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Inflation rate for December 2015



- Monthly percentage change between November 2015 and December 2015
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: -0.52%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: -0.15%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. December 2014 to December 2015)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +0.85%

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

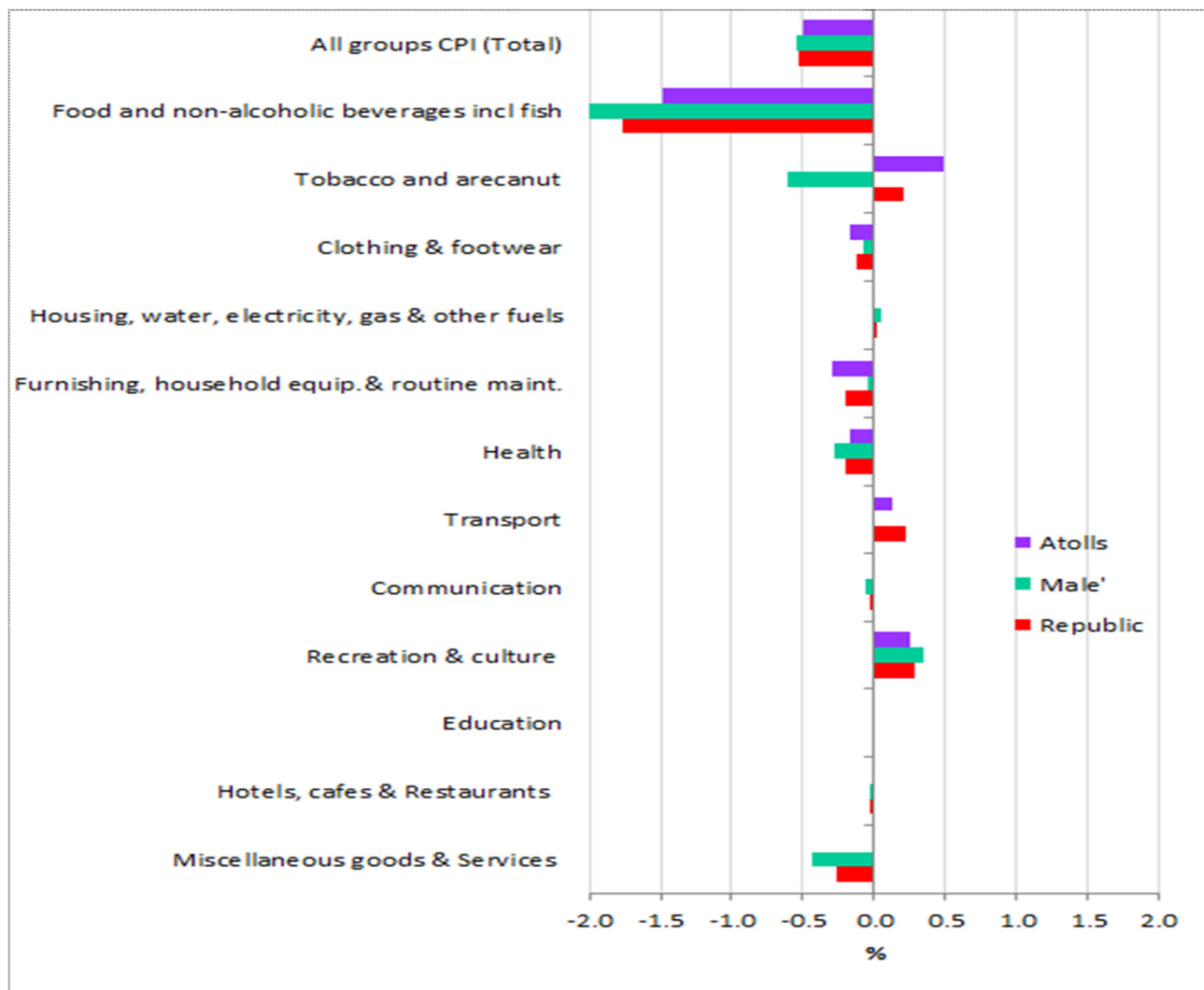
- The most significant price FALLS this month were for;
 - ▣ fish (-4.34%),
 - ▣ vegetables (-4.16%),
 - ▣ fruit (-1.99%),
 - ▣ major household appliances whether or not electrical (-1.35%),
 - ▣ other appliances, articles and products for personal care (-0.36%),
 - ▣ therapeutic appliance and equipment (-2.00%),
 - ▣ food products n.e.c (-0.58%) and
 - ▣ materials for the maintenance and repair of the dwelling (-0.32%).

