

ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
1st Quarter 2002
January - March

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) recorded an increase of 0.6%, for the quarter ending March 2002. This compares with a decline of 0.3% for the quarter ending December 2001.

	Weights	Sep-01	Dec-01	Mar-02	% change Dec 01/ Sep 01	% change Mar 02/ Dec 01
FOOD	321.20	102.3	102.4	101.8	0.1%	-0.5%
DRINKS & TOBACCO	2.90	100.0	100.0	99.2	0.0%	-0.8%
ACCOMMODATION	171.50	109.0	109.1	107.6	0.0%	-1.3%
FUEL	68.55	100.0	100.0	94.2	0.0%	-5.8%
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	30.65	102.8	102.9	121.6	0.1%	18.2%
HOUSEHOLD GOODS	97.30	100.8	100.4	109.7	-0.4%	9.3%
TRANSPORT & COMMUNICATION	235.28	103.4	101.9	100.3	-1.5%	-1.5%
MEDICAL	30.85	100.0	100.0	97.8	0.0%	-2.2%
EDUCATION	9.94	98.8	99.0	107.9	0.2%	9.0%
SERVICES	16.42	100.0	100.0	114.8	0.0%	14.8%
OTHER	15.30	100.5	103.7	104.8	3.2%	1.0%
ALL ITEMS	1000	103.2	102.9	103.5	-0.3%	0.6%

Weights revised – 1998
Base year Dec. 2000 = 100

Table 1
Quarterly % comparative AXACPI and the categories with their associated weights

The largest movers were Clothing & Footwear and Services, 18.2% and 14.8% respectively as shown in Table 2. The increase in Clothing & Footwear was due mainly to the increase in the cost of men's clothing and unisex footwear, while for Services, ladies hairdressing services accounted for the significant increase.

The other categories, which showed increases were; Household Goods 9.3%, Education 9.0% and Other¹ 1.0%.

¹ This group includes miscellaneous items such as entertainment and recreational items.

There were declines in over half of the categories, with Fuel -5.8% accounting for the greatest decline, followed by Medical -2.2%, Transportation -1.5%, Accommodation -1.3%, Drinks and Tobacco -0.8% and finally Food -0.5%.

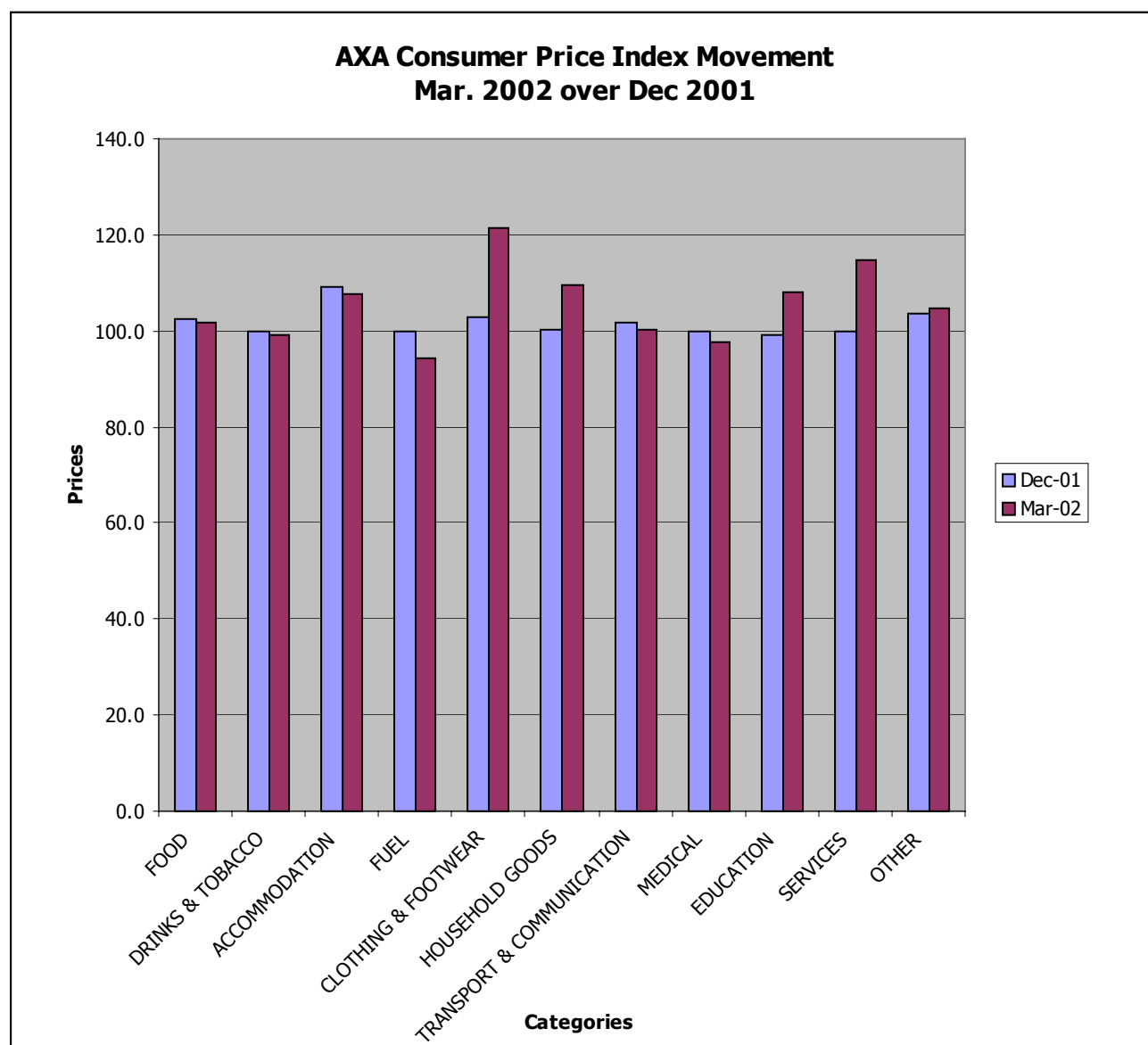


Table 2 – Movement of AXACPI by category

Trends

After registering no percentage change over the period Dec 01/Sep 01, Drinks & Tobacco, Accommodation and Fuel all declined in the period Mar 02/Dec 01 by – 0.8%, –1.3% and –5.8% respectively.

Transportation & Communications continued to show an identical decline of – 1.5% in the period Mar 02/Dec 01, as in the preceding period Dec 01/Sep 01.

From a 0.1% increase in the Dec 01/Sep 01, Food showed a –0.5% decline over the period Mar 02/Dec 01. Following this trend of a decline also, Medical, which recorded a change of –2.2% in the period Mar 02/Dec 01 compared to 0.0% recorded in Dec 01/Sep 01.

Household Goods was the sole category that registered a change from a decline to an increase in the period Dec 01/Sep 01 to Mar 02/Dec 01 respectively.

All the other categories, Clothing & Footwear, Education, Services and Other continued to register increases in the periods examined.

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