

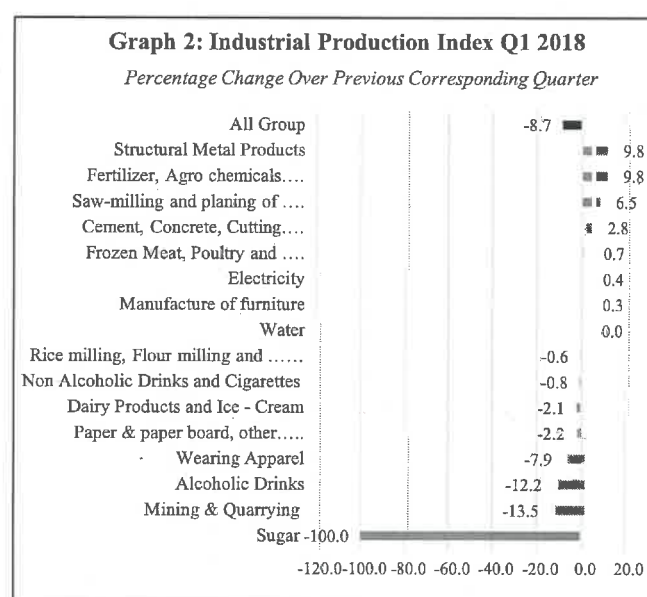
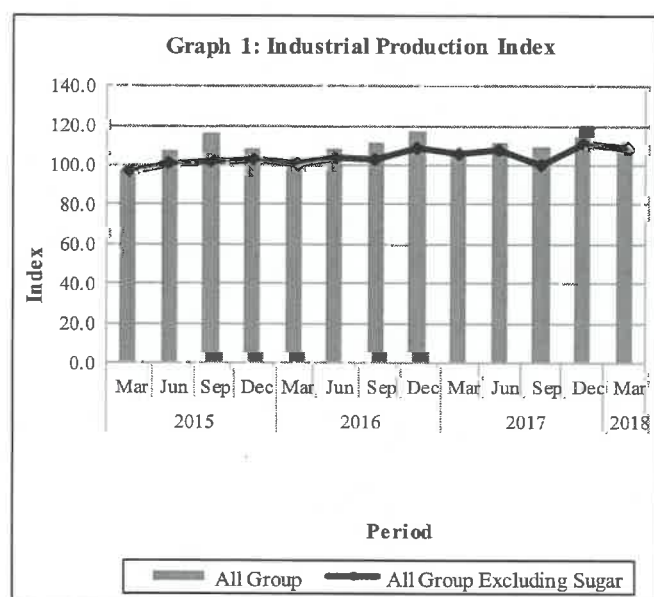
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INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX [Base: Average 4 quarters 2014 = 100.0]

March Quarter 2018

The Industrial Production Index (IPI) is an economic indicator that measures production volume changes in the following industries; mining and quarrying, manufacturing, electricity and water.



Key Facts

- The All Group Industrial Production Index (IPI) stood at 109.3 in the March quarter of 2018. This represented a decline of 8.7 percent when compared to the December quarter of 2017.
- The All Group Index registered an increase of 3.3 percent when compared to the March quarter of 2017.

The major index movements were as follows:

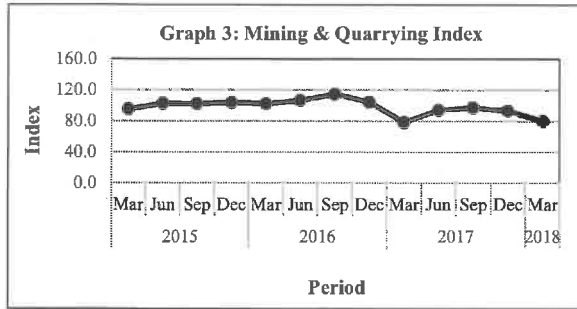
- Mining and quarrying fell by 13.5 percent;
- Alcoholic spirits fell by 12.2 percent;
- Wearing apparel fell by 7.9 percent;
- Saw-milling and planing of wood rose by 6.5 percent;
- Fertilizer, Agrochemicals and Paints & Varnishes rose by 9.8 percent;
- Structural metal products increase by 9.8 percent;

The All Group Index both including and excluding sugar showed a decline when compared to the December quarter of 2017. However the All Group Index both including and excluding sugar showed an increase when compared to March quarter of 2017. Sugar production is seasonal, with crushing carried out in the latter half of the year. Given the significant weight for sugar in the index, an increase or decrease in its production volume is bound to have an impact on the overall index.

