

QUATERLY NATIONAL ACCOUNTS MALDIVES

Base period = 2003 Q4

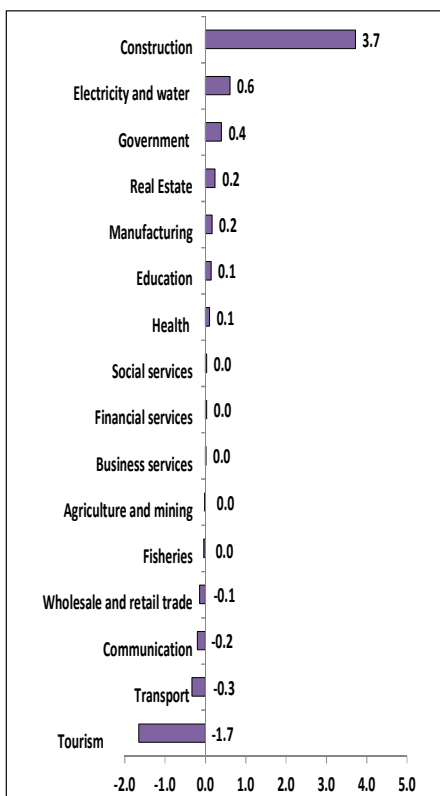
2015 Q4 (October - December 2015)

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Table 1: Quarterly GDP and percentage

Quarter	GDP at market prices (in MVR '000)	% change over previous quarter	% change over same quarter, previous year
2013Q4	6,426.6	7.6	5.8
2014Q1	6,681.8	4.0	6.9
2014Q2	6,344.4	-5.1	9.3
2014Q3	6,390.5	0.7	7.0
2014Q4	6,627.0	3.7	3.1
2015Q1	6,808.0	2.7	1.9
2015Q2	6,428.1	-5.6	1.3
2015Q3	6,554.8	2.0	2.6
2015Q4	6,647.5	1.4	0.3

Figure 1: Contribution to growth (%)



QUARTERLY GDP SUMMARY

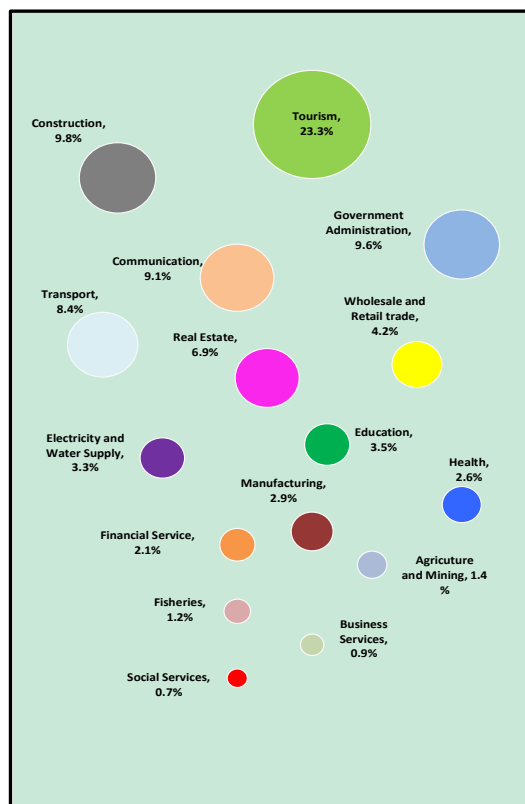
Fourth Quarter Real QGDP at market prices is MVR 6,647.5 million.

Q4 shows a QGDP growth of 0.3% compare to the same quarter previous year (2014 Q4). Although the contribution to growth by construction sector is 3.7% (Figure 1), the QGDP growth is partially off-set by the negative contribution in the tourism sector of -1.7%.

The Maldivian economy is dominated by tourism sector, with tourist arrivals peaking towards the beginning of the year (Q1) and end of the year (Q4), the QGDP of the Maldivian economy also has seasonal effect. Thus, growth rate of Q2 is always lowest and Q1 is always highest and in Q3 a marginal growth due to picking up in the tourist arrivals. However, the growth rate of tourism in 2015 Q4 is negative due to lower tourist bed-nights.

When compared to the previous quarter (2015 Q3), 2015 Q4 shows a growth in QGDP growth by 1.4%.

