



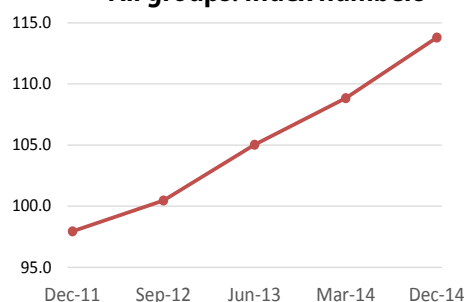
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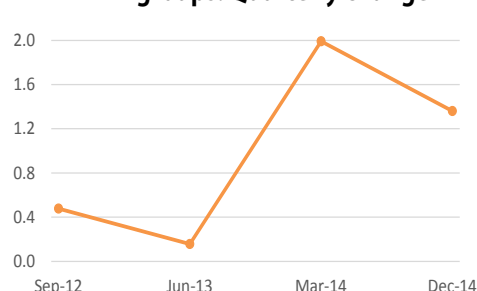


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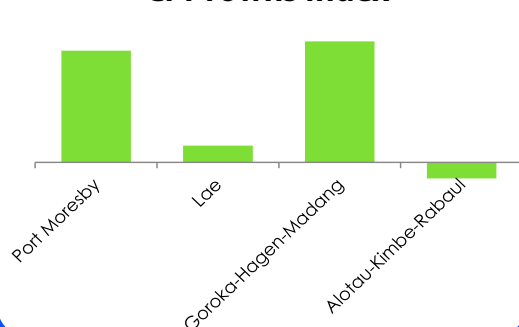
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All groups: Quarterly change



CPI Towns Index



DECEMBER QUARTER 2014 CPI FIGURES

Weighted Average of Eight (8) CPI Towns	Percentage Changes	
	Sep Qtr 14- Dec Qtr 14	Dec Qtr 13- Dec Qtr 14
All groups	1.4	6.6
Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.1	6.2
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	1.3	3.2
Clothing and foot wear	3.7	9.0
Housing	3.2	14.9
Household equipment	2.8	9.2
Transport	-0.7	7.4
Communication	0.0	-5.5
Health	7.9	24.1
Recreation	0.1	6.5
Education	0.0	-1.9
Restaurants and hotels	-0.5	2.8
Miscellaneous	0.1	7.2
All groupings excluding Housing	1.1	5.5

MAIN HIGHLIGHTS OF ALL GROUP CPI

December Quarter 2014 increase by 1.4% from September Quarter 2014
Increase of 6.6% from December Quarter 2013 to December Quarter 2014

CPI TOWNS COMPARISON

CPI TOWNS	September Qtr 2014 - December Qtr 2014	December Qtr 2013 - December Qtr 2014
Port Moresby	2.7	10.5
Lae	0.4	4.8
Goroka-Hagen-Madang	2.9	5.0
Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	-0.4	6.5

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The following abbreviations and symbols have been used throughout this bulletin

Abbreviations:	NSO	National Statistical Office
	CPI	Consumer Price Index
	RPI	Retail Price Index
	Qtr	Quarter
	HIES	Household Income and Expenditure Survey
	COICOP	Classification of Individual Consumption according to Purpose

Symbols:	-	nil or less than half of the digit shown
	na	not available

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THE MOVEMENT OF THE INDEXES

Headline CPI

The CPI rose 1.4 percent in the December quarter 2014, compared with a rise of 1.6 percent in the September quarter 2014.

The CPI Headline Index also shows an annual change of 6.6 percent increase over the twelve months from December quarter 2013 to December quarter 2014.

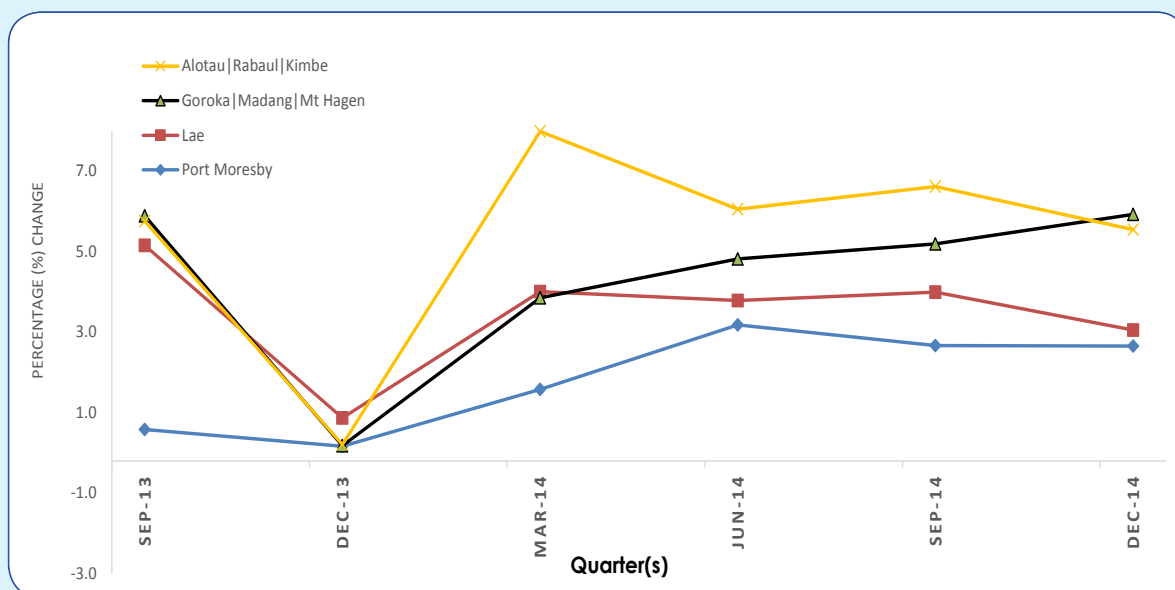
The percentage changes between September quarter 2014 and December quarter 2014 in the All CPI Towns are:

Port Moresby	2.7%
Lae	0.4%
Goroka/Hagen/Madang	2.9%
Alotau/Kimbe/Rabaul	-0.4%

The percentage changes in the CPI by major expenditure groups from previous quarter are:

Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1.1
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	1.3
Clothing and foot wear	3.7
Housing	3.2
Household equipment	2.8
Transport	-0.7
Communication	0.0
Health	7.9
Recreation	0.1
Education	0.0
Restaurants and hotels	-0.5
Miscellaneous	0.1

Graph 1. Quarterly percentage change in the All CPI Towns.



The line graph shows that Goroka-Mt Hagen-Madang displayed the highest index of 2.9 percent while Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul had the lowest index of -0.4 percent in the December quarter 2014.

Underlying CPI

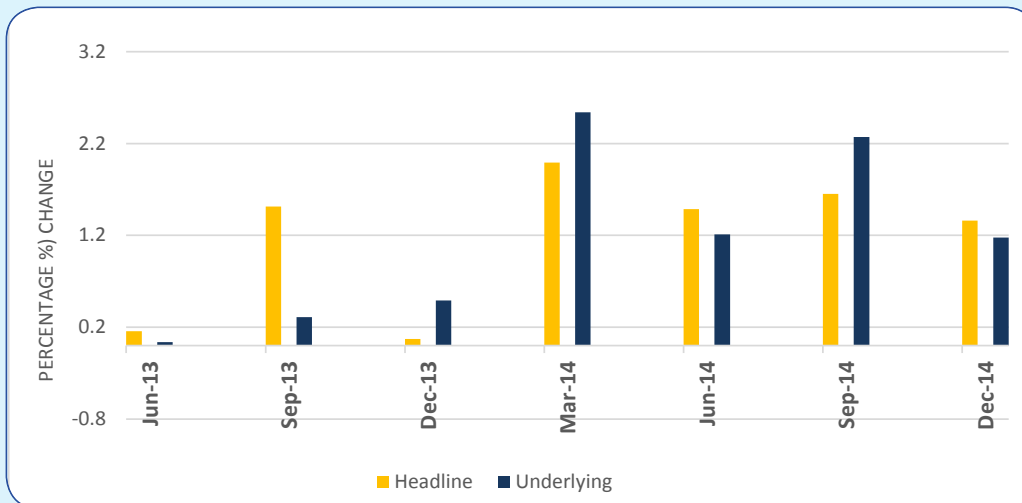
The underlying rate of inflation shows an increase of 1.2 percent in the December quarter 2014, compared with an increase of 2.3 percent in the September quarter 2014.

The underlying CPI also recorded an increase of 7.4 percent over the twelve months from December quarter 2013 to December quarter 2014.

The quarterly underlying CPI excluding base measures are:

CPI ex- seasonal	1.3%
CPI ex- seasonal and excise	1.2%
CPI ex- seasonal, excise and price control	1.1%

Graph 2. Quarterly percentage change in the Headline and Underlying CPI.

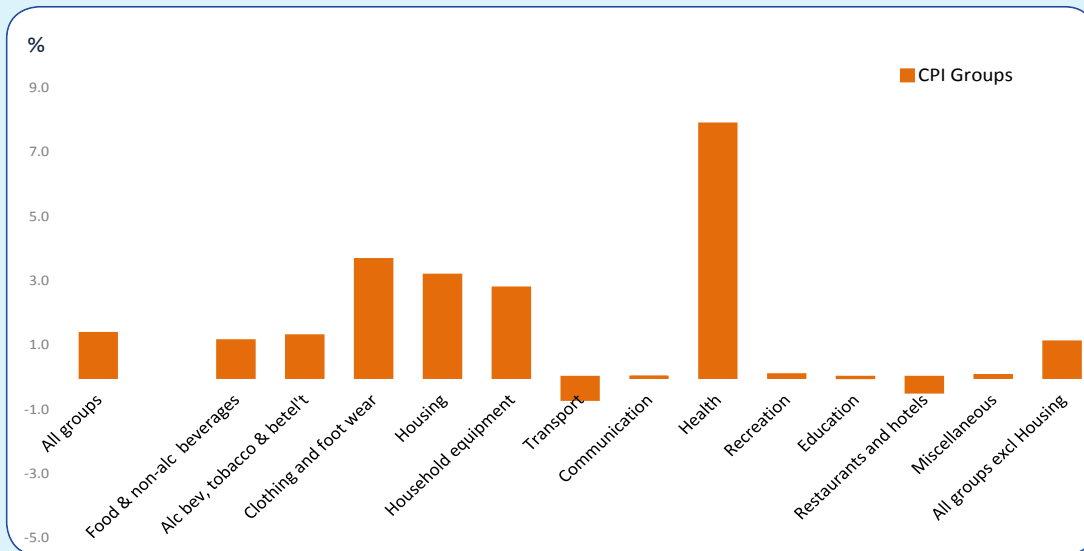


The bar graph shows the Underlying CPI recorded 1.2 percentage change which was slightly lower, compared to 1.4 percentage change in the Headline CPI in the December quarter 2014.

ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS

MAIN CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHANGE

Graph 3. Quarterly percentage change in CPI Groups, Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns, September 2014 - December 2014.



The reasons for the December Quarter's CPI inflations which contribute to change in the all groups CPI are highlighted below in order of their percentage change in all groups' index points. (see Tables 4, 6 and 7).

Health (7.9%)

The Health group had a sharp climb, increasing 7.9 percent in the December quarter. The rise in the index was an effect of increased prices of items in the Medical Services (19.1%) and Medical Supplies (2.4%) subgroups. In the Medical Services subgroup, prices increased in Medical Fees (1.9%). In the Medical Supplies subgroup, prices also increased in pain killer tablets (2.9%) and antibiotic drugs (1.7%).

Rises for Medical Supplies and Medical Services subgroups were a result of the continuous increase in consultation fees for most private hospitals in all centres.

For the through year figures (December Qtr. 2013 to December Qtr. 2014), the Health group increased 24.1 percent.

Clothing and Foot Wear (3.7%)

The Clothing and Foot Wear group increased, which rose 3.7 percent in the December quarter. Prices increased in caps (8.3%) in the Head wears (8.3%) subgroup. The Foot wear (7.5%) subgroup also posted price increases in adult sports shoe (9.7%), thongs (8.8%) and gentlemen shoe (3.5%). Similarly, prices increased in boy's underwear (4.7%) and boys shorts (3.4%) in the Boys Wear (3.9%) subgroup. Within Sewing Items subgroup, prices were up for cotton thread (5.9%), elastic/rubber (4.1%) and printed cambric (2.7%). The same was true for items within the women and girl wear (1.8%) subgroup. Prices increased in women's blouse, skirts and bras (5.4%), girls underwear (4.7%) and women's underwear (0.5%).

Rises for these subgroups were a result of high demand for these items in their respective provinces.

For the through year figures (December Qtr. 2013 to December Qtr. 2014), the Clothing and Foot Wear group increased 9.0 percent.

Housing (3.2%)

The price increases in rentals (9.0%) in the Rents (9.0%) subgroup and hardware goods (2.2%) in the Housing Maintenance (2.2%) subgroup were the main contributors to the Housing group increase to 3.2 percent in the December quarter.

Rises for these subgroups were a result of rapid growth of the real estate businesses and increasing building repairs and maintenance activities.

For the through year figures (December Qtr. 2013 to December Qtr. 2014), the Housing group increased 14.9 percent.

Household Equipment (2.8%)

The rise in the Household Equipment to 2.8 percent in the December quarter was mainly attributable to price increases of items in the Household Maintenance Goods (4.4%), Household Furniture and furnishings (3.0%) and Household Appliances (1.1%) subgroups. In the Household Maintenance Goods subgroup, prices increased in detergent (5.0%), matches (4.8%) and foil aluminium (0.6%). Prices also increased in blankets (5.6%) and mattresses (1.7%) in the Household Furniture and furnishings subgroup. Within Household Appliances subgroup, prices increased in sewing machine (4.1%), pots and plates (2.7%), electric rice cooker (2.3%), washing machine (0.4%) and kerosene stove (0.1%).

Rises for these subgroups were a result of higher freight and transport charges.

For the through year figures (December Qtr. 2013 to December Qtr. 2014), the Household Equipment group increased 9.2 percent.

Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Betelnut (1.3%)

The price increases in cigarettes (4.5%) and drum, spear and other coarse cut (4.5%) in the tobacco (4.5%) subgroup, and beer (0.9%) and wine (0.1%) in the Alcoholic Beverages (0.8%) subgroup were the main contributors to the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Betel nut group advance to 1.3 percent in the December quarter.

Rises for these subgroups were a result of the effects of the increase excise tax.

For the through year figures (December Qtr. 2013 to December Qtr. 2014), the Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Betel nut group increased 3.2 percent.

All Groups (1.4%)

The Consumer Price Index for the All Groups' increased 1.4 percent in the December quarter 2014. Over the last twelve months, the All Groups' index increased 6.6 percent. The Percentage Change between December quarter 2013 and December quarter 2014 recorded that the Health group had the highest increase of 24.1 percent while the Restaurants and Hotels group had the lowest increase of 2.8 percent.

Table 1

All Groups - Index numbers

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka Hagen-Madang	Alotau Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
2010	94.7	79.2	95.5	99.8	92.3
2011	97.5	90.3	97.9	99.9	96.4
2012	101.0	102.6	100.0	99.5	100.8
2013	103.9	115.5	103.5	100.4	105.8
2014	110.6	122.5	106.1	106.1	111.3
2010					
December	95.7	83.4	96.4	99.9	93.9
2011					
March	96.5	86.2	97.0	99.9	94.9
June	97.2	88.9	97.6	99.9	95.9
September	97.9	91.7	98.2	99.9	96.9
December	98.6	94.5	98.8	100.0	98.0
2012					
March	99.3	97.2	99.4	100.0	99.0
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	102.6	100.7	99.8	98.8	100.5
December	102.3	112.5	100.9	99.2	103.7
2013					
March	104.0	114.1	101.1	100.3	104.9
June	103.5	112.2	104.0	100.5	105.0
September	104.1	117.4	104.8	100.3	106.6
December	104.2	118.2	104.1	100.4	106.7
2014					
March	105.9	121.0	103.9	104.5	108.8
June	109.2	121.8	105.0	105.8	110.4
September	112.1	123.4	106.2	107.3	112.3
December	115.1	123.9	109.3	106.9	113.8

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

From December quarter 2010 to March quarter 2012, the index numbers have been created using Linear Regression Model

Table 2

All Groups - Percentage Changes

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka- Hagen- Madang	Alotau- Kimbe- Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)					
2010	3.1	16.3	2.6	0.1	4.6
2011	3.0	14.0	2.5	0.1	4.4
2012	3.6	13.6	2.2	-0.4	4.5
2013	2.9	12.8	3.5	0.9	5.0
2014	6.4	6.2	2.5	5.7	5.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)					
2011					
March	0.7	3.3	0.6	0.0	1.1
June	0.7	3.2	0.6	0.0	1.1
September	0.7	3.1	0.6	0.0	1.1
December	0.7	3.0	0.6	0.0	1.1
2012					
March	0.7	2.9	0.6	0.0	1.0
June	0.7	2.8	0.6	0.0	1.0
September	2.6	0.7	-0.2	-1.2	0.5
December	-0.3	11.7	1.0	0.4	3.2
2013					
March	1.7	1.4	0.2	1.1	1.1
June	-0.5	-1.6	2.9	0.2	0.2
September	0.6	4.6	0.7	-0.1	1.5
December	0.2	0.7	-0.7	0.0	0.1
2014					
March	1.6	2.4	-0.2	4.1	2.0
June	3.2	0.6	1.0	1.2	1.5
September	2.7	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.6
December	2.7	0.4	2.9	-0.4	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)					
2011					
March	3.0	14.8	2.5	0.1	4.5
June	3.0	14.2	2.5	0.1	4.5
September	3.0	13.7	2.5	0.1	4.4
December	3.0	13.3	2.5	0.1	4.4
2012					
March	2.9	12.9	2.5	0.1	4.3
June	2.9	12.5	2.4	0.1	4.3
September	4.8	9.8	1.7	-1.2	3.7
December	3.7	19.1	2.1	-0.8	5.9
2013					
March	4.8	17.3	1.7	0.3	6.0
June	3.5	12.2	4.0	0.5	5.0
September	1.4	16.6	4.9	1.6	6.1
December	1.9	5.0	3.2	1.2	2.9
2014					
March	1.8	6.1	2.8	4.2	3.8
June	5.6	8.5	0.9	5.3	5.1
September	7.8	5.2	1.4	7.0	5.3
December	10.5	4.8	5.0	6.5	6.6

Table 3 CPI Groups, Weighted average of Eight CPI Towns - Index numbers (a)

Period	Food and non alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Household equipment	Transport
2010	101.9	24.0	96.1	83.6	99.1	100.5
2011	100.9	64.5	97.9	92.3	99.6	100.2
2012	99.5	109.2	100.4	101.8	100.7	99.7
2013	98.6	157.0	103.5	112.7	100.5	99.7
2014	103.4	164.3	107.1	126.3	105.7	106.4
2010						
December	101.5	39.2	96.4	86.9	99.3	100.4
2011						
March	101.3	49.3	97.0	89.0	99.4	100.3
June	101.0	59.5	97.6	91.2	99.5	100.3
September	100.8	69.6	98.2	93.4	99.6	100.2
December	100.5	79.7	98.8	95.6	99.8	100.1
2012						
March	100.3	89.9	99.4	97.8	99.9	100.1
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	99.4	102.9	101.2	104.3	102.3	99.1
December	98.4	144.2	101.0	105.3	100.8	99.7
2013						
March	98.2	149.0	102.9	112.1	100.7	99.6
June	97.7	151.0	103.9	112.3	101.2	99.5
September	99.1	165.2	104.1	113.0	98.2	99.8
December	99.2	162.6	103.3	113.4	101.7	99.9
2014						
March	100.9	160.8	102.6	122.7	101.4	104.7
June	103.1	162.8	104.5	125.7	102.3	105.7
September	104.2	165.7	108.6	126.3	108.0	108.0
December	105.3	167.9	112.6	130.3	111.0	107.3

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

From December Quarter 2010 to March Quarter 2012, the index numbers have been created using linear regression model

Table 3 CPI Groups, Weighted average of Eight CPI Towns - Index numbers (a)

Period	Communication	Health	Recreation	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous	All groups
2010	100.0	93.2	106.4	99.5	87.2	107.6	92.3
2011	100.0	96.8	103.0	99.8	94.0	103.6	96.4
2012	100.0	99.9	98.5	100.0	102.0	99.6	100.8
2013	100.0	105.5	95.4	100.4	109.3	93.9	105.8
2014	94.4	119.3	100.3	98.5	116.0	98.1	111.3
2010							
December	100.0	94.6	105.1	99.6	89.7	106.1	93.9
2011							
March	100.0	95.5	104.3	99.7	91.4	105.1	94.9
June	100.0	96.4	103.4	99.7	93.1	104.1	95.9
September	100.0	97.3	102.6	99.8	94.9	103.0	96.9
December	100.0	98.2	101.7	99.9	96.6	102.0	98.0
2012							
March	100.0	99.1	100.9	99.9	98.3	101.0	99.0
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.0	98.4	96.5	100.0	103.6	98.0	100.5
December	100.0	102.3	96.5	100.0	106.0	99.5	103.7
2013							
March	100.0	103.5	95.0	100.4	107.8	94.5	104.9
June	100.0	106.5	96.2	100.4	106.9	95.1	105.0
September	100.0	106.9	95.0	100.5	109.0	93.1	106.6
December	100.0	104.9	95.2	100.4	113.6	93.0	106.7
2014							
March	94.1	111.2	100.5	98.5	114.2	98.5	108.8
June	94.6	115.2	98.2	98.5	115.7	94.6	110.4
September	94.5	120.7	101.3	98.5	117.3	99.7	112.3
December	94.5	130.2	101.3	98.5	116.7	99.7	113.8