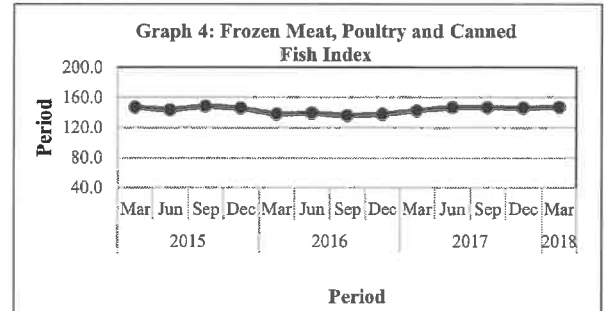
Note: Refer to Table 1 for details

Industrial Highlights

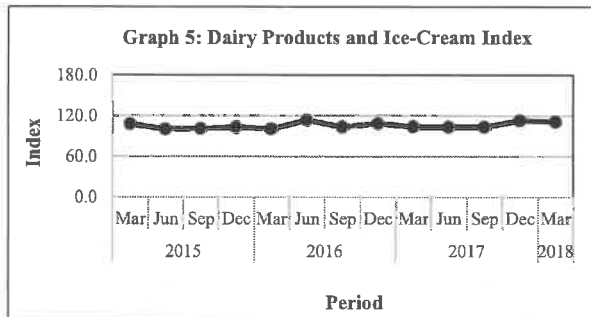
Analysis of major industries are highlighted below. These should be read in conjunction with Table 1.



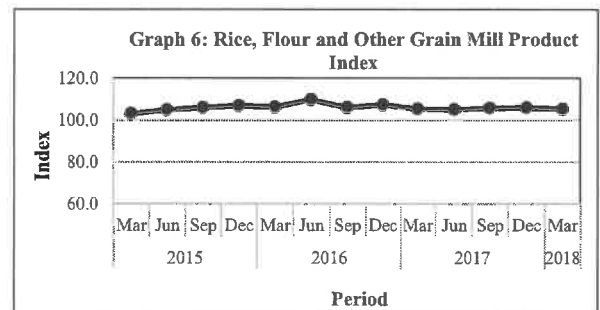
The mining & quarrying index stood at 80.4. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. Lower grades of ores being extracted contributed to the overall decline.



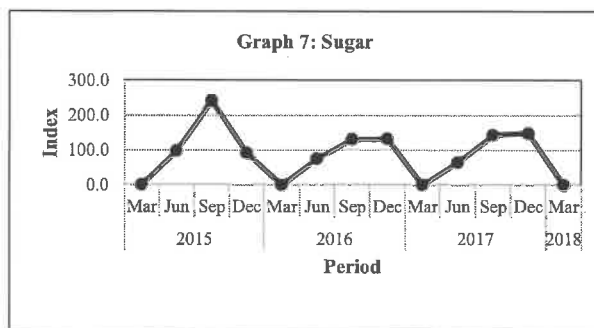
The frozen poultry, meat and canned fish index stood at 147.2. The index showed an increase *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2017*. The increase in canned fish production influenced the overall movement.



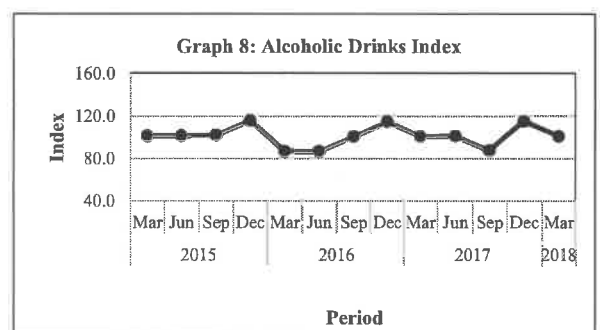
The dairy products including ice-cream index stood at 110.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* and an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. Lower milk production led to the overall decline.



