

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX AUGUST 2013

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# Inflation rate for August 2013

- Monthly percentage change between July 2013 and August 2013
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: 0.17%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: 0.05%
  
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. August 2012 to August 2013)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): 2.51%

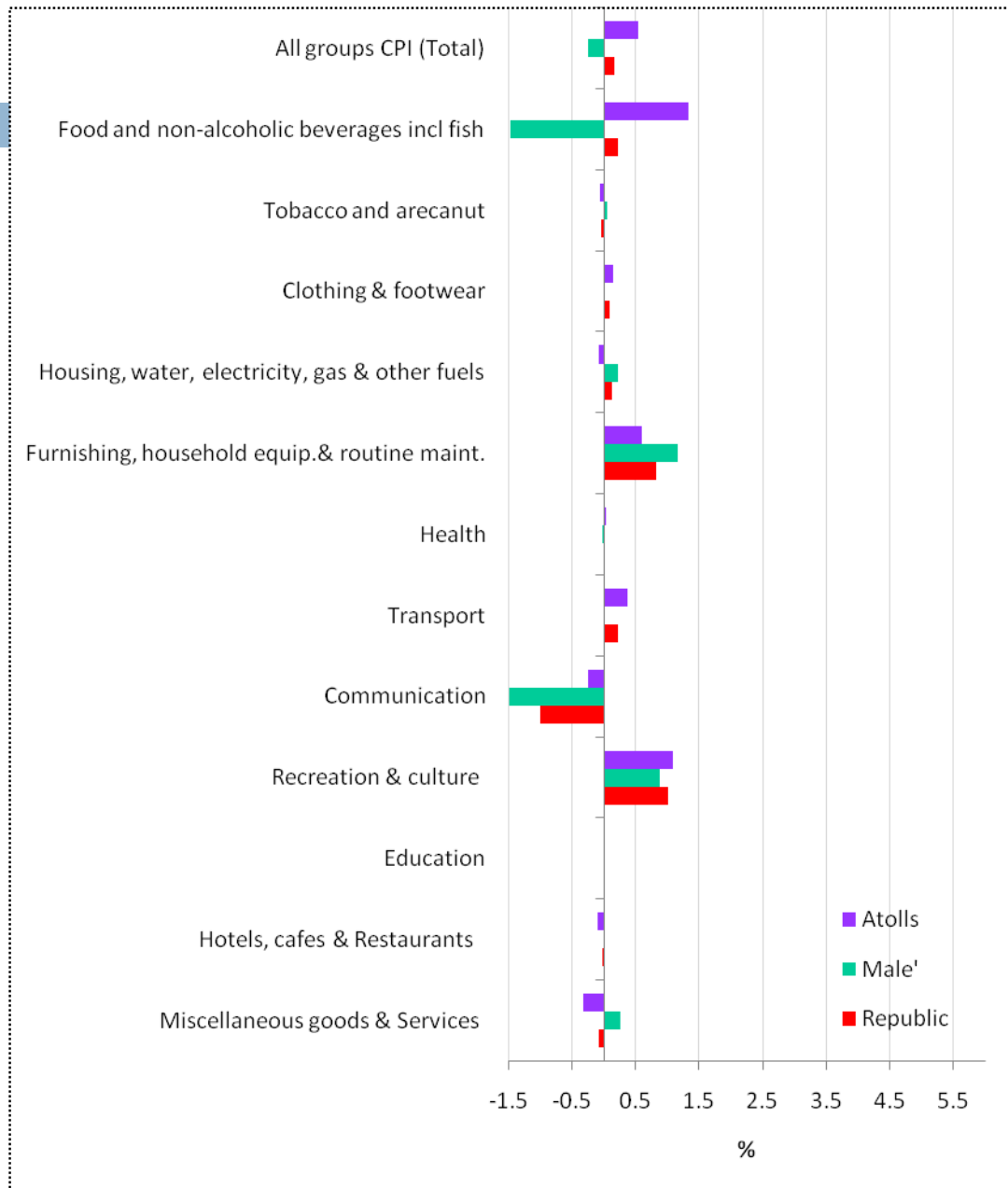
# Overview of the CPI movements

- CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month
  
- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
  - fish (+1.41%),
  - major household appliances whether or not electrical (+3.21%)
  - equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (+3.82%) and
  - Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.28%)

