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# Inflation rate for January 2019

- Monthly percentage change between December 2018 and January 2019
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: -0.09%
    - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.08%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. January 2018 to January 2019)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): -1.28%

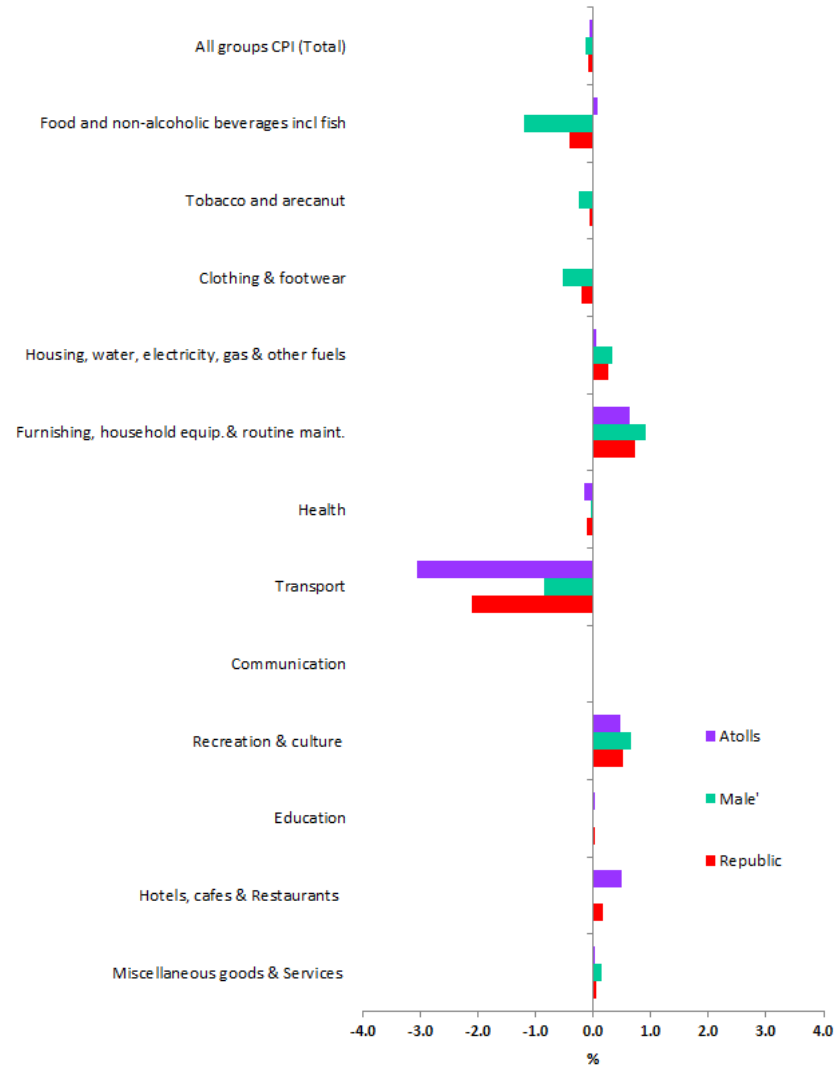
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 decrease in this month were for;
  - ▣ Fish (-1.88%),
  - ▣ Passenger transport by air (-14.19%),
  - ▣ Fuels and lubricants (-14.51%),
  - ▣ Motor-cycles (-1.79%),
  - ▣ Fruit (-0.40%),
  - ▣ Pharmaceutical products (-0.31%),
  - ▣ Garments (-0.30%).

