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MAY 2019

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# Inflation rate for May 2019

- Monthly percentage change between April 2019 and May 2019
  - ▣ Monthly inflation: +0.32%
  - Monthly inflation excluding fish: +0.27%
- Change from the corresponding month of the previous year (i.e. May 2018 to May 2019)
  - ▣ Annual inflation (month on month): +1.54%

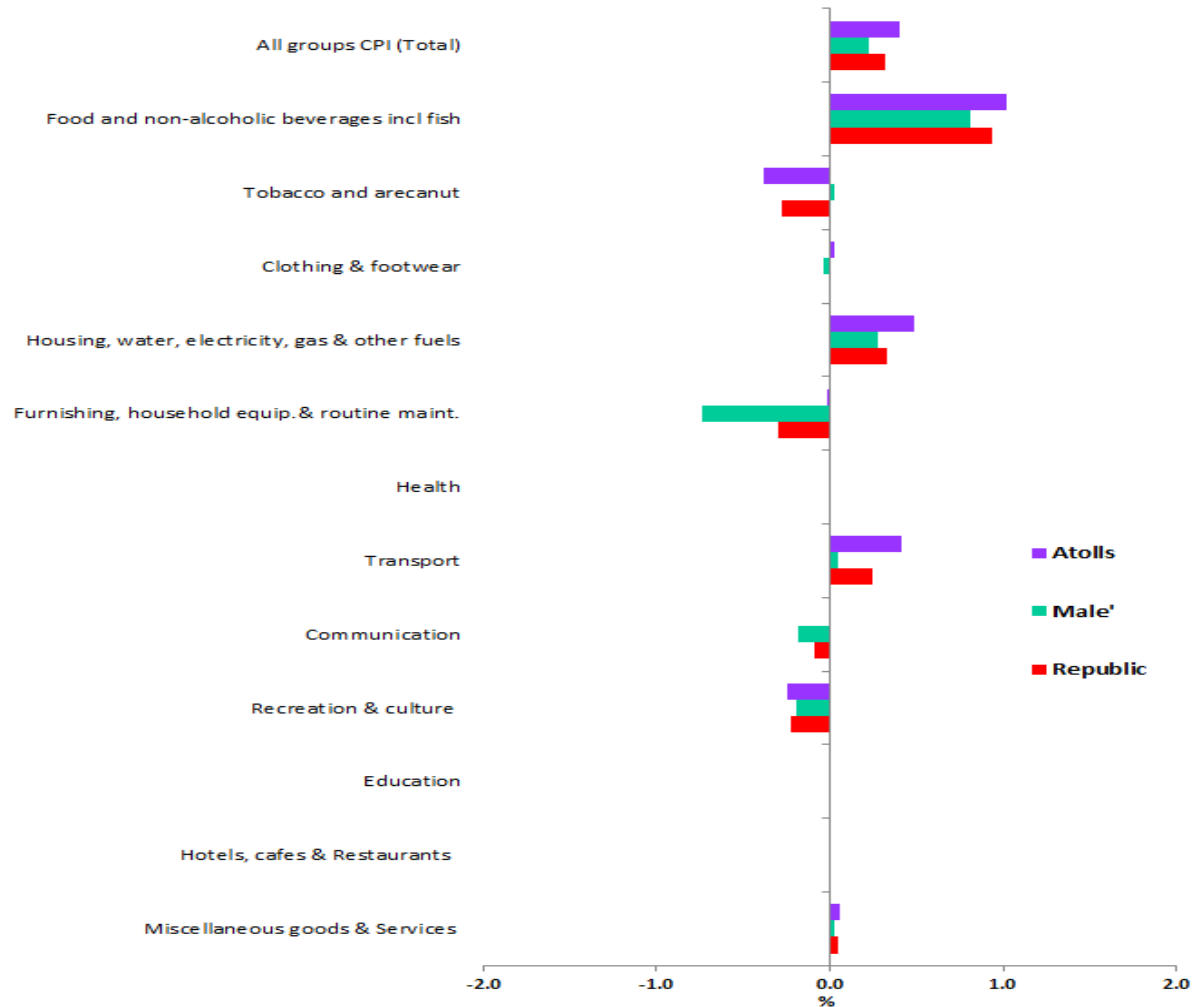
# Overview of the CPI movements

- The most significant price increase in this month were from;
  - ▣ Fuels and lubricants(+4.59),
  - ▣ Milk, cheese and eggs (+6.24%),
  - ▣ Fish (+0.81%),
  - ▣ Liquid fuels (+0.33%),
  - ▣ Tools and equipment (+4.44),
  - ▣ Post-secondary non-tertiary education (+3.93),  
actual rentals paid by tenants (+0.15),
  - ▣ Passenger transport by sea and inland waterway (+0.60).

