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Consumer Price Index Report

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The Consumer Price Indexes (Oct.79/Sept.80 = 100)
for June 1982

| | <u>June 1982</u> | <u>Average for the 12 months ended in June 1982</u> |
|------------|------------------|---|
| C.P.I. (A) | 130 | 124.8 |
| C.P.I. (B) | 130 | 124.2 |

The C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) are based on the expenditure patterns of 50% and 30%, respectively, of urban households in Hong Kong, which were derived from the 1979/80 Household Expenditure Survey. At that time, the C.P.I. (A) referred to households spending between \$1 000 and \$3 499 a month and the C.P.I. (B) to households spending between \$3 500 and \$6 499 a month.

2. The Consumer Price Index (A) and Consumer Price Index (B) for June 1982 were both 130, each being 1 point or 0.8% higher than in the preceding month. Compared with the same month of the preceding year, both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) advanced by 13 points or 11.1%.

3. During the month, food prices, especially those of fresh vegetables, salt-water fish and meals bought in restaurants, transport fees and charges for services were higher.

4. The index for foodstuffs moved up by 2 points in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B). The index for transport and vehicles rose by 1 point in C.P.I. (A) and by 3 points in C.P.I. (B). Increases of 1-point each were recorded in the index for services in both series and in the index for clothing and footwear in C.P.I. (A). On the other hand, reductions of 1-point each were recorded in the index for durable goods in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) and in the index for miscellaneous goods in C.P.I. (B). Price movements in other sections were insignificant.

5. The effect on the 'all-items' index of the changes in the section indexes is shown below:-

| <u>Section</u> | <u>Weights</u> | | <u>Index for June 1982 compared with that for May 1982</u> | | <u>Effect of changes on 'all-items' index</u> | |
|---|----------------|---------------|--|--------------------|---|---------------|
| | <u>(%)</u> | | <u>(points)</u> | | <u>(points)</u> | |
| | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> | <u>CPI(A)</u> | <u>CPI(B)</u> |
| Foodstuffs | 46.39 | 38.59 | +1.69 | +1.61 | +0.78 | +0.62 |
| Housing | 15.05 | 17.77 | +0.08 | +0.06 | +0.01 | +0.01 |
| Fuel and light | 3.63 | 2.71 | -0.08 | -0.02 | * | * |
| Alcoholic drinks and tobacco (for home consumption) | 2.67 | 1.90 | +0.14 | +0.13 | + | + |
| Clothing and footwear | 5.02 | 7.03 | +0.30 ^a | -0.04 | +0.02 | * |
| Durable goods | 6.71 | 7.53 | -0.30 ^b | -0.24 ^c | -0.02 | -0.02 |
| Miscellaneous goods | 5.68 | 6.07 | -0.10 | -0.21 ^d | -0.01 | -0.01 |
| Transport and vehicles | 5.27 | 6.09 | +1.32 | +2.62 | +0.07 | +0.16 |
| Services | 9.58 | 12.31 | +1.03 | +0.84 | +0.10 | +0.10 |
| All items | 100.00 | 100.00 | +0.96 | +0.86 | +0.96 | +0.86 |

* Less than 0.005

- a. This figure, 0.30, must be added to the previous month's unrounded index of 131.49 and not to the published index of 131.
- b. This figure, 0.30, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 108.75 and not from the published index of 109.
- c. This figure, 0.24, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 110.67 and not from the published index of 111.
- d. This figure, 0.21, must be subtracted from the previous month's unrounded index of 117.59 and not from the published index of 118.

6. An analysis of average retail prices in June 1982, compared with the preceding month, shows the following points of interest.

FOODSTUFFS

7. The index for foodstuffs went up by 2 points in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B). Increases were recorded in the average retail prices of fresh vegetables, salt-water fish and pork, and in the average charges for meals bought in restaurants. The effect of the movements in the retail prices of other food items on the index for foodstuffs was insignificant.

- (i) Fresh vegetables - The average retail prices of fresh vegetables rose by 3% in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) as the supply of locally-grown vegetables had not returned to normal during the month after the incidence of heavy rainstorms in May and early June.
- (ii) Salt-water fish - The average retail prices of salt-water fish jumped by 7% in C.P.I. (A) and by 8% in C.P.I. (B) owing to reduced supply, especially during the last week of June when most fishing boats stayed at home to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival.
- (iii) Pork - The average retail prices of pork increased by 2% in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B).
- (iv) Meals bought away from home - The average charges for meals bought in restaurants were marked up by 1% in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B).

CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR

8. Higher tailoring charges pushed up the index for clothing and footwear by 1 point in C.P.I. (A).

DURABLE GOODS

9. The 1-point decrease in the index for durable goods in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B) was attributable to lower prices for television and sound equipment.

