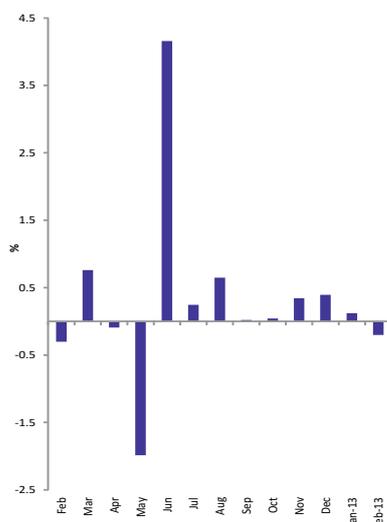


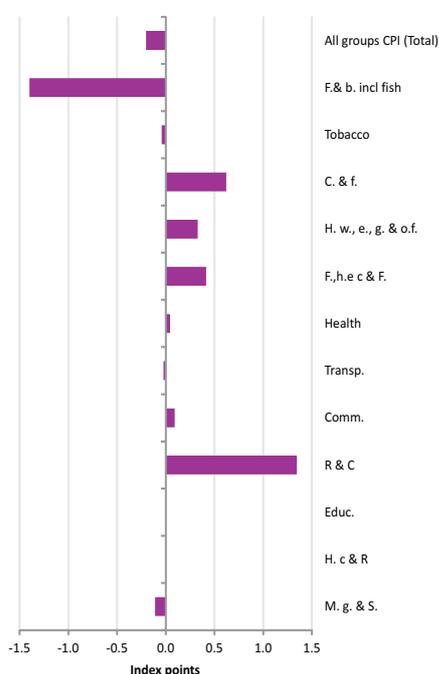
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**KEY FIGURES**

All groups CPI  
Monthly change  
(Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)



Contribution to monthly  
change  
(Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)

**Inflation rates : Republic****All groups CPI (Total)**

	Jan 2013 to Feb 2013 % change	Feb 2012 to Feb 2013 % change
All groups CPI (Total)	-0.20	4.43
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	-1.40	6.52
Tobacco and arecanut	-0.04	-8.99
Clothing & footwear	0.62	7.06
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.33	3.97
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.41	2.18
Health	0.04	8.47
Transport	-0.02	3.72
Communication	0.09	0.09
Recreation & culture	1.34	-1.32
Education	0.00	5.70
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	16.77
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.11	-2.93

**CPI analytical series**

	Jan 2013 to Feb 2013 % change	Feb 2012 to Feb 2013 % change
Total excluding fish	0.32	3.14
Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish	0.48	3.34
Fish	-5.66	15.08
Actual rentals for housing	0.29	4.84

**KEY POINTS****THE ALL GROUPS CPI**

\* The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI fell 0.20% in February 2013, compared to rise of 0.12% in January 2013.

\* The index for all items excluding fish rose 0.32% in February 2013 after increasing 0.17% in January 2013.

\* The Consumer Price Index for all groups CPI rose 4.43% through the year to February 2013, compared with 4.33% through the year to January 2013.

**OVERVIEW OF THE CPI MOVEMENTS**

\* The most significant price falls recorded in this month were from fish (-5.66%), arecanut (-1.34%), vegetables (-1.13%), meat (-0.72%) and passenger transport by air (-0.28%).

\* The most significant price rises in this month were from fruits (+6.81%), information processing equipment (+4.03%), shoes and other footwear (+2.08%), equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (+1.56%) and major household appliances whether or not electrical (+1.32%).

**INQUIRIES**

For further information about CPI and related statistics, please contact the Statistics Division of DNP at 3349470 or email econstats@planning.gov.mv

# NOTES

## FORTHCOMING ISSUES

<b>Issue (monthly)</b>	<b>Release date</b>
March 2013	29 April 2013
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June 2013	29 July 2013

## ROUNDING

Any discrepancies between totals and sum of components in this publication are due to rounding.