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Table 4 CPI Groups, Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns - Percentage Change

Period	Food and non alcoholic beverages	Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	Clothing and footwear	Housing	Household equipment	Transport	Communication
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)							
2010	-1.0	-906.8	3.2	11.7	0.5	-0.2	0.0
2011	-1.0	230.0	1.9	10.5	0.5	-0.2	0.0
2012	-1.3	69.8	2.5	10.3	1.2	-0.5	0.0
2013	-1.0	47.6	3.2	10.8	-0.2	0.0	0.0
2014	4.9	4.8	3.4	12.0	5.2	6.8	-5.6
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)							
2010							
December	-0.2	34.9	-1.8	2.6	0.1	-0.1	0.0
2011							
March	-0.2	25.9	0.6	2.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0
June	-0.2	20.6	0.6	2.5	0.1	-0.1	0.0
September	-0.2	17.1	0.6	2.4	0.1	-0.1	0.0
December	-0.2	14.6	0.6	2.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0
2012							
March	-0.2	12.7	0.6	2.3	0.1	-0.1	0.0
June	-0.2	11.3	0.6	2.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0
September	-0.6	2.9	1.2	4.3	2.3	-0.9	0.0
December	-1.0	40.2	-0.2	1.0	-1.5	0.5	0.0
2013							
March	-0.2	3.3	1.9	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
June	-0.5	1.4	1.0	0.1	0.5	-0.1	0.0
September	1.4	9.4	0.2	0.6	-2.9	0.3	0.0
December	0.1	-1.6	-0.8	0.4	3.5	0.2	0.0
2014							
March	1.7	-1.1	-0.6	8.2	-0.2	4.8	-5.9
June	2.2	1.3	1.8	2.4	0.9	1.0	0.5
September	1.0	1.8	3.9	0.4	5.6	2.2	-0.1
December	1.1	1.3	3.7	3.2	2.8	-0.7	0.0
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)							
2010							
December	-1.0	-2959.7	2.6	11.2	0.5	-0.2	0.0
2011							
March	-1.0	462.5	2.5	10.9	0.5	-0.2	0.0
June	-1.0	214.5	2.5	10.6	0.5	-0.2	0.0
September	-1.0	139.6	0.0	10.3	0.5	-0.2	0.0
December	-1.0	103.5	2.5	10.1	0.5	-0.2	0.0
2012							
March	-1.0	82.2	2.5	9.8	0.5	-0.2	0.0
June	-1.0	68.2	2.5	9.6	0.5	-0.2	0.0
September	-1.3	47.8	3.0	11.6	2.7	-1.0	0.0
December	-2.0	80.9	2.2	10.1	1.0	-0.5	0.0
2013							
March	-2.0	65.8	3.5	14.7	0.9	-0.4	0.0
June	-2.3	51.0	3.9	12.3	1.2	-0.5	0.0
September	-0.3	60.6	2.9	8.4	-4.0	0.6	0.0
December	0.8	12.7	2.3	7.7	0.9	0.3	0.0
2014							
March	2.7	7.9	-0.2	9.4	0.7	5.1	-5.9
June	5.5	7.8	0.6	12.0	1.1	6.3	-5.4
September	5.1	0.3	4.3	11.8	10.0	8.3	-5.5
December	6.2	3.2	9.0	14.9	9.2	7.4	-5.5

Table 4 CPI Groups, Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns - Percentage Change

Period	Health	Recreation	Education	Restaurants and hotels	Miscellaneous	All groups
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2010	4.0	-3.1	0.3	8.5	-3.6	4.6
2011	3.9	-3.2	0.3	7.9	-3.8	4.4
2012	3.2	-4.4	0.2	8.5	-3.8	4.5
2013	5.6	-3.1	0.5	7.2	-5.7	5.0
2014	13.2	5.2	-1.9	6.1	4.5	5.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2010						
December	1.0	-0.8	0.1	1.9	-0.9	1.1
2011						
March	1.0	-0.8	0.1	1.9	-1.0	1.1
June	0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.9	-1.0	1.1
September	0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.8	-1.0	1.1
December	0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.8	-1.0	1.1
2012						
March	0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.8	-1.0	1.0
June	0.9	-0.8	0.1	1.7	-1.0	1.0
September	-1.6	-3.5	0.0	3.6	-2.0	0.5
December	4.0	0.0	0.0	2.3	1.5	3.2
2013						
March	1.2	-1.6	0.4	1.7	-5.0	1.1
June	2.9	1.3	0.0	-0.8	0.6	0.2
September	0.3	-1.2	0.0	1.9	-2.1	1.5
December	-1.8	0.1	0.0	4.2	-0.1	0.1
2014						
March	6.0	5.6	-1.9	0.6	5.9	2.0
June	3.6	-2.3	0.0	1.3	-4.0	1.5
September	4.8	3.2	0.0	1.3	5.3	1.6
December	7.9	0.1	0.0	-0.5	0.1	1.4
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2010						
December	4.0	-3.2	0.3	8.3	-3.7	4.6
2011						
March	3.9	-3.2	0.3	8.1	-3.7	4.5
June	3.9	-3.2	0.3	7.9	-3.8	4.5
September	3.8	-3.2	0.3	7.8	-3.8	4.4
December	3.8	-3.3	0.3	7.6	-3.8	4.4
2012						
March	3.8	-3.3	0.3	7.5	-3.9	4.3
June	3.7	-3.3	0.3	7.4	-3.9	4.3
September	1.1	-5.9	0.2	9.2	-4.9	3.7
December	4.1	-5.1	0.1	9.7	-2.5	5.9
2013						
March	4.5	-5.8	0.5	9.7	-6.4	6.0
June	6.5	-3.8	0.4	6.9	-4.9	5.0
September	8.7	-1.6	0.4	5.1	-5.0	6.1
December	2.6	-1.4	0.5	7.1	-6.5	2.9
2014						
March	7.4	5.8	-1.9	5.9	4.2	3.8
June	8.1	2.0	-1.9	8.2	-0.5	5.1
September	13.0	6.6	-1.9	7.6	7.0	5.3
December	24.1	6.5	-1.9	2.8	7.2	6.6

Table 5 CPI Groups, Index numbers (a)

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka- Hagen- Madang	Alotau- Kimbe- Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
FOOD AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES					
2011					
December	100.6	98.8	100.5	101.5	100.5
2012					
March	100.3	99.4	100.3	100.8	100.3
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.5	100.4	99.8	97.8	99.4
December	98.0	99.7	98.9	97.5	98.4
2013					
March	98.1	100.5	98.1	97.0	98.2
June	97.7	101.9	97.5	95.3	97.7
September	98.4	105.1	98.8	95.9	99.1
December	98.7	105.8	99.2	95.3	99.2
2014					
March	100.5	103.8	100.6	99.4	100.9
June	106.3	106.2	100.8	101.0	103.1
September	107.3	107.7	102.2	101.5	104.2
December	106.3	106.6	107.7	102.0	105.3
ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, TOBACCO AND BETELNUT					
2011					
December	95.9	36.7	83.9	94.7	79.7
2012					
March	97.9	68.4	92.0	97.4	89.9
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	107.4	102.0	101.4	99.5	102.9
December	108.4	269.7	118.7	98.9	144.2
2013					
March	113.4	265.9	126.9	107.9	149.0
June	110.8	233.9	158.3	119.1	151.0
September	111.7	297.5	162.4	114.7	165.2
December	109.9	300.0	141.8	122.7	162.6
2014					
March	111.7	315.1	124.1	116.0	160.8
June	115.3	311.0	129.5	118.6	162.8
September	118.4	311.9	128.4	126.8	165.7
December	121.7	319.5	135.4	118.0	167.9

(a) Base of each index: June Quarter 2012 = 100.0

Table 5 CPI Groups, Index numbers (a)

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka- Hagen- Madang	Alotau- Kimbe- Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR					
2011					
December	97.5	98.0	100.0	98.9	98.8
2012					
March	98.8	99.0	100.0	99.4	99.4
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.4	101.3	100.5	102.3	101.2
December	102.4	100.3	100.3	101.3	101.0
2013					
March	105.9	103.9	97.6	105.8	102.9
June	105.9	107.0	99.9	104.8	103.9
September	108.9	105.8	101.1	103.2	104.1
December	108.5	107.0	100.3	100.6	103.3
2014					
March	107.3	103.5	98.0	104.0	102.6
June	111.8	102.4	103.8	102.1	104.5
September	117.5	104.5	104.1	110.7	108.6
December	118.7	111.7	108.1	114.2	112.6
HOUSING					
2011					
December	92.5	97.7	96.7	96.2	95.6
2012					
March	96.2	98.9	98.3	98.1	97.8
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	114.7	99.5	99.2	97.5	104.3
December	115.1	100.4	100.2	100.6	105.3
2013					
March	119.7	107.3	108.9	110.4	112.1
June	119.7	107.1	109.6	111.2	112.3
September	120.2	107.1	111.3	113.0	113.0
December	121.4	107.1	111.5	113.0	113.4
2014					
March	128.6	117.2	116.0	130.8	122.7
June	130.3	122.8	117.3	132.2	125.7
September	135.6	122.6	115.0	126.8	126.3
December	149.6	122.2	113.7	124.4	130.3

(a) Base of each index: June Quarter 2012 = 100.0

Table 5

CPI Groups, Index numbers (a)

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka-Hagen-Madang	Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS					
2011					
December	100.9	99.8	100.2	98.8	99.8
2012					
March	100.4	99.9	100.1	99.4	99.9
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	99.8	105.6	99.6	104.0	102.3
December	100.1	99.8	100.1	102.2	100.8
2013					
March	97.7	103.5	94.8	105.7	100.7
June	96.7	101.7	98.0	105.9	101.2
September	96.0	97.8	96.3	101.3	98.2
December	98.3	99.3	106.0	101.0	101.7
2014					
March	98.8	105.0	93.7	107.3	101.4
June	103.4	103.0	95.9	107.0	102.3
September	109.7	107.3	100.2	114.4	108.0
December	110.7	107.3	105.6	118.0	111.0
TRANSPORT					
2011					
December	99.6	100.0	99.6	100.7	100.1
2012					
March	99.8	100.0	99.8	100.3	100.1
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	98.8	99.5	99.6	98.3	99.1
December	99.2	99.9	99.9	99.6	99.7
2013					
March	102.0	100.1	98.6	97.1	99.6
June	100.7	100.5	98.7	97.3	99.5
September	101.0	99.9	99.1	98.7	99.8
December	101.7	99.9	99.1	98.6	99.9
2014					
March	101.1	107.1	105.1	105.0	104.7
June	107.8	103.5	105.5	107.1	105.7
September	110.9	105.9	110.7	103.4	108.0
December	110.1	105.4	110.4	101.9	107.3

