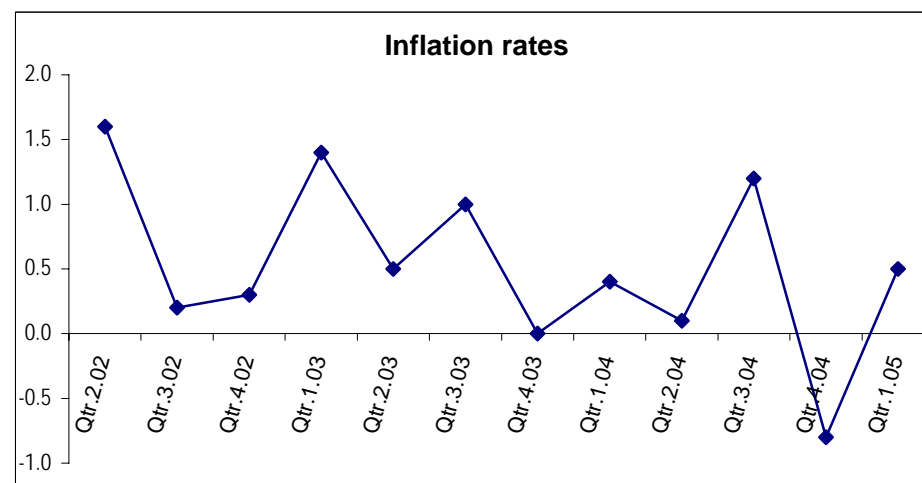


CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – MARCH QUARTER 2005

Expenditure Group	% Change Over	% Change Over
	Dec-04	Mar-04
Food	-1.8	-0.1
Drinks & Tobacco	1.5	1.7
Clothing & Footwear	0.6	0.1
Housing & Utilities	3.3	1.8
Household Supplies	0.8	0.6
Transport & Communication	0.3	0.9
Recreation, Education Health	2.7	3.1
All Groups	0.5	1.0
Underlying Measure	0.2	1.1



HIGHLIGHTS

- During the March quarter 2005, Consumer Price Index registered 0.5% change over the December quarter 2004, and 1% over the March quarter 2004.
- The Expenditure Groups having the greatest impact on the increase over the December quarter 2004 were Housing & Utilities (3.3%), Recreation, Education & Health (2.7%) and Drinks & Tobacco (1.5%). This was due to the rise in the prices of electricity, water, fuel, gas and school fees.
- The other expenditure group that shows moderate increase was Household Supplies (0.8%), Clothing & Footwear (0.6%) and Transport & Communication with (0.3%) respectively over the previous quarter.
- However, Food Consumption indicated a decrease of -1.8% over the same period. This was attributable to the fall in the prices of rice and other cereal products
- During the March Quarter of 2005, the Underlying Consumer Price Index showed increases of (0.2%) over the December Quarter of 2004 and 1.1 % over the March Quarter of 2004.

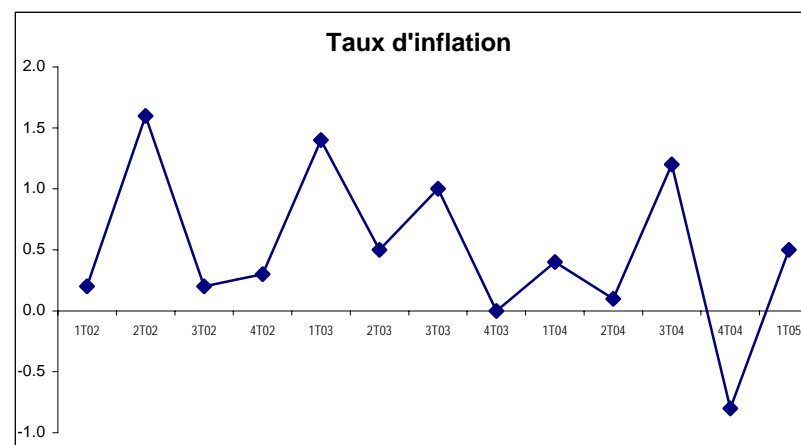
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INDICES DES PRIX À LA CONSOMMATION – 1^{er} TRIMESTRE 2005

