

Press Release Consumer Price Index May 2012

#### Consumer Price Index, base period December 2006 May 2012

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of May 2012.

The CPI for May 2012 is 121.81, a decrease of 0.05% compared to the index of April 2012 (121.88) and accumulating an increase of 0.38% up to and including May of this year.

The percentage change of the CPI over the last 12 months (May 2011 to May 2012) is 1.43, a decrease of 3.01 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (4.44).

The period average percentage change of the CPI for the period May 2011 - May 2012 is 5.15, an increase of 4.33 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the period May 2010 - May 2011 (0.82).

During this month, six of the twelve sectors registered decreases in prices. The decrease which had the greatest influence on the CPI was registered for the "Household operation" sector (-0.76%), causing an effect of -0.05 ppts. The decreases in the remaining sectors had a total effect of -0.08 ppts on the CPI of May 2012.

Aforementioned decreases were partially offset mainly by increases in the indices for the "Transport" (0.14%), "Health" (1.02%) and "Clothing and Footwear" (0.29%) sectors, which together had an influence of 0.07 ppts. The increases in the remaining sectors had a total effect of 0.01 ppt on the CPI of May 2012.

The decrease in the "Household operation" sector was mainly due to a decrease in the category "Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings" (-2.35%), which contributed to an effect of -0.02 ppts.

The increase in the "Transport" sector was caused by an increase of 3.05% in the category "Transport services", which contributed to an effect of 0.04 ppts.

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 452 goods and services. Compared to April 2012, 36.7% of these products had an increase in price, while 35.4% showed a decrease and the remaining 27.9% had no change in price. The prices of goods decreased by 0.18% and caused an influence of -0.12 ppts. The prices of services show an increase of 0.18% and had an influence of 0.06 ppts.

The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect of energy and food - registered in May 2012 an increase of 1.99%, which is 2.35 ppts higher compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-0.36%). The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel - registered an increase of 15.30%, which is 9.80 ppts higher compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (5.50%). The food index shows an increase of 5.47%, which is 5.70 ppts higher compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (-0.23%).

central bureau of statistics **MAY 2012** CPI  $\mathbf{1}$  $\mathbf{1}$ 1  $\uparrow$ 1  $\mathbf{1}$  $\uparrow$  $\mathbf{T}$  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ 1 CPIC: CPI excluding the effect of energy and food. Energy: Electricity, water, gasoline and diesel



#### Table 1 Overview percentage change of the CPI

|                        | May-11       | Jun-11  | Jul-11 | Aug-11 | Sep-11 | Oct-11 | Nov-11 | Dec-11 | Jan-12 | Feb-12 | Mar-12 | Apr-12 | May-12 |
|------------------------|--------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Index                  | 120.09       | 120.06  | 120.27 | 122.24 | 121.91 | 121.25 | 121.43 | 121.36 | 121.01 | 121.48 | 121.77 | 121.88 | 121.81 |
| Monthly                | 1.10         | -0.02   | 0.18   | 1.64   | -0.27  | -0.54  | 0.14   | -0.06  | -0.29  | 0.39   | 0.23   | 0.09   | -0.05  |
| Year-to-date           | 5.01         | 4.99    | 5.17   | 6.90   | 6.61   | 6.03   | 6.18   | 6.12   | -0.29  | 0.11   | 0.34   | 0.43   | 0.38   |
| End of period          | 4.44         | 4.86    | 4.96   | 6.85   | 6.50   | 6.47   | 6.23   | 6.12   | 5.42   | 5.58   | 5.09   | 2.60   | 1.43   |
| Period average         | 0.82         | 1.08    | 1.50   | 2.07   | 2.65   | 3.24   | 3.80   | 4.37   | 4.79   | 5.18   | 5.50   | 5.42   | 5.15   |
| Goods                  | 0.83         | -0.09   | 0.12   | 2.18   | -0.49  | -0.36  | -0.20  | -0.32  | -0.29  | 0.39   | 0.04   | 0.32   | -0.18  |
| Services               | 1.61         | 0.10    | 0.28   | 0.60   | 0.16   | -0.89  | 0.82   | 0.44   | -0.29  | 0.41   | 0.61   | -0.34  | 0.18   |
| CPIC                   | -0.36        | -0.12   | 0.15   | 0.52   | 0.85   | 1.13   | 1.40   | 1.74   | 1.97   | 2.17   | 2.20   | 2.17   | 1.99   |
| Energy                 | 5.50         | 5.55    | 6.29   | 7.50   | 8.76   | 10.29  | 11.77  | 13.13  | 14.11  | 15.18  | 16.56  | 16.10  | 15.30  |
| Food                   | -0.23        | 0.40    | 1.12   | 1.79   | 2.56   | 3.33   | 3.95   | 4.51   | 4.91   | 5.20   | 5.27   | 5.43   | 5.47   |
| Source: Central Bureau | of Statistic | s Aruba |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

