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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ALL BAHAMAS OCTOBER 2007

Monthly \$0.50
Yearly \$5.00

ALL BAHAMAS

The All Bahamas Consumer Prices for October 2007 increased 0.14 percent to a level of 122.66 compared to a level of 122.49 in September. Education, Food & Beverages and Other Expenditures led the way in the CPI increase for this month. They were followed by Furniture & Household Operations, Transportation & Communications and Recreation & Entertainment. The CPI recorded decreases recorded in the Housing, Clothing & Footwear and Medical Care & Health Indices.

The year-over-year change in the New Providence CPI was 2.40 percent compared to 0.84 percent for Grand Bahama and 2.09 percent for All Bahamas.

The Education Index increased as a result of the general public having to pay more for elementary, high school and college tuition. The CPI also revealed an increase in school books; other school charges; other school supplies and writing and drawing equipments.

The Food & Beverages Index' increase for All Bahamas was due to higher costs for cucumbers; avocados; bananas; grapes; potatoes; pineapples; limes\lemons; ice-cream and related products and other fresh fruits.

The decrease recorded in the Housing Index was due to lower electricity rate(including the surcharge) for Grand Bahama even though New Providence recorded an increase in its index.

NOTE: The All Bahamas Index is inclusive of New Providence and Grand Bahama.

**THE ALL BAHAMAS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN
COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	OCTOBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	139.86	129.83	0.33	0.16	2.52
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.75	107.39	-0.01	-0.09	0.11
HOUSING	322.99	109.67	-0.31	0.45	0.40
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	85.45	130.04	0.05	0.55	6.15
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	48.09	141.62	-0.01	0.01	2.99
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	158.86	114.70	0.04	1.46	2.89
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	47.43	124.33	0.02	3.45	3.86
EDUCATION	51.52	174.71	2.22	2.22	2.76
OTHER EXPENDITURES	87.05	134.72	0.09	0.13	0.87
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	122.66	0.14	0.75	2.09

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX NEW PROVIDENCE AND GRAND BAHAMA OCTOBER 2007

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NEW PROVIDENCE

The Consumer Price Index for New Providence (October/November 1995=100) increased 0.28 percent to a level of 123.58 for October 2007 compared to the level of 123.23 in September.

For the month of October, Education led the way with a 2.37 percent increase. This was followed by Food & Beverages, Transportation & Communications, Housing, Other Expenditures and Furniture & Household Operations. Decreases were recorded for Clothing & Footwear, Medical Care & Health and Recreation & Entertainment.

The Education Index' increase was as a result of persons in New Providence paying more for elementary tuition, 5.11%; school books, 4.60%; other school charges, 3.03%; writing and drawing equipment, 1.96%; high school tuition, 1.83%; college tuition, 1.41% and other school supplies, 0.83%.

Food & Beverages items such as cucumbers, 12.99%; avocados, 9.45%; bananas, 7.63%; grapes, 7.28%; potatoes, 7.24%; pineapples, 7.16%; limes\lemons, 7.03%; ice-cream and related products, 7.01%; other fresh fruits, 6.43%; other pork, 5.95%; cabbage, 5.03%; lettuce, 3.73% and jam and jellies, 3.19% were the result of this major group forward movement this month.

The only item influencing the increase in the Transportation & Communications Index was gasoline, oil, greases and fluids, 0.60%.

The year-over-year change for the CPI was 2.40 percent.

GRAND BAHAMA

The Consumer Price Index for Grand Bahama (October/November 1995=100) showed a decrease of 0.45 percent moving the level for the month of October to 118.98 percent compared to the level of 119.52 posted in September.

The Housing major group led the way in the decreases for the month of October. Transportation & Communications and Food & Beverages followed. Increases were noted in Education, Other Expenditures, Furniture & Household Operations, Recreation & Entertainment and Medical Care & Health.

The rate of electricity (including the surcharge), dropped 8.71% for this Island, resulting in the Housing Index' decrease.

Lower cost for gasoline, oil, greases and fluids for the month of October influenced the Transportation & Communication Index decrease.

The Food & Beverages Index' decrease was due to lower prices for items such as: tangerines, 28.04%; onions, 14.84%; grapes, 11.85%; ground beef, 9.83%; bananas, 6.97%; fruit juices other than frozen, 5.76%; canned fish & seafood, 4.83%; roast beef, 3.46%; jams and jellies, 2.70% and grapefruits, 2.59%.

**THE NEW PROVIDENCE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
BY MAIN COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	OCTOBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	138.31	131.68	0.45	0.27	2.89
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.84	107.51	-0.02	-0.06	0.58
HOUSING	328.18	109.08	0.06	0.44	0.36
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	88.72	132.61	0.03	0.55	7.02
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	44.12	143.98	-0.01	0.00	3.22
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	148.45	113.89	0.12	1.50	3.73
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	48.71	128.66	-0.01	4.26	4.48
EDUCATION	53.09	176.94	2.37	2.37	3.02
OTHER EXPENDITURES	91.58	137.14	0.04	0.08	0.75
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	123.58	0.28	0.81	2.40

**THE GRAND BAHAMA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX BY MAIN COMPONENTS
(OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 1995 =100)**

GROUP	WEIGHT	OCTOBER 2007	PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER		
			1 MONTH	3 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
FOOD & BEVERAGES	146.06	122.84	-0.12	-0.30	1.04
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	58.39	106.92	0.00	-0.20	-1.75
HOUSING	302.21	112.26	-1.86	0.53	0.57
FURNITURE & HOUSEHOLD OPERATIONS	72.38	117.41	0.18	0.56	1.56
MEDICAL CARE & HEALTH	64.00	135.06	0.04	0.04	2.32
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATIONS	200.49	117.10	-0.18	1.34	0.57
RECREATION & ENTERTAINMENT	42.29	104.44	0.12	-0.91	0.48
EDUCATION	45.24	164.22	1.45	1.45	1.45
OTHER EXPENDITURES	68.94	121.85	0.39	0.45	1.57
ALL ITEMS	1000.00	118.98	-0.45	0.45	0.84