



INFLATION REPORT

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Overview

Headline inflation was **2.2 per cent** in February 2010, which resulted in a fiscal year-to-date inflation of **12.8 per cent**. This was in comparison to **11.5 per cent** for the comparable period of FY2008/09. At the end of February, the 12-month point-to-point and annual average inflation were **13.7 per cent** and **9.6 per cent**, respectively. Inflation for March 2010 is estimated to be significantly lower than the outturn for February. The current forecast for inflation for the March 2010 quarter and the full fiscal year remains in the bands of **3.5 per cent to 4.5 per cent** and **11.5 per cent to 13.5 per cent**, respectively. The foreign exchange market displayed relative stability in February 2009, largely due to the continued cooperation between the Bank, authorised foreign currency dealers and cambios. This relative stability occurred despite foreign currencies from net exports and net private capital inflows remaining low. Forecasts for international commodity prices suggest that prices will rise in the early months of the next fiscal year. The recent exchange rate stability and excess inventories for some international commodities should restrain potential price increase.

Financial Markets & Monetary Conditions

The stability in the exchange rate of the Jamaica Dollar *vis-a-vis* the US dollar, seen in January 2010, continued in February 2010. Also, during February, interest rates on Government issued investment bonds reflected a reduction relative to the previously issued bonds, signalling the success of the Jamaica Debt Exchange (JDX). On the 4th February, the Executive Board of the international Monetary Fund (IMF) approved a 27-month Stand-By Arrangement with Jamaica amounting to approximately US\$1.27 billion. On the 16th of February, 24th of February and the 3rd of March, the Fitch, S&P and Moody's Ratings Agencies all upgraded Jamaica's long-term foreign and local currency ratings, as well as the short-term foreign currency rating and the country's ceiling rating. The upgrade took into account the approval of the IMF Stand-By Agreement which should mitigate near-term external liquidity concerns. The upgrades were also influenced by the successful outcome of the JDX. These developments had a positive impact on the financial markets.

The *Public Sector Foreign Currency Facility*, by which the Central Bank intermediates the demand for foreign currency by public sector institutions, reflected net outflows of **US\$19.3 million** as at end-February. The NIR for the month decreased by **US\$6.3 million** to **US\$1559.7 million** as a result of debt service payments on behalf of the GOJ. At the end of February, the gross international foreign reserves (GIFR) stood at **US\$2,271.8 million**, **US\$682.9 million** higher than the stock at the end of the previous month. The GIFR at end February represented 17 weeks of imports of goods and services, compared to 12 weeks at end January. As a result of this and other measures instituted by the Bank to stem foreign exchange pressures, the end-month selling rate of the Jamaica Dollar *vis-a-vis* its US counterpart remained stable for the month,

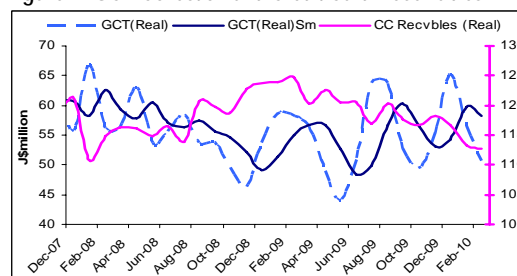
compared to a marginal depreciation of **0.1 per cent** in January and stability in December.

There were seasonal contractions in the real values of the monetary aggregates in the review month. Real M1, M2 and M3 declined by **1.2 per cent**, **1.1 per cent** and **1.1 per cent**, respectively. These contractions were larger than those observed in February 2009. The declines in the monetary aggregates remain consistent with an overall trend slowdown in economic activity and weakening aggregate demand.

Domestic Demand

Domestic demand conditions continue to reflect general weakness. In February, both GCT receipts and credit card receivables, in real terms, showed decreases of **10.7 per cent** and **0.6 per cent**, respectively.¹ However, these movements reflected slower rates of decline compared to January. The fall in demand occurred in a context of price increases, wage restraints, and weaker economic activities. The 12-month change in real GCT receipts reflected a decline of **13.3 per cent**, while real credit card receivables decreased by **9.6 per cent**. Hence, the general pattern is one of sluggish demand and increasing indebtedness occasioned by falling incomes.

Figure 1: GCT Collection and Credit Card Receivables

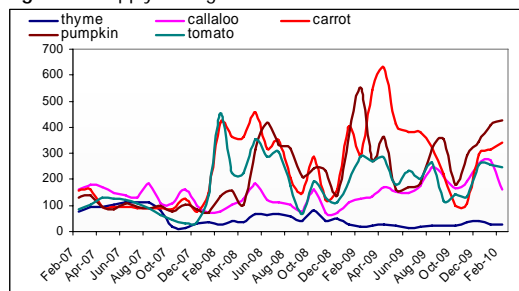


¹ GCT returns are smoothed to remove the volatility in the series that results from the fact that many retailers file returns with a lag.