MISCELLANEOUS GOODS

10. The index for miscellaneous goods moved downward by 1 point in C.P.I. (B) because of lower prices for jewellery.

TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES

11. The index for transport and vehicles increased by 1 point in C.P.I. (A) and by 3 points in C.P.I. (B) as a result of higher fees charged by driving instructors, higher fares charged by the peak tram and the Hong Kong/Macau ferries and hydrofoils. Also responsible were the increases in M.T.R. fares, vehicle licence fees and in the prices of gasoline and motor vehicles introduced in May, as they became to show the full impact.

SERVICES

12. Higher charges for medical treatment and hairdressing caused the index for services to rise by 1 point in both C.P.I. (A) and C.P.I. (B).

Tables

Table 1 shows the monthly Consumer Price Index (A) by section from October 1980 onward.

Table 2 shows the monthly Consumer Price Index (B) by section from October 1980 onward.

Table 3 shows the index movements by section and by group of the C.P.I. (A) for June 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year.

Table 4 shows the index movements by section and by group of the C.P.I. (B) for June 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year.

Table 5 shows a list of selected commodity/service groups the price changes in which had the largest effect on the C.P.I. (A) for June 1982 compared with the preceding month.

Table 6 shows a list of selected commodity/service groups the price changes in which had the largest effect on the C.P.I. (B) for June 1982 compared with the preceding month.

Table 7 shows the average retail prices of some essential food items and their respective price ranges for the current month, the preceding month and the corresponding month in 1981.

Graphs

Graphs A and B show the value of the Consumer Price Indexes.

Table 1 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A)
(October 79 - September 80 = 100)

| Year and month | All items | Food-stuffs | Housing | Fuel and light | Alcoholic drinks & tobacco (for home consumption) | Clothing and footwear | Durable goods | Misc. goods | Transport and vehicles | Services |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|
| Weight | 100.00 | 46.39 | 15.05 | 3.63 | 2.67 | 5.02 | 6.71 | 5.68 | 5.27 | 9.58 |
| <u>1980</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 106 | 106 | 104 | 109 | 104 | 104 | 101 | 105 | 110 | 108 |
| Nov | 107 | 107 | 104 | 110 | 104 | 109 | 102 | 106 | 113 | 109 |
| Dec | 108 | 108 | 106 | 113 | 104 | 110 | 102 | 106 | 114 | 110 |
| <u>1981</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 110 | 110 | 109 | 122 | 107 | 109 | 103 | 106 | 114 | 113 |
| Feb | 112 | 114 | 109 | 130 | 111 | 109 | 104 | 107 | 117 | 115 |
| Mar | 113 | 115 | 109 | 135 | 111 | 111 | 105 | 107 | 115 | 114 |
| Apr | 114 | 115 | 112 | 135 | 111 | 109 | 107 | 108 | 123 | 115 |
| May | 116 | 116 | 112 | 135 | 111 | 115 | 108 | 108 | 129 | 115 |
| Jun | 117 | 119 | 112 | 136 | 111 | 115 | 108 | 109 | 129 | 116 |
| Jul | 119 | 122 | 116 | 136 | 112 | 115 | 108 | 109 | 130 | 116 |
| Aug | 121 | 125 | 116 | 137 | 112 | 113 | 108 | 109 | 132 | 117 |
| Sep | 121 | 125 | 116 | 138 | 117 | 114 | 108 | 111 | 134 | 120 |
| Oct | 124 | 129 | 119 | 139 | 117 | 117 | 108 | 112 | 134 | 124 |
| Nov | 124 | 126 | 119 | 135 | 117 | 124 | 108 | 119 | 135 | 125 |
| Dec | 123 | 124 | 119 | 131 | 118 | 124 | 108 | 119 | 135 | 127 |
| <u>1982</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 125 | 127 | 121 | 136 | 123 | 123 | 108 | 119 | 137 | 131 |
| Feb | 127 | 131 | 121 | 136 | 123 | 122 | 108 | 120 | 137 | 129 |
| Mar | 127 | 130 | 121 | 137 | 124 | 123 | 109 | 120 | 137 | 130 |
| Apr | 127 | 129 | 124 | 138 | 124 | 128 | 108 | 121 | 137 | 131 |
| May | 129 | 133 | 124 | 133 | 124 | 131 | 109 | 121 | 139 | 133 |
| Jun | 130 | 135 | 124 | 133 | 124 | 132 | 108 | 121 | 140 | 134 |

