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STATISTICS UPDATE: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

SEPTEMBER QUARTER 2011 HIGHLIGHTS

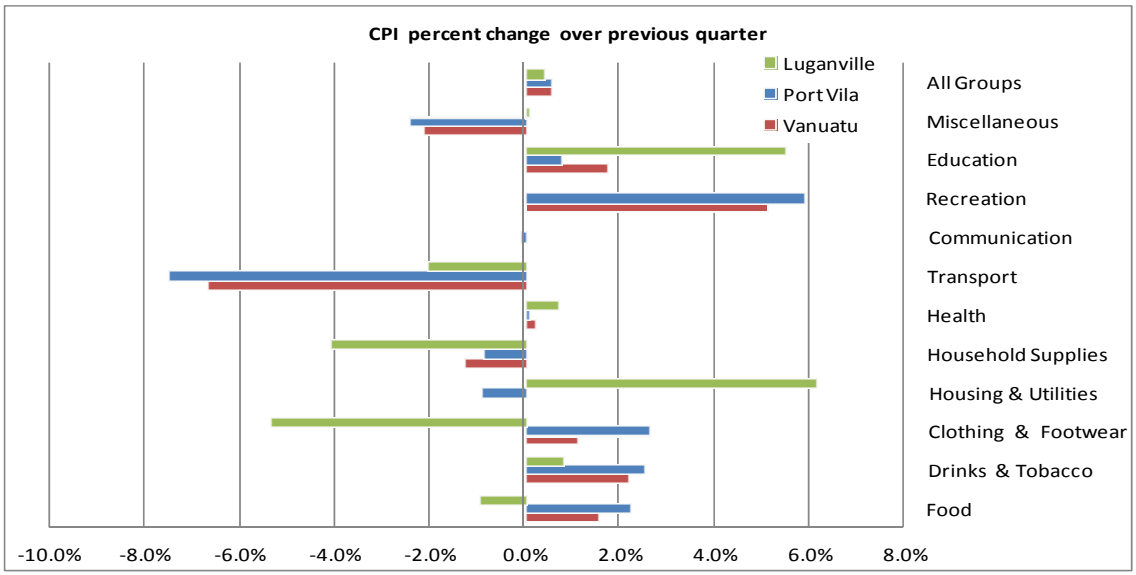

Figure 1: CPI percent change over previous quarter

CPI QUARTERLY MOVEMENT

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) of September, 2011 slightly increased by 0.5%. Port Vila and Luganville indices rose by 0.5% and 0.4% respectively. At the national level, the following expenditure groups contributed to the increase in the CPI: Recreation (+5.1%); and alcoholic drinks and tobacco (+2.1%). The main contributors to the movement were the rise in Audio/visual media and imported beer and tobacco. Slight increases were also shown for the following groups: Education (+1.7%); Food (+1.6%); Clothing and footwear (+1.1%); and Health (0.2%). Expenditure groups reflecting a decline in prices include transport (-6.7%), household supplies (-1.3%) and miscellaneous (-2.1%). This decrease was due to price reduction in repair and servicing of motor vehicle, air fare for international flights, hairdressing and toiletries and other household supplies.

CPI ANNUAL MOVEMENT

When compared to the September quarter of 2010, the Vanuatu index increased by 1.2%, with 1.2% for Port Vila Index and 0.3% for Luganville. The expenditure groups contributing to the increase over the same quarter of last year were: education (+4.9%), recreation (+4.8%), alcoholic drinks and tobacco (+2.8%), clothing and footwear (2.2%), food (+1.7%); health (+0.7%); and communication (+0.1%). The increase in education and recreation was the result of the increase in school fees for private primary and secondary schools and sports and other recreational activities. Transport (-4.8%), Household supplies (-3.4%), and miscellaneous (-2.0%) groups recorded the only offsetting fall.