| Table 2 Percentage change by sect          | or          |           |           |           |                 |                 |
|--|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
|  |             |           |           |           |                 |                 |
|  |             |           |           |           | End of period   |                 |
| Sector                                     | coefficient | Apr - May | Apr - May | Dec - May | May 11 - May 12 | May 11 - May 12 |
| СРІ  | 10,000.0    | -0.05     | -0.05     | 0.38      | 1.43            | 5.15            |
| 01. Food and non-alcoholic beverages       | 1,125.3     | -0.02     | -0.18     | -0.47     | 3.59            | 5.17            |
| 02. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco        | 81.9        | 0.00      | 0.12      | 1.62      | 1.94            | 7.14            |
| 03. Clothing and footwear                  | 625.9       | 0.02      | 0.29      | -4.15     | -4.43           | -1.42           |
| 04. Housing                                | 2,553.3     | -0.03     | -0.08     | -0.07     | 4.06            | 9.30            |
| 05. Household operation                    | 741.3       | -0.05     | -0.76     | -1.59     | -4.28           | -1.65           |
| 06. Health                                 | 235.8       | 0.02      | 1.02      | 2.20      | 1.65            | -0.65           |
| 07. Transport                              | 1,815.4     | 0.03      | 0.14      | 5.23      | 1.95            | 8.15            |
| 08. Communications                         | 706.3       | 0.00      | -0.07     | 0.16      | -0.73           | 3.01            |
| 09. Recreation and culture                 | 891.2       | -0.02     | -0.22     | -3.15     | -3.54           | 1.68            |
| 10. Education                              | 83.0        | 0.00      | 0.06      | 0.29      | 2.77            | 3.76            |
| 11. Restaurants and hotels                 | 373.7       | 0.01      | 0.23      | 3.26      | 5.73            | 3.55            |
| 12. Miscellaneous goods and services       | 767.0       | 0.00      | -0.07     | -0.47     | 0.15            | 0.58            |
| Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Arubo | r i         |           |           |           |                 |                 |

### Table 3 Categories with the greatest positive effect on the CPI of May 2012

| Category                                   |      |      |
|--|------|------|
| Transport services                         | 3.05 | 0.04 |
| Medical products, appliances and equipment | 1.60 | 0.02 |
| Clothing                                   | 0.36 | 0.02 |
| Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba |      |      |

### Table 4 Categories with the greatest negative effect on the CPI of May 2012

| Category                                   | Monthly<br>change | Effect |
|--|-------------------|--------|
| Maintenance and repair of the dwelling     | -1.05             | -0.04  |
| Food                                       | -0.26             | -0.03  |
| Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other  |                   |        |
| floor coverings                            | -2.35             | -0.02  |
| Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba |                   |        |



## Change in prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel in May 2012

The prices of utilities (electricity and water), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In May 2012 the average price per barrel of crude oil (US\$ 96.11) had a decrease of US\$ 7.14 (-6.92%) compared to April 2012 (US\$ 103.25).

Fuel surcharge for a usage of electricity up to 500 kWh surcharge did not change in May 2012, it stayed at Afl. 32.49 cents per kWh. Fuel surcharge for a usage of electricity above 500 kWh surcharge did not change either in May 2012, it stayed at Afl. 38.47 cents per kWh. The prices of electricity and water did not change compared to April 2012. Subsequently, the average electricity price per household remained at Afl. 363.27, while the average price of water per household remained at Afl. 195.47.

In May 2012 insignificant decreases of 0.04% and 1.14% were registered for the prices of gasoline and diesel, causing together an effect of -0.01 ppt on the CPI.

