

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FEBRUARY 2013

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Inflation rate for February 2013

- Monthly percentage change between Jan 2013 and Feb 2013
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: -0.20%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: 0.32%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. Feb 2012 to Feb 2013)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): 4.43%

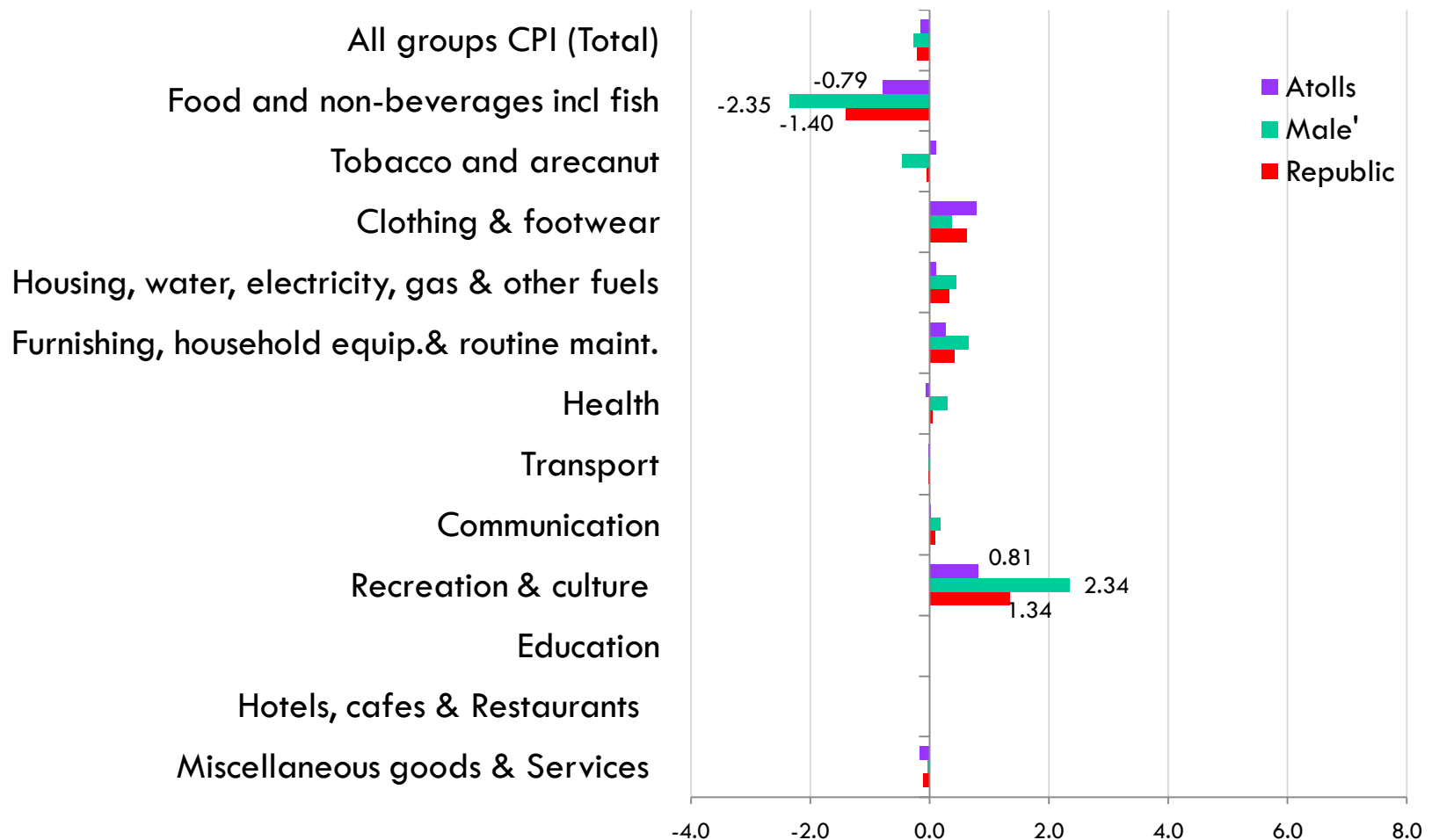
Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price FALLS this month were for;
 - Fish (-5.66%),
 - Arecanut (-1.34%),
 - Vegetables(-1.13%),
 - Meat(-0.72%),
 - Passenger transport by air (-0.28%) and
 - Small electrical household appliances (-0.26%)