Domestic Supply

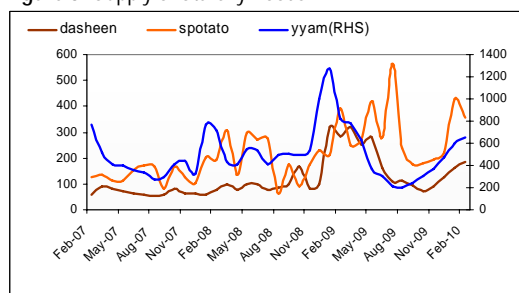
Data on supplies of domestic agricultural produce indicate that vegetable and starchy foods supply were readily available, with the volumes being fairly buoyant (see Figures 2 & 3).² The average prices of *starchy foods* declined by 1.5 per cent in the month. This was, however, largely mitigated by a 1.7 per cent increase in *vegetables* prices. As a result, *Vegetables & Starchy Foods* increased by 0.7 per cent.

Figure 2: Supply of Vegetables



Source: Rural Agricultural Development Agency (RADA)

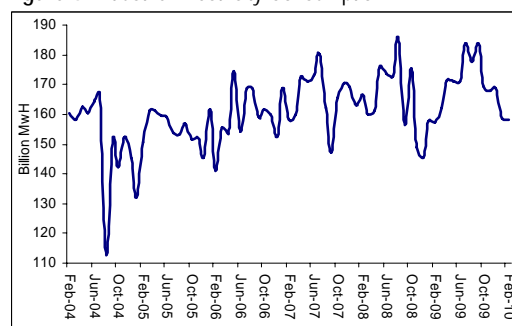
Figure 3: Supply of Starchy Foods



Source: Rural Agricultural Development Agency (RADA)

Responding to the generally lower demand, industrial electricity consumption, which is used as an indicator of industrial production, decreased by 0.1 per cent for February 2010, relative to January 2010. However, sales of industrial electricity in February 2010 were 0.6 per cent above the level attained in February 2009 (see Figure 4). Production levels appear to have normalised towards the historical average. This has occurred as the shock of the spike in energy prices forced greater efficiency on the part of users. Additionally, a few companies have installed cogeneration facilities which produce enough power to obviate the need for electricity from the national grid.

Figure 4: Industrial Electricity Consumption

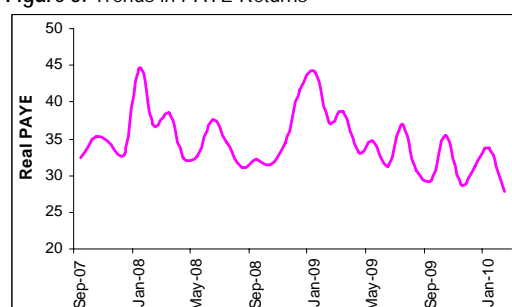


Costs

Prices of the major imported commodities on the international markets declined in February. In particular, the cost of soybeans, wheat, corn, and crude oil decreased by 6.9 per cent, 3.5 per cent, 3.3 per cent and 2.5 per cent, respectively. The movement of corn and crude oil prices reflected a reversal of the trends in the previous month. Wheat and soybeans prices had a sharper decline when compared to the previous month.

Real wages, as proxied by CPI-deflated PAYE returns, decreased by 17.7 per cent in February 2010 relative to January 2010. Similarly, real PAYE returns decreased by 25.3 per cent for the 12-month period to February 2010. The overall declining trend in PAYE (see Figure 5) is consistent with the current economic environment and corroborates weakness in other indicators of aggregate demand. Lower spending power is the strongest indicator of weak aggregate demand and spending will be slow to recover as consumers remain cautious.

Figure 5: Trends in PAYE Returns



² Domestic agricultural produce, namely starchy foods, vegetables and fruit, account for more than a fifth of *Food & Non-Alcoholic Beverages*, the largest division in the consumption basket (37.5 per cent).



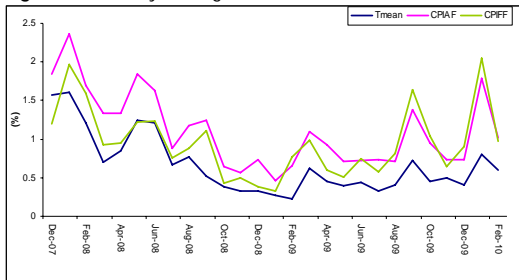
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Consumer Prices

The inflation for February largely reflected the impact of commodity price pass-through, higher food prices and administered adjustments such as bus fare increases. Lagged pass-through from commodity prices, as well as administered price adjustments were evident in *Transport* which increased by **9.9 per cent** and contributed **57.2 per cent** of inflation. Commodity price pass-through was also evident in the cost of energy. This was reflected primarily in the *Housing Water Gas & Other Fuels* group, which increased by **3.1 per cent**, contributing **17.7 per cent** of the month's inflation. Price adjustments emanating from the Government's revenue enhancement measures were important in their cumulative impact on *Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco* and *Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance*.

