

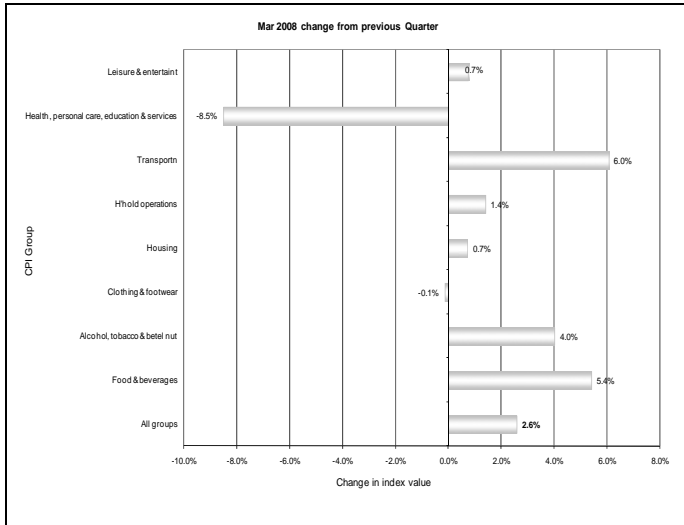


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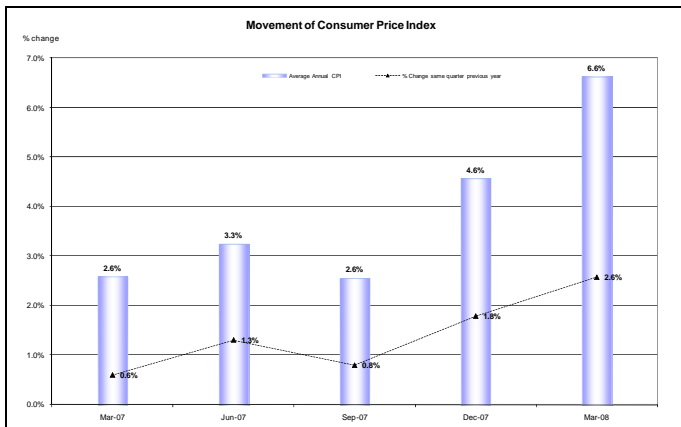
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**MARCH 2008 QUARTER RELEASE  
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**



**MAR 2008 QTR KEY FIGURES**

<i>Consumer Price Index Major Groups</i>	<i>% Change Dec Qtr 2007 Mar Qtr 2008</i>	<i>% Change Mar Qtr 2007 Mar Qtr 2008</i>
Food & Beverage	5.4 %	9.5 %
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	4.0 %	5.6 %
Clothing & Footwear	-0.1 %	-0.4 %
Housing	0.7 %	1.3 %
Household operations	1.4 %	9.1 %
Transportation	6.0 %	15.5 %
Health, Personal care, Educ. & Services	-8.5 %	-9.9 %
Leisure & entertainment	0.7 %	-4.0 %
<b>All Groups</b>	<b>2.6 %</b>	<b>6.6 %</b>



**MAR 2008 QTR KEY POINTS**

- Palau's Consumer Price Index has been reviewed and now has a new expression base of Dec 2004 quarter = 100.

**THE ALL GROUPS CPI**

- Overall total Increased 2.6 % in Mar 2008 from Dec 2007 quarter.
- All group increased 6.6 % between Mar 2007 and Mar 2008 quarters.

**OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENT**

- Comparing from last quarter, items in the Transportation group contributed the largest (6%) to the overall increase, followed by Food & Beverage at 5.4%.



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