



NATIONAL RESERVE BANK OF TONGA

Monetary Policy Data

	Mar-23	Feb-23	Mar-22
Foreign Reserves (TOP million)	883.7	911.2	861.4
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	12.9	13.7	14.5 ^f
Months of Imports (Overseas Exchange Transactions estimate)	14.2	15.0	16.8
Inflation (apc)	9.4	8.7	7.8
Imported (apc)	6.9	7.4	8.6
Domestic (apc)	12.7	10.4	6.9

Activity Indicators

Total Credit Growth (apc)¹	5.3	6.1	-4.3
Total Outstanding Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)¹	493.0	501.4	468.1
Household (apc)	0.8	0.5	-2.0
Business (apc)	11.5	13.6	-7.3
Total Deposits (TOP million)	880.2	885.0	839.1
Total Deposits (apc)	4.9	4.3	18.4
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	406.3	413.1	376.2
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	41.7	41.7	40.7
Broad Money (M2, TOP million)	843.6	845.9	844.9
Overseas Exchange Transactions			
Total OET Payments (annual Total, TOP million)	1016.6	979.5 ^f	750.5 ^f
Total OET Payments (apc)	35.5	30.3	10.3 ^f
Total OET receipts (annual Total, TOP million)	1073.3	1067.9 ^f	977.6 ^f
Total OET receipts (apc)	9.8	10.2	3.8 ^f
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	608.5	586.6	479.1 ^f
Imports (apc)	27.0	19.6	7.0
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.9	9.7	12.7
Exports (apc)	-22.4	-27.4	3.0
Travel Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	79.6	73.1	21.1
Travel Receipts (apc)	277.9	243.8	-9.3
Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	506.5	494.9 ^f	479.9 ^f
Remittances (apc)	5.5	0.8	12.0 ^f

Financial Markets

Exchange Rate			
USD/TOP	0.4243	0.4279	0.4405
AUD/TOP	0.6335	0.6170	0.6016
NZD/TOP	0.6824	0.6774	0.6453
FJD/TOP	0.9194	0.9163	0.9093
Nominal Effective Exchange Rate Index	93.13	93.55	90.47^f
Real Effective Exchange Rate Index	116.13	117.16^f	110.96
Interest Rates			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%) ¹	7.82	7.86	7.83
Housing (%)	8.14	8.12	8.10
Business (%) ¹	7.12	7.28	7.35
Weighted Average Deposit Rate (%)	1.42	1.55	1.70
12-month term (%)	3.39	3.38	3.70
Savings (%)	1.52	2.31	2.36
Term (%)	2.81	2.79	3.06

Notes: apc = annual percent change

1- This series includes lending by banks and Government Development loans.

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