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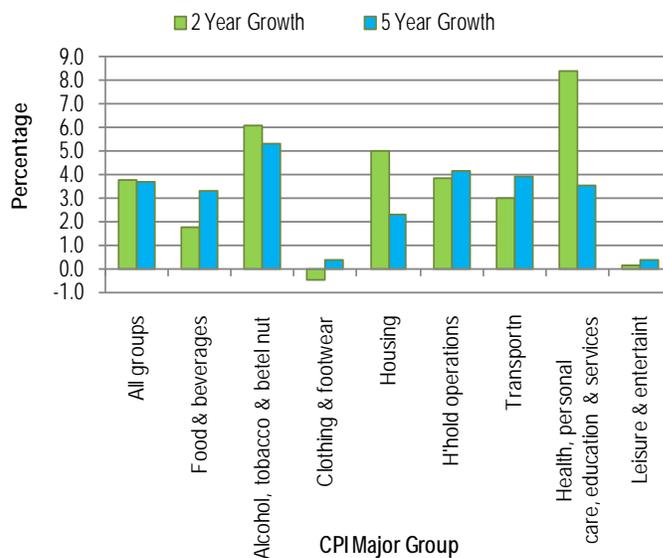
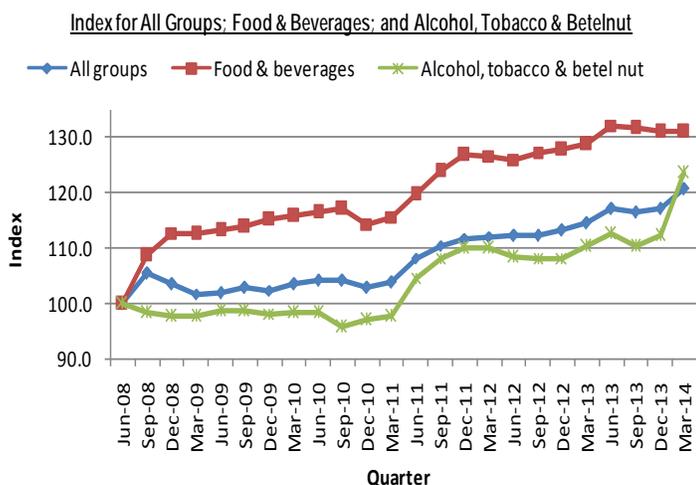
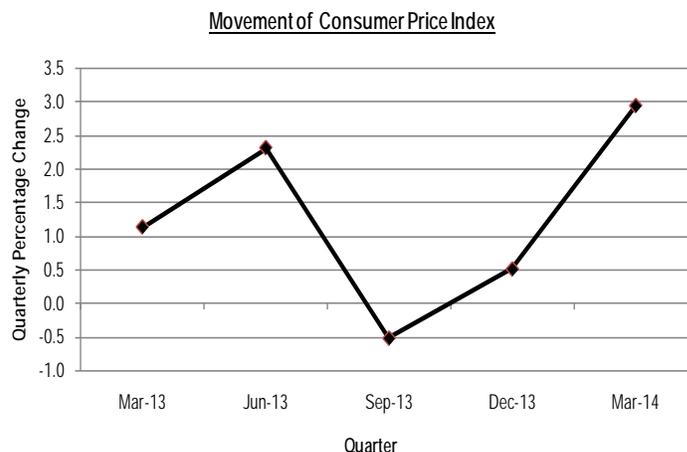
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**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR %Change
Food & Beverage	0.0	1.8
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	10.0	12.0
Clothing & Footwear	0.0	0.0
Housing	0.5	5.8
Household Operations	0.0	3.2
Transportation	-0.1	2.2
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	15.3	18.0
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	-0.2
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>5.3</b>

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- All groups increased by 2.9% over the last quarter. This increase was largely driven by Health, Personal care, Education & services group and Alcohol, tobacco & betelnut group mainly due to price rise of physical exam fee, dental fee and tobacco. On the other hand Transportation saw a decrease of 0.1% due to price drop of fuel.
- The annual increase of 5.3% for the last 12 YR months was largely driven by Health, Personal care, Education & services group, Alcohol, tobacco & betelnut group and Housing group. Items that contributed the most to these group's increase include physical exam fee, dental fee, cigarette and electricity cost.



