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**THE REBASING OF THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(Base Year 2009 = 100)**

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The Rebasing of the Consumer Price Index (Base Year 2009 = 100)

I Introduction

1 The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is rebased once every five years to reflect the latest consumption pattern and composition of goods & services consumed by resident households. The main data source for the CPI rebasing exercise is the Household Expenditure Survey (HES).

2 For the 2009-based CPI, expenditure values collected from the HES conducted from Oct 07 to Sep 08 were used as inputs to compile the revised weighting pattern. These expenditure values were updated to 2009, taking into account price changes between 2007/08 and 2009.

3 This information paper presents the latest CPI series with base period 2009=100. Details on the weighting pattern and methodological improvements, as well as comparison of inflation rates between the 2004-based and 2009-based CPI are also included.

II Definition and Uses of CPI

4 The CPI is designed to measure the price changes in a fixed basket of consumption goods and services commonly purchased by the households over time. With the selection of goods and services in the CPI basket as well as their weights kept constant at the base period, any changes in the CPI reflect solely price changes over time.

Uses of CPI

5 The CPI is commonly used as a measure of consumer price inflation. It is also used as inputs in the formulation of many government policies, as well as in the compilation of economic statistics at constant prices.

A Proxy to Cost of Living Index

6 The CPI is generally accepted as a close proxy to a Cost of Living Index (COLI), particularly when the basket of goods and services and the level of well-being experienced by households are relatively stable. The COLI is a theoretical concept encompassing more than price changes, and is influenced by factors such as changes in lifestyle, income level, household composition and consumer preference. Being an index compiled based on a fixed basket of goods and

services, the CPI generally provides an upper bound to the change in cost of living as it does not take into account the substitution that consumers could potentially make in response to price changes.

III Scope and Coverage of CPI

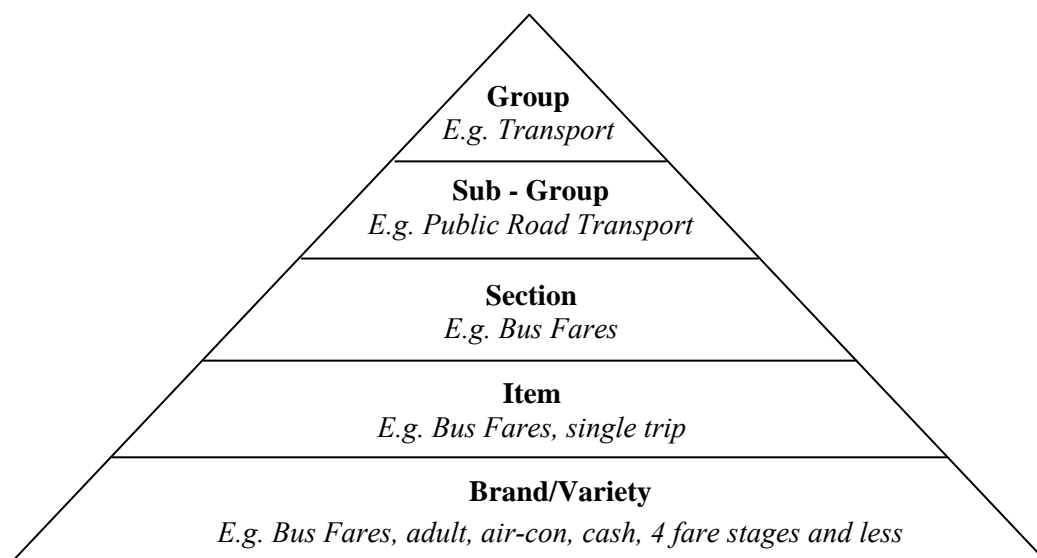
7 The CPI covers only consumption expenditure incurred by resident households. Resident households are defined as households headed by a Singapore citizen or permanent resident. The CPI also excludes non-consumption expenditures such as loan repayments, income and property taxes, purchase of houses, shares and other financial assets etc.

IV Structure of CPI

8 The goods and services included for pricing in the CPI are carefully selected to ensure that they are representative of those commonly purchased by the majority of the households. These goods and services are classified broadly into eight main groups namely, Food, Clothing & Footwear, Housing, Transport, Communication, Education & Stationery, Health Care and “Recreation & Others”. Transport and Communication which were combined as one group in the previous 2004-based CPI are separated into two main groups in the 2009-based CPI.

9 The eight main groups in the CPI are progressively sub-classified into finer groupings as shown in Figure 1:

Figure 1 The Structure of CPI



V Data Collection

10 The price data used in the compilation of the CPI are obtained from a wide range of retailers and service providers commonly patronised by households. Prices collected refer to those actually paid by consumers, that is, inclusive of taxes levied and net of subsidies granted on the specific individual good or service. Special offers and discount prices are considered if they are genuine reduction for a sufficiently long period and the items are available in reasonable quantities.

11 The price data are collected directly from the respondents through personal visits, postal surveys, fax or email. Prices of goods and services such as food items, provision & sundry goods are collected personally by field interviewers. For other items such as utility tariffs, petrol, school fees, prices are obtained through postal surveys, fax or emails.

12 The frequency of the survey depends on the price behaviour of the item. Those items whose prices are volatile (e.g. perishable food items) are surveyed weekly while items with more stable prices such as service & conservancy charges, utility tariffs, bus/train fares, school fees, medical services and household durables are priced monthly, quarterly, half-yearly or as and when the prices/rates change.

VI The CPI with Base Year 2009 =100

13 To maintain the relevance of CPI, the weighting pattern and the CPI basket which comprises goods & services consumed by households are updated once every five years. During the rebasing exercise, the methodology and coverage of the CPI are also reviewed, taking into account recommendations by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) and other countries' best practices.

New Weighting Pattern

14 Households tend to spend more on some items and less on others. As a result, price movements in different items would have different impact on households. In the compilation of the CPI, weights are required to reflect the relative importance of each individual item in the basket. These weights are derived based on the household expenditure on respective items.

15 The base period for the rebased CPI is 2009. The expenditure pattern was derived from the expenditure values collected from the HES 2007/08, which covered some 7,550 resident households. These expenditure values were updated to 2009, taking into account price changes between 2007/08 and 2009.

