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Inflation rate for August 2018

- Monthly percentage change between July 2018 and August 2018
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: +1.38%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +1.36%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. August 2017 to August 2018)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.42%

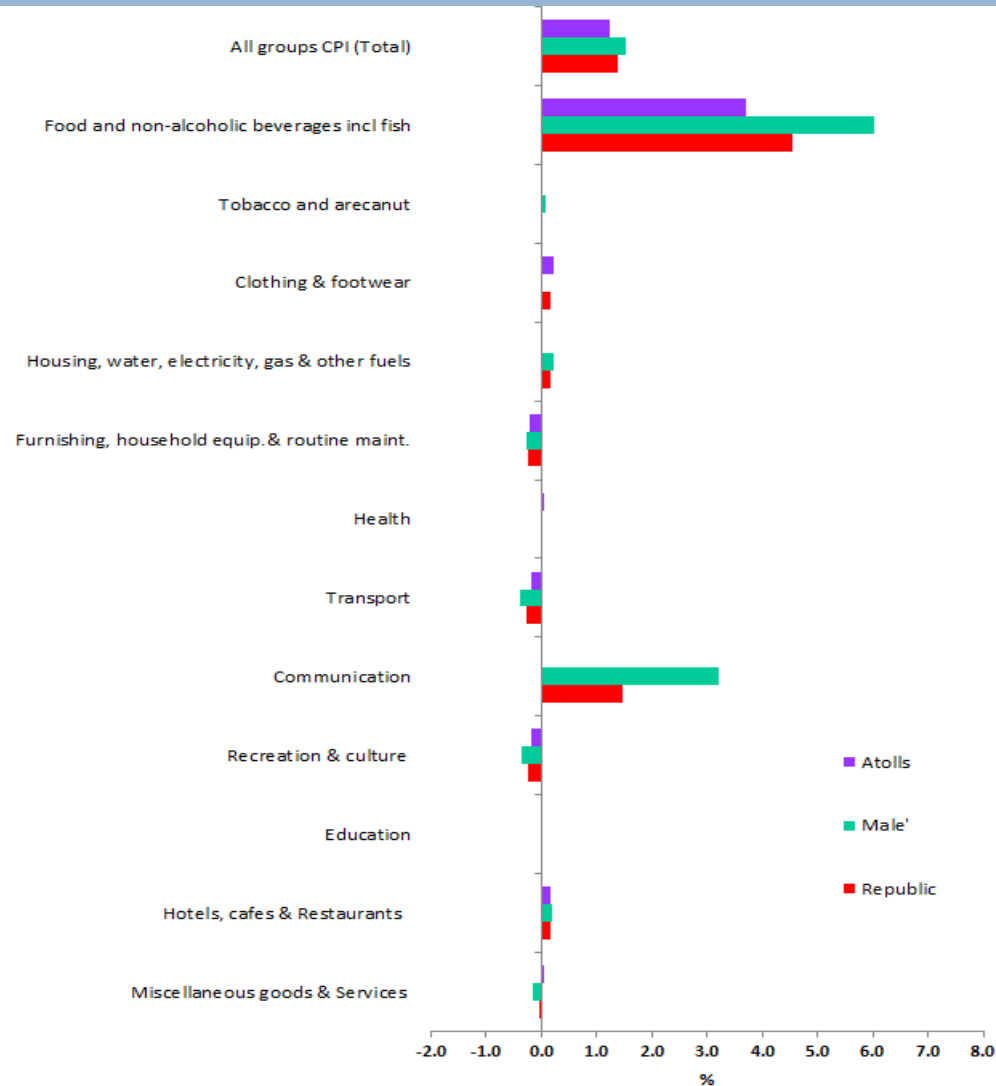
Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 (+60.81%),
 - Fish (+1.58%),
 - Milk, cheese and eggs (+1.47%),
 - Telephone and telefax equipment (+7.61%),
 - Food products (+1.75%),
 - Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.26%),
 - Restaurants and café (+0.18%),
 - Garments (+0.24%)

