Monetary Policy Data

	Oct-15	Sep-15	Oct-14
Foreign Reserves (TOP million)	315.8	311.7	271.5
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.1	8.8	8.2
Nonths of Imports (Foreign Exchange Transactions estimate) 1	12.4	12.4	12.1
Inflation (apc)	-1.3	-1.9	0.7
Imported (apc)	-4.8	-5.2	1.5
Domestic (apc)	4.0	3.2	-0.2
Activity Indicators			
Private Sector Credit Growth (apc) ²	14.4	15.0	2.9
Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)	257.4	252.7	225.0
Household (apc)	15.1	13.5	7.8
Household, adjusted (apc) 3	16.5	16.0	13.2
Business (apc) ⁴	13.1	15.8	7.7
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	170.6	167.2	149.2
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.2	19.2	19.2
Broad Money (M3, TOP million) ⁵	428.7	422.3	372.9
Overseas Exchange Transactions ¹			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	305.8	301.6	269.7
Imports (apc)	13.4	11.4	2.1
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	14.0	14.5	15.4
Exports (apc)	-8.7	-12.1	10.2
Travel Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	78.7	76.9	71.9
Travel Receipts (apc)	9.5	4.5	-12.6
Remittances (annual total, TOP million) ⁷	223.7	218.8	202.0
Remittances (apc) ⁷	10.7	7.8	-3.7
Financial Markets			
Exchange Rate			
USD/TOP	0.4530	0.4476	0.5239
AUD/TOP	0.6264	0.6327	0.5940
NZD/TOP	0.6759	0.7043	0.6624
FJD/TOP	0.9230	0.9252	0.9667
Nominal Trade Weighted Index 6	94.67	95.38	98.11
Real Trade Weighted Index ⁶	96.35	97.07	105.27
Interest Rates			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	8.14	8.27	8.56
Housing (%)	8.39	8.48	8.60
Business (%) ⁴	7.22	7.54	7.88
Weighted Average Deposit Rate (%)	2.29	2.29	2.32
12-month term (%)	4.95	4.96	4.86
Savings (%)	2.38	2.42	2.43
Term (%)	4.09	4.09	3.81

Notes: apc = annual percent change

Data in previous months may have been adjusted to incorporate revisions received from the domestic banking system. Prepared by National Reserve Bank of Tonga Economics Department

¹⁻ Historical OET data up to May 2014 has been updated with the transition to Balance of Payments Manual 6, causing slight revisions compared to previous publications.

²⁻ All unadjusted lending series cover loans from the banking system only.

³⁻ Includes loans from some non-bank institutions.

⁴⁻ The methodology for calculating this series was updated in August 2014, resulting in revisions to the full history of data.

⁵⁻ The methodology for calculating this series was updated in March 2014, resuting in revisions to the data backdating to January 2012

⁶⁻The methodology for calculating this series was updated in September 2013, resulting in revisions to the full history of data.

⁷⁻ The methodology for calculating this series was updated in May 2015, resulting in revisions to the data backdating to May 2014.