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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronyms:

BEL Belize Electricity Limited **BGA Banana Growers Association BMC** Belize Mortgage Company BSI **Belize Sugar Industries BSSB** Belize Social Security Board BTB Belize Tourism Board BTL Belize Telemedia Limited **Belize Water Services Limited BWSL**

CBB Central Bank of Belize

CDB Caribbean Develoment Bank
CFZ Commercial Free Zone
CGA Citrus Growers Association
CPBL Citrus Products of Belize Limited
DFC Development Finance Corporation
ENDA Emergency Natural Disaster Assistance

EU European Union
GOB Government of Belize
GST General Sales Tax

IDB Inter-American Development Bank

IBRD International Bank for Reconstruction and Development

LIBOR London Interbank Offered Rate
IMF International Monetary Fund

MOF Ministry of Finance

OFID OPEC Fund for International Development

OPEC Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries

ROC/Taiwan Republic of China/Taiwan
SDR Special Drawing Right
SIB Statistical Institute of Belize

T-bills Treasury bills
T-notes Treasury notes

UHS Universal Health Services

Abbreviations and Conventions:

\$ refers to the Belize dollar unless otherwise stated

bn denotes billion
mn denotes million
Ps Pound solid
Pps Per pound solid

TC/TS Tons Cane to Tons Sugar

Notes:

- 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 2012 figures in this report are provisional and the figures for 2011 have been revised.
- 3. Unless otherwise indicated, the Central Bank of Belize is the source of all tables and charts.

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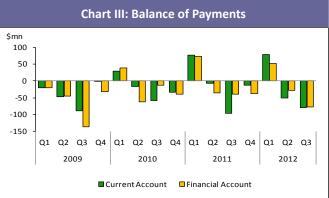
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Summary of Economic Indicators

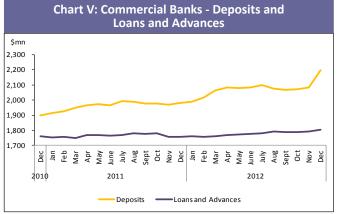


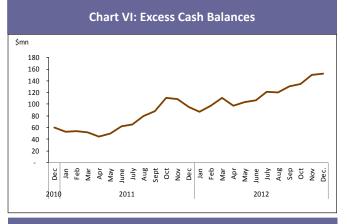


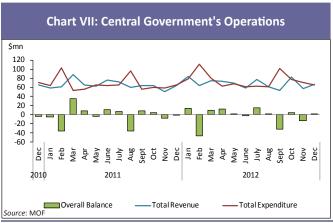


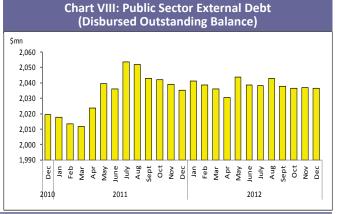












Money & Credit

Following a 3.0% expansion in the previous month, M2 (broad money) underwent a further 2.8% increase in December as foreign direct investment inflows and the seasonal uptick in tourism contributed to a \$77.8mn increase in the banking system's net foreign assets. On an annual basis, M2 was up by 11.0%, doubling the 2011 growth rate, with the increase reflecting the combination of bouyancy in foreign exchange inflows and recovery of private sector loan demand. While quasi-money declined, M1 (narrow money) experienced an upward surge of 31.4% during the year as the commercial banks continued to lower their intermediation costs by shifting the composition of their liability portfolio from time deposits in favour of lower-cost savings and demand deposit balances.

At the end of December, the net foreign asset position of the Central Bank stood at \$592.4mn, having increased by \$93.9mn over the year. Annual inflows totalled \$318.2mn comprised mainly of sugar receipts (25.5%), domestic oil taxes (23.2%), loan disbursements (19.3%) and purchases from commercial banks (13.9%). At \$223.8mn, outflows were lower than expected due to the partial withholding of the August interest payment on the super bond. External debt servicing continued to account for sales to Central Government, which totalled \$179.0mn in 2012.

Holding to seasonal patterns, commercial banks' net foreign assets increased by \$90.1mn to \$344.1mn over the January to April period, declined thereafter to reach a low of \$252.0mn at the end of October and surged upward subsequently to a high of \$355.8mn by year-end. The most notable increase was in December as inflows from tourism and foreign direct investments eclipsed outlays for imports, particularly fuel and electricity. The banks also reduced their foreign liabilities by \$13.3mn during the year.