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 5 CPI Groups, Index numbers (a)

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka- Hagen- Madang	Alotau- Kimbe- Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
COMMUNICATION					
2011					
December	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2012					
March	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
December	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2013					
March	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
December	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2014					
March	94.3	99.1	94.4	87.4	94.1
June	94.4	99.1	95.8	87.4	94.6
September	94.4	99.2	95.4	87.4	94.5
December	94.3	99.1	95.5	87.4	94.5
HEALTH					
2011					
December	101.5	96.1	96.7	97.4	98.2
2012					
March	100.8	98.0	98.4	98.7	99.1
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	97.2	97.1	99.1	101.0	98.4
December	91.9	113.9	98.6	110.1	102.3
2013					
March	94.8	111.2	105.4	105.9	103.5
June	98.4	111.4	112.0	106.4	106.5
September	99.9	111.1	111.6	106.8	106.9
December	93.3	110.2	112.2	107.7	104.9
2014					
March	93.4	124.0	115.9	118.5	111.2
June	101.8	129.9	116.2	117.6	115.2
September	107.8	142.8	116.7	119.7	120.7
December	133.9	146.8	117.6	119.8	130.2

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Table 5 CPI Groups, Index numbers (a)

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka- Hagen- Madang	Alotau- Kimbe- Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
RECREATION					
2011					
December	99.7	100.0	101.8	104.3	101.7
2012					
March	99.8	100.0	100.9	102.2	100.9
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	99.9	98.3	95.9	93.4	96.5
December	99.1	97.7	96.6	93.8	96.5
2013					
March	101.9	98.9	89.9	91.2	95.0
June	100.8	98.8	97.5	90.2	96.2
September	101.9	100.8	93.3	87.3	95.0
December	100.5	102.4	97.8	84.1	95.2
2014					
March	98.0	104.1	109.6	92.8	100.5
June	89.5	95.5	105.5	100.6	98.2
September	91.8	107.0	102.7	102.7	101.3
December	92.1	105.9	103.9	102.6	101.3
EDUCATION					
2011					
December	99.9	100.0	99.8	99.7	99.9
2012					
March	99.9	100.0	99.9	99.8	99.9
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
December	100.0	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0
2013					
March	100.4	100.0	100.6	101.0	100.4
June	100.4	100.0	100.6	101.0	100.4
September	100.4	100.0	100.6	101.0	100.5
December	100.4	100.0	100.6	101.0	100.4
2014					
March	101.5	87.8	99.2	108.4	98.5
June	101.5	87.8	99.2	108.3	98.5
September	101.5	87.8	99.2	108.3	98.5
December	101.5	87.8	99.2	108.3	98.5

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 5 CPI Groups, Index numbers (a)

Period	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka- Hagen- Madang	Alotau- Kimbe- Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS					
2011					
December	95.1	94.8	99.6	97.4	96.6
2012					
March	97.6	97.4	99.8	98.7	98.3
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	98.8	112.9	103.3	97.1	103.6
December	105.8	108.4	100.5	106.6	106.0
2013					
March	114.5	115.4	99.2	101.9	107.8
June	111.5	110.3	104.5	102.7	106.9
September	111.4	109.9	100.3	111.5	109.0
December	120.1	120.4	100.2	110.7	113.6
2014					
March	118.3	117.9	107.7	112.1	114.2
June	115.9	124.9	108.3	110.7	115.7
September	127.5	121.0	107.0	114.1	117.3
December	128.4	121.5	107.5	111.3	116.7
MISCELLANEOUS					
2011					
December	103.4	100.1	100.8	101.0	102.0
2012					
March	101.7	100.0	100.4	100.5	101.0
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	94.4	101.8	101.4	101.3	98.0
December	98.7	101.9	101.9	98.3	99.5
2013					
March	89.6	98.6	97.0	100.8	94.5
June	89.2	101.7	99.5	100.7	95.1
September	89.3	100.0	96.3	94.6	93.1
December	90.5	97.2	95.8	94.2	93.0
2014					
March	99.1	101.8	96.1	95.6	98.5
June	92.1	102.3	85.4	97.1	94.6
September	99.4	103.2	87.2	101.8	99.7
December	99.3	103.2	88.6	101.8	99.7

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 6

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES - December Quarter 2014 (a)

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka-Hagen-Madang	Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
All Groups	3.0	0.5	3.0	-0.4	1.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-1.1	-1.1	5.4	0.5	1.2
Cereals	-1.4	0.4	3.4	0.5	0.9
Biscuits	-7.6	-0.9	2.4	-2.0	-2.2
Bread	-3.5	-2.6	5.7	-0.7	-0.3
Cakes	-3.0	-7.0	2.5	1.3	-4.7
Break Fast Cereal	3.4	-4.2	1.9	-4.8	-3.2
Flour	-0.2	2.9	3.7	2.9	2.3
Rice	0.3	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.2
Pasta	-0.5	3.5	11.4	-2.6	4.5
Chips	3.5	-1.1	-0.5	1.5	1.1
Meat	-1.6	-0.7	2.6	1.6	0.7
Beef	-1.6	-1.8	5.0	-1.4	-1.2
Chicken	-1.6	0.1	3.6	1.0	1.1
Lamb	-4.0	-2.6	1.6	3.2	-0.4
Pork	-7.6	-6.6	0.8	3.4	1.0
Sausages	1.8	-2.0	0.2	-3.9	-0.4
Tinned Meat	0.4	1.0	2.1	0.1	0.7
Tinned Curried Chicken	3.5	-7.6	9.2	-1.4	-1.4
Fish	1.6	0.0	2.9	2.7	2.1
Frozen Fish	3.3	1.4	0.7	2.9	2.5
Tinned Fish	0.4	-0.4	3.4	2.6	1.9
Fruits and Vegetables	1.1	-2.4	21.8	-2.4	5.2
Fruits	-8.7	-3.7	8.4	-5.1	-2.0
Vegetables	3.8	-2.0	26.3	-0.8	8.0
Dairy Products, Eggs, Cheese	9.0	2.7	5.2	7.1	6.7
Cheese	10.1	-0.6	0.6	0.1	5.9
Fresh and Flavoured Milk	-0.1	-0.4	2.1	-0.4	0.2
Powdered Milk	11.5	7.8	6.5	14.7	10.8
Condensed Milk	27.9	8.3	0.0	0.0	27.8
Baby Milk	1.1	0.6	14.3	9.5	5.7
Eggs	-3.0	0.8	3.2	1.6	0.2
Oils and Fats	6.6	2.7	4.9	1.2	3.3
Cooking Oil	2.0	3.1	3.8	0.5	2.6
Butter and Margarine	12.1	2.6	11.0	-0.5	4.3
Peanut Butter	4.8	4.0	6.8	16.8	7.3
Vegemite	0.1	-9.1	11.9	-3.7	-3.7
Sugars and Confectionery	-5.4	-1.8	2.4	1.3	-0.7
Jam	-3.2	-0.3	6.5	-3.7	-1.5
Sugarcane	4.6	1.9	4.9	0.2	2.9
Sugar	-5.8	-1.7	0.1	-0.7	-1.6
Chocolate, Candy and Chewing Gum	-7.9	-2.5	9.1	9.6	-0.5
Ice-cream	0.4	-3.6	13.8	6.2	2.4

Table 6

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES - December Quarter 2014 (a)

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka-Hagen-Madang	Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
Other Food Products	-3.8	0.5	3.4	0.3	0.8
Tomato and Soy Sauce	-10.0	1.1	-8.3	-7.7	-6.5
Tomato and Chicken Soup	2.4	-1.9	8.8	10.4	6.7
Salt and Curry Powder	-4.0	3.4	8.7	-0.1	2.8
Stock Cubes	-0.6	-0.9	0.0	3.4	-0.2
Baby Food	-0.6	-0.4	0.0	6.4	1.8
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	-7.0	-7.1	-4.5	-2.6	-5.2
Instant Coffee	3.4	3.8	22.3	24.0	17.1
Milo	6.1	4.9	7.3	4.6	6.0
Tea-Bags	-0.5	-0.1	-0.7	1.6	0.0
Juice Drinks and Cordial	0.8	-8.8	-6.2	0.4	-3.6
Soft Drink	-17.5	-10.4	-13.9	-8.0	-12.2
Bottle Water	5.2	-2.4	1.4	4.1	2.2
Ice blocks	5.4	4.4	9.5	2.7	5.6
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Betelnut	3.2	7.7	7.1	-8.8	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages	-2.0	2.5	4.7	1.0	0.9
Beer	-2.2	2.5	5.4	1.2	1.0
Spirits	-0.4	0.1	-11.2	-2.9	-1.8
Wine	2.2	3.1	-10.1	0.4	0.2
Tobacco	6.4	7.3	3.8	4.4	5.6
Cigarettes	6.9	4.1	3.2	7.7	5.6
Drum,spear and other coarse cut	3.6	11.5	5.9	3.5	5.5
Betelnut and Mustard	5.1	12.9	9.6	-39.9	0.1
Betelnut and Mustard	5.1	12.9	9.6	-39.9	0.1
Clothing and Foot Wear	1.2	7.1	4.0	3.5	4.0
Clothing	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3
Baby clothes	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.0	0.3
Mens Wear	-2.3	-1.9	5.6	0.7	1.0
Men's "T" shirt, All Cotton	6.8	0.3	3.7	7.4	4.3
Mens Shirt	4.0	-2.3	9.7	1.3	4.6
Men's Short, trousers and Jeans	-5.9	-2.8	4.9	-0.2	-0.3
All men's underwear	3.8	4.7	6.4	-0.1	3.3
Women and Girl Wear	0.7	11.6	-1.5	0.4	1.9
Women's Blouse, Skirts and Bras	0.9	16.3	4.1	1.8	5.9
Women's underwear	1.2	0.4	3.9	-3.6	0.6
Girls Dress	-0.6	2.7	-9.8	-0.2	-5.7
Girls Underwear	2.3	-5.6	3.4	0.0	0.1
Boys Wear	0.4	0.4	11.5	4.3	4.4
Boys Shorts	1.0	0.8	13.2	1.7	4.1
Boys underwear	-1.5	-2.4	0.7	6.8	5.1

