## **Monetary Policy Data**

	Oct-12	Sep-12	Oct-11
Foreign Reserves (TOP million)	246.2	247.9	213.9
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.1	8.1	8.0
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	14.7	14.2	10.8
Inflation (apc)	1.2	-0.6	4.3
Imported (apc)	-0.2	-0.6	7.9
Domestic (apc)	3.2	-0.6	-0.6
<b>Activity Indicators</b>			
Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*	-11.6	-9.8	-7.7
Household (apc)	-3.1	-2.8	-4.3
Business (apc)	-21.7	-19.2	-10.6
Domestic Liquidity - cash (TOP million)	125.1	123.9	107.4
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.0	19.0	19.0
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	334.1	338.2	330.9
OET			
Imports (apc)	-15.1	-7.5	9.2
Exports (apc)	-18.3	-20.7	-0.4
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	65.1	62.7	58.9
Tourist Receipts (apc)	10.4	7.0	7.4
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	109.1	108.7	136.4
Private Remittances (apc)	-20.0	-22.1	-13.2
Financial Markets			
Exchange Rate			
USD/TOP	0.5794	0.5811	0.5862
AUD/TOP	0.5597	0.5564	0.5762
NZD/TOP	0.7002	0.7051	0.7392
FJD/TOP	0.9979	1.0039	1.0032
NEER	102.9	103.2	105.5
REER	n.a	115.2	118.1
Interest Rates			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	10.24	10.25	11.19
Housing (%)	9.25	9.28	10.13
Business (%)	9.89	9.89	12.26
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.98	4.16	3.90
12-month term (%)	4.11	4.22	4.17
Savings (%)	2.30	2.31	1.59

Notes: apc = annual percent change

Data in previous months may have been adjusted to incorporate revisions received from the domestic banking system.

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding the China loan for the reconstruction activity in the central business district.

## **Monetary Policy Data**

Foreign Reserves (TOP million)

Months of Imports (trade estimate) Months of Imports (OET estimate) The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT
The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports
The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

Inflation (apc) Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Imported (apc)
Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI
Domestic (apc)
Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

**Activity Indicators** 

Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)

dit Growth (apc)
Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks
Household (apc)
Annual growth in lending to individuals and households

Business (apc)

Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)

Annual growth in lending to businesses

Domestic banks' cash at NRBT

NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million) Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks

Govt Securities (TOP million)

Domestic banks' holdings of Govt securities (Bonds and Treasury Notes)

Broad Money (M3, TOP million) Broad definition of money in the economy, including currency in circulation, money in

savings accounts, and funds in term deposits

**OET** Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks

Imports (apc)

Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)

Exports (apc)

Annual growth in amount received for exported goods (from OET)

Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)

Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)

Tourist Receipts (apc)
Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRB1 (from OE1)

Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRB1 (from OE1)

Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million) Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

Private Remittances (apc)

Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

**Financial Markets** 

**Exchange Rate** 

USD/TOP Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
AUD/TOP Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
NZD/TOP Amount in New Zealand dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

FJD/TOP Amount in Fiji dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

**NEER** Trade-weighted index of the pa'anga (month average). April 2009 =100

REER Real effective exchange rate. January 1991=100

Interest Rates

Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)

Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)

Household (%) Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)

Business (%) Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)

Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

12- month term (%) Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Savings (%) Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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