 2018 by expenditure class are as follows:



FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: -1.2%

Lower prices were recorded for fish & seafood, fruits, vegetables, food products n.e.c. and non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee, tea & cocoa.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS: +3.9%

Higher prices were recorded for spirits, wine, beer, cigarettes and yaqona.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR: 0.0%

There were some price changes recorded in this division but these changes balanced out.

HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS: +0.8%

Higher prices were recorded for gas and liquid fuels.

FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE: +0.2%

Higher prices were recorded for furniture & furnishings, household textiles, small electric household appliance, major tools & equipment and non-durable household goods.

HEALTH: -1.0%

Lower prices were recorded for pharmaceutical products and other medical products.

TRANSPORT: +1.1%

Higher prices were recorded for motor cars, fuels & lubricants for transport equipment.

COMMUNICATION: 0.0%

No price changes were recorded in this division.

RECREATION AND CULTURE: 0.0%

There were some price changes recorded in this division but these changes balanced out.

EDUCATION: 0.0%

No price changes were recorded in this division.

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS: 0.0%

No price changes were recorded in this division.

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES: +0.2%

Higher prices were recorded for other appliance, articles & products for personal care, jewellery, clocks & watches.

	JUL 2018	JUN 2018	% Change JUL 2018/ JUN 2018	JULY 2017	% Change JUL 2018/ JUL 2017
All items unadjusted	121.5	121.0	0.4	116.1	4.7
Seasonally adjusted	121.6	121.5	0.1	116.2	4.6
Average inflation rate for 12 months to:	3.1	2.8	-	4.4	-

Attached are the following tables:

Table 1: National percentage change on corresponding period in previous year;

Table 2: National consumer price index;

Table 3: Central division consumer price index;

Table 4: Western division consumer price index; and

Table 5: Northern division consumer price index.

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The Consumer Price Index for August 2018 will be released at the end of August, 2018.


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