Table 6 CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES - December Quarter 2014 (a)

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka-Hagen-Madang	Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
Headwears	-3.9	5.7	15.5	14.3	11.4
Cap	-3.9	5.7	15.5	14.3	11.4
Sewing Items	-0.3	2.2	3.8	2.1	2.7
Cotton Thread,	-0.5	4.9	-3.3	6.3	4.0
Elastic / Rubber	2.1	9.6	-0.5	-0.1	4.1
Printed Cambric	-2.4	-7.9	3.9	3.0	2.0
Footwear	4.0	12.5	8.3	10.0	8.6
Adults Sport Shoe	2.6	15.1	7.2	22.9	11.9
Gentlemen Shoes	-6.0	10.4	6.5	2.5	4.0
Thongs	12.6	9.0	10.5	3.2	9.5
Housing	14.0	-0.4	-1.3	-2.4	4.0
Rent	20.3	0.0	0.9	29.1	12.0
Rentals	20.3	0.0	0.9	29.1	12.0
Housing maintenance	21.1	0.3	8.7	-8.1	2.3
Hardware Goods	21.1	0.3	8.7	-8.1	2.3
Electricity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Electricity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Water	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cooking	7.1	-4.3	-10.7	-9.5	-4.5
Firewood	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	75.0
Gas	0.0	2.0	12.7	2.4	3.9
Kerosene	-32.6	-7.0	-17.4	-11.7	-16.2
Household Equipment	1.0	0.0	5.4	3.6	3.0
Household Furniture and Furnishings	3.0	0.8	9.7	-1.1	3.6
Bath Towel	-2.1	3.9	3.2	-5.7	-0.5
Blankets	9.3	0.1	18.5	0.0	8.2
Mattresses	0.0	0.1	5.4	0.0	1.8
Household Appliances	-0.1	1.7	4.5	-1.8	1.1
Electric Rice Cooker	-10.3	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.9
Kerosene Stove	-3.3	1.3	5.1	-1.0	0.1
Pots and Plates	2.7	2.9	6.8	-1.0	3.0
Sewing Machine	6.6	-0.1	7.6	8.6	5.0
Refrigerators	0.0	2.4	2.8	-5.0	-2.1
Washing Machine	0.0	-0.1	0.0	7.4	0.5
Household Maintenance Goods	1.5	-2.0	3.9	10.2	4.7
Matches	-0.5	6.3	5.0	2.7	5.3
Foil Aluminium	0.2	9.8	-0.1	2.1	0.7
Nails	0.5	-5.0	2.1	-14.0	-3.4
Detergents	1.8	-3.1	4.1	10.9	5.4

Table 6

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES - December Quarter 2014 (a)

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka-Hagen-Madang	Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
Transport	-0.8	-0.6	-0.4	-1.5	-0.7
Motor Vehicle Purchases	4.8	5.4	2.5	6.6	4.5
Motor Vehicle	4.9	6.4	2.5	6.7	4.7
Motor Bike	3.5	0.7	5.7	9.7	7.8
Outboard Motor	1.6	-0.7	5.0	2.6	0.3
Operations of Transport	2.4	0.7	0.3	10.7	1.6
Tyres	0.4	0.6	0.6	15.5	1.6
Car Battery	4.8	0.7	0.1	5.2	1.6
Fares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bus Fare	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
PMV Fare	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taxi Fare	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Local Fare	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Air Fare	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Car Hire	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fuels and Lubricants	-29.3	-20.2	-11.5	-12.9	-17.1
Diesel	-33.0	-14.3	-17.5	-14.5	-17.8
Petrol	-29.4	-54.2	-13.9	-13.0	-22.9
Engine Oil	-4.1	-0.8	7.0	0.8	0.8
Other Services	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.8
Motor Vehicle Registration and Insurance	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.8
Communication	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Postal Services	-1.3	-1.2	3.0	-0.1	0.1
Postal Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mailbox Fees	-1.8	-1.8	4.7	-0.1	0.1
Telephone Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed Line Rate	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prepaid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Telephone Equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mobile Phone Handset	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Simcard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Internet	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Health	26.2	4.0	0.8	0.1	9.5
Medical Services	65.2	0.0	0.0	-4.9	21.7
Medical Fees	65.2	0.0	0.0	-4.9	21.7
Medical Supplies	2.4	6.3	1.2	2.6	3.0
Antibiotics Drugs	7.5	0.7	0.0	3.6	2.0
Pain killer Tablets	1.5	7.3	5.6	0.6	3.8

Table 6

CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGE IN ALL GROUPS INDEXES - December Quarter 2014 (a)

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	Port Moresby	Lae	Goroka-Hagen-Madang	Alotau-Kimbe-Rabaul	Weighted average of eight CPI towns
Recreation	0.3	-1.1	1.2	-0.1	0.1
Recreation	0.3	-1.1	1.2	-0.1	0.1
DVD Player	0.2	-5.0	-2.2	0.0	-2.1
Television	1.6	0.0	0.0	3.6	1.9
Digital Camera	3.2	0.2	5.8	5.9	4.4
Batteries	-14.4	-2.0	0.8	-9.1	-7.4
Flash drives	0.1	-0.2	0.6	0.0	0.1
Biros	1.0	0.0	-0.8	0.2	0.3
Bicycle	3.7	0.0	1.2	10.0	1.9
Magazine	-9.2	5.8	0.4	31.6	3.2
Newspaper	0.0	0.0	0.9	9.4	3.1
Sports Gate and Movie Fees	0.0	0.0	10.3	0.0	2.8
Photography	-10.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.1
Education	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Education Fees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Primary School	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Secondary School	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tertiary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uniform, Text Book and Boarding Fees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Hotels	0.9	0.5	0.4	-2.7	-0.5
Accommodation	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Hotel Accommodation	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Takeaway Foods	1.2	0.5	0.4	-3.5	-0.6
Pies	5.2	1.1	8.1	-1.4	2.3
Fish and Sausage Flour	5.8	0.6	-7.8	-9.8	-2.3
Chicken and Chips	-8.4	-2.5	6.9	0.0	-1.3
Rice and Beef	-1.4	4.2	0.4	3.4	2.4
Miscellaneous	-0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.1
Other Goods and services	-0.1	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.1
Toiletries and Personal Care Products	-0.9	-4.8	-0.9	-1.4	-1.5
Baby Oil and Powder	4.3	6.0	14.2	3.1	6.4
Insect Repellant	-0.7	-1.6	1.6	-0.1	-0.8
Childrens toys	12.4	11.1	2.3	3.2	5.8
Barber Fees	8.9	17.3	12.3	0.3	7.9
Court Fees	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

(a) All groups index points: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 7

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS, Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2013	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 and Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Change between Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014
All Groups	106.7	112.3	113.8	1.4	6.6	112.3	113.8	1.5
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	99.2	104.2	105.3	1.1	6.2	36.4	36.8	0.4
Cereals	99.1	106.0	106.9	0.8	7.8	14.2	14.3	0.1
Biscuits	113.5	112.3	110.1	-2.0	-2.9	1.6	1.6	0.0
Bread	94.8	101.2	100.9	-0.3	6.5	1.7	1.7	0.0
Cakes	129.4	123.9	119.3	-3.8	-7.8	0.1	0.1	0.0
Break Fast Cereal	92.0	115.2	111.9	-2.8	21.7	0.1	0.1	0.0
Flour	103.8	114.3	116.6	2.0	12.3	0.9	0.9	0.0
Rice	97.9	104.5	105.6	1.1	7.9	8.4	8.5	0.1
Pasta	88.6	105.6	110.1	4.2	24.3	1.1	1.1	0.0
Chips	108.5	118.2	119.2	0.9	9.9	0.3	0.3	0.0
Meat	98.6	102.3	103.0	0.7	4.4	7.1	7.1	0.0
Beef	90.9	94.9	93.7	-1.3	3.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Chicken	98.9	100.0	101.1	1.1	2.2	3.3	3.4	0.0
Lamb	95.8	109.2	108.8	-0.3	13.6	1.1	1.1	0.0
Pork	97.7	95.6	96.6	1.1	-1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0
Sausages	100.5	109.7	109.3	-0.3	8.7	0.4	0.4	0.0
Tinned Meat	102.1	108.8	109.6	0.6	7.3	1.1	1.1	0.0
Tinned Curried Chicken	94.9	117.8	116.5	-1.2	22.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fish	97.8	108.0	110.1	1.9	12.6	3.0	3.1	0.1
Frozen Fish	93.4	105.4	107.9	2.4	15.5	0.9	0.9	0.0
Tinned Fish	99.6	109.1	111.0	1.7	11.4	2.2	2.2	0.0
Fruits and Vegetables	106.8	106.5	111.7	4.9	4.6	5.4	5.7	0.3
Fruits	95.4	113.2	111.3	-1.7	16.6	1.6	1.6	0.0
Vegetables	111.3	103.9	111.9	7.7	0.6	3.8	4.1	0.3
Dairy Products, Eggs, Cheese	98.2	110.7	117.4	6.1	19.6	0.9	1.0	0.1
Cheese	88.3	108.5	114.4	5.4	29.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fresh and Flavoured Milk	100.8	106.8	106.9	0.2	6.1	0.3	0.3	0.0
Powdered Milk	97.3	128.0	138.8	8.5	42.7	0.3	0.3	0.0
Condensed Milk	99.1	91.9	119.7	30.2	20.8	0.1	0.1	0.0
Baby Milk	94.8	113.0	118.6	5.0	25.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Eggs	97.7	99.1	99.3	0.2	1.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Oils and Fats	90.9	92.9	96.3	3.6	6.0	0.8	0.8	0.0
Cooking Oil	87.3	82.6	85.2	3.2	-2.4	0.4	0.5	0.0
Butter and Margarine	97.1	112.5	116.9	3.9	20.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
Peanut Butter	96.9	107.8	115.1	6.7	18.8	0.1	0.1	0.0
Vegemite	105.6	129.2	125.5	-2.9	18.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugars and Confectionery	90.8	95.8	95.1	-0.8	4.8	1.4	1.4	0.0
Jam	107.5	137.1	135.6	-1.1	26.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sugarcane	113.8	93.1	96.0	3.1	-15.7	0.1	0.1	0.0
Sugar	86.1	85.4	83.8	-1.8	-2.6	0.8	0.8	0.0
Chocolate, Candy and Chewing Gum	96.5	117.8	117.4	-0.4	21.6	0.3	0.3	0.0
Ice-cream	97.6	112.8	115.2	2.1	18.0	0.2	0.2	0.0

