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Further, Health; Transport; Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco; and Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels sub-categories also reported increases during the month.

The core inflation, which reflects the underlying inflation in the economy,

increased from 5.1 per cent in January 2019 to 5.5 per cent in February 2019 on year-on-year basis.

Meanwhile, annual average core inflation also increased from 2.7 per cent in January 2019 to 3.0 per cent in February 2019.