

Box 3: How to explain the increase in inflation between July 2014 and June 2016 by looking at the different CPI components? A Lasting Shock to Oil Prices: Implications for Monetary Policy in General Equilibrium Models

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The macroeconomic consequences of the recent plunge in international oil prices pose a challenge to an inflation targeting strategy in small, open economies that export this commodity. On the one hand, there would be a negative impact on economic activity, national revenue, and aggregate demand, as manifest in a lower rate of growth. On the other, we would see depreciation of the exchange rate and its upward effect on prices and inflation.