## ABBREVIATIONS

DNP	Department of National Planning
CPI	Consumer Price Index
n.e.c	not elsewhere classified
F & b. incl fish	Food & non-alcoholic beverages including fish
C. & f.	Clothing & footwear
H. w., e., g. & o.f.	Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels
F.,h.e c & F.	Furnishing, household equip. & routine maintenance
Transp.	Transport
Comm.	Communication
R & C	Recreation & culture
Educ.	Education
H. c & R	Hotels, cafes & Restaurants
M. g. & S.	Miscellaneous goods & Services
IMF	International Monetary Fund

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# MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE

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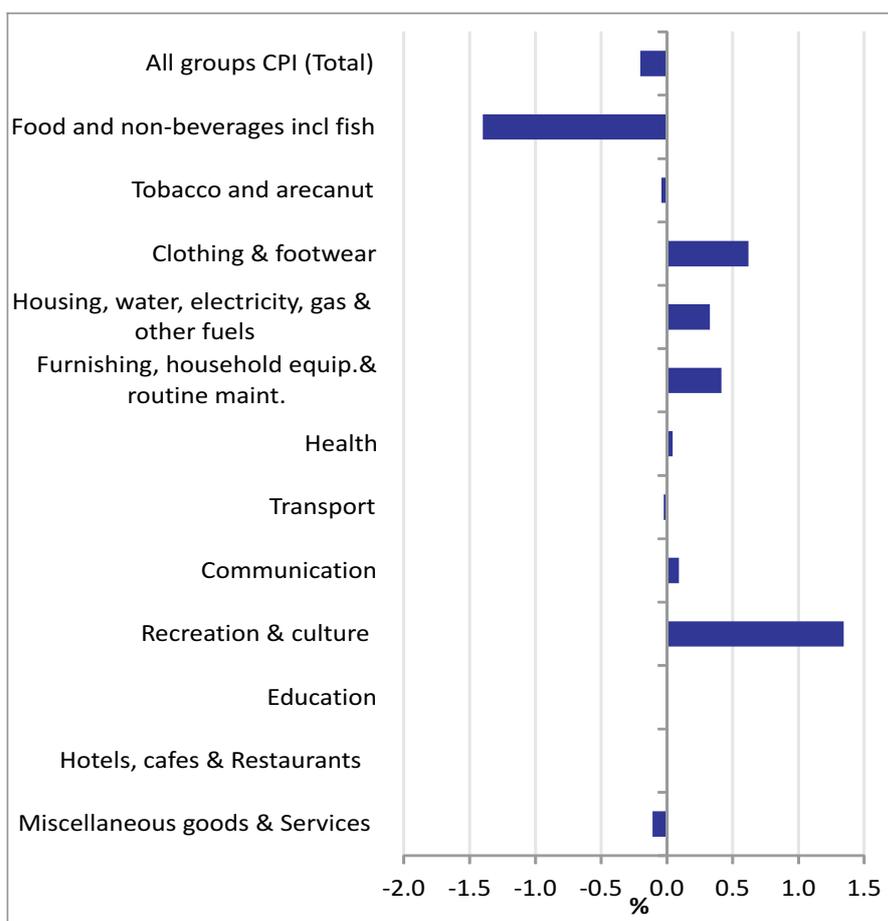
### CPI GROUPS

The discussion of the CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month (see table 1).

### CONTRIBUTION TO MONTHLY CHANGE

CPI GROUPS	Republic
All the groups CPI (Total)	-0.20
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	-1.40
Tobacco and arecanut	-0.04
Clothing & footwear	0.62
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.33
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.41
Health	0.04
Transport	-0.02
Communication	0.09
Recreation & culture	1.34
Education	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.11

### TOTAL PERCENTAGE CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH, DISPLAYING ALL CPI GROUPS FOR REPUBLIC, (Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)



### FISH (-5.66%)

Fish group fell in February 2013. The main contributors to this fall were decrease in price of skipjack tuna (-15.03%), yellow fin tuna (-7.03%) and mas mirus (-2.64%) This fall was partially offset by rise in reef fish (+7.52%), dried fish (+3.74%), and fish paste (rihaakuru) (+3.41%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, fish group rose by 15.08%.

### FOOD AND NON - ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES (-1.40%)

Food and non-alcoholic beverages group fell in February 2013. The main contributors to this fall were decrease in price of watermelon (-25.14%), pumpkin (-16.49%), skipjack tuna (-15.03%), cabbages (-12.95%), tomato (-7.95%), onion (-7.77%), yellow fin tuna (-7.03%), potatoes (-4.32%) and lemon (-4.06%). This fall was partially offset by rise in papaya (+77.46%), carrot (+38.20%), coconut (+15.26%), banana (+13.16%) and young coconut (+9.28%) prices. When fish is excluded, the food non-alcoholic beverages group rose by (0.48%) in February 2013.