In May 2012, utilities, gasoline and diesel as a group show a decrease in price of 0.03% compared to April 2012, and had an influence of -0.01 ppt on the CPI, while the remaining goods and services, as a group, experienced a decrease in price of 0.06%, causing an effect of -0.05 ppts on the CPI.

### Table 6 Effect on the CPI of May 2012 of goods andservices which are dependent on crude oil prices

| Category                         |             | change |       |
|----------------------------------|-------------|--------|-------|
| Electricity                      | 721.0       | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| Gasoline                         | 530.6       | -0.04  | 0.00  |
| Water                            | 437.4       | 0.00   | 0.00  |
| Diesel                           | 21.8        | -1.14  | 0.00  |
| Total group                      | 1,710.8     | -0.03  | -0.01 |
| Remaining goods and services     | 8,289.2     | -0.06  | -0.05 |
| CPI                              | 10,000.0    | -0.05  | -0.05 |
| Source: Central Bureau of Statis | stics Aruba |        |       |

|           |        |          |          |                          |                    |           |         | 2012   |          |          |             |        |          |        |
|-----------|--------|----------|----------|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|--------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|----------|--------|
|           |        |          |          |                          |                    |           |         |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
|           |        |          |          |                          |                    |           |         | Crude  |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| Month     | oil1   | ≤500 kWh | >500 kWh | Electricity <sup>3</sup> | Water <sup>4</sup> | Gasoline⁵ | Diesel⁵ | oil    | ≤500 kWh | >500 kWh | Electricity | Water  | Gasoline | Diesel |
| January   | 89.11  | 26.83    | 26.83    | 308.72                   | 153.95             | 207.30    | 179.40  | 100.53 | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27      | 195.47 | 219.40   | 201.70 |
| February  | 88.61  | 26.83    | 26.83    | 308.72                   | 153.95             | 211.40    | 187.00  | 101.32 | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27      | 195.47 | 229.90   | 209.40 |
| March     | 102.25 | 26.83    | 26.83    | 308.72                   | 153.95             | 216.70    | 198.10  | 106.30 | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27      | 195.47 | 242.10   | 217.40 |
| April     | 108.71 | 32.49    | 32.49    | 349.78                   | 172.60             | 235.80    | 210.20  | 103.25 | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27      | 195.47 | 252.40   | 219.80 |
| May       | 100.81 | 32.49    | 32.49    | 349.78                   | 172.60             | 251.90    | 218.10  | 96.11  | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27      | 195.47 | 252.30   | 217.30 |
| June      | 97.39  | 32.49    | 32.49    | 349.78                   | 172.60             | 245.00    | 206.00  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| July      | 96.68  | 32.49    | 32.49    | 349.78                   | 172.60             | 235.00    | 206.70  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| August    | 86.03  | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27                   | 195.47             | 243.00    | 211.10  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| September | 85.95  | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27                   | 195.47             | 235.00    | 204.70  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| October   | 85.98  | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27                   | 195.47             | 227.00    | 204.40  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| November  | 96.61  | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27                   | 195.47             | 226.60    | 205.70  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |
| December  | 98.72  | 32.49    | 38.47    | 363.27                   | 195.47             | 219.10    | 210.10  |        |          |          |             |        |          |        |

<sup>1</sup> Average West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price per barrel in US\$ (Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration)

<sup>2</sup> Fuel surcharge in Afl. cents per kWh

<sup>3</sup> Electricty price in Afl. is based on an average household usage of 725.5 kWh

<sup>4</sup> Water price in Afl. is based on an average household usage

<sup>5</sup> Gasoline and diesel prices in Afl. cents per liter



# Change in prices of Food & catering services in May 2012

The "Food & catering services" index is composed of the indices for the "Food & Non-alcoholic beverages" sector (hereafter: "Food at home") and the "Catering services" (hereafter: "Food away from home") category. The "Food & catering services" index declined with 0.07% in May 2012 after decreasing by 0.04% in April 2012. The index for "Food at home" shows a decrease of 0.18%, its third consecutive monthly decline. Six of the thirteen "Food at home" indices declined in May 2012. The "Potatoes and other tubers" index registered the largest decrease (9.75%) in May after an increase of 3.82% in April, which was mainly caused by a decline in the index for "Potatoes" of 12.09%. The "Other Non-alcoholic beverages" index increased the most (1.18%), followed by increases of 1.06% and 0.98% in the indices for "Fish" and "Vegetables", respectively.

