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December 2016 quarter CPI down a tad more

The Tokelau National Statistics Office (TNSO) collects quarterly prices from the co-op and bulk stores on the atolls Atafu, Nukunonu and Fakaofu; as well as prices from some local service providers. It then calculates the Consumer price index (CPI) to provide the rate of price change of goods and services purchased by Tokelau households - a measure of local inflation.

In the December 2016 quarter compared with the September 2016 quarter, the

- CPI fell by 1.2 percent.
- Main downward contribution (15 percent) came from the Furnishings, household equipment and routine household maintenance, due to the availability of a cheaper brand of washing powder and fabric softener.
- Miscellaneous goods and services went down 5.1 percent, due to the price of nappies and soap.
- Food and non-alcoholic beverages group fell by 2.4 percent, due to a large drop in the price of mayonnaise.
- Main upward contribution (5.8 percent) came from the Transport group, due to a rise in the price of petrol.
- Alcoholic beverages and cigarettes group rose by 1.4 percent.
- Clothing and footwear group fell by 0.9 percent.
- Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by 0.1 percent.
- Communications group remained unchanged.

From the December 2015 quarter to the December 2016 quarter:

- The CPI decreased 2.7 percent.
- This compares with a 2.4 percent decrease in the year to the September 2016 quarter.

The full information release on the Tokelau CPI, including graphs, tables and technical notes, is available from <http://TokelauNSO.tk>

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