Monthly core inflation as at February 2010 as measured by the change in the CPI excluding agriculture and fuel (CPIAF), CPI excluding food and fuel (CPIFF) and the trimmed mean was approximately **1.0 per cent**, **1.0 per cent** and **0.4 per cent**, respectively. These measures were, on average, lower than comparable measures at January 2010. The trend decline in core inflation (see Figure 6) is likely due to the relatively weak demand conditions as highlighted by abovementioned indicators.

Figure 6: Monthly Changes in Core Measures



Inflation Outlook

For March 2010, inflation is estimated in the range of **0.0 per cent** to **1.0 per cent**. This estimate primarily reflects the impact of the imposition of GCT on electricity rates. Further, inflation in March 2010 should reflect higher commodity prices as well as lower demand impulses as a result of further declines in real wages. Consequently, the projection for inflation for the March quarter remains in the range **3.5 per cent** to **4.5 per cent**. Despite the expectation of increases in international commodity prices, weak domestic demand should restrain inflation with the

annual inflation rate projected to remain unchanged, falling within the range of **11.5 per cent** to **13.5 per cent** by the end of the FY 2009/10 (see Figure 8).

Downside risks to the forecast include the occurrence of an El Niño phenomenon, which usually moderates the Tropical Atlantic hurricane season and has resulted in a prolonged drought since summer 2009. February 2010 received only **66.0 per cent** of typical precipitation indicating the effect of the El Niño phenomenon.

Figure 7: Inflation forecast

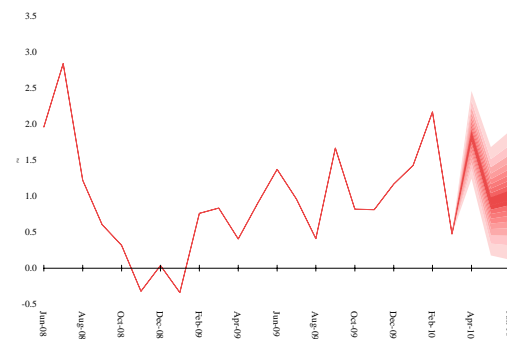
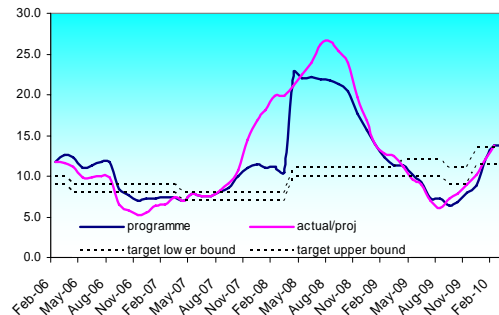


