

NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS,
MALDIVES

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
FEBRUARY 2016

Release on 29 February 2016

Inflation rate for February 2016

- Monthly percentage change between January 2016 and February 2016
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.22%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -0.34%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. February 2015 to February 2016)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.14%

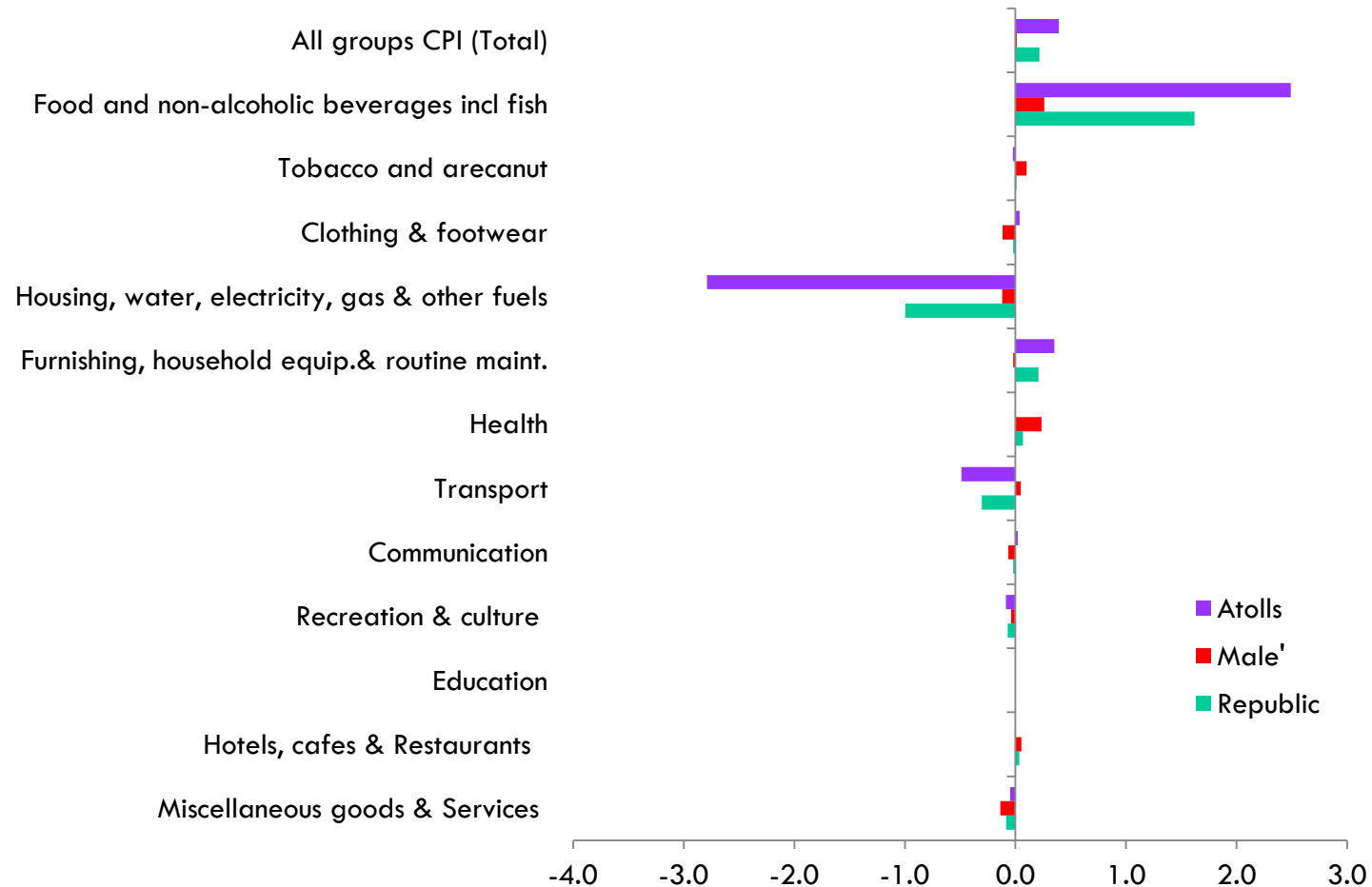
Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 Increase in this month were for;
 - ▣ Fish (+6.33%),
 - ▣ Fruit (+4.84%),
 - ▣ Small electrical household appliances (+0.73%),
 - ▣ Major household appliances whether or not electrical (+0.63%),
 - ▣ Actual rents paid by tenants (+0.47%),