Chart 1.1: Net Foreign Assets and Net Domestic Credit

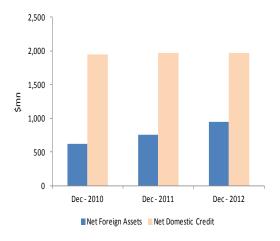
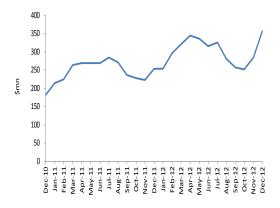


Chart 1.2: Gross International Reserves



Chart 1.3: Commercial Banks' Net Foreign Assets



In contrast to the \$29.5mn contraction in 2011, net domestic credit grew by \$57.5mn in 2012 with across-the-board increases in lending to the private sector, Central Government and public sector enterprises of \$38.6mn, \$13.0mn and \$5.9mn, respectively. The growth in net credit to Central Government included an \$8.2mn increase in overdraft financing from the Central Bank, a \$1.7mn increase in loans from the commercial banks and an \$11.4mn drawdown of its deposits at the Central Bank. The increase in loans to public sector enterprises was dominated by financing to Belize Telemedia Limited for its 4G network investment.

Notwithstanding \$37.3mn in loan write-offs, private sector credit rose by \$38.6mn with loans being mainly channelled to the secondary sector for construction projects during the year. Infrastructure, residential mortgages and home improvement loans recorded increases of \$14.3mn, \$13.3mn and \$6.5mn, respectively. Personal loans rose by \$20.3mn, while financing for the acquisition of real estate expanded by \$28.0mn. Even with the buoyancy in real estate lending, the tertiary sector registered an overall contraction of \$1.7mn due to repayments by entities involved in tourism (\$11.9mn), distribution (\$10.7mn) and transport (\$1.8mn). Credit to the primary sector also declined by \$9.2mn mostly due to repayments by banana growers. Lending by the five largest credit unions rose by \$36.2mn, which was almost twice the amount recorded for 2011, as loan disbursements for agriculture, individuals, real estate and residential construction overshadowed repayments on home improvement and manufacturing loans.

High levels of bank liquidity persisted and interest rates continued to trend downward during the year. Excess statutory liquidity rose by 7.9% in December and by 40.2% over the entire year. Cash and statutory liquid asset holdings exceeded requirements at year-end by 81.6% and 61.3%, respectively. There were cuts in lending rates for all loan categories and the weighted average lending

Chart 1.4: Changes in Commercial Banks'
Loans and Advances

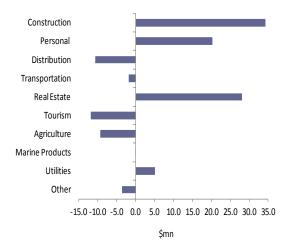
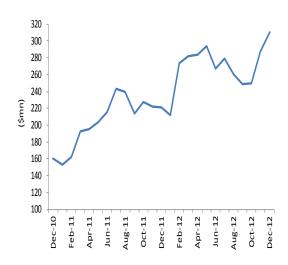


Chart 1.5: Excess Statutory Liquidity



rate consequently fell by 103 basis points to 11.99%. The most notable interest rate declines were 139 basis points for residential construction loans and 129 basis points for personal loans. A 142 basis points decline in the time deposit rate contributed to the overall reduction of 110 basis points in the weighted average deposit rate, which ended the year at 2.55%. In addition to being 110 basis points below the December 2011 rate, the weighted average deposit rate was at its lowest level since 1977. As a result, the weighted average spread increased by 7 basis points to 9.44%.

With liquidity at such high levels, the interbank market continued to be dormant and commercial banks were motivated to increase their Treasury bill holdings by \$22.5mn during the year to \$173.5mn. The intense bidding for the limited supply of Treasury bills caused the average yield to decline from 2.21263% at the last auction in 2011 to 1.83682% in January 2013. The latter was 1 basis point lower than the preceding auction and 38 basis points below the average yield recorded in November 2011.

