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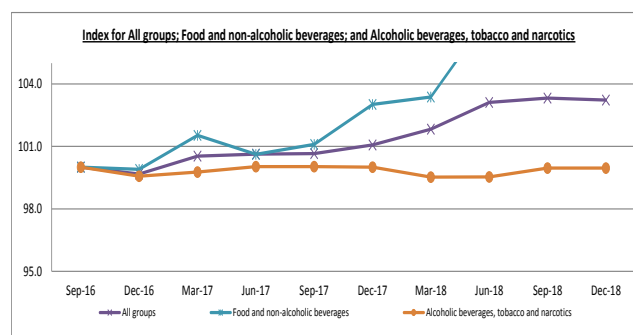
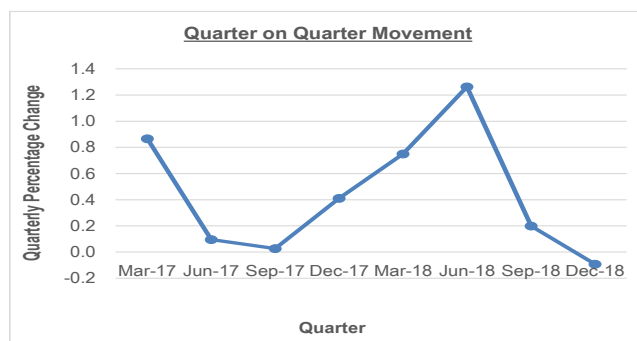
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**DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES**

Major Groups	QTR on QTR % Change	YR on YR % Change
Food & non-alcoholic beverages	-0.1	2.8
Alcoholic beverages, tobacco & narcotics	0.0	0.0
Clothing & Footwear	0.7	0.2
Housing, water, electricity, gas, & other fuels	-0.5	2.6
Furnishings, household equipment, and routine household maintenance	-0.2	-1.4
Health	0.0	2.6
Transport	0.9	9.5
Communication	-0.1	-0.4
Recreation and Culture	0.0	-4.4
Education	0.0	0.0
Restaurants and Hotels	-2.6	-2.8
Miscellaneous goods & services	-1.4	-3.8
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.1</b>

Source: Bureau of Budget & Planning, MOF



**DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY POINTS**

- All groups saw a decrease of 0.1% over the last quarter. Groups that showed significant drop were Restaurants and hotels group at 2.6%, Miscellaneous goods & services group at 1.4% and Housing, water, electricity, gas, & other fuels at 0.5%. Items that contributed the most to these decrease include the price change of cooked food, personal care products and apartment rentals. The groups that saw positive increase were the Transport group at 0.9% and Clothing and footwear group at 0.7%. Items that contributed to these groups' increase include fuel and women clothing. 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 increase of 2.1% for the last 12 months was largely driven by Transport group at 9.5%, Food and non-alcoholic beverages group at 2.8% and Housing, water, electricity, gas & other fuels at 2.6%. Major items that contributed the most to these increase include fuel, rice, frozen meat, and utilities. On the other hand, groups that saw significant decline include Recreation and Culture group at 4.4%, Miscellaneous goods and services group at 3.8%, and Restaurants and Hotels group at 2.8%. The price reduction on toys, notebooks, hygiene products and cooked food are some of the cause for these groups' decrease. The remaining groups saw little or no price change for the year.



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Due to changes of source data from Bureau of Customs & Border Protection, there will be a temporary delay on publishing 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2018 Imports data.

**Ocean Cargo Carriers' Inbound Containers**

Type	Total Containers 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2017	Total Containers 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2018	% Change
20'D	402	470	16.9
40'D	232	265	14.2
20'R	29	26	-10.3
40'R	50	51	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>13.9</b>

This table shows the number of inbound containers by size and type. The overall number increased by about 14% over the same quarter last year.

