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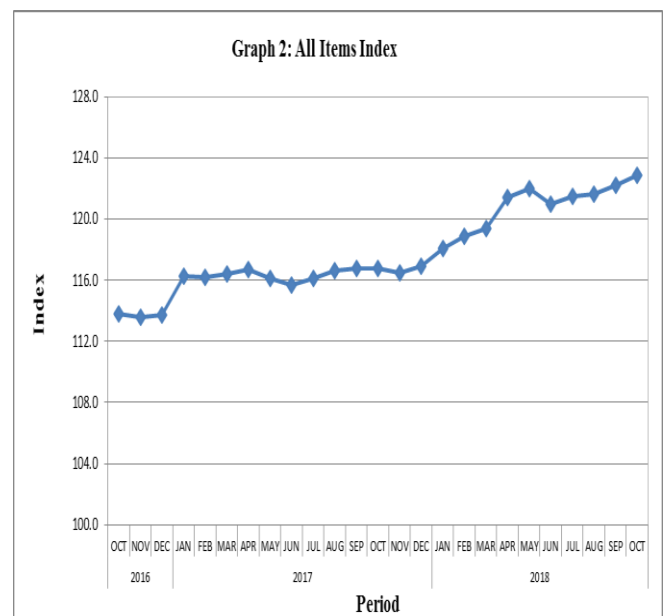
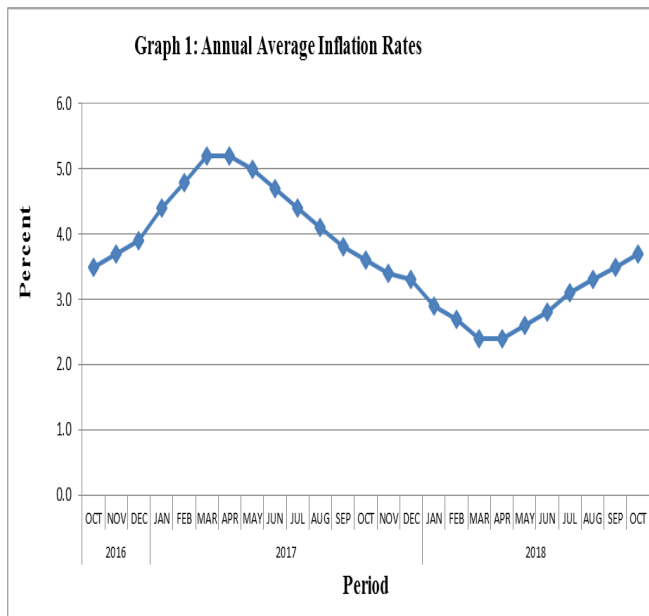
31st October 2018

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – OCTOBER 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.

October 2018 Highlights

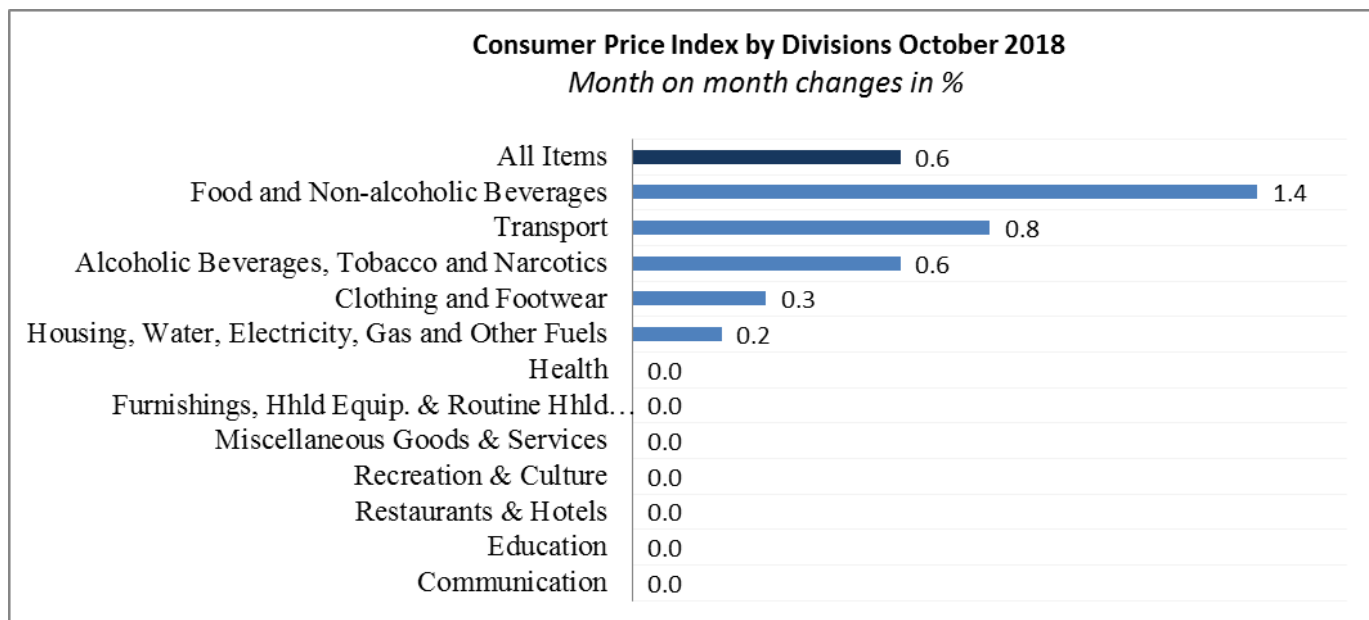


The average annual rate of inflation for the twelve months to October 2018 [i.e. comparing the average CPI for the 12 months from November 2017 – October 2018; with the average for the 12 months from November 2016 – October 2017] stands at 3.7 percent while the month- on- month inflation rate [compared with October 2017] stands at 5.2 percent.

The All Items CPI for the month of October registered an increase of 0.6 percent over September 2018 [122.2] and stands at 122.9.

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 September 2018 and October 2018 by expenditure class are as follows:



FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: +1.4%

Higher prices were recorded for bread & cereals, meat, fruits, vegetables, food products not elsewhere classified and non-alcoholic beverages such as mineral water, soft drinks, fruit & vegetable juices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND NARCOTICS: +0.6%

Higher prices were recorded for spirits, beer and yaqona.

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR: +0.3%

Higher prices were recorded for garments.

HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS AND OTHER FUELS: +0.2%

Higher prices were recorded for kerosene.

FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE: 0.0%

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

HEALTH: 0.0%

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

TRANSPORT: +0.8%

Higher prices were recorded for motor cars, spare parts & accessories for transport equipment and 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: 0.0%

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

	OCT 2018	SEP 2018	% Change OCT 2018/ SEP 2018	OCT 2017	% Change OCT 2018/ OCT 2017
All items unadjusted	122.9	122.2	0.6	116.8	5.2
Seasonally adjusted	123.4	122.6	0.7	117.3	5.2
Average inflation rate for 12 months to:	3.7	3.5	-	3.6	-

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 November 2018 will be released at the end of November, 2018.



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