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# Inflation rate for September 2016

- Monthly percentage change between Aug 2016 and Sep 2016
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.38%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.07%
  
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. Sep 2015 to Sep 2016)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): -0.21%

# Overview of the CPI movements

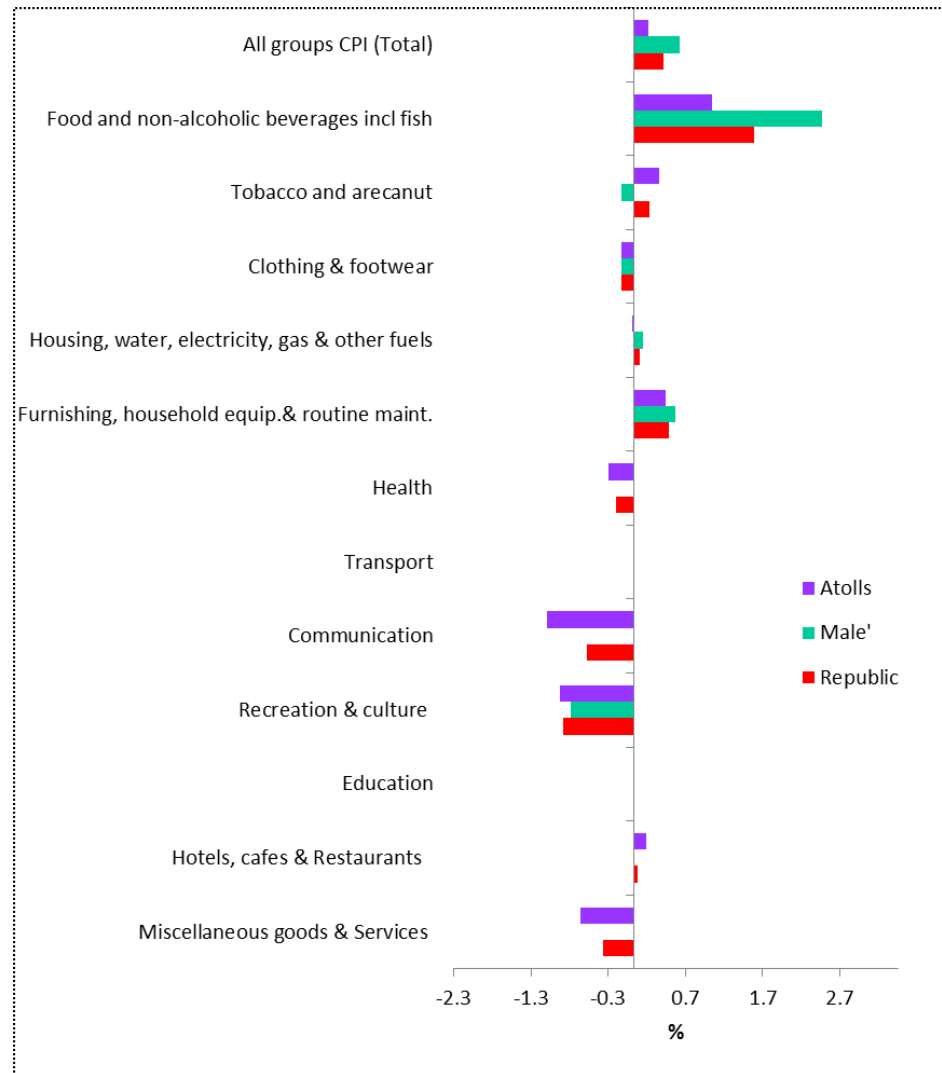
- CPI groups below are ordered in terms of their absolute significance to the change in All groups index points for the month
  
- The most significant price rise in this month were for;
  - Fish (+3.89%),
  - Fruit (+3.36%),
  - Vegetables (+2.31%),
  - Major household appliances whether or not electrical (+1.70%),
  - Food products n.e.c (+1.23%),
  - Bread and cereal (+0.53%),
  - Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.15%) and
  - tobacco (+0.61%).