Table 7

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS,
Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2013	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 and Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Change between Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014
Other Food Products	103.4	111.2	112.0	0.8	8.3	0.7	0.7	0.0
Tomato and Soy Sauce	85.7	101.7	95.3	-6.3	11.2	0.1	0.1	0.0
Tomato and Chicken Soup	85.3	108.3	115.0	6.2	34.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Salt and Curry Powder	100.9	117.7	120.5	2.4	19.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
Stock Cubes	116.2	106.9	106.7	-0.2	-8.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Baby Food	97.9	106.3	108.0	1.7	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	95.3	96.6	91.4	-5.4	-4.2	2.9	2.7	-0.2
Instant Coffee	102.6	118.0	135.0	14.5	31.6	0.2	0.2	0.0
Milo	97.0	115.9	121.9	5.2	25.6	0.1	0.2	0.0
Tea-Bags	102.5	109.7	109.7	0.0	7.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Juice Drinks and Cordial	92.9	103.7	100.1	-3.5	7.7	1.0	1.0	0.0
Soft Drink	95.2	86.3	74.1	-14.1	-22.2	1.2	1.0	-0.2
Bottle Water	93.6	103.8	106.0	2.1	13.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Ice blocks	95.5	85.3	89.7	5.2	-6.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Betelnut	162.6	165.7	167.9	1.3	3.2	13.1	13.3	0.2
Alcoholic Beverages	103.5	113.5	114.3	0.8	10.5	3.0	3.0	0.0
Beer	103.7	114.0	115.0	0.9	11.0	2.8	2.8	0.0
Spirits	102.3	106.8	104.9	-1.7	2.6	0.2	0.2	0.0
Wine	93.3	104.5	104.7	0.1	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco	123.5	124.3	129.8	4.5	5.2	3.2	3.4	0.1
Cigarettes	127.1	125.1	130.8	4.5	2.9	2.1	2.2	0.1
Drum,spear and other coarse cut	117.0	122.7	128.2	4.5	9.6	1.1	1.2	0.1
Betelnut and Mustard	256.9	255.7	255.7	0.0	-0.4	6.9	6.9	0.0
Betelnut and Mustard	256.9	255.7	255.7	0.0	-0.4	6.9	6.9	0.0
Clothing and Foot Wear	103.3	108.6	112.6	3.7	9.0	6.2	6.4	0.2
Clothing	103.7	108.8	109.1	0.3	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Baby clothes	103.7	108.8	109.1	0.3	5.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Mens Wear	102.4	109.1	110.1	0.9	7.6	1.3	1.4	0.0
Men's "T" shirt, All Cotton	100.1	90.0	94.3	4.8	-5.8	0.2	0.2	0.0
Mens Shirt	104.1	104.2	108.8	4.4	4.6	0.1	0.2	0.0
Men's Short, trousers & Jeans	102.5	113.1	112.9	-0.2	10.0	1.0	1.0	0.0
All men's underwear	101.6	123.3	126.6	2.7	24.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Women and Girl Wear	105.1	107.6	109.5	1.8	4.3	1.8	1.9	0.0
Women's Blouse, Skirts & Bras	104.9	107.8	113.7	5.4	8.3	1.0	1.1	0.1
Women's underwear	112.0	117.7	118.3	0.5	5.7	0.3	0.3	0.0
Girls Dress	106.4	104.2	98.5	-5.5	-7.5	0.4	0.4	0.0
Girls Underwear	97.4	108.3	113.5	4.7	16.4	0.1	0.1	0.0

Table 7

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS, Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2013	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 and Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Change between Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014
Boys Wear	103.0	114.8	119.2	3.9	15.7	0.4	0.4	0.0
Boys Shorts	105.9	118.2	122.2	3.4	15.4	0.3	0.3	0.0
Boys underwear	97.4	108.3	113.5	4.7	16.4	0.1	0.1	0.0
Headwears	122.3	136.7	148.1	8.3	21.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Cap	122.3	136.7	148.1	8.3	21.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Sewing Items	86.2	78.8	81.5	3.4	-5.4	0.4	0.4	0.0
Cotton Thread,	88.2	68.5	72.5	5.9	-17.8	0.0	0.1	0.0
Elastic / Rubber	80.2	99.0	103.1	4.1	28.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Printed Cambric	87.6	75.2	77.2	2.7	-11.8	0.2	0.2	0.0
Footwear	106.0	115.1	123.7	7.5	16.7	1.9	2.0	0.1
Adults Sport Shoe	107.3	121.9	133.8	9.7	24.7	0.8	0.8	0.1
Gentlemen Shoes	95.5	114.1	118.1	3.5	23.7	0.6	0.6	0.0
Thongs	116.2	107.1	116.6	8.8	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.0
Housing	113.4	126.3	130.3	3.2	14.9	14.1	14.6	0.4
Rent	112.8	133.0	145.1	9.0	28.6	5.6	6.1	0.5
Rentals	112.8	133.0	145.1	9.0	28.6	5.6	6.1	0.5
Housing maintenance	102.1	105.7	108.1	2.2	5.8	2.1	2.2	0.0
Hardware Goods	102.1	105.7	108.1	2.2	5.8	2.1	2.2	0.0
Electricity	150.0	156.2	156.2	0.0	4.1	2.5	2.5	0.0
Electricity	150.0	156.2	156.2	0.0	4.1	2.5	2.5	0.0
Water	100.0	125.1	125.1	0.0	25.1	1.3	1.3	0.0
Water	100.0	125.1	125.1	0.0	25.1	1.3	1.3	0.0
Cooking	105.8	112.4	107.9	-4.0	2.0	2.7	2.6	-0.1
Firewood	100.8	108.8	183.8	69.0	82.3	0.2	0.4	0.2
Gas	101.9	103.1	107.0	3.8	5.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
Kerosene	107.4	115.3	99.1	-14.1	-7.7	2.0	1.7	-0.3
Household Equipment	101.7	108.0	111.0	2.8	9.2	4.9	5.0	0.1
Household Furniture and Furnishing	101.9	120.3	123.9	3.0	21.5	1.0	1.0	0.0
Bath Towel	105.7	106.9	106.4	-0.4	0.7	0.2	0.2	0.0
Blankets	97.9	146.5	154.7	5.6	58.1	0.4	0.4	0.0
Mattresses	103.4	106.4	108.3	1.7	4.7	0.4	0.4	0.0
Household Appliances	101.2	103.8	105.0	1.1	3.7	2.0	2.0	0.0
Electric Rice Cooker	96.3	83.2	85.1	2.3	-11.6	0.2	0.2	0.0
Kerosene Stove	83.1	108.9	109.0	0.1	31.1	0.2	0.2	0.0
Pots and Plates	107.6	109.5	112.4	2.7	4.5	0.7	0.8	0.0
Sewing Machine	113.2	121.8	126.8	4.1	12.0	0.1	0.2	0.0
Refrigerators	99.5	87.1	85.0	-2.4	-14.6	0.4	0.4	0.0
Washing Machine	98.1	118.8	119.2	0.4	21.5	0.4	0.4	0.0
Household Maintenance Goods	102.1	106.9	111.6	4.4	9.3	1.9	2.0	0.1
Matches	99.8	109.1	114.3	4.8	14.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Foil Aluminium	101.1	117.7	118.4	0.6	17.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Nails	104.7	88.8	85.4	-3.8	-18.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Detergent	102.1	107.7	113.2	5.0	10.9	1.7	1.7	0.1

Table 7

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS,
Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2013	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 and Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Change between Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014
Transport	99.9	108.0	107.3	-0.7	7.4	15.4	15.3	-0.1
Motor Vehicle Purchases	97.9	113.1	117.6	4.0	20.1	4.8	5.0	0.2
Motor Vehicle	97.8	114.0	118.7	4.1	21.4	4.5	4.6	0.2
Motor Bike	96.4	92.4	100.2	8.4	3.9	0.1	0.1	0.0
Outboard Motor	100.0	105.7	106.0	0.3	6.0	0.3	0.3	0.0
Operations of Transport	100.4	117.0	118.6	1.4	18.1	1.6	1.6	0.0
Tyres	100.9	121.3	122.9	1.3	21.8	0.7	0.7	0.0
Car Battery	100.0	113.8	115.4	1.4	15.3	0.9	0.9	0.0
Fares	100.2	101.6	101.6	0.0	1.4	6.2	6.2	0.0
Bus Fare	97.9	102.6	102.6	0.0	4.8	1.4	1.4	0.0
PMV Fare	100.0	96.4	96.4	0.0	-3.6	1.3	1.3	0.0
Taxi Fare	100.2	100.2	100.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Local Fare	99.7	105.1	105.1	0.0	5.5	0.2	0.2	0.0
Air Fare	101.4	103.4	103.4	0.0	2.0	2.9	2.9	0.0
Car Hire	100.0	102.4	102.4	0.0	2.4	0.2	0.2	0.0
Fuels and Lubricants	103.2	113.7	96.6	-15.0	-6.4	2.2	1.9	-0.3
Diesel	106.3	115.1	97.3	-15.5	-8.5	0.7	0.6	-0.1
Petrol	104.1	113.7	90.8	-20.2	-12.8	1.1	0.9	-0.2
Engine Oil	94.8	110.7	111.5	0.7	17.6	0.4	0.4	0.0
Other Services	100.0	100.1	101.8	1.8	1.8	0.7	0.7	0.0
Motor Vehicle Registration and insurance	100.0	100.1	101.8	1.8	1.8	0.7	0.7	0.0
Communication	100.0	94.5	94.5	0.0	-5.5	4.3	4.3	0.0
Postal Services	100.0	103.6	103.6	0.1	3.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Postal Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Mailbox Fees	100.0	105.4	105.5	0.1	5.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Telephone Services	100.0	100.8	100.8	0.0	0.8	2.4	2.4	0.0
Fixed Line Rate	100.0	107.8	107.8	0.0	7.8	0.3	0.3	0.0
Prepaid	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	2.2	0.0
Telephone Equipment	100.0	89.3	89.3	0.0	-10.7	1.5	1.5	0.0
Mobile Phone Handset	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0
Simcard	100.0	85.7	85.7	0.0	-14.3	1.1	1.1	0.0
Other Services	100.0	69.0	69.0	0.0	-31.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Internet	100.0	69.0	69.0	0.0	-31.0	0.2	0.2	0.0
Health	104.9	120.7	130.2	7.9	24.1	3.2	3.5	0.3
Medical Services	104.9	113.5	135.2	19.1	28.8	1.1	1.3	0.2
Medical Fees	104.9	113.5	135.2	19.1	28.8	1.1	1.3	0.2
Medical Supplies	104.9	124.6	127.6	2.4	21.6	2.2	2.2	0.1
Antibiotics Drugs	111.4	116.0	118.0	1.7	5.9	0.8	0.9	0.0
Pain killer Tablets	100.2	130.8	134.6	2.9	34.3	1.3	1.4	0.0

