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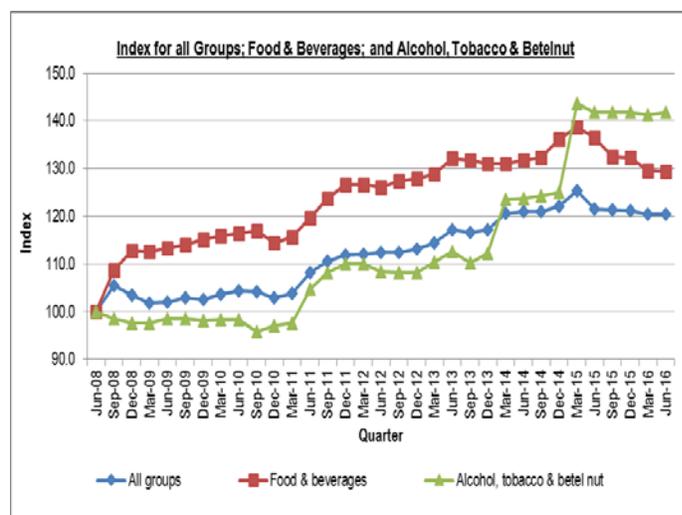
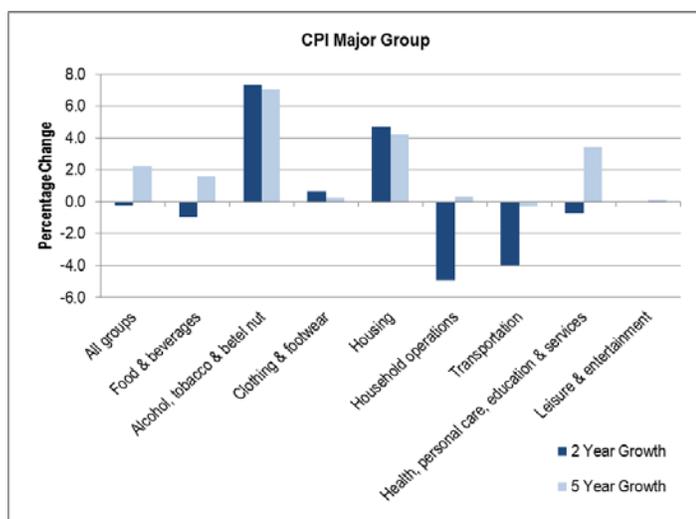
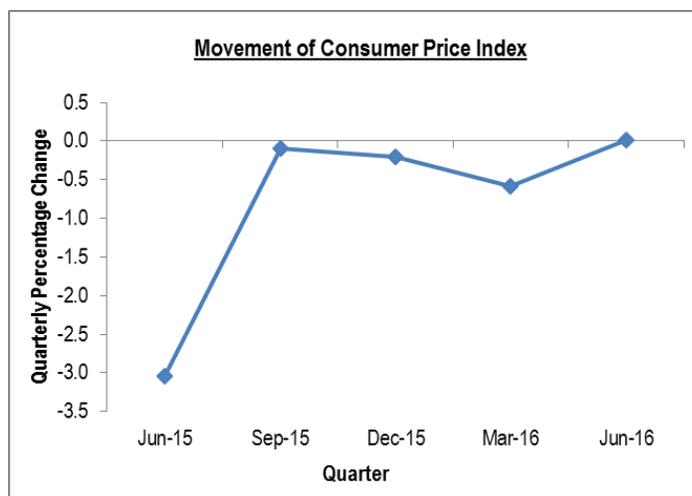
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JUNE 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & Beverage	-0.3	-5.2
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	0.4	0.0
Clothing & Footwear	-4.5	2.1
Housing	1.0	8.1
Household Operations	-0.9	3.0
Transportation	1.1	-2.9
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	0.0	-0.6
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	0.0
ALL GROUPS	0.0	-0.9