Figure 2: Percentage share of QGDP (%)



As shown in Figure 2, Tourism has the largest share with 23.3%, followed by construction and government administration with 9.8% and 9.6% respectively. Social services sector is the has the lowest share in the QGDP.

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NOTES

FORTHCOMING ISSUES	Issue (quarterly)	Release date
	2015 Q4	31 March 2016
	2016 Q1	30 June 2016
	2016 Q2	30 September 2016
	2016 Q3	31 December 2016

ROUNDING Any discrepancies between totals and sum of components in this publication are due to rounding.

ABBREVIATIONS		
	NBS	National Bureau of Statistics
	QNA	Quarterly National Accounts
	QGDP	Quarterly Gross Domestic Product
	Q1	Quarter 1 (January - March)
	Q2	Quarter 2 (April - June)
	Q3	Quarter 3 (July - September)
	Q4	Quarter 4 (October - December)
	IMF	International Monetary Fund
	SOE	State Owned Enterprises
	GVA	Gross Value Added
	RGDP	Real Gross Domestic Product
	Excl.	Excluding

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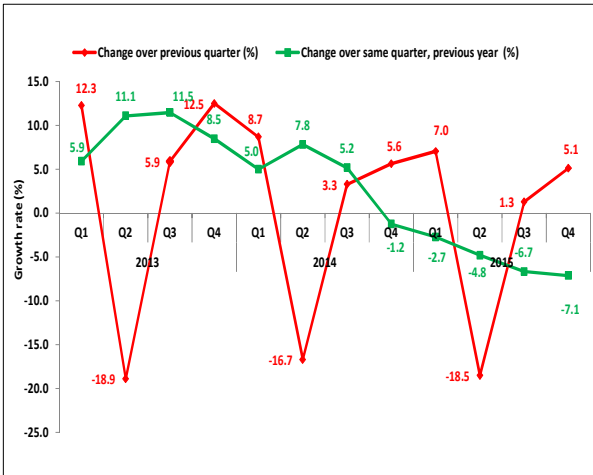
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MAIN SECTORS

TOURISM

Figure 3: Tourism growth rate (%)



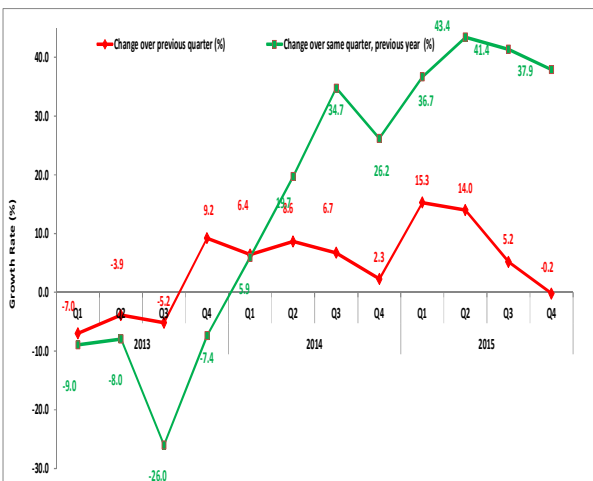
Q4 GVA of Tourism sector at market prices is MVR 1,547.1 million.

The tourism sector declined by -7.1% in Q4 compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4) indicating a lower tourist arrivals compared to the same quarter last year. 2014 was a remarkable year for Maldivian tourism.

However, when compared to the previous quarter (2015 Q3), Q4 shows a growth of 5.1%. As depicted in Figure 3, with Q4 being the peak-season, the tourist arrivals increased significantly compared to the previous quarter.

CONSTRUCTION

Figure 4: Construction growth rate (%)



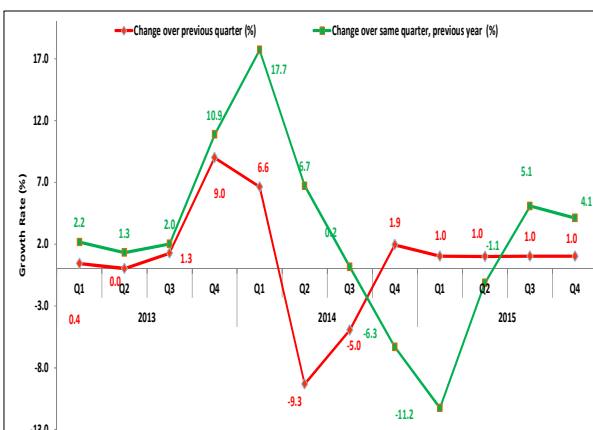
Q4 GVA of Construction sector at market prices is MVR 651.6 million.