16 Table 1 shows the weighting pattern for the 2004-based and 2009-based CPI.

Table 1 Weighting Pattern of CPI With Base Period 2004 and 2009

Main Group	Per cent	
	2004-based	2009-based
All Items	100	100
Food	23	22 ^a
<i>Food, excl Prepared Meals</i>	10	9
<i>Prepared Meals</i>	13	14
Clothing & Footwear	4	3
Housing	21	25
Transport	17	16
Communication	5	5
Education & Stationery	8	7
Health Care	5	6
Recreation & Others	17	16

^a Figures do not sum up to total due to rounding

17 Among the major expenditure groups, housing accounted for the largest share at 25 per cent in the 2009-based CPI, up from 21 per cent in the 2004-based CPI. This was attributed mainly to higher expenditure on both rented and owner-occupied housing (OOH). Within the housing group, there were lower expenditure on water tariffs, domestic refuse removal fees and household durables.

18 The share of food fell slightly from 23 per cent in 2004-based CPI to 22 per cent in 2009-based CPI. Within food, the weight for “non-prepared meals” dropped while that for “prepared meals” moved up, especially for restaurant food. The weights for transport and “recreation & others” fell by 1 percentage point each to 16 per cent in 2009-based CPI. The decline in transport share reflected lower weights for cars, road tax and public road transport. Lower expenditure on holiday expenses and government levy on domestic maids contributed to the decline in the weight for “recreation & others”.

19 The share of education & stationery fell from 8 per cent in 2004-based CPI to 7 per cent in 2009-based CPI on account of lower weights for personal computers and overseas university tuition fees. Health care share increased to 6 per cent in 2009-based CPI, as a result of higher expenditure on specialized medical treatment, dental services, pharmaceutical products and medical

insurance premiums. Communication retained its share at 5 per cent in 2009-based CPI as households spent more on internet services and pre-paid mobile phone cards but less on fixed-line residential telephone subscription and call charges.

New Sample of Items and Outlets

20 To reflect the current consumption pattern of resident households, the basket of goods and services used for tracking price changes was also reviewed and updated accordingly.

21 For the 2009-based CPI, the number of brands selected had been expanded to 6,500, up from the 5,170 in the 2004-base. Items selected for regular pricing were those with relatively high weights and representative as price indicators for similar items in the same category. For items which were not selected due to relatively insignificant weights, their weights were distributed to the selected akin items accordingly. This implied that their price movements were represented by similar items included in the CPI basket. Examples of new items included in the 2009-based CPI basket were surgical operation & procedures, home medical and nursing services, budget airfares, bundled packages (fixed line, mobile & broadband services) and compressed natural gas.

22 The total number of outlets selected for pricing in the 2009-based CPI was 4,200, higher than the 3,000 outlets in the 2004-based CPI. The outlets covered included a wide range of retailers and service providers commonly patronised by shoppers. Information on sales volume of the establishment was obtained from the Survey of Wholesale and Retail Trades to assist in the selection process. In determining the number of outlets to be recruited, considerations were also given to the price variability between outlets as well as the weight of the item priced. For those items with relatively high weights and wide price variations, more outlets were selected for pricing.

Methodological Improvements

(a) Inclusion of One-Person Households

23 The coverage for the 2009-based CPI had been expanded to include one-person households in the derivation of the weighting pattern. This group of households was included to reflect its increasing number and share in the total resident households.

(b) *Adopting More Timely Pricing Indicator for Owner-Occupied Housing (OOH) Costs*

24 The purchase of a house is generally regarded as a capital investment rather than a consumption expenditure. As such, it would be more appropriate to measure the cost to the homeowner of utilising the flow of services provided by their homes.

25 For the computation of owner-occupied housing index in the housing group, DOS has adopted the rental equivalence method which measures the shelter cost in terms of the expected rental the owner would have to pay if he were a tenant of the premise (i.e. imputed rental). This method is one of the approaches recommended by the ILO and is also widely adopted by many countries such as US, Japan, Norway and Hong Kong.

26 In the 2004-based CPI, the pricing indicator used to track the changes in OOH costs was the Annual Value (AV) as it coincided with the concept of imputed rental. However, as the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) usually reviews AVs of residential properties once a year, any changes in rentals cannot be reflected in the monthly CPI in a timely manner. For the 2009-based CPI, rental data which are available on a monthly basis from IRAS are used as the pricing indicator for OOH costs in the CPI. It will enable changes in OOH costs to be reflected in the CPI on a more timely basis.

VII Computation of CPI

27 The CPI is calculated using the base-weighted Laspeyres' formula.

$$\begin{aligned} I_{on} &= \frac{\sum P_{nj} Q_{oj}}{\sum P_{oj} Q_{oj}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{\sum P_{oj} Q_{oj} \left(\frac{P_{nj}}{P_{oj}} \right)}{\sum P_{oj} Q_{oj}} \times 100 \\ &= \sum \left[\frac{P_{nj}}{P_{oj}} \left(\frac{P_{oj} Q_{oj}}{\sum P_{oj} Q_{oj}} \right) \right] \times 100 \end{aligned}$$

where

I_{on} is the index for period n compared with base period o ,
 P_{nj} is the price of item j in period n ,
 P_{oj} is the price of item j in base period o ,

Q_{oj}	<i>is the quantity of item j in base period o,</i>
P_{nj} / P_{oj}	<i>is the price relative of item j between period n and base period o,</i>
$P_{oj} \times Q_{oj}$	<i>is the expenditure on item j in the base period o,</i>
$P_{nj} \times Q_{oj}$	<i>is the expenditure on the same quantity of item j in period n,</i>
Σ	<i>means the summation over all selected items within the level.</i>

28 Several stages are involved in the calculation of the CPI. At the most detailed level, a price relative is derived for each variety by taking the ratio of its current month's average price to its corresponding base period price (P_{oj}). The price relatives are aggregated to the next higher level by taking the weighted arithmetic mean using the respective weights or geometric mean where weights are not available. All indices are then aggregated in successive levels to derive the indices at next higher levels and finally the overall CPI.

