

Monetary Policy Data

	Sep-18	Aug-18	Sep-17
Foreign Reserves (TOP million)	452.2	475.0	403.0
Months of Imports (trade estimate) ¹	7.2	7.6 ^f	7.3 ^f
Months of Imports (Overseas Exchange Transactions estimate) ¹	9.7	10.3	9.7
Inflation (apc)	6.5	5.7	5.8
Imported (apc)	3.3	3.6	8.1
Domestic (apc)	10.9	8.4	2.6

Activity Indicators

Total Credit Growth (apc)²	10.1	10.1	15.0
Total Outstanding Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)²	459.0	457.5	417.0
Household (apc) ³	7.5	8.0	17.7
Business (apc) ³	13.8	13.1	11.8
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	184.1	193.1	158.1
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	22.6	22.6	25.6
Broad Money (M2, TOP million) ⁴	595.2	606.0	549.7
Overseas Exchange Transactions⁵			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	418.2	409.5	378.5 ^f
Imports (apc)	10.5	8.1	11.3
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	20.0	19.4	23.8
Exports (apc)	-15.9	-21.9	30.3 ^f
Travel Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	111.0	112.0	115.1 ^f
Travel Receipts (apc)	-3.5	-1.3	31.6 ^f
Remittances (annual total, TOP million) ⁶	348.5	348.8	319.8 ^f
Remittances (apc) ⁶	9.0	10.3	12.6 ^f

Financial Markets

Exchange Rate			
USD/TOP	0.4371	0.4390	0.4625
AUD/TOP	0.6053	0.5971	0.5799
NZD/TOP	0.6619	0.6570	0.6392
FJD/TOP	0.8892	0.8884	0.9108
Nominal Effective Exchange Rate Index⁷	92.23	91.54	91.88^f
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index⁷	108.32	107.47	104.57^f
Interest Rates			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ⁸	8.08	8.08	7.85
Housing (%)	8.23	8.19	8.13
Business (%) ⁸	7.77	7.74	6.86
Weighted Average Deposit Rate (%) ⁸	1.98	1.99	2.13 ^f
12-month term (%)	5.09	5.16	5.37
Savings (%)	2.45	2.42	2.42
Term (%) ⁸	3.62	3.65	3.59 ^f

Notes:

apc = annual percent change

1- Methodology used for this calculation has changed in February 2017 to include both imports of goods and services. compared to previous publications.

2- This series includes total loans from the banking system, including Government Development Loan.

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

4- The methodology for calculating this series was updated in March 2014, resulting in revisions to the data backdating to January 2012

5- Historical OET data up to May 2014 has been updated with the transition to Balance of Payments Manual 6.

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

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

8- The methodology for calculating this series was updated to include interest rates and total loans of the Government Development Loans.

9- The methodology for calculating this series was updated in August 2014, resulting in revisions to the full history of data. (Excluding Government Development Loan)

^f- The Inflation figures are based on NRBT forecast pending October data from Tonga Statistics Department

^r- Data in previous months may have been adjusted to incorporate revisions.