



# Anguilla Government Statistics Department

## ANGUILLA'S CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter: January - March 2012

**Inflation  
Rate  
1.2%**

The Anguilla Consumer Price Index (AXACPI) for 'All Items' increased for the first quarter of 2012 by 1.2%. The AXACPI shows the rate at which prices of consumption goods and services are changing from quarter to quarter for households in Anguilla.

Inflationary pressures this period were largely attributable to the 'Transportation & Communication' category which contributed the most to the rise in the price level of the fixed basket due to its large weight.

The other categories in the CPI that saw increased prices in comparison to the 2011 December quarter were 'Food', alcoholic 'Drinks & Tobacco', 'Accommodation', 'Medical' and 'Personal Services'.



The 'Fuel' category remained unchanged for the period in review. The categories of the CPI that saw a retreat in prices were 'Clothing & Footwear', 'Household Goods', 'Education' and the 'Other' category.

Over the last 12 months, prices have risen 7.5%, on average. The 'All Items' CPI index stood at 155.7 in March 2012 based on 2000 = 100, moving from 144.8 in March 2011.

The top 3 pressures on the rising price level for the annual period, listed in order of impact, were 'Fuel', 'Drinks & Tobacco' and 'Communication' categories.

**Table 1: Consumer Price Index by Category and Weights**

Categories	New Weights 2001	Mar '11	Dec '11	Mar '12	Quarterly % Change Mar '12/Dec '11	Annual % Change Mar '12/ Mar '11
Food	321.2	150.4	156.1	158.4	1.5%	5.3%
Drinks & Tobacco	2.9	128.6	150.2	151.7	1.0%	18.0%
Accommodation	171.5	120.7	123.6	123.7	0.1%	2.5%
Fuel	68.6	136.5	176.0	176.0	0.0%	28.9%
Clothing & Footwear	30.7	99.2	94.7	94.4	-0.3%	-4.8%
Household Goods	97.3	162.8	172.4	171.7	-0.4%	5.5%
Transportation & Communication	235.3	148.3	161.5	166.5	3.1%	12.3%
Medical	30.9	219.4	218.6	218.9	0.1%	-0.2%
Education	9.9	216.4	220.6	218.4	-1.0%	0.9%
Personal Services	16.4	133.7	136.2	137.1	0.7%	2.5%
Other	15.3	77.7	72.4	70.9	-2.1%	-8.8%
All Items	1000	144.8	153.8	155.7	1.2%	7.5%

## Quarterly Analysis

Inflation for the first quarter of 2012 stands at 1.2%, up from 0.4% in the prior quarter, October to December 2011.

The inflation rate between January to March 2012 was largely as a result of '*Transportation & Communication*' (Particularly in the cost of a land rental telephone line which increase because of the 10% communications levy). This category was up 3.1% for the quarter.

'*Food*' category (particularly *bread, flour and cereal products* and *milk and dairy products*). The '*Food*' index was up 1.5% for the quarter.

Rising prices, many of which were very slight, were seen in four other categories, namely in alcoholic '*Drinks and Tobacco*' (+1.0%), '*Accommodation*' (+0.1%), '*Medical*' (+0.1%) and '*Personal Services*' (+0.7%).

Of these four categories, the '*Drinks and Tobacco*' category had the largest percentage change in prices, up 1.0% over the previous quarter, due to a rise in the price of 'spirits'.

The increase by 0.1% in the '*Accommodation*' category was due to a rise in the price of repair and maintenance materials like paint.

The '*Medical*' category saw a 0.1% increase in the average level of prices in this category due to a rise in the price of medicines.

The following categories all had an offsetting decline on the inflation rate this quarter: '*Clothing & Footwear*' (-0.3%), '*Household Goods*' (-0.4%), (-0.9%), '*Education*' (-1.0%) and the '*Other*' category (-2.1).

## Annual Analysis

The 12-month change from the end of March 2011 to March 2012 showed that the *All Items* index over the last year has increased by 7.5%. While prices increased in many of the areas this 12-month period, the pace at which they are rising has slowed for a few of the categories relative to the previous 12-month period (December 2011 over December 2012 which stood at 8.7% inflation), but it is much higher than the corresponding March 2010 to March 2011, when the annual inflation was 2.3%.

The '*Fuel*' index was up 28.9%. This category includes electricity, cooking gas and other fuels mainly for lighting purposes, all of the products showed increases in the prices for household over the year long period barring cooking gas or LPG. The change in the price and related fees charged for Electricity consumed had the largest impact on this category.

The category '*Drinks and tobacco*' category in the basket with an annual increase of 18.0% which was part due to the increase average price level of beers,