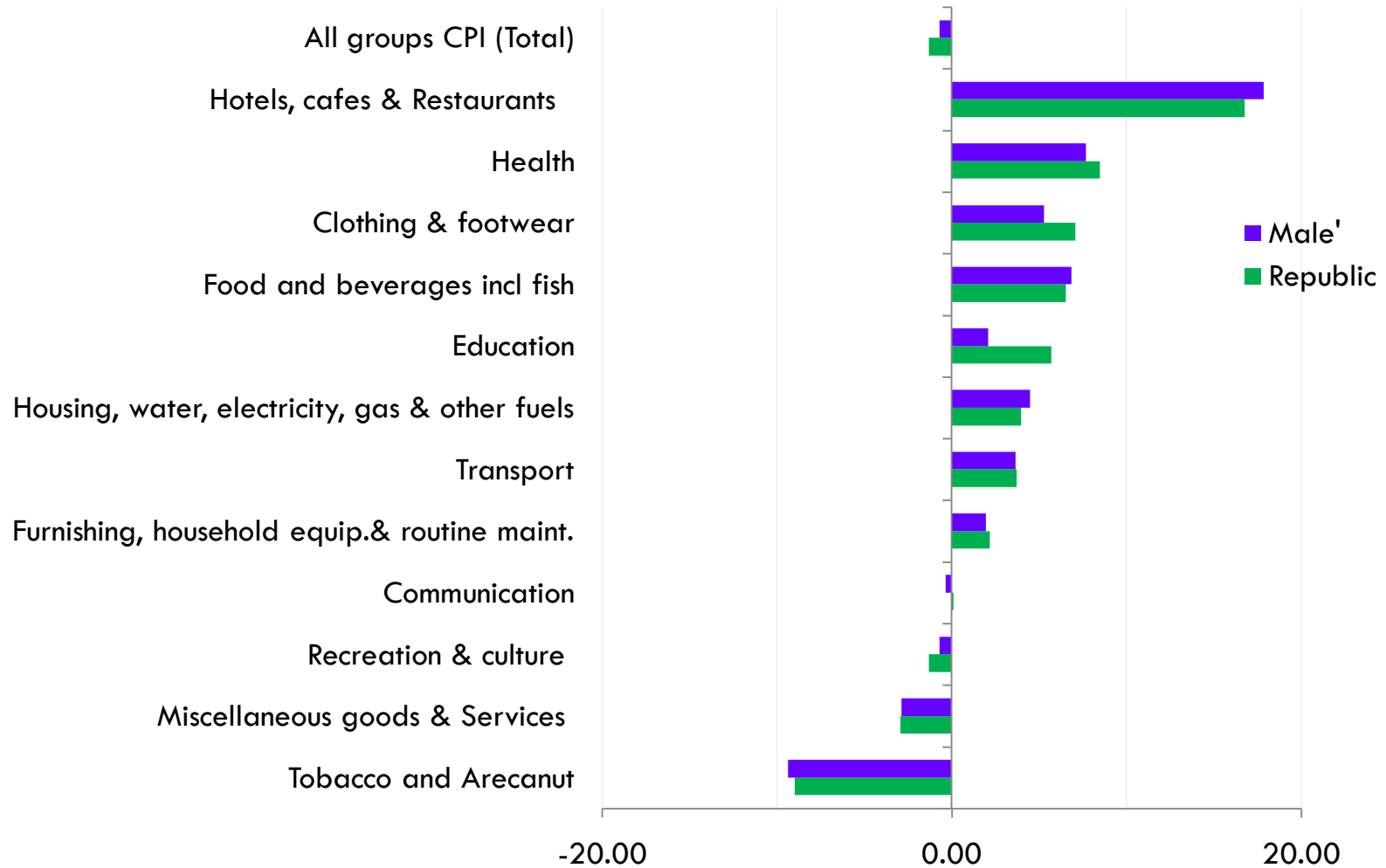
Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
 - ▣ Fruit (+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%),
 - ▣ Major household appliances whether or not electrical(+1.32%),
 - ▣ Electricity(+0.99%),
 - ▣ Books(+0.82%) and
 - ▣ Tools and equipment(+0.75%).

Monthly Inflation (Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)



Annual Inflation (Feb 2012 to Feb 2013)



Percentage change and change in index points used

- ▣ Movements in CPI from one period to the other period are expressed in index points as well as percentage changes.
- ▣ Information on points contribution and points contribution change (or points change) is of immense value when analysing sources of price change

Contribution to monthly change (Jan 2013 to Feb 2013)

| | Republic | Male' | Atolls |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| All groups CPI | -0.20 | -0.27 | -0.15 |
| Total excluding fish | 0.32 | 0.51 | 0.15 |
| Food and beverages incl fish | -1.40 | -2.35 | -0.79 |
| Food and beverage excl fish | 0.48 | 1.07 | 0.13 |
| ↓ Fish | -5.66 | -9.20 | -3.05 |
| Tobacco | -0.04 | -0.45 | 0.10 |
| Clothing & footwear | 0.62 | 0.37 | 0.78 |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels | 0.33 | 0.44 | 0.11 |
| Furnishing, household equip. & routine maint. | 0.41 | 0.64 | 0.27 |
| Health | 0.04 | 0.30 | -0.06 |
| Transport | -0.02 | -0.02 | -0.02 |
| Communication | 0.09 | 0.17 | 0.02 |
| Recreation & culture | 1.34 | 2.34 | 0.81 |
| Education | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Hotels, cafes & Restaurants | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Miscellaneous goods & Services | -0.11 | -0.03 | -0.16 |

Up-coming CPI releases

- Monthly CPI is targeted to be released on the last Monday of the month at 10.00 am local time
- Next release
 - ▣ March CPI : 29 April 2013

Documents available

- A guide to the Consumer Price Index, Maldives 2012

GUIDE

- Review of the Consumer Price Index, 2012 (Base Period June 2012=100)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Internet www.planning.gov.mv
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