Figure 8: Forecast versus Target



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Inflation Tables

Table 1A
JAMAICA: HEADLINE INFLATION RATES
Feb. 2010

		1/ C.P.I	3 Month AVG. C.P.I	Monthly % change	3 mth* % change	3mth# % change	12 Month* % change	12 Month# % change	FYTD % change	CYTD % change
	Dec-06	100.00	99.75	0.44	0.24	0.55	5.49	18.33	4.82	5.49
2007	Jan-07	101.01	100.19	1.01	1.33	0.70	6.31	8.53	5.88	1.01
	Feb-07	101.34	100.78	0.33	1.78	1.12	6.59	8.12	6.22	1.34
	Mar-07	102.50	101.61	1.15	2.50	1.87	7.44	7.79	7.44	2.50
	Apr-07	102.98	102.27	0.47	1.96	2.08	6.90	7.46	0.47	2.98
	May-07	104.31	103.27	1.29	2.94	2.47	7.76	7.29	1.77	4.31
	Jun-07	105.10	104.13	0.75	2.54	2.48	7.60	7.12	2.54	5.10
	Jul-07	106.16	105.19	1.01	3.09	2.86	7.48	6.92	3.57	6.16
	Aug-07	107.23	106.17	1.01	2.80	2.81	8.26	6.81	4.62	7.23
	Sep-07	108.90	107.43	1.55	3.61	3.17	9.16	7.03	6.24	8.90
	Oct-07	110.39	108.84	1.37	3.98	3.47	10.75	7.44	7.70	10.39
	Nov-07	113.97	111.09	3.24	6.28	4.63	14.46	8.22	11.19	13.97
	Dec-07	116.82	113.73	2.50	7.27	5.86	16.82	9.17	13.97	16.82
2008	Jan-08	119.36	116.72	2.18	8.13	7.24	18.18	10.17	16.45	2.18
	Feb-08	121.47	119.22	1.77	6.58	7.32	19.87	11.29	18.51	3.98
	Mar-08	122.94	121.26	1.21	5.24	6.62	19.94	12.34	19.94	5.24
	Apr-08	124.81	123.07	1.52	4.56	5.45	21.19	13.54	1.52	6.84
	May-08	127.78	125.18	2.38	5.20	5.00	22.50	14.78	3.94	9.39
	Jun-08	130.29	127.63	1.96	5.98	5.25	23.97	16.15	5.98	11.53
	Jul-08	133.99	130.69	2.84	7.36	6.19	26.21	17.72	8.99	14.70
	Aug-08	135.63	133.31	1.22	6.14	6.49	26.48	19.25	10.32	16.10
	Sep-08	136.45	135.36	0.61	4.73	6.06	25.30	20.60	10.99	16.81
	Oct-08	136.88	136.32	0.32	2.16	4.31	24.00	21.68	11.34	17.18
	Nov-08	136.45	136.59	-0.32	0.60	2.47	19.72	22.07	10.99	16.80
	Dec-08	136.50	136.61	0.04	0.03	0.92	16.84	22.01	11.03	16.84
2009	Jan-09	136.03	136.33	-0.34	-0.62	0.00	13.97	21.57	10.65	-0.34
	Feb-09	137.07	136.53	0.76	0.46	-0.04	12.84	20.89	11.49	0.42
	Mar-09	138.22	137.11	0.84	1.26	0.36	12.43	20.19	12.43	1.26
	Apr-09	138.78	138.02	0.41	2.02	1.24	11.19	19.29	0.41	1.67
	May-09	140.03	139.01	0.90	2.16	1.81	9.58	18.15	1.31	2.59
	Jun-09	141.95	140.25	1.37	2.70	2.29	8.95	16.87	2.70	4.00
	Jul-09	143.31	141.76	0.96	3.27	2.71	6.95	15.25	3.69	4.99
	Aug-09	143.90	143.05	0.41	2.77	2.91	6.10	13.59	4.11	5.42
	Sep-09	146.30	144.50	1.67	3.06	3.03	7.22	12.15	5.85	7.18
	Oct-09	147.50	145.90	0.82	2.92	2.92	7.75	10.89	6.72	8.06
	Nov-09	148.70	147.50	0.81	3.34	3.11	8.98	10.07	7.59	8.94
	Dec-09	150.44	148.88	1.17	2.83	3.03	10.21	9.58	8.84	10.21
2010	Jan-10	152.59	150.58	1.43	3.45	3.20	12.17	9.47	10.40	1.43
	Feb-10	155.90	152.98	2.17	4.84	3.71	13.74	9.58	12.80	3.63

1/ December 2006 = 100

* Point to Point

Moving average

Source: STATIN

Table 1B
JAMAICA: CPI WITHOUT FOOD AND FUEL
Feb. 2010

		1/ CPI-FF	3 Month Avg.CPIFF	Monthly % change	3 mth* % change	3mth# % change	12 Month* % change	12 Month# % change	FYTD % change	CYTD % change
	Dec-06	188.78	188.24	0.28	0.79	1.08	6.72	17.29	4.52	6.72
2007	Jan-07	190.59	189.21	0.96	1.55	1.17	7.17	7.80	5.52	0.96
	Feb-07	193.11	190.83	1.32	2.58	1.64	7.41	7.69	6.91	2.29
	Mar-07	195.41	193.04	1.20	3.51	2.55	8.19	7.67	8.19	3.51
	Apr-07	196.10	194.87	0.35	2.89	2.99	7.80	7.61	0.35	3.88
	May-07	197.51	196.34	0.72	2.28	2.89	7.99	7.61	1.07	4.62
	Jun-07	198.88	197.50	0.70	1.78	2.31	7.93	7.59	1.78	5.35
	Jul-07	199.82	198.74	0.47	1.90	1.98	7.83	7.55	2.26	5.85
	Aug-07	201.80	200.17	0.99	2.17	1.95	8.44	7.59	3.27	6.90
	Sep-07	204.66	202.09	1.42	2.90	2.33	9.26	7.76	4.73	8.41
	Oct-07	206.02	204.16	0.67	3.10	2.73	9.77	7.98	5.43	9.13
	Nov-07	207.88	206.19	0.90	3.01	3.01	10.43	8.26	6.38	10.12
	Dec-07	210.41	208.11	1.21	2.81	2.97	11.46	8.66	7.67	11.46
2008	Jan-08	214.53	210.94	1.96	4.13	3.32	12.56	9.11	9.78	1.96
	Feb-08	217.99	214.31	1.61	4.86	3.94	12.89	9.58	11.55	3.60
	Mar-08	220.00	217.51	0.92	4.56	4.52	12.58	9.95	12.58	4.56
	Apr-08	222.11	220.03	0.96	3.53	4.31	13.26	10.41	0.96	5.56
	May-08	224.83	222.31	1.23	3.14	3.73	13.83	10.90	2.19	6.85
	Jun-08	227.61	224.85	1.24	3.46	3.37	14.45	11.44	3.46	8.18
	Jul-08	229.34	227.26	0.76	3.26	3.28	14.77	12.02	4.24	9.00
	Aug-08	231.35	229.44	0.88	2.90	3.20	14.64	12.54	5.16	9.95
	Sep-08	233.92	231.54	1.11	2.77	2.98	14.30	12.95	6.33	11.18
	Oct-08	234.94	233.40	0.43	2.44	2.70	14.04	13.30	6.79	11.66
	Nov-08	236.10	234.99	0.49	2.05	2.42	13.57	13.55	7.32	12.21
	Dec-08	237.01	236.02	0.39	1.32	1.93	12.64	13.63	7.73	12.64
2009	Jan-09	237.78	236.96	0.32	1.21	1.53	10.84	13.47	8.08	0.32
	Feb-09	239.60	238.13	0.77	1.48	1.34	9.91	13.20	8.91	1.09
	Mar-09	241.97	239.78	0.99	2.09	1.60	9.98	12.96	9.98	2.09
	Apr-09	243.43	241.67	0.60	2.37	1.98	9.60	12.64	0.60	2.71
	May-09	244.66	243.35	0.51	2.11	2.19	8.82	12.21	1.11	3.23
	Jun-09	246.48	244.86	0.75	1.87	2.12	8.29	11.69	1.87	4.00
	Jul-09	247.91	246.35	0.58	1.84	1.94	8.10	11.13	2.46	4.60
	Aug-09	249.93	248.11	0.82	2.16	1.96	8.03	10.59	3.29	5.45
	Sep-09	254.02	250.62	1.64	3.06	2.36	8.59	10.12	4.98	7.18
	Oct-09	256.67	253.54	1.04	3.54	2.92	9.25	9.74	6.08	8.30
	Nov-09	258.34	256.34	0.65	3.36	3.32	9.42	9.42	6.77	9.00
	Dec-09	260.67	258.56	0.90	2.62	3.17	9.98	9.22	7.73	9.98
2010	Jan-10	266.01	261.67	2.05	3.64	3.21	11.87	9.32	9.94	2.05
	Feb-10	268.60	265.09	0.97	3.97	3.41	12.10	9.52	11.01	3.04