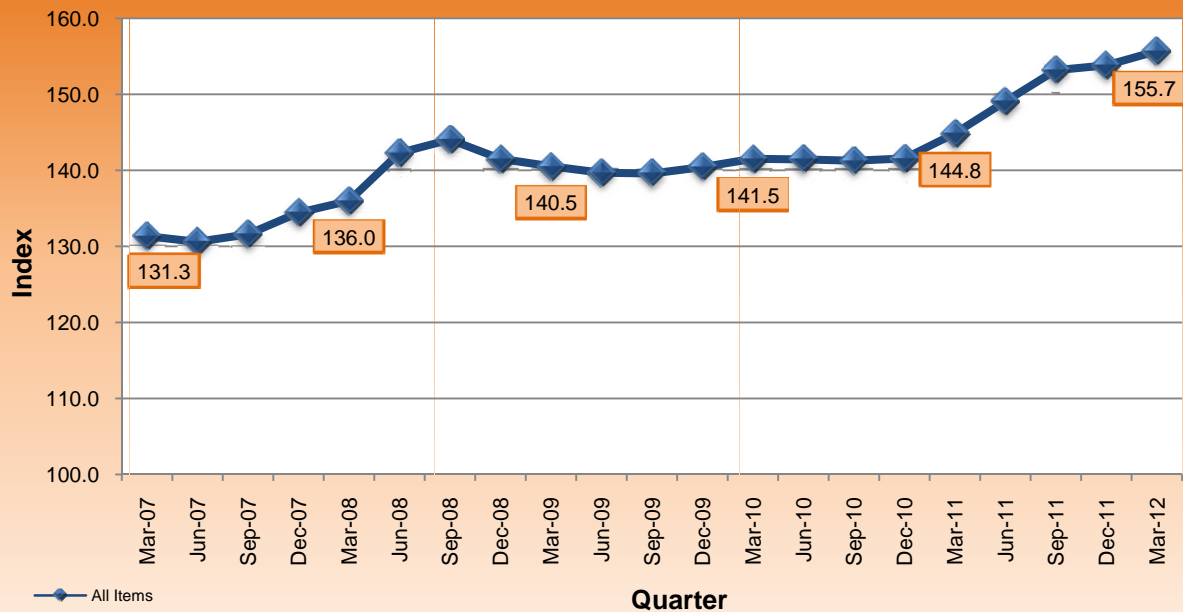
rum and cigarettes

'*Transportation and Communication*' which is the second largest category in the household basket, was also up, with an annual increase of 12.3%. It should be noted that communication rates do reflect changes in prices for the period reviewed and the communication levy has been included. The transportation component is the area which reflects the inflationary pressures with higher price quotes for new cars, replacement parts such as car batteries and an increase in the price of petrol/gas.

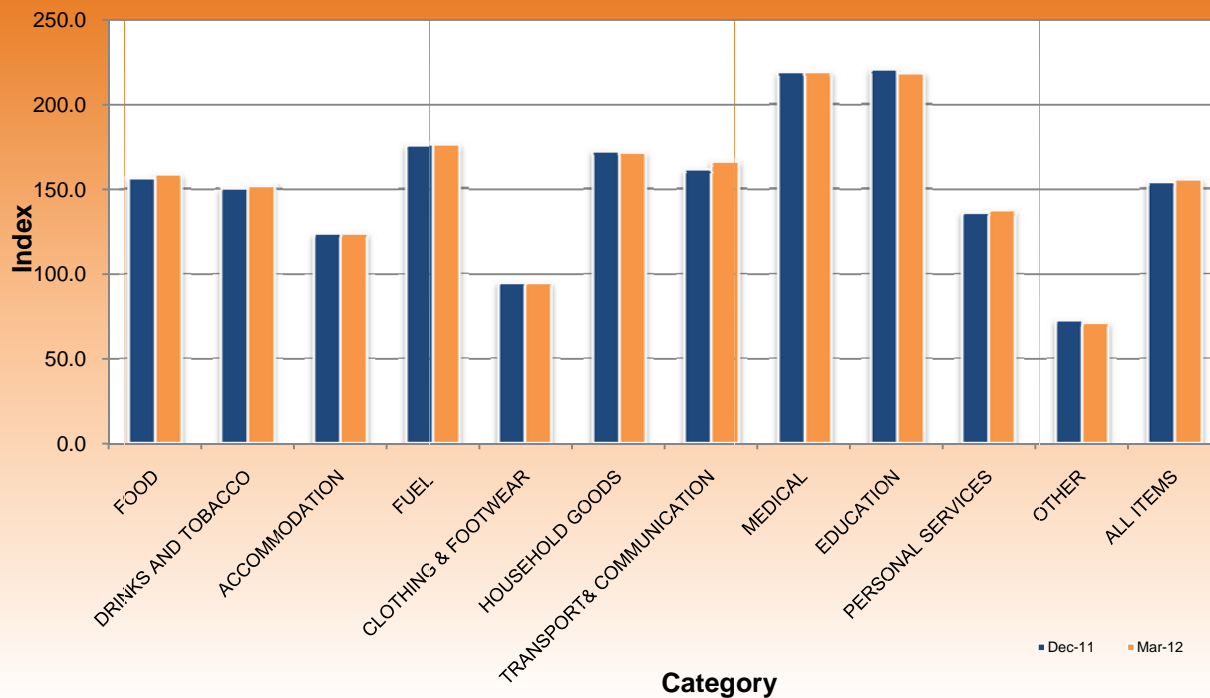
The other large inflationary pressure in the consumer basket, up 5.3%, was the '*Food*' bill. Items which fall in the following sub-indices had notably higher prices: *Bread, flour and cereals; Meat, poultry and fish; Oils and cooking fats; Tea, coffee, cocoa and soft drinks* and *Sugar and preserves*.



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



### Anguilla Consumer Price Index by Category 4th Quarter 2011 & 1st Quarter 2012



***The CPI can be used in employer and employee contract negotiations to adjust wages, in rental agreements and child support agreements, pensions and other contractual price setting arrangements.***

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