Poste de dépense	Variation en pourcentage par rapport à	
	4T04	1T04
Alimentation	-1.4	1.9
Boisson & Tabac	0.0	0.4
Habillement & Chaussures	0.0	-1.0
Loyer, eau, énergie, etc.	-1.7	-1.4
Mobilier et équipements ménagers	0.0	-0.4
Transport & Communication	0.1	1.1
Loisirs, Education, Santé	0.0	3.4
Indice global	-0.8	0.8



L'ÉSENTIEL

- Au cours du 1^{er} trimestre 2005, l'Indice des Prix à la Consommation (IPC) a enregistré une augmentation de 0,5% par rapport au 4^{ème} trimestre 2004 et 1% par rapport au même trimestre de 2004.

- Les principaux secteurs ayant contribué à la hausse de ce taux d'inflation par rapport au 4^{ème} trimestre 2004 sont: le logement et les services annexes (3,3%), les loisirs, l'éducation et la santé (2,7%) et la boisson et le tabac (1,5%). Cet accroissement est dû à l'augmentation des prix d'électricité, de l'eau, de l'essence, du gaz et de la scolarité.

- Les autres secteurs qui ont contribué à la hausse du taux d'inflation sont : le mobilier et les équipements ménagers (0,8%), l'Habillement et les chaussures (0,6%) et le transport et la communication (0,3%) par rapport au trimestre précédent.

- Quant au secteur de la boisson et le tabac, le taux d'inflation a baissé de 1,8% par rapport à la même période. Cette détérioration est due à la baisse des prix de riz et des autres céréales.
- Au cours du 1^{er} trimestre 2005, l'Indice des Prix sous-jacent a enregistré des hausses de 0,2% par rapport au 4^{ème} trimestre de 2004 et 1,1% par rapport au 1^{er} trimestre 2005.

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Table 1 Consumer Price Index

Year	Quarter	Consumer price Index			Rate of Change Over Previous Quarter			Rate of Change Over Same Quarter Previous Year			Annual Average Change		
		Total	Port Vila	Luganville	Total	Port Vila	Luganville	Total	Port Vila	Luganville	Total	Port Vila	Luganville
1998	Mar	95.5	95.3	96.1	-0.2	-0.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.1	1.1	0.9	2.6
	Jun	95.8	95.6	95.6	0.3	0.4	-0.6	1.6	1.4	2.2	0.8	0.6	1.2
	Sep	99.3	99.4	98.0	3.7	3.9	2.5	4.7	4.9	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.2
	Dec	99.6	99.6	98.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	4.1	3.9	4.7	3.1	3.2	2.3
1999	Mar	99.5	99.6	98.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	4.2	4.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	1.1
	Jun	99.6	99.8	97.8	0.1	0.1	-0.2	4.0	4.4	2.3	1.1	1.3	0.4
	Sep	99.3	99.4	97.4	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6
	Dec	99.6	99.6	98.7	0.3	0.1	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.9
2000	Mar	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.5	0.4	2.0	0.5	0.4	2.1
	Jun	101.2	101.3	101.1	1.2	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.5	3.4	1.6	1.6	2.7
	Sep	103.2	103.4	102.1	2.0	2.1	1.0	3.9	4.0	4.8	3.2	3.3	2.8
	Dec	103.9	103.9	104.1	0.7	0.5	2.0	4.3	4.3	5.5	2.9	2.8	3.6
2001	Mar	105.0	104.9	105.8	1.1	1.0	1.6	5.0	4.9	5.8	2.9	2.7	3.9
	Jun	105.8	105.6	106.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	4.5	4.2	5.4	2.4	2.2	3.2
	Sep	105.8	105.7	106.4	0.0	0.1	-0.2	2.5	2.2	4.2	1.3	1.2	1.7
	Dec	106.1	106.0	106.8	0.3	0.3	0.4	2.1	2.0	2.6	0.9	0.9	1.0
2002	Mar	106.3	106.3	106.2	0.2	0.3	-0.6	1.2	1.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	-0.2
	Jun	108.0	108.2	107.1	1.6	1.8	0.8	2.1	2.5	0.5	1.9	2.2	0.6
	Sep	108.2	108.4	107.7	0.2	0.2	0.6	2.3	2.6	1.2	1.5	1.7	1.0
	Dec	108.5	108.5	108.2	0.3	0.1	0.6	2.3	2.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.2
2003	Mar	110.0	110.3	108.5	1.4	1.7	0.3	3.5	3.8	2.2	2.1	2.3	1.1
	Jun	110.6	110.9	109.2	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.2
	Sep	111.7	112.0	110.3	1.0	1.0	1.0	3.2	3.3	2.4	2.2	2.3	1.8
	Dec	111.7	111.8	111.1	0.0	-0.2	0.7	2.9	3.0	2.7	1.4	1.2	1.9
2004	Mar	112.1	112.3	111.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.9	1.8	2.7	1.0	0.9	1.5
	Jun	112.1	112.4	111.1	0.0	0.1	-0.3	1.4	1.4	1.7	0.5	0.6	0.5
	Sep	113.5	113.8	112.1	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.0
	Dec	112.6	112.8	112.1	-0.8	-0.9	0.0	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.6
2005	Mar	113.2	113.0	114.4	0.5	0.2	2.1	1.0	0.6	2.7	0.6	0.2	2.4