29 As the CPI is compiled on a monthly basis, the yearly index is derived by taking a simple average of the 12 months' indices for the year. Likewise, the annual inflation rate for any year is computed by taking the ratio of the index for the current year compared with that of the preceding year.

VIII Revision of 2009 Inflation Rate

30 The inflation rate for general households for 2009 had been revised to 0.6 per cent, as a result of changes in the weighting pattern, composition of goods & services, as well as methodological improvements (Table 2). The corresponding rate based on the 2004-based series was 0.2 per cent. Excluding accommodation, the 2009-based CPI fell by 0.5 per cent in 2009, same as that under the 2004-based CPI.

31 Among the main groups, the CPI for housing rose by 1.7 per cent under the 2009-based CPI instead of the 0.3 per cent decline under the 2004-based CPI. The 2004-based CPI was computed with the plan to reflect the AV increase in 2010 when the AV increase took effect. However, with the availability of monthly rental data from IRAS as a pricing indicator for OOH costs, the 2009-based housing CPI was able to reflect more timely the month-to-month changes in OOH costs over the course of 2009, in tandem with the underlying market rental trend.

32 Other major groups also recorded differences in inflation rates, with transport and education & stationery registering relatively higher rates under the 2009-based CPI. On the contrary, main groups such as clothing & footwear, communication, health care and recreation & others experienced relatively lower inflation rates under the 2009-based CPI.

Table 2 Percent Change in CPI for 2009 over 2008

Main Group	2004-Based	2009-Based
All Items	0.2	0.6
Food	2.3	2.3
Clothing & Footwear	1.1	0.8
Housing	-0.3	1.7
Transport	-3.6	-3.2
Communication	1.6	0.2
Education & Stationery	0.3	0.8
Health Care	2.9	2.0
Recreation & Others	-0.1	-0.3
All Items less Accommodation	-0.5	-0.5

IX Linking of Historical Series

33 To facilitate comparison of price changes over time, historical CPI data series were linked to the 2009-based CPI data series by re-scaling them to the new reference period 2009 via a link factor.

X Data Dissemination

34 The latest series of CPI with base year 2009 will continue to be released on the 23rd of every month, or on the following working day if the 23rd falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a public holiday. The CPI for Jan 2010 using the 2009 base will be released on the 23rd Feb 2010.

35 The monthly CPI press release and report for the latest reference month is available from the Department's website (<http://www.singstat.gov.sg>). Monthly and annual CPIs are also published in the Monthly Digest of Statistics (MDS) and Yearbook of Statistics (YOS).

36 To facilitate comparison and analysis, the historical series on CPI will also be made available and subscribers to the Department's Singstat Time Series (STS) may download the series electronically.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009
(2009=100)

Group and Subgroup	Weights	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09
ALL ITEMS	10,000	100.6	100.2	99.7	99.0	99.6	99.1	100.0	100.3	100.0	100.6	100.6	100.0
ALL ITEMS LESS ACCOMMODATION	7,998	100.1	99.7	99.6	99.0	99.1	99.3	99.8	100.3	100.2	100.8	100.9	100.8
FOOD	2,205	100.2	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.1
FOOD EXCLUDING PREPARED MEALS	851	100.9	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.7	99.6	99.6	99.4	99.7	100.0	100.1	100.0
Rice & Other Cereals	165	99.8	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.2	99.8	100.1	99.0	99.1	99.8	100.3	100.3
Meat & Poultry	141	100.2	100.0	99.8	99.7	100.0	99.4	99.7	99.6	99.9	100.9	100.2	100.0
Seafood	134	105.2	100.2	98.8	98.4	99.0	100.2	99.7	100.1	100.2	99.9	98.8	98.6
Dairy Products & Eggs	99	100.5	100.5	100.0	99.1	99.6	99.7	99.9	99.8	100.1	99.9	99.6	100.0
Cooking Oils & Fats	18	101.7	102.8	102.1	100.7	99.5	100.5	99.9	97.5	99.0	99.2	97.5	97.2
Vegetables & Vegetable Products	107	101.4	100.2	100.9	99.7	98.8	98.8	99.0	98.2	98.8	99.3	102.0	101.8
Fruits	86	99.4	99.9	101.4	101.1	100.5	99.0	98.6	99.2	100.1	100.1	99.8	99.3
Sugar, Preserves & Confectionery	27	97.8	98.3	98.6	99.1	99.4	99.7	99.9	100.2	100.7	100.5	102.5	101.9
Non-Alcoholic Beverages	42	100.4	100.7	100.8	100.6	100.4	99.7	99.5	99.5	99.2	99.5	99.4	99.2
Other Food	32	98.5	99.8	100.1	100.3	99.9	99.6	100.2	99.8	100.2	100.6	99.9	99.7
PREPARED MEALS	1,354	99.7	99.6	99.8	99.8	99.8	100.0	100.1	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2	100.2
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	341	98.3	99.5	100.5	100.4	99.2	96.8	100.3	101.6	100.2	101.1	100.9	99.6
HOUSING	2,548	103.2	102.8	100.9	98.4	99.9	97.7	99.9	99.7	98.7	100.3	100.3	98.2
Accommodation	2,002	102.5	102.3	99.9	99.3	101.3	98.5	100.6	100.3	98.9	99.8	99.7	96.9
Fuel & Utilities	357	108.5	106.5	106.5	92.6	92.5	92.5	96.0	96.4	96.6	103.4	104.3	104.4
Household Durables	189	100.6	100.7	100.2	100.1	99.8	99.4	99.6	99.8	99.7	99.9	100.1	99.8

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, JANUARY - DECEMBER 2009 *(continued)*
(2009=100)

