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# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SEPTEMBER 2015

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# Inflation rate for September 2015

- Monthly percentage change between August 2015 and September 2015
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: -0.04%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.16%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. September 2014 to September 2015)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.10%

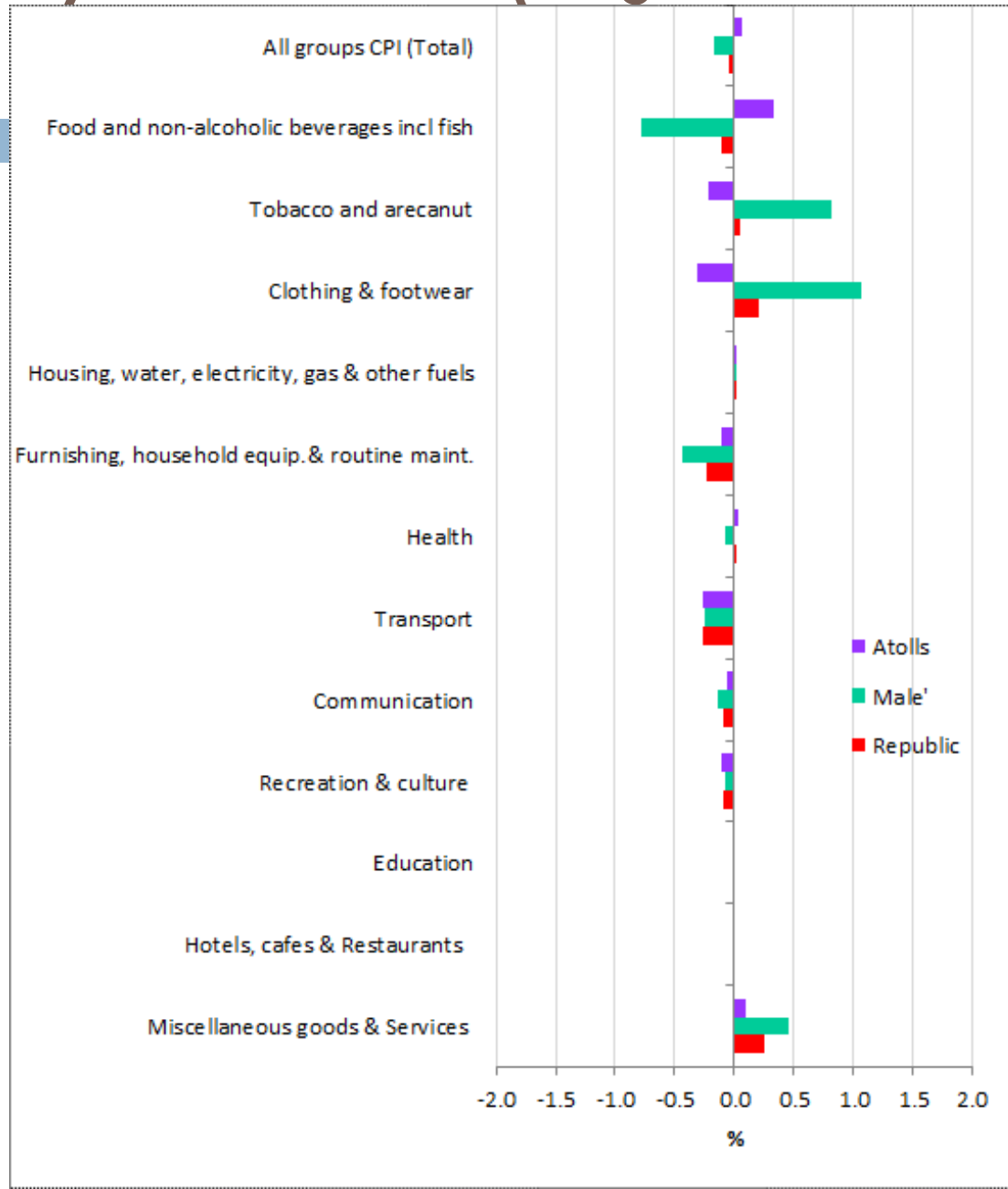
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 FALLS this month were for;
  - ▣ fish (-2.20%),
  - ▣ milk, cheese and eggs (-0.51%),
  - ▣ passenger transport by air (-3.23%),
  - ▣ clothing materials (-1.60%),
  - ▣ other food products (-0.33%),
  - ▣ furniture and furnishings (-0.32%),
  - ▣ equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and pictures(-0.63%),
  - ▣ household textiles (-1.80%) and
  - ▣ oils and fats (-0.64%)

