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The headline inflation rate in February 2016 (i.e. the annual percentage change in the CPI in February 2016 compared with that of February 2015) for the country is 7.3 %. This annual rate of inflation is 1.7 index points higher than the corresponding annual rate of 5.6 % observed in January 2016.

The Month on Month inflation rate (i.e. the percentage change in the CPI in February 2016 compared with that of January 2016) is 2.4 %.

This higher headline inflation was due to increasing annual rates of change reflected in February in the price indices for:

- Food and non-alcoholic beverages which increased from 6.6 % in January 2016 to 10.5 % in February 2016. Bread and cereals, oils and fats, fruit, as well as confectionery products were seen as the leading products that caused the increased price index.
- Transport which increased from 1.6 % in January 2016 to 11.9 % in February 2016, where the increase in passenger transport by road (including bus and taxi fares) was the leading causes of the increase in the transport industry.

The increasing rates were slightly counteracted by decreasing rates of growth in the price indices for:

- Restaurants and hotels saw a decrease from 5.3 % in January 2016 to 0.7 % in February 2016.
- Education decreased from 6.7 % in January 2016 to 3.0 % in February 2016.
- Recreation and culture which decreased from 4.7 % in January 2016 to 2.9 % in February 2016.

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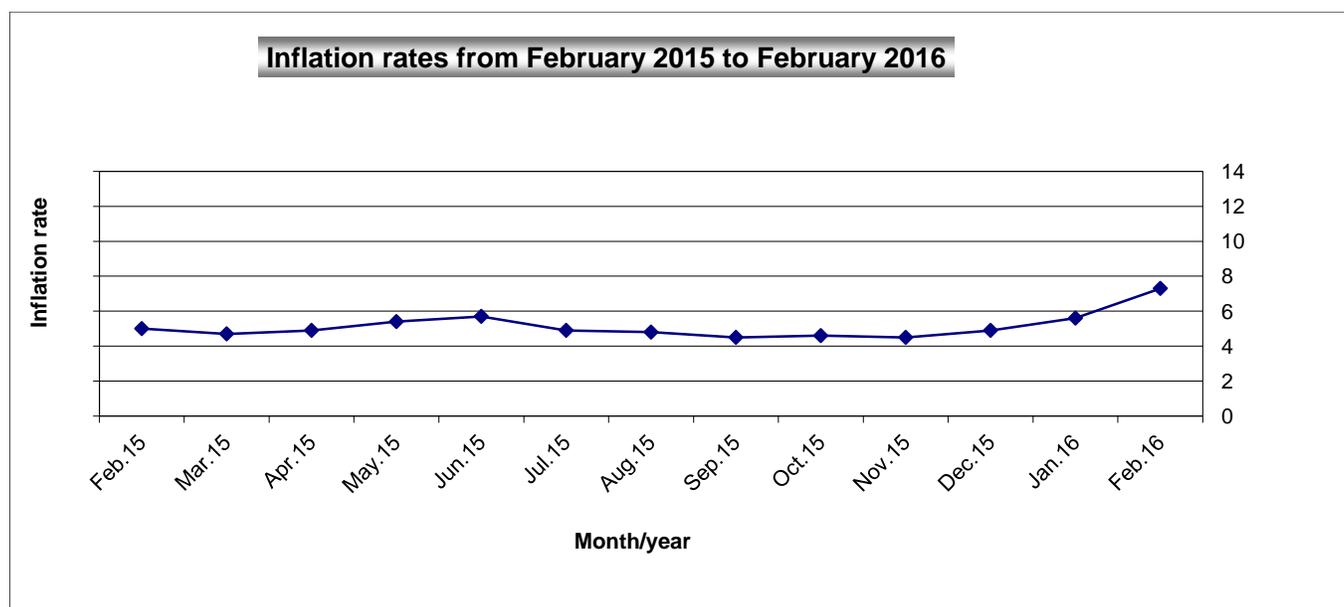
NB: Detailed statistical tables of the CPI are available on request.

A summary of the national and main group CPI and Inflation rate for February 2016 is shown in the Table as follows:

Table 1: National and main group CPI and Inflation rate for February 2016 (Base period: December 2012 = 100)

	Main Groups (COICOP classification)	Weight	CPI	Month-Month Inflation rate	Headline Inflation rate breakdown
			Feb	Feb	Feb
1	Food & Non Alcoholic beverages	29.22	123.8	5.3	10.5
2	Alcoholic beverages & Tobacco	0.39	114.5	0.0	3.6
3	Clothing & Footwear	3.42	122.9	1.7	4.9
4	Housing and Utilities	29.15	114.3	0.0	5.9
5	Furnishing and Household equipment	4.75	114.5	1.1	5.6
6	Health	3.39	114.8	-0.3	0.3
7	Transport	10.50	124.9	7.8	11.9
8	Communications	2.74	106.6	0.0	7.6
9	Recreation and Culture	1.07	119.6	0.2	2.9
10	Education	9.11	130.7	1.3	3.0
11	Restaurants and Hotels	1.79	115.1	0.0	0.7
12	Miscellaneous Goods and Services	4.47	118.4	0.2	9.2
	National / All Items	100	119.8	2.4	7.3

Graph: Year on year inflation rates series from February 2015 to February 2016



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Table 2: All items index (December 2012 = 100) and year on year inflation rates series.

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aver
2011	All Index	86.09	87.03	87.75	88.59	89.25	89.43	89.59	90.45	90.65	91.23	91.50	92.37	89.5
	Inflation rate	4.3	4.2	5.5	6.6	7.1	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.0	6.4	6.5	6.1
2012	All Index	94.1	95.2	95.4	97.1	97.3	97.4	97.4	98.1	98.5	99.5	99.8	100.0	97.5
	Inflation rate	9.3	9.4	8.8	9.6	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.7	8.5	8.7	9.1	9.1	8.9
2013	All Index	100.2	101.6	101.8	102.5	102.7	102.9	103.3	103.8	104.1	104.2	104.2	104.4	103.0
	Inflation rate	6.5	6.7	6.6	5.6	5.5	5.6	5.6	6.0	5.9	5.7	4.7	4.4	5.6
2014	All Index	104.9	106.4	107.0	108.0	108.3	108.3	109.7	110.1	110.6	110.7	111.0	110.9	108.8
	Inflation rate	4.7	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.5	5.3	5.3	6.2	6.0	6.2	6.3	6.6	5.7
2015	All Index	110.7	111.7	112.1	113.3	114.1	114.6	115.1	115.3	115.6	115.8	116.0	116.3	114.2
	Inflation rate	5.6	5.0	4.7	4.9	5.4	5.7	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.6	4.5	4.9	5.0
2016	All Index	117.0	119.8											
	Inflation rate	5.6	7.3											

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