

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX MARCH 2013

Release on 29 April 2013

Inflation rate for March 2013



- Monthly percentage change between Feb 2013 and March 2013
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: 0.50%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: 0.30%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. March 2012 to March 2013)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): 4.17%

Overview of the CPI movements

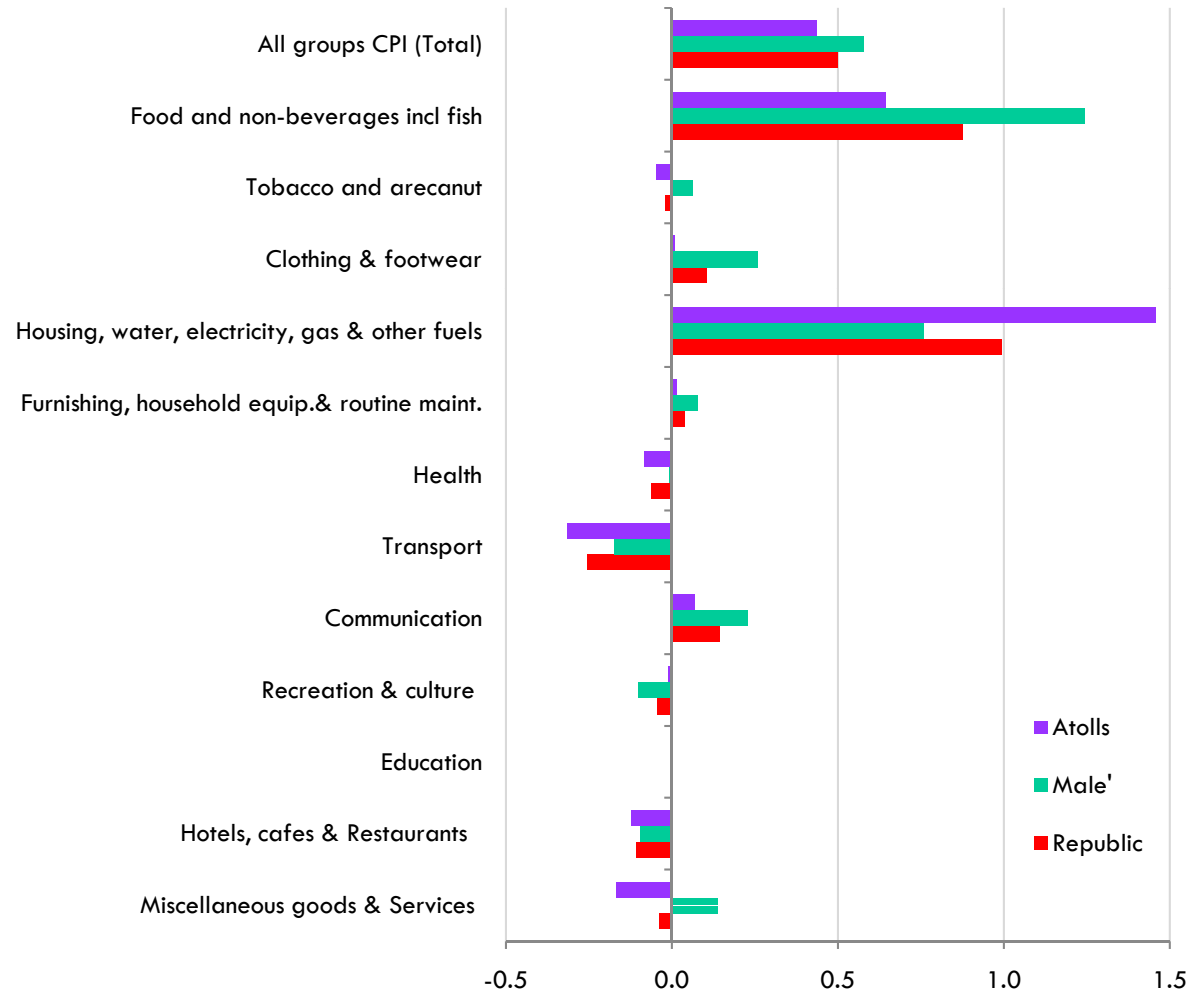
- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
 - ▣ Liquid fuels (+33.07%),
 - ▣ Accommodation services (+3.53%),
 - ▣ Services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling (+3.20%),
 - ▣ Fish (+2.70%),
 - ▣ Vegetables (+1.97%),
 - ▣ Fuels and lubricants (+1.69%),
 - ▣ Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment (+0.71%) and
 - ▣ Stationery and drawing materials (+0.50%).

