

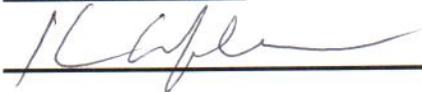
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The All Items Index of Goods and Services measured by the Consumer Price Index in the third quarter of 2015 (July - Sept) registered at 133.0 points. This was 1.0 percent higher than in the 2nd Quarter Revision and a drop of -0.9 percent one year ago. A CPI Revision was issued for the Second Quarter 2015 to reflect a June 2015 tax hike for cigarettes. To view the *revision*, please visit the DOC website: www.doc.as.

Movements of Major CPI Groups in this quarter: **Food Group** for the 3rd consecutive quarter dropped again by another 0.4 percent. Chicken legs, lamb necks, lamb flaps, Turkey & turkey tails, flour, ham, veg. oil, onion, lettuce, fruits, salt, corned beef, mackerel, spare ribs, pigs feet all contributed to this decline. **Alcoholic Beverages** declined slightly by 0.5 percent due to lower prices of beer. **Housing** registered a 1.2 percent increase due to slight increases in electric and water bills, solid waste, housekeeping products, paper products, and dining & bedroom furniture's. The **Apparel Group** recorded a 0.2 percent increase due to higher prices of men's casual shirts, infant diapers and watches. The **Transportation** and the **Medical Care** groups recorded zero changes in this quarter. **Recreation Group** rose 0.2 percent due to higher prices of pet food, bicycles and social activities. The **Education and Communication Group** had the highest increase of 2.1 percent because of increases in school tuitions, cellular phones, printers and internet bills. **Other Goods and Services** rose 1.0 percent from the 2nd quarter due to increases in cost of tooth paste, soap and legal fees.

Groups	3rd Qtr 2015	2nd Qtr 2015	3rd Qtr 2014	Quarterly Percent Chg frm Q-2 '15 to Q3 '15	Annual Percent Chg frm Q3 - '14 to Q-3 '15
All Items Index	133.0	*132.5	134.3	1.0	-0.9
Food	156.9	157.5	157.2	-0.4	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages	128.2	128.8	128.0	-0.5	0.1
Housing	127.0	125.5	134.0	1.2	-5.3
Apparel	119.8	119.5	118.7	0.2	0.9
Transportation	130.4	130.5	131.7	0.0	-1.0
Medical Care	127.0	127.0	146.2	0.0	-13.1
Recreation	113.1	112.9	113.0	0.2	0.1
Education and Communication	109.8	107.5	107.1	2.1	2.5
Other Goods and Services	131.1	*129.8	121.0	1.0	8.3