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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Consumer Price Index for the June Quarter of 2009**

The Vanuatu National Statistics Office (VNSO) is pleased to publish the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for June Quarter of 2009. This is the second release containing the rebased indices after March Quarter 2009 with the inflation as compiled by VNSO.

Consumer prices rose by 1 percent in June over March quarter 2009 and 5.5 percent over the same quarter of 2008. Port Vila Index went up by 1.1 and 5.4 percent and Luganville by 1.0 and 6.0 percent over the March quarter 2009 and June quarter 2008 respectively.

Over March quarter 2009, food expenditure group went up by 3 percent, followed by drinks & tobacco (2%), and recreation and miscellaneous (1% each). Household supplies and transport groups declined by 1 and 2 percent respectively. The rest of the groups remained stable compared to the same period.

The Food group was the only expenditure group that had a significant impact on the overall CPI increase over March quarter of 2008. Its 1.3 points contribution to the total point change of 1.4 could be explained by the increasing prices in vegetables, and cereal and cereals products. All the other groups contributed less

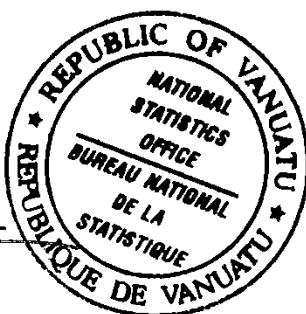

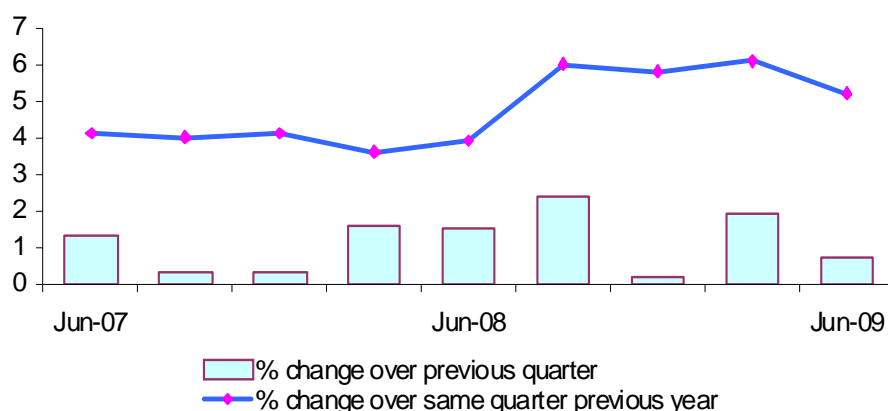
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than a half point except housing utilities, household supplies, health and transport group which had slight negative contribution.

The underlying inflation declined by 0.3 percent over the March quarter of 2009. The underlying consumer price index is a measure of price change generally derived by excluding items which prices are highly volatile or unstable. These items' prices are generally subject to significant seasonal fluctuations or largely affected by Government policy decisions.

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### CPI RATE OF CHANGE (%)



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**Table 1 Consumer Price Index****Tableau 1 Indices des Prix à la consommation****Base: 1st Quarter 2000 = 100****Base: 1er Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Year Quarter	Consumer price Index			Rate of Change Over Previous Quarter			Rate of Change Over Same Quarter Previous Year			Année Trimestre
	Indice des prix à la Consommation			Variation par rapport au trimestre précédent			Variation par rapport de même trimestre de l'année précédente			
	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	
2005 1st	113.2	113.0	114.3	0.5	0.2	2.0	1.0	0.6	2.6	2005 1er
2nd	113.6	113.3	115.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.3	0.8	3.7	2ème
3rd	114.2	114.0	115.6	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.2	3.1	3ème
4th	114.7	114.4	116.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	1.9	1.4	3.6	4ème
2006 1st	115.4	115.2	116.3	0.6	0.7	0.2	1.9	1.9	1.7	2006 1er
2nd	116.1	115.9	117.4	0.6	0.6	0.9	2.2	2.3	1.9	2ème
3rd	116.6	116.5	117.0	0.4	0.5	-0.3	2.1	2.2	1.2	3ème
4th	116.9	116.7	117.7	0.3	0.2	0.6	1.9	2.0	1.4	4ème
2007 1st	119.4	118.9	122.1	2.1	1.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	5.0	2007 1er
2nd	120.9	120.6	122.2	1.3	1.4	0.1	4.1	4.1	4.1	2ème
3rd	121.3	121.2	122.1	0.3	0.5	-0.1	4.0	4.0	4.4	3ème
4th	121.7	121.5	123.2	0.3	0.2	0.9	4.1	4.1	4.7	4ème
2008 1st	123.7	123.2	126.1	1.6	1.4	2.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	2008 1er
2nd	125.6	125.3	127.3	1.6	1.7	0.9	3.9	3.9	4.1	2ème
3rd	128.6	127.9	132.0	2.4	2.1	3.7	6.0	5.5	8.1	3ème
4th	128.8	128.1	132.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.8	5.4	7.3	4ème
2009 1st	131.2	130.6	133.5	1.9	2.0	1.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	2009 1er
2nd	132.5	132.1	134.9	1.0	1.1	1.0	5.5	5.4	6.0	2ème

**Table 2 Consumer Price Indices by Expenditure Group**

**Tableau 2 Indices des prix à la consommation par poste de dépense**

**Base: 1st Quarter 2000 = 100**

**Base: 1er Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Year	Quarter	Food	Drinks and Tobacco	Clothing and Footwear	Housing and Utilities	Household Supplies	Health	Transport	Communi-cation	Recreation	Education	Miscellaneous	All Groups	Année	Trimestre
		Produits alimentaires	Boisson et tabac	Habillement et Chaussure	Loyers, eau, énergie etc.	Mobilier et équipement ménager etc.	Santé			Loisir		Autres	Indice global		
<b>Vanuatu</b>															
2008	December	130.1	154.4	100.8	127.3	103.4	100.0	136.9	100.0	119.2	100.0	100.0	128.8	2008	Décembre
2009	March	133.3	155.1	101.1	127.7	104.8	100.3	145.4	100.7	119.3	104.8	100.3	131.2	2009	Mars
	June	136.8	158.0	101.3	127.5	103.9	100.3	142.8	100.9	120.7	105.3	101.5	132.5		Juin
<b>Port Vila</b>															
2008	December	128.3	157.3	102.8	124.5	102.9	100.0	137.6	100.0	118.8	100.0	100.0	128.1	2008	Décembre
2009	March	132.0	158.2	102.9	124.5	104.3	100.0	147.7	100.8	118.8	105.9	100.3	130.7	2009	Mars
	June	135.5	162.0	103.1	124.3	103.4	100.0	144.9	100.8	120.4	106.5	101.7	132.1		Juin
<b>Luganville</b>															
2008	December	138.4	138.8	93.2	141.6	105.9	100.0	133.3	100.0	121.5	100.0	100.0	132.2	2008	Décembre
2009	March	139.7	138.8	94.5	145.4	106.5	102.7	132.9	100.0	122.0	100.8	100.1	133.5	2009	Mars
	June	143.0	138.8	94.5	145.0	106.1	102.7	132.1	101.0	122.3	100.8	100.4	134.9		Juin