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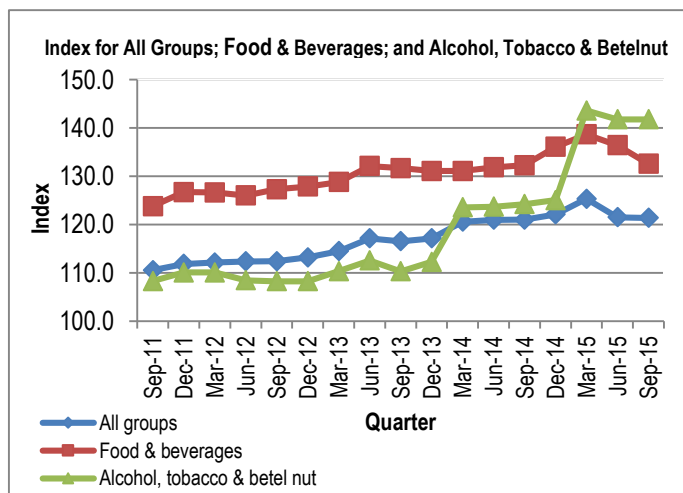
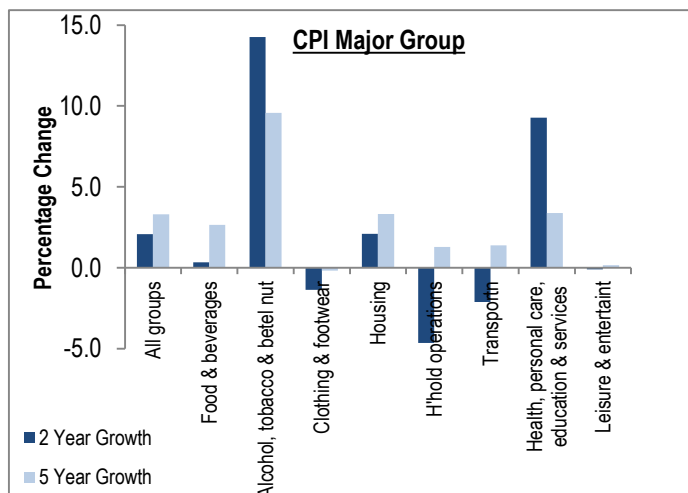
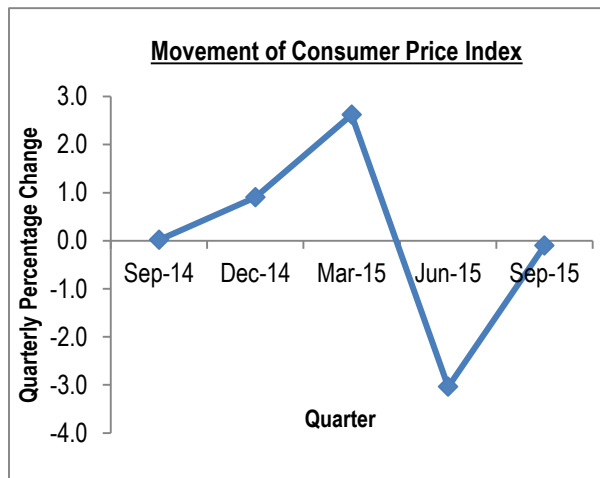
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SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & Beverage	-2.8	0.2
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	0.0	14.2
Clothing & Footwear	0.0	-0.1
Housing	1.5	2.6
Household Operations	3.6	-9.5
Transportation	-0.3	-6.1
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	0.7	3.2
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	0.0
ALL GROUPS	-0.1	0.3

