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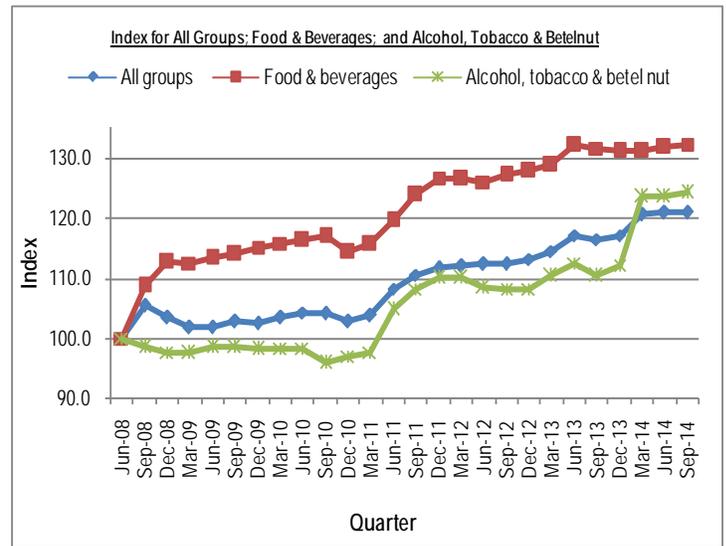
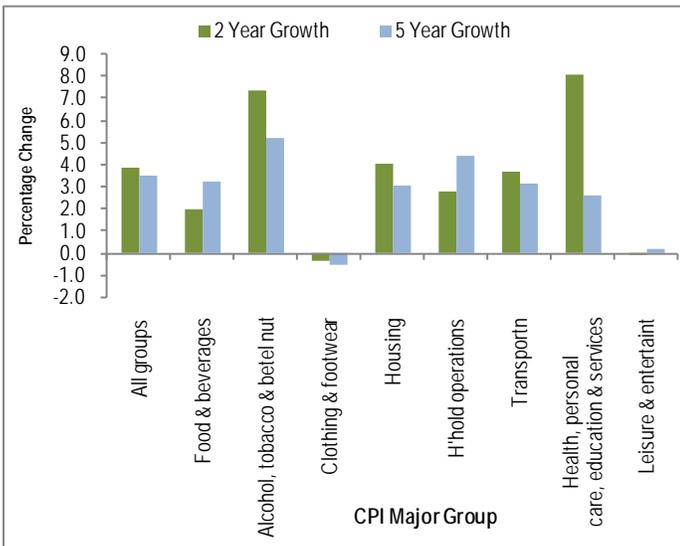
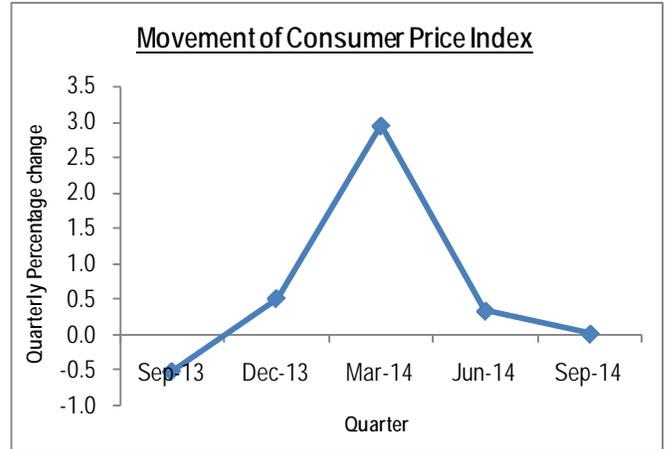
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SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & Beverage	0.3	0.5
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	0.4	12.6
Clothing & Footwear	-0.7	-2.7
Housing	0.1	1.6
Household Operations	0.2	0.2
Transportation	0.6	2.0
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	-3.2	14.9
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	-0.2
ALL GROUPS	0.0	3.8