Over the last 12 months the "Food at home" index has increased by 3.59%. The "Oils and fats" index increased by 12.26%, the largest increase among the "Food at home" food groups, while the "Potatoes and other tubers" index decreased by 14.33%, followed by decreases of 2.50% and 2.22% in the indices for "Other Non-alcoholic beverages" and "Vegetables" respectively; the only three declines among the groups. The index for "Food away from home" increased by 0.34% in May 2012, its tenth consecutive monthly increase, and has increased by 5.93% over the last 12 months.

In May 2012, "Food at home" and "Food away from home" as a group show a decrease in price of 0.07% compared to April 2012, and had an influence of -0.01 ppt on the CPI, while the remaining goods and services, as a group, experienced a decrease in price of 0.05%, causing an effect of -0.04 ppts on the CPI.

Table 8 Effect on the CPI of May 2012 of Food at home and Food away from home

|                                  |            | Monthly |       |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------|-------|
| Category                         |            | change  |       |
| Food at home                     | 1,125.3    | -0.18   | -0.02 |
| Food away from home              | 367.5      | 0.34    | 0.01  |
| Total group                      | 1,492.8    | -0.07   | -0.01 |
| Remaining goods and services     | 8,507.2    | -0.05   | -0.04 |
| СРІ                              | 10,000.0   | -0.05   | -0.05 |
| Source: Control Bureau of Static | tion Anuba |         |       |

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

|  | coefficient | May-11 | Apr-12 | May-12 | Mar - Apr | Apr - May | May 11 - May 1 |  |
|--|-------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------|--|
| ood & catering services                                | 1,492.8     | 131.75 | 137.25 | 137.16 | -0.04     | -0.07     | 4.11           |  |
| Food at home   | 1,125.3     | 136.20 | 141.35 | 141.09 | -0.08     | -0.18     | 3.59           |  |
| Bread and cereals                                      | 205.2       | 120.22 | 124.83 | 125.05 | -0.47     | 0.17      | 4.01           |  |
| Meat   | 229.8       | 142.39 | 146.42 | 145.05 | 0.20      | -0.94     | 1.86           |  |
| Fish   | 56.4        | 114.67 | 121.88 | 123.17 | -0.38     | 1.06      | 7.41           |  |
| Milk, cheese and eggs                                  | 140.0       | 130.40 | 139.93 | 139.92 | -0.54     | -0.01     | 7.31           |  |
| Oils and fats  | 31.6        | 144.53 | 162.45 | 162.24 | 0.13      | -0.13     | 12.26          |  |
| Fruit  | 72.0        | 213.54 | 226.09 | 225.44 | -2.39     | -0.28     | 5.58           |  |
| Potatoes and other tubers                              | 18.5        | 155.85 | 147.95 | 133.52 | 3.82      | -9.75     | -14.33         |  |
| Vegetables   | 75.7        | 177.58 | 171.95 | 173.63 | 1.34      | 0.98      | -2.22          |  |
| Sugar, jam, honey, syrups, chocolate and confectionery | 49.6        | 109.19 | 111.09 | 111.18 | -0.13     | 0.08      | 1.82           |  |
| Food products n.e.c. and dietary supplements           | 82.7        | 111.39 | 118.15 | 118.44 | 0.21      | 0.25      | 6.33           |  |
| Coffee, tea and cocoa for consumption at home          | 33.2        | 117.37 | 127.09 | 126.24 | 1.41      | -0.67     | 7.55           |  |
| Mineral waters, soft drinks and juices                 | 123.0       | 124.17 | 127.03 | 127.73 | 0.61      | 0.56      | 2.87           |  |
| Other Non-alcoholic beverages                          | 7.8         | 142.68 | 137.49 | 139.12 | 0.58      | 1.18      | -2.50          |  |
| Food away from home                                    | 367.5       | 118.13 | 124.70 | 125.13 | 0.10      | 0.34      | 5.93           |  |