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY POINTS

- All groups saw a slight decrease of 0.1% over the last quarter. Food & Beverage group saw a decrease of 2.8%. Items that contributed the most to this decrease include frozen chicken and tinned tuna. On the other hand, Household Operations group saw an increase of 3.6%, mainly driven by the utility rate.
- The annual increase of 0.3% for the last 12 months was largely driven by Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut group and Health, Personal care, Education & Services group. Items that contributed the most to these groups' increase include tobacco and school supplies.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2014	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2015	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	2,100,546	1,993,776	-5.1
Vegetable products	1,378,178	1,546,877	12.2
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	4,863,083	4,966,119	2.1
Mineral products	13,472,032	6,182,636	-54.1
Chemicals and allied products	1,927,953	2,031,380	5.4
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	1,016,828	548,764	-46.0
Base metals & articles thereof	1,298,633	1,263,824	-2.7
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	4,550,086	4,646,055	2.1
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	1,973,227	3,227,276	63.6
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	751,933	1,219,880	62.2
Other Imports	4,739,961	4,985,798	5.2
Total	38,072,460	32,612,386	-14.3

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

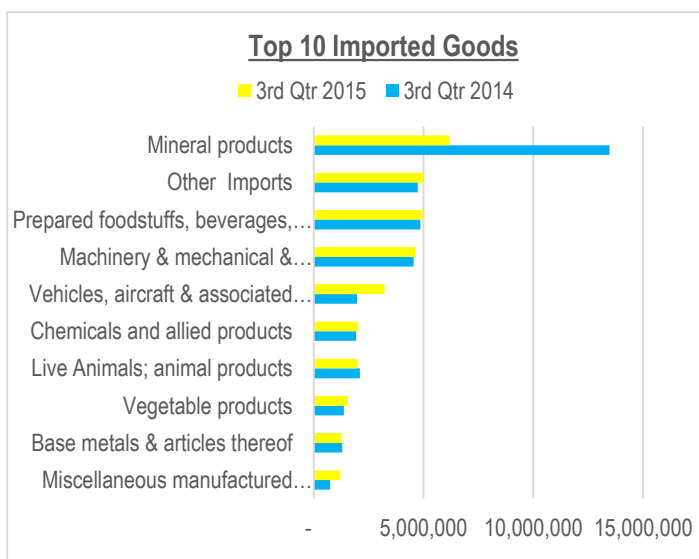
Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers

Type	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2014	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2015	% Change
20'D	394	486	23.4
40'D	124	239	92.7
20'R	23	35	52.2
40'R	34	48	41.2
Total	575	808	40.5

Source: Division of Transportation, MPIIC

SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, total imports declined by 14% over the same period last year.
- Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment group saw a significant increase of 64% due to high imports of used cars and boats.
- The Miscellaneous manufactured articles group trail with a 62% increase due to imports of hotel furniture and bedding.
- Compared to the same quarter last year, Mineral products, which include fuel imports saw a decline of 54% due to the global drop of oil prices.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products group showed a decline of 46%. Last year's increase was mainly driven by the imports of construction materials.
- 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 41% over the same quarter last year.





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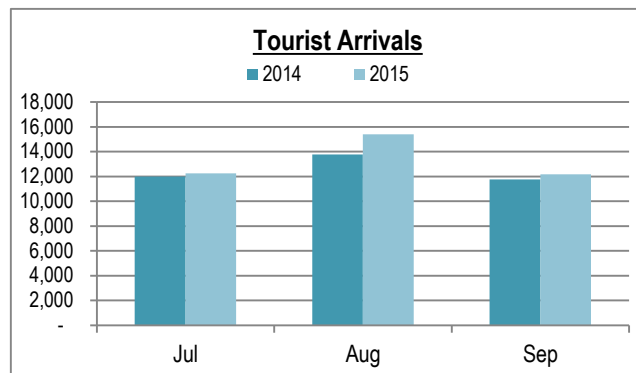
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Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2014	Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2015	% Change
Tourist	37,518	39,802	6.1
Business	602	346	-42.5
Employment	1,245	808	-35.1
Others	475	632	33.1
Total Excluding Residents	39,840	41,588	4.4