Table 2 CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B)
(October 79 - September 80 = 100)

| Year and month | All items | Food-stuffs | Housing | Fuel and light | Alcoholic drinks & tobacco (for home consumption) | Clothing and footwear | Durable goods | Misc. goods | Transport and vehicles | Services |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|---------|----------------|---|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|------------------------|----------|
| Weight | 100.00 | 38.59 | 17.77 | 2.71 | 1.90 | 7.03 | 7.53 | 6.07 | 6.09 | 12.31 |
| <u>1980</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct | 106 | 106 | 105 | 109 | 104 | 104 | 101 | 106 | 109 | 107 |
| Nov | 107 | 108 | 105 | 110 | 104 | 109 | 102 | 107 | 112 | 108 |
| Dec | 108 | 108 | 105 | 113 | 104 | 109 | 103 | 107 | 113 | 110 |
| <u>1981</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 110 | 110 | 109 | 123 | 107 | 109 | 104 | 106 | 114 | 113 |
| Feb | 112 | 114 | 109 | 130 | 110 | 109 | 104 | 108 | 117 | 114 |
| Mar | 113 | 115 | 109 | 136 | 110 | 111 | 105 | 107 | 116 | 114 |
| Apr | 114 | 115 | 112 | 136 | 110 | 108 | 107 | 108 | 122 | 115 |
| May | 115 | 116 | 112 | 136 | 110 | 115 | 108 | 108 | 126 | 115 |
| Jun | 117 | 119 | 113 | 137 | 111 | 115 | 109 | 109 | 126 | 116 |
| Jul | 118 | 122 | 116 | 138 | 112 | 115 | 109 | 108 | 127 | 116 |
| Aug | 120 | 125 | 116 | 138 | 112 | 112 | 109 | 109 | 129 | 117 |
| Sep | 120 | 125 | 116 | 138 | 116 | 113 | 109 | 112 | 130 | 119 |
| Oct | 123 | 128 | 119 | 139 | 116 | 118 | 109 | 113 | 131 | 123 |
| Nov | 123 | 126 | 119 | 136 | 117 | 125 | 110 | 116 | 131 | 124 |
| Dec | 123 | 124 | 119 | 131 | 117 | 125 | 110 | 116 | 133 | 126 |
| <u>1982</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan | 125 | 127 | 121 | 136 | 122 | 123 | 109 | 117 | 134 | 131 |
| Feb | 126 | 131 | 121 | 137 | 122 | 122 | 110 | 117 | 134 | 129 |
| Mar | 126 | 130 | 121 | 138 | 122 | 123 | 110 | 117 | 134 | 129 |
| Apr | 127 | 130 | 124 | 139 | 123 | 129 | 110 | 117 | 134 | 130 |
| May | 129 | 133 | 124 | 134 | 123 | 132 | 111 | 118 | 138 | 132 |
| Jun | 130 | 135 | 124 | 134 | 123 | 132 | 110 | 117 | 141 | 133 |

Table 3 Consumer Price Index (A) for June 1982 compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month in the preceding year