Over the twelve months until February 2013, food and non-alcoholic beverages group rose by 6.52%

## MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE...*continued*

### MISCELLANEOUS GOODS AND SERVICES (-0.11%)

Miscellaneous goods and service group fell in February 2013 and most significant contributors to this fall were body spray (-1.55%), shampoo (-1.07%), face wash (-1.01%), lotion (-0.71%) and tooth paste (-0.64%). This fall was partially offset by rises in shaving foam (+1.99%), Baby diaper (+0.91%), facial cream (+0.72%) and baby cologne (+0.58%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, miscellaneous goods and service group fell by -2.93%.

### TOBACCO AND ARECANUT (-0.04%)

The Tobacco and Arecanut group fell in February 2013. Main contributors to this fall were roasted aracanut packets (-1.91%) and arecanut (-1.41%). This effect was partially offset by the increase in cigarette prices (+0.41%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, Tobacco and Arecanut group fell by -8.99%.

### TRANSPORT (-0.02%)

The transport group fell in February 2013. And the main contributor to this fall were decrease in price of International air fare - Male' - Trivandrum - Male' (-1.17%). This effect was partially offset by the increase in prices of international air fare - Male' - Colombo - Male' (+0.44%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, the transport group rose by 3.72%.

### EDUCATION (0.00%)

In education group, no changes were observed in the rate of inflation during February 2013.

Over the twelve months until February 2013, education group rose by 5.70%.

### HOTELS, CAFES & RESTAURANTS (0.00%)

In the Hotels, cafes & Restaurants group, no changes were observed in the rate of inflation during February 2013.

Over the last twelve months the restaurant and hotel group rose by 16.77%. This was mainly due to the increase in price of guest house room rates and also increase in price of some restaurant meals when compare to the February 2012.

### HEALTH (+0.04%)

The Health group rose in February 2013 and the most significant contributor to this rise was increase in price of some pharmaceutical products such as digene (+3.08%) and actified (+2.08%). However this rise was partially offset by fall in haliborange (-1.27%) and zental (-1.18%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, the Health group rose by 8.47%.

## MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CHANGE...*continued*

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### COMMUNICATION (+0.09%)

The communication group rose in February 2013. The Main contributor to this fall was mobile phone prices (0.38%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, the communication group rose by 0.09%.

### HOUSING WATER ELECTRICITY GAS AND OTHER FUELS (+0.33%)

The Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels group rose in February 2013. Main contributors to the rise were electricity charges (+0.99%) and rents (+0.29%). This rise was partially offset by fall in plywood (-0.51%) and tiles (-0.15%).

Over the last twelve months the Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels group rose by 3.97%.

### FURNISHING HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENTS & ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OF THE HOUSE (+0.41%)

The group Furnishing, household equip. and routine maintenance of the house rose in February 2013. The main contributors to this rise were refrigerators (+6.16%), washing powder (+1.07%), bleach (+0.95%) and water pump (+0.75%). This increase was partially offset by decrease in price of fabric softener (-0.82%), plate (-0.33%) and iron (-0.31%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, the Furnishing household equipments and routine maintenance of the house group rose by 2.18%.

### CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR (+0.62%)

The Clothing and footwear group also rose in February 2013 and the main contributors to this rise were plastic slipper for men (+8.32%), women's jeans (+0.97%), men's trousers (+0.62%) and women's pants (+0.48%). This rise was partially offset by fall in price of sports shoes for kids (-1.33%) and women's T-shirt (-0.88%)

Over the twelve months until February 2013, the Clothing and footwear group rose by 7.06%.

### RECREATION & CULTURE (+1.34%)

The Recreation and culture group rose in February 2013. The most significant contributors to this rise were lap top (+4.03%), DVD player (+3.87%), television (+1.53%), drawing block (+1.41%) and monitor book (+1.07%). However this effect was partially offset by decrease in color pencil (-1.21%) and pen (-0.68%).

Over the twelve months until February 2013, the recreation and culture group fell by -1.32%.