1/January 2000 = 100

* Point to Point

Moving average

Source: BOJ

Table 1C
JAMAICA: CPI WITHOUT AGRICULTURE AND FUEL
Feb. 2010

		1/ CPI-AF	3 Month Avg.CPIAF	Monthly % change	3 mth* % change	3mth# % change	12 Month* % change	12 Month# % change	FYTD % change	CYTD % change
2007	Dec-06	187.20	186.61	0.24	1.01	1.47	8.13	19.49	5.29	8.13
	Jan-07	189.58	187.84	1.28	1.99	1.53	8.69	9.83	6.64	1.28
	Feb-07	192.08	189.62	1.32	2.86	1.95	8.92	9.69	8.04	2.61
	Mar-07	194.66	192.11	1.34	3.99	2.95	9.49	9.57	9.49	3.99
	Apr-07	196.02	194.25	0.70	3.40	3.41	9.45	9.47	0.70	4.71
	May-07	197.86	196.18	0.94	3.01	3.46	9.69	9.42	1.64	5.69
	Jun-07	199.15	197.67	0.65	2.31	2.90	9.65	9.36	2.31	6.38
	Jul-07	200.42	199.14	0.64	2.24	2.52	9.79	9.31	2.96	7.06
	Aug-07	202.35	200.64	0.96	2.27	2.27	10.08	9.31	3.95	8.10
	Sep-07	204.58	202.45	1.10	2.73	2.42	10.39	9.37	5.10	9.29
	Oct-07	206.87	204.60	1.12	3.22	2.74	11.29	9.55	6.27	10.51
	Nov-07	212.53	207.99	2.74	5.03	3.67	13.81	9.97	9.18	13.53
Dec-07	216.44	211.95	1.84	5.80	4.69	15.62	10.61	11.19	15.62	
2008	Jan-08	221.57	216.85	2.37	7.10	5.98	16.87	11.30	13.82	2.37
	Feb-08	225.34	221.12	1.70	6.03	6.31	17.31	12.01	15.76	4.11
	Mar-08	228.37	225.09	1.34	5.51	6.20	17.32	12.68	17.32	5.51
	Apr-08	231.41	228.37	1.33	4.44	5.32	18.05	13.40	1.33	6.92
	May-08	235.67	231.82	1.84	4.59	4.84	19.11	14.20	3.20	8.89
	Jun-08	239.52	235.53	1.63	4.88	4.64	20.27	15.09	4.88	10.66
	Jul-08	241.64	238.94	0.89	4.42	4.63	20.57	15.99	5.81	11.64
	Aug-08	244.49	241.88	1.18	3.74	4.34	20.82	16.88	7.06	12.96
	Sep-08	247.53	244.55	1.24	3.34	3.83	20.99	17.75	8.39	14.36
	Oct-08	249.12	247.04	0.64	3.10	3.39	20.42	18.50	9.09	15.10
	Nov-08	250.54	249.06	0.57	2.47	2.97	17.88	18.81	9.71	15.75
	Dec-08	252.38	250.68	0.74	1.96	2.51	16.61	18.86	10.52	16.61
2009	Jan-09	253.56	252.16	0.46	1.78	2.07	14.44	18.61	11.03	0.46
	Feb-09	255.22	253.72	0.66	1.87	1.87	13.26	18.23	11.76	1.12
	Mar-09	258.01	255.60	1.09	2.23	1.96	12.98	17.82	12.98	2.23
	Apr-09	260.41	257.88	0.93	2.70	2.27	12.53	17.32	0.93	3.18
	May-09	262.27	260.23	0.72	2.76	2.57	11.29	16.64	1.65	3.92
	Jun-09	264.16	262.28	0.72	2.38	2.61	10.29	15.78	2.38	4.67
	Jul-09	266.10	264.18	0.74	2.19	2.44	10.12	14.91	3.14	5.44
	Aug-09	268.00	266.09	0.71	2.18	2.25	9.62	13.99	3.87	6.19
	Sep-09	271.70	268.60	1.38	2.86	2.41	9.77	13.09	5.31	7.66
	Oct-09	274.29	271.33	0.95	3.08	2.71	10.10	12.28	6.31	8.68
	Nov-09	276.30	274.10	0.73	3.10	3.01	10.28	11.68	7.09	9.48
	Dec-09	278.32	276.31	0.73	2.44	2.87	10.28	11.19	7.87	10.28
2010	Jan-10	283.29	279.30	1.78	3.28	2.94	11.73	10.99	9.80	1.78
	Feb-10	286.16	282.59	1.01	3.57	3.10	12.12	10.91	10.91	2.81

