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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms:

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BEL	Belize Electricity Limited
BGA	Banana Growers Association
BSI	Belize Sugar Industries Limited
BSSB	Belize Social Security Board
BTB	Belize Tourism Board
BTL	Belize Telemedia Limited
BWSL	Belize Water Services Limited
CBB	Central Bank of Belize
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank
CFZ	Commercial Free Zone
CGA	Citrus Growers Association
CIF	Cost, Insurance and Freight
CPBL	Citrus Products of Belize Limited
CPI	Consumer Price Index
DFC	Development Finance Corporation
EU	European Union
FOB	Free On Board
FY	Fiscal Year
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
GST	General Sales Tax
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
IMF	International Monetary Fund
MOF	Ministry of Finance
OPEC	Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries
ROC/Taiwan	Republic of China/Taiwan
SIB	Statistical Institute of Belize
SITC	Standard International Trade Classification
UHS	Universal Health Services
UK	United Kingdom
US	United States
VPCA	Venezuelan Petrocaribe Agreement
WTO	World Tourism Organizations
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Abbreviations and Conventions:

\$	refers to the Belize dollar unless otherwise stated
bn	denotes billion
mn	denotes million
ps	Pound solids

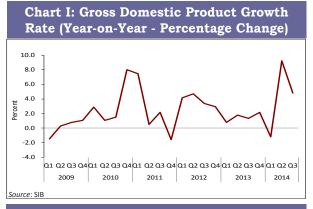
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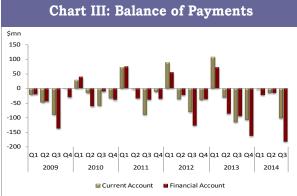
- 1. Since May of 1976, the Belize dollar has been fixed to the US dollar at the rate of US\$1.00 = BZ\$2.00.
- 2. The 2014 figures in this report are provisional and the figures for 2013 have been revised.
- 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the Central Bank of Belize is the source of all tables and charts.
- 4. Ratios to GDP for 2014 are based on Central Bank's forecast of annual GDP 2014.

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SUMMARY OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS





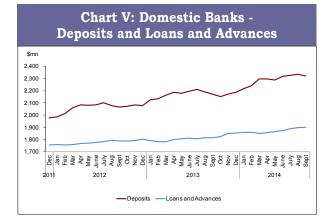
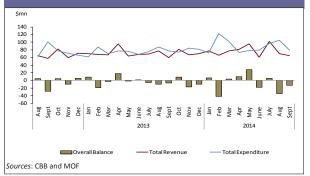


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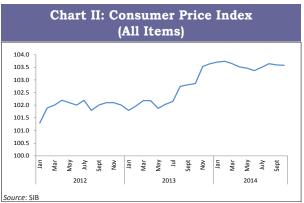


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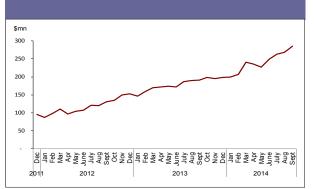
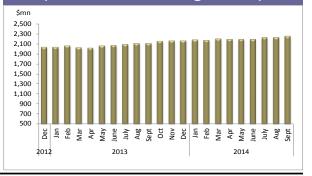


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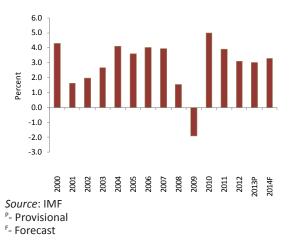
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Overview

China continued to be one of the world frontrunners, posting an annualized GDP increase of 7.3% in the third quarter. The United States experienced a notable third quarter acceleration with GDP growing at an annualized rate of 5.0% on the back of increases in personal consumption expenditures, fixed investments, exports and government spending. More generally, however, the post-crisis global economic recovery remained uneven and fragile as advanced and emerging economies persistent struggled to overcome headwinds and structural impediments. side constraints, lackluster Supply domestic demand and geopolitical tensions continued to weigh on economic activity, affecting some more than others. While the United Kingdom (UK) registered a 3.0% increase in GDP in the third quarter in comparison with the same period of 2013, economic activity in the euro area was weak, expanding by only 0.8% on a quarter on quarter basis. In the case of Japan, GDP contracted by an annualized 1.9% as private investments declined. On this side of the hemisphere, Brazil pulled out of recession with a meager quarter to quarter increase of 0.1% and Mexico grew by 2.2% (quarter on quarter) driven by moderate improvements in agriculture and industrial production. In the Caribbean, several economies continued to be constrained by large external current account and fiscal deficits, elevated public debt, declining tourism competitiveness and weak remittance inflows.

Developments in the first three quarters of the year included a 4.2% increase in Belize's GDP that was broadly based on primary sector export production, tourism and construction. While heightened output of sugarcane, banana and farmed shrimp boosted activity in the primary sector, water levels in the reservoirs, which had accumulated from the excessive rainfalls experienced during the last quarter of 2013, facilitated higher output of hydroelectricity, and construction activity continued to be underpinned by increased public sector spending on infrastructural works and projects. On the downside, extraction continued petroleum to decline. In the services sector, heightened arrivals of stay-over tourists and cruise ship disembarkations spurred growth in "Hotels and Restaurants", and "Wholesale and Retail" distribution. Price inflation averaged 1.3% with increases affecting the majority of the goods and services in the CPI basket.

Chart 1.1: World Gross Domestic Product Growth (Year-on-Year Average)



The external current account deficit more than doubled to \$100.5mn (3.0% of GDP) during the nine-month period (January-September), as increases in the merchandise trade deficit and profit repatriations overshadowed higher inflows from services. Grants from foreign donors contributed to a \$59.3mn surplus on the capital account, while net inflows on the financial account almost doubled to \$213.6mn due to foreign direct investment inflows and reduced private sector loan repayments. The gross official international reserves consequently rose by \$146.1mn to \$956.3mn, equivalent to 5.8 months of merchandise imports.

Expenditure outpaced revenues in the first half of Central Government's fiscal year (April to September), causing its overall balance to swing from a small surplus of 0.03% of GDP in the comparable period of the previous year to a deficit of 0.7% of GDP. The government's primary surplus shrank from 1.2% of GDP in 2013 to 0.6% of GDP. Revenues rose by 7.0%, mainly due to inflows from the General Sales Tax (GST), property income and the international business company and ship registries. The surge in expenditure reflected higher spending on capital projects, the resumption of the bi-annual interest payments on the 2038 restructured bond and the salary adjustment for government workers. The fiscal gap was funded from external sources through loan disbursements from Venezuela and, to a lesser extent, multilateral creditors.

The external debt consequently rose by 4.0% to \$2,251.4mn.

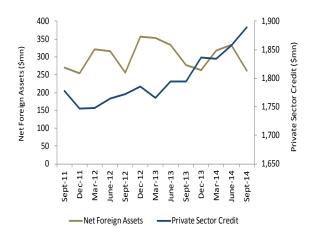
Over the nine month period, broad money grew by 4.8% as strong growth in net foreign assets outweighed a mild dip in net domestic credit. Domestic bank loans to the private sector rose by \$54.5mn, most of which was channeled to the sugar industry. Net credit to Central Government fell by \$50.9mn as deposit holdings with the Central Bank were built up using funds received under the Petrocaribe agreement with Venezuela. With bank liquidity rising even higher, the downward pressure on interest rates was maintained. The weighted average lending rate fell by 35 basis points to 10.77% as rates were lowered for most loan categories, personal loans being the exception with an increase of 20 basis points. Concurrently, a 50 basis point reduction in the time deposit rate contributed to a further decline in the weighted average deposit rate to 1.75%, and this resulted in the widening of the banks' interest rate spread by seven basis points.

Money and Credit

Strong growth in the net foreign assets of the banking system underpinned a 4.8% growth in broad money (M2), in the first three quarters. Much of this was due to loan disbursements under the Venezuelan Petrocaribe Agreement (VPCA) that underpinned a \$142.5mn expansion in the Central Bank's net foreign assets. Concurrently, the net holdings of the domestic banks decreased by \$6.6mn due to a surge in foreign liabilities, a significant portion of which reflected reclassification of transactions undertaken in previous Net domestic credit years. dipped by \$2.0mn as a build-up of Central Government deposits at the Central Bank facilitated by the aforesaid VPCA inflows and net loan repayments by other public sector bodies just outweighed the increase in private sector lending.

