

**Table 32a: Consumer Price Index and Inflation Rate: January 1998 - August 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	117.2
June	109.6	117.4	121.0	127.8	135.9	106.9	111.3	117.3
July	109.7	117.8	121.3	129.7	103.1	107.5	112.5	118.0
August	110.0	118.3	121.7	129.9	103.6	107.4	112.7	118.0
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 (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>+5.6<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 August 2005.

Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.

**Table 32b: Movements in World Oil Prices: January 2002 - August 2005 and Gold Prices: January 2004 - August 2005**

Monthly Average	IPE Brent Oil (US\$ per barrel)				NYMEX Oil (US\$ per barrel)				COMEX Gold (US\$/Oz.)	
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004	2005
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	49.7	26.9	28.0	40.3	49.9	384.0	422.9
June	24.6	27.3	35.6	55.4	25.6	30.5	38.1	56.4	392.8	433.4
July	25.7	28.4	37.7	58.0	26.9	30.7	40.8	59.0	398.7	425.1
August	26.4	29.4	41.8	63.8	28.2	31.6	44.9	65.0	404.2	443.0
September	28.3	26.9	42.9		29.7	28.3	46.1		407.9	
October	27.6	29.0	49.4		28.7	30.4	53.1		422.3	
November	24.2	28.9	44.6		26.2	31.1	48.5		439.1	
December	28.2	29.6	40.3		29.4	32.2	43.3		444.1	
Average	<b>25.0</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>41.4</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>410.4</b>	<b>430.2</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.