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



JUNE 2016 QTR KEY POINTS

- All groups saw no change as it is constant at 0.0% over the last quarter. The three groups that saw a decline this quarter are Food and beverage group, Clothing & Footwear group, and Household operations group. Major items that contributed to this decline include fresh beef, fresh pork, eggs as well as underwear. The remaining groups saw little or no change this quarter. Overall, prices remained constant with last quarter in respect to their perspective weights in the CPI basket.
- The annual decrease of 0.9% for the last 12 months was largely due to the Food and beverage group and the Transportation group which saw a decrease of 5.2% and 2.9% respectively. The price reduction on frozen chicken, eggs and fuel are some of the major cause for these groups' decrease. On the other hand, Clothing & footwear group, Housing group, and Household operations group saw an increase of 2.1%, 8.1% and 3.0% respectively. The increase in the monthly electricity and water bill, and housing rent are the major cause for these groups' increase.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 2 nd Qtr 2015	Total FOB Value 2 nd Qtr 2016	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	2,526,347	2,299,110	-9.0
Vegetable products	1,525,195	1,587,461	4.1
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	5,083,550	5,297,994	4.2
Mineral products	8,972,323	7,806,063	-13.0
Chemicals and allied products	2,236,750	2,642,878	18.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	1,127,801	798,831	-29.2
Base metals & articles thereof	1,628,619	2,271,413	39.5
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	5,910,950	4,358,543	-26.3
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	3,955,416	3,023,142	-23.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,357,140	1,187,143	-12.5
Other Imports	5,488,356	12,149,714	121.4
Total	39,812,449	43,422,293	9.1

Source: Bureau of Customs & Border Protection, MOF and Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF

Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers

Type	Total Containers 2 nd Qtr 2015	Total Containers 2 nd Qtr 2016	% Change
20'D	495	461	-6.9
40'D	151	258	70.9
20'R	18	26	44.4
40'R	48	31	-35.4
Total	712	776	9.0

Source: Division of Marine Transportation, BCD, MPIC

JUNE 2016 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, total imports increased by about 9% over the same period last year.
- Other imports group, which includes Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods, saw a significant increase of about 121% due to the imports of underwater photographic research instruments.
- Base metals & articles thereof group trail with about 40% increase due to imports of iron steel, metals, and other construction items.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products saw a decline of 29%. Imports of ceramic tiles & hotel lighting fixtures contributed to last year's high number.
- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts, saw a decline of about 26%. Last year's high number was mainly driven by the imports of power generators parts and outboard motors.
- 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 9% over the same quarter last year.





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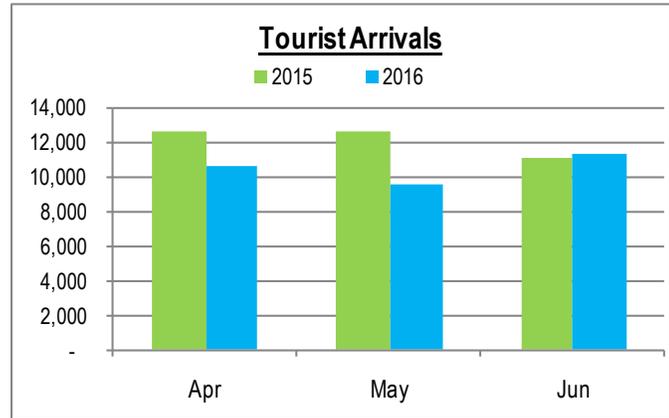
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JUNE 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES

Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 2 nd Qtr 2015	Arrivals 2 nd Qtr 2016	% Change
Tourist	36,272	31,266	-13.8
Business	374	386	3.2
Employment	996	1,555	56.1
Others	414	678	63.8
Total Excluding Residents	38,056	33,885	-11.1