A further expansion in excess liquidity caused domestic banks to reduce their

Chart 2.1: Domestic Banks' Net Foreign Assets and Private Sector Credit



holdings of the more costly time deposits by \$29.3mn whilst channelling most of the deposit growth into demand deposits that rose by \$149.8mn and savings deposits, which increased by \$5.7mn. In secondary trading, the banks added \$5.8mn to their Treasury bills portfolio.

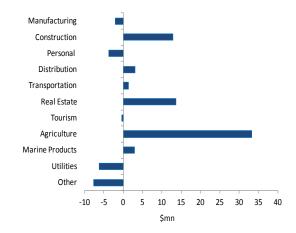
Net credit to Central Government fell as a \$63.5mn build-up in its deposits outweighed a \$12.6mn increase in its borrowing from the domestic system. The latter included a \$9.4mn increase in the overdraft balance held at the Central Bank, which stood at \$64.4mn at the end of the period reviewed. Credit to other public sector bodies fell by \$5.6mn as net repayments were made by the Belize Tourism Board (BTB) and Belize Telemedia Ltd. (BTL). Loans to the private sector expanded by \$54.5mn (3.0%), much of the increase (83.6%) going to the sugar industry and the balance being allocated mainly for home construction and real estate transactions. During the period, noteworthy net repayments were made by entities in the citrus industry, utility companies and manufacturers, in that order of magnitude.

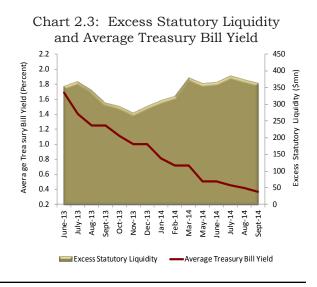
Balance sheet repairs continued with approximately \$13.2mn being written off during the nine-month period compared to loan write-offs of \$41.6mn in the same period of 2013. Three domestic banks remained on track to meet the deadline of end November 2014 for full compliance with the revised loan loss provisioning standards issued in 2011.

In addition to raising the level of their loan loss provisions the five largest credit unions appeared to adopt a more conservative lending stance in 2014. In the first quarter, loans contracted, however, lending regained traction later, especially in the third quarter when an increase of \$13.8mn was recorded. By the end of September, loans had increased by a total of \$21.6mn although this was still below the \$38.2mn disbursed in the similar period of 2013.

Bank liquidity continued its upward climb with a 23.3% increase in excess holdings of approved liquid assets while holdings of excess cash were up by 36.3%. At the end of the review period, statutory holdings exceeded requirements by 64.4% and the cash holdings of the banks were more than double the amount required. The weighted average interest rate on loans consequently continued to trend downward. The 9-month rolling average weighted lending rate fell by 36 basis points to 9.84% with rate reductions of 218 basis points on residential construction loans, 74 basis points on commercial loans and 70 basis points on other loans. The exception was personal loans, which registered an interest rate increase of 99 basis points. Meanwhile, the rolling average weighted deposit rate fell by 92 basis points to 2.11%, with the largest slippage of 111 basis points on time

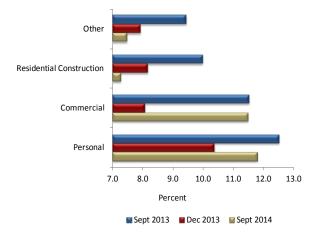
Chart 2.2: Changes in Domestic Banks' Loans and Advances, Dec 2013 - Sept 2014





deposits. In contrast, savings accounts saw a 35 basis point rate increase. The weighted average spread thus increased by 56 basis points to 7.73%.

At the end of September, domestic banks held 98.1% of the Treasury bills in the financial system, while insurance companies and municipal bodies held the remainder. Oversubscriptions at the rollovers and aggressive bidding for the limited supply of government paper caused the average yield to decline from 1.00501% recorded at the end of 2013 to 0.37978% at the August 2014 auction. Chart 2.4 : Weighted Average Lending Rate



Domestic Production and Prices

GDP expanded by 4.2% in the first three quarters supported by heightened activity in agriculture, fishing, hydroelectricity, tradedistribution and tourism. The primary sector expanded by 10.8%, benefitting from rebounds in sugarcane, banana and farmed shrimp, and the secondary sector grew by 3.7% with gains in "Construction" and "Electricity and Water" more than compensating for a 2.5% shrinkage in "Manufacturing" as petroleum extraction declined further. Activity in "Construction" grew by 1.4% due to continuation of public infrastructural works and private sector projects, while a 17.8% expansion in "Electricity and Water" reflected increased generation of hydroelectricity and growth in water connections. Driven by increased activity in "Hotels and Restaurants" and "Wholesale and Retail Trade", the tertiary sector grew by 1.7%.

Sugarcane and Sugar

Despite a late start, sugarcane deliveries for the 2013/2014 crop year rose by

Table 3.1: Deliveries of Sugarcane andProduction of Sugar and Molasses

	Dec - Sept 2012/2013	Dec - Sept 2013/2014
Deliveries of Sugarcane to BSI (long tons)	1,078,019	1,194,932
Sugar Processed by BSI (long tons)	118,339	121,137
Molasses Processed by BSI (long tons)	34,508	42,839
Performance		
Factory Time Efficiency (%)	94.06	95.24
Cane Purity (%)	86.04	84.79
Cane/Sugar	9.11	9.86
Source: BSI		

10.8% to 1,194,932 long tons. A notable improvement in the average daily factory grinding rate from 5,989 long tons for the 2012/2013 harvest to 7,198 long tons facilitated an increase in monthly deliveries. Except for January, these were consistently higher than that of the previous year. Also contributing was an unusual delay in the start of the rainy season, that enabled the harvest period to be stretched into the first eight days of July. Even so, however, an estimated 150,000 long tons of sugarcane were left standing in the field when the harvest was closed. Sugar production increased by a less than proportional 2.4% to 121,137 long tons, the highest output since 1998, as rainy weather at the start and end of the harvest reduced cane purity and pushed the cane/sugar ratio up by 8.2% to 9.86. Partly as a result of this, the average price paid to the farmers fell by 9.0% to \$62.72 per long ton.

Citrus

Following a desultory start, deliveries for the 2013/2014 crop year rebounded with a larger orange second harvest that enabled a 0.1% increase in citrus production to 4.7mn boxes. While deliveries of orange increased by 2.6% to 4.2mn boxes, grapefruit was 15.0% lower at 0.6mn boxes, the lowest output since 2000.

Production of citrus juice declined by 2.4% to 27.6mn pound solids (ps) with that of orange and grapefruit concentrate

falling by 1.0% and 15.8%, respectively. The fall in orange juice output reflected a 3.4% reduction in the average juice outturn per box of fruit. On the upside, citrus oil production increased by 4.2% to 1.7mn pounds, and pulp production grew by 6.4% to 2.4mn pounds.

International prices for concentrate were elevated as adverse weather constricted supplies in Brazil and the US, two of the major producers. Farmers consequently received \$1.96 per ps for the orange crop and \$2.51 per ps for the grapefruit crop compared to \$1.50 and \$2.26, respectively, in the previous crop year.

Banana

Banana production rebounded with an 8.4% increase in the third quarter that made up for a production shortfall in the first half of the year. Total production consequently edged up by 0.2% to 4.2mn boxes. At the end of August, the acreage devoted to banana cultivation stood at 7,700 with 7,288 acres under production and 412 acres under plantilla (trees too young to harvest).

Petroleum

Petroleum extraction contracted by 19.6% to 490,430 barrels with output from the Spanish Lookout and Never Delay fields falling by 19.5% and 39.3%, respectively. At the Spanish Lookout field, the average daily extraction rate fell by 433 barrels to 1,787 barrels over the reporting period.

Table 3.2: Output of Citrus Products

	Oct - Sept	Oct - Sept
	2012/2013	2013/2014
Deliveries (boxes)		
Orange	4,051,659	4,158,870
Grapefruit	<u>678,147</u>	<u>576,234</u>
Total	4,729,806	4,735,104
Concentrate Produced (ps)		
Orange	25,303,632	25,060,141
Grapefruit	<u>2,749,901</u>	<u>2,315,303</u>
Total	28,053,533	27,375,444
Not from Concentrate (ps)		
Orange	216,731	252,917
Grapefruit	<u>55,871</u>	<u>7,473</u>
Total	272,602	260,390
Pulp (pounds)		
Orange	1,747,728	2,272,640
Grapefruit	<u>527,456</u>	<u>147,552</u>
Total	2,275,184	2,420,192
Oil Produced (pounds)		
Orange	1,500,000	1,584,200
Grapefruit	<u>92,955</u>	75,400
Total	1,592,955	1,659,600

Sources: CGA and CPBL

Table 3.3: Banana Production

		40 pound boxes
	Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014
1st Quarter	1,333,115	1,244,251
2nd Quarter	1,439,228	1,408,347
3rd Quarter	1,404,183	1,533,627
Total	4,176,526	4,186,225

Source: BGA

Meanwhile, the oil flow at the Never Delay field was minimal and required periodic shutdowns until sufficient pressure could be built up to resume pumping. In mid-September, a decision was taken to halt pumping to determine the feasibility of continued operations.

Tourism

The record pace in stay-over and cruise arrivals was maintained on the basis of a continuation in marketing efforts and improvements in the economies of Belize's main source markets. Even after factoring in the customary slowdown in tourist arrivals during the off-peak season that spanned the third quarter, stay-over arrivals rose by 11.0% to 232,383 overall, while cruise ship disembarkations spiked by 44.9% to 625,217 visitors. Stay-over arrivals from the US, Europe and Canada accounted for 67.5%, 10.5% and 8.0% of the total, respectively. The largest increase was in arrivals from Europe, which were up by 25.2%, while the number of tourists from the US and 'Other' categories rose by 10.2% and 9.9%, respectively.

Consumer Price Index

Lower transport and fuel prices exerted downward pressures on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) during September as the index fell marginally by 0.1% relative to the preceding month. When compared to the January-September period of 2013, the CPI was 1.3% higher, reflecting increases for "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages" (1.0%), "Transport" (2.6%) and "Housing,

Table 3.4: Bona Fide Tourist Arrivals

	Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014
Stay-over Arrivals		
Air	171,815	187,274
Land	30,494	38,394
Sea	7,014	6,715
Total	209,323	232,383
Cruise Ship	431,420	625,217

Sources: BTB, CBB and Immigration Department

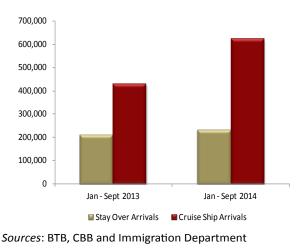
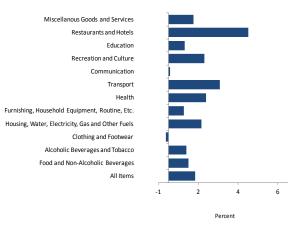


Chart 3.1: Tourist Arrivals

Water, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" (1.7%). The "Clothing and Footwear" category was the exception as its price level registered a decline of 0.1%.

Chart 3.2: Average Annual Percentage Change in Consumer Price Index Jan to Sept 2013 over Jan to Sept 2014



Source: SIB

International Trade and Payments

The external current account deficit widened from 1.2% to 3.0% of GDP as expansion in the merchandise trade deficit and heightened profit outflows outpaced robust growth in earnings from services. While the capital account surplus held steady, net inflows on the financial account almost doubled to \$213.6mn (6.3% of GDP) as increased foreign direct investment into the country and lower amortisation payments by the private sector more than compensated for a fall in inflows to the government. The gross official international reserves consequently rose by \$146.1mn to \$956.3mn (equivalent to 5.8 months of merchandise imports).

With higher imports coinciding with lower exports, the merchandise trade deficit escalated by 25.1% to \$428.8mn. The growth in imports reflected a 9.7% rise in outlays on domestic imports (the most notable being agricultural inputs, machinery, manufactured goods, and prefabricated buildings) that outweighed a 23.7% fall in Commercial Free Zone (CFZ) imports. The fall in exports was attributable to contractions of 3.3% in domestic exports and 6.3% in CFZ retail sales while bulk re-exports rose by 5.7%. Lower petroleum, papaya and citrus earnings outweighed higher revenues from marine products, molasses and sugar, while banana receipts remained relatively unchanged.

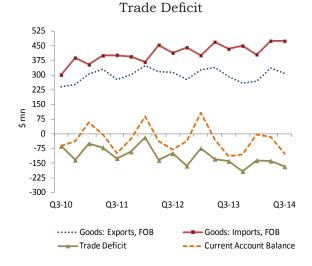


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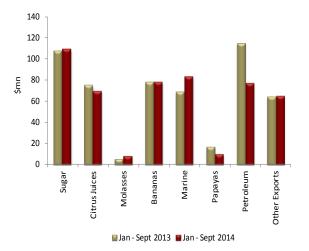
Table 4.1: Balance of Payments Summary

	Jan - Sept 2013 [®]	Jan - Sept 2014 ^p
A. CURRENT ACCOUNT		
(I+II+III+IV)	-37.6	-100.5
I. Goods (Trade Balance)	-342.8	-428.8
Exports, FOB	959.5	923.6
Domestic Exports	529.8	512.6
CFZ Gross Sales	359.8	337.2
Re-exports	69.8	73.8
Imports, FOB	1,302.3	1,352.4
Domestic Imports	1,075.1	1,178.9
CFZ Imports	227.2	173.4
II. Services	367.9	440.6
Transportation	-77.8	-83.0
Travel	474.1	524.9
Other Services	-28.4	-1.4
III. Primary Income	-173.7	-229.2
Compensation of Employees	-6.7	-7.3
Investment Income	-167.0	-221.9
IV. Secondary Income	111.0	116.8
Government	-7.2	-7.2
Private	118.2	124.0
B. Capital Account	61.6	59.3
C. Financial Account	-111.6	-213.6
D. NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	29.3	-26.2
E. RESERVE ASSETS	165.0	146.1
R - Revised		

^R - Revised ^P - Provisional Sugar exports recorded a 0.03% decline to 104,217 long tons but revenues edged up by 1.5% to \$108.9mn due to an improvement in the Euro/US dollar exchange rate. On a positive note, sales to CARICOM resumed after a six-year hiatus. The EU price increase and sales to CARICOM compensated for higher freight rates. Exports of molasses increased by 31.1% to 33,790 long tons valued at \$8.2mn.

Orange and grapefruit juice exports declined by 10.8% in the first three quarters, generating earnings of \$69.5mn as higher prices for both products ameliorated the fall in revenues to 7.1%. A reduction in orange yields in Florida, where an estimated 70.0% of the citrus trees are believed to be infected by citrus greening, sent prices upward by 4.7% and this was reinforced by a severe drought in Brazil (the worst in decades) that is expected to reduce yields of the current crop as well as next year's crop. Exports of

Chart 4.2: Domestic Exports



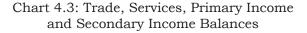
marine products grew by 9.1% to 12.3mn pounds reflecting increases in farmed shrimp, lobster and conch. At \$84.1mn, earnings were 22.6% higher mainly due to the heightening of prices for farmed shrimp as production of the three largest Asian producers (Thailand, China and Vietnam) was negatively impacted by the "early mortality syndrome".

Banana exports rose by 176 metric tonnes to 75,950 metric tons, while earnings fell by 0.3% to \$77.8mn. In the case of petroleum, the sustained decline in the crude oil extraction rate made it infeasible for export shipments in March, June and September. Export volume for the first three quarters of the year consequently decreased by 26.3% to 397,659 barrels, while revenues plummeted by 32.6% to \$77.1mn, as the average export price fell by 8.5% to US\$96.94 per barrel. Papaya export volumes almost halved, causing a proportional decline in receipts to \$10.3mn.

On the upside, net earnings from services improved by 19.8% to \$440.6mn, as higher inflows from tourism and lower outlays on other services outweighed increased expenditures on freight. Buoyancy in stayover and cruise ship arrivals ramped up net travel receipts by 10.7% to \$524.9mn. External payments for miscellaneous services such as consultancies, accounting and legal assistance returned to lower and more customary levels this year, as the restructuring of the international bond had inflated 2013 costs. Meanwhile, shipping costs were higher due to the growth in imports.

Net outflows on the primary income account rose from \$173.7mn in 2013 to \$229.2mn with the resumption of bi-annual interest payments on the restructured bond, higher retained earnings by the domestic banks and profit outflows by investors in electricity and tourism. The surplus on the secondary income account rose by \$5.8mn to \$116.8mn mainly due to increased inflows for family maintenance.

Grants from bilateral and multilateral sources such as the Republic of China and the EU contributed to the capital account surplus of \$59.3mn, and net inflows on the financial account almost doubled to \$213.6mn mostly due to an upsurge in foreign direct investment into construction, hotel developments and real estate purchases. There was no movement



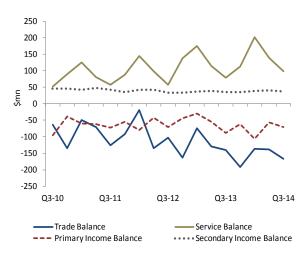


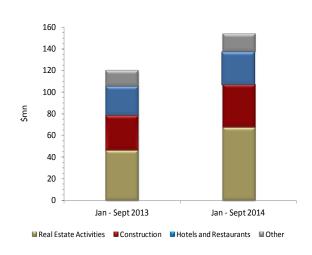
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P - Provisional





on the portfolio account in contrast to the \$31.8mn contraction in liabilities recorded in 2013 that reflected the reduction in the value of the restructured bond. Net inflows from other investments totaled \$62.3mn as net loan disbursements to the government more than compensated for loan amorisations and foreign currency account draw-downs by the private sector.

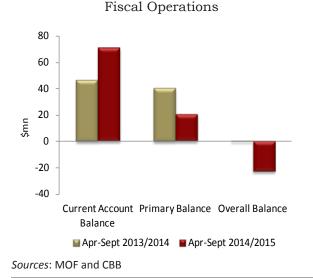
Government Operations and Public Debt

Government Operations

In comparison with the first nine months of 2013, Central Government's overall deficit widened from 0.4% of GDP to 1.6% of GDP (\$54.8mn). The primary surplus was \$13.2mn lower and stood at 0.7% of GDP. Expenditures rose by 19.8% mostly due to the ramping up of capital projects, the resumption of biannual interest payments on the 2038 restructured super bond, the salary increase to workers and grants to high schools. The main contributors to the 13.6% increase in revenues were higher grant inflows, increased collection of the General Sales Tax (GST) and income from the international registries.

Revenues and expenditures for the first half of the 2014/2015 fiscal year were on target at 52.0% and 50.5%, respectively, of budget. The primary surplus almost

Chart 5.1: Central Government



halved to 0.6% of GDP, and the overall balance swung from a surplus of 0.03% of GDP to a deficit of 0.7% of GDP.

Notwithstanding lower oil receipts, revenues expanded by 7.0% to \$488.9mn (14.3% of GDP) due to higher collections from personal income tax, the GST, import duties, rents/royalties and property income. The GST was boosted by improved monitoring and its imposition on fuel imports in place of the fixed import duty previously levied. The receipt of \$4.0mn in dividends from Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL) and \$6.0mn in profits from the Central Bank boosted property income, while receipts from the registration of international companies and ships raised earnings from rent and royalties. On the downside, collections of business tax fell by \$5.7mn, while petroleum receipts contracted by \$5.5mn due to declining production. Grant receipts were \$9.1mn lower than 2013 and stood at \$13.9mn.

With the intensification of public works on infrastructure, expenditure rose by 12.3% to \$511.9mn (15.0% of GDP), as current and capital spending rose by 4.2% and 56.4%, respectively. Except for goods and services, current outlays increased across the board. Workers' emoluments, pensions, and subsidies/current transfers rose by 11.7%, 8.1% and 10.4%, respectively, with the July payment of

				\$mn
	Jan-13 Sept-13	Jan-14 Sept-14	Apr-13 Sept-13	Apr-14 Sept-14
Total Revenue and Grants	663.2	753.7	456.7	488.9
of which: Current Revenue	635.2	690.4	431.2	472.0
of which: Grants	23.9	59.1	23.0	13.9
Total Expenditure	675.0	808.5	455.9	511.9
Current Expenditure	560.3	610.2	385.3	401.4
Capital Expenditure	114.7	198.4	70.6	110.4
Current Balance	74.9	80.2	45.9	70.6
Primary Balance	36.0	22.8	40.1	20.5
Overall Balance	-11.8	-54.8	0.9	-23.0

 Table 5.1: Central Government Revenue and Expenditure

Sources: MOF and CBB estimates

the negotiated salary increase to public servants. Meanwhile, interest payments increased due to the resumption of the bi-annual payments on the restructured 2038 bond. Capital spending and net lending amounted to \$110.4mn (7.7% above budget) and included \$1.5mn in transfers to Belize Water Services Limited. Of the total, 45.8% was spent on road infrastructure,

Table 5.2: Summary of Government Revenue and Expenditure

				\$mn
	Jan-13 Sept-13	Jan-14 Sept-14	Apr-13 Sept-13	Apr-14 Sept-14
Current Revenue	635.2	690.4	431.2	472.0
Tax Revenue	563.3	595.3	376.6	404.8
Income and Profits	187.3	189.7	123.2	126.4
Taxes on Property	5.0	4.5	3.3	3.0
Taxes on Goods and Services	230.3	246.9	153.0	168.0
International Trade and Transactions	140.7	154.2	97.1	107.5
Non-Tax Revenue	71.9	95.0	54.5	67.2
Property Income	5.0	12.0	3.8	11.5
Licenses	10.1	9.4	7.7	5.4
Other	56.8	73.7	43.0	50.2
Capital Revenue	4.1	4.2	2.6	3.0
Grants	23.9	59.1	23.0	13.9
Sources: MOE and CBB estimates				

Sources: MOF and CBB estimates

				\$mn
	Jan-13 Sept-13	Jan-14 Sept-14	Apr-13 Sept-13	Apr-14 Sept-14
Current Expenditure	560.3	610.2	385.3	401.4
Wages and Salaries	222.4	243.8	149.0	166.4
Pensions	40.9	42.9	27.7	30.0
Goods and Services	151.0	138.4	100.3	85.4
Interest Payments	47.7	77.6	39.2	43.5
of which: External	36.6	68.0	31.3	36.8
Subsidies and Current Transfers	98.2	107.5	68.9	76.1
Capital Expenditure	114.7	198.4	70.6	110.4
Capital II	60.2	87.5	41.5	51.2
Capital III	52.2	108.5	27.6	57.7
Net Lending	2.3	2.3	1.5	1.5

Table 5.3: Summary of Central Government Expenditure

Sources: MOF and CBB estimates

including developments on the south side of Belize City, completion of works on the Southern Highway, the construction of the Macal Bridge, Santa Elena international crossing and the maintenance and rehabilitation of highways. Some 11.0% went on land and solid waste management, while environmental and social protection projects were allotted 13.6% and 4.3%, respectively. A medley of disbursements for education, health, tourism, science, technology, security, defense and housing accounted for 6.8%. The remainder was spent on projects such as the Belize Sports Centre, the National Bank of Belize Limited, furniture, equipment and upgrading of office buildings.

Central Government Domestic Debt

At the end of September, Central Government's domestic debt rose by 2.0%

to \$393.4mn (11.5% of GDP), due to an increase of \$9.2mn in its overdraft balance at the Central Bank, which overshadowed amortization payments of \$1.7mn paid to domestic banks and non-bank entities. As a result, the share of Central Government's debt held by the Central Bank rose from 39.7% at the end of 2013 to 40.9% at the end of September, while the domestic banks' share stood at 44.6%.

Interest payments totaled \$9.6mn and were equivalent to an average annual effective interest rate of 3.5%, which was an improvement on the 3.8% interest rate of 2013. The fall in costs was largely due to the downward trajectory in Treasury bill yields. The Central Bank received \$8.2mn on the overdraft facility and on its holdings of Treasury notes. Interest payments to domestic banks totaled \$1.1mn and an

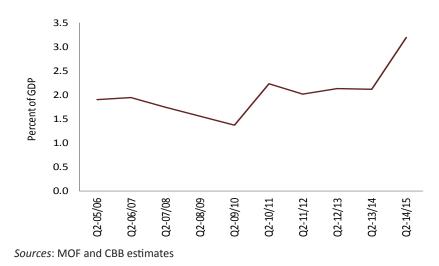


Chart 5.2: Central Government Development Expenditure

additional \$0.3mn was paid to non-bank entities.

Public Sector External Debt

The public sector external debt increased by 4.0% to \$2,251.4mn (66.0% of GDP), as disbursements of \$149.1mn exceeded amortization payments of \$59.4mn. Notable disbursements included \$115.2mn from Venezuela under the Petrocaribe initiative and \$32.5mn from

Table 5.4: Central Government Domestic Debt

			\$mn
	Dec 2013	Sept 2014	Changes in Stock
Overdraft	55.1	64.4	9.2
Loans	9.2	7.5	-1.7
Treasury Bills	175.0	175.0	0.0
Treasury Notes	136.5	136.5	0.0
Defence Bonds	10.0	10.0	0.0
Total	385.8	393.4	7.6

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multilateral lenders such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB).

Principal repayments by Central Government amounted to \$49.4mn, of which \$24.4mn went to bilateral lenders and \$25.0mn to multilateral creditors. The Development Finance Corporation (DFC) and the non-financial public sector repaid \$3.9mn to the CDB, and Central Bank repaid \$1.8mn to the International Monetary Fund for the Emergency Natural Disaster Assistance facility. Commercial suppliers were also paid \$3.2mn.

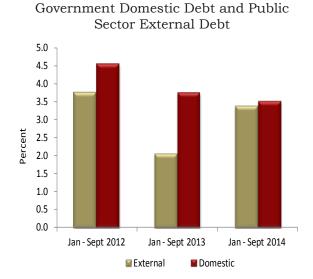
At \$68.3mn, interest payments were \$30.7mn higher than the amount paid during the comparable period of 2013 due to the resumption of bi-annual interest payments on the restructured bond. Consequently, the year-on-year (October 2013 to September 2014) effective interest rate averaged 3.4%, higher than the oneoff rate of 2.1% in 2013, but below the 4.1% averaged over 2009-2012. The downward slide in interest rates has been largely due to the concessional nature of the Venezuelan loans (1.0% annual interest and repayment period of 25 years) and the lower negotiated bond interest rates. Holders of the bond received \$52.7mn, which represented 77.1% of the interest paid during the review period. Bilateral lenders received \$6.0mn, with \$4.8mn going to Republic of China/Taiwan (ROC/ Taiwan), while the \$9.6mn in interest payments to multilateral lenders went mostly to CDB and IDB.

At the end of September, Central Government held 96.4% of the outstanding external debt, and the financial and non-financial public sectors accounted for 2.7%

NB: Principal for 2013 excludes the \$107.9mn haircut.

and 0.9%, respectively. Some \$1.3mn of the present portfolio is scheduled to mature during the next twelve months, and \$182.2mn is scheduled to mature during the next ten years, leaving \$2.1bn with a maturity of more than ten years.

Chart 5.4: Average Interest Rate on Central





			\$mn
	DOD at: 31/12/2013	DOD at: 30/09/2014	Change in Debt Stock
Central Government	2,071.4	2,169.5	98.1
Bilateral	480.4	572.2	91.9
Multilateral	537.9	544.3	6.3
Bonds	1,053.0	1,053.0	0.0
Domestic Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0
Export Credit	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-Financial Public Sector	28.6	21.2	-7.5
Bilateral	2.1	1.7	-0.4
Multilateral	23.3	19.4	-3.9
Domestic Banks	3.2	0.0	-3.2
Export Credit	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Public Sector	65.4	60.8	-4.7
Bilateral	0.0	0	0.0
Multilateral	65.4	60.8	-4.7
Bonds	0.0	0.0	0.0
Export Credit	0.0	0.0	0.0
Grand Total	2,165.4	2,251.4	86.0

Table 5.5: Public Sector External Debt

ANNEX I

Table 6.1: Selected Gross Domestic Product Growth Rates

		Percent
	June 2014	Sept 2014
USA ⁽²⁾	4.6	5.0
UK ⁽¹⁾	0.8	3.0
Euro Zone ⁽¹⁾	0.6	0.8
Japan ⁽²⁾	-6.7	-1.9

Source: Respective Statistical Bureaus

⁽¹⁾ Percentage change compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

⁽²⁾ Percentage change on an annualized basis.

Table 6.2: Factors Responsible for Money Supply Movements⁽¹⁾

			\$mn
		Changes	During
	Position	Dec-13	Dec-12
	as at	to	to
	Sept-14	Sept-14	Sept-13
Net Foreign Assets	1,223.5	135.9	84.8
Central Bank	963.1	142.5	163.9
Domestic Bank	260.4	-6.6	-79.1
Net Domestic Credit	1,870.1	-2.0	-101.1
Central Government (Net)	-34.3	-50.9	-114.8
Other Public Sector	15.2	-5.6	5.0
Private Sector	1,889.2	54.5	8.7
Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Long-term)	53.1	-3.9	-5.5
Other Items (Net)	445.8	19.7	-1.5
Money Supply (M2)	2,594.7	118.1	-9.3

⁽¹⁾ Transactions associated with the Universal Health Services (UHS) loan with the Belize Bank Limited are not included in this table, as no action has been taken to enforce the claim.

Table 6.3: Money Supply

			\$mn
		Chang	es During
	Position as at	Dec-13 to	Dec-12 to
	Sept-14	Sept-14	Sept-13
Money Supply (M2)	2,594.7	118.1	-9.3
Money Supply (M1)	1,263.6	141.7	-15.4
Currency with the Public	209.1	-2.6	-1.6
Demand Deposits	901.3	149.8	29.9
Savings/Chequing Deposits	153.2	-5.5	-43.7
Quasi-Money	1,331.1	-23.6	6.1
Savings Deposits	416.5	5.7	63.8
Time Deposits	914.6	-29.3	-57.7

Table 6.4: Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System

			\$mn
		Changes	s During
	Position	Dec-13	Dec-12
	as at	to	to
	Sept-14	Sept-14	Sept-13
Net Foreign Assets of Banking System	1,223.5	135.9	84.8
Net Foreign Assets of Central Bank	963.1	142.5	163.9
Central Bank Foreign Assets	964.8	142.8	163.4
Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Demand)	1.7	0.3	-0.5
Net Foreign Assets of Domestic Banks	260.4	-6.6	-79.1
Domestic Bank Foreign Assets	313.5	19.2	-66.4
Domestic Bank Foreign Liabilities (Short-Term)	53.1	25.8	12.7

Table 6.5: Net Domestic Credit

			\$r
		Changes I	During
	Position as at Sept-14	Dec-13 to Sept-14	Dec-12 to Sept-13
Total Credit to Central Government	336.3	12.6	-3.2
From Central Bank	161.0	7.4	3.8
Loans and Advances	64.4	9.2	4.3
Goverment Securities ⁽¹⁾	96.6	-1.8	-0.5
From Domestic Banks	175.3	5.2	-7.0
Loans and Advances	3.8	-0.6	-0.8
Government Securities	171.5	5.8	-6.2
of which: Treasury Bills	171.5	5.8	-7.0
Treasury Notes	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.8
Less Central Government Deposits	370.6	63.5	111.6
With Central Bank	327.0	59.7	108.6
With Domestic Banks	43.6	3.8	3.0
Net Credit to Central Government	-34.3	-50.9	-114.8
Credit to Other Public Sector	15.2	-5.6	5.0
From Central Bank	0.0	0.0	0.0
From Domestic Banks	15.2	-5.6	5.0
of which: Local Government	1.0	0.1	-0.2
Public Financial Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public Utilities	8.4	-1.8	5.1
Other Statutory Bodies	3.8	-4.4	0.1
Securities	2.0	0.5	0.0
Plus Credit to the Private Sector	1,889.2	54.5	8.7
Loans and Advances	1,888.8	54.1	8.2
Securities	0.4	0.4	0.5
Net Domestic Credit of the Banking System ⁽²⁾	1,870.1	-2.0	-101.1

⁽¹⁾ Include Central Bank's holdings of Government Treasury bills and Treasury notes. ⁽²⁾ Values may not equal total due to rounding.

Table 6.6: Sectoral Composition of Domestic Banks'
Loans and Advances

			\$mn
		Change	s During
	Position	Dec-13	Dec-12
	as at Sept-14	to Sept-14	to Sept-13
PRIMARY SECTOR	235.0	36.6	1.6
Agriculture	185.7	33.2	12.1
Sugar	54.7	39.3	1.3
Citrus	15.9	-7.4	6.4
Bananas	68.4	-0.3	-0.7
Other	46.7	1.6	5.1
Marine Products	27.0	2.9	-10.8
Forestry	1.6	0.0	0.5
Mining and Exploration	20.7	0.5	-0.2
SECONDARY SECTOR	565.9	4.6	11.1
Manufacturing	21.6	-2.0	-9.1
Building and Construction	518.7	12.8	18.1
Utilities	25.6	-6.2	2.1
TERTIARY SECTOR	664.3	9.6	0.7
Transport	41.2	1.4	-9.9
Tourism	93.0	-0.4	-0.6
Distribution	185.1	3.1	-12.6
Real Estate	278.4	13.7	18.6
Professional Services	49.8	-0.9	7.4
Other ⁽¹⁾	16.8	-7.3	-2.2
Personal Loans	436.1	-3.8	-1.2
TOTAL	1,901.3	47.0	12.2

⁽¹⁾ Includes Government services, financial institutions and entertianment.

			\$mn
		Changes	During
	Position	Dec-13	Dec-12
	as at Sept-14	to Sept-14	to Sept-13
Holdings of Approved Liquid Assets	923.6	108.4	30.4
Notes and Coins	62.7	-11.9	-6.0
Balances with Central Bank	493.3	92.2	50.0
Money at Call and Foreign Balances (due in 90 days)	181.2	22.1	-6.7
Treasury Bills maturing in not more than 90 days	171.5	5.9	-6.8
Other Approved Assets	14.9	0.1	-0.1
of which: Treasury Notes	0.0	0.0	0.0
Required Liquid Assets	561.7	40.0	29.8
Excess/(Deficiency) Liquid Assets	361.9	68.4	0.6
Daily Average Holdings of Cash Reserves	493.2	102.1	49.9
Required Cash Reserves	207.6	14.8	11.0
Excess/(Deficiency) Cash Reserves	285.6	87.3	38.9
Actual Securities Balances	171.6	5.6	-7.1
Excess/(Deficiency) Securities	171.6	5.6	-7.1

Table 6.7: Domestic Banks' Liquidity Position and Cash Reserves

Table 6.8: Domestic Banks' Weighted Average Interest Rates

			Percent
		Chang	es During
	Position	Dec-13	Dec-12
	as at Sept-14	to Sept-14	to Sept-13
Weighted Lending Rates			000010
Personal Loans	12.54	0.20	-0.44
Commercial Loans	10.78	-0.44	-0.40
Residential Construction	8.96	-0.73	-0.50
Other	8.59	-0.61	-0.87
Weighted Average	10.77	-0.35	-0.48
Weighted Deposit Rates			
Demand	0.22	-0.16	-0.04
Savings/Chequing	2.57	0.02	0.11
Savings	2.33	-0.23	-0.22
Time	2.85	-0.50	-0.43
Weighted Average	1.75	-0.42	-0.28
Weighted Average Spread	9.02	0.07	-0.20

				Percent
		Rolling A	Averages	
	Jan-14	Jan-13	Oct-13	Oct-12
	to	to	to	to
	Sept-14	Sept-13	Sept-14	Sept-13
Weighted Lending Rates				
Personal Loans	11.60	10.61	11.28	10.47
Commercial Loans	9.87	10.61	9.68	10.64
Residential Construction	7.22	9.40	7.58	9.28
Other	7.72	8.42	7.77	8.58
Weighted Average	9.84	10.20	9.74	10.19
Weighted Deposit Rates				
Demand	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.01
Savings/Chequing	1.57	1.63	1.44	1.70
Savings	2.02	1.67	2.00	1.51
Time	2.18	3.29	2.32	3.33
Weighted Average	2.11	3.03	2.25	3.05
Weighted Average Spread	7.73	7.17	7.49	7.14

Table 6.9: Domestic Banks' Weighted Average Interest Rates on New Loans and Deposits

Table 6.10: Real Gross Domestic Product Growth Rates⁽¹⁾

	Year on Yea	r Growth (%)
	Jan-Sept 13 ^R Over Jan-Sept 12 ^R	Jan-Sept 14 [₽] Over Jan-Sept 13 ^ℝ
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	1.5	13.0
Fishing	25.4	5.7
Manufacturing (including Mining and Quarrying)	-18.5	-2.5
Electricity and Water	-9.3	17.8
Construction	-0.9	1.4
Wholesale and Retail	7.0	6.5
Hotels and Restaurants	9.5	17.6
Transport and Communication	4.8	0.7
Other Private Services excluding Financial Services Indirectly Measured	-2.1	-6.2
Producers of Government Services	-1.5	1.3
All Industries at Basic Prices	-0.2	3.6
Taxes on Products	10.8	7.8
GDP at Market Prices	1.3	4.2

^R - Revised

						\$mn
	Quarter 1 2013 ^R	Quarter 2 2013 ^R	Quarter 3 2013 ^R	Quarter 1 2014 ^P	Quarter 2 2014 ^P	Quarter 3 2014 ^P
Agriculture, Hunting and Forestry	77.2	73.3	48.1	74.1	92.4	57.9
Fishing	23.3	31.8	30.0	27.5	26.6	35.9
Manufacturing (including Mining and Quarrying)	74.6	65.9	44.1	60.2	77.3	42.6
Electricity and Water	22.5	26.8	37.9	34.1	36.5	32.2
Construction	15.6	15.8	14.6	15.5	17.0	14.2
Wholesale and Retail	107.2	102.3	105.3	104.3	116.8	114.2
Hotels and Restaurants	34.2	25.2	19.0	38.5	30.6	23.1
Transport and Communication	75.1	72.0	67.9	75.1	74.5	66.8
Other Private services excluding Financial						
Services Indirectly Measured	104.4	104.1	102.4	98.3	97.0	96.3
Producers of Government Services	59.3	64.0	47.2	58.4	60.2	54.2
All Industries at Basic Prices	593.4	581.3	516.4	586.1	628.9	537.3
Taxes on Products	100.4	96.8	100.4	99.6	111.7	109.4
GDP at Constant Prices	693.8	678.0	616.8	685.7	740.6	646.7

Table 6.11: Gross Domestic Product by Activity at Constant 2000 Prices

Source: SIB

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					% Cha	ange
Major Commodity	Weights	July-14	Aug-14	Sept-14	Sept 2014 over Aug 2014	YTD 2014 over YTD 2013
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	195	106.3	106.2	106.2	-0.0	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	17	101.1	101.0	100.8	-0.2	0.9
Clothing and Footwear	83	95.7	95.7	95.7	0.0	-0.1
Housing, Water, Electricty, Gas, and Other Fuels	265	102.2	102.7	102.6	-0.1	1.7
Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Routine Household Maintenance	69	100.3	100.4	100.4	0.0	0.8
Health	41	109.4	108.8	109.1	0.2	1.9
Transport	136	109.1	108.7	108.0	-0.7	2.6
Communication	33	97.2	97.7	97.7	0.0	0.1
Recreation and Culture	69	105.5	105.7	105.8	0.1	1.8
Education	32	101.1	101.9	101.8	-0.1	0.8
Restaurants and Hotels	7	108.1	108.1	108.1	-0.0	4.0
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	52	100.9	102.1	102.1	-0.0	1.2
All Items	1,000	103.5	103.6	103.6	-0.1	1.3

Table 6.12: Consumer Price Index (CPI) Commodity Group

				\$'000
SITC Section	Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014	\$ change	% change
0. Food and Live Animals	146,462	166,928	20,466	14.0
1. Beverages and Tobacco	33,826	40,140	6,314	18.7
2. Crude Materials	15,339	22,679	7,340	47.9
3. Minerals, Fuels and Lubricants	278,169	271,799	(6,370)	(2.3)
of which: Electricity	74,313	33,828	(40,485)	(54.5)
4. Oils and Fats	10,945	11,396	451	4.1
5. Chemical Products	121,904	123,708	1,804	1.5
6. Manufactured Goods	171,713	168,000	(3,713)	(2.2)
7. Machinery and Transport Equipment	255,605	279,737	24,132	9.4
8. Other Manufactured Goods	85,760	103,232	17,472	20.4
9. Commodities not elsewhere classified	4	573	569	14,225.0
10. Export Processing Zones	61,377	112,600	51,223	83.5
11. Commercial Free Zone	249,707	190,598	(59,109)	(23.7)
12. Personal and Household Goods	5,447	5,133	(314)	(5.8)
Total	1,436,257	1,496,522	60,265	4.2

Table 6.13: Gross Imports at Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) by Standard International Trade Classification (SITC)

Sources: CBB and SIB

Table 6.14: Balance of Payments

		\$mn
	Jan - Sept 2013 ^R	Jan - Sept 2014 ^p
CURRENT ACCOUNT	-37.6	-100.5
Goods: Exports FOB	959.5	923.6
Goods: Imports FOB	1,302.3	1,352.4
Trade Balance	-342.8	-428.8
Services: Credit	680.5	756.2
Transportation	33.9	36.2
Travel	535.2	585.6
Other Goods and Services	72.6	93.2
Government Goods and Services	38.8	41.1
Services: Debit	312.6	315.6
Transportation	111.8	119.2
Travel	61.1	60.8
Other Goods and Services	121.0	118.1
Government Goods and Services	18.8	17.5
Balance on Goods and Services	25.1	11.8
Primary Income: Credit	8.7	13.4
Compensation of Employees	3.5	3.5
Investment Income	5.2	9.9
Primary Income: Debit	182.4	242.7
Compensation of Employees	10.2	10.8
Investment Income	172.2	231.8
Balance on Goods, Services and Primary Income	-148.6	-217.4
Secondary Income: Credit	157.8	164.9
Secondary Income: Debit	46.8	48.2
CAPITAL ACCOUNT	61.6	59.3
Capital Account: Credit	61.6	59.3
Capital Account: Debit	0.0	0.0
FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	-111.6	-213.6
Direct Investment Abroad	1.0	1.2
Direct Investment in Reporting Economy	77.4	152.5
Portfolio Investment Assets	0.0	0.0
Portfolio Investment Liabilities	-31.8	0.0
Financial Derivatives	0.0	0.0
Other Investment Assets	-41.4	15.8
Other Investment Liabilities	25.7	78.1
NET ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	29.3	-26.2
OVERALL BALANCE	165.0	146.1
RESERVE ASSETS	165.0	146.1
Source: CBB ^R - Revised		
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		lan Cont	\$n
		Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014
Total Services	Net	367.9	440.6
	Credits	680.5	756.2
	Debits	312.6	315.6
Manufacturing Services	Net	0.6	0.0
	Credits	0.6	0.0
	Debits	0.0	0.0
Maintenance and Repair Services	Net	0.0	0.0
	Credits	0.0	0.0
	Debits	0.0	0.0
Transportation	Net	-77.8	-83.0
	Credits	33.9	36.2
	Debits	111.8	119.2
Travel	Net	474.1	524.9
	Credits	535.2	585.6
	Debits	61.1	60.8
Telecommunications, Computer, and Information services	Net	4.4	5.0
• •	Credits	15.6	15.6
	Debits	11.2	10.6
Construction Services	Net	0.0	0.0
	Credits	0.0	0.0
	Debits	0.0	0.0
Insurance and Pension Services	Net	-42.4	-42.4
	Credits	0.3	0.4
	Debits	42.7	42.7
Financial Services	Net	-0.0	-0.8
	Credits	4.5	4.1
	Debits	4.5	5.0
Charges for the Use of Intellectual Property, n.i.e.	Net	-2.8	-6.7
	Credits	0.0	0.0
	Debits	2.8	6.7
Other Business Services	Net	-7.8	20.3
	Credits	51.6	73.0
	Debits	59.4	52.7
Personal, Cultural and Recreational Services	Net	-0.4	-0.3
,	Credits	0.0	0.0
	Debits	0.4	0.3
Government Services, n.i.e.	Net	20.0	23.6
,	Credits	38.8	41.1
	Debits	18.8	17.5

Table 6.15: Extended Balance of Payment Services Classifications (EBOPS)

					\$mn
	Disbursed Outstanding	Transactions (J	Transactions (January - September 2014)		
Economic Sectors	as at 12/31/2013	Disbursements	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Outstanding as at 9/30/2014
Long Term:					
Agriculture	65,792	3,000	5,994	657	61,596
Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	1,700	0	0	0	1,700
Construction	59,287	0	129	5,223	59,158
Economic Diversification	500	500	0	32	1,000
Education	198	0	0	0	198
Electricity and Gas	5,356	0	92	1,098	5,263
Financial and Insurance Activities	111	0	0	0	111
Fishing	111,756	300	5,678	2,328	106,079
Information and Communication	940	0	96	38	844
Real Estate Activities	106	0	0	0	106
Toursim Activities	43,410	0	1,245	782	42,166
Transportation	33,302	0	1,041	283	32,261
Wholesale and Retail Trade	1,035	0	68	38	966
Other	25	0	8	1	16
Total	323,516	3,800	14,351	10,478	311,463

Table 6.16: Private Sector External Debt by Economic Sector^(1,3)

⁽¹⁾ The loans only cover that portion of the private sector debt that is reported to the Central Bank of Belize.

⁽²⁾ In compliance with legislation issued on 21 June 2011, the Government of Belize acquired Belize Electricity Ltd. (BEL) as a public entity. BEL is no longer a private sector entity, thus reflecting a reduction in disbursed outstanding debt (DOD) for the electricity and gas sector as of June 2011.

⁽³⁾ At the time of reporting not all companies have submitted their balance sheets to the Central Bank of Belize.

	Jan - Sep	Jan - Sept 2013		ot 2014
	Volume (long tons)	Value (\$'000)	Volume (long tons)	Value (\$'000)
Sugar	104,250	107,227	104,217	108,874
E.U.	103,992	106,855	103,122	107,673
USA	0	0	0	0
Caricom	0	0	969	1,007
Other	258	373	127	194
Molasses	25,770	5,541	33,790	8,237
Source: SIB				

Table 6.17: Exports of Sugar and Molasses

	Jan - Sep	t 2013	Jan - Sept	2014
	Pound Solid ('000)	Value (\$ '000)	Pound Solid ('000)	Value (\$ '000)
Citrus Concentrates				
U.S.A.				
Orange	10,099.4	23,738	11,469.6	31,147
Grapefruit	0.0	0	0.0	0
Caribbean				
Orange	5,292.2	16,734	4,021.1	12,661
Grapefruit	459.2	1,580	375.7	1,340
Europe				
Orange	7,659.7	22,941	5,992.5	18,067
Grapefruit	1,565.1	6,256	937.6	4,160
Other				
Orange	1,056.9	2,831	349.8	945
Grapefruit	109.7	378	289.9	1,017
Sub-Total ⁽¹⁾	26,242.2	74,458	23,436.3	69,336
Orange	24,108.2	66,244	21,833.0	62,820
Grapefruit	2,134.0	8,214	1,603.3	6,516
Not-From-Concentrate				
Sub-Total	74.0	423	38.0	210.6
Orange	62.6	351	30.1	160
Grapefruit	11.4	73	8.0	51
Total Citrus Juices	26,316.3	74,882	23,474.3	69,547
Pulp (pounds '000)				
Total ⁽¹⁾	2,558.9	2,014	1,334.6	1,033
Orange	2,262.6	1,779	1,236.7	954
Grapefruit	296.4	235	97.9	79

Table 6.18: Export Sales of Citrus Products

Source: CPBL (1) Values may not be equal to total due to rounding.

Table 6.19: Exports of Marine Products

	Jan - Sept	Jan - Sept 2013		2014
	Volume ('000 pounds)	Value (\$'000)	Volume ('000 pounds)	Value (\$'000)
Lobster	375	10,679	431	11,713
Shrimp	10,126	52,586	11,102	67,253
Conch	383	4,525	407	4,621
Other Fish	383	810.7	350	537.4
Total	11,266	68,600	12,290	84,124

Sources: SIB and CBB

Table 6.20: Banana Exports

	Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014
Volume (metric tons)	75,774	75,950
Value (\$'000)	77,991	77,781
Source: BGA		

Table 6.21: Petroleum Exports

	Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014
Volume (Barrels)	539,765	397,659
Value (\$'000)	114,435	77,101

Source: Petroleum and Geology Department

Table 6.22: Other Major Exports

	Jan - Sept 2013	Jan - Sept 2014
Other Miscellaneous Exports (\$'000)	81,509	74,858
of which:		
<u>Papaya</u>		
Volume ('000 lbs)	46,769	26,439
Value (\$'000)	17,164	10,289
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Sources: SIB and CBB

Table 6.23: Central Government Domestic Debt by Creditor

	Disbursed TRANSACTIONS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2014					
	Outstanding Debt 31/12/13 ^R	Disbursement/ New Issue of Securities	Amortization/ Reduction in Securities	Interest	Net Change in Overdraft/ Securities	Disbursed Outstanding Debt 30/09/14 ^p
Overdraft/Loans	55,130	0	0	3,684	9,225	64,356
Central Bank	55,130	0	0	3,684	9,225	64,356
Domestic Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Treasury Bills	175,000	0	0	847	0	175,000
Central Bank	0	0	0	6	0	0
Domestic Banks	165,716	0	0	775	5,814	171,530
Other	9,284	0	0	66	(5,814)	3,470
Treasury Notes	136,500	0	0	3,824	0	136,500
Central Bank	88,421	0	0	3,714	(1,806)	86,615
Domestic Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	48,079	0	0	110	1,806	49,885
Defence Bonds	10,000	0	0	800	0	10,000
Central Bank	10,000	0	0	800	0	10,000
Domestic Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Atlantic Bank Limited	883	0	227	53	0	656
Heritage Bank Limited	3,486	0	391	249	0	3,095
Belize Social Security Board ⁽²⁾	1,564	0	807	83	0	757
Fort Street Tourism Village	607	0	152	0	0	455
Debt for Nature Swap	2,651	0	81	38	0	2,570
Total	385,822	0	1,658	9,577	9,225	393,389

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⁽¹⁾ Transactions associated with the Universal Health Services (UHS) loan with the Belize Bank Limited are not included in this table, as no action has been taken to enforce the claim.

⁽²⁾ Government has outstanding loans with BSSB consisting of (i) Hopeville Housing Project and (ii) loan purchased from Development Finance Corporation as of 30 January 2007.

Table 6.24: Central Government Revenue and Expenditure

	Approved Budget 2014/2015 [°]	Jan-13 to Sept-13	Jan-14 to Sept-14	Apr-13 to Sept-13	Apr-14 to Sept-14 ^p	Actual YTD as % of Budget
TOTAL REVENUE & GRANTS (1+2+3)	940,140	663,208	753,689	456,745	488,913	52.0%
1). Current Revenue	904,904	635,187	690,363	431,186	472,038	52.2%
Tax Revenue	784,059	563,264	595,319	376,642	404,830	51.6%
Income and Profits	250,825	187,278	189,744	123,219	126,365	50.4%
Taxes on Property	5,862	5,012	4,545	3,256	2,973	50.7%
Taxes on Goods and Services	315,289	230,321	246,855	153,035	167,987	53.3%
International Trade and						
Transactions	212,084	140,653	154,175	97,132	107,506	50.7%
Non-Tax Revenue	120,844	71,923	95,044	54,545	67,208	55.6%
Property Income	15,464	5,016	12,013	3,819	11,541	74.6%
Licences	15,166	10,064	9,380	7,739	5,430	35.8%
Other	90,215	56,843	73,651	42,986	50,236	55.7%
2). Capital Revenue	5,236	4,095	4,186	2,587	2,965	56.6%
3). Grants	30,000	23,926	59,141	22,972	13,910	46.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1+2)	1,013,236	674,981	808,530	455,895	511,885	50.5%
1). Current Expenditure	821,798	560,258	610,164	385,302	401,444	48.8%
Wages and Salaries	332,353	222,443	243,762	149,048	166,437	50.1%
Pensions	57,782	40,888	42,854	27,739	29,974	51.9%
Goods and Services	197,342	150,966	138,429	100,349	85,449	43.3%
Interest Payments on Public Debt	91,689	47,727	77,613	39,219	43,455	47.4%
Subsidies and Current Transfers	142,633	98,234	107,507	68,947	76,128	53.4%
2). Capital Expenditure	191,438	114,724	198,366	70,593	110,441	57.7%
Capital II (Local Sources)	105,894	60,157	87,539	41,489	51,211	48.4%
Capital III (Foreign Sources)	82,421	52,249	108,546	27,559	57,712	70.0%
Capital Transfer and Net Lending	3,123	2,318	2,281	1,544	1,518	48.6%
CURRENT BALANCE	83,106	74,929	80,198	45,884	70,594	84.9%
Primary Balance	18,593	35,954	22,772	40,069	20,484	110.2%
OVERALL BALANCE	(73,096)	(11,773)	(54,841)	850	(22,972)	31.4%
Primary Balance less Grants	(11,407)	12,027	(36,369)	17,097	6,574	-57.6%
Overall Balance less Grants	(103,096)	(35,699)	(113,982)	(22,121)	(36,882)	35.8%
FINANCING	73,096	11,773	54,841	(850)	22,972	
Domestic Financing		(110,127)	(55,221)	(84,995)	(58,581)	
Central Bank		(104,760)	(52,264)	(86 <i>,</i> 656)	(64,077)	
Net Borrowing		3,808	7,419	4,035	12,490	
Change in Deposits		(108,569)	(59,684)	(90,691)	(76,567)	
Commercial Banks		(10,886)	1,404	(3,003)	15,301	
Net Borrowing		(7,843)	5,201	(3,518)	9,704	
Change in Deposits		(3,043)	(3,797)	515	5,597	
Other Domestic Financing		5,519	(4,360)	4,665	(9,805)	
Financing Abroad		131,879	92,773	97,694	67,964	
Disbursements		260,031	142,163	127,864	100,528	
Amortization					(32,564)	
		(154,496)	(49,390)	(30,170)	,	
Net Reduction		26,344	0	0	0	
Other		(9,979)	17,289	(13,549)	13,589	

Sources: CBB and MOF

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Table 6 25 Publi	ic Sector External Debt by Creditor	
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						\$'000	
	Disbursed Outstanding Debt 31/12/13 ^R					Disbursed Outstanding	
			Principal Payments	Other Payments	Parity Change	Debt 30/09/14 [°]	
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	2,071,393	149,112	49,390	68,080	-1,590	2,169,525	
Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior	1,588	0	1,059	81	0	529	
Government of Venezuela	177,415	115,158	1,259	325	-0	291,313	
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	20,711	1,415	2,051	755	-402	19,673	
Republic of China	280,733	0	20,016	4,766	0	260,717	
Caribbean Development Bank	206,511	14,262	10,755	5,484	0	210,017	
Caricom Development Fund	3,936	0	400	52	0	3,536	
European Economic Community	13,071	0	549	57	-1,079	11,443	
Inter-American Development Bank	240,567	6,830	9,377	2,194	0	238,021	
International Fund for Agriculture Development	2,113	1,204	277	11	-110	2,930	
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	24,366	3,170	1,801	277	0	25,735	
Opec Fund for International Development	39,166	4,233	1,596	1,042	0	41,803	
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	8,212	2,840	249	385	0	10,803	
Bank of New York	1,053,004	0	0	52,650	0	1,053,004	
NON-FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR	28,642	2	7,453	583	-37	21,154	
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	2,124	0	355	43	-37	1,732	
The Bank of Nova Scotia ⁽¹⁾	3,190	0	3,190	15	0	0	
European Investment Bank ⁽¹⁾	779	0	779	13	-0	0	
Caribbean Development Bank ^{(1) (2)}	22,550	2	3,130	512	0	19,422	
FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR	65,408	0	2,573	174	-2,081	60,754	
Caribbean Development Bank	8,214	0	748	151	0	7,467	
European Economic Community	270	0	20	1	-21	228	
International Monetary Fund ⁽³⁾	56,924	0	1,805	21	-2,059	53,059	
GRAND TOTAL	2,165,443	149,114	59,416	68,837	-3,708	2,251,433	

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⁽¹⁾ Effective 21 June 2011, the nationalization of BEL caused an increase (\$23.1mn) in debt, which was matched by Government's acquisition of assets of equal value.

⁽²⁾ Effective 3 October 2005, loans to BWSL were reclassified as public sector debt as a result of Government of Belize's repurchase of the company.

⁽³⁾ International Monetary Fund Special Drawing Rights allocation is included as part of the financial public sector external debt obligation.