

**Table 32a: Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate: January 1998 - April 2005<sup>1</sup>**

| Month                        | 1998         | 1999         | 2000         | 2001         | 2002                     | 2003         | 2004         | 2005                    |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| January                      | 105.5        | 114.6        | 120.0        | 125.9        | 133.5                    | 105.5        | 109.7        | 116.1                   |
| February                     | 106.0        | 114.9        | 120.6        | 126.5        | 134.7                    | 105.7        | 110.1        | 116.7                   |
| March                        | 106.7        | 115.1        | 121.0        | 126.3        | 135.4                    | 105.6        | 110.1        | 117.1                   |
| April                        | 107.4        | 115.6        | 120.9        | 126.5        | 135.7                    | 105.8        | 110.4        | 117.1                   |
| May                          | 108.0        | 115.8        | 121.0        | 126.8        | 135.9                    | 106.5        | 110.7        |                         |
| June                         | 109.6        | 117.4        | 121.0        | 127.8        | 135.9                    | 106.9        | 111.3        |                         |
| July                         | 109.7        | 117.8        | 121.3        | 129.7        | 103.1                    | 107.5        | 112.5        |                         |
| August                       | 110.0        | 118.3        | 121.7        | 129.9        | 103.6                    | 107.4        | 112.7        |                         |
| September                    | 112.1        | 118.5        | 121.9        | 130.1        | 104.0                    | 107.9        | 113.1        |                         |
| October                      | 112.7        | 118.5        | 124.6        | 130.5        | 105.0                    | 108.3        | 114.6        |                         |
| November                     | 113.1        | 118.9        | 124.8        | 131.1        | 104.9                    | 108.4        | 114.7        |                         |
| December                     | 113.4        | 119.6        | 125.2        | 131.8        | 104.8                    | 108.9        | 115.0        |                         |
| Average                      | <b>109.5</b> | <b>117.1</b> | <b>122.0</b> | <b>128.6</b> | <b>136.8<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>107.0</b> | <b>112.1</b> |                         |
| Inflation Rate<br>(Per Cent) | <b>+6.8</b>  | <b>+6.9</b>  | <b>+4.2</b>  | <b>+5.4</b>  | <b>+6.4</b>              | <b>+3.9</b>  | <b>+4.7</b>  | <b>+5.3<sup>3</sup></b> |

<sup>1</sup> From July 1997 to June 2002, the base period was July 1996 to June 1997 = 100. A new base period (July 2001 to June 2002 = 100) has been introduced as from July 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Average computed after converting CPI data from July to December 2002 to previous base period July 1996 to June 1997 = 100.

<sup>3</sup> Inflation Rate for the twelve-month period ended April 2005.

Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.

**Table 32b: Movements in World Oil Prices: July 2001 - April 2005 and Gold Prices: July 2003 - April 2005**

| Monthly Average | IPE Brent Oil (US\$ per barrel) |             |             |             | NYMEX Oil (US\$ per barrel) |             |             |             | COMEX Gold (US\$/Oz.) |              |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|                 | 2001-02                         | 2002-03     | 2003-04     | 2004-05     | 2001-02                     | 2002-03     | 2003-04     | 2004-05     | 2003-04               | 2004-05      |
| July            | 24.7                            | 25.7        | 28.4        | 37.7        | 26.5                        | 26.9        | 30.7        | 40.8        | 351.4                 | 398.7        |
| August          | 25.7                            | 26.4        | 29.4        | 41.8        | 27.3                        | 28.2        | 31.6        | 44.9        | 361.9                 | 404.2        |
| September       | 25.9                            | 28.3        | 26.9        | 42.9        | 26.0                        | 29.7        | 28.3        | 46.1        | 380.4                 | 407.9        |
| October         | 20.5                            | 27.6        | 29.0        | 49.4        | 22.3                        | 28.7        | 30.4        | 53.1        | 379.4                 | 422.3        |
| November        | 18.7                            | 24.2        | 28.9        | 44.6        | 19.7                        | 26.2        | 31.1        | 48.5        | 390.1                 | 439.1        |
| December        | 18.6                            | 28.2        | 29.6        | 40.3        | 19.4                        | 29.4        | 32.2        | 43.3        | 409.5                 | 444.1        |
| January         | 19.5                            | 31.4        | 30.8        | 44.2        | 19.8                        | 32.7        | 34.0        | 46.9        | 415.1                 | 424.8        |
| February        | 20.2                            | 32.4        | 30.4        | 45.9        | 20.8                        | 35.8        | 34.5        | 48.1        | 404.4                 | 425.5        |
| March           | 23.6                            | 29.7        | 32.7        | 53.3        | 24.4                        | 33.2        | 36.7        | 54.6        | 407.8                 | 435.1        |
| April           | 25.7                            | 22.4        | 33.0        | 53.3        | 26.3                        | 26.7        | 36.6        | 53.2        | 404.6                 | 431.4        |
| May             | 25.5                            | 25.4        | 37.2        |             | 26.9                        | 28.0        | 40.3        |             | 384.0                 |              |
| June            | 24.6                            | 27.3        | 35.6        |             | 25.6                        | 30.5        | 38.1        |             | 392.8                 |              |
| Average         | <b>22.8</b>                     | <b>27.4</b> | <b>31.0</b> | <b>45.3</b> | <b>23.7</b>                 | <b>29.7</b> | <b>33.7</b> | <b>48.0</b> | <b>390.1</b>          | <b>423.3</b> |

Notes: (i) IPE is the International Petroleum Exchange in London, trading benchmark North Sea Brent Crude.

(ii) NYMEX is the New York Mercantile Exchange, trading WTI (West Texas Intermediate) US crude.

(iii) COMEX is the Commodities Exchange Division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, trading gold and base metals.