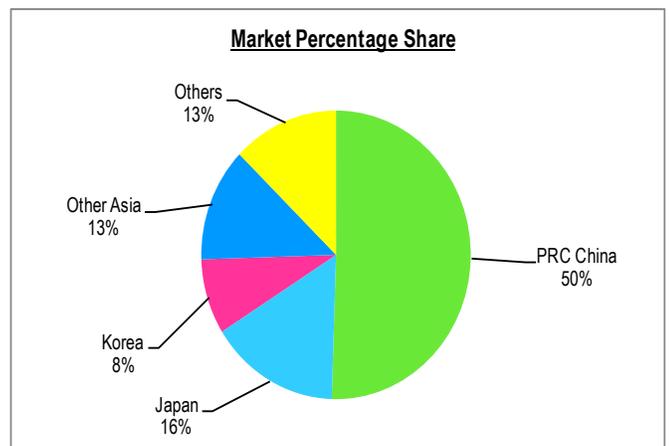
Source: Bureau of Immigration and Labor, MOJ, Republic of Palau



JUNE 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 2 nd Qtr 2015	Tourist & Business Arrivals 2 nd Qtr 2016	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	345	257	-25.5
Europe	628	733	16.7
FSM	141	137	-2.8
Germany	173	164	-5.2
Japan	6,216	4,926	-20.8
Korea	2,659	2,669	0.4
Philippines	301	241	-19.9
PRC China	20,616	15,987	-22.5
ROC Taiwan	2,894	3,803	31.4
US/Canada	2,249	2,131	-5.2
Others	424	604	42.5
Total	36,646	31,652	-13.6

Source: Bureau of Immigration and Labor, MOJ, Republic of Palau



JUNE 2016 QTR KEY POINTS

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 33,885, a decrease of 11% compared to the same period last year.
- Business arrivals saw an increase of 3%, compared to the same period last year.
- Employment and Other arrivals saw an increase of 56% and 64%, respectively.
- PRC China, which was the leading market amongst other countries for the past year, saw a decline of about 23% over the same quarter last year. Korea saw a slight increase of less than 1% while ROC Taiwan saw an increase of about 31%. Japan however saw a decline of about 21%. Reduced charter flights, due the moratorium that commenced last year, contributed to the decline of arrivals from mainland China.
- New charter flights by Lion Air and Nok Airlines, and the anticipated new route from Narita to Palau via All Nippon Airways, are expected to increase the number of arrivals throughout the remainder of the year.

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JUNE 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 2 nd Qtr 2015	FIAC Issued 2 nd Qtr 2016
Agriculture and forestry	1	1
Construction	1	-
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of moter vehicles	1	-
Accommodation and food service activities	11	5
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	1
Public administration and defense; compulsory social security	1	-
Activities of households as employers; undifferentiated goods and services	-	1
Total	16	8

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP

JUNE 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 2 nd Qtr 2015	Building Permits 2 nd Qtr 2016
Commercial	18	5
Government	8	1
Residential	22	9
Total	48	15

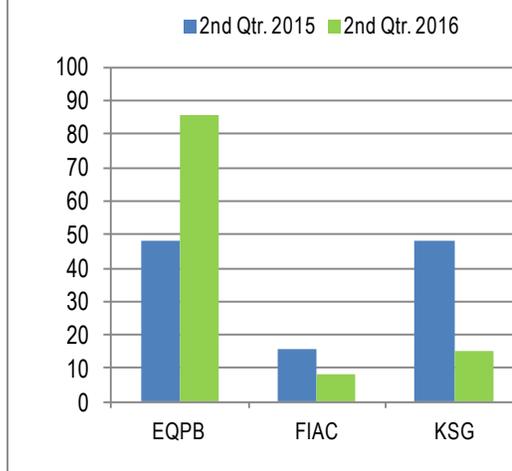
Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

JUNE 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 2 nd Qtr 2015	Earthmoving Permits Issued 2 nd Qtr 2016
Commercial	7	15
Government	15	30
Residential	26	41
Total	48	86

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

Permits Issued



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- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter decreased by 8 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 8 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 decreased by 33 over the same period last year. A total of 15 building permits were issued this quarter with Residential building permits contributing the highest.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter increased by 38 over the same period last year. A total of 86 earthmoving permits were issued this quarter with residential permits contributing the highest. 13 out of the 41 residential permits were for piggery and chicken coop establishments. All of the earthmoving activities in the Republic of Palau with the exception of minor 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.