Chart 1.6: Commercial Banks' Weighted Average Lending and Deposit Interest Rates

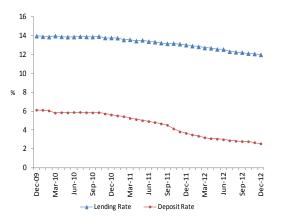
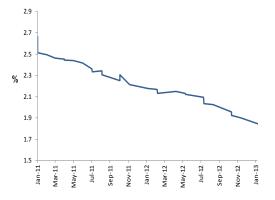


Chart 1.7: Treasury Bill Yield



Real Sector Developments

Output of the major agricultural export crops increased significantly in 2012 with double digit increases in banana, citrus and sugarcane deliveries as well as in the manufacture of citrus juices and sugar. The increases were partly due to the fact that banana and citrus were experiencing a recovery after the weather-induced downturns of 2011. Notably, banana posted the largest expansion of 39.9%. Although export receipts from sugar, banana and citrus juices were up by \$77.9mn, this was eclipsed by a \$103.0mn drop in oil revenues, resulting in a 4.7% fall in revenues from the principal domestic exports.

Visitors entering through the international airport increased by 17.1%, and this contributed to an overall increase of 10.2% in stay-over tourist arrivals to 256,951. In contrast, cruise ship disembarkations fell by 11.9% to 576,661 even with a four-ship increase in port calls. The fall in cruise visitors reflected the use of smaller vessels due to the lack of adequate docking and tendering facilities as well as the expansion of routes by North American cruise ships to long-haul, non-traditional destinations. The latter caused a decrease in cruise ship disembarkations throughout the Caribbean.

Inflation averaged 1.2 % in 2012, reflecting higher prices for "Food and Non Alcoholic Beverages" (2.1%), "Medical Care" (4.2%), "Transport and Communication" (2.2%), "Recreation, Education and Culture" (2.1%) and "Personal Care" (3.0%). Poultry prices were a significant factor in the growth in food prices, while price increases for hospital accommodation, surgical procedures, nightclub entertainment, gasoline and diesel were the major factors affecting the other categories.

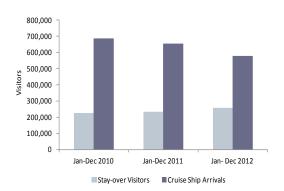
Table 2.1 Main Domestic Exports

\$mn

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	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2012
Sugar	82.7	107.5
Molasses	2.9	3.8
Bananas	67.9	92.6
Citrus	94.6	122.1
Petroleum	289.3	186.3
Total	537.4	512.4

Sources: BSI, BGA, CPBL, Geology and Petroleum Dept.

Chart 2.1: Tourist Arrivals



Sources: BTB and CBB

Sugarcane and Sugar

The 2012/2013 sugarcane season started on 28 November with deliveries up to the end of December being 40.2% higher than that of the corresponding period of the previous crop year. Sugar production increased by a more than proportional 52.5% to 18,379 long tons due to a 7.4% improvement in the cane-to-sugar ratio, and output of molasses totalled 5,682 long tons. However, the industry is expecting sugarcane deliveries for the full crop year to remain relatively stable at 1,100,000 long tons due to an earlier closure to the season. Sugar production is projected to increase by 5.6% to 121,000 long tons.

Sugar exports grew by 18.8% to 97,134 long tons during 2012. The increase in export volume and a 9.4% rise in the average export price netted a 30.0% expansion in revenues to \$107.5mn. Rising world prices prompted traditional buyers such as Tate & Lyle to offer a premium on the base reference price of €335.0 per metric ton in order to attract and retain suppliers. The average price consequently increased to €400.0 per metric ton. The EU's 'Fair Trade' premium of US\$60.0 per metric ton provided an additional motivating factor that resulted in 82.3% of sales going to that market. The US received 17.6% and Canada accounted for the remainder. Molasses exports rose by 5.6% to 22,135 long tons, while improved prices due to production shortfalls in major molasses producers such as India and Afghanistan caused revenues to increase by 31.7% to \$3.8mn.

Citrus

Deliveries for the 2012/2013 crop, which commenced in the last week of October, are projected at 5.7mn boxes for oranges and 0.9mn boxes for grapefruit - almost matching the production levels of the 2011/2012 harvest. After two favourable years, orange concentrate prices for the new crop year are expected to decline due to an increase in global supplies, particularly from Brazil. The initial price

Chart 2.2: Sugarcane and Sugar Production

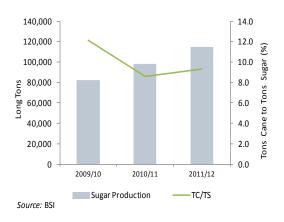
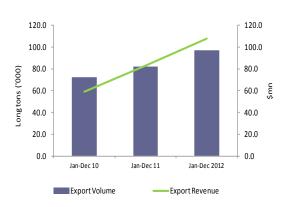


Chart 2.3: Sugar Exports



Source: BSI

to be paid to farmers for orange is expected to decrease by 81 cents to \$1.49 per pound solid (ps) or \$8.83 per box. On the flipside, the grapefruit price is projected to increase by 15 cents to \$2.26 per ps or \$9.04 per box due to the damage being caused by natural disasters and Citrus Greening to Cuban grapefruit production.

