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Inflation rate for February 2017

- Monthly percentage change between Jan 2016 and Feb 2017
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.35%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.09%

- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. Feb 2016 to Feb 2017)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +3.05%

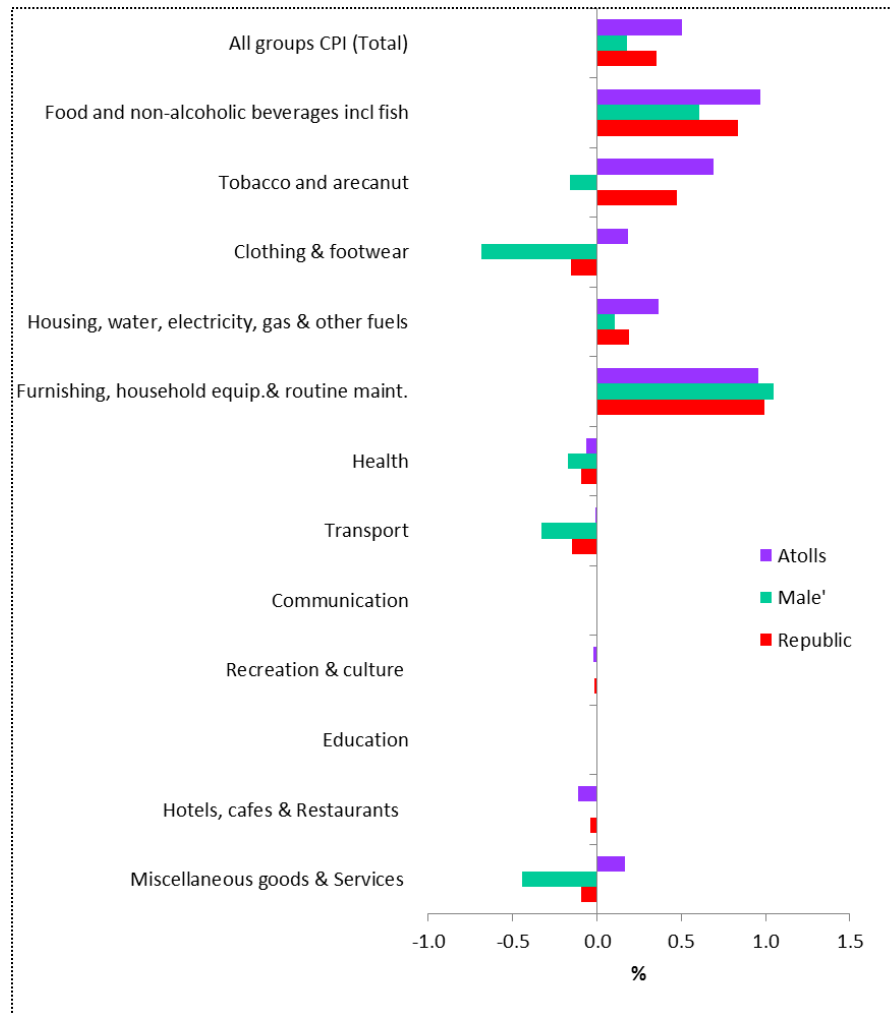
Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 rise recorded in this month were from;
 - Fish (+3.31%)
 - Domestic services and household services (+10.37%)
 - Fruit (+2.64%)
 - Electricity (+0.78%)
 - Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.13%)