Group and Subgroup	Weights	Jan 09	Feb 09	Mar 09	Apr 09	May 09	Jun 09	Jul 09	Aug 09	Sep 09	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09
TRANSPORT	1,553	97.2	97.1	95.8	96.1	97.9	99.4	100.7	103.1	102.7	103.1	103.7	103.1
Private Road Transport	1,166	95.4	95.3	93.8	95.1	97.5	99.5	101.2	104.4	103.8	104.5	105.1	104.2
Public Road Transport	366	101.9	101.9	101.9	99.4	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.3
Other Travel & Transport	21	109.6	107.9	104.4	98.1	96.7	96.9	96.9	94.0	94.9	95.2	96.5	104.2
COMMUNICATION	475	100.6	100.4	100.6	100.7	100.6	100.5	100.4	100.3	100.3	100.0	97.6	97.4
EDUCATION & STATIONERY	735	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.4	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2
Tuition & Other Fees	598	100.0	99.7	99.7	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.5	100.1	100.1	100.2	100.2
School Textbooks & Stationery	72	99.9	99.7	99.8	99.8	100.2	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.2	100.3	100.3
Newspapers, Magazines & Books	65	99.8	99.8	99.8	99.9	100.0	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
HEALTH CARE	586	99.8	99.9	99.8	99.7	99.7	99.8	100.2	99.9	100.2	100.2	100.3	100.2
Medical Treatment	352	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1	100.1
Dental Treatment	48	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.7	100.7	100.8
Proprietary Medicines & Supplies	106	99.3	100.2	99.5	99.1	98.9	99.3	100.8	99.4	100.6	100.8	101.1	100.5
Medical Health Insurance	80	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
RECREATION & OTHERS	1,557	101.4	100.3	100.6	100.4	99.8	99.6	99.2	99.1	99.1	99.5	100.0	100.6
Recreation & Entertainment	320	100.0	100.0	100.1	100.1	99.9	99.8	100.1	100.1	100.0	99.9	99.9	99.8
Alcoholic Drinks & Tobacco	136	99.5	99.8	100.3	100.1	100.2	100.0	100.2	99.9	99.9	100.0	100.0	100.1
Personal Care	222	100.2	100.2	100.2	99.8	99.8	99.6	99.7	100.1	99.9	100.0	99.9	100.2
Household Services	250	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.7	99.7	99.7	99.9	100.0	100.3	100.5	100.7	100.7
Non-Durable Household Goods	71	98.0	99.0	99.4	99.9	99.8	99.6	100.3	100.7	100.5	100.6	100.5	100.6
Personal Effects	78	99.6	96.1	101.8	101.1	100.1	98.0	97.6	100.9	100.3	101.2	100.8	100.6
Hobbies & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure	480	105.1	101.9	101.9	101.3	99.7	99.6	97.8	96.8	97.0	97.8	99.4	101.4

WEIGHTING PATTERN FOR 2009-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Group, Sub-Group and Section	Per 10,000
ALL ITEMS	10,000
FOOD	2,205
FOOD EXCLUDING PREPARED MEALS	851
<i>Rice & Other Cereals</i>	<i>165</i>
Rice	39
Flour	4
Bread	39
Noodles, Macaroni & Spaghetti	13
Biscuits	14
Cakes & Pastries	48
Other Cereals & Cereal Preparations	8
<i>Meat & Poultry</i>	<i>141</i>
Chilled Pork	54
Frozen Pork	2
Chilled Beef	8
Chilled Mutton	4
Chilled Poultry	37
Frozen Poultry	8
Processed Meat Products	12
Canned Meat	11
Cooked Meat	5
<i>Seafood</i>	<i>134</i>
Fresh Fish	79
Dried & Salted Fish	3
Canned Fish	3
Other Fresh & Frozen Sea Products	30
Other Dried & Salted Sea Products	4
Other Canned Sea Products	5
Other Seafood Preparations	10
<i>Dairy Products & Eggs</i>	<i>99</i>
Milk	67
Other Dairy Products	19
Eggs	13
<i>Cooking Oils & Fats</i>	<i>18</i>
Cooking Fats	1
Cooking Oils	17

WEIGHTING PATTERN FOR 2009-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*(continued)*

Group, Sub-Group and Section	Per 10,000
<i>Vegetables & Vegetable Products</i>	<i>107</i>
Fresh Leafy Vegetables	41
Fresh Fruit Vegetables	20
Fresh Root Vegetables	20
Frozen Vegetables	2
Dried & Salted Vegetables	6
Canned / Bottled Vegetables	5
Beans, Peas & Nuts	7
Soya Bean Products	6
 <i>Fruits</i>	 <i>86</i>
Fresh Tropical Fruits	31
Fresh Non-Tropical Fruits	44
Canned / Bottled / Packeted Fruit & Juices	7
Dried & Preserved Fruits	4
 <i>Sugar, Preserves & Confectionery</i>	 <i>27</i>
Sugar	3
Sweets & Chocolates	17
Syrups & Sugar Preserves	7
 <i>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</i>	 <i>42</i>
Coffee & Tea	16
Cocoa & Other Beverages	8
Soft Drinks (Including Cordials & Squashes)	18
 <i>Other Food</i>	 <i>32</i>
Sauces, Salt & Other Condiments	14
Spices & Other Related Preparations	4
Other Food	14
 PREPARED MEALS	 1,354
Hawker Food	915
Fast Food	76
Restaurant Food	352
Catered Food	11
 CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR	 341
 <i>Ready-Made Clothing & Accessories</i>	 <i>258</i>
Men's Outer-Clothing	60
Men's Under-Clothing	3
Men's Hosiery & Clothing Accessories	7

WEIGHTING PATTERN FOR 2009-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*(continued)*

Group, Sub-Group and Section	Per 10,000
Women's Outer-Clothing	127
Women's Under-Clothing	11
Women's Hosiery & Clothing Accessories	5
Boys' Outer-Clothing	11
Girls' Outer-Clothing	11
Children's Under-Clothing & Clothing Accessories	22
Haberdasheries	1
<i>Clothing Materials</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Tailoring & Dressmaking Charges</i>	<i>13</i>
Men's Clothing	3
Women's Clothing	9
Alteration of Clothing	1
<i>Footwear</i>	<i>67</i>
Men's Footwear	25
Women's Footwear	34
Children's Footwear	7
Repair & Hire of Footwear	1
HOUSING	2,548
<i>Accommodation</i>	<i>2,002</i>
Rented Accommodation	185
Owner-Occupied Accommodation	1,564
Minor Repairs & Maintenance	253
<i>Fuel & Utilities</i>	<i>357</i>
Water	84
Electricity	207
Gas (Including Liquefied Petroleum Gas)	37
Environmental Services	29
<i>Household Durables</i>	<i>189</i>
Furniture	36
Floor Coverings	2
Household Furnishings	21
Household Appliances & Equipment	40
Audio-Visual Equipment & Accessories	54
Musical Instruments	4
Kitchen Appliances & Utensils	9
Crockery & Cutlery	6
Other Household Durables	17