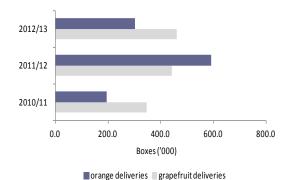
Citrus deliveries for the crop year to date were 26.1% lower than the comparable period of the 2011/2012 harvest. Grapefruit deliveries increased marginally by 4.2% to 462,058 boxes, while orange deliveries plummeted by 48.8% to 302,829 boxes due to an unusually extended crop maturation period. Juice production fell by 27.7% to 3.7mn ps owing to the fall in deliveries and the 5.8% decline in the average ps yield per box. At 2.0mn ps, grapefruit concentrate accounted for 53.6% of the total concentrate produced. Output of citrus oils and pulp amounted to 198,755 pounds and 553,744 pounds, respectively.

The volume of citrus juice exports in 2012 grew by 17.1% to 35.9mn ps with grapefruit and orange concentrate sales increasing by 30.0% to 3.7mn ps and by 15.8% to 32.2mn ps, respectively. The Caribbean accounted for 31.9% of orange concentrate export volume and the US for 29.8%. Concurrently, revenues expanded by 28.9% to \$122.9mn as lower global stocks led to a general rally in concentrate prices. Prices of orange concentrates improved with news of lower juice stocks in Florida and the rebuilding of depleted inventories by Brazilian producers, while a smaller grapefruit harvest in Texas combined with lower juice stocks in Florida supported the strengthening of grapefruit prices.

Banana

Favourable weather and rehabilitation of storm-damaged acreages resulted in a 39.9% increase in annual banana production. However, the inclusion of third class banana in the export mix reduced the average price per box by

Chart 2.4: Citrus Deliveries

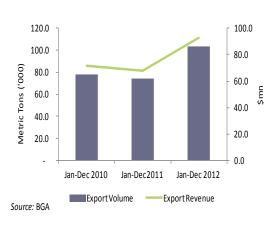


Sources: CGA & CPBL

Chart 2.5: Citrus Juice Exports



Chart 2.6: Banana Exports

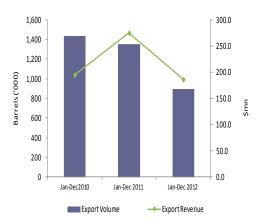


2.5%, and revenues consequently increased less than proportionally by 36.3% to \$92.6mn. Having entered the final year of their exclusive marketing contract with Fyffes, the Banana Growers Association was able to renegotiate the extension of this agreement that was officially signed on 3 November 2012. The new agreement establishes another five year exclusive marketing contract commencing 1 January 2013.

Petroleum

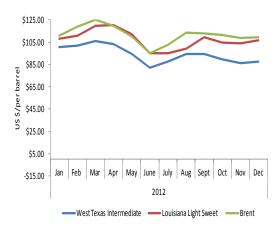
Output of petroleum in December amounted to 67,701 barrels, which was 50.0% lower than the production level in December 2011. With annual output from the Spanish Lookout and Never Delay oil fields declining by 24.5% and 57.4%, respectively, oil production contracted by 26.8% to 1,029,938 barrels during 2012. Oil exports declined even more sharply by 33.8% to 891,817 barrels, as supply constraints allowed only one export shipment per month, instead of the customary two. Export revenue fell by a marginally larger 35.6% to \$186.3mn with the added depressant of a 2.7% decline in the average export price to US\$104.45 per barrel. On the flip side, crude oil prices increased by 2.0% over those of the previous month, reflecting the recent upward trend in world prices that was influenced by low global inventories, production constraints and government instability in many oil producing countries.

Chart 2.7: Petroleum Exports



Source: Geology & Petroleum Dept.

Chart 2.8: Selected Crude Benchmarks - World Spot Prices



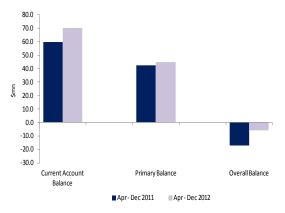
Central Government Operations

Growth in expenditures slightly outpaced revenues, and this resulted in the government's primary surplus decreasing to 2.0% of GDP for the 2012 calendar year compared to 2.7% of GDP in 2011. The overall deficit also widened to 1.0% of GDP. Capital projects accounted for the largest share of the expenditure growth, and there was also a notable increase in "Subsidies and Current Transfers" that was mostly attributable to the reclassification of teachers' salaries from "Wages and Salaries" to this category. Total revenues were up by 6.4% mainly due to higher inflows from the General Sales Tax (GST), import duties, non-tax revenues, grants and revenue replacement duties (RRD).