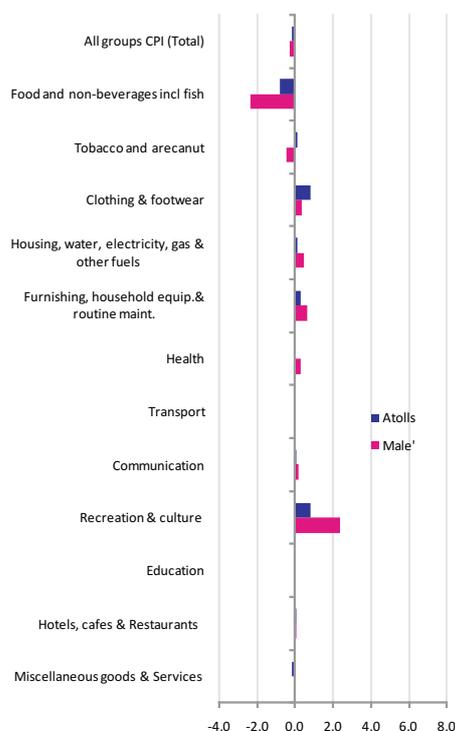
# COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

## ALL GROUPS CPI

## Inflation rates : Male' & Atolls

Jan 2013 to Feb 2013

Total percentage change from previous month, displaying all CPI groups for Male' and Atolls, (Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)



### All groups CPI (Total)

% change  
Male' -0.27  
Atolls -0.15

Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish

-2.35 -0.79

Tobacco and arecanut

-0.45 0.10

Clothing & footwear

0.37 0.78

Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels

0.44 0.11

Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.

0.64 0.27

Health

0.30 -0.06

Transport

-0.02 -0.02

Communication

0.17 0.02

Recreation & culture

2.34 0.81

Education

0.00 0.00

Hotels, cafes & Restaurants

0.00 0.00

Miscellaneous goods & Services

-0.03 -0.16

### CPI analytical series

Total excluding fish

0.51 0.15

Food and non-alcoholic beverages excl fish

1.07 0.13

Fish

-9.20 -3.05

Actual rentals for housing

0.30 0.11

At the All Group Level, CPI fell both in Male' and Atolls during February 2013 with -0.27% and -0.15% respectively. (See table 2 & 3)

For Male' the largest contributor to the fall in CPI was Fish (-9.20%), Food & beverages incl fish (-2.35%) during the month of February 2013, followed by Tobacco (-0.45%).

For the Atolls, the largest contributor to the fall in CPI was Fish (-3.05%), Food and beverages incl fish (-0.79%) during the month of February 2013, followed by Miscellaneous goods & Services (-0.16%).

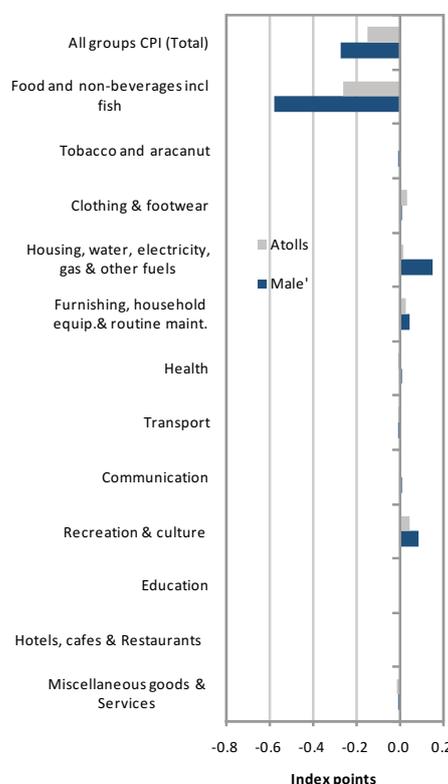
Fish was the most significant negative contributor to All Groups monthly movement, recording a fall in both Male' and Atolls. The largest movement was recorded in Male' was (-9.20%) due to decrease in price of skipjack tuna (-19.56%) and yellow fin tuna (-8.09%). In the Atolls, this movement was recorded at (-3.05%) due to decrease in price of skipjack tuna (-10.52%) and yellow fin tuna (-5.99%).

Food and beverages incl fish was the second largest negative contributor to the All Groups monthly movement, recording a fall in both Male' and the Atolls as well. The movement recorded in Male' was (-2.35%). This was mainly due to the decrease in price of fish (-9.20%), meat (-1.16%) and vegetables (-0.57%). In the Atolls, this movement was recorded at (-0.79%). That was due to decreases in price of fish (-3.05%) vegetables (-1.46%) and meat (-0.10%).

