



# Anguilla Government Statistics Department

## ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter: April - June 2012

**Inflation  
Rate  
0.1%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) shows the rate at which prices of consumption goods and services are changing from quarter to quarter for households in Anguilla. For the second quarter of 2012 (April to June) the AXACPI showed that changes in consumer prices have slowed in many of the indices; with an overall inflation rate of 0.1% for the quarter and 4.6% for the year.

The *Fuel*, *Medical* and *Personal Services* indices were unchanged for the quarter.

The indices for *Food*, *Drinks* (alcoholic) & *Tobacco*, *Accommodation*, *Transportation*

& *Communication*, *Education* and *Other* all experienced an increase in the level of prices in those categories ranging from 0.2% to 2.0%.

The only two categories to show a decline this quarter were *Clothing & Footwear*, down 1.8% and *Household Goods* which fell 3.7%.

The annual inflation rate showed that consumer prices rose 4.6% over the 12 month period to June 2012, with increases in 6 of the 11 categories. The strongest upward pressures were from *Transportation & Communication*, *Food* and *Fuel*.

Table 1: Consumer Price Index by Category and Weights

Categories	New Weights 2001	Jun '11	Mar '12	Jun '12	Quarterly % Change Jun '12/Mar '12	Annual % Change Jun '12/ Jun '11
Food	321.2	152.4	158.4	159.4	0.6%	4.6%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.9	146.6	151.7	154.8	2.0%	5.6%
Accommodation	171.5	123.3	123.7	124.1	0.3%	0.6%
Fuel	68.6	155.6	176.0	176.0	0.0%	13.1%
Clothing & Footwear	30.7	95.9	94.4	92.7	-1.8%	-3.3%
Household Goods	97.3	176.5	171.7	165.4	-3.7%	-6.3%
Transportation & Communication	235.3	150.1	166.5	168.5	1.2%	12.2%
Medical	30.9	219.4	218.9	218.9	0.0%	-0.2%
Education	9.9	216.4	218.4	218.8	0.2%	1.1%
Personal Services	16.4	139.1	137.1	137.1	0.0%	-1.4%
Other	15.3	77.6	70.9	71.8	1.3%	-7.5%
All Items	1000	149.0	155.7	155.9	0.1%	4.6%

### Quarterly Analysis

For the period in review, the quarter did not have any sharp increases or decreases in the general level of prices. There were, however, observed fluctuations in the level of prices, with the largest spike in alcoholic *Drinks & Tobacco* (up

2.0%) and greatest dip in *Household Goods* (down 3.7%).

Looking at the *Food* category which has the largest weight in a typical household expenditure, there was an increase for the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>)

consecutive quarter in a row, up 0.6%, following a 1.5% rise in the first quarter of 2012. The increases were seen in the following sub-categories: poultry, oils & cooking fats, milk & dairy products, soft drinks, fruits & vegetables and other food stuff.

The *Transportation & Communication* category had the greatest inflationary pressure of all the categories, with a 1.2% increase in the price level. The transport component of this category is where the increase was observed in the costs associated with both road and air transportation, such as increased petrol/gas prices per imperial gallon and airfare.

The level of prices in the *Fuel, Medical* and *Personal Services* categories remained unchanged compared to the previous quarter in 2012.

Offsetting declines in the level of prices were seen in the *Clothing and Footwear* index and *Household Goods* index. The *Clothing and Footwear* category experienced a decline by 1.8%. On closer examination, of the category, the fall was in clothing items and accessories like men's socks and women's pantyhose.

The decline in the *Household Goods* index was mostly as a result of lower prices for furniture items.

## Annual Analysis

The annual All Items index for Anguilla was up 4.6%, the rate of inflation has decelerated compared to June 2011 but is still higher than June 2009 and June 2010. Of the six (6) categories that had a positive annual change in the price level for the 12-month period, the following three (3) sub-indices all had higher overall annual inflation rates than June 2011: *Food* (+4.6%), *Transportation & Communication* (+12.2%), and *Education* (+1.1%).

**Table 2: Inflation in Anguilla, June 2006–June 2012**

	Jun-06	Jun-07	Jun-08	Jun-09	Jun-10	Jun-11	Jun-12
Annual Inflation Rate	5.4%	7.2%	9.0%	-1.8%	1.3%	5.4%	4.6%

*Inflation Rate: annual rate of change in the All Items Consumer Price Index (CPI)*

The three (3) main contributors to the upward pressure on the AXACPI 12-month rate were, in order of impact; *Transportation & Communication*, *Food*, and *Fuel*.

The *Transportation & Communication* index measured a 12.2% change in the index for June over June. The result of higher costs of goods and services related to transportation, such as purchasing a new car, replacements parts like tyres, driver's license fees and petrol/gas per imperial gallon all contributed to the higher index for the period. The communication levy also played a part in this increase.

