

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX APRIL 2015

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# Inflation rate for April 2015



- Monthly percentage change between March 2015 and April 2015
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.67%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.39%
  
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. April 2014 to April 2015)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.41%

# Overview of the CPI movements

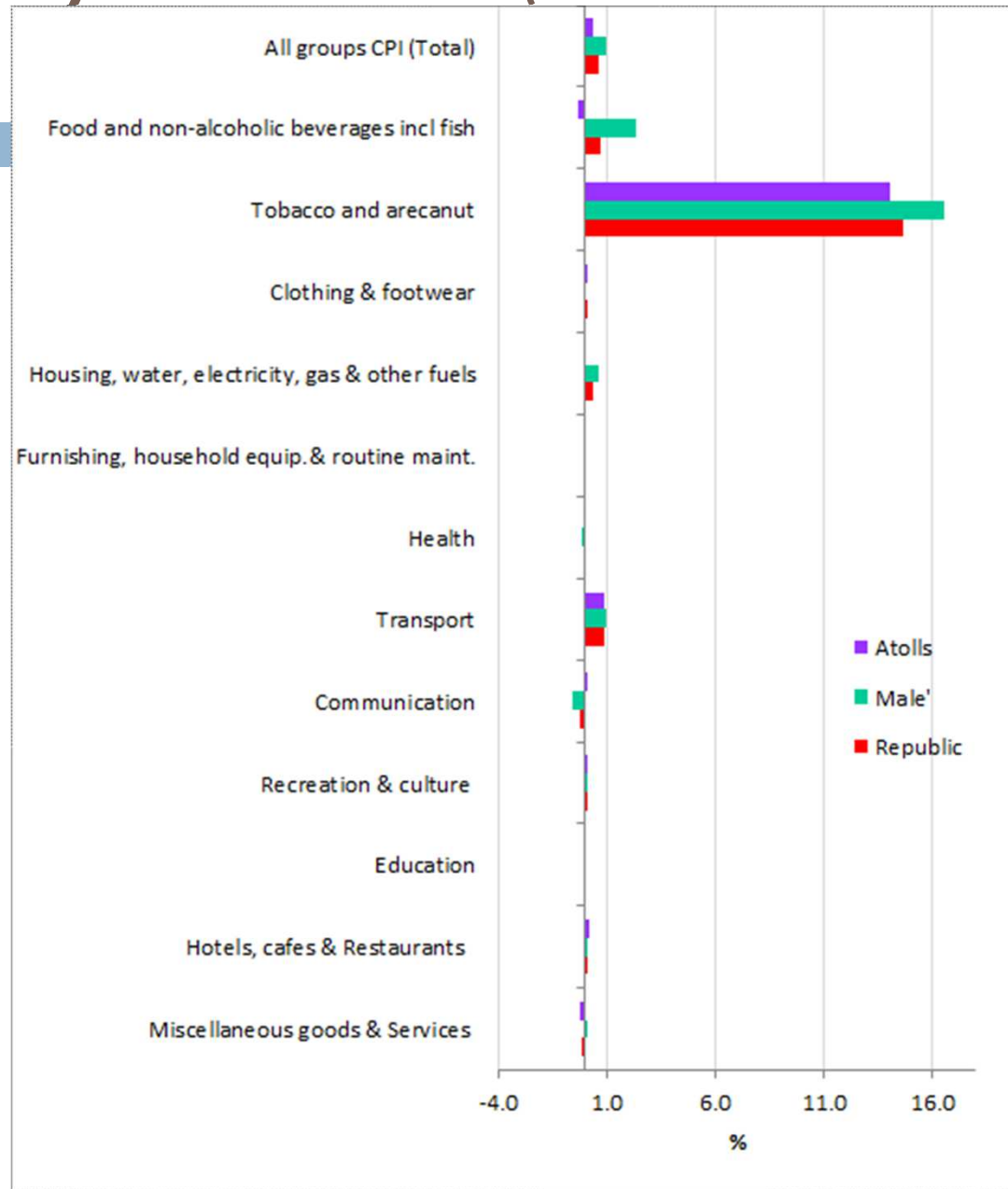
- CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month
  
- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
  - ▣ tobacco (+21.51%),
  - ▣ fish (+3.72%),
  - ▣ actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.47%),
  - ▣ passenger transport by air (+9.45%) and
  - ▣ services for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling (+4.80%).