Table 2 Underlying Consumer Price Index

Year	Quarter	Consumer price Index			Rate of Change Over Previous Quarter			Rate of Change Over Same Quarter Previous Year			Annual Average Change		
		Total	Port Vila	Luganville	Total	Port Vila	Luganville	Total	Port Vila	Luganville	Total	Port Vila	Luganville
1998	Mar	95.5	95.3	96.1	-0.2	-0.6	2.6	2.7	2.7	3.1	1.1	0.9	2.6
	Jun	95.8	95.6	95.6	0.3	0.4	-0.6	1.6	1.4	2.2	0.8	0.6	1.2
	Sep	99.3	99.4	98.0	3.7	3.9	2.5	4.7	4.9	3.8	4.0	4.2	3.2
	Dec	101.0	101.5	98.6	0.2	0.2	0.1	5.5	5.8	5.2	4.6	5.1	2.9
1999	Mar	99.6	100.0	97.5	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	4.3	4.9	1.5	1.7	2.1	0.4
	Jun	99.8	100.1	98.0	0.1	0.1	-0.2	4.2	4.7	2.5	0.9	1.0	0.6
	Sep	99.8	101.8	99.9	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.5	2.4	1.9	-0.1	1.5	1.9
	Dec	100.6	100.5	100.7	0.3	0.1	1.3	-0.4	-1.0	2.1	0.5	-0.3	2.2
2000	Mar	100.0	100.0	100.0	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.4	0.0	2.6	0.1	-0.6	1.0
	Jun	100.3	100.3	100.2	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.2	2.2	0.2	-0.3	0.6
	Sep	101.4	101.8	99.9	1.1	1.5	-0.3	1.6	0.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	-0.3
	Dec	101.6	101.9	100.3	0.2	0.1	0.4	1.0	1.4	-0.4	1.0	1.2	0.1
2001	Mar	102.2	102.4	101.2	0.6	0.5	0.9	2.2	2.4	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.1
	Jun	102.6	102.7	102.1	0.4	0.3	0.9	2.3	2.4	1.9	1.2	1.1	1.7
	Sep	102.3	102.3	101.8	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	0.9	0.5	1.9	0.3	0.1	0.9
	Dec	102.1	102.4	100.6	-0.2	0.1	-1.2	0.5	0.5	0.3	-0.1	0.1	-0.7
2002	Mar	101.9	102.0	101.5	-0.2	-0.4	0.9	-0.3	-0.4	0.3	-0.4	-0.4	0.1
	Jun	103.3	103.5	102.1	1.4	1.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.0	1.1	1.1	0.6
	Sep	103.9	104.2	102.2	0.6	0.7	0.1	1.6	1.9	0.4	1.5	1.6	0.7
	Dec	104.2	104.7	101.6	0.3	0.1	0.6	2.3	2.4	1.3	1.4	1.6	0.0
2003	Mar	105.2	105.5	103.8	1.0	0.8	2.2	3.2	3.4	2.3	1.8	1.8	1.9
	Jun	106.0	106.4	104.2	0.8	0.9	0.4	2.6	2.8	2.1	1.8	1.8	1.7
	Sep	106.6	106.9	104.9	0.6	0.5	0.7	2.6	2.6	2.6	1.7	1.6	1.9
	Dec	106.8	106.9	106.3	0.2	0.0	1.3	2.5	2.1	4.6	1.2	1.0	2.6
2004	Mar	107.1	107.2	106.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	1.8	1.6	2.7	0.9	0.7	1.7
	Jun	107.3	107.4	107.2	0.2	0.2	0.6	1.2	0.9	2.9	0.6	0.5	1.6
	Sep	108.1	108.3	107.5	0.7	0.8	0.3	1.4	1.3	2.5	1.1	1.1	1.2
	Dec	108.1	108.3	107.6	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	0.7	0.8	0.7
2005	Mar	108.3	108.0	109.9	0.2	-0.3	2.1	1.1	0.7	3.1	0.6	0.2	2.5

