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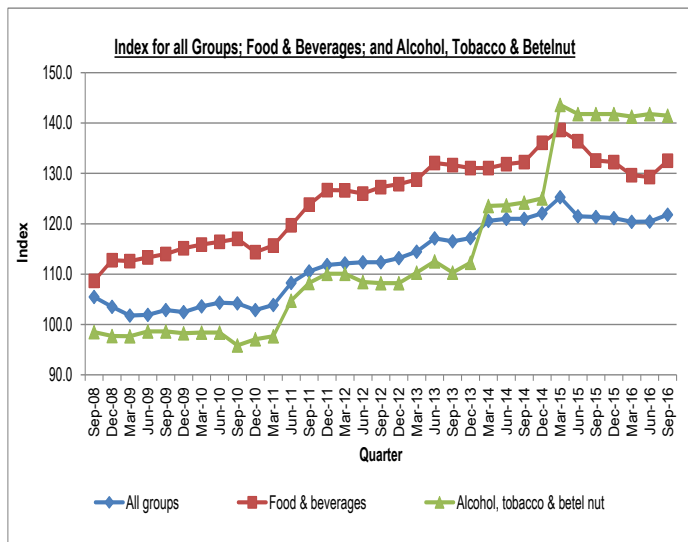
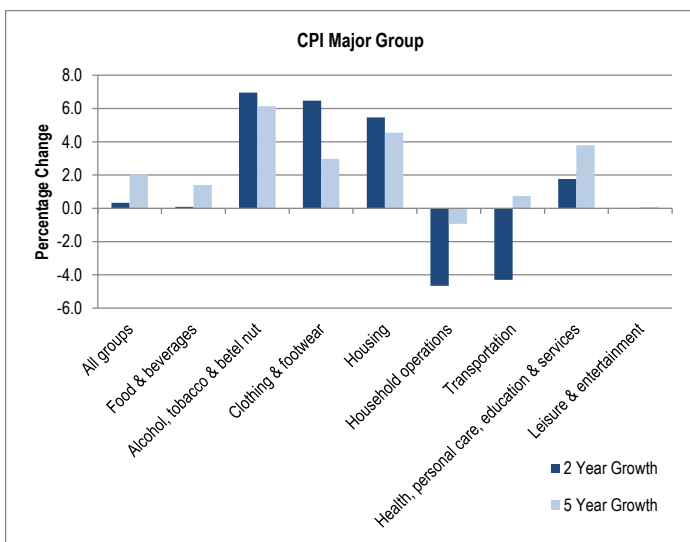
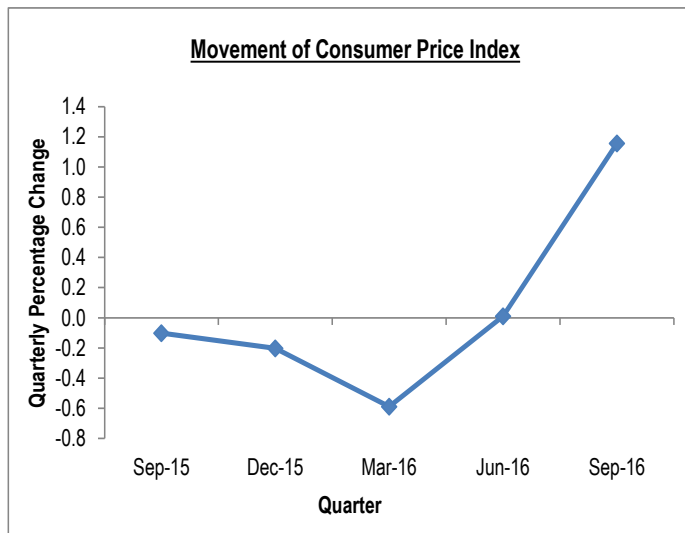
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SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & Beverage	2.5	0.0
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	-0.2	-0.2
Clothing & Footwear	10.7	13.0
Housing	1.5	8.1
Household Operations	0.7	0.2
Transportation	-0.1	-2.6
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	1.6	0.3
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	0.0
ALL GROUPS	1.2	0.4

