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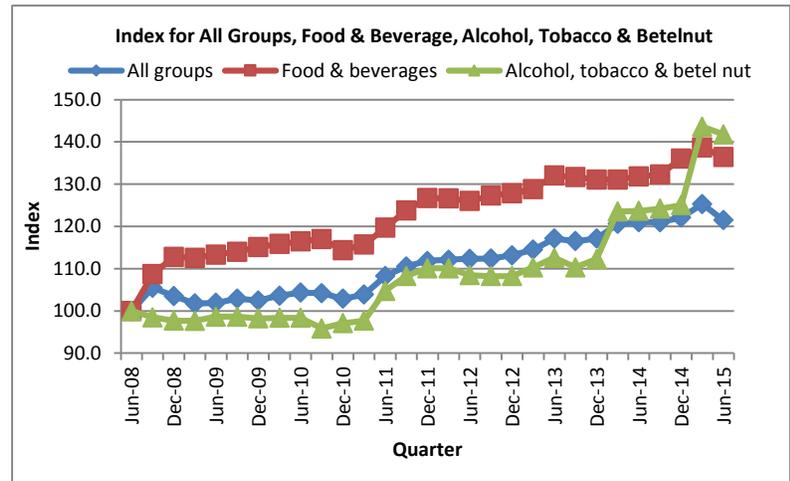
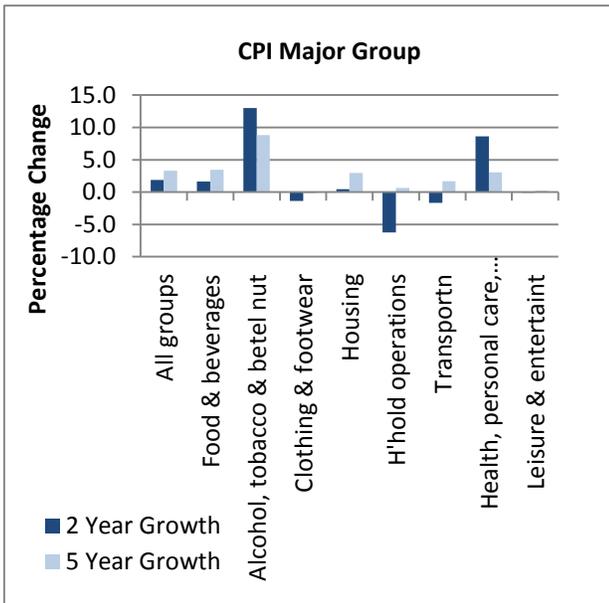
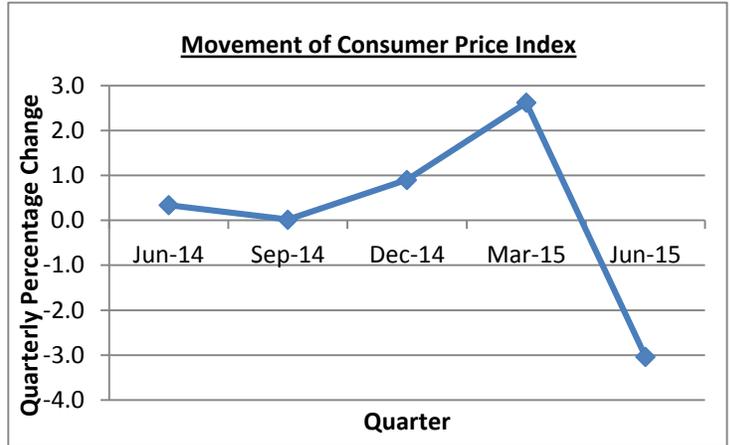
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**JUNE 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & Beverage	-1.6	3.5
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	-1.3	14.6
Clothing & Footwear	-0.1	-0.8
Housing	-0.2	1.2
Household Operations	-13.0	-12.4
Transportation	0.5	-5.2
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	0.3	-0.8
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	0.0
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>-3.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