#### Monthly & Yearly Changes (%) in the Consumer Price Index for May 2012, Total Population (Dec 2006 = 100)

| DESCRIPTION   | WEIGHT        | 2011         | 2011                  | 2012         | 2012    | Monthly               | Ytd                    | End of period          | Period avera           |
|---|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
|   | coefficient   | May          | Dec                   | Apr          | May     | Apr - May             | Dec - May              | May 11 - May 12        | May 11 - May           |
|   | 1,125.3       | 126.2        | 1 4 1 0               | 1 4 1 4      | 1 4 1 1 | 0.18                  | 0.47                   | 3 50                   | F 17                   |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages<br>Food  |               |              | 141.0                 |              |         | <b>-0.18</b><br>-0.26 | - <b>0.47</b><br>-0.64 | <b>3.59</b><br>3.61    | <b>5.17</b><br>5.47    |
| Non-alcoholic beverages   |               |              | 127.1                 |              |         | 0.34                  | 0.67                   | 3.48                   | 3.17                   |
| -   |               |              |                       |              |         |                       |                        |                        |                        |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco   | 81.9          | 124.0        | 124.4                 | 126.3        | 126.5   | 0.12                  | 1.62                   | 1.94                   | 7.14                   |
| Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home                                     | 59.3          | 114.0        | 114.5                 | 114.8        | 115.0   | 0.17                  | 0.39                   | 0.88                   | 4.00                   |
| Tobacco   | 22.6          | 150.4        | 150.4                 | 156.5        | 156.6   | 0.01                  | 4.07                   | 4.07                   | 13.89                  |
|   | 625.0         |              |                       |              |         | 0.00                  |                        |                        |                        |
| Clothing and footwear<br>Clothing   |               |              | <b>108.8</b><br>110.1 |              |         | <b>0.29</b><br>0.36   | <b>-4.15</b><br>-4.20  | - <b>4.43</b><br>-4.96 | - <b>1.42</b><br>-1.67 |
| Footwear  | 75.5          | 95.8         |                       | 96.2         |         | -0.29                 | -4.20                  | 0.04                   | 0.74                   |
|   | 75.5          | 55.0         | 55.0                  | 50.2         | 55.5    | 0.25                  | 5.75                   | 0.04                   | 0.74                   |
| Housing   | 2,553.3       | 139.8        | 145.6                 | 145.6        | 145.5   | -0.08                 | -0.07                  | 4.06                   | 9.30                   |
| Actual rentals for housing  | 854.2         | 135.3        | 139.7                 | 140.7        | 140.9   | 0.14                  | 0.87                   | 4.10                   | 5.20                   |
| Maintenance and repair of the dwelling  | 444.6         | 110.0        | 105.0                 | 103.1        | 102.0   | -1.05                 | -2.81                  | -7.22                  | -1.43                  |
| Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling                | 505.7         | 146.8        | 164.3                 | 164.3        | 164.3   | 0.00                  | 0.00                   | 11.91                  | 17.75                  |
| Electricity, gas and other fuels  | 748.8         | 157.9        | 163.9                 | 163.9        | 163.9   | 0.00                  | 0.00                   | 3.77                   | 12.90                  |
|   |               |              |                       |              |         | 0.70                  | 4.50                   | 4.20                   |                        |
| Household operation   |               |              | 103.3                 |              |         | -0.76                 | - <b>1.59</b>          | - <b>4.28</b>          | - <b>1.65</b>          |
| Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings<br>Household textiles |               |              | 81.5<br>147.6         |              |         | -2.35<br>-0.38        | -8.95<br>-3.43         | -12.53<br>-9.70        | -5.90<br>-3.05         |
| Household appliances  |               | 78.9         |                       |              |         | -1.14                 | -3.73                  | -8.81                  | -3.77                  |
| Glassware, tableware and household utensils                                     |               | 111.3        |                       | 85.9         |         | -1.51                 | -9.22                  | -23.99                 | -11.25                 |
| Tools and equipment for house and garden  | 40.0          | 93.3         | 91.5                  | 87.7         | 85.8    | -2.23                 | -6.26                  | -8.08                  | -5.45                  |
| Goods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning               | 346.6         | 114.4        | 114.8                 | 117.9        | 117.7   | -0.18                 | 2.47                   | 2.85                   | 1.70                   |
|   |               |              |                       |              |         |                       |                        |                        |                        |
| Health  | 235.8         |              | 91.2                  |              |         | 1.02                  | 2.20                   | 1.65                   | -0.65                  |
| Medical products, appliances and equipment                                      | 140.3         | 95.9         | 95.1                  |              |         | 1.60                  | 3.34                   | 2.47                   | -0.27                  |
| Out-patient services  | 57.2          | 81.4         | 81.4                  | 81.4         |         | 0.00                  | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | -2.05                  |
| Other health products and services  | 38.3          | 91.8         | 91.6                  | 92.2         | 92.4    | 0.13                  | 0.77                   | 0.66                   | -0.24                  |
| Transport   | 1,815.4       | 119.6        | 115 9                 | 121 8        | 121 9   | 0.14                  | 5.23                   | 1.95                   | 8.15                   |
| Purchase of vehicles  | 811.4         |              | 102.7                 |              |         | 0.00                  | 0.00                   | 2.78                   | 2.71                   |
