

## STATISTICS UPDATE: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

### MARCH QUARTER 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

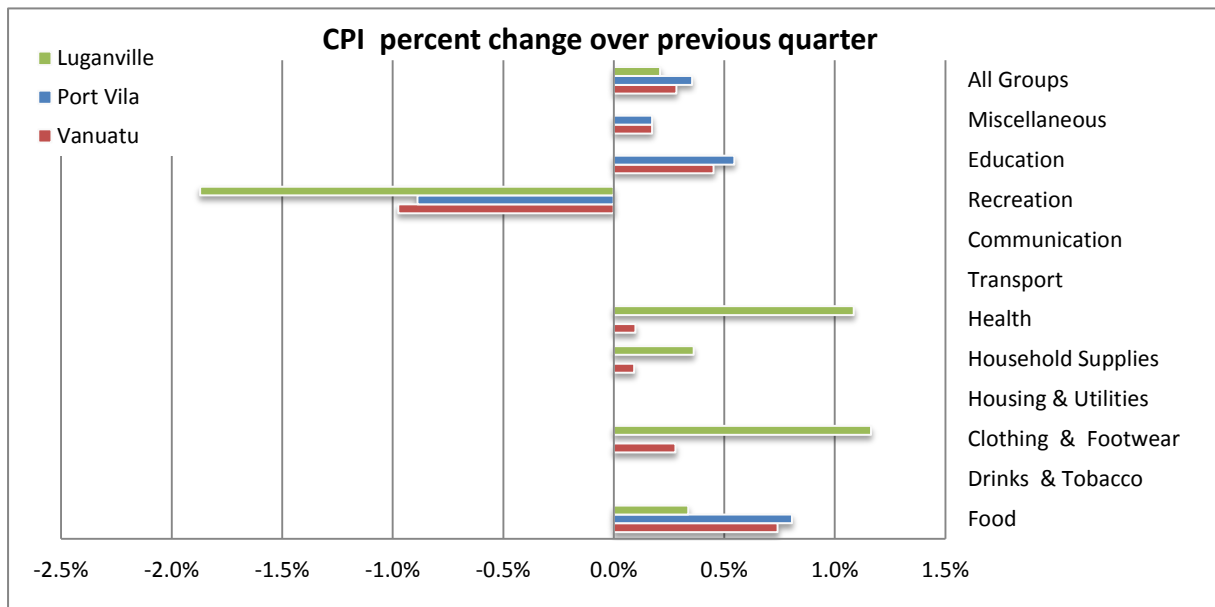


Figure 1: CPI per cent change over previous quarter

### CPI QUARTERLY MOVEMENT

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) of March 2014 indicated an increase of 0.3%. Port Vila index and Luganville index rose by 0.4% and 0.2% when compared to the previous quarter. The expenditure groups which contributed to the increase in the CPI were: Food (+0.7%), Education (0.5%), Clothing & Footwear (0.3%), Miscellaneous (0.2%) followed by Household Supplies and Health (0.1%) each. The main contributors to the movement were the rise in the prices of Dairy and related products, Secondary education and Men's Clothing. The only expenditure group reflecting a decline in its price is Recreation (-1.0%) which was mainly driven down by the prices of Audio, visual and computing items.

## CPI ANNUAL MOVEMENT

When compared to the March quarter of 2013, the Vanuatu index increased by 0.7%, Port Vila and Luganville index both rose by 0.7% and 1.1% each. At national level, the expenditure groups that contributed to the increase over the same quarter of last year were: Clothing and Footwear (+4.1%); Miscellaneous (2.4%); Food (+1.8); Drinks and Tobacco (1.0%); Education (+0.8%), Housing and Utilities (+0.6) and Health (0.4%). The increases in these expenditure groups were the result of the increase in Dairy and related products, Men’s Clothing, Personal accessories, and Other housing. However, the groups that recorded decreases were Recreation (-6.0%); Household supplies (-1.5%); Transport (-0.6%); and Communication (-0.4%).

