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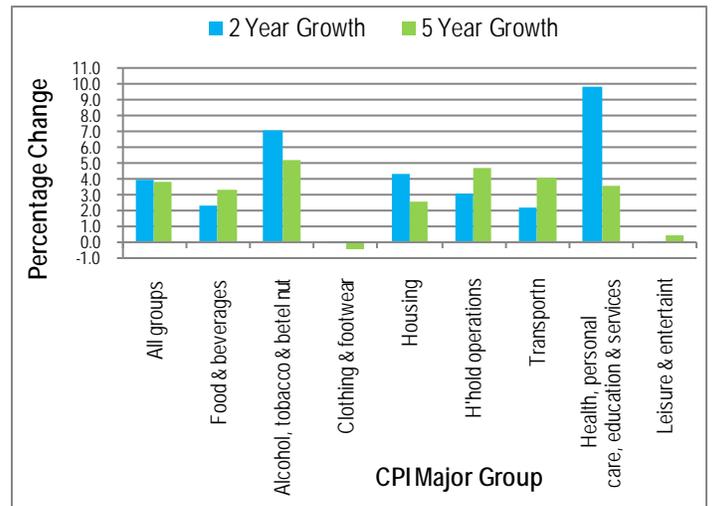
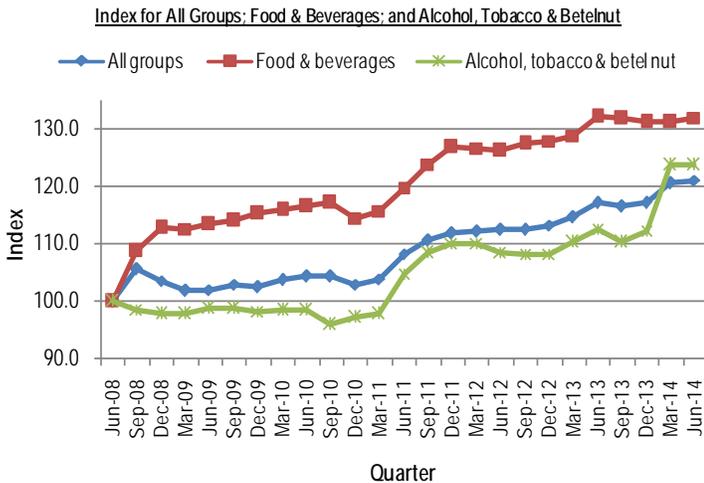
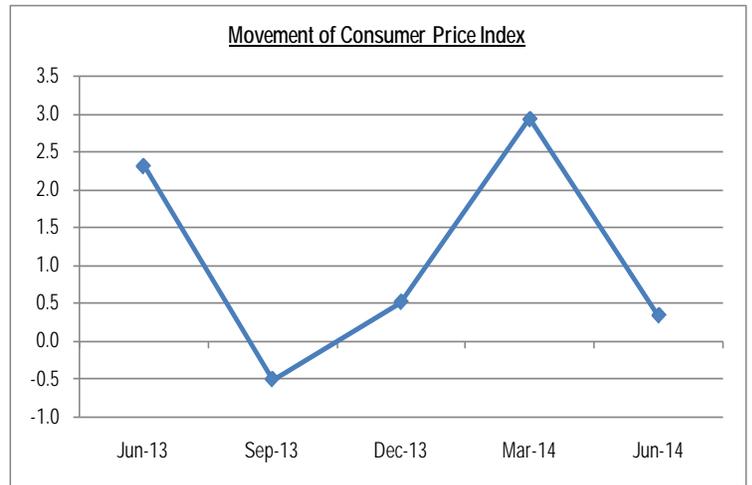
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**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR %Change
Food & Beverage	0.6	-0.2
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	0.1	9.9
Clothing & Footwear	0.0	-2.0
Housing	0.1	-0.3
Household Operations	0.0	-0.1
Transportation	0.0	2.0
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	1.6	18.1
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	-0.2
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- All groups increased by 0.3% 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 school tuition fees and alcohol.
- The annual increase of 3.3% for the last 12 months was largely driven by Health, Personal care, Education & services group and Alcohol, tobacco & betelnut group. Items that contributed the most to these groups' increase include school tuition fees and tobacco.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	Total FOB Value 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	% Change
Live Animals: animal products	1,891,762	2,332,824	23%
Vegetable products	1,396,721	1,488,019	7%
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	5,331,753	4,703,784	-12%
Mineral products	8,478,962	14,681,531	73%
Chemicals and allied products	1,655,094	2,018,008	22%
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	675,772	348,357	-48%
Base metals & articles thereof	1,396,873	3,197,388	129%
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	4,132,365	4,265,225	3%
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	1,841,638	3,289,833	79%
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	725,048	1,807,383	149%
Other Imports	4,263,775	5,050,578	18%
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,789,763</b>	<b>43,182,930</b>	<b>36%</b>

