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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
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# Inflation rate for May 2017

- Monthly percentage change between Apr 2016 and May 2017
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.24%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -0.25%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. May 2016 to May 2017)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +4.64%

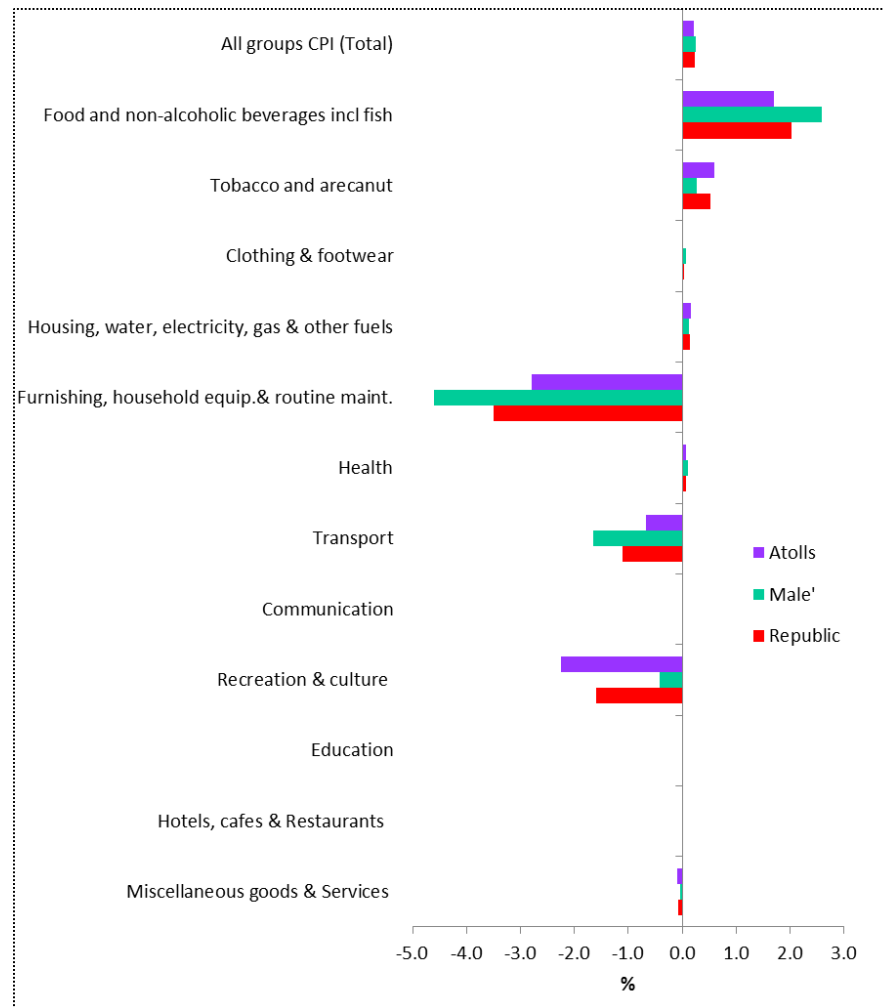
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 recorded in this month were from;
  - Fish (+5.51%)
  - Fruit (+19.02%)
  - Vegetables (+5.89%)
  - Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.72%)
  - Mineral waters, soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices (+1.20%)

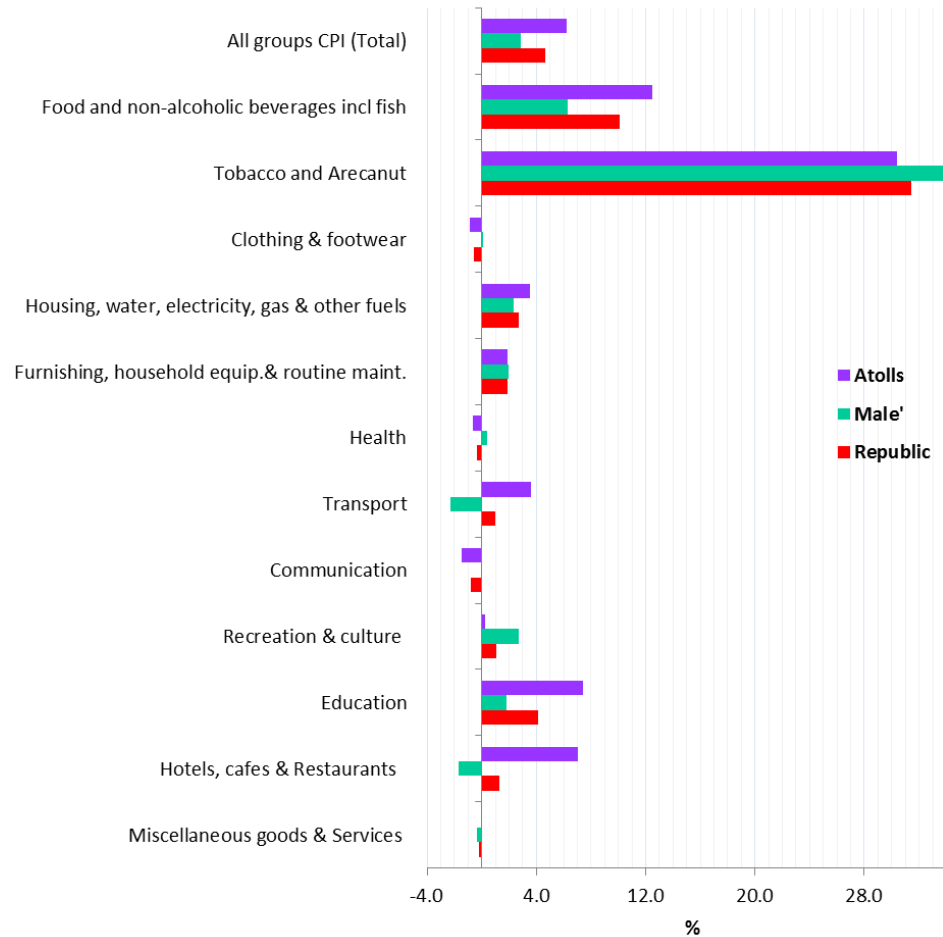
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall in this month were for;
  - ▣ Bread and cereals (-4.55%),
  - ▣ Glassware, tableware and household utensils (-11.55%),
  - ▣ Furniture and furnishing (-4.82%)
  - ▣ Sugar, jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (-4.80%)
  - ▣ Cultural services (-7.56%)

# Monthly Inflation (Apr 2017 to May 2017)



# Month on Month Inflation (May 2016 to May 2017)



# 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 analyzing sources of price change

# Contribution to monthly change (Apr 2017 to May 2017)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.26	0.29	0.24
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.65	0.67	0.64
Tobacco and aracanut	0.02	0.01	0.03
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.04	0.05	0.02
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.31	-0.34	-0.28
Health	0.01	0.00	0.01
Transport	-0.06	-0.09	-0.04
Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation & culture	-0.08	-0.02	-0.14
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.00	0.00	-0.01



# 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 : 31 July 2017

# 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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