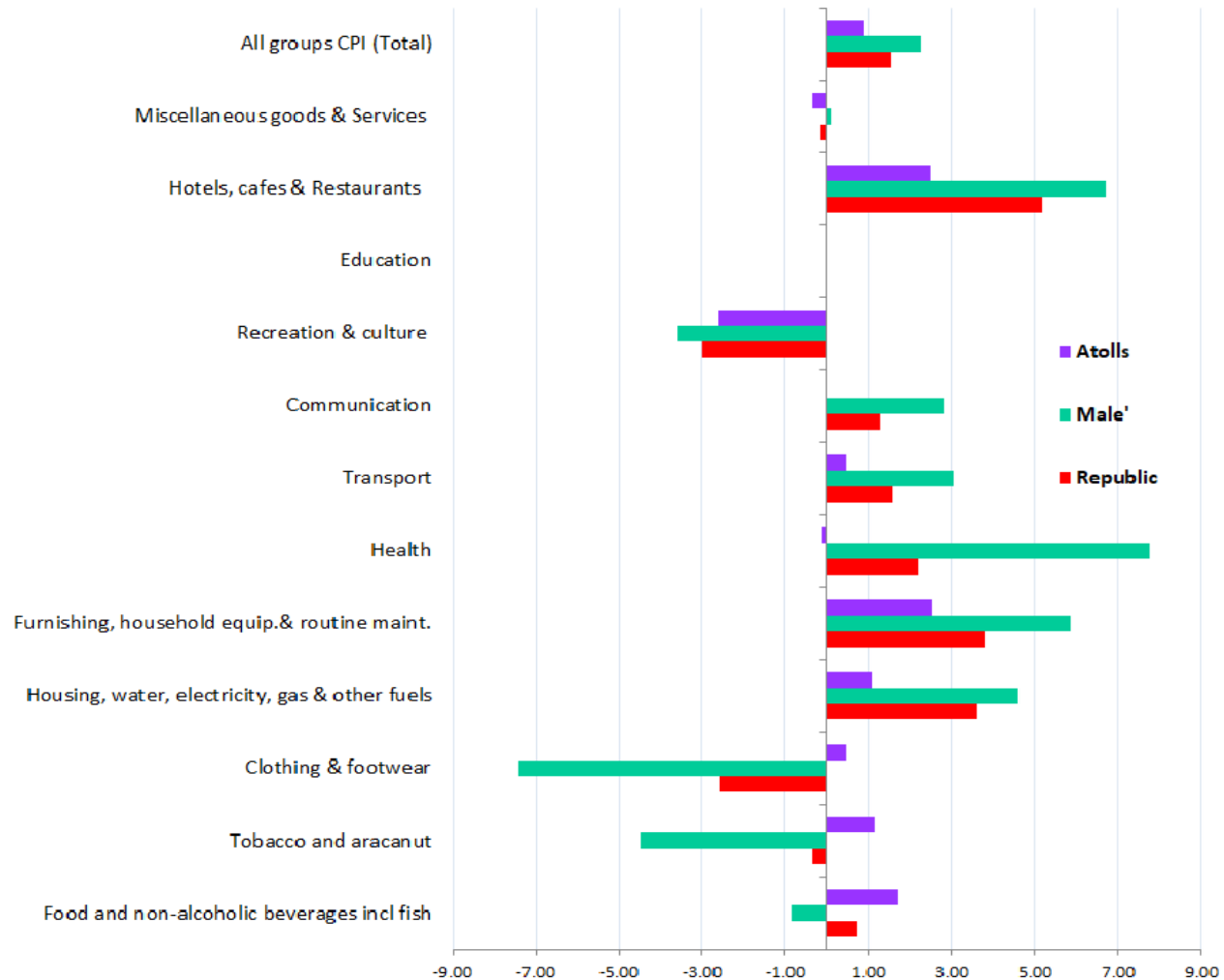
# Overview of the CPI movements

- 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 decrease in this month were for;
  - ▣ Paramedical services (-2.31),
  - ▣ Therapeutic appliances and equipment (-1.16),
  - ▣ Fruits (-0.97),
  - ▣ Restaurants, café's and the like (-1.17),
  - ▣ Vegetables (-0.15) and
  - ▣ Shoes and other footwear (-0.49).

# Monthly Inflation (April 2019 to May 2019)



# Month on Month Inflation (May 2018 to May 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 (April 2019 to May 2019)

<b>CPI GROUPS</b>	<b>Republic</b>	<b>Male'</b>	<b>Atolls</b>
<b>All groups CPI (Total)</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.43</b>
<b>Food and non-alcoholic beverages incl fish</b>	<b>0.29</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.37</b>
<b>Tobacco and aracanut</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.02</b>
<b>Clothing &amp; footwear</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Housing, water, electricity, gas &amp; other fuels</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.06</b>
<b>Furnishing, household equip.&amp; routine maint.</b>	<b>-0.02</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Transport</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.02</b>
<b>Communication</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Recreation &amp; culture</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.01</b>	<b>-0.01</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Hotels, cafes &amp; Restaurants</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous goods &amp; Services</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



# 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
  - ▣ June CPI : 29<sup>th</sup> July 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)

## REVIEW

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# FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Internet [www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv](http://www.statisticsmaldives.gov.mv)
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