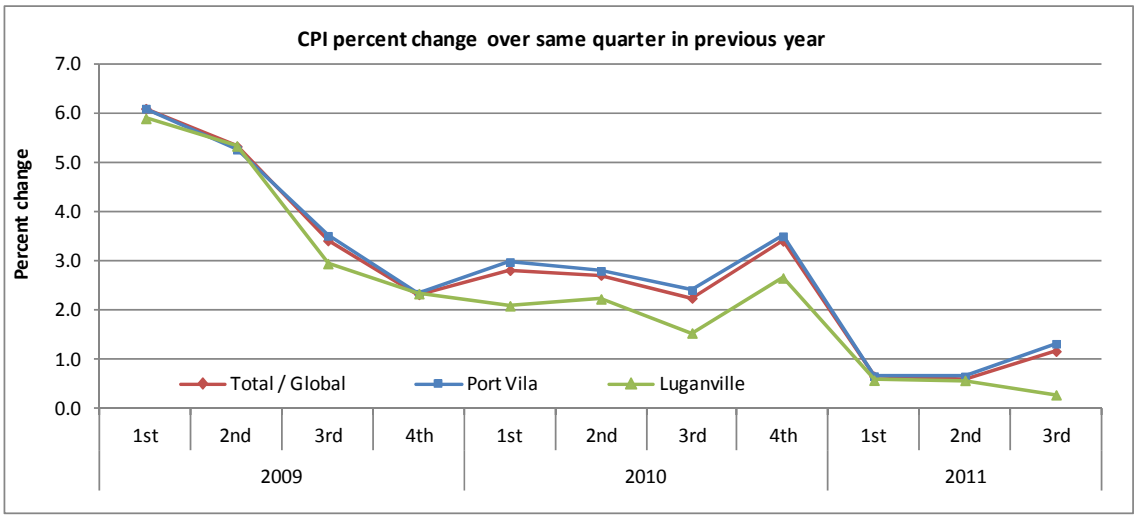

Figure 2: CPI percent change over same quarter in previous year

UNDERLYING INFLATION

'Underlying inflation' is *a measure derived from the CPI excluding items which typically have unstable or volatile prices; because of things like seasonal variation or policy decisions.* Underlying inflation increase by 1.6% in September quarter of 2011 compared to the previous quarter (June 2011). Meanwhile, it also recorded an increase of 1.9% over the same quarter of 2010.

CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is used to measure the changes in the prices of goods and services purchased by households in Port Vila and Luganville over a period of time. The separate indices for these two major commercial centres are then combined to create the Vanuatu CPI.

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This change in prices is sometimes called inflation. Retail stores, supermarkets, liquor outlets, transport operators, service stations and other providers of goods and services help supply the Vanuatu National Statistics Office with the information to calculate the CPI.

Prices are collected for exactly the same goods and services each quarter. This ensures that changes in the cost of goods and services over time are not due to changes in the quantity or quality of the goods and services purchased.

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Table 1 Consumer Price Index: All Items

Table 2 Consumer Price Index: Expenditure Groups

NEXT UPDATE (QUARTERLY)	RELEASE DATE
December	10th February, 2012

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Table 1 Consumer Price Index **Base: 1st Quarter 2000 = 100**

Tableau 1 Indice des prix à la consommation **Base: 1er Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Year	Quarter	Consumer Price Indices / Indice des prix à la consommation			*Underlying Inflation Index / Inflation sous-jacente*	**Rate of Change (%) / Variation par rapport**			**Rate of Change (%) / Variation**			Année	Trimestre
		Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	*Total / Global*	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville		
						Over Previous Year /à l'année précédente			**4th Quarter over 4th Quarter of previous year / du 4ème trimestre au 4ème trimestre de l'année précédente**				
2008		126.7	126.1	129.4	119.6	4.8	4.6	5.7	5.8	5.4	7.3	2008	
2009		132.1	131.5	134.7	123.6	4.3	4.3	4.1	2.3	2.3	2.3	2009	
2010		135.8	135.4	137.6	122.3	2.8	2.9	2.1	2.8	3.0	2.1	2010	
						Over Previous Quarter / au trimestre précédent			**Over Same Quarter of previous year / au même trimestre de l'année précédente**				
2008	1st	123.7	123.2	126.1	115.6	1.6	1.4	2.4	3.5	3.6	3.3	2008	1er
	2nd	125.6	125.3	127.3	117.9	1.6	1.7	0.9	3.9	3.9	4.1		2ème
	3rd	128.6	127.9	132.0	122.4	2.4	2.1	3.7	6.0	5.5	8.1		3ème
	4th	128.8	128.1	132.2	122.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	5.8	5.4	7.3		4ème
2009	1st	131.2	130.7	133.5	123.7	1.9	2.0	1.0	6.1	6.1	5.9	2009	1er
	2nd	132.3	131.9	134.1	123.9	0.8	0.9	0.4	5.3	5.3	5.3		2ème
	3rd	133.0	132.4	135.9	124.0	0.5	0.4	1.3	3.4	3.5	3.0		3ème
	4th	131.8	131.1	135.3	122.7	-0.9	-1.0	-0.4	2.3	2.3	2.3		4ème
2010	1st	134.9	134.6	136.3	123.3	2.4	2.7	0.7	2.8	3.0	2.1	2010	1er
	2nd	135.9	135.6	137.1	121.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.7	2.8	2.2		2ème
	3rd	136.0	135.6	138.0	122.0	0.1	0.0	0.7	2.3	2.4	1.5		3ème
	4th	136.3	135.7	138.9	122.2	0.2	0.1	0.7	3.4	3.5	2.7		4ème
2011	1st	135.8	135.5	137.1	122.6	-0.4	-0.1	-1.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	2011	1er
	2nd	136.7	136.5	137.9	122.3	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6		2ème
	3rd	137.4	137.2	138.4	124.3	0.5	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.3		3ème

Table 2 Consumer Price Indices by Expenditure Group **Base: 1st Quarter 2000 = 100**

