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# Inflation rate for May 2016

- Monthly percentage change between April 2016 and May 2016
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: 0.06%
    - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -0.05%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. May 2015 to May 2016)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): -0.16%

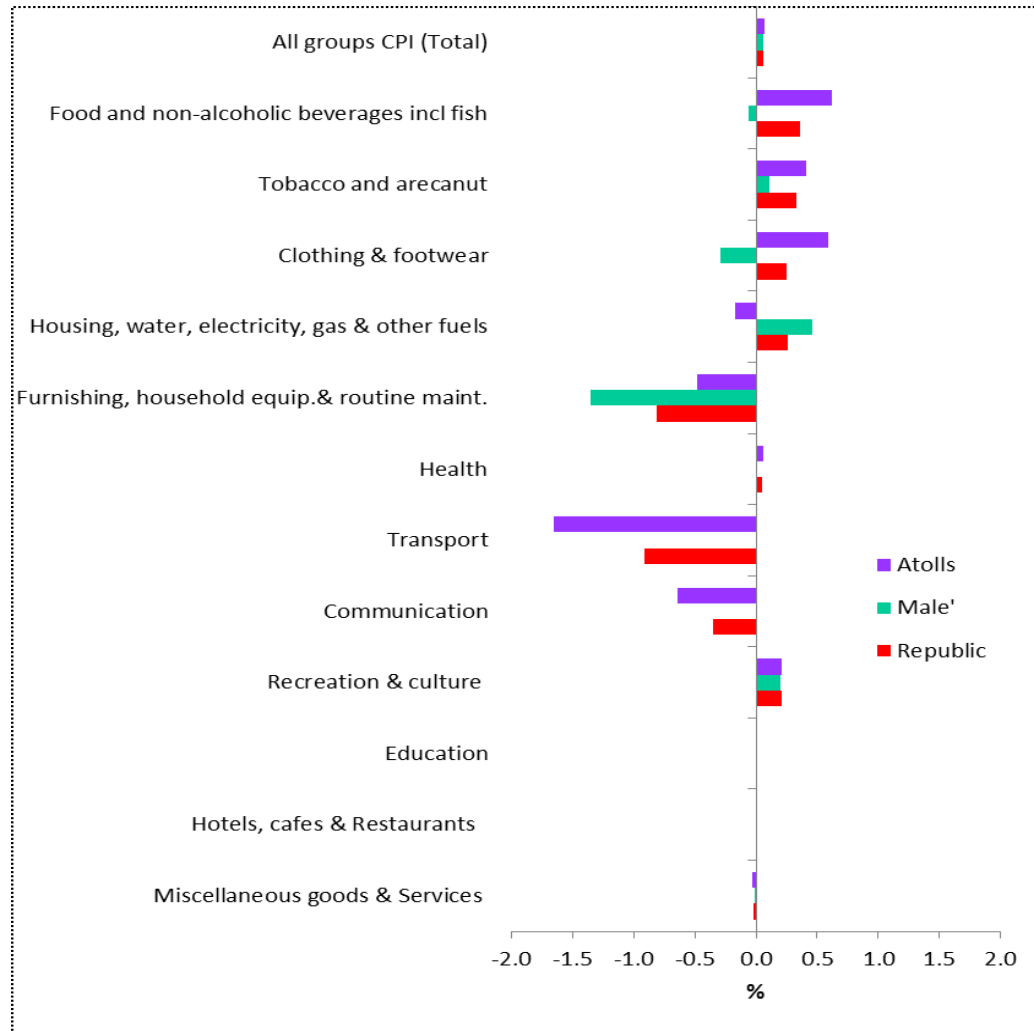
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 (+1.28%),
  - ▣ Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.58%),
  - ▣ Fruits (+1.13%),
  - ▣ Shoes and other footwear (+1.56%),
  - ▣ Information processing equipment (+0.97%),
  - ▣ Aracanut (+1.25%) and
  - ▣ Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices (+0.47%).