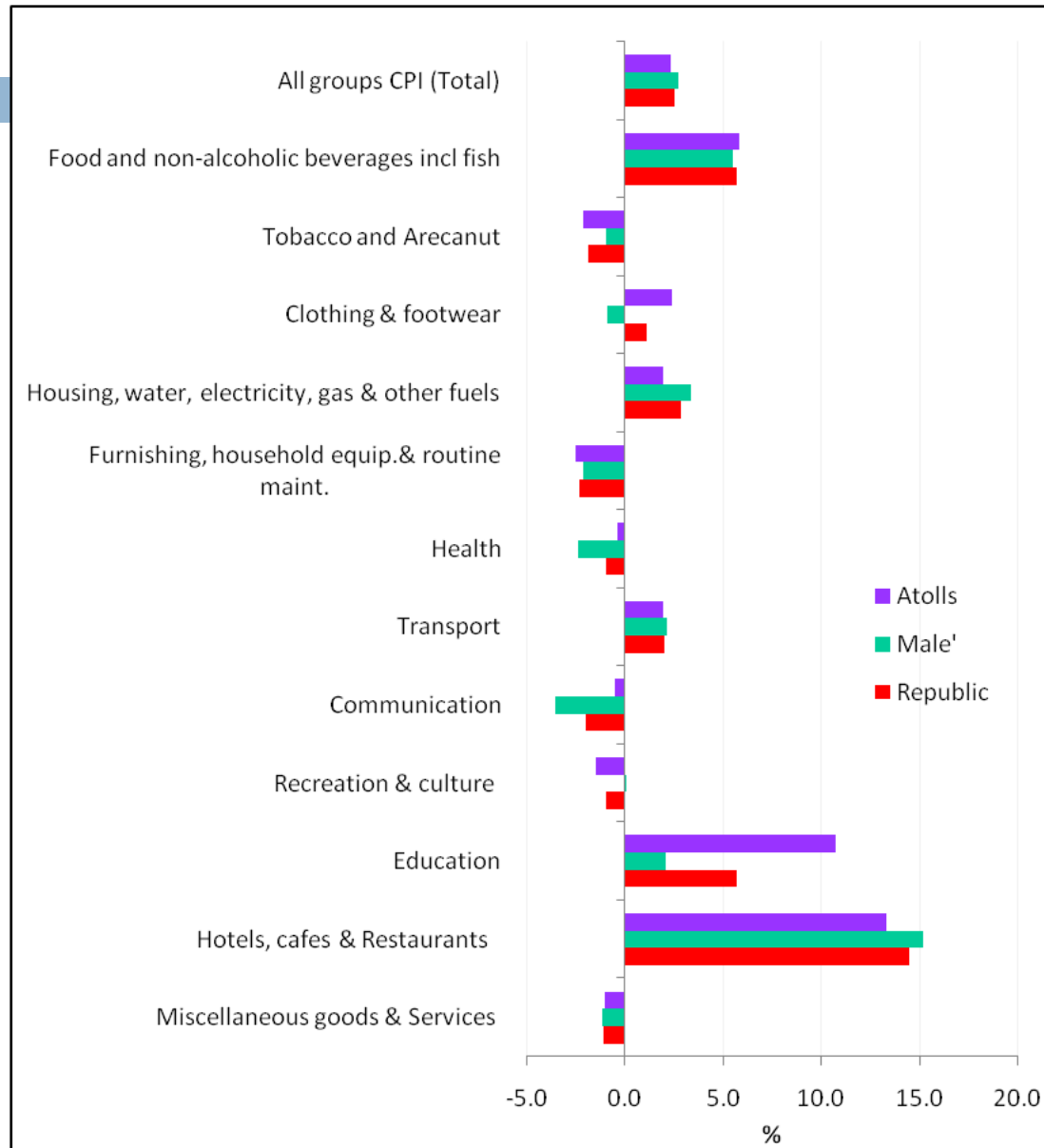
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price FALLS this month were for;
  - vegetables (-3.20%)
  - telephone and tele-fax equipment (-4.29%) and
  - furniture and furnishings (-1.03%)

# Monthly Inflation (July 2013 to August 2013)



# Annual Inflation (August 2012 to August 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 (July 2013 to August 2013)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
All groups CPI (Total)	0.17	-0.25	0.53
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.07	-0.38	0.45
Tobacco and aracanut	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.03	0.07	-0.01
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.07	0.08	0.06
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.01	0.00	0.02
Communication	-0.05	-0.09	-0.01
Recreation & culture	0.05	0.03	0.06
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.01	0.02	-0.03



# 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
  - ▣ September CPI : 28 October 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)

## REVIEW

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# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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