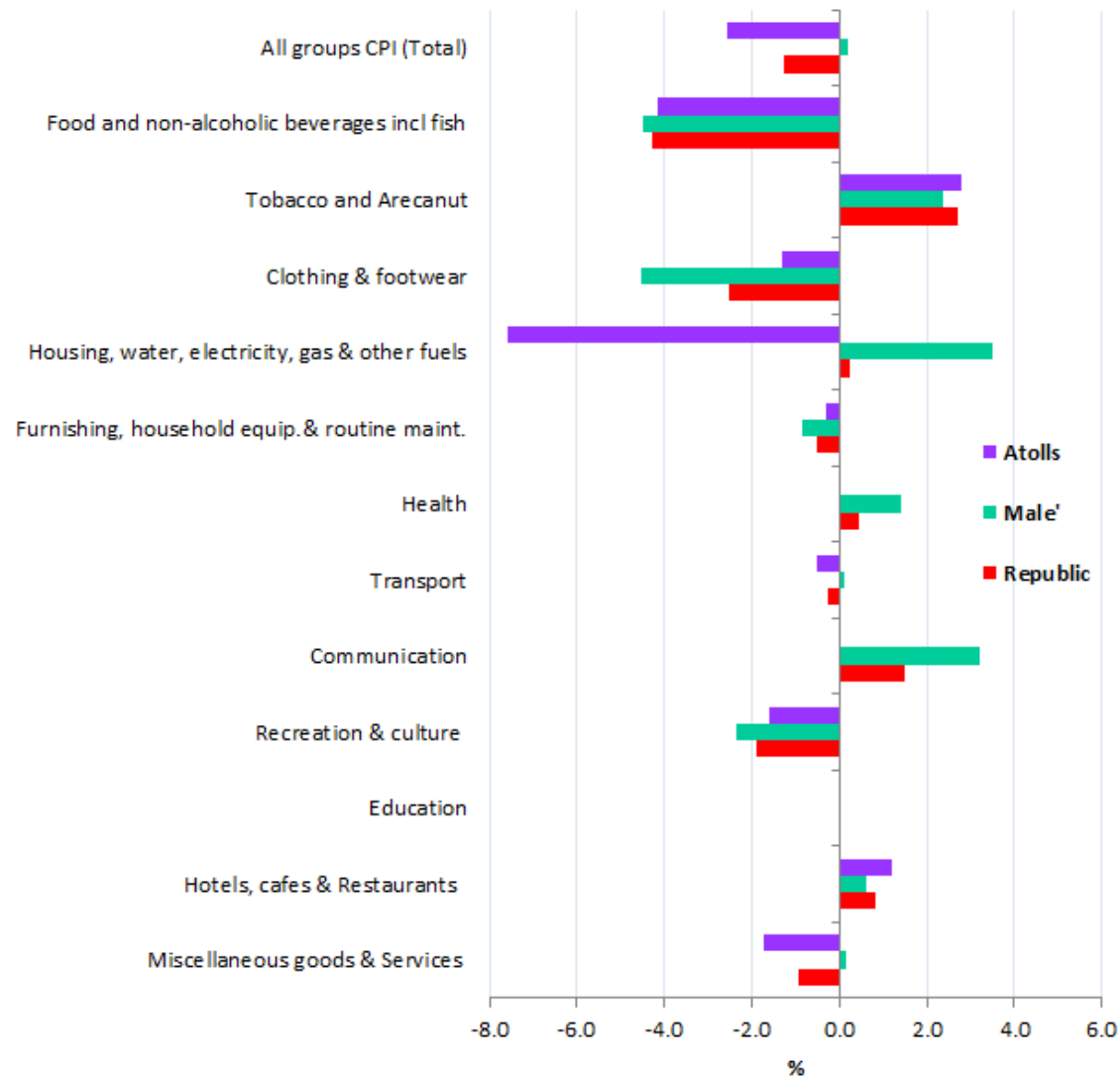
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price increase in this month were from;
  - Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.40%),
  - Major household appliances whether or not electrical (+2.52%),
  - Vegetables (+2.16%),
  - Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment (+8.58%),
  - equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures (+3.53%),
  - Milk, cheese and eggs (+0.29%),
  - Tools and equipment (+2.43%),
  - Restaurants, café's and the like (+0.18%).

# Monthly Inflation (December 2018 to January 2019)



# Month on Month Inflation (January 2018 to January 2019)



# 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 2018 to January 2019)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>-0.10</b>	<b>-0.14</b>	<b>-0.06</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish</b>	<b>-0.13</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Tobacco and aracanut</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; footwear</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas &amp; other fuels</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Furnishing, household equip.&amp; routine maint.</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.01</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>-0.12</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>-0.18</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; culture</b>	<b>0.03</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.03</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Hotels, cafes &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Miscellaneous goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</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
  - ▣ January CPI : 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019

# 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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