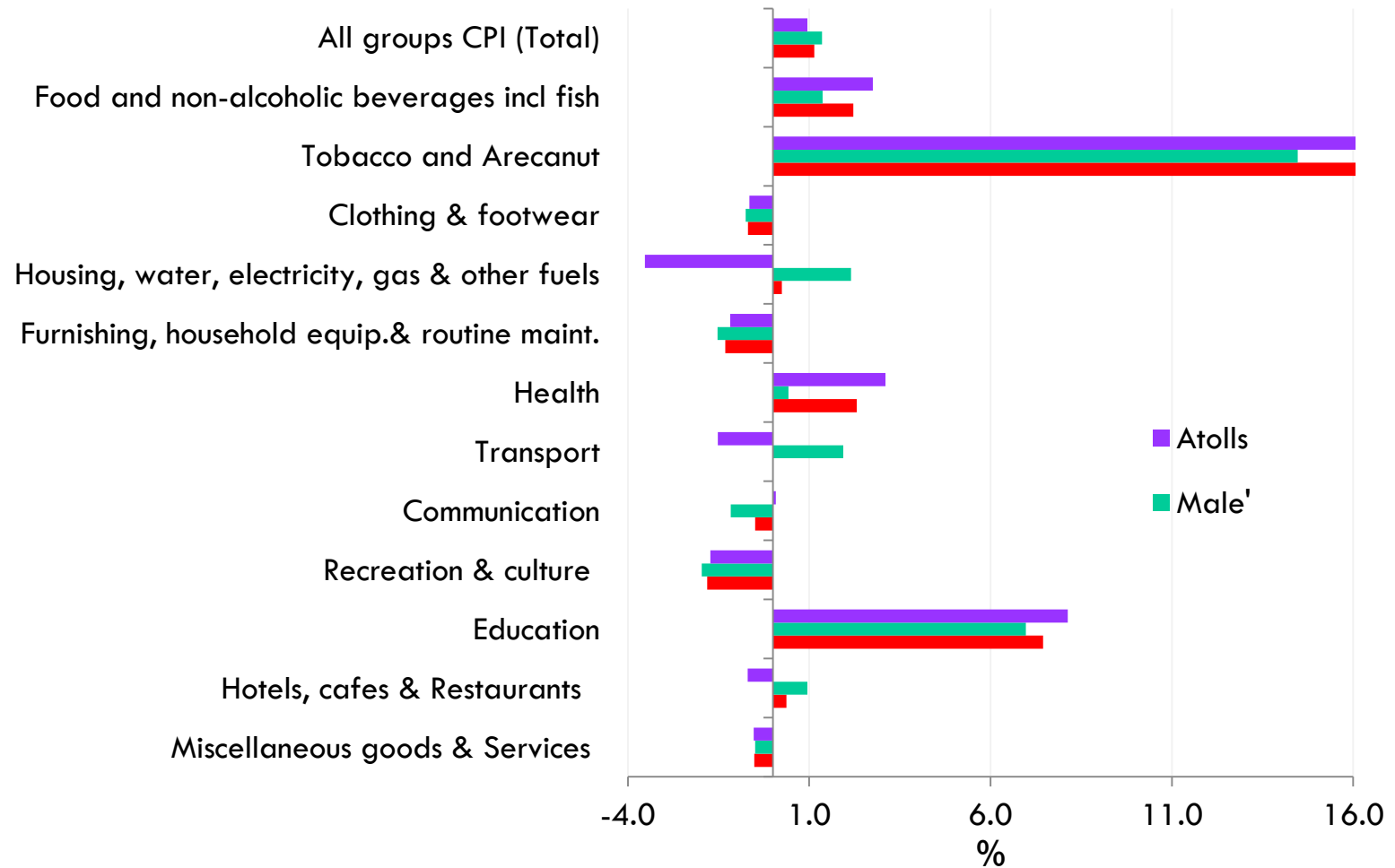
Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall recorded in this month were from;
 - ▣ Electricity (-7.41%)
 - ▣ Vegetables(-6.30%),
 - ▣ Fuels and lubricants (-3.61%),
 - ▣ Passenger transport ((-1.00%),
 - ▣ equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (-0.56%),
 - ▣ food products n.e.c (-0.30%),
 - ▣ other appliances, articles and products for personal care (-0.20%),
 - ▣ shoes and other footwear (-0.19%),
 - ▣ Milk, cheese and eggs (-0.15%)

Monthly Inflation (Jan 2016 to Feb 2016)



Annual Inflation (Feb 2015 to Feb 2016)



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 2016 to Feb 2016)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.23	0.01	0.41
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.49	0.07	0.84
Tobacco and aracanut	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	-0.25	-0.04	-0.43
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.02	0.00	0.03
Health	0.00	0.01	0.00
Transport	-0.02	0.00	-0.03
Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation & culture	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.01	-0.01	0.00

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 : 25 April 2016

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

www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv/

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Internet www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv
- National Accounts and Economic Statistics Section of the National Bureau of Statistics can assist in understanding better the methodology of CPI and inflation.
- Phone: 3349 497
- Email: info@stats.gov.mv
- Fax: 3327351