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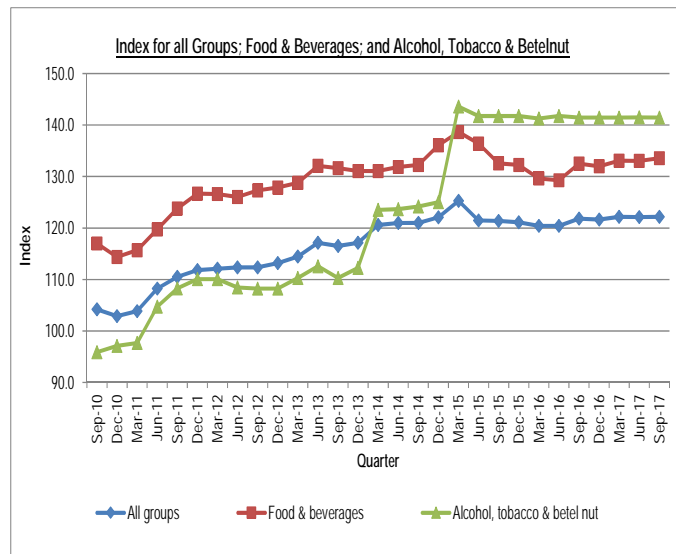
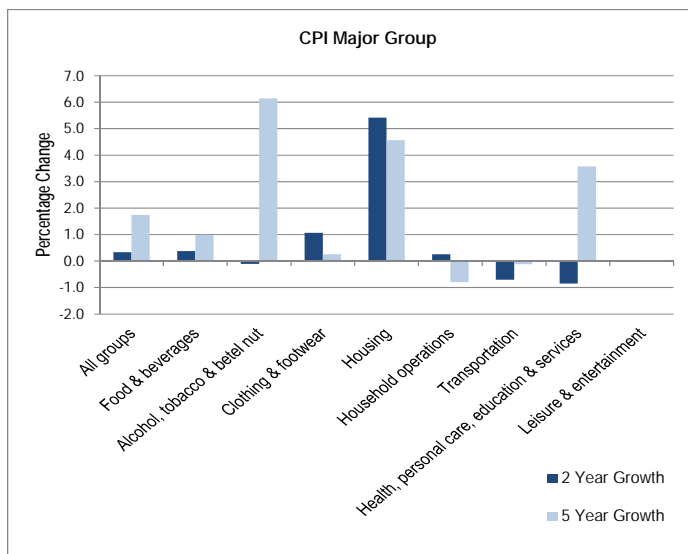
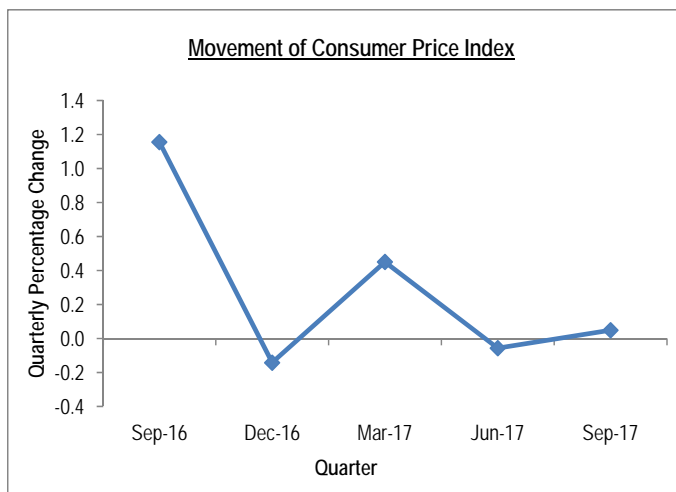
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SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY FIGURES

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & Beverage	0.4	0.8
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	0.0	0.0
Clothing & Footwear	0.0	-9.6
Housing	0.2	2.5
Household Operations	0.0	0.3
Transportation	-0.3	1.3
Health, Personal care, Education & Services	-0.3	-2.0
Leisure & Entertainments	0.0	0.0
ALL GROUPS	0.1	0.3

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY POINTS

- All groups saw an increase of 0.1% over the last quarter. Groups that showed slight increases were Food & beverages group, and Housing group, at 0.4% and 0.2% respectively. Items contributing to these increases includes the price change on tinned tuna, fresh beef and household maintenance. 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 change of 0.3% this quarter is a 0.1% decrease of the same quarter last year. The last 12 months was largely driven by Clothing & footwear group and Health, personal care, education & services group at -9.6% and -2.0% respectively. Items that contributed the most to these groups' change includes the price decrease of shorts and notebook. On the other hand, Housing group and Transportation group saw a significant increase of 2.5% and 1.3% respectively. Mainly due to the price change of gasoline and rent. The remaining groups saw little or no annual price change this quarter.