WEIGHTING PATTERN FOR 2009-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX*(continued)*

Group, Sub-Group and Section	Per 10,000
TRANSPORT	1,553
<i>Private Road Transport</i>	<i>1,166</i>
Cars & Other Vehicles	603
Repairs & Maintenance & Purchase of Spare Parts	65
Other Running Costs	498
<i>Public Road Transport</i>	<i>366</i>
Bus Fares	112
Train Fares	90
Taxi Fares	133
Commuting Fares	22
Hiring of Vehicles	8
Others	1
<i>Other Travel & Transport</i>	<i>21</i>
Sea Fares	1
Air Fares	18
Local Conducted Tours	1
Others	1
COMMUNICATION	475
Postage	2
Telecommunication Services	446
Communication Equipment	27
EDUCATION & STATIONERY	735
<i>Tuition & Other Fees</i>	<i>598</i>
School & Tuition Fees	360
Other Tuition / Course Fees	236
Examination / Test Fees	2
<i>School Textbooks & Stationery</i>	<i>72</i>
School Textbooks & Assessment Papers	21
Stationery	22
Computers & Accessories	28
Photocopying, Laminating & Book Binding Charges	1
<i>Newspapers, Magazines & Books</i>	<i>65</i>
Newspapers	38
Magazines	6
Books	21

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Group, Sub-Group and Section	Per 10,000
HEALTH CARE	586
<i>Medical Treatment</i>	352
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General Consultation Fees	68
Specialised Medical Treatment Fees	124
Nursing Services	13
<i>Dental Treatment</i>	48
<i>Proprietary Medicines & Supplies</i>	106
Patent Medicines	30
Vitamins & Health Food / Supplements	39
Chinese Medicines & Herbs	23
Slimming Products	2
Antiseptics & Surgical Dressings	1
Other Medical Related Products / Equipments	11
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RECREATION & OTHERS	1,557
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<i>Alcoholic Drinks & Tobacco</i>	136
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Wines & Spirits	26
Cigarettes	78
<i>Personal Care</i>	222
Hairdressing & Beauty Treatment	95
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<i>Household Services</i>	250
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WEIGHTING PATTERN FOR 2009-BASED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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Group, Sub-Group and Section	Per 10,000
<i>Non-Durable Household Goods</i>	71
Soap & Cleansing Preparations	29
Other Non-Durable Household Goods	42
<i>Personal Effects</i>	78
Leather & Travel Goods	53
Watches & Other Personal Effects	25
<i>Hobbies & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure</i>	480
Animals & Pets	19
Seeds, Plants & Flowers	10
Other Hobbies	1
Holiday Expenses	399
Other Expenditure	51

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
ALL ITEMS		
FOOD		
FOOD EXCLUDING PREPARED MEALS		
<i>Rice & Other Cereals</i>		
	Rice	Thai white rice, 100% whole, fragrant, premium Thai white rice, 100% whole, fragrant, medium Thai white rice, 100% whole, ordinary Japanese rice Brown rice Australian rice Glutinous rice
	Flour	Plain wheat flour Prepared flour mix Corn flour Self-raising flour
	Bread	White / brown bread Vitamin enriched white bread Wholemeal bread Fruit loaf French loaf Bread with meat Bread with cream Bread with other fillings Bread with no filling Chilled / frozen bread
	Noodles, Macaroni & Spaghetti	Fresh noodle Instant noodle Rice noodle Rice vermicelli Pasta
	Biscuits	Soda crackers Assorted biscuits Butter cookies Salted / cheese biscuits

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Biscuits <i>(continued)</i>	Chocolate cookies Digestive biscuits Biscuits with cream
	Cakes & Pastries	Nyonya, Chinese, Malay & Indian cakes Assorted / whole western cakes Curry puffs Fruit / cream rolls & puffs Meat pies Doughnuts Tarts Waffles (including pancakes)
	Other Cereals & Cereal Preparations	Rolled oat Prepared baby cereals Breakfast cereals Muesli & cereal bars Instant cereal drinks
	<i>Meat & Poultry</i>	
	Chilled Pork	Loin Shoulder Lean and fat Belly Side Leg Liver Tripe
	Frozen Pork	Loin Side
	Chilled Beef	Rib Tenderloin / striploin Rumpsteak Topside
	Chilled Mutton	Loin

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING
(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Chilled Poultry	Hen Spring chicken Chicken wings Chicken thighs / drumsticks Chicken fillet Duck
	Frozen Poultry	Whole chicken Chicken wings Chicken thighs Chicken fillet / breast
	Processed Meat Products	Bacon Cooked ham Sausages Chicken nuggets Meatballs
	Canned Meat	Stewed pork Pork cubes Pork leg with mushroom Minced pork with bean paste Luncheon meat Curry chicken Corned beef Curry mutton Chicken soup
	Cooked Meat	Grilled meat (bak kwa) Meat floss
	<i>Seafood</i>	
	Fresh Fish	Pomfret Grouper Threadfin Dorab Gold / yellow-banded scad (kuning) Spanish mackerel (tenggiri) Horse mackerel (selar) Mackerel (kembong) Snapper Sea bream

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Fresh Fish <i>(continued)</i>	Salmon Sea bass Cod Leather jacket fish Ray Sheng yu
	Dried & Salted Fish	Dried anchovies (ikan bilis) Threadfin Dried fish maw
	Canned Fish	Sardines Tuna
	Other Fresh & Frozen Sea Products	Prawns Crabs Squids Sea slugs Scallops
	Other Dried & Salted Sea Products	Dried prawns Dried sea slugs Dried scallops Dried oysters Dried cuttlefish
	Other Canned Sea Products	Abalone Clams
	Other Seafood Preparations	Fish cakes Fish balls Fish fingers / fillets Sotong balls
	<i>Dairy Products & Eggs</i>	
	Milk	Fresh milk Condensed milk Evaporated milk Infant milk powder Full cream milk powder