Table 3 Consumer Price Indices by Expenditure Group

Year	Quarter	Food Consumption	Drinks & Tobacco	Clothing & Footwear	Housing & Utilities	Household Supplies	Transport & Communication	Recreation, Education Health etc	All Groups
Total									
2002	Mar	101.1	116.3	99.0	113.5	102.3	109.0	103.2	106.3
	Jun	103.5	118.7	100.1	113.8	104.5	111.4	103.6	108.0
	Sep	104.9	118.1	100.5	112.0	104.6	111.5	104.0	108.2
	Dec	103.6	117.9	100.7	112.0	102.5	117.2	105.4	108.5
2003	Mar	103.2	128.3	100.8	111.7	102.9	117.7	109.4	110.0
	Jun	104.3	128.6	101.0	112.1	103.3	117.9	109.6	110.6
	Sep	107.2	128.9	102.2	112.5	104.0	117.9	109.0	111.7
	Dec	107.7	128.6	101.7	111.9	102.7	118.2	109.0	111.7
2004	Mar	107.8	128.8	101.2	111.9	102.5	118.8	112.2	112.1
	Jun	107.8	129.1	100.6	112.0	102.4	118.8	112.3	112.1
	Sep	111.3	129.1	100.7	112.2	102.3	119.4	112.7	113.5
	Dec	109.7	129.1	100.7	110.3	102.3	119.5	112.7	112.6
2005	Mar	107.7	131.0	101.3	113.9	103.1	119.9	115.7	113.2
Port Vila									
2002	Mar	101.4	109.7	99.4	105.7	103.9	106.8	100.8	103.9
	Jun	102.8	109.3	99.2	108.9	104.1	106.5	100.8	104.9
	Sep	103.0	109.6	101.0	111.5	102.1	108.5	101.0	105.6
	Dec	102.9	109.9	101.0	111.4	102.0	108.6	101.4	105.7
2003	Mar	103.3	111.0	101.0	111.4	101.9	109.3	101.3	106.0
	Jun	101.8	117.4	99.2	112.2	100.7	109.1	102.9	106.3
	Sep	104.3	120.0	100.3	112.6	102.6	112.0	103.4	108.2
	Dec	105.5	119.3	101.0	110.8	103.0	112.1	103.9	108.4
2004	Mar	103.8	118.9	101.0	110.7	101.2	118.3	105.5	108.5
	Jun	103.8	130.4	101.6	110.8	101.0	118.8	108.6	110.3
	Sep	104.9	130.8	101.9	111.3	101.1	119.0	108.8	110.9
	Dec	107.9	130.9	102.5	111.4	102.5	118.9	108.1	112.0
2005	Mar	108.1	130.4	102.2	110.8	100.8	119.1	108.2	111.8
Luganville									
2002	Mar	98.1	110.5	98.3	120.6	110.2	108.5	105.4	106.2
	Jun	99.7	111.4	99.5	120.4	113.7	108.5	104.7	107.1
	Sep	102.3	111.4	98.1	118.7	112.1	108.6	104.8	107.7
	Dec	102.6	112.5	99.4	118.8	109.1	111.8	105.1	108.2
2003	Mar	100.5	117.0	97.4	116.5	112.4	112.6	115.4	108.5
	Jun	101.8	117.0	97.6	116.5	114.2	112.6	115.4	109.2
	Sep	103.9	118.0	100.7	118.0	111.2	113.3	115.4	110.3
	Dec	105.7	118.8	99.6	117.8	111.9	113.5	115.3	111.1
2004	Mar	106.2	119.9	97.6	117.8	111.8	113.4	116.6	111.4
	Jun	105.7	119.7	94.2	118.1	111.6	113.4	117.0	111.1
	Sep	108.2	119.6	95.0	118.1	111.2	113.8	117.2	112.1
	Dec	107.8	119.6	94.9	118.5	111.3	114.3	117.2	112.1
2005	Mar	111.1	124.0	95.6	120.8	111.3	113.6	120.4	114.4