Table 7

GROUP, SUB-GROUP AND EXPENDITURE CLASS,
Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2013	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 and Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Change between Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014
Recreation	95.2	101.3	101.3	0.1	6.5	2.9	2.9	0.0
Recreation	95.2	101.3	101.3	0.1	6.5	2.9	2.9	0.0
DVD Player	88.8	92.5	90.3	-2.3	1.7	0.5	0.5	0.0
Television	99.4	91.3	93.3	2.1	-6.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
Digital Camera	86.9	116.7	121.1	3.8	39.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
Batteries	99.2	120.1	112.8	-6.1	13.7	0.4	0.3	0.0
Flash drives	97.4	89.2	89.4	0.1	-8.3	0.6	0.6	0.0
Biros	94.2	94.6	94.9	0.3	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.0
Bicycle	103.5	99.4	101.3	1.9	-2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Magazine	118.0	161.3	164.5	2.0	39.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Newspaper	97.9	95.0	98.1	3.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Sports Gate and Movie Fees	94.0	139.6	142.4	2.0	51.5	0.3	0.3	0.0
Photography	100.0	98.3	97.2	-1.1	-2.8	0.1	0.1	0.0
Education	100.4	98.5	98.5	0.0	-1.9	7.3	7.3	0.0
Education Fees	100.2	94.6	94.6	0.0	-5.6	5.0	5.0	0.0
Primary School	100.0	99.0	99.0	0.0	-1.0	2.4	2.4	0.0
Secondary School	100.3	90.8	90.8	0.0	-9.5	2.6	2.6	0.0
Tertiary	104.2	87.6	87.6	0.0	-15.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other expenses	101.2	108.6	108.6	0.0	7.3	2.3	2.3	0.0
Uniform, Text Book and Boarding	101.2	108.6	108.6	0.0	7.3	2.3	2.3	0.0
Restaurants and Hotels	113.6	117.3	116.7	-0.5	2.8	3.1	3.1	0.0
Accommodation	102.7	115.5	115.3	-0.2	12.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Hotel Accommodation	102.7	115.5	115.3	-0.2	12.3	0.3	0.3	0.0
Takeaway Foods	114.9	117.5	116.9	-0.5	1.8	2.7	2.7	0.0
Pies	119.3	122.6	125.0	1.9	4.8	0.5	0.5	0.0
Fish and Sausage Flour	124.8	124.4	122.1	-1.8	-2.2	1.3	1.3	0.0
Chicken and Chips	91.3	101.7	100.4	-1.3	10.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
Rice and Beef	113.6	113.6	116.0	2.1	2.2	0.4	0.4	0.0
Miscellaneous	93.0	99.7	99.7	0.1	7.2	1.5	1.5	0.0
Other Goods and services	93.0	99.7	99.7	0.1	7.2	1.5	1.5	0.0
Toiletries and Personal Care Products	85.6	95.9	94.4	-1.6	10.2	0.7	0.7	0.0
Baby Oil and Powder	110.1	127.3	133.7	5.0	21.5	0.1	0.1	0.0
Insect Repellant	97.7	107.8	107.1	-0.7	9.6	0.1	0.1	0.0
Childrens toys	94.8	103.0	108.8	5.6	14.7	0.1	0.1	0.0
Barber Fees	102.8	101.2	109.0	7.8	6.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Court Fees	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0

Table 8

SPECIAL SERIES, Weighted Average of Eight CPI Towns

Group, Sub-Group and Expenditure Class	INDEX NUMBERS (a)			PERCENTAGE CHANGE BETWEEN.....		CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL CPI (ALL GROUPS INDEX POINTS)		
	Dec Qtr 2013	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2013 and Dec Qtr 2014	Sep Qtr 2014	Dec Qtr 2014	Change between Sep Qtr 2014 and Dec Qtr 2014
All Groups	106.7	112.3	113.8	1.4	6.6	112.3	113.8	1.5
Selected Components								
Goods Component	104.1	110.5	111.8	1.2	7.3	50.2	50.8	0.6
Services Component	108.9	113.8	115.5	1.5	6.1	62.0	63.0	0.9
All Groups excluding								
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	110.7	116.6	118.3	1.5	6.9	75.9	77.0	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages, Tobacco and Betelnut	101.9	107.7	109.2	1.4	7.1	99.2	100.5	1.4
Clothing and Foot Wear	106.9	112.5	113.9	1.2	6.5	106.1	107.4	1.3
Housing	105.9	110.5	111.7	1.1	5.5	98.2	99.2	1.1
Household Equipment	106.9	112.5	113.9	1.3	6.5	107.4	108.8	1.4
Transport	107.8	113.0	114.9	1.7	6.5	96.9	98.5	1.6
Communication	107.0	113.1	114.7	1.4	7.2	108.0	109.5	1.5
Health	106.8	112.0	113.3	1.2	6.2	109.1	110.3	1.3
Recreation	107.1	112.6	114.2	1.4	6.6	109.3	110.9	1.5
Education	107.2	113.4	115.0	1.5	7.3	105.0	106.5	1.5
Restaurants and Hotels	106.5	112.1	113.7	1.4	6.8	109.2	110.7	1.5
Miscellaneous	106.9	112.5	114.0	1.4	6.6	110.8	112.3	1.5

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 9 ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index Numbers (a)

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING SEASONAL ITEMS.....

Period	All Groups	All groupings excluding housing	All groupings excluding Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	Goods	Services	Total
2010	92.3	93.4	98.2	95.3	89.8	92.6
2011	96.4	96.9	99.2	97.8	95.3	96.5
2012	100.8	100.7	100.1	100.4	101.1	100.8
2013	105.8	104.9	101.4	103.7	107.6	105.6
2014	111.3	109.5	106.8	109.7	112.7	111.2
2010						
December	93.9	94.7	98.5	96.2	91.9	94.0
2011						
March	94.9	95.6	98.8	96.9	93.2	95.0
June	95.9	96.5	99.0	97.5	94.6	96.0
September	96.9	97.4	99.3	98.1	95.9	97.0
December	98.0	98.2	99.5	98.7	97.3	98.0
2012						
March	99.0	99.1	99.8	99.4	98.6	99.0
June	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
September	100.5	100.0	100.3	100.7	100.3	100.5
December	103.7	103.5	100.2	101.5	105.6	103.5
2013						
March	104.9	104.0	101.1	103.3	106.2	104.7
June	105.0	104.1	101.1	103.5	106.3	104.9
September	106.6	105.8	101.6	103.8	109.0	106.4
December	106.7	105.9	101.9	104.1	108.9	106.5
2014						
March	108.8	107.1	104.4	107.8	109.7	108.7
June	110.4	108.5	105.9	109.0	111.6	110.3
September	112.3	110.5	107.7	110.5	113.8	112.1
December	113.8	111.7	109.2	111.8	115.5	113.6

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 10 ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index Numbers

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING SEASONAL ITEMS.....

Period	All Groups	All groupings excluding housing	All groupings excluding Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	Goods	Services	Total
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)						
2010	4.6	3.9	1.0	2.7	6.4	4.5
2011	4.4	3.8	1.0	2.6	6.0	4.3
2012	4.5	3.8	0.9	2.6	6.2	4.4
2013	5.0	4.3	1.4	3.3	6.4	4.9
2014	5.2	4.3	5.3	5.9	4.7	5.3
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)						
2010						
December	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.7	1.5	1.1
2011						
March	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.7	1.5	1.1
June	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.5	1.0
September	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.0
December	1.1	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.0
2012						
March	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.0
June	1.0	0.9	0.2	0.6	1.4	1.0
September	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.5
December	3.2	3.5	-0.1	0.8	5.2	3.0
2013						
March	1.1	0.4	0.9	1.8	0.6	1.2
June	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
September	1.5	1.6	0.5	0.3	2.5	1.4
December	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.3	-0.1	0.1
2014						
March	2.0	1.2	2.4	3.5	0.8	2.1
June	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.2	1.7	1.5
September	1.6	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.9	1.6
December	1.4	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.5	1.3

Table 10 ANALYTICAL SERIES, Index Numbers

MARKET GOODS AND SERVICES EXCLUDING SEASONAL ITEMS.....

Period	All Groups	All groupings excluding housing	All groupings excluding Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betelnut	Goods	Services	Total
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of previous year)						
2010						
December	4.6	3.9	1.0	2.7	6.3	4.4
2011						
March	4.5	3.8	1.0	2.7	6.2	4.4
June	4.5	3.8	1.0	2.6	6.1	4.3
September	4.4	3.7	1.0	2.6	6.0	4.3
December	4.4	3.7	1.0	2.6	5.9	4.2
2012						
March	4.3	3.7	1.0	2.6	5.8	4.2
June	4.3	3.6	1.0	2.6	5.7	4.1
September	3.7	2.7	1.0	2.6	4.6	3.6
December	5.9	5.4	0.7	2.7	8.5	5.6
2013						
March	6.0	4.9	1.3	3.9	7.7	5.8
June	5.0	4.1	1.1	3.5	6.3	4.9
September	6.1	5.8	1.3	3.1	8.6	5.9
December	2.9	2.3	1.7	2.6	3.1	2.9
2014						
March	3.8	3.0	3.3	4.3	3.3	3.8
June	5.1	4.2	4.8	5.4	5.0	5.2
September	5.3	4.4	6.0	6.4	4.4	5.4
December	6.6	5.5	7.1	7.3	6.1	6.7

Table 11 Headline and Underlying CPI, Index Numbers (a)

Period	Headline	Excluding seasonal	Excluding seasonal and customs excise	Excluding seasonal, customs excise and price control	Underlying
2010	92.3	90.1	85.7	63.0	79.6
2011	96.4	91.2	86.4	62.7	80.1
2012	100.8	97.2	94.7	81.8	91.2
2013	105.8	93.8	88.0	62.1	81.3
2014	111.3	98.8	92.8	65.7	85.8
2010					
December	93.9	90.5	86.0	62.9	79.8
2011					
March	94.9	90.8	86.2	62.8	79.9
June	95.9	91.1	86.3	62.8	80.1
September	96.9	91.4	86.5	62.7	80.2
December	98.0	91.6	86.7	62.6	80.3
2012					
March	99.0	91.9	86.8	62.6	80.4
June	100.0	92.2	87.0	62.5	80.6
September	100.5	92.8	87.3	62.4	80.8
December	103.7	92.8	87.1	62.1	80.7
2013					
March	104.9	93.6	87.7	61.8	81.0
June	105.0	93.6	87.8	61.9	81.1
September	106.6	93.9	88.0	62.1	81.3
December	106.7	94.3	88.4	62.4	81.7
2014					
March	108.8	96.6	90.7	64.1	83.8
June	110.4	97.6	91.9	64.9	84.8
September	112.3	99.9	93.7	66.6	86.7
December	113.8	101.2	94.8	67.3	87.8