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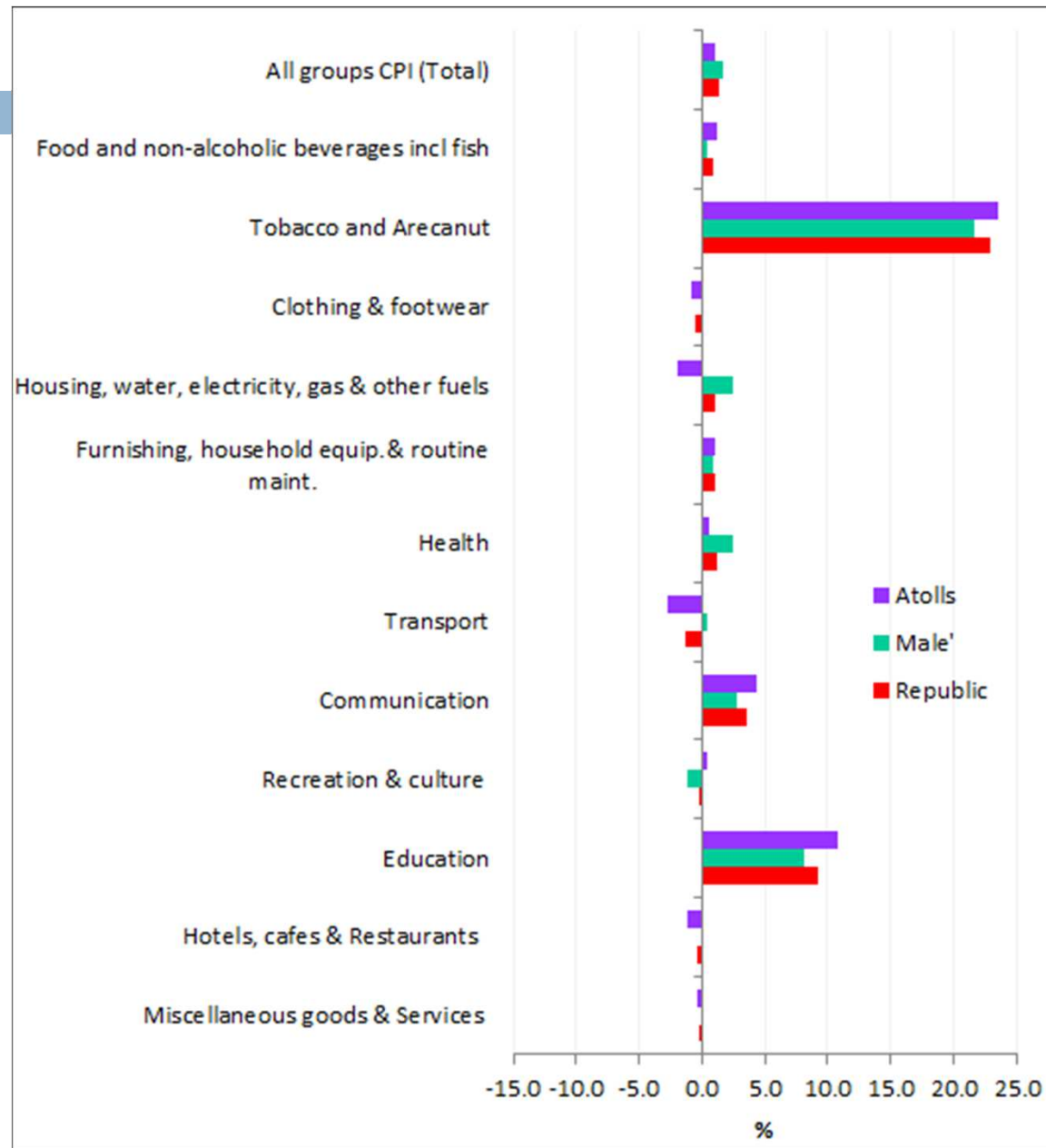


- The most significant price FALLS this month were for;
  - vegetables (-5.22%), and
  - Milk, cheese and eggs (-0.67%).

# Monthly Inflation (Mar 2015 to Apr 2015)



# Annual Inflation (Apr 2014 to Apr 2015)



# 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 (Mar 2015 to Apr 2015)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
All groups CPI (Total)	<b>0.71</b>	1.05	0.41
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	<b>0.22</b>	0.59	-0.09
Tobacco and aracanut	<b>0.35</b>	0.22	0.46
Clothing & footwear	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	<b>0.10</b>	0.22	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	-0.01
Health	<b>0.00</b>	-0.01	0.00
Transport	<b>0.05</b>	0.05	0.05
Communication	<b>-0.01</b>	-0.03	0.00
Recreation & culture	<b>0.01</b>	0.00	0.01
Education	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	<b>-0.01</b>	0.00	-0.02



# 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
  - ▣ May CPI : 29 June 2015

# 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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