| Operation of personal transport equipment                                       |               |              | 132.4                 |              |         | -0.12                 | 10.13                  | 1.05                   | 11.30                  |
| Transport services  | 163.8         | 90.5         | 96.5                  | 92.0         | 94.8    | 3.05                  | -1.76                  | 4.74                   | 16.53                  |
|   |               |              |                       |              |         |                       |                        |                        |                        |
| Communications  | 706.3         | 87.7         | 86.9                  | 87.1         | 87.0    | -0.07                 | 0.16                   | -0.73                  | 3.01                   |
| Postal services   | 6.1           | 105.2        | 105.2                 |              |         | 0.00                  | 0.01                   | 0.01                   | 0.00                   |
| Telephone and telefax equipment   | 29.6          | 35.4         | 29.9                  | 24.1         |         | -8.02                 | -25.94                 | -37.37                 | -21.01                 |
| Telephone and telefax services  | 670.6         | 89.8         | 89.2                  | 89.7         | 89.7    | 0.02                  | 0.55                   | -0.10                  | 3.50                   |
| Recreation and culture  | 801.2         | 115 7        | 115.2                 | 111 0        | 1116    | -0.22                 | -3.15                  | -3.54                  | 1.68                   |
| Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment                 |               |              |                       |              |         | 0.05                  | -14.36                 | -14.57                 | -1.48                  |
| Other major durables for recreation and culture                                 | 19.2          |              | 80.5                  |              |         | -3.91                 | -24.01                 | -32.59                 | -12.11                 |
| Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets                        |               |              | 133.1                 |              |         | -0.37                 | 0.80                   | 1.28                   | 0.16                   |
| Recreational and cultural services  | 335.0         | 107.0        | 105.1                 | 105.2        | 105.2   | 0.00                  | 0.12                   | -1.64                  | 3.17                   |
| Newspapers, books and stationery  | 82.1          | 108.5        | 105.9                 | 101.9        | 101.1   | -0.71                 | -4.53                  | -6.81                  | -2.43                  |
| Holidays  | 71.0          | 124.0        | 131.0                 | 118.4        | 118.6   | 0.15                  | -9.46                  | -4.35                  | 15.13                  |
|   |               |              |                       |              |         |                       |                        |                        |                        |
| Education   |               |              | 116.1                 |              |         | 0.06                  | 0.29                   | 2.77                   | 3.76                   |
| Pre primary and primary education   |               |              | 109.1                 |              |         | 0.00                  | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | 0.00                   |
| Secondary education<br>Post-secondary non-tertiary education                    |               |              | 116.9<br>129.4        |              |         | 0.00<br>0.00          | 0.00<br>0.00           | 4.74<br>2.62           | 3.97<br>10.13          |
| Tertiary education  |               |              | 129.4                 |              |         | 0.00                  | 1.72                   | 5.29                   | 8.29                   |
| Education not definable by level  |               |              | 123.5                 |              |         | 0.08                  | 0.39                   | 3.18                   | 5.96                   |
|   |               |              | _1.0                  |              |         |                       |                        |                        | 2.50                   |
| Restaurants and hotels  | 373.7         | 117.6        | 120.5                 | 124.1        | 124.4   | 0.23                  | 3.26                   | 5.73                   | 3.55                   |
| Catering services   | 367.5         | 118.1        | 121.1                 | 124.7        | 125.1   | 0.34                  | 3.31                   | 5.93                   | 3.63                   |
| Accommodation services  | 6.2           | 88.8         | 81.5                  | 88.2         | 80.3    | -8.96                 | -1.45                  | -9.56                  | -2.59                  |
|   |               |              |                       |              |         |                       |                        |                        |                        |
| Miscellaneous goods and services  | 767.0         |              | 100.1                 |              |         | -0.07                 | -0.47                  | 0.15                   | 0.58                   |
| Personal care   |               |              | 111.0                 |              |         | 0.03                  | 0.36                   | 1.58                   | 1.55                   |
| Personal effects n.e.c.   |               |              | 119.9                 |              |         | -0.92                 | -6.39                  | -5.40                  | 2.54                   |
| Social protection   |               |              | 132.6                 |              |         | 0.00                  | 0.00                   | 0.00                   | -2.52                  |
| Insurance   | 289.1<br>26.9 | 85.1<br>93.3 | 85.1<br>93.7          | 85.1<br>94.0 |         | 0.00<br>0.07          | 0.00<br>0.43           | 0.00<br>0.83           | 0.00<br>-0.86          |
|   | 20.9          | 33.3         | 33.1                  | 94.0         | 94.I    | 0.07                  | 0.45                   | 0.85                   | -0.86                  |
| Financial services n.e.c.<br>Other services n.e.c                               | 02.0          | 03 J         | 93 7                  | 9/10         | Q/I 1   | 0.07                  | 0 /12                  | U 83                   | -0 86                  |
| Other services n.e.c.   | 93.0          | 93.3         | 93.7                  | 94.0         | 94.1    | 0.07                  | 0.43                   | 0.83                   | -0.86                  |