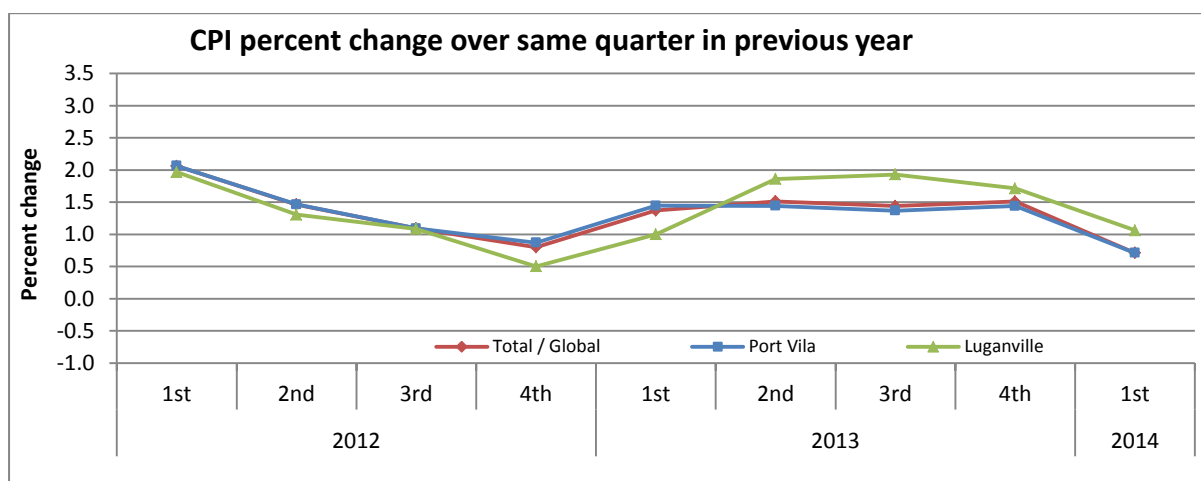


Figure 2: CPI per cent change over same quarter in previous year

## 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 increased by (+0.3%) in March quarter of 2014 compared to the previous quarter (December 2013). Meanwhile, it recorded an increase of 0.7% over the corresponding quarter of 2013.

## 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.

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.

## ATTACHED:

Table 1 Consumer Price Index: All Items

Table 2 Consumer Price Index: Expenditure Groups

NEXT UPDATE (QUARTERLY)

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## MORE INFORMATION

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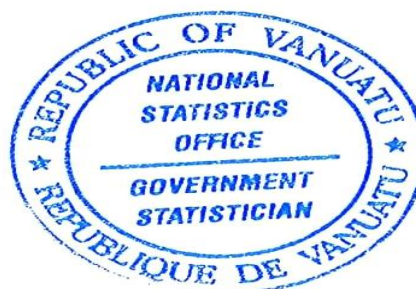
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**Table 1 Consumer Price Index**

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

**Tableau 1 Indice des prix à la consommation**

**Base: 1<sup>er</sup> Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Year	Quarter	Consumer Price Indices			<i>Underlying Inflation Index Inflation sous-jacente</i>	Rate of Change (%)			Rate of Change (%)			Année	Trimestre
		Indice des prix à la consommation				Variation par rapport			Variation				
		Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	<i>Total / Global</i>	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville	Total / Global	Port Vila	Luganville		
						<b>Over Previous Year /à l'année précédente</b>			<b>4th Quarter over 4th Quarter of previous year / du 4ème trimestre au 4ème trimestre de l'année précédente</b>				
2011		137.0	136.7	138.2	123.4	0.9	1.0	0.5	1.2	1.4	0.4	2011	
2012		138.8	138.6	139.9	126.8	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.5	2012	
2013		140.8	140.6	142.1	129.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.7	2013	
						<b>Over Previous Quarter / au trimestre précédent</b>			<b>Over Same Quarter of previous year / au même trimestre de l'année précédente</b>				
2011	1st	135.8	135.5	137.1	122.6	-0.4	-0.1	-1.2	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
	4th	137.9	137.6	139.3	124.5	0.4	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.4	0.4		4ème
2012	1st	138.6	138.3	139.8	126.2	0.5	0.5	0.4	2.1	2.1	2.0	2012	1er
	2nd	138.7	138.5	139.7	126.9	0.1	0.1	-0.1	1.5	1.5	1.3		2ème
	3rd	138.9	138.7	139.9	126.6	0.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.1		3ème
	4th	139.0	138.8	140.0	127.4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.9	0.5		4ème
2013	1st	140.5	140.3	141.2	129.0	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.0	2013	1er
	2nd	140.8	140.5	142.3	129.3	0.2	0.1	0.8	1.5	1.4	1.9		2ème
	3rd	140.9	140.6	142.6	129.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.4	1.9		3ème
	4th	141.1	140.8	142.4	129.5	0.1	0.1	-0.1	1.5	1.4	1.7		4ème
2014	1st	141.5	141.3	142.7	129.9	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.7	1.1	2014	1er

**Table 2 Consumer Price Indices by Expenditure Group**  
**Tableau 2 Indice des prix à la consommation par poste de dépense**

