



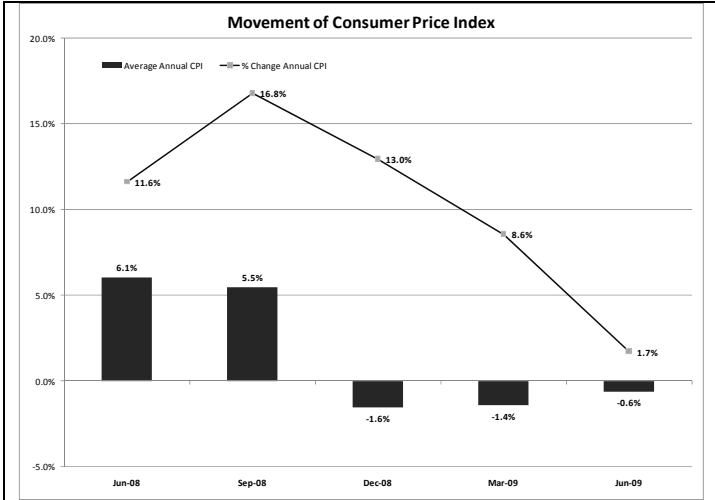
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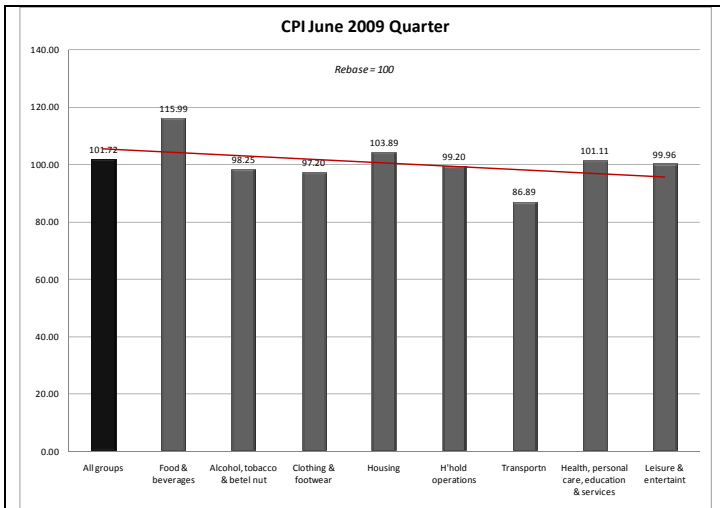
JUNE 2009 QUARTER RELEASE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX



JUNE 2009 QTR KEY FIGURES

Consumer Price Index Major Groups	% Change Mar Qtr 2009 Jun Qtr 2009	% Change Jun Qtr 2008 Jun Qtr 2009
Food & Beverage	0.59%	15.99%
Alcohol, tobacco & betel nut	0.99%	-1.75%
Clothing & Footwear	2.25%	-2.80%
Housing	-0.99%	3.89%
Household operations	-1.62%	-0.80%
Transportation	-5.27%	-13.11%
Health, Personal care, Educ. & Services	1.81%	1.11%
Leisure & entertainment	0.00%	-0.04%
All Groups	-0.64%	1.72%



JUNE 2009 QTR KEY POINTS

Palau's Consumer Price Index has been reviewed and now has a new expression base of June 2008 quarter = 100.

OVERVIEW OF CPI MOVEMENT

- Overall qtr on qtr comparison shows the 2nd qtr 2009 price index declined less than 1% from previous quarter.
- The 2009 2nd comparison to similar qtr in 2008 however saw an increase of 1.7% of the total index.

THE CPI 'ALL GROUPS'

- The largest increase from the 2nd qtr 2009 comparison to the same qtr in 2008 is from the food and beverage group at slightly less than 16%. The same period comparison also saw a 13.1% drop in the transportation index as a result of decreases in fuel prices.