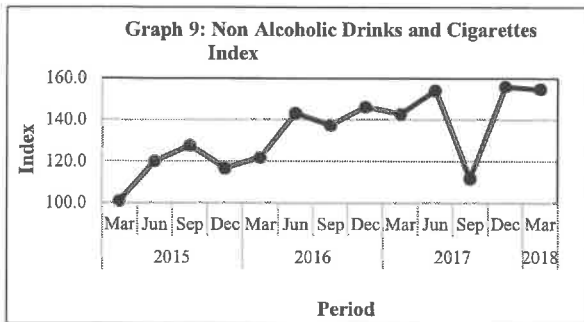
The rice, flour & other grain mill products index stood at 105.4. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but remain unchanged *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. The decrease in production of flour led to the overall decline.



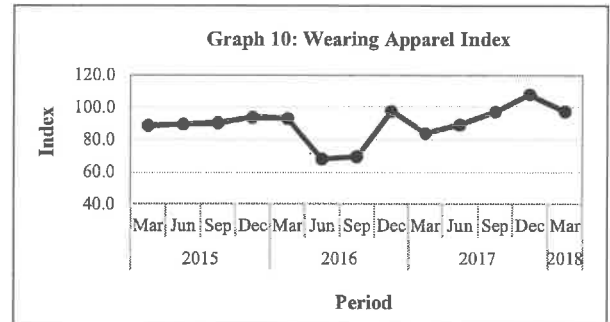
The sugar index stood at 0.0. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but remained unchanged *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*.



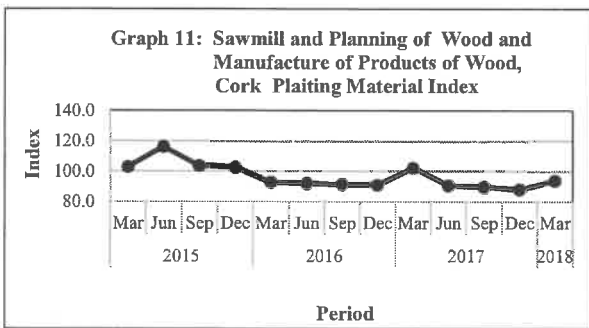
The alcoholic drinks index stood at 100.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. Lower beer production led to the overall decline.



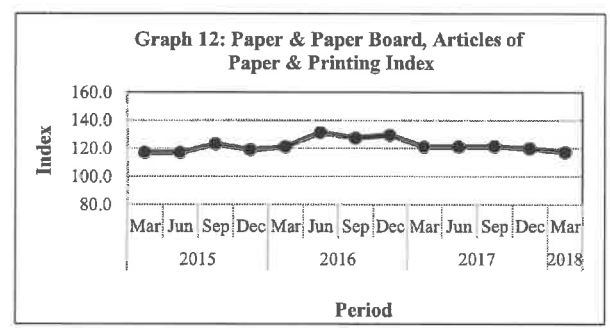
The non-alcoholic drinks & cigarettes index stood at 154.8. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but an increase *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. Lower mineral water production led to the overall decline.



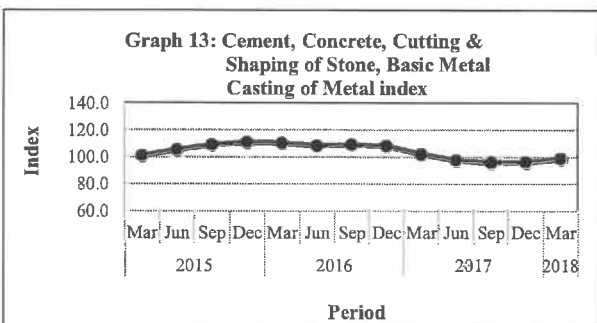
The wearing apparel index stood at 99.3. The index showed a decline *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but an increase *when compared to March quarter of 2017*. The decline in orders received from overseas influenced the movement.



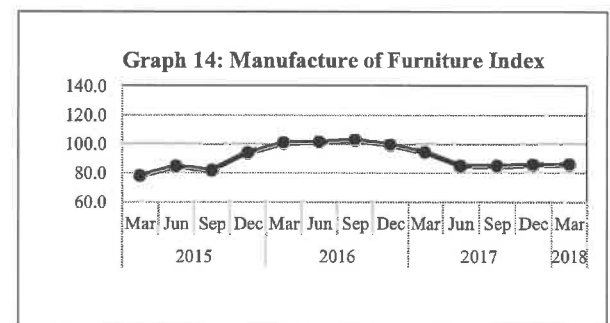
The saw-milling & planing of wood and manufacture of products of wood, cork plaiting material index stood at 93.8. The index showed an increase *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* and a decline *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. The higher sawn timber production led to the overall increase.