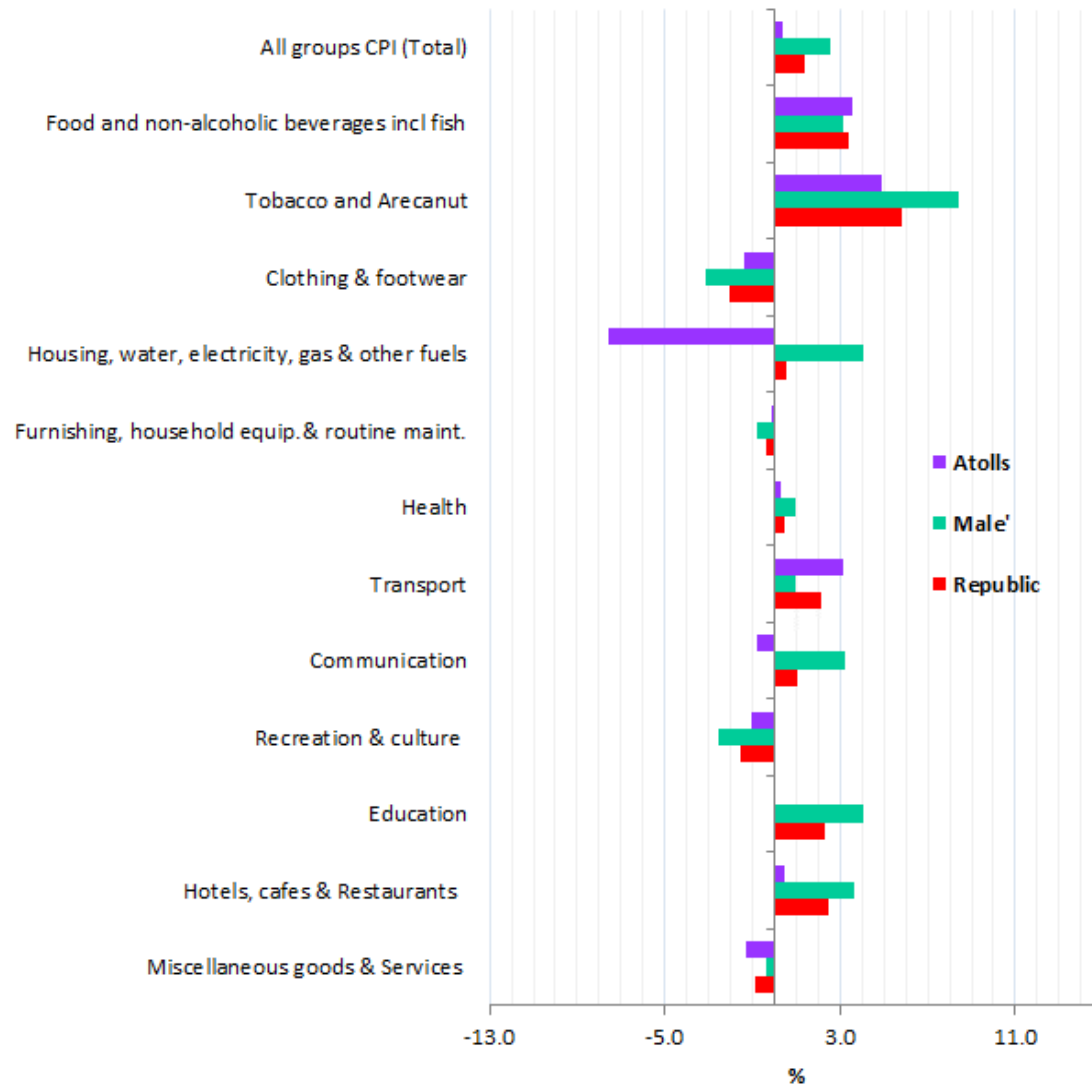
Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall recorded in this month were from;
 - Fruits (-1.89%),
 - Motorcycles (-1.03%),
 - Major household appliances (-0.87%),
 - Photographic and cinematographic equipment (-6.29%),
 - Glassware and tableware household utensils (-0.72%)

Monthly Inflation (July 2018 to August 2018)



Month on Month Inflation (August 2017 to August 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 (July 2018 to August 2018)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	1.50	1.70	1.34
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	1.43	1.51	1.36
Tobacco and aracanut	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clothing & footwear	0.01	0.00	0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.04	0.09	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.02	-0.02	-0.02
Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Transport	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Communication	0.07	0.15	0.00
Recreation & culture	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.01	0.01	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
 - ▣ September CPI : 29th October 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)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Internet www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv
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