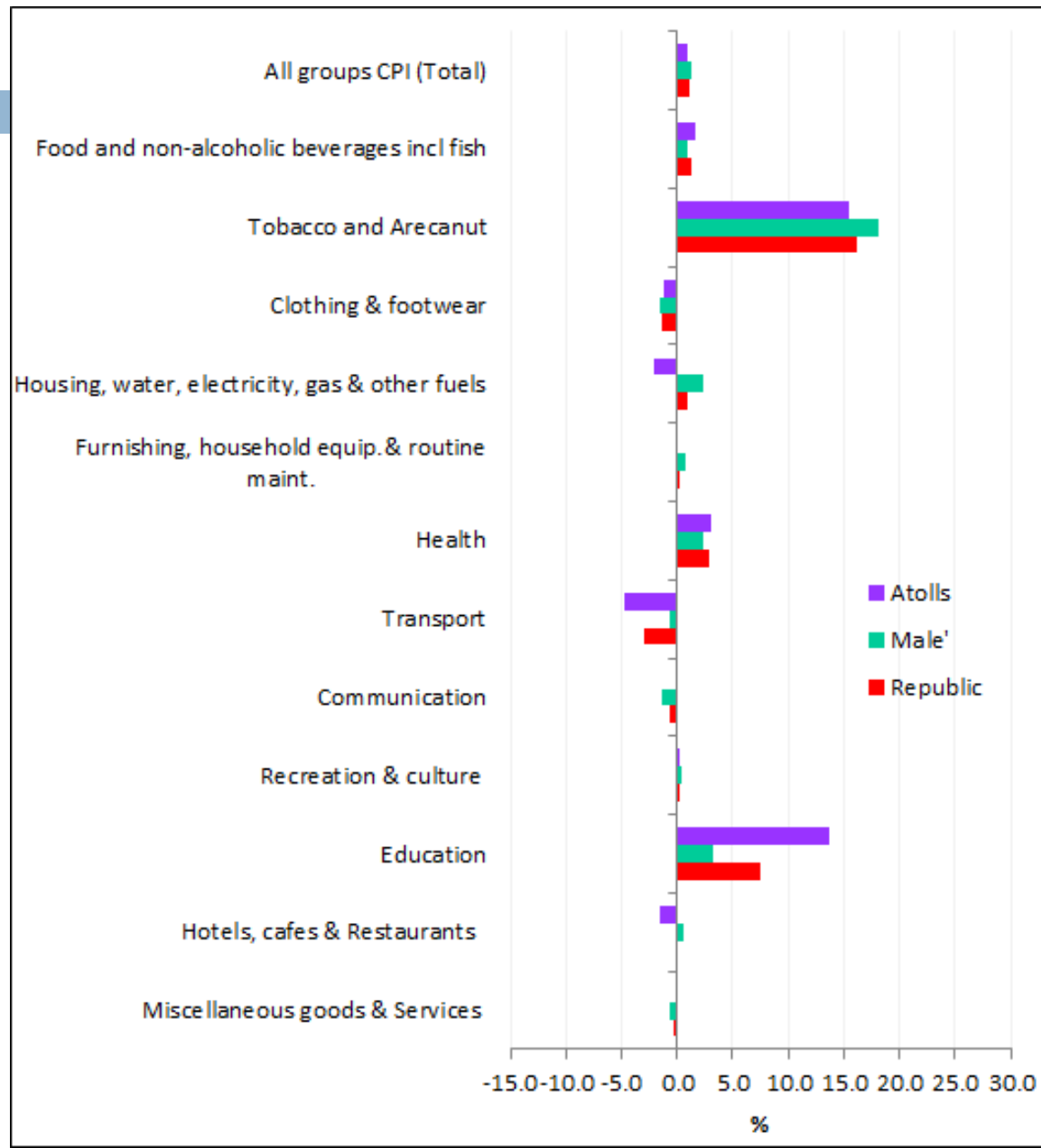
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
  - ▣ vegetables (+5.47%),
  - ▣ fruit (+4.35%),
  - ▣ garments (+0.76%),
  - ▣ other appliances, articles and products for personal care (+0.27%),
  - ▣ meat (+0.64%) and
  - ▣ actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.04%).

# Monthly Inflation (Aug 2015 to Sep 2015)



# Annual Inflation (Sep 2014 to Sep 2015)



# 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 analysing sources of price change

# Contribution to monthly change (Aug 2015 to Sep 2015)

| <b>CPI GROUPS</b>                              | <b>Republic</b> | <b>Male'</b> | <b>Atolls</b> |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| All groups CPI (Total)                         | <b>-0.04</b>    | <b>-0.18</b> | <b>0.07</b>   |
| Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish     | -0.03           | -0.20        | 0.11          |
| Tobacco and aracanut                           | 0.00            | 0.01         | -0.01         |
| Clothing & footwear                            | 0.01            | 0.03         | -0.01         |
| Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels | 0.00            | 0.01         | 0.00          |
| Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.   | -0.02           | -0.03        | -0.01         |
| Health                                         | 0.00            | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| Transport                                      | -0.01           | -0.01        | -0.01         |
| Communication                                  | 0.00            | -0.01        | 0.00          |
| Recreation & culture                           | 0.00            | 0.00         | -0.01         |
| Education                                      | 0.00            | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| Hotels, cafes & Restaurants                    | 0.00            | 0.00         | 0.00          |
| Miscellaneous goods & Services                 | 0.02            | 0.03         | 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
  - ▣ October CPI : 30 November 2015

# 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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