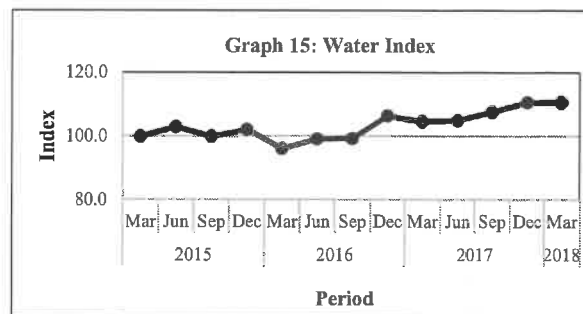
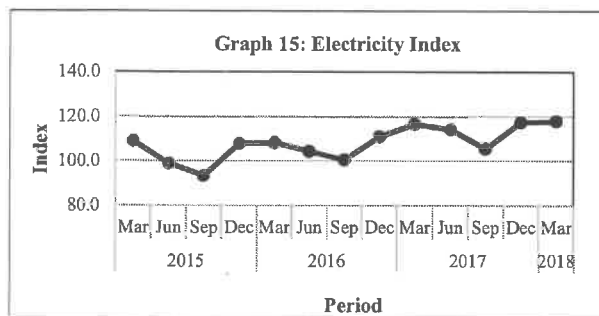
The paper & paper board, other articles of paper and printing index stood at 117.4. The index showed a decline *when compared to both the December quarter and March quarter of 2017*. Lower production of paper & paper board led to the decrease in index.



The cement, concrete products, cutting & shaping of stone, basic metal and casting of metal index stood at 98.7. The index showed an increase *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* and a decline *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. The increase in production of cement led to the overall increase.



The manufacture of furniture index stood at 85.8. The index showed an increase *when compared to the December quarter of 2017* but a decline *when compared to the March quarter of 2017*. The increase in the index reflects the increase in orders received locally.



The electricity index stood at 117.8. The index showed an increase when compared to both the December quarter of 2017 and March quarter of 2017. The increase mentioned above reflects high electricity consumption.

The water index stood at 110.7. The index showed an increase when compared to both the December quarter of 2017 and March quarter of 2017. The increase mentioned above reflects water usage.

Please find attached the following:

Table 1: Quarterly Industrial Production Index.

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IPI for June quarter of 2018 will be released in September 2018.

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Table 1

Quarterly Industrial Production Index
[Base: Average 4 Quarters 2014 = 100.0]