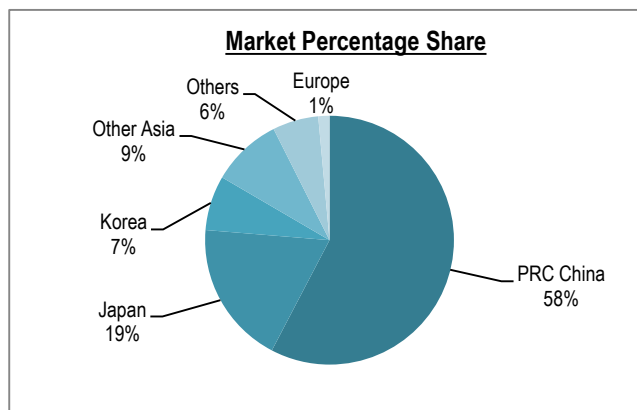
Source: Palau Visitors Authority



SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2014	Tourist & Business Arrivals 3rd Qtr 2015	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	396	204	-48.5
Europe	614	584	-4.9
FSM	140	119	-15.0
Germany	226	114	-49.6
Japan	10,400	7,480	-28.1
Korea	4,024	2,856	-29.0
Philippines	205	347	69.3
PRC China	10,444	23,153	121.7
ROC Taiwan	9,329	3,333	-64.3
US/Canada	1,813	1,610	-11.2
Others	529	348	-34.2
Total	38,120	40,148	5.3

Source: Palau Visitors Authority



SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY POINTS

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 41,588 an increase of 4% compared to the same period last year.
- Tourist and Other arrivals saw an increase of 6% and 33%, respectively.
- Employment arrivals saw a decline of 35%, compared to the same period last year.
- Not surprisingly, PRC China with 122% increase in arrivals continues to be the leading market amongst other countries. Although, the number of charter flights have been cut, airlines are bringing in larger planes to accommodate more tourists.
- Key markets including Japan, Korea, ROC Taiwan declined by 28%, 29% and 64%, respectively. Based on reports and analysis from the Palau Visitors Authority, reduced chartered and scheduled flights by Japan Airlines and China Airlines and the price sensitivity contributed to the decline of visitors.

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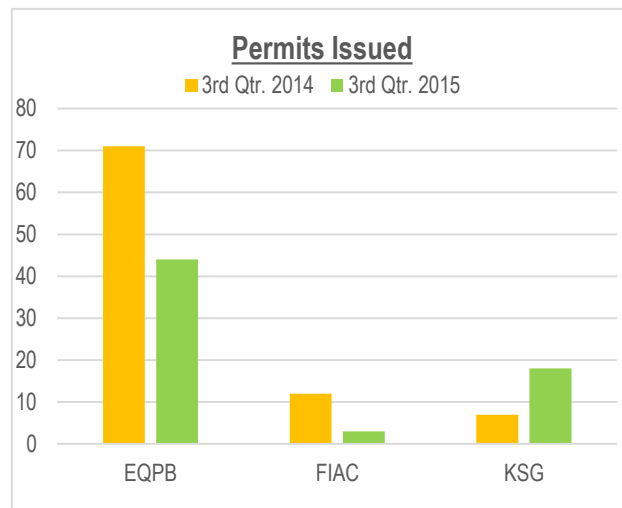
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SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 3 rd Qtr 2014	FIAC Issued 3 rd Qtr 2015
Fishing	1	-
Manufacturing	1	-
Accommodation and food service activities	3	3
Real estate activities	1	-
Professional, scientific and technical activities	6	-
Total	12	3

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 3 rd Qtr 2014	Building Permits 3 rd Qtr 2015
Commercial	2	4
Government	1	1
Residential	4	13
Total	7	18

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 rd Qtr 2014	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 rd Qtr 2015
Commercial	8	12
Government	41	11
Residential	22	21
Total	71	44

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter dropped by 9 compared to the same quarter last year. The 3 new licenses issued this quarter were for hotel development.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning increased by 11 over the same period last year. A total of 18 building permits were issued this quarter with a total stated value of about \$2,015,287.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter dropped by 27 over the same period last year. A total of 44 permits were issued with residential contributing the highest. Permits issued to Commercial were mostly for hotel and apartment development. 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.