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Inflation rate for February 2019

- Monthly percentage change between January 2019 and February 2019
 - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.32%
 - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.06%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. February 2018 to February 2019)
 - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): -1.24%

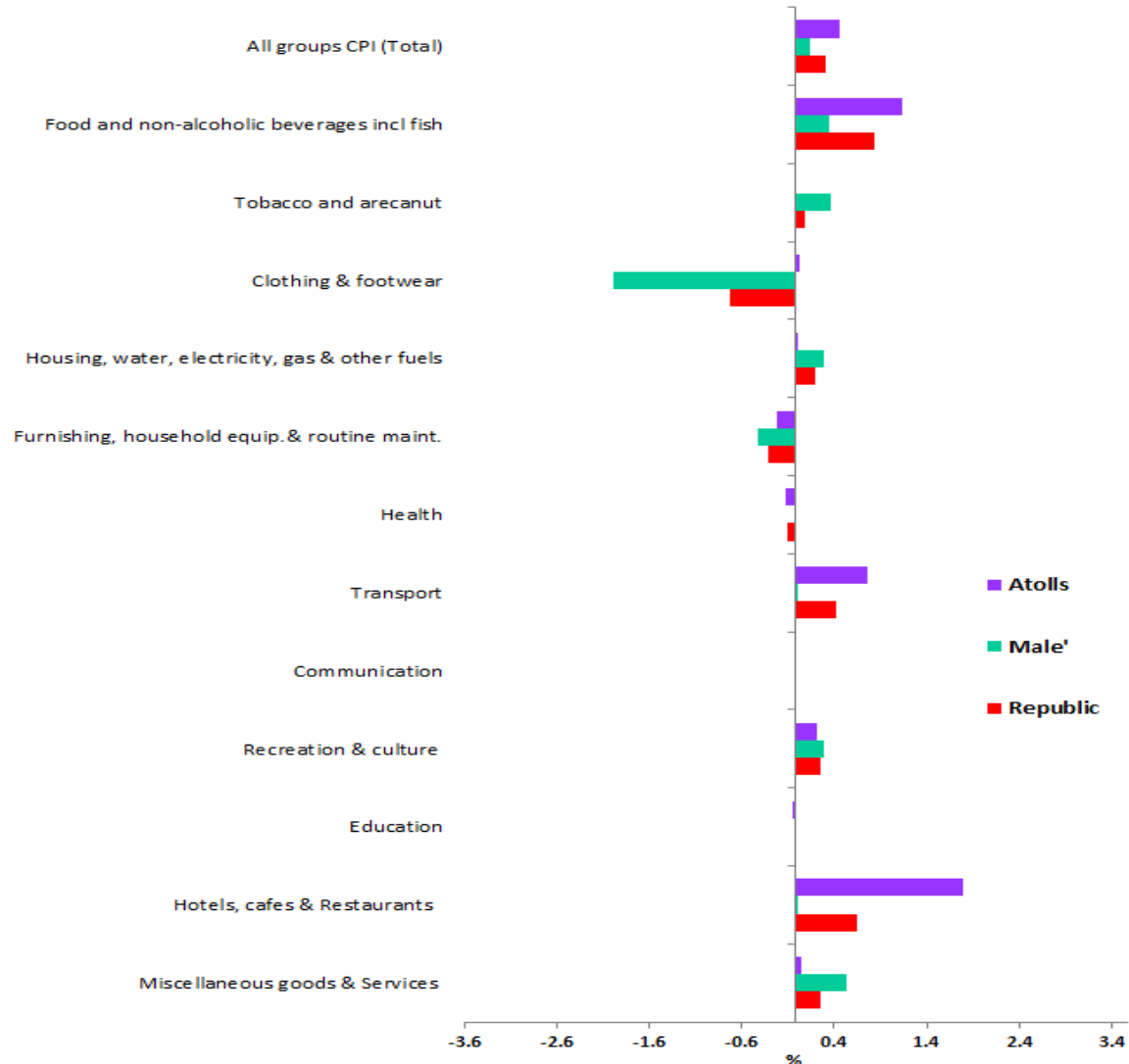
Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 increase in this month were for;
 - ▣ Fish (+3.26%),
 - ▣ Actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.37%),
 - ▣ Restaurants, cafés and alike (+0.68%),
 - ▣ Fuels and lubricants (+7.71%),
 - ▣ Other personal effects (+5.06%),
 - ▣ Equipment for the reproduction of sound and pictures (+1.78%),
 - ▣ Vegetables (+0.53%),
 - ▣ Milk, cheese and eggs (+0.14%)

