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# Inflation rate for December 2017

- Monthly percentage change between November 2017 and December 2017
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.93%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.33%
  
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. December 2016 to December 2017)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.27%

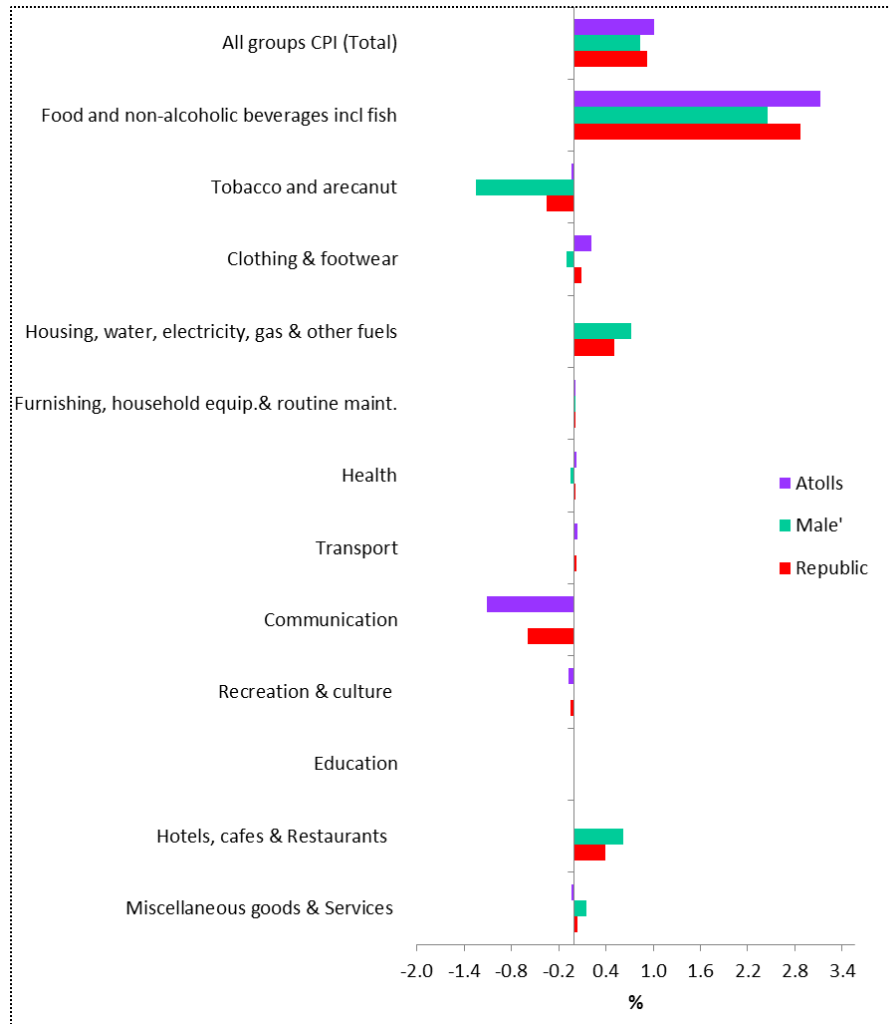
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 (+8.06%),
  - Vegetables (+12.13%),
  - Actual rents paid by tenants (+0.88%),
  - Restaurants, cafés and the hotels(+0.41%),
  - Sugar, Jam, honey, chocolate and confectionery (+0.36%),

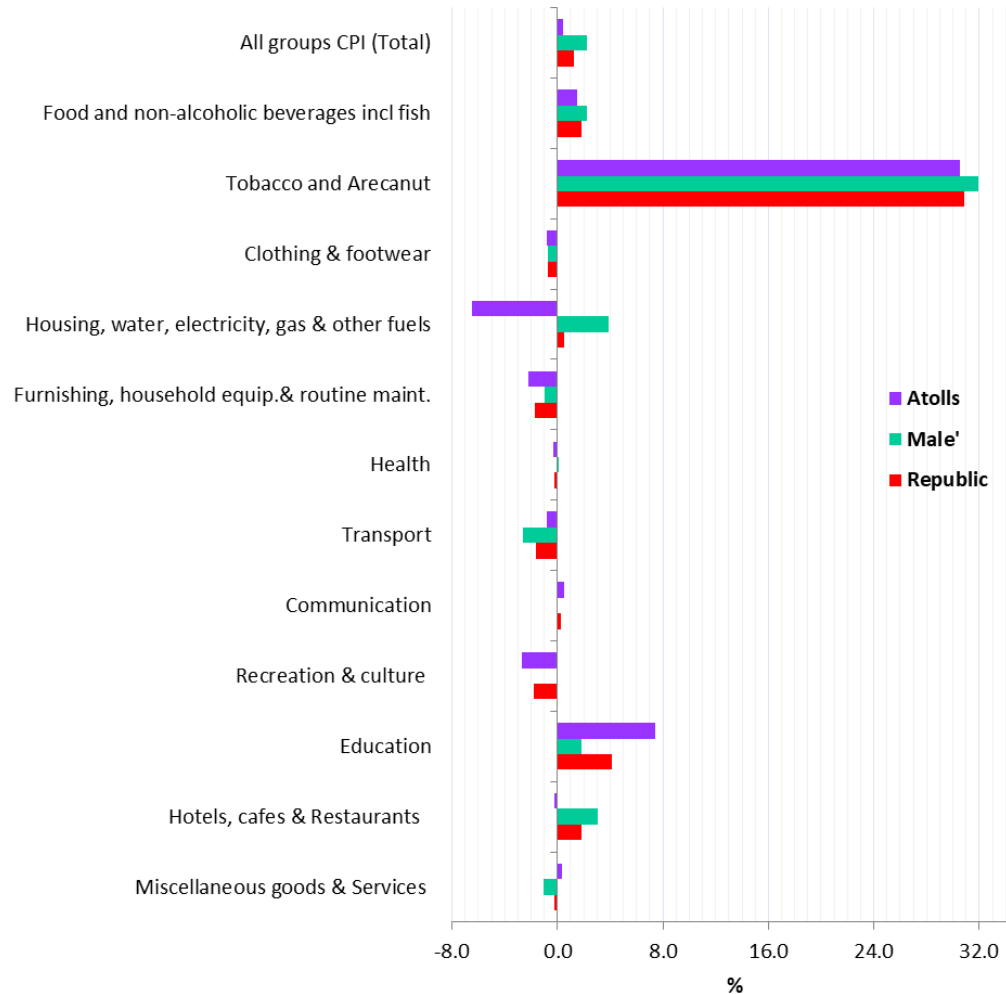
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- The most significant price fall recorded in this month were from;
  - Fruit (-1.87%),
  - Telephone and telefax equipment (-3.03%),
  - Bread and Cereals (-0.26%),
  - Tobacco (-0.42%)

# Monthly Inflation (November 2017 to December 2017)



# Month on Month Inflation (December 2016 to December 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 (November 2017 to December 2017)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
All groups CPI (Total)	1.01	0.93	1.09
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.90	0.63	1.13
Tobacco and aracanut	-0.01	-0.03	0.00
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.13	0.28	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.00	0.00	0.00
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communication	-0.03	0.00	-0.05
Recreation & culture	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.02	0.03	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> February 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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