Table 26: Consumer Price Index<sup>1</sup> and Inflation Rate: January 1998 - February 2003

| Month                        | 1998  | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003              |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------|
|                              |       |       |       |       |       |                   |
| January                      | 105.5 | 114.6 | 120.0 | 125.9 | 133.5 | 105.5             |
| February                     | 106.0 | 114.9 | 120.6 | 126.5 | 134.7 | 105.7             |
| March                        | 106.7 | 115.1 | 121.0 | 126.3 | 135.4 |                   |
| April                        | 107.4 | 115.6 | 120.9 | 126.5 | 135.7 |                   |
| May                          | 108.0 | 115.8 | 121.0 | 126.8 | 135.9 |                   |
| June                         | 109.6 | 117.4 | 121.0 | 127.8 | 135.9 |                   |
| July                         | 109.7 | 117.8 | 121.3 | 129.7 | 103.1 |                   |
| August                       | 110.0 | 118.3 | 121.7 | 129.9 | 103.6 |                   |
| September                    | 112.1 | 118.5 | 121.9 | 130.1 | 104.0 |                   |
| October                      | 112.7 | 118.5 | 124.6 | 130.5 | 105.0 |                   |
| November                     | 113.1 | 118.9 | 124.8 | 131.1 | 104.9 |                   |
| December                     | 113.4 | 119.6 | 125.2 | 131.8 | 104.8 |                   |
| Average                      | 109.5 | 117.1 | 122.0 | 128.6 |       |                   |
| Inflation Rate<br>(Per Cent) | +6.8  | +6.9  | +4.2  | +5.4  | +6.4  | +6.1 <sup>2</sup> |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> From July 1997 to June 2002, the base period was July 1996 to June 1997 = 100. A new base period (July 2001 to June 2002 = 100) has been introduced as from July 2002

 $<sup>^{2}\,</sup>$  Inflation Rate for the twelve-month period ended February 2003.

Source: Central Statistics Office, Government of Mauritius.