The Recreation & culture group was the most significant positive contributor to the All Groups monthly movement. The rise recorded in Male' was (+2.34%) and in the Atolls were (+0.81%). This is due to fall in prices of Information processing equipment such as laptops and DVD players.

Furnishing, household equip. & routine maint. was the second largest positive contributor to the All Groups monthly movement in Male', recording rise of (+0.64%). Clothing & footwear was the second largest positive contributor to the All Groups monthly movement in Atolls, recording rise of (+0.78%).

## Contribution to monthly change, Male' & Atolls (Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)



# COMPARISON BETWEEN MALE' AND ATOLLS

## ALL GROUPS CPI

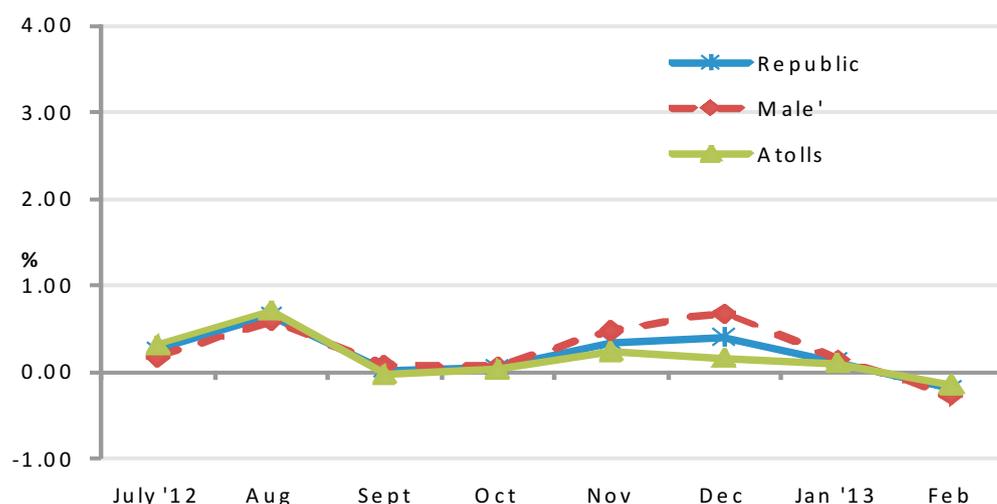
### ALL GROUPS CPI, All groups index numbers and percentage changes

	Index number (a)	Percentage change	
	Feb 2013	Jan 2013 to Feb 2013	Feb 2012 to Feb 2013
Maldives	101.62	-0.20	4.43
Male'	101.93	-0.27	4.75
Atolls	101.35	-0.15	na

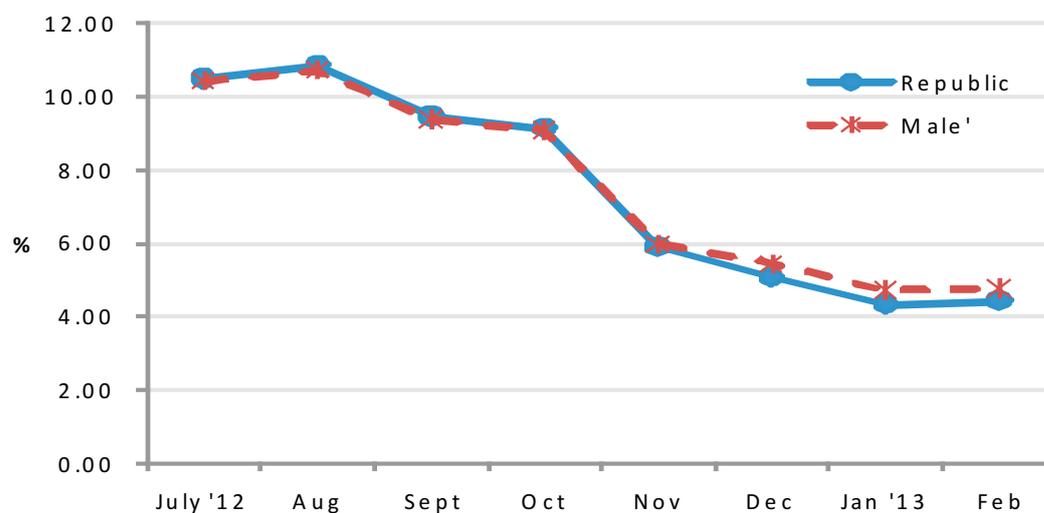
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