**JUNE 2015 QTR KEY POINTS**

- All groups saw a decrease of -3.0% over the last quarter. The Household Operations group saw a significant decline of about -13.0%, due to the drop of utility rate.
- The annual increase of 0.4% for the last 12 months was largely driven by the Alcohol, tobacco & betelnut group and the Food & Beverages group. Items that contributed the most to these groups' increase include tobacco, frozen chicken and fresh fruits.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	Total FOB Value 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	2,331,764	2,526,347	8.3
Vegetable products	1,503,405	1,525,195	1.4
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	4,679,866	5,083,550	8.6
Mineral products	14,681,166	8,972,323	-38.9
Chemicals and allied products	2,020,142	2,236,750	10.7
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	348,198	1,127,801	223.9
Base metals & articles thereof	3,185,385	1,628,619	-48.9
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	4,206,778	5,910,950	40.5
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	3,291,848	3,955,416	20.2
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,811,619	1,357,140	-25.1
Other Imports	4,984,787	5,488,356	10.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,044,959</b>	<b>39,812,449</b>	<b>-7.5</b>

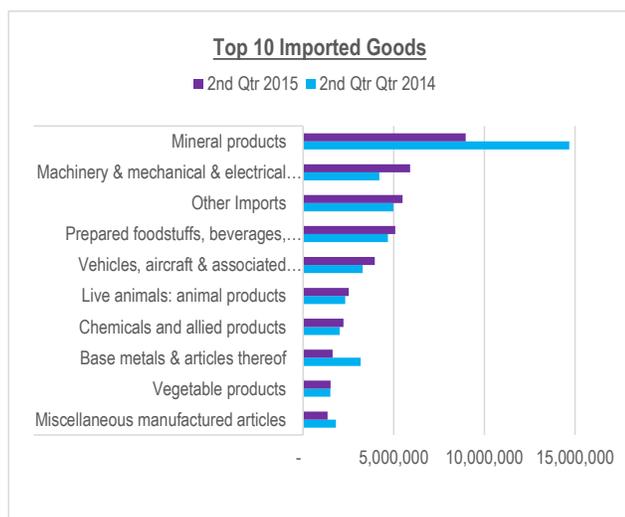
Source: Division of Customs, MOF and Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF

**Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers**

Type	Total Containers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	Total Containers 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015	% Change
20'D	393	495	26.0
40'D	136	151	11.0
20'R	24	18	-25.0
40'R	35	48	37.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>712</b>	<b>21.1</b>

Source: Division of Transportation, MPIIC

**JUNE 2015 QTR KEY POINTS**



- Overall, total imports declined by 8% over the same period last year.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products saw a significant increase of 224% due to high imports of ceramic tiles and hotel lighting fixtures.
- The Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances group saw a significant increase of 41% due to imports of PPUC generator parts and imports of outboard motors.
- Base metals and articles thereof, saw a decline of 49%. Various construction projects contributed to last year's high numbers.
- Mineral products, which include fuel imports saw a decline of 39% due to the global drop of crude oil prices.
- 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 overall number increased by about 21% over the same quarter last year.



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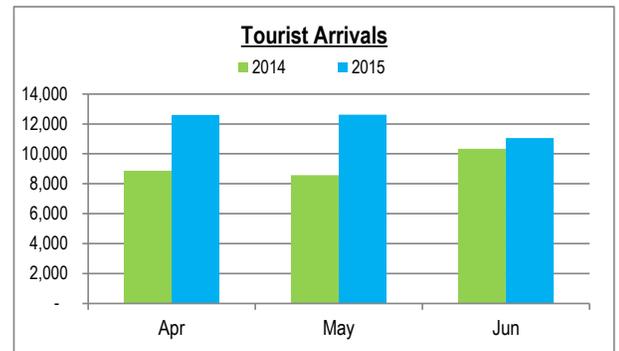
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Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015	% Change
Tourist	27,784	36,272	30.5
Business	373	374	0.3
Employment	1,331	996	-25.2
Others	357	414	16.0
<b>Total Excluding Residents</b>	<b>29,845</b>	<b>38,056</b>	<b>27.5</b>