1/January 2000 = 100

* Point to Point

Moving average

Source: BOJ

Table 1D
JAMAICA: TRIMMED MEAN CORE INFLATION
Feb. 2010

		1/ CPI-TRIM	3 Month Avg.TRIM	Monthly % change	3 mth* % change	3mth# % change	12 Month* % change	12 Month# % change	FYTD % change	CYTD % change
	Dec-06	137.19	137.06	0.16	0.21	0.53	3.82	13.55	2.90	3.82
2007	Jan-07	138.06	137.41	0.63	0.77	0.51	4.13	4.26	3.54	0.63
	Feb-07	138.86	138.04	0.58	1.38	0.79	4.56	4.23	4.15	1.21
	Mar-07	139.80	138.91	0.68	1.90	1.35	4.85	4.22	4.85	1.90
	Apr-07	140.34	139.67	0.38	1.65	1.65	4.67	4.22	0.38	2.29
	May-07	141.24	140.46	0.64	1.71	1.76	5.03	4.29	1.03	2.95
	Jun-07	141.64	141.07	0.28	1.31	1.56	4.87	4.36	1.31	3.24
	Jul-07	142.32	141.73	0.48	1.41	1.48	4.77	4.42	1.80	3.74
	Aug-07	143.14	142.37	0.58	1.35	1.36	5.06	4.49	2.39	4.33
	Sep-07	144.29	143.25	0.80	1.87	1.54	5.40	4.58	3.21	5.17
	Oct-07	145.15	144.19	0.60	1.99	1.73	5.94	4.75	3.82	5.80
	Nov-07	147.71	145.72	1.77	3.20	2.35	7.84	5.09	5.66	7.67
	Dec-07	150.04	147.63	1.58	3.99	3.06	9.37	5.55	7.32	9.37
2008	Jan-08	152.45	150.07	1.60	5.03	4.08	10.42	6.08	9.04	1.60
	Feb-08	154.28	152.26	1.20	4.44	4.49	11.10	6.63	10.35	2.82
	Mar-08	155.36	154.03	0.70	3.55	4.33	11.13	7.16	11.13	3.55
	Apr-08	156.68	155.44	0.85	2.78	3.58	11.64	7.75	0.85	4.42
	May-08	158.64	156.89	1.25	2.82	3.05	12.32	8.36	2.11	5.73
	Jun-08	160.54	158.62	1.20	3.33	2.98	13.35	9.07	3.33	7.00
	Jul-08	161.62	160.27	0.67	3.15	3.10	13.56	9.80	4.02	7.71
	Aug-08	162.86	161.67	0.77	2.66	3.05	13.78	10.53	4.83	8.54
	Sep-08	163.71	162.73	0.52	1.97	2.59	13.46	11.20	5.37	9.11
	Oct-08	164.35	163.64	0.39	1.69	2.11	13.23	11.80	5.78	9.53
	Nov-08	164.89	164.32	0.33	1.25	1.63	11.63	12.10	6.13	9.90
	Dec-08	165.43	164.89	0.33	1.05	1.33	10.26	12.16	6.48	10.26
2009	Jan-09	165.89	165.40	0.27	0.94	1.08	8.82	12.00	6.77	0.27
	Feb-09	166.27	165.87	0.23	0.84	0.94	7.77	11.70	7.02	0.51
	Mar-09	167.31	166.49	0.62	1.13	0.97	7.69	11.39	7.69	1.13
	Apr-09	168.07	167.22	0.45	1.31	1.09	7.27	11.01	0.45	1.59
	May-09	168.73	168.03	0.39	1.48	1.31	6.36	10.49	0.85	1.99
	Jun-09	169.47	168.75	0.44	1.29	1.36	5.56	9.83	1.29	2.44
	Jul-09	170.03	169.41	0.33	1.17	1.31	5.21	9.13	1.63	2.78
	Aug-09	170.73	170.08	0.41	1.19	1.22	4.83	8.39	2.05	3.20
	Sep-09	171.98	170.91	0.73	1.48	1.28	5.05	7.71	2.79	3.95
	Oct-09	172.76	171.82	0.45	1.60	1.42	5.12	7.06	3.26	4.43
	Nov-09	173.61	172.78	0.49	1.68	1.59	5.29	6.55	3.77	4.94
	Dec-09	174.32	173.56	0.41	1.36	1.55	5.37	6.16	4.19	5.37
2010	Jan-10	175.71	174.55	0.80	1.71	1.59	5.92	5.93	5.02	0.80
	Feb-10	176.75	175.59	0.59	1.81	1.63	6.30	5.82	5.65	1.40