Table 4: Wholesale Price Index for Construction Materials (Port Vila)

Base: 1st Quarter 1973 = 100

Year	Quarter	Local Hardwood	Imported Wood	Galvanized Iron	Reinforcing Steel	Gloss Paint	Louvre Glass	Concrete Blocks	Local Sand	Local Crushed Coral	Cement	Année	Trimestre
2000		278	457	587	385	525	297	513	831	615	299	2000	
2001		328	457	553	469	560	298	497	831	615	293	2001	
2002		328	457	553	469	560	298	497	831	615	293	2002	
2003		364	457	534	469	591	299	492	808	602	301	2003	
2004		364	457	539	469	547	265	492	785	588	322	2004	
2001	1st	278	457	599	385	533	297	513	831	615	295	2001	1er
	2nd	278	457	599	385	533	297	513	831	615	295		2ème
	3rd	278	457	599	385	516	297	513	831	615	302		3ème
	4th	278	457	549	385	516	297	513	831	615	302		4ème
2002	1st	278	457	466	469	539	297	513	831	615	295	2002	1er
	2nd	345	457	582	469	565	297	492	831	615	295		2ème
	3rd	345	457	582	469	565	278	492	831	615	295		3ème
	4th	345	457	582	469	569	320	492	831	615	287		4ème
2003	1st	364	457	579	469	596	319	492	831	615	297	2003	1er
	2nd	364	457	579	469	596	319	492	831	615	297		2ème
	3rd	364	457	512	469	614	278	492	785	588	305		3ème
	4th	364	457	465	469	558	278	492	785	588	305		4ème
2004	1st	364	457	432	469	535	278	492	785	588	316	2004	1er
	2nd	364	457	456	469	563	278	492	785	588	308		2ème
	3rd	364	457	559	469	574	275	492	785	588	322		3ème
	4th	364	457	709	469	516	231	492	785	588	343		4ème
2005	1st	400	457	613	469	570	280	492	785	588	308	2005	1er