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# Inflation rate for January 2018

- Monthly percentage change between December 2017 and January 2018
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.31%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.29%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. January 2017 to January 2018)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.09%

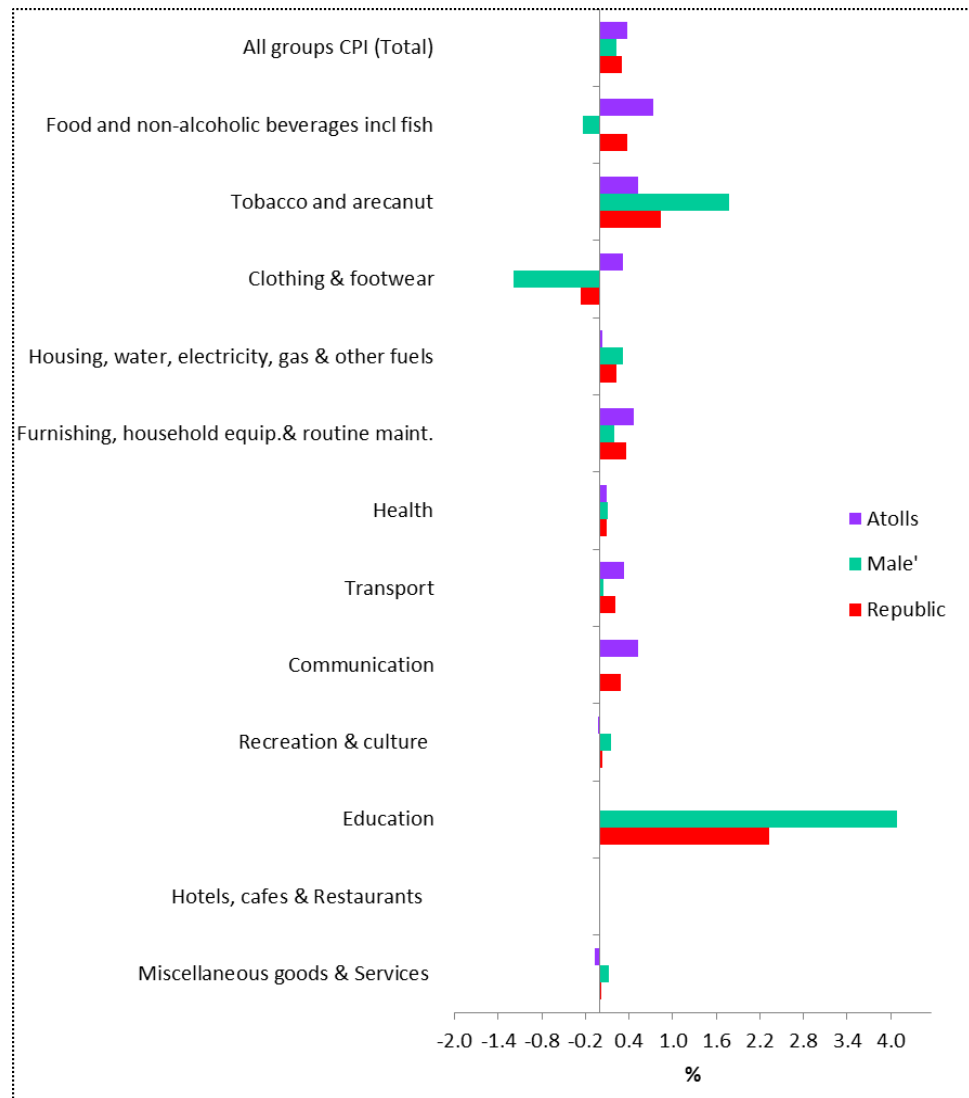
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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;
  - ▣ Vegetables (+5.83%),
  - ▣ Actual rents paid by tenants (+0.37%),
  - ▣ Fish (+0.56%),
  - ▣ Secondary education (+1.80%),
  - ▣ Pre-primary and primary education (+4.02%),
  - ▣ Narcotics (+4.15%),
  - ▣ Major household appliances (+1.60%),
  - ▣ Milk, cheese and eggs (+0.31%),
  - ▣ Telephone and telefax equipment (+1.45%),