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Moving average

Source: BOJ

Table 2
Regional Inflation
Feb-MTH. 2010

		GKMA	OUC	RUA
		Inflation(%)	Inflation(%)	Inflation(%)
01	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	0.51	0.84	1.28
01.1	Food	0.51	0.83	0.42
	Bread and Cereals	0.33	0.37	0.42
	Meat	1.36	1.06	1.95
	Fish and Seafood	0.49	1.33	1.27
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	0.66	0.69	1.68
	Oils and Fats	0.05	0.32	1.55
	Fruit	-0.94	1.18	1.83
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods	-0.29	1.28	1.14
	Vegetables	1.66	3.08	1.07
	Starchy Foods	-4.42	-2.75	1.41
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	1.07	0.30	1.72
	Food Products n.e.c.	1.24	0.35	1.50
01.2	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	0.77	0.42	1.13
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	0.25	1.43	1.77
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices	0.93	0.14	0.97
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	1.14	0.11	1.65
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	1.74	0.08	0.69
03.1	Clothing	2.14	0.16	0.51
03.2	Footwear	1.26	0.15	0.84
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	3.35	3.00	2.87
04.1	Rentals for Housing	4.42	4.46	4.29
04.3	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	5.87	5.27	6.11
04.4	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	0.75	0.75	0.75
04.5	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	2.83	2.44	2.57
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENAN	1.20	0.46	0.83
05.1	Furniture and Furnishings (inc. Floor Coverings)	3.15	0.85	0.88
05.2	Household Textiles	1.19	0.68	0.69
05.3	Household Appliances	3.37	2.07	1.76
05.4	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	1.07	0.59	0.68
05.5	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	1.35	0.52	0.55
05.6	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	0.31	0.13	0.70
06	HEALTH	0.09	0.08	0.17
06.1	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	0.26	0.08	0.24
06.2	Health Services	0.00	0.17	0.17
07	TRANSPORT	-0.17	12.58	14.45
08	COMMUNICATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
09	RECREATION & CULTURE	0.45	0.79	2.41
10	EDUCATION	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	0.13	0.40	0.59
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	0.50	0.83	0.14
ALL DIVISIONS		0.97	2.60	2.86