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY POINTS

- All groups saw no change over the last quarter. Health, Personal care, Education & services group saw the highest decrease of 3.2% mainly due to price drop of notebooks and school tuition.
- The annual increase of 3.8% 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 Health fees and tobacco.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2013	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2014	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	1,430,397	2,234,812	56.2
Vegetable products	1,284,747	1,454,566	13.2
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	3,858,604	5,147,583	33.4
Mineral products	14,752,496	13,453,436	-8.8
Chemicals and allied products	2,126,479	2,169,631	2.0
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	670,211	1,033,726	54.2
Base metals & articles thereof	1,283,629	1,379,052	7.4
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof	4,810,037	4,754,273	-1.2
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	3,214,587	2,057,673	-36.0
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	680,778	827,268	21.5
Other Imports	3,946,685	5,339,109	35.3
Total	38,058,649	39,851,127	4.7

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

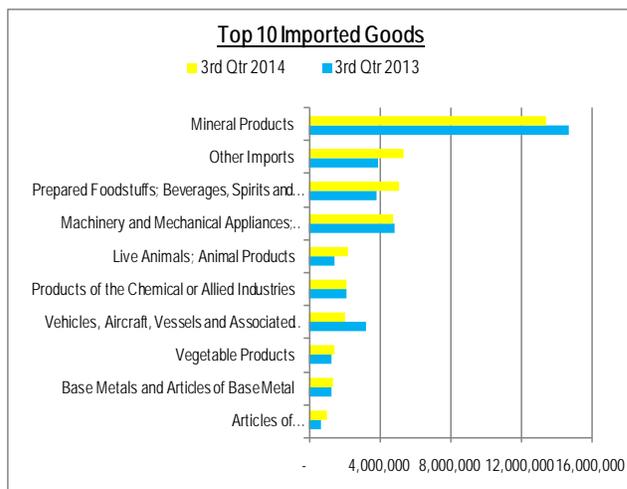
Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers

Type	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2013	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2014	% Change
20'D	299	394	31.8
40'D	90	124	37.8
20'R	24	23	-4.2
40'R	37	34	-8.1
Total	450	575	27.8

Source: Division of Transportation, MPIIC

SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, total imports increased by 5% over the same period last year.
- The 56% increase in Live Animals; animal products was largely due to imports of beef, chicken, shrimp, cheese, egg, milk and cream.
- Prepared food stuffs, beverages, spirit & tobacco showed an increase of 33% mainly caused by imports of cigarette, alcohol, ham and tuna.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products saw a significant increase of 54% due to large imports of asphalt, ceramic articles and wall tiles.
- Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment conversely saw a decline of 36% due to declined imports of vessel equipments.
- Other imports' increase of 35% was largely due to importations of medical & surgical instrument, musical instrument, pneumatic tires, infant clothing, collection of arts and decorative plaques.
- 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 increased by about 28% over the same quarter last year.





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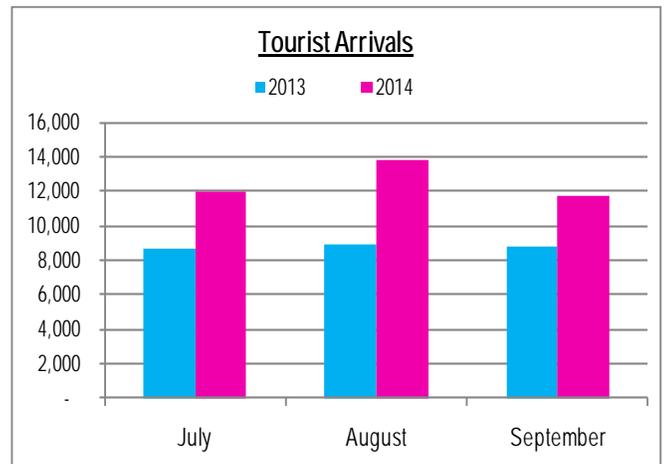
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Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2013	Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2014	% Change
Tourist	26,376	37,518	42.2
Business	1,206	602	-50.1
Employment	884	1,245	40.8
Others	655	475	-27.5
Total Excluding Residents	29,121	39,840	36.8