Q4 shows a growth of 37.9% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4). The construction sector growth started picking up in 2014 due to the decrease in construction material prices in the international market.

However, when compared to the previous quarter, Q4 declined by -0.2%.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

Figure 5: Public Administration growth rate (%)



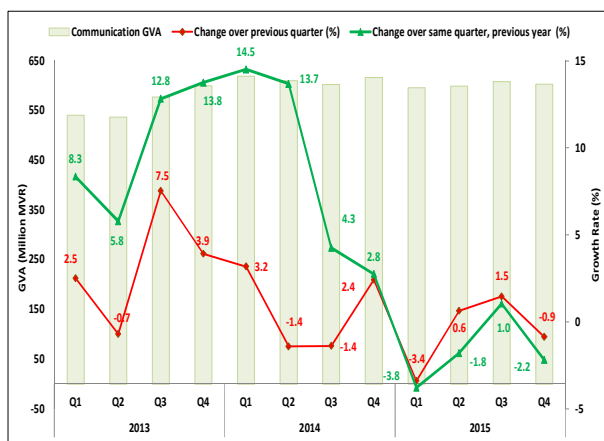
With 9.6% percentage share of GDP, the third largest sector in the economy, the GVA of public administration sector at market prices is MVR 638.7 million.

Q4 shows a growth of 4.1% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4).

However, when compared to the previous quarter, Q4 grew only by 1.0%.

COMMUNICATION

Figure 6: Communication growth rate (%)

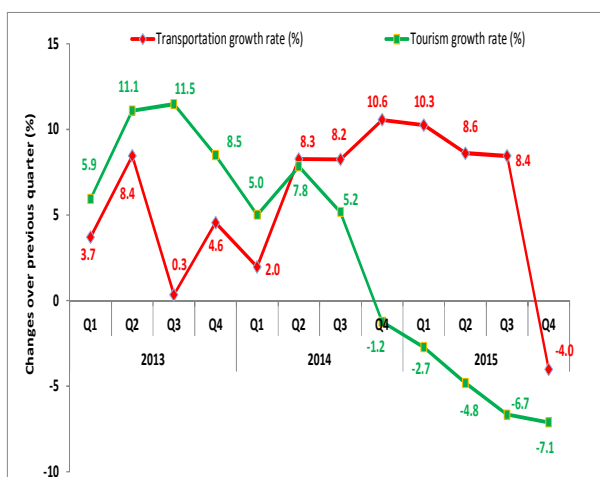


Despite the rapid growth of the sector in the past, it is highly dependent on the growth of the tourism sector as the value added from international calls dominates the industry. By 2015 Q4, GVA of communication sector at market prices has reached MVR 602.9 million, with a percentage share of 9.1%.

Q4 shows a decline of -2.2% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4). However, the sector a marginal decline of -0.9% in Q4 compared to the previous quarter.

TRANSPORTATION

Figure 7: Transportation growth rate (%)



As illustrated in Figure 7, transportation sector, being dominated by the air transportation industry, is highly dependent on the growth of the tourism sector.

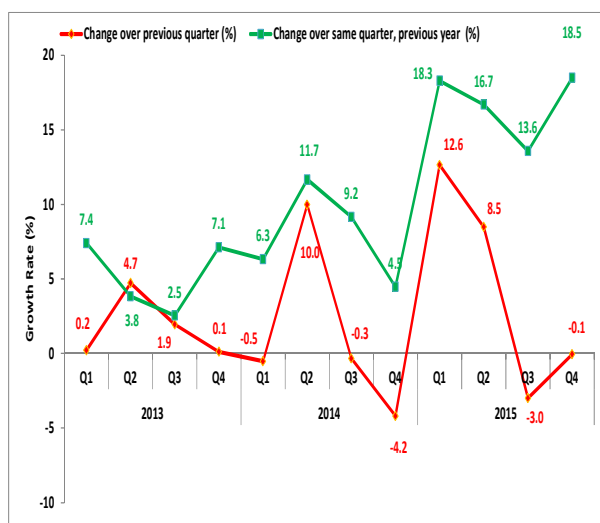
Q4 GVA of transportation sector at market prices is MVR 555.4 million.

Q4 shows a decline of -4.0% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4).