Table 3
Component Contribution to Inflation
Feb. 2010

		Weight in the CPI	Monthly Inflation(%)	Weighted Inflation	% Contrib'n to Inflation
01	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	37.45	0.95	0.36	16.02
01.1	Food	35.10	0.94	0.33	14.90
	Bread and Cereals	6.10	0.37	0.02	1.02
	Meat	7.66	1.62	0.12	5.60
	Fish and Seafood	5.33	1.07	0.06	2.58
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	3.11	1.16	0.04	1.63
	Oils and Fats	1.64	0.89	0.01	0.66
	Fruit	1.14	0.27	0.00	0.14
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods	6.85	0.69	0.05	2.12
	Vegetables	4.64	1.70	0.08	3.55
	Starchy Foods	2.21	-1.52	-0.03	-1.51
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	1.72	1.30	0.02	1.00
	Food Products n.e.c.	1.55	1.13	0.02	0.79
01.2	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.35	0.87	0.02	0.92
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	0.66	1.26	0.01	0.38
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices	1.69	0.72	0.01	0.55
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	1.38	1.19	0.02	0.74
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	3.33	0.88	0.03	1.32
03.1	Clothing	2.12	0.95	0.02	0.91
03.2	Footwear	1.22	0.90	0.01	0.50
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	12.76	3.08	0.39	17.71
04.1	Rentals for Housing	3.52	4.42	0.16	7.00
04.3	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	0.80	5.88	0.05	2.12
04.4	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	1.32	0.75	0.01	0.45
04.5	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	7.12	2.60	0.19	8.34
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINT	4.93	0.93	0.05	2.07
05.1	Furniture and Furnishings (inc. Floor Coverings)	0.69	1.70	0.01	0.53
05.2	Household Textiles	0.32	0.87	0.00	0.13
05.3	Household Appliances	0.56	2.43	0.01	0.61
05.4	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	0.05	0.81	0.00	0.02
05.5	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	0.15	0.63	0.00	0.04
05.6	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	3.16	0.46	0.01	0.66
06	HEALTH	3.29	0.17	0.01	0.25
06.1	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	1.22	0.25	0.00	0.14
06.2	Health Services	2.07	0.17	0.00	0.16
07	TRANSPORT	12.82	9.91	1.27	57.20
08	COMMUNICATION	3.99	0.00	0.00	0.00
09	RECREATION & CULTURE	3.36	1.45	0.05	2.20
10	EDUCATION	2.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
11	RESTAURANTS & ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	6.19	0.35	0.02	0.97
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	8.37	0.40	0.03	1.52
	ALL DIVISIONS	100.00	2.17	2.22	100.00

Table 4
Annual Component Contribution to Inflation
Feb. 2010

		Weight in the CPI	Monthly Inflation(%)	Weighted Inflation	% Contrib'n to Inflation
01	FOOD & NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES	37.45	9.19	3.44	25.06
01.1	Food	35.10	8.98	3.15	22.93
	Bread and Cereals	6.10	7.12	0.43	3.16
	Meat	7.66	11.90	0.91	6.63
	Fish and Seafood	5.33	15.16	0.81	5.88
	Milk, Cheese and Eggs	3.11	8.94	0.28	2.02
	Oils and Fats	1.64	9.10	0.15	1.09
	Fruit	1.14	6.92	0.08	0.57
	Vegetables and Starchy Foods	6.85	-0.35	-0.02	-0.17
	Vegetables	4.64	0.65	0.03	0.22
	Starchy Foods	2.21	-1.64	-0.04	-0.26
	Sugar, Jam, Honey, Chocolate and Confectionery	1.72	25.07	0.43	3.14
	Food Products n.e.c.	1.55	17.46	0.27	1.97
01.2	Non-Alcoholic Beverages	2.35	13.28	0.31	2.27
	Coffee, Tea and Cocoa	0.66	14.92	0.10	0.72
	Mineral Waters, Soft Drinks, Fruit and Vegetable Juices	1.69	12.68	0.21	1.56
02	ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & TOBACCO	1.38	31.46	0.43	3.16
03	CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	3.33	10.44	0.35	2.53
03.1	Clothing	2.12	8.88	0.19	1.37
03.2	Footwear	1.22	12.89	0.16	1.14
04	HOUSING, WATER, ELECTRICITY, GAS & OTHER FUELS	12.76	31.85	4.06	29.58
04.1	Rentals for Housing	3.52	31.25	1.10	8.01
04.3	Maintenance and Repair of Dwelling	0.80	9.04	0.07	0.53
04.4	Water Supply and Miscellaneous Services Related to the Dwelling	1.32	26.43	0.35	2.54
04.5	Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels	7.12	36.15	2.57	18.74
05	FURNISHINGS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT & ROUTINE HOUSEHOLD MAINTENANCE	4.93	10.73	0.53	3.85
05.1	Furniture and Furnishings (inc. Floor Coverings)	0.69	8.85	0.06	0.44
05.2	Household Textiles	0.32	5.99	0.02	0.14
05.3	Household Appliances	0.56	11.82	0.07	0.48
05.4	Glassware, Tableware and Household Utensils	0.05	7.26	0.00	0.03
05.5	Tools and Equipment for House and Garden	0.15	7.89	0.01	0.09
05.6	Goods and Services for Routine Household Maintenance	3.16	11.62	0.37	2.67
06	HEALTH	3.29	3.43	0.11	0.82
06.1	Medical Products, Appliances and Equipment	1.22	4.70	0.06	0.42
06.2	Health Services	2.07	2.73	0.06	0.41
07	TRANSPORT	12.82	20.13	2.58	18.79
08	COMMUNICATION	3.99	6.19	0.25	1.80
09	RECREATION & CULTURE	3.36	11.75	0.39	2.87
10	EDUCATION	2.14	6.24	0.13	0.97
11	RESTAURANTS & ACCOMMODATION SERVICES	6.19	9.15	0.57	4.12
12	MISCELLANEOUS GOODS & SERVICES	8.37	13.79	1.15	8.40
	ALL DIVISIONS	100.00	13.74	13.74	100.00