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY POINTS

- All groups saw an increase of 1.2% over the last quarter. Two groups that showed a significant increase were Clothing & Footwear group and Food & Beverages group at 10.7% and 2.5% respectively. Items that contributed the most to these increases include jeans, as well as frozen chicken, fresh beef, noodles, and vegetables. The remaining groups saw little or no change this quarter.
- The annual increase of 0.4% for the last 12 months was largely driven by Clothing & Footwear group and Housing group which saw an increase of 13.0% and 8.1% respectively. Items that contributed the most to these groups' increase include clothing, household maintenance, and rent. On the other hand, Transportation group and Alcohol, Tobacco, & Betel nut saw a decrease of 2.6% and 0.2% respectively. The decrease in motor fuel, oil and alcohol beverages prices are the cause for these groups' decrease.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2015	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2016	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	2,138,400	2,076,147	-2.9
Vegetable products	1,625,068	1,630,570	0.3
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	5,440,036	5,155,299	-5.2
Mineral products	6,654,544	8,067,982	21.2
Chemicals and allied products	2,175,946	2,224,219	2.2
Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products	568,667	362,783	-36.2
Base metals & articles thereof	1,351,200	994,228	-26.4
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	4,990,213	5,764,200	15.5
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	3,455,521	2,939,136	-14.9
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,321,113	1,210,058	-8.4
Other Imports	5,335,627	6,731,366	26.2
Total	35,056,334	37,155,989	6.0

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

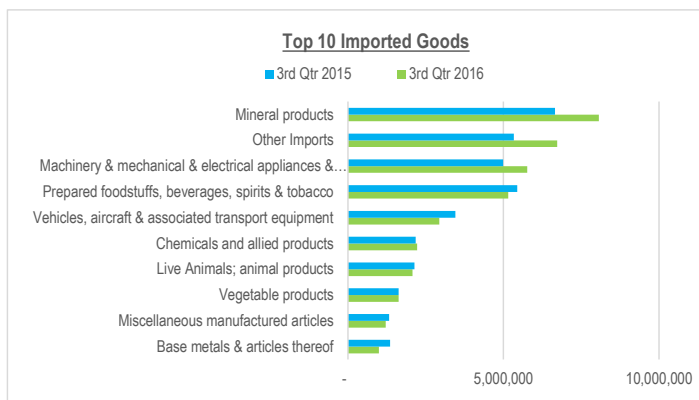
Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers

Type	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2015	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2016	% Change
20'D	486	454	-6.6
40'D	239	216	-9.6
20'R	35	35	0.0
40'R	48	39	-18.8
Total	808	744	-7.9

Source: Division of Marine Transportation, BCD, MPIC

SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, total imports increased by 6% over the same period last year.
- Other imports group, which includes Work of art, collectors' pieces & antiques, saw an increase of 26% largely due to imports of art materials.
- The 21% increase in Mineral products was mainly driven by the increased volume of fuel import.
- Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products saw a decline of 36%. Imports of construction materials such as ceramic tiles, cement, glass & glassware contributed to last year's high number.
- Base metals & articles thereof also saw a decline of 26%. Last year's high number was mainly driven by imports of iron steel, aluminum, and other 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 declined by about 8% over the same quarter last year.





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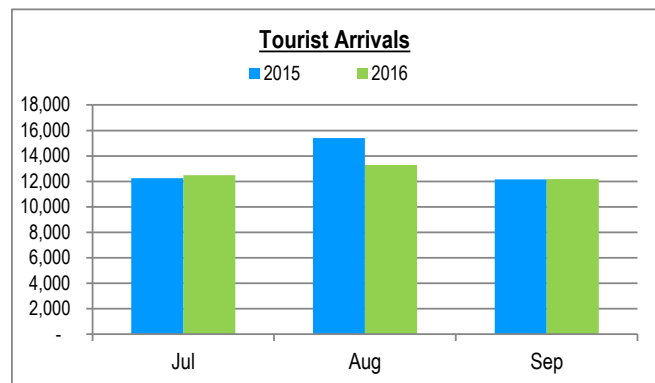
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Purpose of Entry	Arrivals 3 rd Qtr 2015	Arrivals 3 rd Qtr 2016	% Change
Tourist	39,802	37,405	-6.0
Business	346	539	55.8
Employment	808	1,390	72.0
Others	632	740	17.1
Total Excluding Residents	41,588	40,074	-3.6