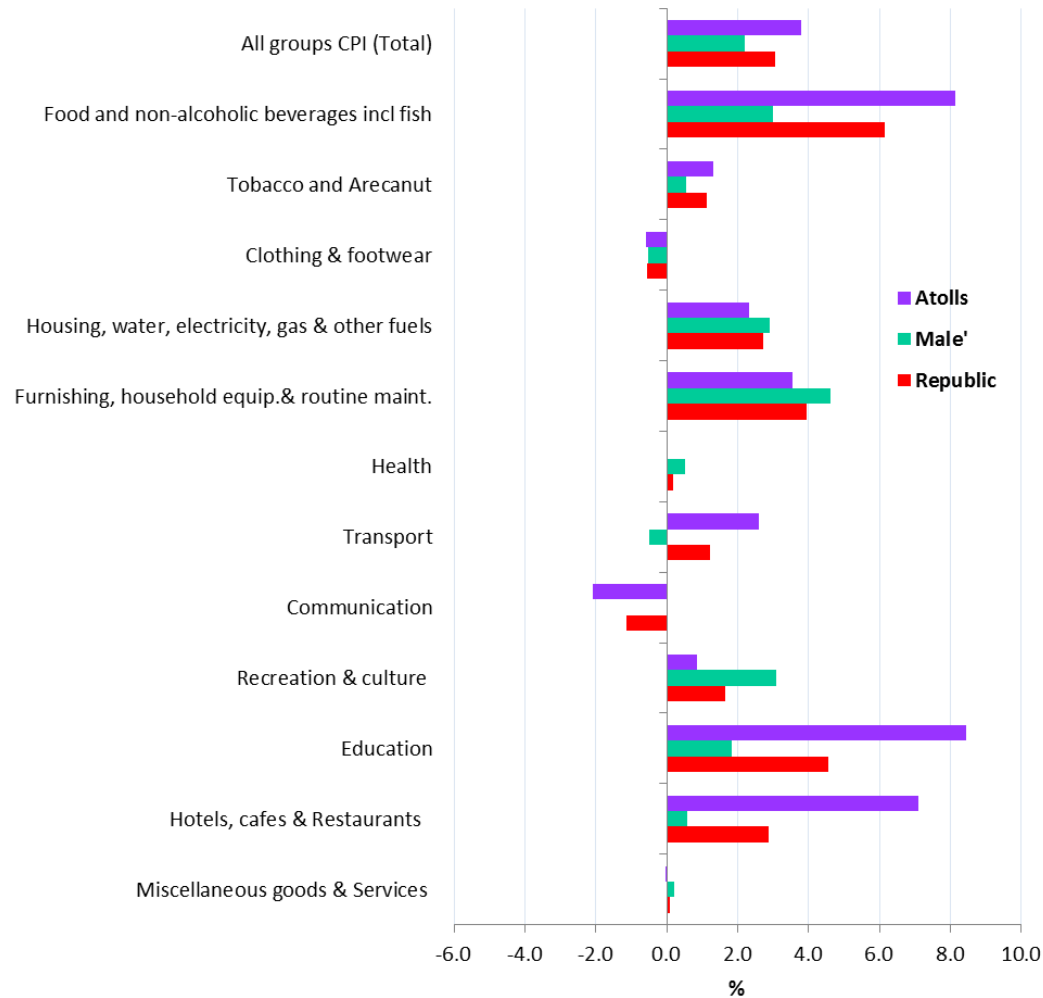
Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price fall in this month were for;
 - Vegetables (-3.86%),
 - Other personal effects (-3.27%),
 - Glassware, tableware and household utensils (-0.99%)
 - Maintenance and repair of personal transport equipment (-2.34%)
 - Milk, cheese and eggs (-0.16%)

Monthly Inflation (Jan 2017 to Feb 2017)



Month on Month Inflation (Jan 2016 to Jan 2017)



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 (Jan 2017 to Feb 2017)

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.39	0.19	0.55
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.27	0.16	0.36
Tobacco and aracanut	0.01	0.00	0.03
Clothing & footwear	-0.01	-0.02	0.01
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.05	0.04	0.06
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	0.09	0.08	0.09
Health	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01
Transport	-0.01	-0.02	0.00
Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation & culture	0.00	0.00	0.00
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous goods & Services	-0.01	-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
 - ▣ Mar CPI : 24 April 2017

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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