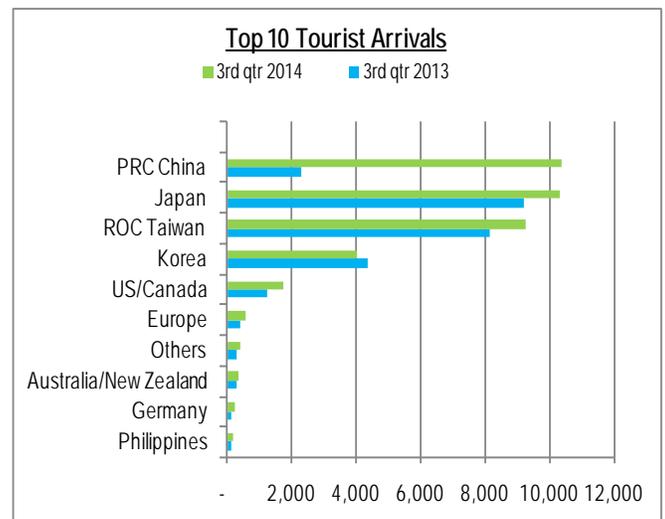
Source: Palau Visitors Authority



SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2013	Tourist & Business Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2014	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	259	314	21.2
Europe	399	565	41.6
FSM	59	123	108.5
Germany	115	216	87.8
Japan	9,217	10,346	12.2
Korea	4,334	3,999	-7.7
Philippines	95	170	78.9
PRC China	2,275	10,409	357.5
ROC Taiwan	8,129	9,292	14.3
US/Canada	1,205	1,720	42.7
Others	289	364	26.0
Total	26,376	37,518	42.2

Source: Palau Visitors Authority



SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY POINTS

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 39,840, an increase of 37% compared to the same period last year.
- Tourist and Employment arrivals increased by 42% and 41%, respectively.
- Business and Other arrivals declined by 50% and 28%, respectively. Other arrivals include dependents of visitors.
- Inbound Japanese tourists increased by about 12% 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 14% and 358%, respectively. Major contributor to these increases include two new airlines that have recently begun its operations to Palau.



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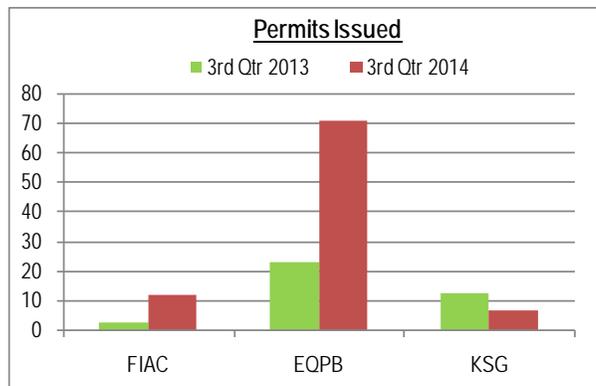
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SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 3 rd Qtr 2013	FIAC Issued 3 rd Qtr 2014
Accommodation and food service activities	2	3
Fisheries	-	1
Manufacturing	1	1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	-	6
Real estate activities	-	1
Total	3	12

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 rd Qtr 2013	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 rd Qtr 2014
Commercial	6	8
Government	5	41
Residential	12	22
Total	23	71

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 3 rd Qtr 2013	Building Permits 3 rd Qtr 2014
Commercial	1	2
Government	3	1
Residential	9	4
Total	13	7

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

SEPTEMBER 2014 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter increased by 9 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 12 new licenses were issued this quarter with Professional, scientific and technical activities contributing the highest. Licenses issued for this industry were consulting firm, freelance makeup artist, business in tattooing and renewable energy technology.
- Earthmoving Permits issued for this quarter increased by 48 over the same period last year. Permits issued for the Government were mostly construction of Haiyan pre-fabricated housing. 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.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning showed a drop of 6 over the same period last year. A total of 7 building permits were issued this quarter with Residential building permits contributing the highest.