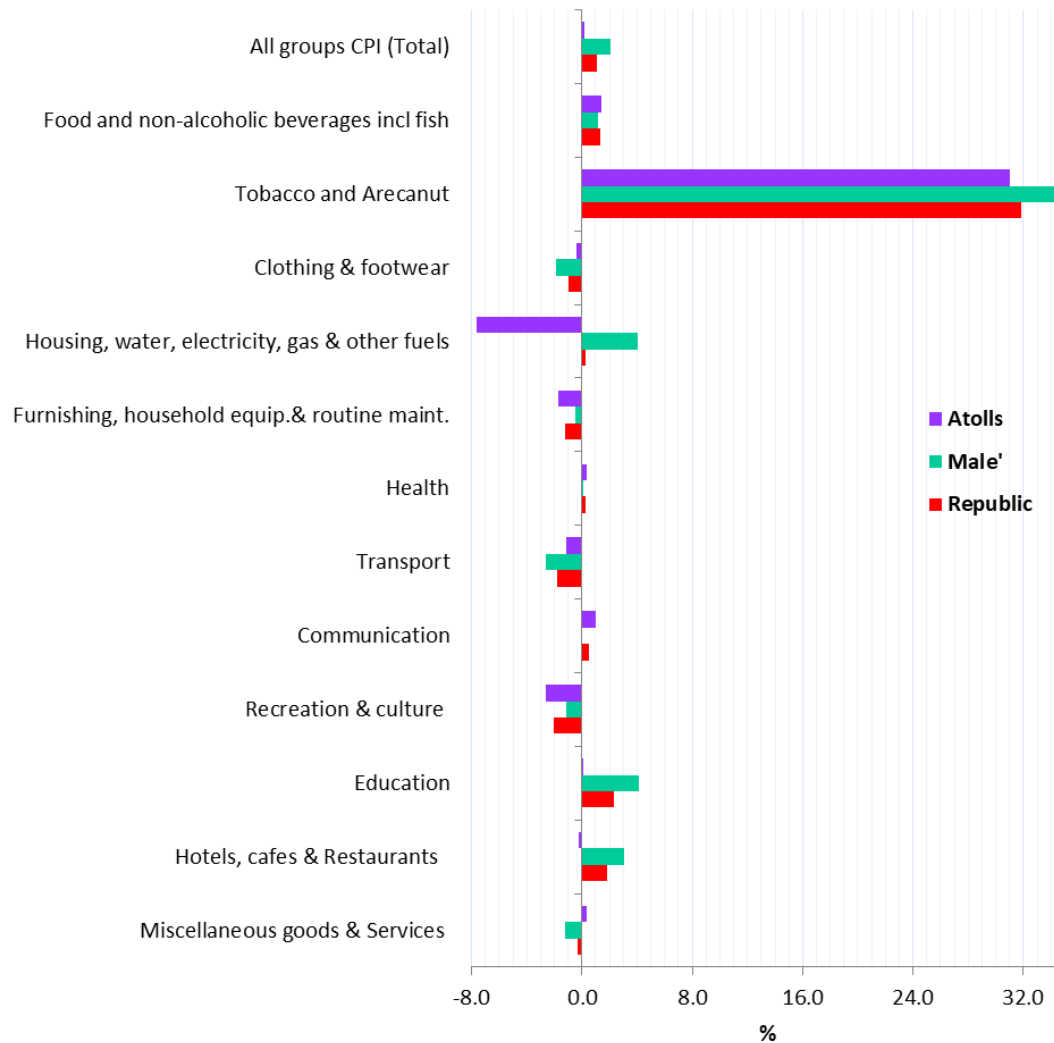
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall recorded in this month were from;
  - Fruit (-3.65%),
  - Garments (-0.96%),
  - Food products (-0.32%),
  - Coffee, tea and cocoa (-0.83%)

# Monthly Inflation (December 2017 to January 2018)



# Month on Month Inflation (January 2017 to January 2018)



# 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 (December 2017 to January 2018)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.34	0.26	0.41
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.12	-0.06	0.28
Tobacco and aracanut	0.03	0.04	0.03
Clothing & footwear	-0.01	-0.04	0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.06	0.12	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.03	0.01	0.04
Health	0.01	0.00	0.01
Transport	0.01	0.00	0.02
Communication	0.01	0.00	0.02
Recreation & culture	0.00	0.01	0.00
Education	0.08	0.16	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.00	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
  - ▣ December CPI : 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018

# 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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