



News Release

Consumer Price Index

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for **All Jamaica** 'All Divisions' all items was 142.0 an increase of **1.4 per cent** over the index for May 2009. This movement was 0.6 percentage point higher than the 0.9 per cent that was recorded in May. For the fiscal year to date the movement was 2.7 per cent. The point inflation rate, June 2008 to June 2009, was 8.9 per cent. The calendar year to date inflation for the first half of the calendar year was 4.0 per cent. This movement was 7.5 percentage points below the 11.5 per cent that was recorded in the corresponding period last year.

The index for the following divisions recorded increases of 1.4 per cent and above , 'Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco' 4.9 per cent, 'Clothing and Footwear' 1.4 per cent, 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' 3.8 per cent, 'Furnishings Household Equipment and Routine Household Maintenance' 2.6 per cent. 'Transport' 1.6 per cent and 'Restaurants and Accommodation Services' which had an increase of 1.4 per cent. The increase in the index for 'Transport' was largely the result of increased prices for fuels and lubricants while, the increase in 'Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels' was the result of higher electricity rates.

The regional indices showed increases for all three regions, the '**Greater Kingston Metropolitan Area**' up by 1.2 per cent, '**Other Urban Centres**' 1.4 percent and '**Rural Areas**' up by 1.5 per cent.

The **Revised Consumer Price Index Bulletin June 2009** further outlines additional information and may be obtained from the Distribution office of the Statistical Institute of Jamaica 7 Cecelio Avenue, Kingston 10. Data are also available on the STATIN website at www.statinja.com.