Tableau 2 Indice des prix à la consommation par poste de dépense **Base: 1er Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Year	Quarter	Food Produits alimentaires	Alcoholic drinks and Tobacco Boisson alcoholisée et tabac	Clothing & Footwear Habillement	Housing & Utilities Loyer, eau, et énergie etc.	Household Supplies Mobilier et équipement ménager etc.	Health Santé	Transport	Communication	Recreation Loisir	Education	Miscellaneous Autres	All Groups Indice Global	Année	Trimestre
Vanuatu														**Vanuatu**	
2009	1st	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	1er
	2nd	135.5	158.0	101.1	127.5	103.9	100.0	142.8	100.7	127.7	105.3	100.9	132.3		2ème
	3rd	136.9	158.2	102.4	127.5	104.3	100.0	143.9	100.7	127.6	105.3	102.9	133.0		3ème
	4th	135.2	158.5	102.7	125.8	104.0	100.7	144.6	96.5	129.0	105.3	103.0	131.8		4ème
2010	1st	140.0	170.2	100.7	128.0	104.2	101.0	146.4	98.7	131.3	100.9	102.3	134.9	2010	1er
	2nd	141.7	172.1	100.7	129.7	103.6	101.4	146.5	98.7	130.1	101.0	102.3	135.9		2ème
	3rd	141.6	172.4	100.4	129.9	103.8	101.1	147.5	98.7	130.1	101.0	102.2	136.0		3ème
	4th	142.2	173.9	100.5	129.6	104.1	100.5	147.7	98.9	130.1	101.0	102.2	136.3		4ème
2011	1st	140.8	172.1	100.5	129.3	103.7	101.6	147.8	98.9	130.2	104.4	102.1	135.8	2011	1er
	2nd	141.8	173.5	101.5	131.7	101.6	101.6	150.5	98.8	129.7	104.1	102.4	136.7		2ème
	3rd	144.0	177.2	102.6	131.7	100.3	101.8	140.4	98.8	136.3	105.9	100.2	137.4		3ème
Port Vila														**Port Vila**	
2009	1st	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	1er
	2nd	134.3	162.0	102.9	124.3	103.4	100.0	144.9	100.8	128.7	106.5	100.9	131.9		2ème
	3rd	135.2	162.2	104.0	124.2	103.8	100.0	146.0	100.8	128.5	106.5	103.2	132.4		3ème
	4th	133.5	162.4	104.0	122.3	103.4	100.8	146.4	95.8	130.1	106.5	102.9	131.1		4ème
2010	1st	139.5	175.9	101.6	124.4	103.4	101.2	148.1	98.5	132.9	101.9	102.1	134.6	2010	1er
	2nd	141.4	177.5	101.6	126.3	102.7	101.6	148.1	98.5	131.4	102.0	102.1	135.6		2ème
	3rd	140.8	177.9	101.3	126.5	102.9	101.3	149.2	98.5	131.4	102.0	102.0	135.6		3ème
	4th	141.2	178.3	101.3	126.3	103.2	100.7	149.4	98.5	131.4	102.0	102.1	135.7		4ème
2011	1st	140.2	176.0	101.3	126.3	102.7	100.9	149.9	98.6	131.5	106.3	102.0	135.5	2011	1er
	2nd	141.3	177.4	102.4	128.8	100.3	100.9	152.8	98.6	131.2	105.9	102.0	136.5		2ème
	3rd	144.4	181.8	105.1	127.6	99.4	101.0	141.3	98.5	138.9	106.7	99.5	137.2		3ème
Luganville														**Luganville**	
2009	1st	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	1er
	2nd	141.4	138.8	94.5	145.0	106.1	100.0	132.1	100.0	122.3	100.8	100.4	134.1		2ème
	3rd	145.0	138.8	96.4	145.3	106.5	100.0	132.7	100.0	122.6	100.8	101.0	135.9		3ème
	4th	142.9	139.1	97.9	145.3	106.7	100.0	134.8	100.3	122.6	100.8	103.4	135.3		4ème
2010	1st	143.3	144.7	97.7	148.3	108.3	99.4	137.6	100.3	122.4	97.5	103.8	136.3	2010	1er
	2nd	144.3	147.3	97.6	148.8	108.3	99.4	138.4	100.3	122.3	97.5	103.8	137.1		2ème
	3rd	146.3	147.4	97.5	148.9	108.4	99.5	138.6	100.3	122.6	97.5	103.8	138.0		3ème
	4th	147.4	152.7	97.5	147.5	108.4	99.5	138.6	101.3	122.9	97.5	103.1	138.8		4ème
2011	1st	144.5	152.7	97.7	145.0	109.0	106.8	137.0	100.7	122.9	97.5	103.1	137.1	2011	1er
	2nd	145.3	153.7	98.3	146.7	109.3	106.8	138.8	100.1	121.4	97.6	104.8	137.9		2ème
	3rd	143.9	154.9	93.0	155.7	104.8	107.5	135.9	100.1	121.4	102.9	104.9	138.4		3ème