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

#### **APPENDIX 2**

Effect on the Consumer Price Index per sector and category for May 2012 (Dec 2006 = 100)

| DESCRIPTION  | WEIGHT<br>coefficient | Monthly<br>Apr - May | Ytd<br>Dec - May | End of period<br>May 11 - May 12 | Period avera<br>May 11 - May |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|  |                       |                      |                  |                                  |                              |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages                                 | 1,125.3               | -0.02                | -0.06            | 0.46                             | 0.67                         |
| Food   | 961.4                 | -0.03                | -0.07            | 0.40                             | 0.62                         |
| Non-alcoholic beverages  | 163.9                 | 0.01                 | 0.01             | 0.06                             | 0.05                         |
| Alcoholic beverages and tobacco                                  | 81.9                  | 0.00                 | 0.01             | 0.02                             | 0.06                         |
| Alcoholic beverages for consumption at home                      | 59.3                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.02                         |
| Тоbассо  | 22.6                  | 0.00                 | 0.01             | 0.01                             | 0.04                         |
| Clothing and footwear  | 625.9                 | 0.02                 | -0.23            | -0.25                            | -0.09                        |
| Clothing   | 550.4                 | 0.02                 | -0.21            | -0.25                            | -0.09                        |
| Footwear   | 75.5                  | 0.00                 | -0.02            | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
|  |                       |                      |                  |                                  |                              |
| Housing  | 2,553.3               | -0.03                | -0.02            | 1.21                             | 2.72                         |
| Actual rentals for housing                                       | 854.2                 | 0.01                 | 0.09             | 0.39                             | 0.51                         |
| Maintenance and repair of the dwelling                           | 444.6                 | -0.04                | -0.11            | -0.29                            | -0.06                        |
| Water supply and miscellaneous services relating to the dwelling | 505.7                 | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.74                             | 1.07                         |
| Electricity, gas and other fuels                                 | 748.8                 | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.37                             | 1.21                         |
| Household operation  | 741.3                 | -0.05                | -0.10            | -0.28                            | -0.11                        |
| Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings        | 142.1                 | -0.02                | -0.09            | -0.13                            | -0.06                        |
| Household textiles   | 69.5                  | 0.02                 | -0.03            | -0.09                            | -0.03                        |
| Household appliances   | 111.3                 | -0.01                | -0.03            | -0.09                            | -0.03                        |
|  |                       |                      |                  |                                  |                              |
| Glassware, tableware and household utensils                      | 31.8                  | 0.00                 | -0.02            | -0.07                            | -0.03                        |
| Tools and equipment for house and garden                         | 40.0                  | -0.01                | -0.02            | -0.03                            | -0.02                        |
| oods and services for routine household maintenance and cleaning | 346.6                 | -0.01                | 0.08             | 0.09                             | 0.06                         |
| Health   | 235.8                 | 0.02                 | 0.04             | 0.03                             | -0.01                        |
| Medical products, appliances and equipment                       | 140.3                 | 0.02                 | 0.04             | 0.03                             | 0.00                         |
| Out-patient services   | 57.2                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | -0.01                        |
| Other health products and services                               | 38.3                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Transport  | 1,815.4               | 0.03                 | 0.91             | 0.35                             | 1.41                         |
| Purchase of vehicles   | 811.4                 | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.19                             | 0.19                         |