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Milk <i>(continued)</i>	Skimmed milk powder Cultured milk Yoghurt drink
	Other Dairy Products	Butter Cheese Ice-cream Soya bean milk Yoghurt Artificial cream
	Eggs	Hen eggs Salted & preserved eggs
	<i>Cooking Oils & Fats</i>	
	Cooking Fats	Ghee
	Cooking Oils	Margarine Cooking oil Corn oil Sesame oil Olive oil Canola oil Soya bean oil Sunflower oil
	<i>Vegetables & Vegetable Products</i>	
	Fresh Leafy Vegetables	Cabbage Spinach Small mustard Chinese kale Water cress Lettuce Kang kong Bean sprouts Asparagus Cauliflower Broccoli Chinese white cabbage Celery

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Fresh Leafy Vegetables <i>(continued)</i>	Spring onions Taiwan peh chye Por choy / puay leng Baby bok choy ('nai bai')
	Fresh Fruit Vegetables	Cucumbers Long string beans French beans Ladies' fingers Egg plants Bitter gourds Squash Winter melons Tomatoes Chillies Green pepper Corns
	Fresh Root Vegetables	Potatoes Sweet potatoes Onions Garlic Ginger Carrots Radish Lotus roots Fresh mushrooms
	Frozen Vegetables	French fries Mixed vegetables
	Dried & Salted Vegetables	Salted vegetables Dried mushrooms Dried chillies Dried seaweed
	Canned / Bottled Vegetables	Button mushrooms Baked beans Vegetable soup Pickled lettuce Straw mushrooms Young corn

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Beans, Peas & Nuts	Pistachio nuts Peanuts Cashew nuts Dried horse chestnuts Ginkgo Lotus seeds Mixed nuts Almonds Red, green & black beans
	Soya Bean Products	Beancurd Assorted 'yong tau hoo' Bean vermicelli Preserved bean curd (hoo joo) Tau pok Bean curd stick Fermented beans
	<i>Fruits</i>	
	Fresh Tropical Fruits	Papaya Bananas Pineapple Coconut Watermelon Star fruit Guava Mango Honey dew & rock melon Dragon fruit
	Fresh Non-Tropical Fruits	Orange Apple Grapes Pear Lemon Strawberries Kiwi
	Canned / Bottled / Packeted Fruits & Juices	Fruit juice Fruit cocktail

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Canned / Bottled / Packeted Fruits & Juices <i>(continued)</i>	Longans Lychees Peaches
	Dried & Preserved Fruits	Prunes Dates Plums Dried longans Dried mango Raisins
	<i>Sugar, Preserves & Confectionery</i>	
	Sugar	White sugar Rock sugar Brown sugar
	Sweets & Chocolates	Sweets Chocolates Wafer biscuits / sticks
	Syrups & Sugar Preserves	Kaya Jam Honey Peanut butter Garlic, hazelnut & chocolate spread
	<i>Non-Alcoholic Beverages</i>	
	Coffee & Tea	Coffee powder Instant coffee Chinese & flower tea Tea leaves Tea bags Herbal tea
	Cocoa & Other Beverages	Malted cocoa-based beverage
	Soft Drinks (Including Cordials & Squashes)	Aerated soft drinks Non-aerated soft drinks Fruit drinks

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Soft Drinks (Including Cordials & Squashes) <i>(continued)</i>	Cordials & squashes Mineral water
	<i>Other Food</i>	
	Sauces, Salt & Other Condiments	Soy sauce Oyster sauce Tomato sauce Chilli sauce Pasta sauce Salt Chicken cubes Mayonnaise Vinegar Prepacked chinese herbal preparation
	Spices & Other Related Preparations	Curry powder Pepper powder Spice powder
	Other Food	Popcorn Edible seeds Potato chips Prawn & fish crackers Jelly
	PREPARED MEALS	
	Hawker Food	Noodle Rice vermicelli Rice with meat / fish / vegetables Malay & Indian food Western dishes Korean / Japanese / Thai food Finger food Cooked poultry Cooked pork Chinese / Nyonya cakes & dim sum Malay & Indian cakes Dessert Fresh fruit

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Hawker Food <i>(continued)</i>	Fresh fruit juice Tea & coffee Soft drinks
	Fast Food	Burger & sandwich Fried chicken Fried fish Rice dishes French fries Dine-in & delivery meals Tea & coffee Soft drinks & fruit juices Ice cream / sundae
	Restaurant Food	Buffet meals Dim sum Chinese cuisine Malay / Indonesian / Indian cuisine Italian / Korean / Japanese / Thai cuisine Western meals Cakes & pastries Desserts Tea & coffee Soft drinks Float / milk shake / ice cream / sundae Fruit juice / cocktail
	Catered Food	Regular meal catering Buffet catering
CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR		
<i>Ready-Made Clothing & Accessories</i>		
	Men's Outer-Clothing	Shirt T-shirt Jacket Suits Jeans Trousers / pants Shorts & bermudas Sarong / Baju Kurong

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Men's Outer-Clothing <i>(continued)</i>	Cardigan & pullover Swimming trunks
	Men's Under-Clothing	Briefs Singlet
	Men's Hosiery & Clothing Accessories	Socks Belt Necktie Cuff links / tiepins Cap Handkerchief
	Women's Outer-Clothing	Dress Skirt / pant-suit Blouse T-shirt Pants Jeans Skirt Shorts & bermudas Sari Sarong Swimming costume Cardigan Jacket
	Women's Under-Clothing	Brassiere Panties Pyjama & night-dress
	Women's Hosiery & Clothing Accessories	Scarf Belt Socks Hat Shawl
	Boys' Outer-Clothing	Shirt T-shirt

