

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX APRIL 2013

Release on 27 May 2013

Inflation rate for April 2013



- Monthly percentage change between March 2013 and April 2013
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: 0.12%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -0.10%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. April 2012 to April 2013)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): 4.38%

Overview of the CPI movements



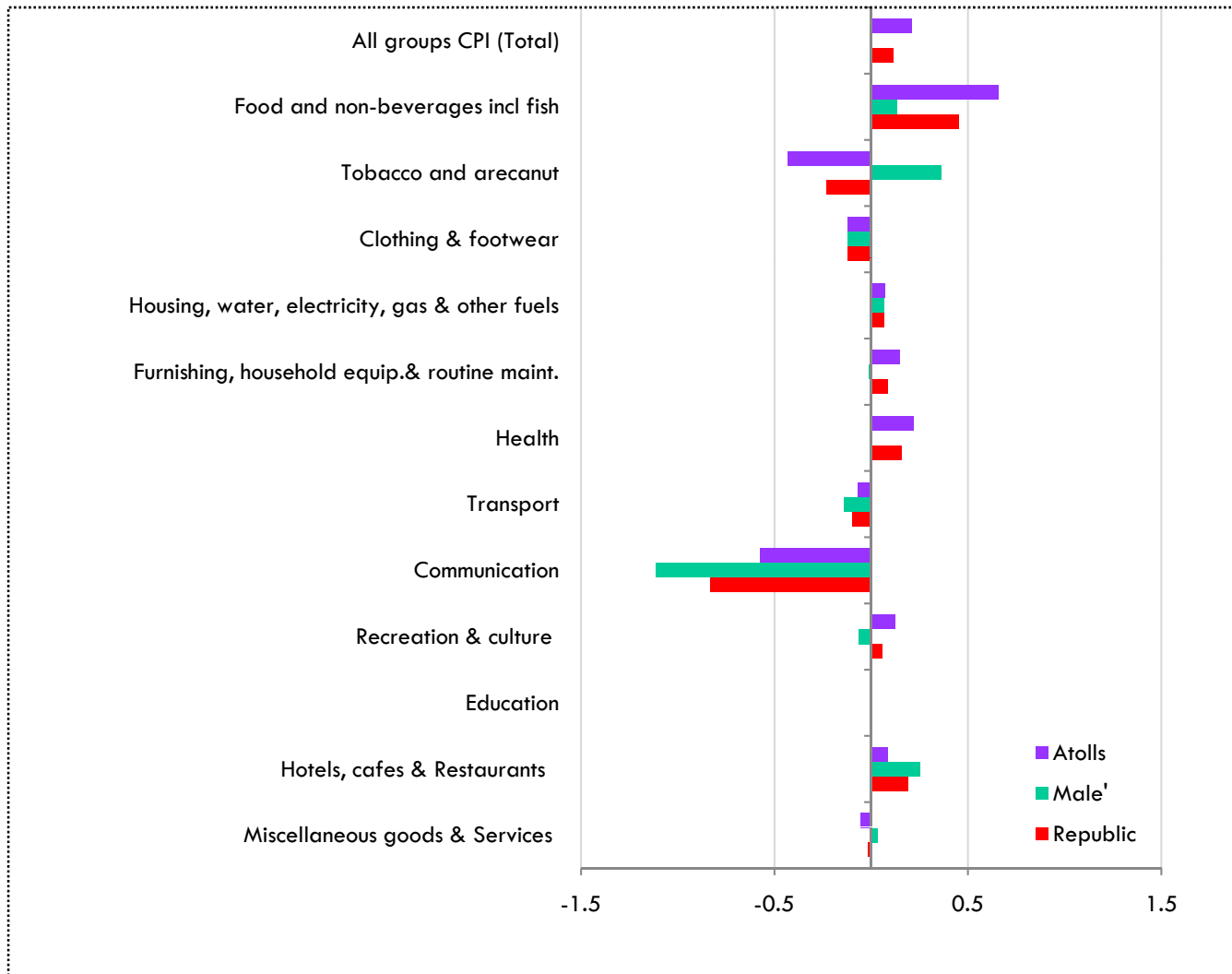
- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
 - Fish(+2.43%),
 - Fruit (+2.31%),
 - Glassware, tableware and household utensils (+1.23%),
 - Meat (+0.79%),
 - Pharmaceutical products (+0.38%),
 - Gas(+0.31%),
 - Arecanut(+0.30%) and
 - Books (+0.29%).