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

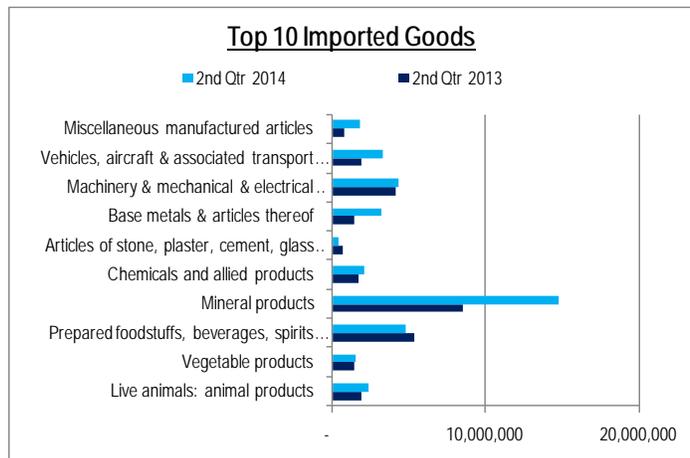
**Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers**

Type	Total Containers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	Total Containers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	% Change
20'D	337	390	16%
40'D	141	134	-5%
20'R	34	24	-29%
40'R	37	45	22%
<b>Total</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>593</b>	<b>8%</b>

Source: Division of Transportation, MPIIC

**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, total imports increased by 36% over the same period last year.
- The 73% increase in Mineral products was mainly driven by fuel import.
- Base metals & articles showed significant increases of more than 120% largely due to the imports of construction materials.
- Miscellaneous manufacture articles' increase of more than 140% included large import of wooden furniture and prefabricated buildings.
- Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment increased by 79% due to the increased import of vehicles and vessel equipments.
- Other imports' increase of 18% was largely due to importations of jewelries, medical supplies, photographic and optical instruments, wood products, and edible oil products.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products decreased by 48%. Less imports of ceramic and glass products contributed to this decline.
- Other imports include Animal or vegetable oils & fats, Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof, Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof, Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals, Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments, Plastic, rubber & articles thereof, Raw hides, skins, leather articles & travel goods, Textiles & textile articles, Wood pulp, paper & paperboard & articles thereof, Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material, and Works of art, collectors pieces & antiques.
- The table on the top right corner shows the number of inbound containers by size and type. The number slightly increased by 8% over the same quarter last year.





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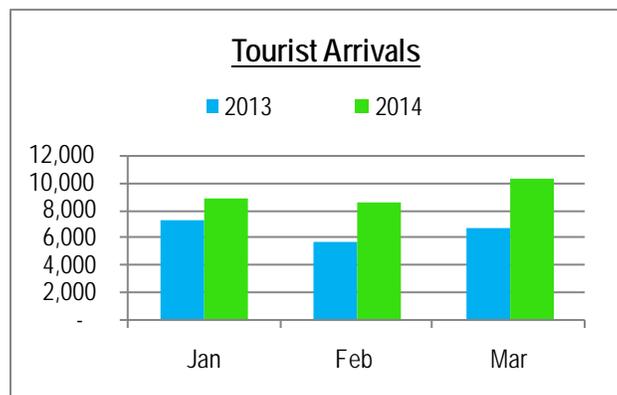
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Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	% Change
Tourist	19,607	27,784	41.7
Business	739	373	-49.5
Employment	1,053	1,331	26.4
Other	389	357	-8.2
<b>Total Excluding Residents</b>	<b>21,788</b>	<b>29,845</b>	<b>37.0</b>

