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January 2023 Fuel Prices

The Minister of Finance, Hon. Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molio'o has advised that the following changes in the Retail Petroleum Products Prices will apply from **1st January 2023**.

The Hon. Minister announced that there will be changes in the retail prices. Petrol will increase by 0.5 sene per litre from \$3.34 to \$3.35 per litre, however Diesel will decrease by 19.9 sene per litre from \$4.16 to \$3.96 per litre and Kerosene will decrease by 8.5 sene per litre from \$3.57 to \$3.49 per litre.

International prices for Diesel and Kero declined whilst Petrol prices increased marginally in November the base month for setting Samoa's January Retail Prices; Diesel in particular came off the previous high levels.

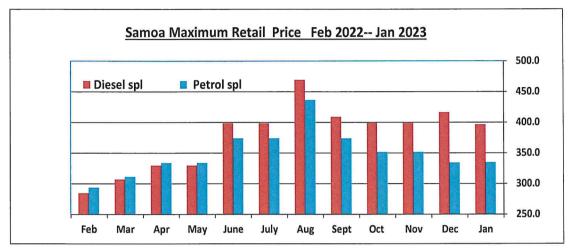
At the local level the TALA strengthened against the US\$ by 2.5% further easing local Diesel and Kero prices, Petrol though still recorded a slight increase.

Global concerns regarding future economic recessions, which tend to dampen forward prices and OPEC + supply controls, which tend to push prices upwards will continue to impact future prices albeit which way remains hidden in the crystal ball.

Retail Prices from 1st - 31st JANUARY 2023

Petrol \$3.35 per litre Diesel \$3.96 per litre Kerosene \$3.49 per litre





The Figure below shows the price of Petroleum Products in some Pacific Countries such as New Zealand, Australia and Fiji.

| | SAMOA | AUSTRALIA | | NEW ZEALAND ¹ | | FIJI ² | |
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| | SAT | AUD | SAT | NZD | SAT | FJD | SAT |
| ULP | \$ 3.35 | \$2.00 | \$3.72 | \$2.39 | \$4.22 | \$2.77 | \$ 3.54 |
| ADO | \$ 3.96 | \$2.02 | \$3.76 | \$2.27 | \$4.01 | \$3.06 | \$ 3.91 |

Hon. Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molio'o MINISTER OF FINANCE

¹ ADO Diesel in New Zealand is duty free as you only have to pay to purchase a – long distance travel license. (Plan Long Distance Travel)

² Price in Fiji as of 1st of December, 2022