**Base: 1st Quarter 2000 = 100**  
**Base: 1<sup>er</sup> Trimestre 2000 = 100**

Year	Quarter	Food Produits alimentaires	Alcoholic drinks and Tobacco Boisson alcoolisée 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
<b>Vanuatu</b>															
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
	4th	143.2	177.1	99.9	131.6	105.2	101.3	144.3	99.2	136.4	106.1	106.8	137.9		4ème
2012	1st	144.8	176.8	98.5	132.1	106.7	101.6	143.8	97.9	134.8	107.8	107.2	138.6	2012	1er
	2nd	145.5	177.6	100.6	130.3	106.8	100.6	143.8	97.8	135.4	107.6	109.9	138.7		2ème
	3rd	145.9	177.7	102.5	129.7	107.7	100.2	143.7	98.0	136.0	107.6	110.0	138.9		3ème
	4th	145.5	177.6	102.7	129.8	107.8	100.2	143.6	98.3	139.4	107.6	112.8	139.0		4ème
2013	1st	146.9	177.7	103.3	132.8	108.7	101.0	143.8	98.7	140.6	110.1	112.0	140.5	2013	1er
	2nd	147.4	178.3	106.0	133.6	107.1	101.1	143.3	98.7	137.8	110.5	114.3	140.8		2ème
	3rd	147.7	178.5	107.3	133.6	107.2	101.3	143.0	98.3	136.6	110.5	114.8	140.9		3ème
	4th	148.4	179.5	107.2	133.6	107.0	101.3	143.0	98.3	133.4	110.5	114.5	141.1		4ème
2014	1st	149.5	179.5	107.5	133.6	107.1	101.4	143.0	98.3	132.1	111.0	114.7	141.5	2014	1er
<b>Port Vila</b>															
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
	4th	142.9	181.7	101.4	127.5	105.1	101.4	145.7	99.0	138.8	106.9	107.4	137.6		4ème
2012	1st	145.0	181.8	99.9	127.9	106.6	101.4	145.7	97.6	136.8	106.9	107.4	138.3	2012	1er
	2nd	146.2	182.2	102.1	125.9	106.7	100.5	145.7	97.6	137.4	106.7	109.7	138.5		2ème
	3rd	146.6	182.3	104.1	125.2	107.9	100.1	145.5	97.7	138.0	106.7	109.9	138.7		3ème
	4th	146.2	182.2	104.3	125.2	108.0	100.1	145.4	97.8	142.0	106.7	113.1	138.8		4ème
2013	1st	147.3	182.1	104.6	128.5	109.1	101.0	146.2	98.1	143.3	109.4	111.7	140.3	2013	1er
	2nd	147.6	182.4	106.6	129.3	106.4	101.1	146.5	98.2	140.4	109.9	114.3	140.5		2ème
	3rd	147.9	182.5	108.4	129.3	106.5	101.3	146.1	97.7	139.0	109.9	114.6	140.6		3ème
	4th	148.8	183.8	108.4	129.3	106.4	101.3	146.1	97.7	135.3	109.9	114.6	140.8		4ème
2014	1st	150.0	183.8	108.4	129.3	106.4	101.3	146.1	97.7	134.1	110.5	114.8	141.3	2014	1er
<b>Luganville</b>															
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
	4th	145.4	155.6	94.3	155.3	105.6	107.6	137.0	100.5	122.8	102.9	103.1	139.3		4ème
2012	1st	145.3	153.3	93.5	156.6	106.4	103.1	134.0	99.5	123.5	110.9	106.0	139.8	2012	1er
	2nd	144.4	155.4	94.8	156.6	106.5	101.1	134.2	99.3	124.0	110.9	111.2	139.7		2ème
	3rd	144.6	155.6	96.5	156.8	106.3	101.1	134.2	99.5	124.8	110.9	111.1	139.9		3ème
	4th	144.3	155.6	96.7	157.5	106.1	101.1	134.3	101.5	124.8	110.9	110.8	140.0		4ème
2013	1st	146.5	156.0	98.5	158.4	106.1	101.2	131.0	102.0	125.2	112.4	113.6	141.2	2013	1er
	2nd	147.9	157.5	103.9	158.9	110.5	101.2	126.4	102.0	122.9	112.8	114.8	142.3		2ème
	3rd	148.5	158.1	103.5	158.9	110.6	101.2	126.6	101.8	122.9	112.8	115.9	142.6		3ème
	4th	148.3	158.1	103.1	158.9	110.5	101.2	126.6	101.8	122.9	112.8	113.9	142.4		4ème
2014	1st	148.8	158.1	104.3	158.9	110.9	102.3	126.6	101.8	120.6	112.8	113.9	142.7	2014	1er