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | June 1982 (October 1979 - Sept. 1980 = 100) | Compared with May 1982 (points) | Compared with June 1981 (points) |
|--|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Rice | 2.06 | 130 | -1 | +6 |
| 2. Other cereals and cereal preparations | 0.49 | 128 | - | +10 |
| 3. Bread, cakes and biscuits | 1.43 | 137 | - | +16 |
| 4. Salt-water fish | 1.50 | 136 | +9 | +9 |
| 5. Fresh-water fish | 1.54 | 123 | +3 | +9 |
| 6. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | 124 | +5 | +5 |
| 7. Sea product preparations | 0.55 | 126 | +2 | +14 |
| 8. Pork, locally slaughtered | 3.22 | 135 | +3 | +19 |
| 9. Beef, locally slaughtered | 0.83 | 127 | +3 | +16 |
| 10. Live poultry | 1.29 | 112 | +2 | +5 |
| 11. Meat and poultry, frozen | 0.90 | 117 | +1 | +9 |
| 12. Meat and poultry, tinned | 0.32 | 108 | - | +3 |
| 13. Meat, others | 1.51 | 126 | +1 | +15 |
| 14. Fresh vegetables | 3.00 | 150 | +5 | +29 |
| 15. Processed vegetables | 0.26 | 145 | - | +28 |
| 16. Fresh fruits | 2.39 | 136 | +1 | +16 |
| 17. Processed fruits | 0.24 | 117 | - | +7 |
| 18. Dairy products | 0.74 | 142 | - | +17 |
| 19. Eggs | 0.57 | 142 | +1 | +20 |
| 20. Edible oils | 0.87 | 117 | - | +5 |
| 21. Aerated water | 0.62 | 132 | - | +15 |
| 22. Other non-alcoholic beverages | 0.58 | 132 | +2 | +14 |
| 23. Sugar | 0.13 | 115 | -2 | -15 |
| 24. Confectionery | 0.43 | 134 | - | +13 |
| 25. Flavourings and additives | 0.28 | 130 | +1 | +13 |
| 26. Foods, others | 1.04 | 112 | -1 | +1 |
| 27. Meals bought away from home | 18.93 | 140 | +1 | +18 |
| SECTION OF FOODSTUFFS | 46.39 | 135 | +2 | +16 |
| 28. Rent, including rates | 14.06 | 123 | - | +11 |
| 29. Water charges | 0.24 | 113 | +5 | +13 |
| 30. Other housing charges | 0.59 | 163 | - | +34 |
| 31. Materials for house maintenance | 0.16 | 115 | - | +5 |
| SECTION OF HOUSING | 15.05 | 124 | - | +12 |
| 32. Electricity | 1.67 | 147 | +1 | -7 |
| 33. Liquefied petroleum gas | 0.71 | 116 | - | - |
| 34. Kerosene | 1.20 | 126 | - | +3 |
| 35. Fuel, others | 0.05 | 122 | -1 | +7 |
| SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT | 3.63 | 133 | - | -3 |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | June 1982 (October 1979 - Sept. 1980 = 100) | Compared with May 1982 | Compared with June 1981 |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | (points) | (points) |
| 36. Chinese wines | 0.30 | 120 | +1 | +11 |
| 37. Foreign style wines | 0.24 | 117 | - | +7 |
| 38. Beer | 0.34 | 120 | +1 | +13 |
| 39. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures | 1.79 | 127 | - | +14 |
| SECTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) | 2.67 | 124 | - | +13 |
| 40. Men's outerclothing | 1.15 | 132 | - | +18 |
| 41. Men's underclothing | 0.12 | 122 | - | +14 |
| 42. Women's outerclothing | 1.37 | 140 | - | +21 |
| 43. Women's underclothing | 0.11 | 123 | -1 | +15 |
| 44. Children's outerclothing | 0.55 | 133 | - | +18 |
| 45. Children's underclothing | 0.06 | 126 | +1 | +16 |
| 46. Clothing, others | 0.16 | 119 | - | +9 |
| 47. Infant's clothing | 0.14 | 127 | - | +14 |
| 48. Clothing materials and accessories | 0.26 | 130 | - | +15 |
| 49. Tailoring charges | 0.23 | 161 | +9 | +32 |
| 50. Men's footwear | 0.40 | 119 | +1 | +9 |
| 51. Women's footwear | 0.28 | 117 | -1 | +6 |
| 52. Children's footwear | 0.19 | 117 | -1 | +8 |
| SECTION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 5.02 | 132 | +1 | +17 |
| 53. Furniture | 0.43 | 119 | - | +6 |
| 54. Electrical consumer goods | 1.81 | 113 | - | +2 |
| 55. Television and sound equipment | 3.45 | 103 | -1 | -3 |
| 56. Glass, crockery and earthenware | 0.09 | 132 | - | +15 |
| 57. Hardware, ironmongery and cutlery | 0.09 | 119 | +1 | +8 |
| 58. Watch, camera and optical goods | 0.33 | 109 | -1 | +1 |
| 59. Travel and sports goods | 0.26 | 108 | - | +5 |
| 60. Durable goods, others | 0.25 | 115 | - | +7 |
| SECTION OF DURABLE GOODS | 6.71 | 108 | -1 | - |
| 61. Proprietary medicines and supplies | 1.24 | 116 | - | +9 |
| 62. Newspapers | 0.62 | 166 | - | +63 |
| 63. Books and periodicals | 0.17 | 139 | +1 | +19 |
| 64. Stationery | 0.21 | 123 | +1 | +9 |
| 65. Soft furnishings | 0.19 | 132 | +1 | +10 |
| 66. Toilet requisites and cosmetics | 0.76 | 122 | +1 | +10 |
| 67. Soaps and detergents | 0.38 | 120 | +1 | +7 |
| 68. Jewellery | 0.77 | 79 | -4 | -19 |
| 69. Toys and hobbies | 0.69 | 122 | -1 | +12 |
| 70. Household goods, others | 0.65 | 124 | - | +10 |
| SECTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS | 5.68 | 121 | - | +12 |

Table 3 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | June 1982 (October 1979 - Sept. 1980 = 100) | Compared with May 1982 (points) | Compared with June 1981 (points) |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 71. Purchase of and repairs to motor vehicles | 0.15 | 144 | +10 | +29 |
| 72. Petrol and oil | 0.11 | 154 | +4 | +37 |
| 73. Motor licences, insurance, instructor's fees and parking fees | 0.16 | 162 | +8 | +56 |
| 74. Bus fares | 1.43 | 159 | - | - |
| 75. Tram fares | 0.06 | 168 | - | +68 |
| 76. Public light bus fares | 1.45 | 125 | - | +9 |
| 77. Taxi fares | 0.66 | 129 | - | - |
| 78. Mass Transit Railway fares | 0.33 | 117 | +4 | +14 |
| 79. Ferry fares | 0.16 | 144 | - | +34 |
| 80. Transport, others | 0.76 | 140 | +3 | +18 |
| SECTION OF TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES | 5.27 | 140 | +1 | +11 |
| 81. School fees | 1.53 | 132 | +1 | +17 |
| 82. Other educational charges | 0.68 | 135 | - | +15 |
| 83. Medical treatment | 1.62 | 146 | +3 | +22 |
| 84. Cinema entertainment | 0.64 | 164 | - | +31 |
| 85. Package tour | 1.28 | 109 | -1 | +9 |
| 86. Expenses on dinner parties | 0.44 | 132 | - | +12 |
| 87. Other entertainment and holiday expenses | 0.45 | 144 | +4 | +23 |
| 88. Household services | 0.43 | 145 | - | +24 |
| 89. Hair-dressing | 0.75 | 140 | +3 | +19 |
| 90. Repairs to personal and household goods | 0.31 | 132 | +1 | +12 |
| 91. Subscriptions and other services | 0.39 | 128 | +2 | +19 |
| 92. Postage | 0.08 | 128 | - | +28 |
| 93. Telephone and telegram | 0.98 | 116 | - | +16 |
| SECTION OF SERVICES | 9.58 | 134 | +1 | +18 |
| ALL ITEMS | 100.00 | 130 | +1 | +13 |