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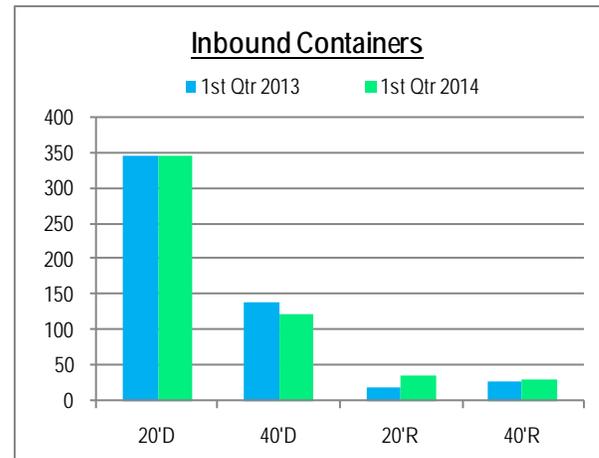
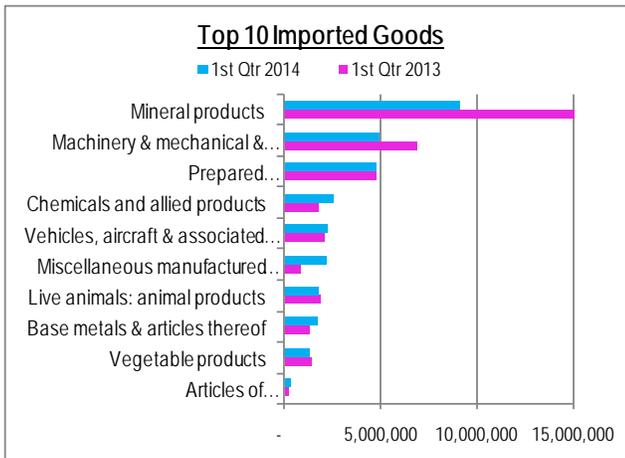
Imports	Total FOB Value 1st Qtr 2013	Total FOB Value 1st Qtr 2014	% Change
Live Animals: animal products	1,917,267	1,773,201	-7.5
Vegetable products	1,403,556	1,366,935	-2.6
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	4,707,377	4,767,146	1.3
Mineral products	16,019,828	9,135,356	-43.0
Chemicals and allied products	1,757,094	2,484,457	41.4
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	232,582	333,148	43.2
Base metals & articles thereof	1,321,263	1,665,707	26.1
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	6,908,397	4,971,555	-28.0
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	2,033,933	2,243,045	10.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	847,094	2,163,880	155.4
Other Imports	4,251,843	6,114,979	43.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,400,233</b>	<b>37,019,409</b>	<b>-10.6</b>

Source: Division of Customs, MOF and Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF

**Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers**

Type	Total Containers 1st Qtr 2013	Total Containers 1st Qtr 2014	% Change
20'D	348	348	0.0
40'D	139	122	-12.2
20'R	20	37	85.0
40'R	29	30	3.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>537</b>	<b>0.2</b>

Source: Division of Transportation, MPIIC



**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, total imports declined by 11% over the same period last year.
- The 43% decline in Mineral products was driven by the drop of fuel import. Fuel import fluctuates depending on the tankers arrival.
- Machinery, mechanical, and electrical appliances showed a decline of 28%. The high import value for last year included PNCC and PPUC's imports of cable and transformers.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products increased by 43%. Main contributors to the increase included ceramic and glass products.
- Miscellaneous manufacture articles' increase of 155% included large import of wooden furniture and pre-fabricated buildings.
- Other imports' increase of about 43% was largely due to photographic and optical instruments, wood products, and plastic products.
- The table on the top right corner shows the number of inbound containers by size. There was a slight increase (0.2%) in the total number of containers this period over last year.



