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A: Identification

Title of the CPI: Retail Price Index

Periodicity: Quarterly

Index reference period: Quarter 2, 2010 = 100

Weights reference period: 2009 Household Expenditure Survey.

Main uses of CPI: Indexation of wages, pensions and/or social security payment, indexation of rents, contracts and/or other payments, main inflation indicator used for monetary policy , macroeconomic modelling and other analytic uses.

B: CPI Coverage

Geographical Coverage

Weights: Nation-wide

Price collection: Nation-wide

Population coverage: Resident households of nationals.

C: Concepts, definitions, classifications and weights

Definition of the CPI and its objectives: The RPI measures changes in prices of a basket of goods relative to a base point in time.

Sources of weights: Household expenditure surveys.

Frequency of weight updates: Above 5 years

D: Sample design

E: Data Collection

Frequency with which prices are collected: Prices are collected quarterly.

Methods of Price Collection

- Personal data collection

Treatment of:

Missing or faulty prices: If a particular item is not available, either the price is carried forward from the previous quarter or a suitable substitution is made. Great care is taken to ensure that this substitution is the closest possible comparison to the original item and that no unfair impact is made on RPI calculations.

Treatment of seasonal items and seasonality

Treatment of housing

F: Computation

G: Editing and validation procedures

H: Documentation and dissemination

Level of detailed RPI published

Paper publication: All items RPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Online: All items RPI, Division-level (12 Divisions)

Documentation

Publications and websites where indices can be found: Quarterly Statistical News Bulletin;
Internet website: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics/>

I: Other Information

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