Note : The C.P.I. (A) is based on weights derived from the expenditure of households spending between \$1 000 and \$3 499 a month in the Household Expenditure Survey, 1979/80.

Table 4 Consumer Price Index (B) for June 1982
 compared with the preceding month and the
 corresponding month in the preceding year

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | June 1982 (October 1979 - September 1980=100) | Compared with May 1982 (points) | Compared with June 1981 (points) |
|---|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Rice | 1.50 | 130 | - 1 | + 6 |
| 2. Other cereals and cereal preparations | 0.32 | 129 | + 1 | +11 |
| 3. Bread, cakes and biscuits | 1.07 | 137 | - | +16 |
| 4. Salt-water fish | 1.16 | 135 | +10 | + 9 |
| 5. Fresh-water fish | 1.13 | 124 | + 4 | + 9 |
| 6. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | 126 | + 6 | + 6 |
| 7. Sea product preparations | 0.60 | 123 | + 1 | +10 |
| 8. Pork, locally slaughtered | 2.22 | 135 | + 3 | +18 |
| 9. Beef, locally slaughtered | 0.66 | 127 | + 3 | +16 |
| 10. Live poultry | 1.04 | 112 | + 2 | + 4 |
| 11. Meat and poultry, frozen | 0.62 | 117 | + 1 | +10 |
| 12. Meat and poultry, tinned | 0.19 | 108 | - | + 3 |
| 13. Meat, others | 1.36 | 126 | + 2 | +15 |
| 14. Fresh vegetables | 2.19 | 150 | + 5 | +28 |
| 15. Processed vegetables | 0.18 | 147 | - | +31 |
| 16. Fresh fruits | 2.07 | 137 | + 2 | +16 |
| 17. Processed fruits | 0.19 | 117 | - | + 7 |
| 18. Dairy products | 0.51 | 142 | - | +18 |
| 19. Eggs | 0.38 | 141 | - | +19 |
| 20. Edible oils | 0.63 | 117 | - | + 5 |
| 21. Aerated water | 0.56 | 132 | - | +15 |
| 22. Other non-alcoholic beverages | 0.49 | 131 | + 2 | +14 |
| 23. Sugar | 0.11 | 116 | - 2 | -14 |
| 24. Confectionery | 0.46 | 134 | - | +13 |
| 25. Flavourings and additives | 0.22 | 130 | - | +13 |
| 26. Foods, others | 1.03 | 110 | - 1 | + 1 |
| 27. Meals bought away from home | 17.03 | 140 | + 1 | +18 |
| SECTION OF FOODSTUFFS | 38.59 | 135 | + 2 | +16 |
| 28. Rent, including rates | 16.52 | 122 | - | +10 |
| 29. Water charges | 0.20 | 113 | + 5 | +13 |
| 30. Other housing charges | 0.86 | 162 | - | +34 |
| 31. Materials for house maintenance | 0.19 | 114 | - | + 5 |
| SECTION OF HOUSING | 17.77 | 124 | - | +11 |
| 32. Electricity | 1.40 | 147 | + 1 | - 7 |
| 33. Liquefied petroleum gas | 0.66 | 116 | - | - |
| 34. Kerosene | 0.55 | 126 | - | + 3 |
| 35. Fuel, others | 0.10 | 125 | - 1 | + 8 |
| SECTION OF FUEL AND LIGHT | 2.71 | 134 | - | - 3 |

