

**Table 27a: Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate: January 1998 - August 2004 <sup>1</sup>**

| Month                        | 1998         | 1999         | 2000         | 2001         | 2002                      | 2003         | 2004                     |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| January                      | 105.5        | 114.6        | 120.0        | 125.9        | 133.5                     | 105.5        | 109.7                    |
| February                     | 106.0        | 114.9        | 120.6        | 126.5        | 134.7                     | 105.7        | 110.1                    |
| March                        | 106.7        | 115.1        | 121.0        | 126.3        | 135.4                     | 105.6        | 110.1                    |
| April                        | 107.4        | 115.6        | 120.9        | 126.5        | 135.7                     | 105.8        | 110.4                    |
| 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        |                          |
| October                      | 112.7        | 118.5        | 124.6        | 130.5        | 105.0                     | 108.3        |                          |
| November                     | 113.1        | 118.9        | 124.8        | 131.1        | 104.9                     | 108.4        |                          |
| December                     | 113.4        | 119.6        | 125.2        | 131.8        | 104.8                     | 108.9        |                          |
| Average                      | <b>109.5</b> | <b>117.1</b> | <b>122.0</b> | <b>128.6</b> | <b>136.8</b> <sup>2</sup> | <b>107.0</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>+4.0</b> <sup>3</sup> |

<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 August 2004.

Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.