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Boys' Outer-Clothing <i>(continued)</i>	Trousers / pants Shorts & bermudas School uniform Swimming trunks Jacket
	Girls' Outer-Clothing	Dress Blouse T-shirt Skirt / pants School uniform Cardigan & jacket Swim wear
	Children's Under-Clothing & Clothing Accessories	Singlet Pyjama Brief / Panties Socks Cap Infants' dresses Rompers Vest Babies' napkins / diapers
	Haberdasheries	Thread Ribbon
	<i>Clothing Materials</i>	Cotton Silk Polyester
	<i>Tailoring & Dressmaking Charges</i>	
	Men's Clothing	Shirt Trousers
	Women's Clothing	Dress Blouse Cheong sum Sarong kebaya

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Women's Clothing <i>(continued)</i>	Skirt suit
	Alteration of Clothing	Dress / blouse / pants / jeans
	<i>Footwear</i>	
	Men's Footwear	Shoes (leather, canvas & other materials) Sports shoes Sandals Slippers
	Women's Footwear	Shoes (leather, canvas & other materials) Sports shoes Dress sandals Slippers
	Children's Footwear	Shoes (leather, canvas & other materials) Sports shoes Sandals / slippers
	Repair & Hire of Footwear	Repair of soles & heels
	HOUSING	
	<i>Accommodation</i>	
	Rented Accommodation	Monthly rental, including room charges for hostels
	Owner-Occupied Accommodation	Imputed rental Housing insurance premium
	Minor Repairs & Maintenance	Monthly service & conservancy charges for flats Repairs & renovation of house / room Paint
	<i>Fuel & Utilities</i>	
	Water	Water tariff for domestic consumption Water-borne fee

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Electricity	Electricity tariff for domestic consumption
	Gas	Gas tariff for domestic consumption of piped gas Liquefied petroleum gas
	Environmental Services	Sanitary appliance / sewer fee Monthly domestic refuse removal fee
	<i>Household Durables</i>	
	Furniture	Bed Wardrobe Sideboard Table Chair Sitting room set Dining room set Bedroom set Kitchen cabinet Shoe rack Mirror
	Floor Coverings	Carpet Door mat / bathroom mat
	Household Furnishings	Mattress Pillow & bolster Pillow / bolster / mattress cover Bedsheet Blanket & quilt Curtain Linenry
	Household Appliances & Equipment	Refrigerator Air-conditioner Iron Fan Vacuum cleaner Microwave oven Washing machine Air purifier Water heater

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Household Appliances & Equipment <i>(continued)</i>	Repairs & servicing of household appliances
	Audio-Visual Equipment & Accessories	Television set Hi-fi set VCD / DVD player Walkman / Discman / MD walkman / MP3 / MP4 player Pre recorded CD/ DVD / VCD Repairs to parts / accessories
	Musical Instruments	Piano Guitar Violin Tuning of piano
	Kitchen Appliances & Utensils	Cooker & burner Rice cooker Kettle Blender / grinder Pot & pan Electrical steamboat Oven toaster
	Crockery & Cutlery	Chinaware / Porcelain Plasticware / Melamineware Glassware Fork, spoon & knife Chopper Tiffin carrier Kitchen shears Tongs Can opener Ladle Scissors Chopping board
	Other Household Durables	Broom, brush & mop Ceiling light Lamp Electric bulb

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Other Household Durables <i>(continued)</i>	Clock Hand tool Home water feature / fountain Power socket Head shower set Laundry basket Dustbin Air-pot Ironing board Plastic pail
TRANSPORT		
<i>Private Road Transport</i>		
	Cars & Other Vehicles	Car Motorcycle & scooter Bicycle Baby pram, stroller & walker
	Repairs & Maintenance & Purchase of Spare Parts	Repairs & servicing of cars Repairs & servicing of motorcycles & scooters Repairs & servicing of bicycles Car tyre Battery Car CD / MP3 Player Children's car seat Spark plug Oil filter Clutch disc / plate Brake shoe
	Other Running Costs	Petrol, 98 Octane Petrol, 95 Octane Petrol, 92 Octane Engine / motor oil Diesel Brake fluid & compressed natural gas Motorcycle insurance premium Road tax Driving licence Car insurance premium Car wash & grooming

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Other Running Costs <i>(continued)</i>	Cleaning & maintenance products Parking fee Car inspection fee Electronic road pricing charge
	<i>Public Road Transport</i>	
	Bus Fares	Bus concession stamps Bus fare
	Train Fares	Train concession pass Train fare
	Taxi Fares	Taxi fare
	Commuting Fares	Commuting fare to & from school and office
	Hiring of Vehicle	Car rental Moving service / removal charge
	Others	Coach fare
	<i>Other Travel & Transport</i>	
	Sea Fares	Sea fare
	Air Fares	Airport tax & air fare
	Local Conducted Tours	City tour
	Others	Travel insurance premium
	COMMUNICATION	
	Postage	Postage for letters
	Telecommunication Services	Prepaid calling card Telephone subscription fee Telephone call charge International telephone call charge Mobile phone subscription fee Mobile phone call charge Mobile phone charge for SMS & MMS Mobile phone add-on-service charge Internet subscription fee

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Telecommunication Services (continued)	Bundled packages for fixed line, mobile & broadband service Telephone value added service
	Communication Equipment	Telephone Mobile phone Mobile phone battery Handsfree headset & charger
EDUCATION & STATIONERY		
<i>Tuition & Other Fees</i>		
	School & Tuition Fees	Kindergarten fee (including nursery) Childcare centre fee Playgroup fee Primary school miscellaneous fee Secondary & Junior Colleges school & miscellaneous fee Course fee at Institute of Technical Education Polytechnic tuition fee University tuition fee Course fee at other tertiary institutions Examination fee
	Other Tuition / Course Fees	Academic subjects course fee Computer course fee Commercial course fee Music course fee (including music theory) Fees for recreational, cultural & art lesson English course fee Mandarin course fee Other language course fee: French, German, Indonesian Japanese, Korean & Thai Enrichment course fee Driving lesson fee Sports lesson fee
	Examination / Test Fees	Driving test fee Music examination fee
<i>School Textbooks & Stationery</i>		
	School Textbooks & Assessment Papers	School textbooks & reference books Assessment books / papers