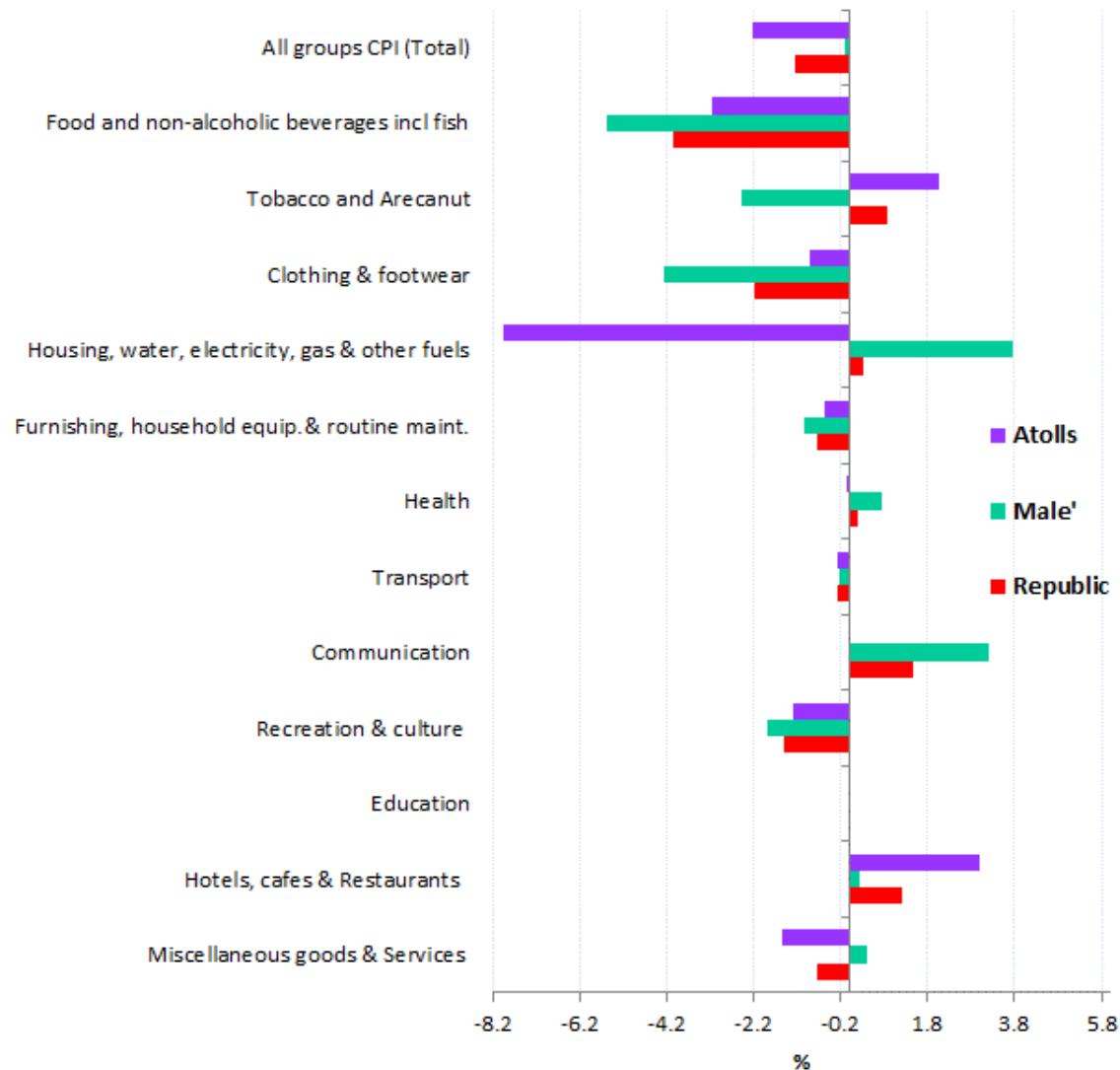
Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price decrease in this month were from;
 - Garments (-0.91%),
 - Fruit (-0.72%),
 - Major household appliances whether electrical or not (-0.84%),
 - Meat (-1.57%),
 - Small electrical household appliances (-2.56%),
 - Food products (-0.22%),
 - Pharmaceutical products (-0.21%),
 - Shoes and footwear (-0.59%)

Monthly Inflation (January 2019 to February 2019)



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

CPI GROUPS	Republic	Male'	Atolls
All groups CPI (Total)	0.35	0.18	0.50
Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish	0.27	0.09	0.42
Tobacco and aracanut	0.00	0.01	0.00
Clothing & footwear	-0.03	-0.06	0.00
Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels	0.06	0.12	0.00
Furnishing, household equip.& routine maint.	-0.02	-0.03	-0.02
Health	-0.01	0.00	-0.01
Transport	0.02	0.00	0.04
Communication	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation & culture	0.01	0.01	0.01
Education	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hotels, cafes & Restaurants	0.03	0.00	0.05
Miscellaneous goods & Services	0.02	0.04	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
 - ▣ March CPI : 29th April 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)

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Internet www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv
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