Source: Division of Marine Transportation, MPIIC



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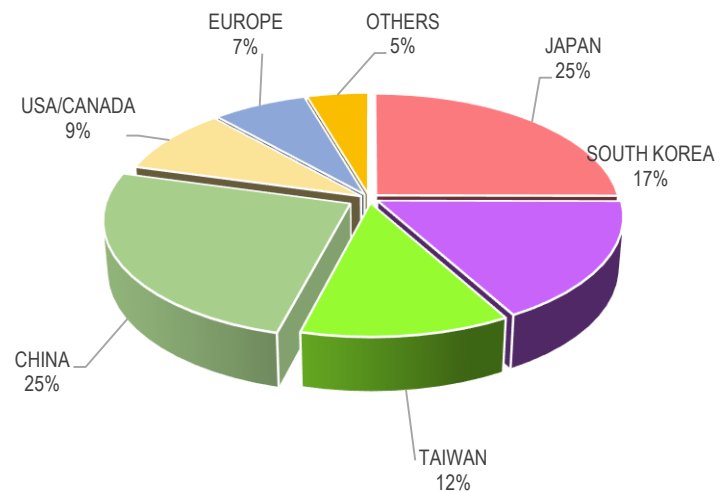
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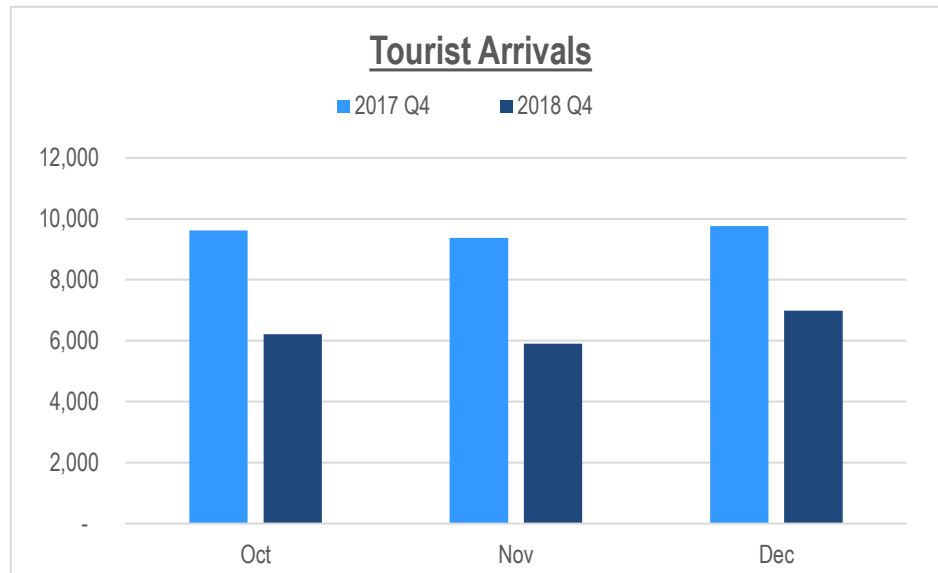
Country	Visitor Arrivals 4th Qtr 2017	Visitor Arrivals 4th Qtr 2018	% Change
Japan	6,809	4,788	-29.7%
South Korea	1,735	3,210	85.0%
Taiwan	2,296	2,328	1.4%
China	13,712	4,818	-64.9%
USA/ Canada	1,707	1,738	1.8%
Europe	1,460	1,351	-7.5%
Others	1,041	872	-16.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,760</b>	<b>19,105</b>	<b>-33.6%</b>

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

**Market Percentage Share**



**Tourist Arrivals**



**DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY POINTS**

- The total number of visitors this quarter was 19,105, a decline of 9,655 or about -33.6% compared to the same quarter last year.
- PRC China, which was the leading market amongst other countries for the past year, saw a significant decline of 8,894; about -64.9% over the same quarter last year.
- South Korea showed the largest increase of 1,475 visitors; about 85.0% over the same quarter last year.
- Taiwan saw a slight increase of 32 visitors; about 1.4% compared to the same quarter last year.
- USA/Canada saw a slight increase of 31 visitors; about 1.8% compared to the same quarter last year.
- Japan also saw a significant decrease of 2,021; about -29.7% compared to the same quarter last year.

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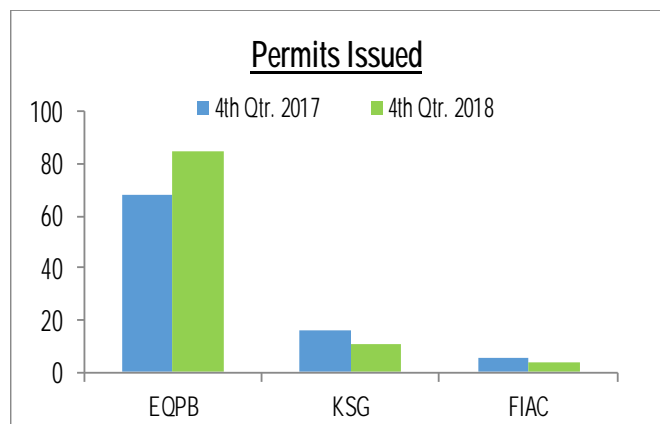
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#### DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES-FIAC

Industry	FIAC Issued 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2017	FIAC Issued 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2018
Mining and quarrying	1	-
Construction	3	-
Accommodation and food service activities	1	2
Real estate activities	-	1
Professional, scientific and technical activities	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>

Source: Foreign Investment Board, ROP



#### DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES-KSG

Type	Building Permits 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2017	Building Permits 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2018
Commercial	3	1
Government	1	2
Residential	12	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11</b>

Source: Building & Zoning, Koror State Government

#### DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY FIGURES-EQPB

Type	Earthmoving Permits Issued 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2017	Earthmoving Permits Issued 4 <sup>th</sup> Qtr 2018
Commercial	13	19
Government	18	20
Residential	37	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>85</b>

Source: Environmental Quality Protection Board, ROP

#### DECEMBER 2018 QTR KEY POINTS

- Overall, FIAC licenses issued this quarter declined by 2 compared to the same quarter last year. A total of 4 new licenses were issued this quarter with Accommodation and food service activities contributing the highest. Licenses issued for this industry were for hotel development.
- Building Permits issued this quarter by KSG-Building & Zoning decreased by 5 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 17 over the same period last year. A total of 85 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.