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**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2013	Arrivals 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2014	% Change
Tourist & Business	31,669	32,967	4.1
Employment	737	691	-6.2
Other	423	476	12.5
<b>Total Excluding Residents</b>	<b>32,831</b>	<b>34,137</b>	<b>4.0</b>

Source: Bureau of Immigration, MOJ

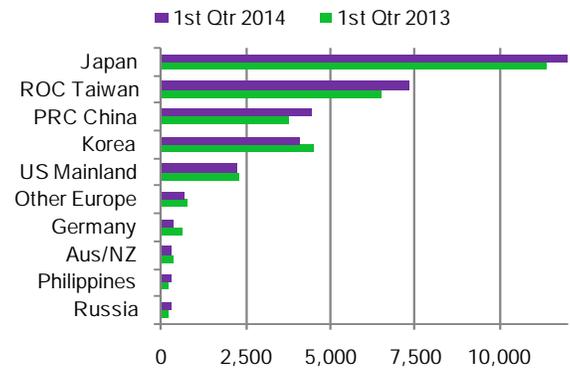


**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2013	Tourist & Business Arrivals 1 <sup>st</sup> Qtr 2014	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	337	265	-21.4
Germany	599	373	-37.7
Hong Kong	39	6	-84.6
Italy	123	128	4.1
Japan	11,373	11,951	5.1
Korea	4,455	4,061	-8.8
Micronesia	105	89	-15.2
Philippines	244	258	5.7
PRC China	3,733	4,447	19.1
ROC Taiwan	6,507	7,300	12.2
Russia	204	255	25.0
Switzerland	126	103	-18.3
United Kingdom	189	187	-1.1
US Mainland	2,273	2,185	-3.9
Other Europe	742	694	-6.5
Others	620	665	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,669</b>	<b>32,967</b>	<b>4.1</b>

Source: Bureau of Immigration, MOJ

**Top 10 Tourists Ranking**



**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 34,137, an increase of 4% compared to the same period last year.
- Tourist & Business arrivals and Other arrivals increased by 4.1% and 12.5%, respectively, while Employment arrivals declined by 6.2%.
- Inbound Japanese tourists increased by about 5% over the same period last year. This increase was, most likely, linked to the increase of inbound Japan Airline flights.
- ROC Taiwan and PRC China increased by about 12% and 19%, respectively. Possible contributors to these increases include the Chinese New Year and China's continuous rising level of income and living standards.



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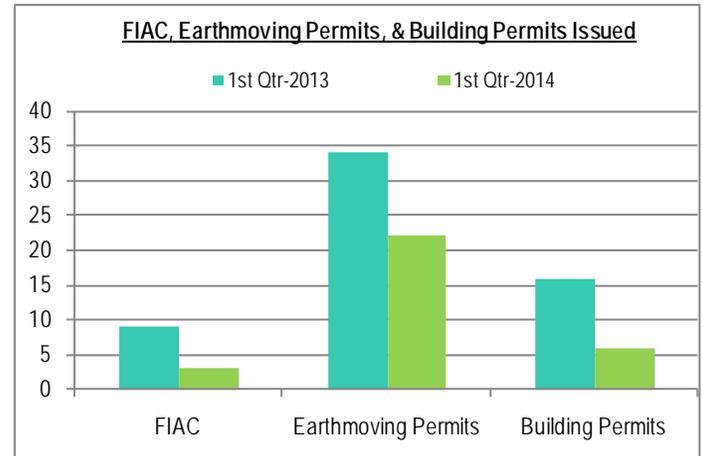
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**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC**

Industry	FIAC Issued Jan-Mar 2013	FIAC Issued Jan-Mar 2014
Fisheries	1	-
Construction	1	1
Accommodation and food service activities	4	2
Information and communication	1	-
Financial and insurance activities	1	-
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB**

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 1st Qtr 2013	Earthmoving Permits Issued 1st Qtr 2014
Commercial	11	4
Government	5	11
Residential	18	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>22</b>

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG**

Type	Building Permits 1st Qtr 2013	Building Permits 1st Qtr 2014
Commercial	1	1
Government	1	3
Residential	14	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

**MARCH 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter dropped by 6 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 3 licenses were issued, 1 Construction and 2 Accommodation and food services activities industries with a total declared investment of about \$863,000.
- Earthmoving Permits issued for this quarter dropped by 12 over the same period last year. All of the earthmoving activities in the Republic of Palau with exception of agricultural/funeral practices require an earthmoving permit from EQPB, whereas, building permits issued by KSG-Building & Zoning are only applicable to projects in Koror State.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning showed a drop by 10 over the same period last year. A total of 6 building permits were issued this quarter with a total stated value of about \$130,000.