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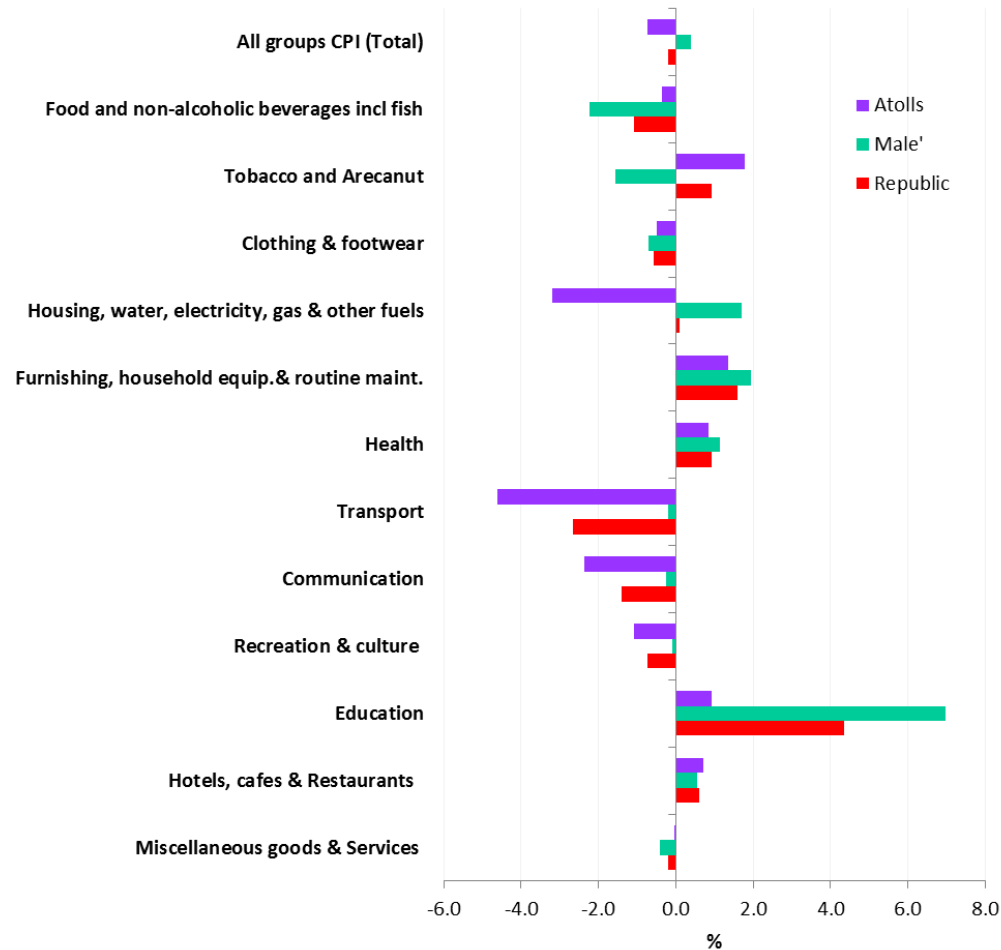
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall recorded in this month were from;
  - ▣ Information processing equipment (-3.22%),
  - ▣ Milk, cheese and eggs (-0.64%),
  - ▣ Other appliances, articles and products for personal care (-0.59%),
  - ▣ Telephone and telefax equipment (-3.11%),
  - ▣ Pharmaceutical products (-0.60%),
  - ▣ Aracanut (-0.91%) and
  - ▣ Oils and fats (-0.62%).

# Monthly Inflation (Aug 2016 to Sep 2016)



# Month on Month Inflation (Sep 2015 to Sep 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 (Aug 2016 to Sep 2016)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>0.20</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish</b>	<b>0.46</b>	<b>0.60</b>	<b>0.35</b>
<b>Tobacco and aracanut</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; footwear</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.01</b>
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas &amp; other fuels</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Furnishing, household equip.&amp; routine maint.</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.05</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; culture</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>-0.06</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>-0.03</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.05</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
  - ▣ Sept CPI : 28 Nov 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

- Internet [www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv](http://www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv)
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