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Imports	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2016	Total FOB Value 3 rd Qtr 2017	% Change
Live Animals; animal products	2,076,147	1,985,792	-4.4
Vegetable products	1,631,487	1,569,158	-3.8
Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco	5,161,105	5,107,822	-12.8
Mineral products	8,068,657	8,901,419	10.3
Chemicals and allied products	2,229,439	2,453,209	10.0
Photographic & optical, medical & surgical goods & clocks/watches & musical instruments	2,066,616	1,704,213	-17.5
Base metals & articles thereof	1,008,772	2,467,037	144.6
Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts	4,731,774	9,538,746	101.6
Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment	2,994,065	1,936,615	-35.3
Miscellaneous manufactured articles	1,217,627	2,358,225	93.7
Other Imports	4,993,790	4,353,269	-1.0
Total	36,179,479	42,375,505	17.1

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

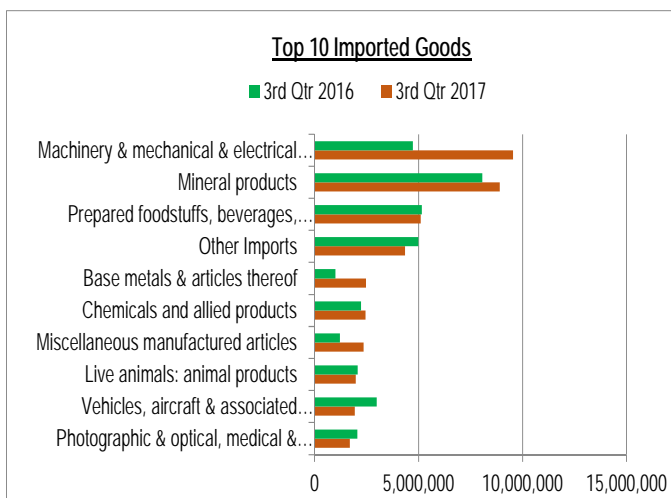
Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers

Type	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2016	Total Containers 3 rd Qtr 2017	% Change
20'D	454	434	-4.4
40'D	216	254	17.6
20'R	35	27	-22.9
40'R	39	42	7.7
Total	744	757	1.7

Source: Division of Marine Transportation, BCD, MPIIC

SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, total imports increased by about 17% over the same period last year.
- Base metals & articles thereof group showed a significant increase of about 145% due to imports of iron, steel, aluminum, and lead.
- Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts group, trailed with about 102% increase due to imports of electrical machinery, boilers and other mechanical & electrical appliances for hotels.
- Vehicles, aircraft & associated transport equipment group, showed a decline of about 35%. Last year's high number was mainly driven by imports of cars and car parts.
- Other imports include Animal or vegetable oils & fats, Arms and ammunition, parts & accessories thereof, Articles of stone, plaster, cement, glass & ceramic products, Footwear, headgear, umbrellas & parts thereof, Pearls, precious & semi-precious stones & metals, 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 2% over the same quarter last year.