Table 4 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | June 1982 (October 1979 - September 1980=100) | Compared with May 1982 (points) | Compared with June 1981 (points) |
|--|----------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 36. Chinese wines | 0.22 | 120 | + 1 | +11 |
| 37. Foreign style wines | 0.28 | 116 | - | + 7 |
| 38. Beer | 0.30 | 120 | + 1 | +13 |
| 39. Tobacco and tobacco manufactures | 1.10 | 127 | - | +14 |
| SECTION OF ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) | 1.90 | 123 | - | +12 |
| 40. Men's outerclothing | 1.54 | 131 | - 1 | +17 |
| 41. Men's underclothing | 0.10 | 121 | - | +13 |
| 42. Women's outerclothing | 2.45 | 143 | - | +23 |
| 43. Women's underclothing | 0.15 | 123 | - 1 | +15 |
| 44. Children's outerclothing | 0.45 | 132 | - | +16 |
| 45. Children's underclothing | 0.05 | 124 | + 1 | +15 |
| 46. Clothing, others | 0.30 | 117 | - | + 8 |
| 47. Infant's clothing | 0.16 | 128 | - | +16 |
| 48. Clothing materials and accessories | 0.33 | 133 | - 1 | +14 |
| 49. Tailoring charges | 0.18 | 150 | + 5 | +23 |
| 50. Men's footwear | 0.56 | 121 | + 2 | +11 |
| 51. Women's footwear | 0.59 | 116 | - 2 | + 8 |
| 52. Children's footwear | 0.17 | 117 | - 1 | + 9 |
| SECTION OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR | 7.03 | 132 | - | +17 |
| 53. Furniture | 0.63 | 118 | - | + 6 |
| 54. Electrical consumer goods | 2.17 | 114 | - | + 3 |
| 55. Television and sound equipment | 3.14 | 104 | - 1 | - 2 |
| 56. Glass, crockery and earthenware | 0.13 | 129 | + 1 | +13 |
| 57. Hardware, ironmongery and cutlery | 0.11 | 118 | + 1 | + 9 |
| 58. Watch, camera and optical goods | 0.50 | 111 | - 1 | + 2 |
| 59. Travel and sports goods | 0.42 | 108 | - | + 6 |
| 60. Durable goods, others | 0.43 | 117 | - | + 4 |
| SECTION OF DURABLE GOODS | 7.53 | 110 | - 1 | + 1 |
| 61. Proprietary medicines and supplies | 1.03 | 117 | + 1 | + 9 |
| 62. Newspapers | 0.45 | 165 | - | +62 |
| 63. Books and periodicals | 0.26 | 137 | + 1 | +18 |
| 64. Stationery | 0.24 | 123 | + 1 | +10 |
| 65. Soft furnishings | 0.31 | 130 | + 1 | +11 |
| 66. Toilet requisites and cosmetics | 0.87 | 125 | + 2 | +12 |
| 67. Soaps and detergents | 0.39 | 120 | + 1 | + 7 |
| 68. Jewellery | 1.21 | 78 | - 3 | -19 |
| 69. Toys and hobbies | 0.68 | 123 | + 1 | +12 |
| 70. Household goods, others | 0.63 | 126 | - | +11 |
| SECTION OF MISCELLANEOUS GOODS | 6.07 | 117 | - 1 | + 8 |

Table 4 (cont'd)

| Group and section of commodity/service | Weights attached (%) | June 1982 (October 1979 - September 1980=100) | Compared with May 1982 | Compared with June 1981 |
|---|----------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | (points) | (points) |
| 71. Purchase of and repairs to motor vehicles | 0.44 | 145 | +12 | +31 |
| 72. Petrol and oil | 0.26 | 154 | +4 | +37 |
| 73. Motor licences, insurance, instructor's fees and parking fees | 0.59 | 161 | +11 | +46 |
| 74. Bus fares | 1.23 | 159 | - | - |
| 75. Tram fares | 0.06 | 168 | - | +68 |
| 76. Public light bus fares | 1.21 | 125 | - | +9 |
| 77. Taxi fares | 0.91 | 129 | - | - |
| 78. Mass Transit Railway fares | 0.36 | 117 | +4 | +14 |
| 79. Ferry fares | 0.18 | 144 | - | +34 |
| 80. Transport, others | 0.85 | 135 | +2 | +15 |
| SECTION OF TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES | 6.09 | 141 | +3 | +15 |
| 81. School fees | 1.79 | 131 | - | +16 |
| 82. Other educational charges | 0.75 | 136 | - | +15 |
| 83. Medical treatment | 1.88 | 146 | +3 | +22 |
| 84. Cinema entertainment | 0.69 | 164 | - | +31 |
| 85. Package tour | 2.32 | 110 | - | +10 |
| 86. Expenses on dinner parties | 1.11 | 132 | - | +12 |
| 87. Other entertainment and holiday expenses | 0.59 | 137 | +3 | +19 |
| 88. Household services | 0.66 | 144 | - | +24 |
| 89. Hair-dressing | 0.90 | 139 | +3 | +18 |
| 90. Repairs to personal and household goods | 0.32 | 132 | +2 | +12 |
| 91. Subscriptions and other services | 0.52 | 142 | +1 | +24 |
| 92. Postage | 0.10 | 128 | - | +28 |
| 93. Telephone and telegram | 0.68 | 116 | - | +16 |
| SECTION OF SERVICES | 12.31 | 133 | +1 | +17 |
| ALL ITEMS | 100.00 | 130 | +1 | +13 |

Note : The C.P.I. (B) is based on weights derived from the expenditure of households spending between \$3 500 and \$6 499 a month in the Household Expenditure Survey, 1979/80.