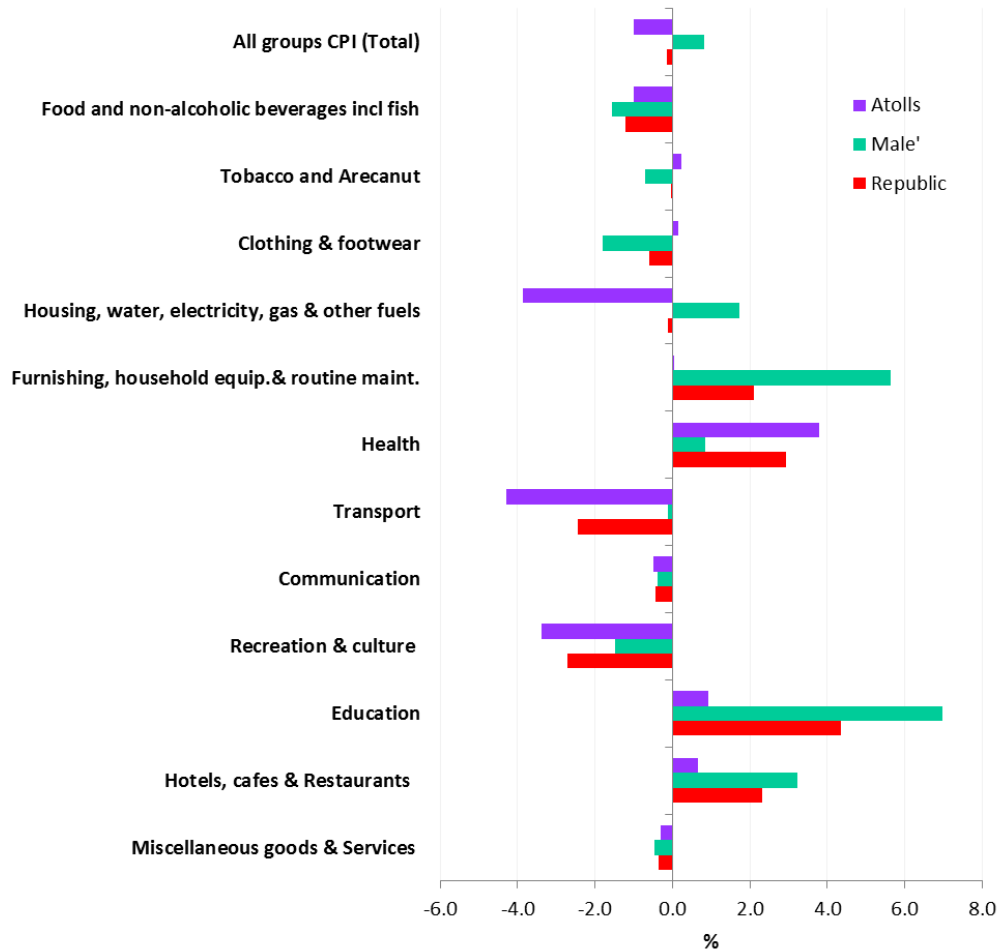
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall recorded in this month were from;
  - ▣ Furniture and furnishings (-2.07%),
  - ▣ Passenger transport by road (-3.52%),
  - ▣ Vegetables (-1.18%),
  - ▣ Telephone and telefax equipment (-1.75%),
  - ▣ Gas (-0.73%),
  - ▣ Motor-cycles (-0.60%),
  - ▣ Oils and fats (-1.25%),
  - ▣ Milk, cheese and eggs (-0.17%),
  - ▣ Household textiles (-2.41%),
  - ▣ Non-durable household goods (-0.36%) and
  - ▣ Major household appliances whether or not electrical (-0.33%).

# Monthly Inflation (April 2016 to May 2016)



# Month on Month Inflation (May 2015 to May 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 (Apr 2016 to May 2016)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.21</b>
<b>Tobacco and aracanut</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; footwear</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas &amp; other fuels</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Furnishing, household equip.&amp; routine maint.</b>	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.05</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.09</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; culture</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Hotels, cafes &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



# 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
  - ▣ June CPI : 25 July 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

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# FOR MORE INFORMATION

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