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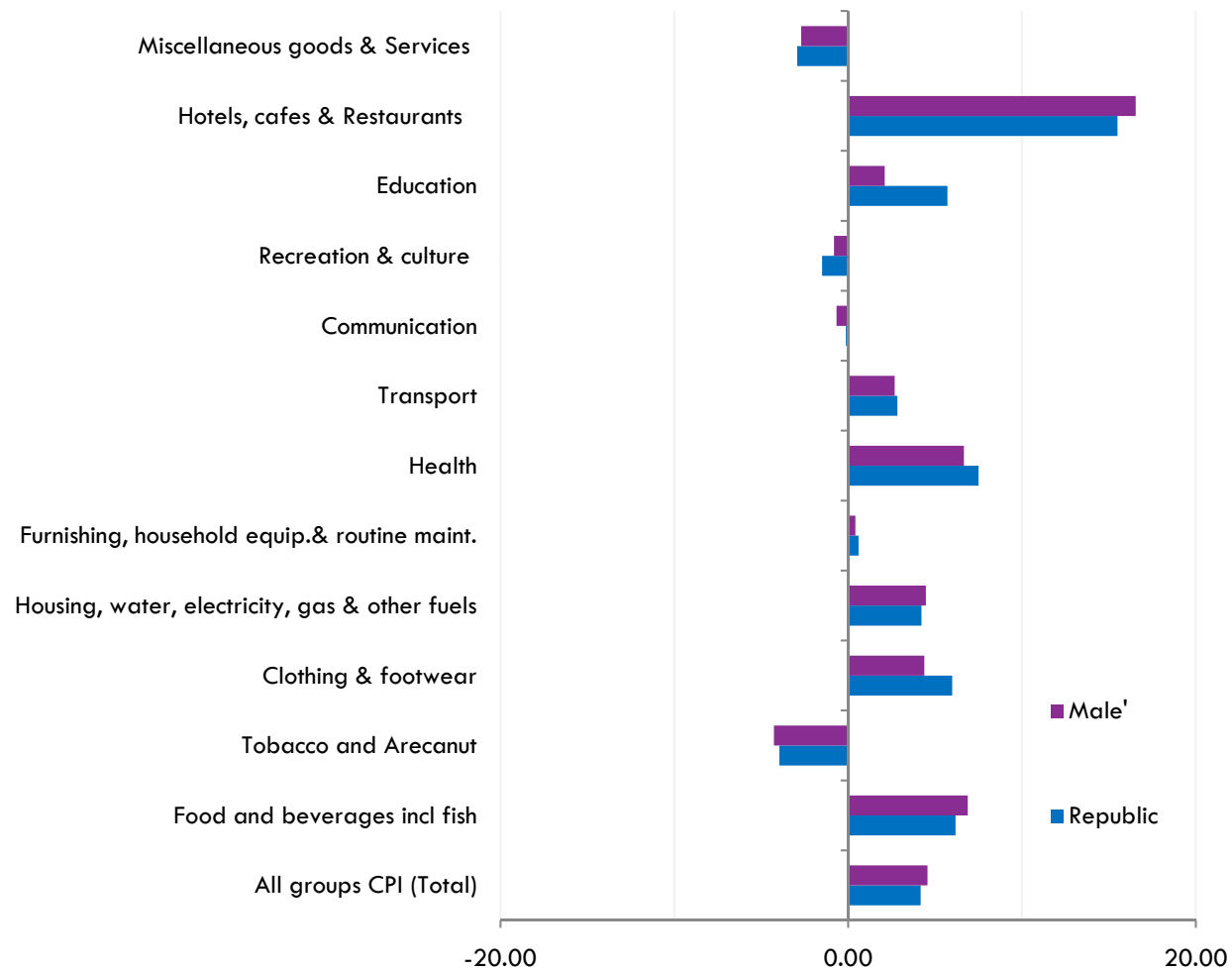


- The most significant price FALLS this month were for;
 - Fruit (-2.32%),
 - Passenger transport by air (-1.11%),
 - Electricity (-0.65%),
 - Telephone and telefax equipment (-0.60%),
 - Books (-0.27%) and
 - Meat (-0.16%)

Monthly Inflation (Feb 2013 to Mar 2013)



Annual Inflation (March 2012 to March 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 (Feb 2013 to March 2013)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.52	0.62	0.44
 Food and non-beverages incl fish	0.25	0.30	0.21
Tobacco and aracanut	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing & footwear	0.02	0.04	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.24	0.26	0.22
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.00	0.01	0.00
Health	0.00	0.00	0.01
Transport	0.01	0.01	0.02
 Communication	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
Recreation & culture	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.00	0.01	-0.01

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
 - ▣ April CPI : 27 May 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



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