**Table 5 Effect of changes in selected group indexes
on the Consumer Price Index (A)**

| <u>Group of commodity/service</u> | <u>Weights</u> (%) | <u>Index for June 1982 compared with that for May 1982</u> (points) | <u>Effect of changes on C.P.I. (A)</u> (points) |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1. Meals bought away from home | 18.93 | +1 | +0.19 |
| 2. Fresh vegetables | 3.00 | +5 | +0.15 |
| 3. Salt-water fish | 1.50 | +9 | +0.14 |
| 4. Pork, locally slaughtered | 3.22 | +3 | +0.10 |
| 5. Medical treatment | 1.62 | +3 | +0.05 |
| 6. Fresh-water fish | 1.54 | +3 | +0.05 |
| 7. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | +5 | +0.03 |
| 8. Live poultry | 1.29 | +2 | +0.03 |
| 9. Jewellery | 0.77 | -4 | -0.03 |
| 10. Television and sound equipment | 3.45 | -1 | -0.03 |

**Table 6 Effect of changes in selected group indexes
on the Consumer Price Index (B)**

| <u>Group of commodity/service</u> | <u>Weights</u> (%) | <u>Index for June 1982 compared with that for May 1982</u> (points) | <u>Effect of changes on C.P.I. (B)</u> (points) |
|--|-----------------------|--|--|
| 1. Meals bought away from home | 17.03 | +1 | +0.17 |
| 2. Salt-water fish | 1.16 | +10 | +0.12 |
| 3. Fresh vegetables | 2.19 | +5 | +0.11 |
| 4. Pork, locally slaughtered | 2.22 | +3 | +0.07 |
| 5. Motor licences, insurance, instructors' fees and parking fees | 0.59 | +11 | +0.06 |
| 6. Medical treatment | 1.88 | +3 | +0.06 |
| 7. Purchase of & repairs to motor vehicles | 0.44 | +12 | +0.05 |
| 8. Fresh-water fish | 1.13 | +4 | +0.05 |
| 9. Fresh fruits | 2.07 | +2 | +0.04 |
| 10. Other fresh sea products | 0.67 | +6 | +0.04 |

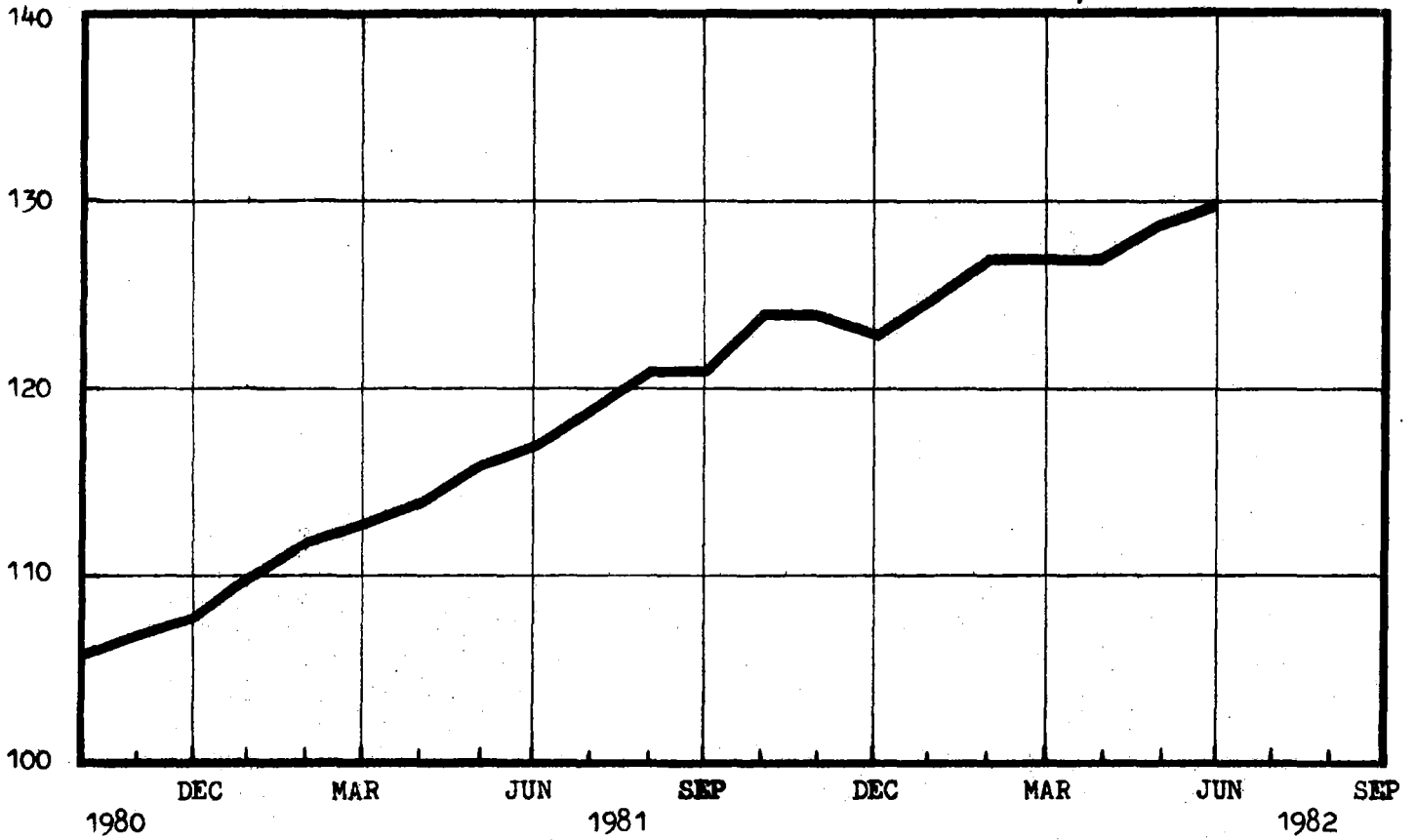
Table 7 Average prices of some essential food items

HK\$/kg

| Item | June 1982 | | May 1982 | | June 1981 | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Average price | Price range | Average price | Price range | Average price | Price range |
| <u>Rice</u> | | | | | | |
| Top grade | 4.15 | 3.80-4.50 | 4.18 | 3.90-4.50 | 4.02 | 3.60-4.30 |
| Middle and low grade | 3.92 | 3.60-4.50 | 3.94 | 3.80-4.50 | 3.77 | 3.10-4.30 |
| <u>Pork</u> | | | | | | |
| Best cut | 20.50 | 18.20-24.50 | 19.93 | 16.50-24.50 | 17.44 | 14.90-21.20 |
| Pork chop | 26.87 | 24.80-29.80 | 26.20 | 23.10-39.70 | 23.13 | 19.80-26.50 |
| <u>Beef</u> | | | | | | |
| Best quality | 28.85 | 23.80-33.10 | 28.36 | 23.10-33.10 | 25.10 | 21.20-26.50 |
| Belly flesh | 14.55 | 13.20-16.50 | 14.29 | 11.60-16.50 | 13.15 | 10.60-15.90 |
| <u>Poultry</u> | | | | | | |
| Live chicken Grade A | 22.50 | 17.40-29.80 | 21.96 | 16.50-31.40 | 22.02 | 14.90-29.80 |
| Live duck Grade A | 13.59 | 9.90-19.80 | 13.44 | 9.90-19.80 | 13.19 | 9.10-18.20 |
| <u>Marine fish</u> | | | | | | |
| Golden thread | 17.26 | 6.60-26.50 | 15.97 | 5.80-26.50 | 16.34 | 5.30-26.50 |
| Mackerel | 22.82 | 13.20-39.70 | 19.83 | 9.30-33.10 | 17.05 | 7.40-31.70 |
| Garoupa | 38.96 | 24.00-62.80 | 34.63 | 19.80-52.90 | 38.00 | 15.90-59.50 |
| <u>Pond fish</u> | | | | | | |
| Grass carp | 27.43 | 21.20-36.40 | 26.72 | 20.80-31.70 | 26.11 | 18.50-31.70 |
| Big head | 21.83 | 15.90-33.10 | 21.75 | 15.90-26.50 | 19.83 | 13.20-26.50 |
| <u>Fresh vegetables</u> | | | | | | |
| Cabbage, white | 7.57 | 4.10-13.20 | 6.79 | 2.60-10.60 | 4.96 | 2.60-8.90 |
| Cabbage, flowering | 9.24 | 4.10-15.90 | 9.25 | 5.00-15.90 | 7.03 | 4.00-10.60 |
| Tomato | 6.07 | 3.30-11.60 | 5.01 | 2.00-8.90 | 8.05 | 4.30-13.20 |
| Chinese lettuce | 8.68 | 4.00-11.60 | 8.53 | 3.30-15.90 | 6.63 | 3.30-10.60 |
| Hairy squash | 5.54 | 1.30-10.60 | 5.51 | 2.00-13.20 | 5.72 | 2.00-9.30 |
| <u>Hen eggs</u> (\$ each) | 0.50 | 0.33-0.75 | 0.50 | 0.37-0.75 | 0.43 | 0.30-0.60 |

Graph A
Consumer Price Index (A)

(1979/80 = 100)



Graph B
Consumer Price Index (B)

(1979/80 = 100)