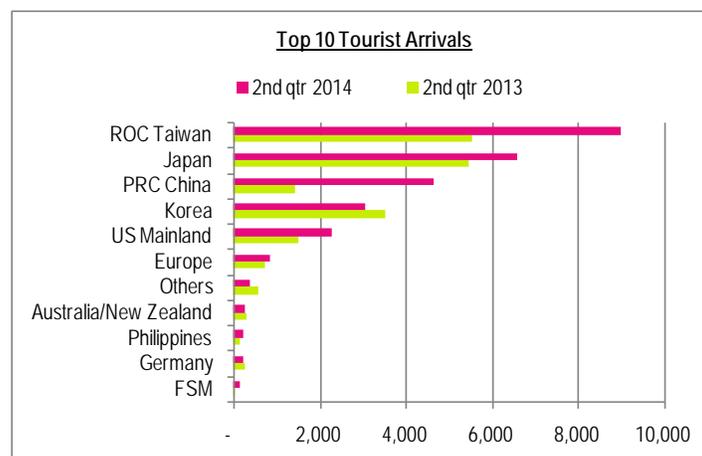
Source: Palau Visitors Authority



**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	Tourist & Business Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	294	288	-2.0
Europe	753	867	15.1
FSM	56	166	196.4
Germany	257	222	-13.6
Japan	5,476	6,600	20.5
Korea	3,515	3,070	-12.7
Philippines	163	251	54.0
PRC China	1,422	4,649	226.9
ROC Taiwan	5,559	9,004	62.0
US Mainland	1,526	2,284	49.7
Others	586	383	-34.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,607</b>	<b>27,784</b>	<b>41.7</b>

Source: Palau Visitors Authority



**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 29,845, an increase of 37.0% compared to the same period last year.
- Tourist and Employment arrivals increased by 41.7% and 26.4%, respectively, while Business and Other arrivals declined by 49.5% and 8.2%, respectively.
- Inbound Japanese tourists increased by about 20% 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 62% and 226.9%, respectively. Major contributor to these increases include new airline that has recently begun its operations to Palau.

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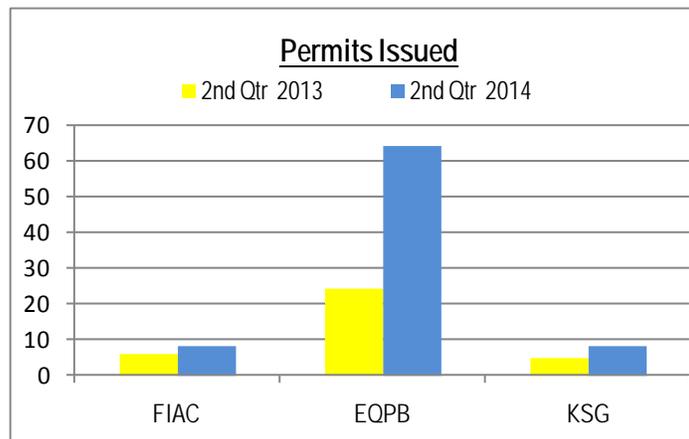
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**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC**

Industry	FIAC Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	FIAC Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014
Agriculture	-	1
Accommodation and food service activities	3	4
Financial and insurance activities	-	1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	1
Education	2	-
Other Services	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB**

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	Earthmoving Permits Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014
Commercial	9	13
Government	2	22
Residential	13	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>64</b>

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG**

Type	Building Permits 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2013	Building Permits 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014
Commercial	2	3
Government	-	1
Residential	3	4
School	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

**JUNE 2014 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter increased by 2 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 8 licenses were issued with a total declared investment of \$8,197,000. 4 out of the 5 FIAC for Accommodation and food services activities were new establishment of businesses and 1 is an existing business that changed management.
- Earthmoving Permits issued for this quarter increased by 40 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 an increase by 3 over the same period last year. A total of 8 building permits were issued this quarter with a total stated value of \$5,689,329.