

**Table 26: Consumer Price Index<sup>1</sup> and Inflation Rate: January 1998 - May 2003**

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

Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.