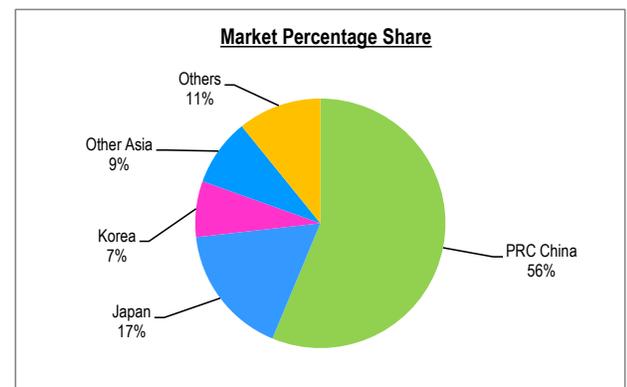
Source: Palau Visitors Authority



**JUNE 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	Tourist & Business Arrivals 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	307	345	12.4
Europe	883	628	-28.9
FSM	173	141	-18.5
Germany	231	173	-25.1
Japan	6,661	6,216	-6.7
Korea	3,077	2,659	-13.6
Philippines	279	301	7.9
PRC China	4,686	20,616	339.9
ROC Taiwan	9,022	2,894	-67.9
US/Canada	2,409	2,249	-6.6
Others	429	424	-1.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,157</b>	<b>36,646</b>	<b>30.1</b>

Source: Palau Visitors Authority



**JUNE 2015 QTR KEY POINTS**

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 38,056 an increase of 28% compared to the same period last year.
- Tourist and Other arrivals saw an increase of 31% and 16%, respectively.
- Employment arrivals saw a decline of 25%, compared to the same period last year.
- Not surprisingly, PRC China with 340% increase in arrivals, continues to be the leading market amongst other countries with the direct charter services between Koror and Hong Kong/Macau on Dynamic Airways, Asian Air, Palau Pacific Air, and Mega Maldives.
- Key markets including Japan, Korea, ROC Taiwan declined by 7%, 14% and 68%, respectively. Based on reports from the Palau Visitors Authority, reduced chartered and scheduled flights by Japan Airlines and China Airlines contributed to the decline of visitors.

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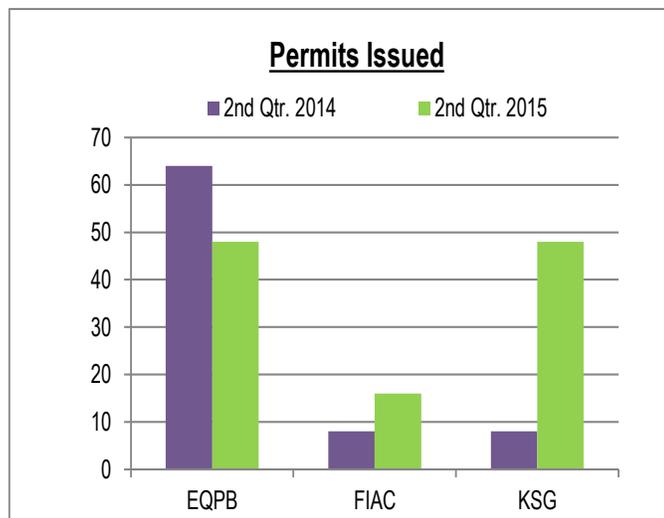
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### JUNE 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	FIAC Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015
Agriculture	1	1
Construction	-	1
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	-	1
Accommodation and food service activities	4	11
Financial and insurance activities	1	-
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	1
Public administration and defence; compulsory social security	-	1
Other Services	1	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



### JUNE 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	Building Permits 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015
Commercial	3	18
Government	1	8
Residential	4	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>48</b>

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

### JUNE 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2014	Earthmoving Permits Issued 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr 2015
Commercial	13	7
Government	22	15
Residential	29	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

### JUNE 2015 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter increased by 8 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 16 new licenses were issued this quarter with Accommodation and Food Service Activities contributing the highest. Licenses issued for this industry were mostly for hotel development.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning increased by 40 over the same period last year. A total of 48 building permits were issued this quarter with a total stated value of about \$4,893,046.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter dropped by 16 over the same period last year. A total of 48 permits were issued with residential contributing the highest. Permits issued to Government were mostly for Koror secondary road improvement. All of the earthmoving activities in the Republic of Palau with the 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.