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OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES October 2023

Tonga's official foreign reserves increased over the month by \$5.1 million to \$891.2 million mainly attributed to Government receipts. Annually, official foreign reserves are higher by \$14.2 million due to inflow of government receipts, remittances and income from the investments of our foreign reserves. The official foreign reserves is equivalent to over 11 months of imports, which is higher than the 7.5 months prescribed by the IMF.

OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES (Millions of Pa'anga)

	<u>Level</u>	<u>Changes</u>		<u>Ratio of official foreign reserves to imports (months)</u>
		<u>Month</u>	<u>12 Months</u>	
<u>2022</u>				
Feb	867.3	11.1	174.9	14.4
Mar	861.4	-5.8	175.8	14.5
Apr	884.0	22.6	204.4	14.9
May	880.4	-3.6	190.9	14.7
Jun	871.2	-9.2	155.9	14.4
Jul	884.8	13.6	180.1	14.2
Aug	871.0	-13.8	19.3	13.8
Sep	895.3	24.2	138.2	13.7
Oct	877.0	-18.3	120.0	13.0
Nov	866.2	-10.8	82.3	12.6
Dec	868.9	2.7	51.4	12.3
<u>2023</u>				
Jan	911.1	42.2	55.0	12.8
Feb	911.2	0.1	43.9	12.6
Mar	883.7	-27.4	22.3	12.0
Apr	860.5	-23.2	-23.5	11.4
May	864.8	4.3	-15.6	11.5
June	921.4	56.6	50.2	12.0
July	945.2	23.7	60.3	12.3
Aug	920.0	-25.2	48.9	11.9
Sep	886.1	-33.8	-9.1	11.4
Oct	891.2	5.1	14.2	11.4

Source: National Reserve Bank of Tonga