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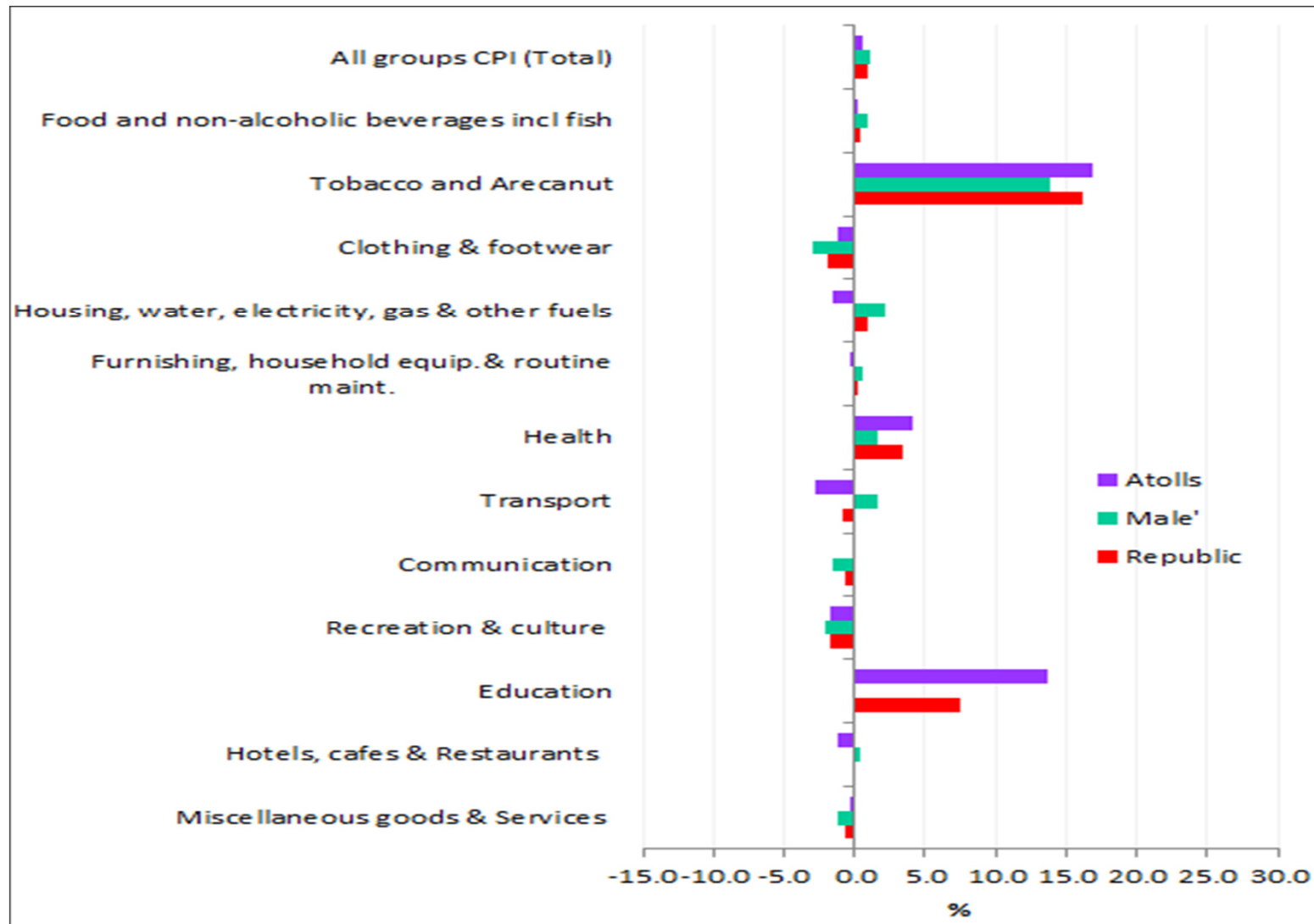


- The most significant price RISES this month were from;
 - ▣ actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.11%),
 - ▣ milk, cheese and eggs (+0.26%),
 - ▣ motorcycles (+0.71%),
 - ▣ furniture and furnishings (+0.44%),
 - ▣ tobacco (+0.41%) and
 - ▣ equipment for the reception, recording and reproduction of sound and picture (+0.68%),

Monthly Inflation (Nov 2015 to Dec 2015)



Annual Inflation (Dec 2014 to Dec 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 (Nov 2015 to Dec 2015)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	-0.56	-0.59	-0.53
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	-0.55	-0.58	-0.51
Tobacco and aracanut	0.01	-0.01	0.02
Clothing & footwear	0.00	0.00	-0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.01	0.02	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.02	0.00	-0.03
Health	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Transport	0.01	0.02	0.01
Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation & culture	0.01	0.01	0.02
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
 - ▣ January CPI : 29 February 2016

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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