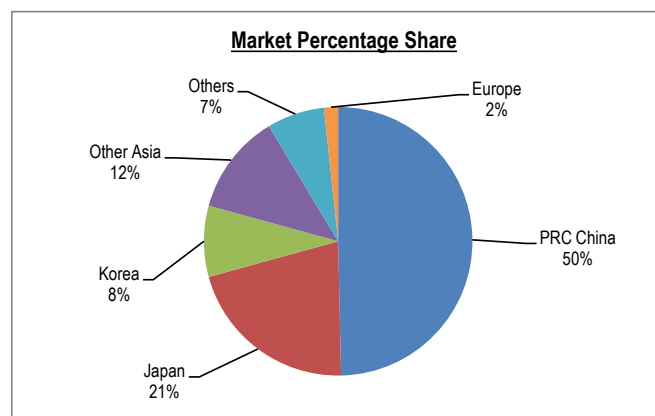
Source: Palau Visitors Authority



SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES

Country of Nationality	Tourist & Business Arrivals 3 rd Qtr 2015	Tourist & Business Arrivals 3 rd Qtr 2016	%Change
Australia/New Zealand	204	196	-3.9
Europe	584	644	10.3
FSM	119	203	70.6
Germany	114	142	24.6
Japan	7,480	7,993	6.9
Korea	2,856	3,247	13.7
Philippines	347	270	-22.2
PRC China	23,153	18,841	-18.6
ROC Taiwan	3,333	4,323	29.7
US/Canada	1,610	1,756	9.1
Others	348	329	-5.5
Total	40,148	37,944	-5.5

Source: Palau Visitors Authority



SEPTEMBER 2015 QTR KEY POINTS

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 40,074 a decline of 4% compared to the same period last year.
- Tourist arrivals saw a decrease of approximately 6%, while Business, Employment and Other arrivals saw an increase of 56%, 72% and 17%, respectively. Employment arrivals saw a significant increase compared to the same period last year, most likely due to the new hotels that recently just opened. Business arrivals, which include investors and meeting attendees, as well saw a significant increase compared to the same period last year.
- FSM with 71% of arrivals is mainly attributed to the various conferences and meetings hosted by the ROP during this quarter. PRC China, which used to be the leading tourist market saw a decline of 19%, likely due to the moratorium imposed last year to reduce the number of chartered flights, and as a result, we are now starting to see the increase of arrivals from other key markets such as ROC Taiwan, Korea and Japan.

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SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 3 rd Qtr 2015	FIAC Issued 3 rd Qtr 2016
Accommodation and food service activities	3	5
Arts, entertainment and recreation	-	1
Total	3	6

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP

SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

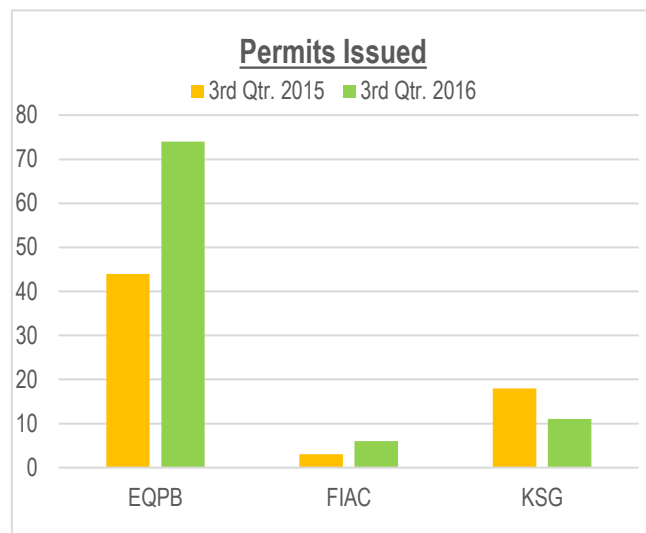
Type	Building Permits 3 rd Qtr 2015	Building Permits 3 rd Qtr 2016
Commercial	4	3
Government	1	2
Residential	13	6
Total	18	11

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 rd Qtr 2015	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3 rd Qtr 2016
Commercial	12	20
Government	11	26
Residential	21	28
Total	44	74

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP



SEPTEMBER 2016 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter increased by 3 compared to the same quarter last year. The 6 new licenses issued this quarter were mostly for hotel development.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning dropped by 7 over the same period last year. A total of 11 building permits were issued this quarter with residential building permits contributing the highest.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter increased by 30 over the same period last year. A total of 74 permits were issued with residential contributing the highest. 19 out of the 28 residential permits were issued to residential in Babeldaob, while the remaining 9 were issued to Koror State residential. 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.