(a) Base of each index: June Qtr 2012 = 100.0

Table 12 Headline and Underlying CPI, Percentage Change

Period	Headline	Ex. seasonal	Ex. seasonal and customs excise	Ex. seasonal, customs excise and price control	Underlying
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous financial year)					
2010	4.6	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.7
2011	4.4	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6
2012	4.5	1.3	0.8	-0.5	0.6
2013	5.0	1.5	1.0	-0.5	0.8
2014	5.2	5.3	5.5	5.9	5.5
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from previous quarter)					
2010					
December	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
2011					
March	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
June	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
September	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
December	1.1	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
2012					
March	1.0	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
June	1.0	0.3	0.2	-0.1	0.2
September	0.5	0.6	0.3	-0.1	0.3
December	3.2	0.1	-0.2	-0.5	-0.2
2013					
March	1.1	0.8	0.7	-0.4	0.4
June	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
September	1.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
December	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.5
2014					
March	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.5
June	1.5	1.1	1.4	1.2	1.2
September	1.6	2.4	2.0	2.5	2.3
December	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.2
PERCENTAGE CHANGE (from corresponding quarter of the previous year)					
2010					
December	4.6	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.7
2011					
June	4.5	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6
September	4.4	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6
December	4.4	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6
2012					
March	4.3	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6
June	4.3	1.3	0.8	-0.4	0.6
September	3.7	1.5	0.9	-0.5	0.8
December	5.9	1.3	0.6	-0.8	0.5
2013					
March	6.0	1.8	1.0	-1.1	0.8
June	5.0	1.5	0.9	-1.0	0.6
September	6.1	1.2	0.8	-0.5	0.6
December	2.9	1.6	1.5	0.5	1.3
2014					
March	3.8	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.4
June	5.1	4.3	4.8	4.9	4.6
September	5.3	6.5	6.5	7.2	6.7
December	6.6	7.3	7.3	7.7	7.4

Explanatory Notes

1. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) measures change in the price of goods and services that represent the spending pattern of urban dwellers in Papua New Guinea.
2. Since the production of CPI by National Statistical Office (NSO) began in PNG, three CPI series have been produced.
3. The Retail Price Index (RPI) was the first series of Index used as measures of the changes in prices of goods and services in PNG. The weightings of the RPI basket were based on the estimates from the household expenditure survey conducted in 1961/62. The RPI was in use from September Quarter 1961 to June quarter 1973 and covered only expatriate households in the urban areas.
4. The second series of the Index was the CPI that covered the public servant's households in PNG. Its weights were based on an Urban Expenditure Survey conducted by the Department of Labour in 1970 and 1971. This series was in use from March quarter 1971 to December quarter 1978. More detailed information on this series are contained in the December 1978 issue of the CPI.
5. The third published Index by the National Statistical Office was known as the cost of living indexes. The weightings were based on the results of survey of PNG wage earners households in the urban areas conducted in 1975/76. This series was in use since December quarter 1975 to December quarter 2013.
6. The current series of Consumer Price Index is based on the 2009/10 Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) and measures quarterly change in the prices of a "basket" of goods and services which account for a high proportion of expenditures by town households in Papua New Guinea. This basket constitutes a wide range of goods and services grouped into the following twelve groups: food and alcoholic beverages; alcoholic drinks, tobacco and betelnut; clothing and footwear; housing; household equipment; transport; communication; health; recreation; education; restaurant and hotels; and miscellaneous. These twelve groups were selected using the COICOP structure (International Classification of Individual Consumption according to Purpose). Each group was then divided into sub-groups and expenditure class.
7. From the information collected in the Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES), list of items (also known as regimen) were drawn..... etc.
8. The current indexes are fixed-weighted index using the relative prices multiplied by 100. The relative price for an item is the ratio of its price in a given period to its average price in the base year.
9. Base period refers to a given year in which weights and the items in the selected basket of goods and services in the CPI were adjusted. That is the price level for the selected items in a given period which are compared to those in the base period. For instance, the price of the basket increased by 10 % since the base year would show the index value of 110 %. Similarly, a decline by 10 % represents the index level of 90.

10. From the information collected in the household income and Expenditure Survey (HIES), list of items (also known as the 'regimen') were drawn. The regimen is used in compilation of the index. The prices of the regimen are collected from a total of 300 specifications, which represented 141 expenditure classes. These items were further divided into groups, subgroups and expenditure classes as shown below:
- (a) Food and non-alcoholic beverages: cereals; meat and fish; fruits and vegetables; dairy products; eggs; cheese; oil and fats; sugar and confectionery; other products and non-alcoholic beverages.
 - (b) Alcoholic beverages, tobacco and betel nut and mustard: alcoholic beverages; tobacco; betel nut and mustard.
 - (c) Clothing and footwear: clothing, men's wear; women and girl's wear; boy's wear; headgear; sewing items and footwear
 - (d) Housing: rents; housing maintenance; electricity; water and cooking (such as gas, firewood and kerosene).
 - (e) Household equipment: household furniture and furnishings; household appliances and household maintenance goods.
 - (f) Transport: motor vehicle purchases (motor vehicle, motor bike and outboard motor); operation of transport (tyres and batteries); fares (bus fares, PMV fares, taxi fares, local fares, air fares and car hires); fuels and lubricants (diesel, petrol, engine oils) and other services (motor vehicle registration and insurance).
 - (g) Communications: postal services (postal services and mailbox fees); telephone services fixed line rate and prepaid); telephone equipment (mobile phone handset and sim card) and other communication services (internet).
 - (h) Health: medical services (medical fees) and medical supplies, antibiotic drugs and pain killer tablets).
 - (i) Recreation: recreation (DVD player, television, digital camera, batteries, flash drive, biros, bicycle, magazine, newspaper, sports gate and movie fees and photograph).
 - (j) Education: education fees (primary school, secondary school and tertiary school) and other education expenses such as uniform, text book and boarding fees.
 - (k) Restaurant and Hotels: accommodation (hotel accommodation) and takeaway foods (pie, ish and sausage flour, chicken and chips, and rice and beef stew).
 - (l) Miscellaneous: other goods and services such as toiletries and personal care, baby oil and powder, insect repellent, children's toys, barber fees and court fees.

11. In calculating the index, the relative price of each item or group of items is multiplied by a factor (or weight) that reflects the importance of the item or group in relation to the household covered in the CPI. The factor including the groups, sub-groups and specific items are contained in Revised Technical Note No. 3 published by the NSO.

This technical Note also provides information on the system of weighting used to derive differences in expenditure pattern between the different CPI towns.

12. Revised Technical Note. 4 provides description of methods used in the price collection and the compilation of the index. Copies of this Revised Technical Note. 4 and also 3 can be obtained from the National Statistical Office by contacting the Statistical Information Officer on telephone: 325 0244 or 325 0255.
13. Table 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12 shows percentage change in the index for all groups by both quarter and year. This enables the users to make direct comparison between various quarters and from year to year. The movement in the index from one period to another is usually expressed as percentage change rather than as differences in index value (or index point), because the level of the index relative to the base period affects the index point
14. Table 7 and 8 shows the contributions to the total CPI.

INDEX POINTS AND PERCENTAGE CHANGE

15. Movement in index for one period to another can be expressed as a percentage change or changes in index points. The differences between the two approaches to describe movements in indexes is shown by the following example:

All groups CPI: Weighted average of all town index numbers:	
March Quarter 2013	104.0
Less December Quarter	102.3
Change in index points	1.7

The index number 104.0 for March Quarter 2013 indicates an increase of 4.0 % since the reference base period is June Quarter 2012.

16. The percentage change in an index between any two periods is calculated by subtracted the index value for the earlier period from the later period, and dividing the result by the value for the earlier period, and then multiplied by 100.

Percentage change from December quarter 2012 to March quarter 2013

$$= 1.7/102.3 \times 100 = 1.662$$

17. The percentage changes in the index shown in this bulletin are calculated from unrounded values expressed in three decimal places.
18. The contribution of any group, sub-group or expenditure class to the change in an overall index is calculated by multiplying the change in the index for the group, sub-group or expenditure class item by its percentage weight in the overall index and dividing the result by 100.
19. The table 11 shows the index numbers for headline and the underlying measures while table 12 shows its percentage change.
20. The graphs in figure 1 and figure 2 shows quarterly movements of underlying and headline measure of inflation.

The explanatory notes for the two measures of inflation; underlying and headline measures are highlighted below.

The index numbers and the percentage changes for the goods and the services components in table 8 have been separated from the total CPI.

SYMBOLS USED

The following symbols have been used throughout this bulletin

-	:	nil or less than half of the digit shown
na	:	not available

Note: Differences between published totals and actual sums of components are due to rounding technique used.

RANGE OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Users are advised that a range of price indexes and the weighted town average index for all expenditure groups are available. There are separate indexes for each of the eight towns and the expenditure groups are also available. A detailed indexes and average price information can be made available on request.

UNDERLYING INFLATION

The CPI measures price changes across a range of goods and services that represent the spending pattern of PNG's town population. Inflation measured by the CPI is called "headline" inflation. The CPI can be highly volatile partly due to climate effects (droughts and floods), seasonal patterns, or government policy decisions such as tax reform. High volatility hampers interpretation of current inflation and forecasting future inflation. In response to this problem, the June quarter 2012 issue of the Consumer Price Index introduced an additional measure of price change called the "underlying rate of inflation".

The underlying rate filters out passing movements in inflation while retaining persistent movements. This is more useful than the headline for developing and monitoring monetary policy. A variety of underlying rate measures can be constructed though there is no ideal measure that perfectly satisfies both the needs for forward looking policy making and backward looking measurement of price change. NSO has developed a single measure of price change. NSO has developed a single measure of underlying inflation based on the average of three "exclusion-based" measures.

- i CPI excluding seasonal:
Excludes the CPI item Betel nut and Mustard, and the subgroup Fruit and Vegetables
- ii CPI excluding seasonal and excise:
Excludes the seasonal items in (i) plus the subgroups affected by changes excise duties – Alcoholic beverages and tobacco.
- iii CPI excluding seasonal, excise and price control:
Excludes the seasonal and excise affected items and subgroups noted in plus the selected price-regulated category Rents, Electricity, Water, Fares, Fuels and Lubricant,
Other Services, Postal Services, Telephone Services, Other Communication Services, Medical Services and Education Fees subgroups.

27. The underlying rate of inflation presented here is the average of these three exclusions based measures.



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