*Food* items typically purchased by households on a regular basis were up 4.6% for

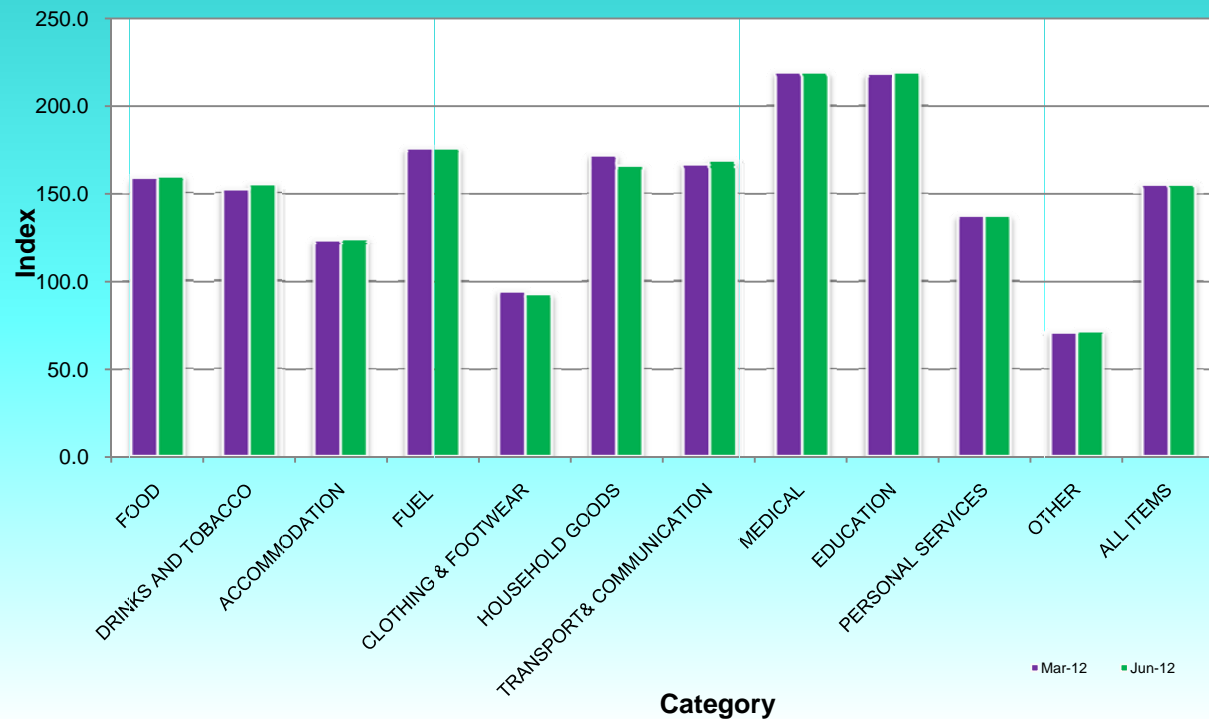
the year. Most items observed saw an increase in posted prices.

The *Fuel* category was 13.1% higher, mostly due to higher electricity price. Alternative fuel and light sources such as kerosene and candles also had higher prices.

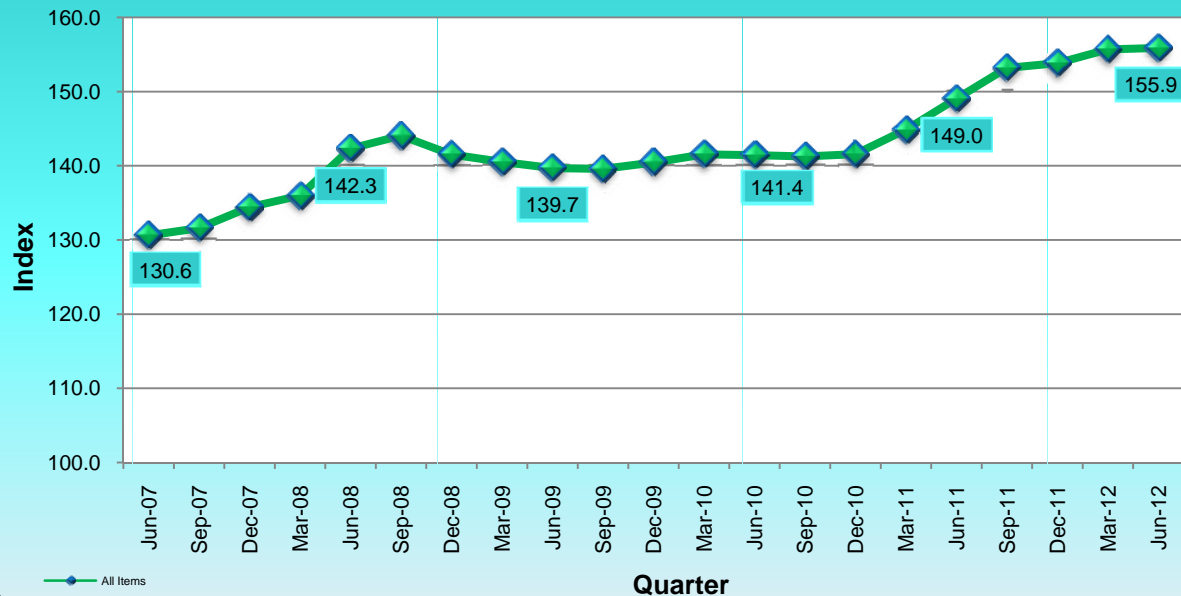
The partially offsetting declines on the inflation rate were in *Clothing & Footwear*, *Household Goods*, *Medical*, *Personal Services* and *Other* indices. The posted prices in all the categories listed have shown fluctuations in posted prices throughout the year. Articles of clothing, detergent and disinfectants, health insurance premiums, power tools and other goods and services have been up and down over the year.



### Anguilla Consumer Price Index by Category 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2012 & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012



### Anguilla Consumer Price Index (All Items) by Quarter June 2007 - 2012



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