

## May 2002

The May Consumer Price Index Bulletin released by the Statistical Institute of Jamaica reveals that the All Jamaica "All Group" Consumer Price Index for May 2002 was 1480.0, showing an increase of 0.3 per cent over the index for April 2002. This compares with 0.5 per cent for April and 0.0 per cent for March. Additionally the rate of inflation for the Fiscal year to date is 0.8 per cent.

A look at the regional indices shows increases for three regions ' Kingston Metropolitan Area' 0.2 per cent, 'Other Towns' 0.5 per cent and 'Rural Areas' 0.2 per cent.

For the month of May all the groups 'recorded higher indices than in April. There was a 1.6 per cent increase in the index for the group "Housing and Other Expense". The main contributor to the increase was a 6.0 per cent increase in electricity rates.

The Consumer Price Index Bulletin further outlines additional information and may be obtained from our distribution office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica located at 9 Swallowfield Road, Kingston 5.