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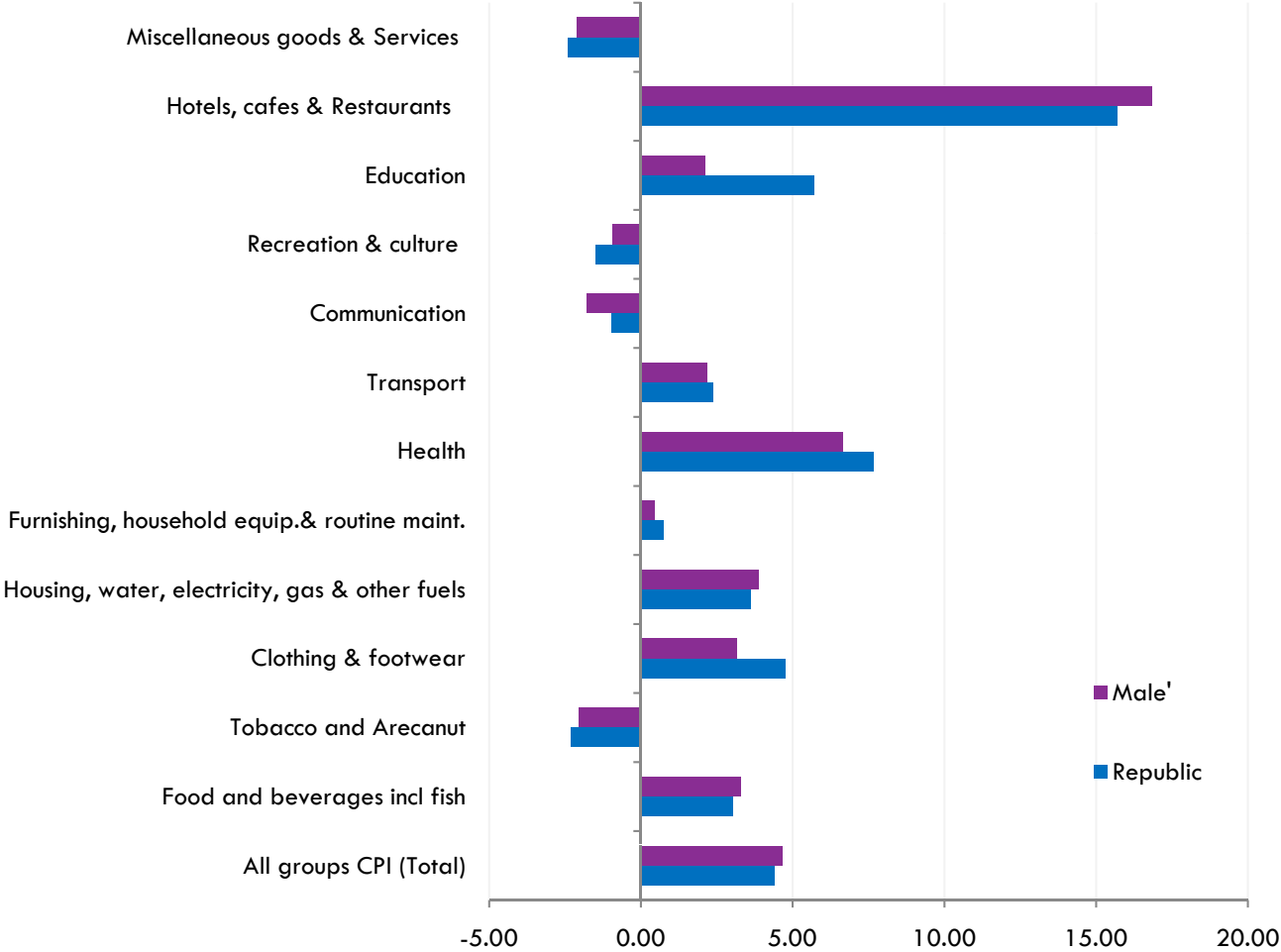


- The most significant price FALLS this month were for;
 - Vegetables (-5.40%),
 - Telephone and telefax equipment(-3.47%),
 - Passenger transport by air (-1.46%),
 - Small electrical household appliances (-1.34%),
 - Repair of audio-visual, photographic and information processing equipment (-0.43%) and
 - Tobacco (-0.41%)

Monthly Inflation (March 2013 to April 2013)



Annual Inflation (April 2012 to April 2013)



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 (March 2013 to April 2013)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.12	0.00	0.21
 Food and non-beverages incl fish	0.13	0.03	0.22
Tobacco and arecanut	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.02	0.02	0.01
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.01	0.00	0.01
Health	0.01	0.00	0.02
Transport	-0.01	-0.01	0.00
 Communication	-0.04	-0.05	-0.03
Recreation & culture	0.00	0.00	0.01
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.01	0.01	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.00	0.00	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
 - ▣ May CPI : 24 June 2013

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



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