|  |                       |                      |                  |                                  |                              |
| Operation of personal transport equipment                        | 840.1                 | -0.01                | 0.93             | 0.11                             | 1.02                         |
| Transport services   | 163.8                 | 0.04                 | -0.02            | 0.06                             | 0.19                         |
| Communications   | 706.3                 | 0.00                 | 0.01             | -0.04                            | 0.16                         |
| Postal services  | 6.1                   | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Telephone and telefax equipment                                  | 29.6                  | 0.00                 | -0.02            | -0.03                            | -0.02                        |
| Telephone and telefax services                                   | 670.6                 | 0.00                 | 0.03             | -0.01                            | 0.18                         |
| Recreation and culture   | 891.2                 | -0.02                | -0.27            | -0.30                            | 0.15                         |
| Audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment  | 123.8                 | 0.00                 | -0.16            | -0.16                            | -0.02                        |
| Other major durables for recreation and culture                  | 19.2                  | 0.00                 | -0.03            | -0.05                            | -0.02                        |
| Other recreational items and equipment; gardens and pets         | 260.1                 | -0.01                | 0.02             | 0.04                             | 0.00                         |
| Recreational and cultural services                               | 335.0                 | 0.00                 | 0.02             | -0.05                            | 0.00                         |
|  | 335.0<br>82.1         | 0.00                 | -0.03            | -0.05                            | -0.02                        |
| Newspapers, books and stationery<br>Holidays                     | 82.1<br>71.0          | 0.00                 | -0.03<br>-0.07   | -0.05                            | -0.02                        |
| nondays  | /1.0                  | 0.00                 | -0.07            | -0.05                            | 0.10                         |
| Education  | 83.0                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.02                             | 0.03                         |
| Pre primary and primary education                                | 30.4                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Secondary education  | 25.2                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.01                             | 0.01                         |
| Post-secondary non-tertiary education                            | 4.6                   | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Tertiary education   | 10.4                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.01                             | 0.01                         |
| Education not definable by level                                 | 12.4                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.01                         |
| Restaurants and hotels   | 373.7                 | 0.01                 | 0.12             | 0.21                             | 0.13                         |
| Catering services  | 367.5                 | 0.01                 | 0.12             | 0.21                             | 0.13                         |
| Accommodation services   | 367.5<br>6.2          | 0.01                 | 0.12             | 0.21                             | 0.14                         |
| Accommodation services   | 0.2                   | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Miscellaneous goods and services                                 | 767.0                 | 0.00                 | -0.03            | 0.01                             | 0.04                         |
| Personal care  | 262.0                 | 0.00                 | 0.01             | 0.04                             | 0.04                         |
| Personal effects n.e.c.  | 67.3                  | -0.01                | -0.04            | -0.04                            | 0.02                         |
| Social protection  | 28.7                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | -0.01                        |
| Insurance  | 289.1                 | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Financial services n.e.c.  | 26.9                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.00                             | 0.00                         |
| Other services n.e.c.  | 93.0                  | 0.00                 | 0.00             | 0.01                             | -0.01                        |
|  |                       |                      |                  |                                  |                              |
| CPI  | 10,000                | -0.05                | 0.38             | 1.43                             | 5.15                         |