However, the sector grew by 0.8% in Q4 compared to the previous quarter.

ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY

Figure 8: Electricity and water supply growth rate (%)



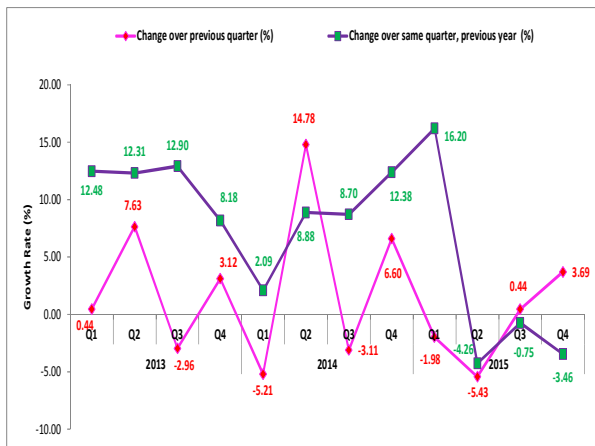
Q4 GVA of electricity and water supply sector at market prices is MVR 218.5 million.

Q4 shows a GDP growth of 18.5% compare to the same quarter previous year (2014 Q4).

When compared to the previous quarter (2015 Q3), 2015 Q4 shows a decline of -0.1%.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE

Figure 9: Import of consumer goods excl. tourism



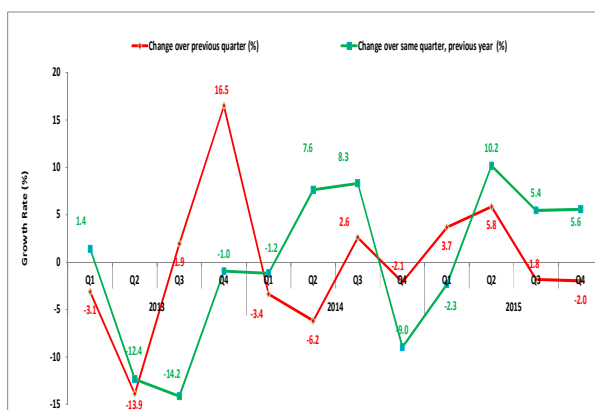
Q4 GVA of wholesale and retail trade sector at market prices is MVR 282.1 million.

Q4 shows a decline of -3.5% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4). The indicator used as a proxy for the growth in the GVA of the sector is the import of consumer goods excluding tourism, it has reached MVR 1.97 billion in this quarter.

The sector grew by 3.7% in Q4 compared to the previous quarter.

MANUFACTURING

Figure 10: Manufacturing growth rate (%)



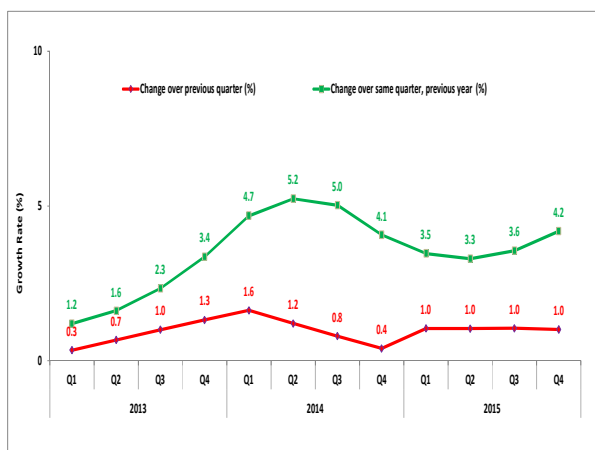
Q4 GVA of manufacturing sector at market prices is MVR 196.0 million. The sector's share in Q4 is 2.9%.

Since this sector is dominated by the fish processing industry, although the export of processed fish increase in this quarter in nominal terms due to the increase of the processed fish in the international market, the real GVA of this sector in Q4 shows a growth of 5.6% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4).

However the sector declined by -2.0% when compared to the previous quarter.

HEALTH

Figure 11: Health growth rate (%)



Prior to 2013, the growth rate of health sector is marginal. In 2015 Q4, GVA of health sector at market prices is MVR 164.3 million. The sector's share in Q4 increased to 2.5%.

When compared to the previous quarter the registered growth rate of health sector in Q4 is 1.0%.

This is an expansion of 4.2% compared to the same quarter, previous year (2014 Q4).

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