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Stationery	Exercise book & writing pad Envelope Copy paper Art paper Pencil (including lead refill) Pen (including refill) Drawing and colour pencil Greeting card File Calculator Printer cartridge Photo album Eraser
	Computers & Accessories	Personal computer & laptop Printer Monitor Mouse Laptop charger Computer software (including software games) Thumbdrive Blank DVD & CD-R/RW
	Photocopying, Laminating & Book Binding Charges	Photocopying, laminating & book binding charges
	<i>Newspapers, Magazines & Books</i>	
	Newspapers	Newspapers
	Magazines	Magazines & periodicals
	Books	Books Comics Dictionary Renting of books
	HEALTH CARE	
	<i>Medical Treatment</i>	
	Hospitalisation Fees	Ward charges Daily treatment fee Surgical operation fee Diagnostic imaging & investigation fee

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Hospitalisation Fees <i>(continued)</i>	Delivery fee (including maternity packages) Physiotherapy charges
	General Consultation Fees	Consultation fee at polyclinics & general practitioners
	Specialised Medical Treatment Fees	Medical fee for specialists services X-ray Dialysis Physiotherapy Radiotherapy / chemotherapy Chinese physician consultation fee Acupuncture Foot reflexology Blood & urine test Pap Smear Ultrasound Health screening programme
	Nursing Services	Nursing home fee Day rehabilitation centre / home medical & nursing services care charges Community hospital charges
	<i>Dental Treatment</i>	Tooth extraction Scaling & polishing Filling Root canal treatment Orthodontic (braces) fitting cost Dentures fitting cost Crowning Dental consultation fee
	<i>Proprietary Medicines & Supplies</i>	
	Patent Medicines	Pills / tablets / capsules Lozenges & medicinal sweets Cough mixture Ointment Medicated oil Medicated plaster

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Vitamins & Health Food / Supplements	Caltrate Manuka honey Cod liver oil Evening primrose oil
	Chinese Medicines & Herbs	Chinese herbs Essence of chicken / fish / birds' nest Dried birds' nest
	Slimming Products	Slimming pill, powder, soup & drinks
	Antiseptics & Surgical Dressings	Cotton wool Bandage
	Other Medical Related Products / Equipments	Digital thermometer / thermoscan Blood pressure monitor Aromatherapy products
	<i>Medical Health Insurance</i>	Medical health insurance premium
RECREATION & OTHERS		
	<i>Recreation & Entertainment</i>	
	Cinema & Entertainment Fees	Admission charge to cinemas Admission charge to concert halls Admission charge to games & sports Admission charge to places of interest Rental of sports & games & recreational facilities Rental of facilities for social functions Coin-operated entertainment Subscription fee for country / golfing clubs Rental of karaoke lounges & packages Admission charge to nightclubs & discotheques
	Television & Car Radio Licences, Pay-TV Subscription & Rental of DVDs / VCDs	Television licence fee Car radio licence fee Subscription fee for Pay-TV Rental of DVDs / VCDs

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Sports Equipment & Toys	Sports goods Sports wear Indoor games Electronic / video games Toys
	Optical & Photographic Goods	Spectacles (including sunglasses) Contact lens Solution for contact lens Photo processing Camera Camera accessories
	<i>Alcoholic Drinks & Tobacco</i>	
	Beer & Stout	Beer Stout
	Wines & Spirits	Brandy Whisky Wine Liqueur Chinese medicinal wine Vodka Gin
	Cigarettes	Cigarettes
	<i>Personal Care</i>	
	Hairdressing & Beauty Treatment	Haircut Permanent wave Hair colouring / highlighting Hair treatment Rebonding / straightening Wash & blow Facial treatment Slimming treatment Spa treatment (including body massage) Manicure & pedicure Eyebrow shaping Waxing
	Cosmetics & Toilet Requisites	Perfume & cologne Face cream & cleansing products Lotion for face, hand & body

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Cosmetics & Toilet Requisites <i>(continued)</i>	Face powder Talcum powder Lipstick Eye cream & make-up Nail polish & remover Hair cream Hairspray Shampoo Hair-colouring cream Toilet soap Toothpaste Toothbrush Dental floss Electric shaver Hairdryer Sanitary napkins Deodorant & body spray Suntan & sunblock lotion Facial cotton Nail clipper
	<i>Household Services</i>	
	Domestic Services	Salary for foreign domestic maid Government levy on foreign domestic maid Part-time domestic house cleaning charges Employment agency fee for foreign domestic maid Garden maintenance fee
	Laundry & Cleaning	Laundry Dry cleaning
	<i>Non-Durable Household Goods</i>	
	Soap & Cleansing Preparations	Soap powder Liquid laundry detergent Dish washing detergent Floor cleaner Disinfectant Fabric softener Air freshener Bleaching liquid Glass & kitchen cleaner

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING

(continued)

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Other Non-Durable Household Goods	Toilet paper Tissue paper (including table napkin) Disposable cups, plates, bowls, forks & spoons Insecticide Battery Joss sticks Joss paper Pad lock Clothes' hangers Baby feeding accessories
	<i>Personal Effects</i>	
	Leather & Travel Goods	Women's handbag Wallet & purse Suitcase Briefcase Pouch School bag Credit card holder & passport case
	Watches & Other Personal Effects	Watch Costume jewellery Umbrella Hair accessories Changing of watch strap & battery
	<i>Hobbies & Other Miscellaneous Expenditure</i>	
	Animals & Pets	Aquarium fish Food for pets Dog's collar Equipment and accessories for fish Dog's licence & grooming products & services Treatment fee for dogs & cats
	Seeds, Plants & Flowers	Potted plants Cut flowers Flower / fruit bouquets Gardening & other accessories
	Other Hobbies	Photo album & photo / poster frame

LIST OF ITEMS SELECTED FOR PRICING*(continued)*

Group,	Sub-Group and Section	Examples of Items Priced
	Holiday Expenses	Packaged and non-packaged tours Booking of hotels Rental of bungalows & chalets
	Other Expenditure	Subscription to trade unions, clubs & associations Wedding studio package (including gowns & photographer) Passport fee Legal service fee Bank charges Locker fee at swimming pool Overdue charge for late return of library books Identity card registration fee Birth certificate fee

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