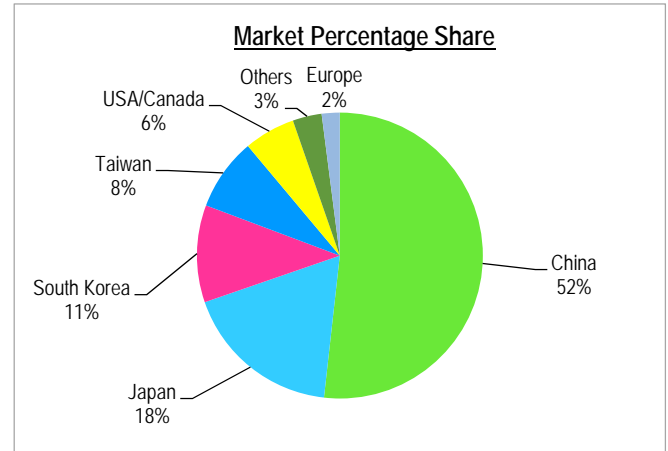
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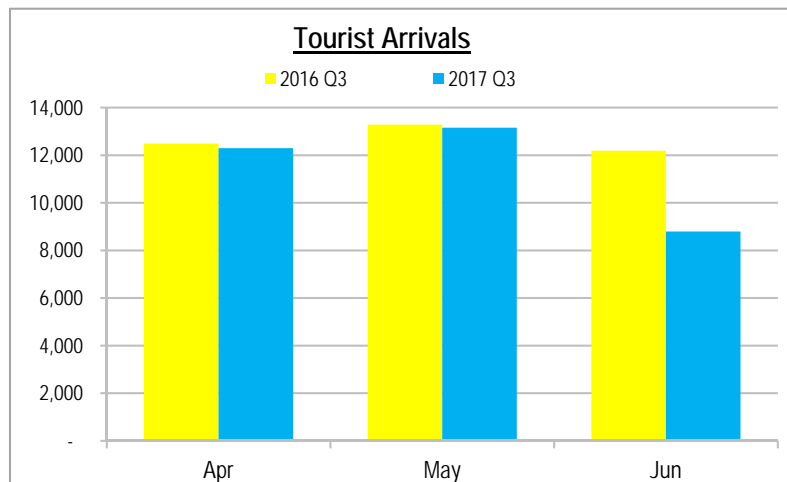
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Country	Visitor Arrivals 3 rd Qtr 2016	Visitor Arrivals 3 rd Qtr 2017	% Change
China	18,850	17,734	-5.9%
Japan	7,996	6,141	-23.2%
South Korea	3,241	3,766	16.2%
Taiwan	4,327	2,801	-35.3%
USA / Canada	1,751	1,980	13.1%
Others	1,026	1,124	9.6%
Europe	777	701	-9.8%
Total	37,968	34,247	-9.8%



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



SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY POINTS

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 34,247, a decrease of 3,721; about 10% compared to the same quarter last year.
- PRC China, which was the leading market amongst other countries for the past year, saw a decline of 1,116; about -6% over the same quarter last year.
- South Korea saw an increase of 525; about 16% over the same quarter last year.
- Taiwan saw a significant decline of 1,526; about -35% compared to the same quarter last year.
- Japan as well saw a significant decline of 1,855 visitors; about 23% compared to the same quarter last year.



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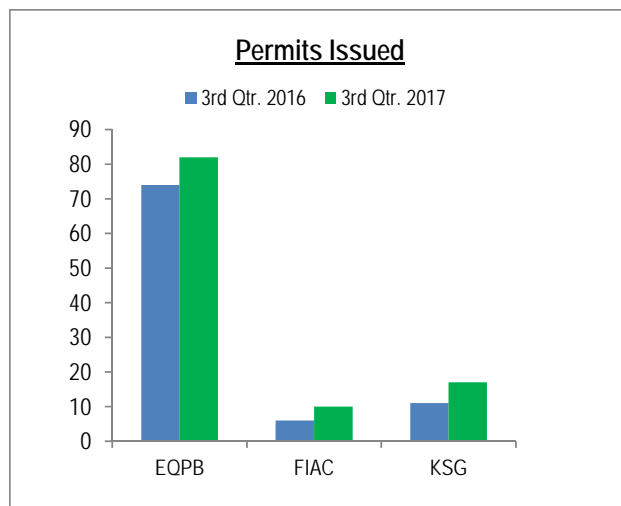
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SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 3rd Qtr 2016	FIAC Issued 3rd Qtr 2017
Mining and quarrying	-	1
Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles	-	2
Accommodation and food service activities	5	4
Real estate activities	-	2
Professional, scientific and technical activities	-	1
Arts, entertainment and recreation	1	-
Total	6	10

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 3rd Qtr 2016	Building Permits 3rd Qtr 2017
Commercial	3	-
Government	2	1
Residential	6	16
Total	11	17

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter increased by 4 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 10 new licenses were issued this quarter with Accommodation and Food Service Activities contributing the highest.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning increased by 6 over the same period last year. A total of 17 building permits were issued this quarter with Residential building permits contributing the highest.
- Earthmoving permits issued for this quarter increased by 8 over the same period last year. A total of 82 earthmoving permits were issued this quarter with Residential permits contributing the highest. 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.

SEPTEMBER 2017 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3rd Qtr 2016	Earthmoving Permits Issued 3rd Qtr 2017
Commercial	20	15
Government	26	27
Residential	28	40
Total	74	82

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP