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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms:

BCB	British Caribbean Bank
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
BSWL	Belize Water Services Limited
CBB	Central Bank of Belize
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank
CGA	Citrus Growers Association
CPBL	Citrus Products of Belize Limited
CPI	Consumer Price Index
EU	European Union
FY	Fiscal Year
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
MOF	Ministry of Finance
SIB	Statistical Institute of Belize
UHS	Universal Health Services
US	United States
VPCA	Venezuelan Petrocaribe Agreement

Abbreviations and Conventions:

\$	refers to the Belize dollar unless otherwise stated
bn	denotes billion
mn	denotes million
ps	pound solids
TC/TS	Tons Cane to Tons Sugar

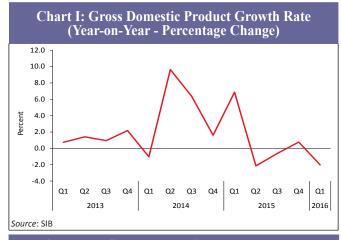
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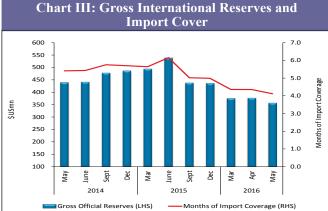
- 1. Since May of 1976, the Belize dollar has been fixed to the US dollar at the rate of US\$1.00 = BZ\$2.00.
- 2. The 2016 figures in this report are provisional and the figures for 2015 have been revised.
- 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the Central Bank of Belize is the source of all tables and charts.
- 4. Ratios to GDP for 2016 are based on Central Bank's forecast of annual GDP 2016.

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Summary of Economic Indicators





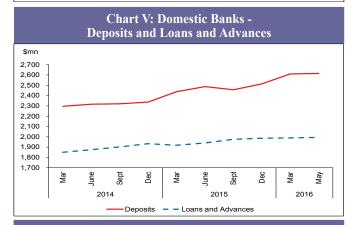
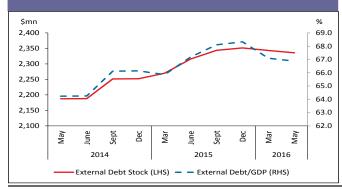


Chart VII: Public Sector External Debt





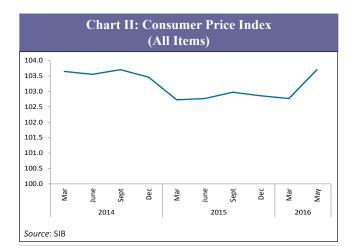


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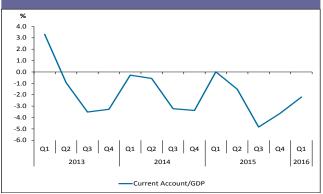
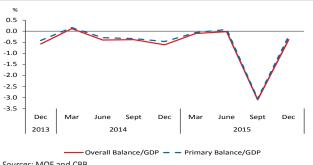
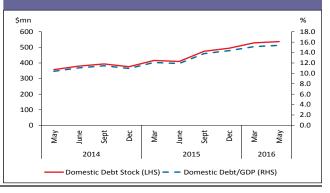


Chart VI: Primary and Overall Balances to GDP



Sources: MOF and CBB

Chart VIII: Central Government Domestic Debt



Overview

- Broad money supply grew by 3.7% up to May, with increases of \$78.9mn in net domestic credit and \$30.0mn in the net foreign assets of the banking system.
- The net foreign asset holdings of the Central Bank and domestic banks increased by \$10.3mn and \$19.7mn, respectively. The relatively modest growth in the latter was partly due to outflows related to the acquisition of the Belize branch of First Caribbean International Bank, as well as the decline in foreign exchange inflows due to the slump in performance of major commodity exports and pressures brought on by disruptions to correspondent banking services.
- Net domestic credit rose by 3.5% (\$78.9mn) mainly due to an expansion of \$70.1mn in net credit to Central Government. Lending to the private sector remained sluggish, rising by \$8.9mn over the five-month period.
- Liquidity in the domestic banks remained at high levels with excess holdings of statutory liquid assets rising by 13.3% since the start of the year.
- The weighted average interest rate spread on new loans rose by 17 basis points to 7.91%, while the 12-month rolling weighted average interest rate on new loans declined by 13 basis points to 9.62%, and rates on new deposits fell by 30 basis points to 1.71%.
- At the end of May, total public sector debt amounted to 82.2% of GDP. The domestic debt grew by \$42.5mn (from 14.2% of GDP to 15.4% of GDP), while the external public sector debt fell by \$15.7mn (from 67.3% of GDP to 66.9% of GDP).
- Commodity export receipts fell by 25.3% to \$182.8mn due to contractions in all major exports except for sugar and molasses. Gross imports (including electricity) fell by 1.7%% to \$817.2mn as a result of considerable declines in *"Fuels, Lubricants and Crude Materials"*, and imports destined for *"Export Processing Zones"* and the *"Commercial Free Zone"*.
- The average Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the first five months of 2016 rose by 0.2% as price increases in "Hotels and Restaurants", "Transport", and "Health" outweighed declines in "Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages", "Fuels" and "Education".

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Money and Credit

- Bolstered by a \$78.9mn increase in net domestic credit and \$30.0mn rise in net foreign assets, the broad money supply (M2) expanded by 3.7% during the first five months of 2016.
- The Central Bank's net foreign asset holdings fell by \$1.8mn in May but increased by \$10.3mn over the year to date, as foreign currency inflows of \$148.4mn exceeded outflows of \$136.9mn. The bulk of the inflows consisted of purchases from domestic banks and sugar export receipts. Inflows from external loan disbursements more than halved with a marked reduction in receipts under the Petrocaribe Agreement. Foreign exchange sales were mainly to facilitate servicing of Central Government's external debt.
- Similarly, while the domestic banks' net foreign assets contracted by \$2.2mn in May, an overall increase of \$19.7mn was recorded for the year to date. Net inflows in the five-month period were much lower than the \$74.5mn recorded in the comparable period of 2015. This was due to the sizeable payment made in Heritage Bank's acquisition of the local branch of First Caribbean International Bank, a sharp downturn in major exports and some diversion of foreign curreny earnings due to disruptions in correspondent banking services.
- Net domestic credit to Central Government rose by \$70.1mn, including \$20.0mn that was disbursed in May. Developments included a \$59.1mn increase in domestic banks holdings of government securities, whilst the Central Bank reduced its holdings by \$10.4mn. In addition, Central Government drew down

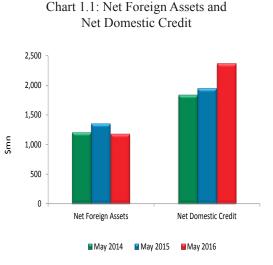
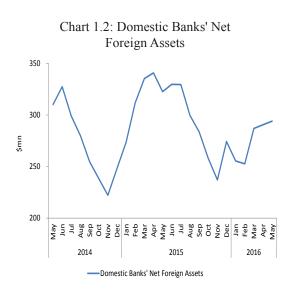


Table 1.1: Central Bank's Foreign Asset Flows

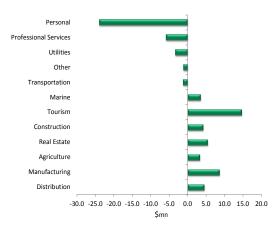
		\$mn
	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Total Inflows	151.9	148.4
Loan Disbursements	54.7	29.0
Sugar Receipts	29.3	30.2
Banks	19.1	58.6
Other	48.7	30.6
Total Outflows	100.7	136.9
Central Government	80.1	87.3
Other	20.6	49.6



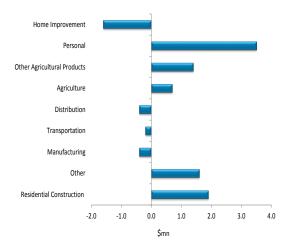
\$18.6mn from its deposits, while borrowing \$3.2mn from the Central Bank through the overdraft facility.

- Domestic bank loans to the private sector rose by \$8.9mn during the period reviewed, of which \$4.1mn was disbursed in May. The banks wrote off \$10.6mn worth of non-performing loans as compared to write-offs of \$7.7mn in the comparable period of 2015. Lending by the five largest credit unions also picked up with disbursements of \$5.5mn in May, bringing the total for the five-month period to \$9.9mn. The latter was mainly allocated for personal loans, land acquisition and residential construction.
- The excess statutory liquid asset holdings of the domestic banks increased by \$60.5mn to \$513.8mn (82.4% above the required limit). Holdings of excess cash continued to be almost double the legal requirement, rising by \$3.1mn to \$448.8mn.
- While the 12-month (rolling) weighted average lending rate on new loans rose by four basis points over the month to 9.62%, this was 13 basis points lower than the rate in May 2015. Rate contractions of 70 basis points were recorded for personal loans and on loans for other purposes, while rates on commercial loans fell by seven basis points and by two basis points for home construction loans.
- The 12-month weighted average interest rate on new deposits rose by one basis point to 1.71% in May, which was 30 basis points lower than the rate for the comparable period of 2015. The 19 basis point increase on the rate for savings deposits was outweighed by reductions of 66 basis points on savings/

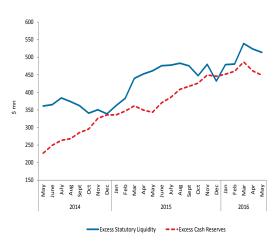
Chart 1.3: Net Change in Lending by Domestic Banks











chequing deposits and 18 basis points on time deposits. The weighted average spread thus widened by 17 basis points to 7.91%.

Chart 1.6: Domestic Banks' Weighted (Rolling) Average Interest Rates on New Loans and Deposits



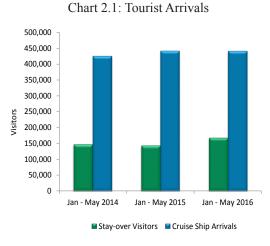
Real Sector Developments

- Except for sugarcane, production of the major export crops contracted during the period reviewed. Petroleum extraction also continued its steady decline, while marine output fell sharply due to the downturn in shrimp output following last year's bacterial outbreak.
- Driven by a 21.4% increase in air arrivals, overnight visitors increased by 16.6% to 166,645 in the first five months. This was attributable to increased airlift capacity inaugurated in late 2015, lower air fares and sustained marketing efforts in key source markets. Despite a 41.4% increase in May, cruise ship passenger disembarkations for the first five months of the year still dipped by 0.1% to 441,444 visitors, reflecting two fewer port calls.
- The 0.7% month-to-month increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in May lifted the average price level for the first five months of 2016 to 0.2%. Marginal price hikes were recorded in "Transport" (1.4%), "Health" (1.2%) and "Clothing and Footwear" (0.8%), which overshadowed price reductions for "Food and Non-alcoholic Beverages" (0.2%) and "Housing, Electricity, Gas and Other Fuels" (0.2%).
- Revenues from domestic exports fell by 25.3% to \$182.8mn, as receipts from all major commodities declined, except for sugar and molasses.
- Imports (including electricity) fell by 1.7% to \$817.2mn, as sizeable increases in imports of "Machinery, Transport and Equipment" (\$56.4mn) and "Food, Beverages and Tobacco" (\$15.4mn) were outweighed by decreases

Table 2.1: Production	of Main Domestic	Exports
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	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Sugarcane Deliveries (long tons)	889,902	1,020,990
Sugar (long tons)	110,184	104,858
Molasses (long tons)	26,683	34,936
Bananas (metric tons)	46,389	29,955
Citrus Deliveries (boxes)	4,066,031	3,153,228
Citrus Juices ('000 ps)	25,484	18,868
Papaya ('000 lbs)	15,617	5,027
Marine Exports ('000 lbs)	7,416	1,202
Petroleum (barrels)	234,639	196,399

Sources: BSI, BGA, CPBL, Geology & Petroleum Department



Sources: BTB and CBB

		\$mn
	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Sugar	46.8	60.1
Molasses	2.3	3.6
Bananas	52.4	33.8
Citrus	40.1	34.4
Petroleum	18.1	7.1
Other Domestic Exports	40.3	32.1
Of which: Papaya	5.9	2.9
Marine Exports	44.7	11.7
Total	244.7	182.8
Sources: BSI BGA CPBI SIP	Geology an	d Petroleum

Sources: BSI, BGA, CPBL, SIB, Geology and Petroleum

in the other categories. The largest declines were in *"Fuels, Lubricants and Crude Materials*" (\$41.0mn), *"Export Processing Zones*" (\$21.1mn) and *"Commercial Free Zone*" (\$15.7mn).

Sugarcane and Sugar

- With the return of the normal crop cycle after two years of delayed harvest starts, the year-todate deliveries of sugarcane for the 2015/2016 crop year rose by 29.7% to 1,154,220 long tons. Sugar cane production, however, increased by only 5.8% to 116,602 long tons. This was attributable to the delivery of stand-over cane and rainy weather at the start of the harvest, which caused juice purity to decline by 2.7% to 84.8% and raised the cane/sugar ratio from 8.0 to 9.8. Molasses production increased by 42.4% to 37,984 long tons.
- Sugar export volume rose markedly by 71.3% to 75,992 long tons, while revenue grew by only 28.4% to \$60.1mn, in line with a 25.1% drop in the international price for raw bulk sugar. This outcome was based on a new marketing agreement in which sugar prices are more reflective of market conditions and are now quoted in US dollars.

Citrus

- Citrus deliveries for the 2015/2016 crop year contracted by 24.3% to 3.4mn boxes, reflecting the lowest fruit yield since 2009. Orange deliveries fell by 19.6% to 3.0mn boxes, while grapefruit deliveries plummeted by 48.6% to 0.4mn boxes, as fruit yields continued to be severely affected by citrus greening.
- Because of lower fruit quality, there was an even steeper contraction of 27.0% in total citrus

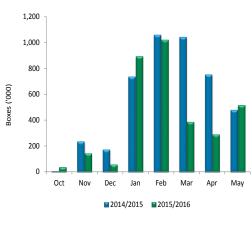
Table 2.3: Gross Imports by Standard International Trade Classification⁽¹⁾

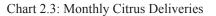
			\$mn
	Jan - May 2014	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Food, Beverages and Tobacco	117.8	108.0	123.4
Fuels, Lubricants and Crude Materials	164.2	140.2	99.2
Of which: Electricity	11.8	21.8	10.3
Oils, Fats and Chemicals	72.2	81.9	76.0
Manufactured Goods and Other Manufactures	150.3	159.2	157.9
Machinery, Transport and Equipment	153.2	167.9	224.2
Other Goods	3.8	2.0	1.4
Export Processing Zones	38.8	45.7	24.7
Commercial Free Zone	108.2	126.1	110.4
Total	808.5	831.0	817.2

Source:SIB (1) Imports are valued at cost, insurance and freight

Chart 2.2: Sugar Exports 90 90 75 75 Long Tons ('000) 60 60 45 45 30 30 15 15 ٥ Λ Jan - May 2016 Jan - May 2014 Jan - May 2015 Export Volume Export Revenue

Source: BSI





Source: CPBL

juice production to 19.9mn pounds solid (ps). Orange and grapefruit juice production fell by 23.9% and 51.3% to 18.4mn ps and 1.5mn ps, respectively. Consequently, the overall average citrus juice outturn per box was 3.6% lower than that of the same period in the previous year.

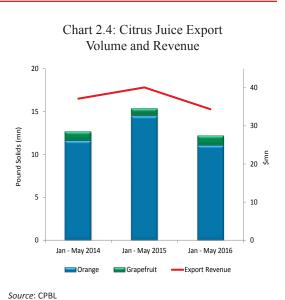
 Citrus juice export volume fell by 20.3% to 12.2mn ps, while revenue contracted by 14.3% to \$34.4mn. A 13.3% average price increase in the US and relatively stable prices in the Caribbean resulted in the majority of exports being directed to those markets. Shipments to the US and the Caribbean accounted for 64.6% and 28.6% of citrus juice exports, respectively.



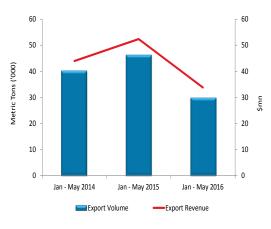
- Banana production contracted by 35.4% to 29,955 metric tons, while revenue fell proportionately by 35.5% to \$33.8mn.
- The lingering effects of a flood in late 2015, and the loss of 16.4% of total productive banana acreage due to the forced closure of the Meridian group were the principal causes of the reduced output.

Petroleum

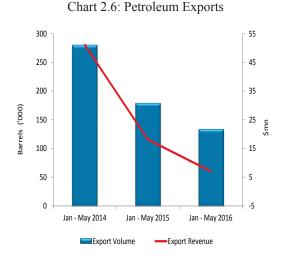
- Oil production fell by 16.2% to 196,399 barrels, with all extraction coming from the Spanish Lookout field. The average daily extraction rate stood at 1,623 barrels per day, which is 332 barrels less than the comparable period of 2015.
- With no shipments in May, crude oil exports fell by 25.1% to 134,465 barrels to date. Revenues plummeted further by 61.1% to \$7.1mn, as the fall in export volume was compounded by











Source: Geology and Petroleum Department

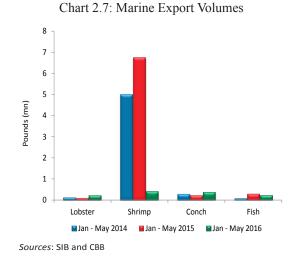
a 48.0% decline in the average export price to US\$26.25 per barrel.

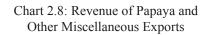
Marine Exports

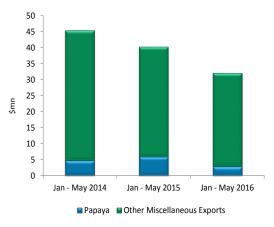
- Exports of marine products fell by 83.8% to 1.2mn pounds, as the 6.4mn pounds decline in shrimp exports easily outweighed increases in exports of lobster and conch. Marine export receipts fell by 73.7% to \$11.7mn.
- In the coming months, shrimp farms will be conducting field trials on new brood stock that are more disease resistant before commercial re-stocking resumes.

Other Domestic Exports

• Revenues from other domestic exports decreased by 20.3% to \$32.1mn, primarily due to lower earnings from papayas, black eyed peas and orange oil. Revenues from papaya exports fell by 51.3% to \$2.9mn, as the major papaya producer, Fruta Bomba Limited, winds down its production in Belize.







Source: SIB

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Central Government Operations

No data is available on Central Government operations past December 2015.

Central Government Domestic Debt

- Central Government's reliance on domestic borrowing to meet the 2038 bond interest payment and budgetary commitments continued in 2016 with the issuance of \$40.0mn worth of new Treasury notes – \$20.0mn in February and \$20.0mn in March. Consequently, domestic debt rose by 8.6% to \$536.9mn, raising its share of total public sector debt from 17.4% at the end of December 2015 to 18.7% at the end of May.
- Amortization payments totalled \$0.8mn and included payments to domestic banks, the Fort Street Tourism Village, Debt for Nature Swap and Belize Social Security Board.
- At the end of May, the share of domestic debt held by the Central Bank fell from 49.7% to 44.4%, with the sale of Treasury notes and Treasury bills valued at \$25.0mn and \$25.4mn, respectively, in the secondary market. The share held by the domestic banks increased from 30.9% to 39.4%, while the share held by non-bank entities fell from 19.4% to 16.2%.
- Interest payments totalled \$6.0mn with \$4.6mn paid to the Central Bank on the overdraft facility and on its holdings of government securities, while the non-bank entities received \$1.3mn.

Public Sector External Debt

• During the first five months of 2016, the public sector external debt fell by 0.7% (\$15.7mn) to \$2,335.9mn, as amortization payments exceeded disbursements.

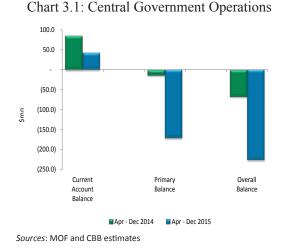


Chart 3.2: Central Government Current Revenue



Sources: MOF and CBB estimates

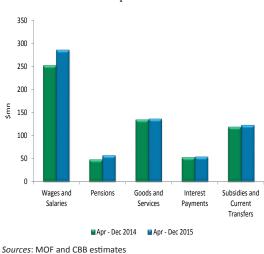
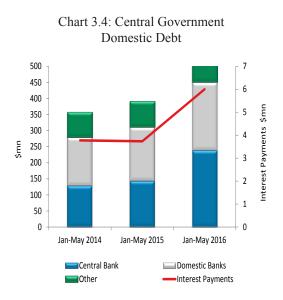
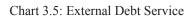
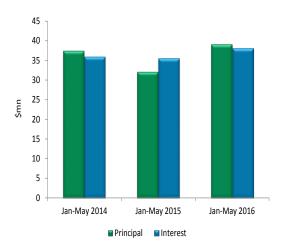


Chart 3.3: Central Government Current Expenditure

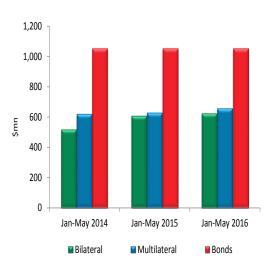
- Loan disbursements totalled \$22.4mn, which was shared among Central Government (\$17.4mn), the Development Finance Corporation (\$4.0mn), and the non-financial public sector (\$1.1mn).
- Central Government amortized \$37.0mn, of which \$19.0mn was paid to multilateral creditors and \$18.0mn to bilateral lenders, particularly the Republic of China (ROC) and the Government of Venezuela.
- Loan repayments by the financial sector amounted to \$0.4mn, while the non-financial public sector repaid \$1.7mn.
- Interest and other payments totalled \$38.0mn, inclusive of the \$26.3mn paid to the holders of the 2038 bond. Multilateral lenders were paid \$7.6mn, and \$4.1mn went to bilateral creditors.











Statistical Appendix

				\$mn
	Changes During			
	Position as at May 2016	to	Dec 2015 to May 2016	Dec 2014 to May 2015
Net Foreign Assets	1,179.1	-4.0	30.0	120.1
Central Bank	885.1	-1.8	10.3	45.6
Domestic Banks	294	-2.2	19.7	74.5
Net Domestic Credit	2,365.2	24.7	78.9	3.9
Central Government (Net)	366.5	20.0	70.1	-3.8
Other Public Sector	10.6	0.6	-0.1	-3.5
Private Sector	1,988.1	4.1	8.9	11.2
Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Long-term)	50.2	-0.5	0.6	-2.1
Other Items (Net)	514.1	21.8	2.5	24.0
Money Supply (M2)	2,980.0	-0.6	105.8	102.1

Table A.1: Factors Responsible for Money Supply Movements⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Transactions associated with the Universal Health Services (UHS) loan with the Belize Bank Limited are not included in this table, as this matter is under litigation.

				\$mn
		Changes During		
	Position as at May 2016	Apr 2016 to May 2016	Dec 2015 to May 2016	Dec 2014 to May 2015
Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System	1,179.1	-4.0	30.0	120.1
Net Foreign Assets of the Central Bank	885.1	-1.8	10.3	45.6
Central Bank Foreign Assets	894.0	0.0	11.5	51.3
Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Demand)	8.9	1.8	1.2	5.7
Net Foreign Assets of Domestic Banks	294.0	-2.2	19.7	74.5
Domestic Banks' Foreign Assets	318.4	8.3	10.0	66.7
Domestic Banks' Foreign Liabilities (Short-Term)	24.4	10.5	-9.7	-7.8

Table A.2: Net Foreign Assets of the Banking System

Table A.3: Net Domestic (Credit
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	Position as at May 2016	Apr 2016 to May 2016	hanges Duri Dec 2015 to May 2016	ng Dec 2014 to May 2015
Total Credit to Central Government	449.9	23.4	51.5	0.9
From Central Bank	238.6	-3.9	-7.2	-0.3
Loans and Advances	67.0	14.5	3.2	-25.2
Government Securities ⁽¹⁾	171.6	-18.4	-10.4	24.9
From Domestic Banks	211.3	27.3	58.7	1.2
Loans and Advances	2.2	-0.1	-0.4	-0.3
Government Securities	209.1	27.4	59.1	1.5
Of which: Treasury Bills ⁽²⁾	189.0	27.4	39.0	1.5
Treasury Notes	20.1	0.0	20.1	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Less Central Government Deposits	83.4	3.4	-18.6	4.7
With Central Bank	49.4	-0.6	-7.1	-8.5
With Domestic Banks	34.0	4.0	-11.5	13.2
Net Credit to Central Government	366.5	20.0	70.1	-3.8
Credit to Other Public Sector	10.6	0.6	-0.1	-3.5
From Central Bank	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
From Domestic Banks	10.6	0.6	-0.1	-3.5
Of which: Local Government	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Public Financial Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public Utilities	2.9	-0.2	-1.2	-2.1
Other Statutory Bodies	5.2	0.9	1.4	-1.0
Securities	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Plus Credit to the Private Sector	1,988.1	4.1	8.9	11.2
Loans and Advances	1,987.7	4.1	8.9	11.2
Securities	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Domestic Credit of the Banking System ⁽³⁾	2,365.2	24.7	78.9	3.9

⁽¹⁾ Includes Central Bank's holdings of Government Treasury bills and Treasury notes.
 ⁽²⁾ Treasury bill holdings reported by domestic banks reflect a mix of par and market values.
 ⁽³⁾ Values may not equal to total due to rounding.

				\$m
	Position as at	Apr 2016 to	hanges Durii Dec 2015 to	Dec 2014 to
	May 2016	May 2016	May 2016	May 2015
PRIMARY SECTOR	258.8	-1.4	6.8	-2.6
Agriculture	206.0	-2.0	3.1	-6.8
Sugar	71.9	0.2	-0.1	-2.3
Citrus	12.4	0.5	-2.4	-0.1
Bananas	75.6	-1.3	4.7	-0.6
Other	46.1	-1.4	0.9	-3.8
Marine Products	34.1	0.4	3.5	4.9
Forestry	0.9	0.1	0.2	-0.2
Mining and Exploration	17.8	0.1	0.0	-0.5
SECONDARY SECTOR	638.8	-3.9	9.1	29.8
Manufacturing	44.7	1.0	8.6	10.8
Building and Construction ⁽²⁾	582.0	-4.2	3.9	21.8
Utilities	12.1	-0.7	-3.4	-2.8
TERTIARY SECTOR	690.8	6.0	16.2	-8.9
Transport	47.2	-0.4	-1.3	0.4
Tourism	110.8	10.2	14.8	-1.9
Distribution	174.8	-1.8	4.5	-3.2
Real Estate	298.5	-0.9	5.3	3.4
Professional Services	46.2	-1.1	-5.8	-3.7
Other ⁽¹⁾	13.3	0.0	-1.3	-3.9
PERSONAL LOANS ⁽²⁾	405.9	4.0	-23.5	-10.8
TOTAL	1,994.3	4.7	8.6	7.5

Table A.4: Sectoral Composition of Domestic Banks' Loans and Advances

⁽¹⁾ Includes government services, financial institutions and entertainment.
 ⁽²⁾ Changes due to reclassification from personal loans mainly to building and construction.

		C	hanges Durii	\$mr
	Position as at May 2016	Apr 2016 to May 2016	Dec 2015 to May 2016	Dec 2014 to May 2015
Holdings of Approved Liquid Assets	1,137.3	-4.5	90.0	147.1
Notes and Coins	73.8	1.6	-3.2	-2.6
Balances with Central Bank	675.8	-14.0	8.9	19.5
Money at Call and Foreign Balances (due 90 days)	211.0	-7.3	66.7	124.6
Treasury bills maturing in not more than 90 days ⁽¹⁾	168.4	6.8	18.4	9.0
Other Approved Assets	8.3	8.4	-0.8	-3.4
Of which: Treasury notes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Required Liquid Assets	623.5	4.9	29.5	24.7
Excess/(Deficiency) Liquid Assets	513.8	-9.4	60.5	122.4
Daily Average Holdings of Cash Reserves	679.2	-10.3	14.0	16.5
Required Cash Reserves	230.4	1.8	10.9	9.1
Excess/(Deficiency) Cash Reserves	448.8	-12.1	3.1	7.4
Actual Securities Balances ⁽²⁾	189.0	27.4	39.0	11.5
Excess/(Deficiency) Securities	189.0	27.4	39.0	11.5

Table A.5: Domestic Banks' Liquidity Position and Cash Reserves

⁽¹⁾ Four week average of domestic banks' Treasury bill holdings.
 ⁽²⁾ Face value of domestic banks' Treasury bill holdings at the end of the month.

				Percen		
		Changes During				
	Position as at May 2016	Apr 2016 to May 2016	Dec 2015 to May 2016	Dec 2014 to May 2015		
Weighted Lending Rates						
Personal Loans	11.70	0.09	0.10	-0.24		
Commercial Loans	9.99	0.10	-0.02	-0.26		
Residential Construction	7.99	0.19	0.04	-0.42		
Other	7.61	-0.05	-0.22	-0.29		
Weighted Average	9.92	0.03	-0.11	-0.27		
Weighted Deposit Rates						
Demand	0.11	-0.00	0.01	-0.24		
Savings/Chequing	2.59	0.00	0.02	-0.01		
Savings	2.38	0.01	-0.01	0.02		
Time	2.31	-0.02	-0.13	-0.06		
Weighted Average	1.36	-0.02	-0.10	-0.18		
Weighted Average Spread	8.56	0.05	-0.01	-0.09		

Table A.6: Domestic Banks' Weighted Average Interest Rates

					Percent
		welve Mon ing Averag		Monthly Change May 2016 over	Annual Change May 2016 over
	May 2016	Apr 2016	May 2015	Apr 2016	May 2015
Weighted Lending Rates					
Personal Loans	10.52	10.48	11.23	0.05	-0.70
Commercial Loans	9.78	9.78	9.85	-0.01	-0.07
Residential Construction	6.87	6.90	6.89	-0.03	-0.02
Other	6.58	6.51	7.28	0.06	-0.70
Weighted Average	9.62	9.58	9.75	0.04	-0.13
Weighted Deposit Rates					
Demand	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.00	-0.00
Savings/Chequing	1.05	1.11	1.70	-0.06	-0.66
Savings	2.25	2.24	2.06	0.01	0.19
Time	1.89	1.88	2.07	0.01	-0.18
Weighted Average	1.71	1.70	2.01	0.01	-0.30
Weighted Average Spread	7.91	7.87	7.74	0.03	0.17

Table A.7: Domestic Banks' (Rolling) Weighted Average Interest Rates on New Loans and Deposits

Table A.8: Tourist Arrivals

	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Air	115,441	140,090
Land	24,118	24,294
Sea	3,389	2,261
Stay-over Visitors	142,948	166,645
Cruise Ship Disembarkations	441,987	441,444

Sources: BTB and CBB

	\\/_;_h	Dec	Apr	May	Monthly ⁽¹⁾	YTD ⁽²⁾
Major Commodity	Weights	2015	2016	2016	Change	Change
Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages	195	107.3	107.0	106.6	-0.4	-0.2
Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco	17	100.2	100.1	100.2	0.1	-0.1
Clothing and Footware	83	96.7	97.2	99.0	1.8	0.8
Housing, Water, Electricty, Gas, and Other Fuels	265	102.9	102.5	103.5	1.0	-0.2
Furnishing, Household Equipment, and Routine Household Maintenance	69	101.7	102.1	101.9	-0.2	0.3
Health	41	112.0	113.4	114.5	1.0	1.2
Transport	136	96.0	97.2	100.1	3.0	1.4
Communication	33	96.9	98.2	97.2	-1.0	0.8
Recreation and Culture	69	106.7	106.4	107.0	0.5	-0.1
Education	32	103.6	103.5	103.1	-0.4	-0.2
Restaurants and Hotels	7	109.7	113.3	106.9	-5.6	1.5
Miscellaneous Goods and Services	52	106.4	106.3	106.8	0.5	0.1
All Items	1,000	102.9	102.9	103.7	0.7	0.2

Table A.9: Percentage Change in the Consumer Price Index Components by Major Commodity Group

Source: SIB

⁽¹⁾ Percent change in CPI for April 2016 over March 2016.
 ⁽²⁾ Percent change in CPI for January to April 2016 over December 2015.

	May 2015	May 2016	Dec - May 2014/2015	Dec - May 2015/2016
			2010/2010	
Deliveries of Sugarcane (long tons)	206,638	208,235	889,902	1,154,220
Sugar Processed (long tons)	26,179	24,349	110,184	116,602
Molasses Processed (long tons)	6,610	7,230	26,683	37,984
Performance				
Factory Time Efficiency (%)	97.48	98.13	97.66	96.57
Cane Purity (%)	86.84	85.75	87.17	84.83
Cane/Sugar	7.87	8.53	8.03	9.80
Source: BSI				

	May 2	May 2015		May 2016		Jan - May 2015		Jan - May 2016	
	Volume (long tons)	Value (\$'000)							
Sugar	4,359	5,119	34,115	26,368	44,351	46,842	75,992	60,138	
E.U.	3,547	4,180	33,107	25,255	31,879	33,685	74,616	58,585	
USA	0	0	0	0	10,923	11,402	0	0	
Caricom	812	939	1,009	1,113	1,526	1,721	1,353	1,519	
Other	0	0	0	0	22	34	22	34	
Molasses	5,449	1,356	0	0	9,386	2,317	15,761	3,603	

Source: BSI

Table A.12: Citrus Deliveries and Production

	May 2015	May 2016	Oct - May 2014/2015	Oct - May 2015/2016
Deliveries (boxes)				
Orange	479,831	516,990	3,766,112	3,028,631
Grapefruit	0	0	722,104	370,964
Total	479,831	516,990	4,488,216	3,399,595
Concentrate Produced (ps)				
Orange	3,001,122	3,168,320	24,110,065	18,186,100
Grapefruit	0	0	3,054,389	1,509,438
Total	3,001,122	3,168,320	27,164,454	19,695,538
Not from concentrate (ps)				
Orange	90,316	162,926	90,316	233,524
Grapefruit	0	0	45,720	0
Total	90,316	162,926	136,036	233,524
Pulp (pounds)				
Orange	464,704	661,864	2,507,536	3,386,488
Grapefruit	0	0	184,864	104,304
Total	464,704	661,864	2,692,400	3,490,792
Oil Produced (pounds)				
Orange	184,400	244,800	1,324,800	1,080,400
Grapefruit	0	0	108,000	53,200
Total	184,400	244,800	1,432,800	1,133,600

Source: CPBL

	May	2015	May	2016	Jan - M	ay 2015	Jan - Ma	ay 2016
	Pound Solids ('000)	Value (\$ '000)						
Citrus Concentrates								
U.S.A.								
Orange	2,266.0	4,865	1,931.8	4,978	9,464.1	20,795	7,165.1	17,846
Grapefruit	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Caribbean								
Orange	620.4	2,030	767.8	2,498	3,283.3	10,709	3,169.9	10,317
Grapefruit	66.6	248	67.7	251	243.5	904	295.0	1,094
Europe								
Orange	915.8	2,450	413.2	1,117	1,731.4	4,898	680.9	1,912
Grapefruit	69.0	293	70.9	238	520.1	2,314	782.6	2,725
Other								
Orange	0.0	0	0.0	0	33.8	96	67.6	178
Grapefruit	0.0	0	30.0	92	60.0	244	60.1	200
Sub-Total ⁽¹⁾	3,937.8	9,886	3,281.5	9,173	15,336.2	39,959	12,221.3	34,272
Orange	3,802.2	9,345	3,112.8	8,592.0	14,512.6	36,498	11,083.5	30,253
Grapefruit	135.7	541	168.6	580.6	823.6	3,462	1,137.7	4,019
Not-From-Concentrate								
Sub-Total	0.0	0	6.2	36	25.7	145	19.2	108
Orange	0.0	0	5.4	31	19.8	108	15.1	87
Grapefruit	0.0	0	0.8	5	5.9	37	4.1	21
Total Citrus Juices	3,937.8	9,886	3,287.7	9,208	15,361.9	40,105	12,240.5	34,380
Pulp (pounds '000)								
Total ⁽¹⁾	430.4	324	481.7	361	1,396.2	1,067	1,737.1	1,309
Orange	430.4	324	481.7	360.8	1,343.2	1,026	1,662.1	1,253
Grapefruit	0.0	0	0.0	0	53.0	41	75.0	56

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

Table A.14: Banana Exports

	May 2015	May 2016	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Volume (metric tons)	9,671	7,887	46,389	29,955
Value (\$'000)	10,476	8,548	52,382	33,775
Source: BGA				

	Jan - May	2015	Jan - May 2016			
	Volume ('000 pounds)	Value (\$'000)				
Lobster	110	2,795	220	4,137		
Shrimp	6,758	38,674	397	3,078		
Conch	239	2,748	363	4,283		
Other Fish	309	456	222	235		
Total	7,416	44,673	1,202	11,733		

Table A.15: Marine Exports

Source: SIB

Table A.16: Other Domestic Exports

	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Other Miscellaneous Exports (\$'000)	40,274	32,082
Of which:		
<u>Papaya</u>		
Volume ('000 pounds)	15,617	5,027
Value (\$'000)	5,873	2,859
Source: SIB		

Source: SIB

Table A.17: Petroleum Production and Exports

	May 2015	May 2016	Jan - May 2015	Jan - May 2016
Crude Oil Production				
Never Delay (Barrels)	0	0	329	0
Spanish Lookout (Barrels)	45,447	39,129	234,309	196,399
Crude Oil Export				
Volume (Barrels)	57,054	0	179,622	134,465
Value (\$'000)	6,481	0	18,138	7,058

Source: Petroleum and Geology Department

	Approved	Jan 2014	Jan 2015	Apr 2014	Apr 2015	\$'00 Fiscal YTD
	Budget 2015/2016	to Dec 2014	to Dec 2015	to Dec 2014	to Dec 2015	as % of Budget
TOTAL REVENUE & GRANTS (1+2+3)	980,258	1,000,384	992,575	735,588	722,513	73.7%
1). Current Revenue	934,879	911,688	968,617	693,344	701,105	75.0%
Tax Revenue	818,116	798,695	859,791	608,187	618,558	75.6%
Income and Profits	261,861	261,992	249,688	198,613	174,471	66.6%
Taxes on Property	5,337	5,314	5,276	3,741	3,485	65.3%
Taxes on Goods and Services	339,106	330,266	348,234	251,379	254,041	74.9%
International Trade and Transactions	211,813	201,123	256,593	154,454	186,562	88.1%
Non-Tax Revenue	116,763	112,993	108,827	85,157	82,547	70.7%
Property Income	19,546	12,329	31,862	11,857	31,072	159.0%
Licences	12,279	12,083	13,374	8,134	9,268	75.5%
Other	84,938	88,581	63,590	65,166	42,207	49.7%
2). Capital Revenue	4,810	5,557	6,773	4,337	5,482	114.0%
3). Grants	40,569	83,139	17,185	37,907	15,926	39.3%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1+2)	1,068,266	1,099,118	1,281,323	802,472	948,035	88.7%
1). Current Expenditure	873,517	817,570	889,877	608,850	659,403	75.5%
Wages and Salaries	367,781	329,884	372,050	252,559	286,512	77.9%
Pensions	59,667	61,480	73,524	48,601	57,714	96.7%
Goods and Services	211,504	188,028	200,639	135,048	137,153	64.8%
Interest Payments on Public Debt	90,289	87,355	88,965	53,198	54,677	60.6%
Subsidies and Current Transfers	144,276	150,823	154,699	119,444	123,347	85.5%
2). Capital Expenditure	194,749	281,548	391,445	193,623	288,632	148.2%
Capital II (Local Sources)	97,785	118,900	112,951	82,573	76,694	78.4%
Capital III (Foreign Sources)	94,368	154,727	188,900	103,893	122,978	130.3%
Capital Transfer and Net Lending	2,596	2,920	89,594	2,157	88,959	3,427.2%
Unidentified expenditure	2,070	5,000	0	5,000	0	0, 127 12/0
CURRENT BALANCE	61,362	94,118	78,740	84,494	41,702	68.0%
Primary Balance	2,281	(11,379)	(199,783)	(13,687)	(170,845)	-7,488.8%
OVERALL BALANCE	(88,008)	(98,734)	(288,748)	(66,884)	(225,522)	256.3%
Primary Balance less BCB award	(38,288)	(11,379)	(112,693)	(13,687)	(83,755)	218.8%
Overall Balance less BCB award	(128,577)	(98,734)	(201,658)	(66,884)	(138,432)	107.7%
FINANCING	88,008	98,734	288,748	66,884	225,522	
Domestic Financing	,	(10,160)	319,377	(13,550)	276,093	
Central Bank		(8,071)	311,081	(19,883)	279,151	
Net Borrowing		(9,301)	101,532	(4,231)	76,655	
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Change in Deposits		1,231	209,549	(15,652)	202,497	
Commercial Banks		(5,408)	(17,774)	8,489	(7,757)	
Net Borrowing		(3,706)	(13,780)	797	(7,496)	
Change in Deposits		(1,702)	(3,994)	7,692	(261)	
Other Domestic Financing		3,319	26,070	(2,156)	4,699	
Financing Abroad		104,067	100,185	79,258	73,587	
Disbursements		171,552	174,455	129,917	130,628	
Amortization		(67,485)	(74,270)	(50,659)	(57,041)	
Nationalization of BEL			(70,221)		(70,221)	
Nationalization of BTL			(65,088)		(65,088)	
Other		4,827	4,495	1,176	11,152	

Table A.18: Central Government Revenue and Expenditure

Sources: CBB and MOF ^P - Provisional

						\$'00
	Disbursed Outstanding					
	Debt 31/12/15 ^R	New Issue of Securities	Reduction in Securities	Interest	Overdraft/ Securities	Outstanding Debt 31/05/16 ^p
Overdraft/Loans	63,759	0	0	2,237	3,229	66,988
Central Bank	63,759	0	0	2,237	3,229	66,988
Domestic Banks	0	0	0	0	0	0
Treasury Bills	200,000	0	0	34	0	200,000
Central Bank	24,996	0	0	1	(24,996)	0
Domestic Banks	149,982	0	0	30	39,013	188,995
Other	25,022	0	0	3	(14,017)	11,005
Treasury Notes	225,000	40,000	0	3,579	0	265,000
Central Bank	157,026	40,000	0	2,318	(25,450)	171,576
Domestic Banks	0	0	0	0	20,111	20,111
Other	67,974	0	0	1,260	5,339	73,313
Atlantic Bank Limited	241	0	149	7	0	93
Heritage Bank Limited	2,374	0	258	97	0	2,116
Belize Social Security Board ⁽²⁾	395	0	20	16	0	375
Fort Street Tourism Village	355	0	243	0	0	112
Debt for Nature Swap	2,320	0	86	33	0	2,234
Total	494,445	40,000	755	6,002	3,229	536,918

Table A.19: Central Government Domestic Debt 2016⁽¹⁾

R - Revised
 P - Provisional

⁽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 loan with BSSB for Hopeville Housing Project.

	Distance	TRANSA	CTIONS THR	OUGH MAY 20	16	\$'00
	Disbursed Outstanding Debt	i nanor	Principal	Interest & Other	Parity	Disbursed Outstanding Debt
	31/12/15 ^R	Disbursements	Payments	Payments	Change	31/05/16 ^P
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	2,270,870	17,365	36,955	37,549	341	2,251,621
Government of Venezuela	373,269	5,650	4,792	1,576	0	374,128
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	17,710	0	0	0	76	17,786
Republic of China	249,150	0	13,146	2,528	0	236,005
Caribbean Development Bank	227,202	5,079	8,243	3,556	-0	224,037
Caricom Development Fund	2,398	0	195	31	0	2,203
European Economic Community	8,893	0	205	21	231	8,919
Inter-American Development Bank	239,026	3,367	7,270	2,307	0	235,123
International Fund for Agriculture Development	2,685	0	253	25	34	2,466
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	25,290	3,269	1,721	391	0	26,838
Opec Fund for International Development	47,925	0	952	699	0	46,973
Central American Bank for Economic Integration	24,317	0	179	89	0	24,139
Bank of New York	1,053,004	0	0	26,325	0	1,053,004
NON-FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR	16,499	1,061	1,690	274	3	15,873
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	658	0	331	11	3	330
Caribbean Development Bank ^{(1) (2)}	15,841	1,061	1,359	262	0	15,543
FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR	64,209	4,000	417	210	618	68,409
Caribbean Development Bank	14,466	4,000	400	209	0	18,066
European Economic Community	149	0	17	1	4	136
International Monetary Fund ⁽³⁾	49,593	0	0	0	614	50,207
GRAND TOTAL	2,351,578	22,426	39,063	38,034	962	2,335,904

Table A.20: Public Sector External Debt 2016

^R - Revised

P - Provisional

⁽¹⁾ Effective 21 June 2011, the nationalization of Belize Electricity Limited 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.