FSIC	Commodities	Weights	2016				2017				2018	Changes (%)	
			Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Jun	Sep	Dec	Mar	Mar-18/Dec-17	Mar-18/Mar-17
07291/ 08101/ 08999	Mining & Quarrying	4.0	102.0	106.6	114.4	104.1	78.4	94.2	96.8	92.9	80.4	-13.5	2.5
10101	Frozen poultry	5.1	137.8	139.0	136.0	137.6	142.3	146.9	146.3	146.1	147.2	0.7	3.4
10102	Meat												
10201	Canned fish												
10301	Fruit and vegetables												
10401	Edible oil	0.6	99.7	97.4	96.3	107.5	98.1	98.0	102.9	104.2	103.9	-0.3	5.9
	Coconut oil												
10501	Dairy products	3.4	100.6	113.5	103.3	108.6	103.9	103.3	103.4	113.2	110.8	-2.1	6.7
10502	Ice-cream												
10619	Rice milling												
10612	Flour milling	2.7	106.3	109.8	106.1	107.3	105.4	105.1	105.7	106.0	105.4	-0.6	0.0
10619	Other grain mill products												
10711	Bread	2.0	102.9	102.4	105.1	105.8	101.5	101.4	101.6	101.6	101.5	0.0	0.1
10712	Cakes												
10713	Biscuits												
10721	Sugar												
10731	Sugar confectionery & other food n.e.c.	6.2	0.0	74.2	130.3	131.8	0.0	63.6	142.4	147.0	0.0	-100.0	0.0
10741	Starch products	2.2	103.1	126.4	127.9	131.6	106.8	107.8	107.4	107.8	107.7	-0.1	0.8
10799	Other food n.e.c.												
10801	Animal feed												
11011	Alcoholic spirits												
11031	Beer	2.4	86.5	86.6	100.5	114.5	100.7	101.0	87.3	114.8	100.8	-12.2	0.1
11041	Soft drinks												
11042	Mineral water												
11051	Yagona												
12001	Tobacco	15.8	121.8	143.2	137.4	146.1	142.7	154.1	111.7	156.0	154.8	-0.8	8.5
14101	Wearing apparel												
15201	Footwear & leather products												
16101	Saw-milling & planing of wood												
16201	Manufacture of products of wood, cork plaiting material	5.0	92.8	92.1	91.3	90.9	102.2	90.5	89.6	88.0	93.8	6.5	-8.3
17011	Paper	0.1	97.2	107.6	108.1	109.6	110.6	110.8	110.4	110.8	110.0	-0.8	-0.6
17021	Paper & paper board	6.0	121.2	131.5	127.4	129.6	121.3	121.3	121.4	120.0	117.4	-2.2	-3.2
17099	Other articles of paper & paper board												
18111	Printing												
20121	Fertilizer												
20211	Agrochemicals	1.6	99.7	98.6	100.0	121.7	124.7	112.1	113.0	111.9	122.8	9.8	-1.5
20221	Paints & varnishes												
20231	Soap & detergent												
20299	Other chemical products												
21001	Pharmaceuticals	2.2	105.4	104.6	105.4	105.6	107.0	107.6	109.8	112.8	106.9	-5.2	-0.1
22111	Rubber tyres & tubes												
22201	Plastic products												
23101	Glass and glass products												
23942	Cement	1.0	96.1	118.8	121.8	122.7	135.0	123.4	123.9	125.6	126.3	0.5	-6.5
23951	Concrete												
23961	Cutting, shaping of stone												
24101	Basic metal												
24311	Casting of metals	3.0	110.2	108.3	109.0	108.1	102.0	97.6	95.8	96.1	98.7	2.8	-3.2
25101	Structural metal products												
25901	Other fabricated metal products												
29201	Coachwork												
30101	Building of ships & floating structure	0.6	66.1	62.7	90.9	84.6	79.7	76.2	79.4	76.2	73.4	-3.8	-7.9
31001	Manufacture of furniture	1.9	100.7	101.4	102.7	99.3	94.1	84.8	84.8	85.5	85.8	0.3	-8.8
32101	Jewellery	1.2	98.3	93.6	91.7	92.7	89.0	88.9	88.5	88.3	87.7	-0.7	-1.4
32999	Other manufacturing n.e.c.												
33121	Repair of machinery												
33141	Repair of electrical equipment												
35101	Electricity	10.9	108.1	104.2	100.5	110.9	116.5	114.1	105.5	117.3	117.8	0.4	1.1
36001	Water	9.1	96.0	99.1	99.1	106.3	104.7	105.0	107.7	110.6	110.7	0.0	5.7
	<i>All Group</i>	<i>100.0</i>	<i>100.5</i>	<i>108.6</i>	<i>111.1</i>	<i>117.2</i>	<i>105.8</i>	<i>111.4</i>	<i>109.3</i>	<i>119.7</i>	<i>109.3</i>	<i>-8.7</i>	<i>3.3</i>
	<i>All group excluding sugar</i>	<i>93.8</i>	<i>100.5</i>	<i>104.0</i>	<i>103.0</i>	<i>109.0</i>	<i>105.8</i>	<i>107.4</i>	<i>100.4</i>	<i>110.5</i>	<i>109.3</i>	<i>-1.1</i>	<i>3.3</i>
	<i>All group excluding mining and quarrying</i>	<i>96.0</i>	<i>96.4</i>	<i>104.3</i>	<i>106.5</i>	<i>113.0</i>	<i>102.6</i>	<i>107.6</i>	<i>105.3</i>	<i>116.0</i>	<i>106.1</i>	<i>-8.5</i>	<i>3.3</i>
	<i>Manufacturing</i>	<i>76.0</i>	<i>76.0</i>	<i>84.0</i>	<i>86.6</i>	<i>91.3</i>	<i>80.5</i>	<i>85.7</i>	<i>84.1</i>	<i>93.2</i>	<i>83.2</i>	<i>-10.7</i>	<i>3.4</i>