Comparing the first nine months of the 2012/2013 fiscal year (April to December) with the same period of the previous fiscal year, government's operations improved with a 3.3% increase in revenues outstripping a 1.4% rise in expenditures. The net result was a relatively stable primary surplus that amounted to \$44.8mn (1.4% of GDP) and an \$11.3mn reduction in the overall deficit to \$5.8mn (0.2% of GDP). The deficit was funded by external sources as domestic financing contracted due to a build-up in government's deposits at the Central Bank.

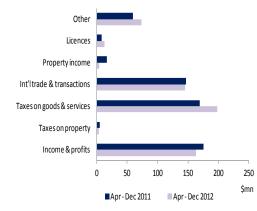
Higher collections from the GST, licenses, RRD, repayment of old loans and grants from the European Union (EU) to finance the banana and sugar support programmes pushed revenues up by \$20.0mn to \$622.5mn (72.2% of budget). Repayment of old loans was boosted by one-off payments of \$10.0mn from Belize Sugar Industries and \$7.0mn from Belize Telemedia Limited (BTL). The buoyancy of the GST and the associated fall in revenues from import duties reflected the shift in July back to a GST on fuel imports instead of the levying of a fixed import duty. On the downside, business taxes fell by \$7.9mn, while petroleum receipts contracted by \$15.4mn due to declining production and lower average export prices. The

Chart 3.1: Central Government Operations



Sources: MOF and CBB estimates

Chart 3.2: Central Government Revenues



Sources: MOF and CBB estimates

court-mandated hold on payment of BTL dividends led to a \$12.0mn decline in property income.

Higher current outlays underpinned an \$8.7mn year-on-year increase in total expenditure that stood at 67.0% of budget. All categories of current spending expanded, except interest payments, which fell by \$8.9mn mostly due to the decision to withhold half of the second interest payment on the super bond. Domestic subsidies increased due to the reclassification of teachers' salaries to this line item in order to more accurately reflect the public/private partnership status of most of the nation's educational institutions.

At 62.2% of budget, capital expenditure stood at \$99.5mn (3.2% of GDP), inclusive of \$2.5mn in net lending. Transportation infrastructure projects accounted for 29.9% of the total and included the completion of works on the Southern Highway, the Big Falls border road, developments on the south-side of Belize City, the completion of the Kendal Bridge, and maintenance/ rehabilitation of highways. Some \$15.1mn was spent on agriculture, mainly in the sugar and banana belts. Land management and solid waste management accounted for \$14.9mn, while environmental projects were allotted \$12.9mn. Another \$5.6mn was spent on youth, sports and culture, while social protection received \$8.6mn. Outlays on education, health, housing, security, science and technology amounted to \$5.4mn, and the remainder was spent on furniture, equipment and upgrading of buildings.

Central Government's Domestic Debt

During 2012, Central Government's domestic debt rose by 2.4% to \$390.2mn as amortization payments to BSSB, the Debt-for-Nature Swap, Fort Street Tourism Village and commercial banks were more than offset by an \$8.2mn increase in overdraft financing from the Central Bank and \$3.8mn in disbursements.

Chart 3.3: Central Government's Current Expenditure

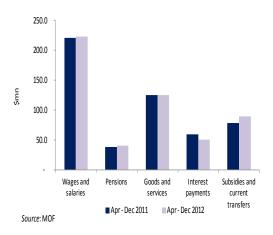


Table 3.1: Central Government's Capital Expenditure

\$mn

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	Apr - Dec 2011	Apr - Dec 2012
Public Works	25.06	29.06
Environmental Protection	9.06	12.93
Natural Resources	13.16	14.89
Housing	3.41	0.71
Health	1.66	1.16
Education	1.57	1.94
Security & Defense	2.18	1.10
Agriculture & Fisheries	12.38	15.07
Other	26.19	20.19
Net lending	3.99	2.49
Total	98.66	99.54

Source: MOF

The Central Bank's share of the domestic debt fell from 42.7% in December 2011 to 39.5%, reflecting the progressive reduction in its Treasury bill holdings from \$22.3mn to zero in the first eight months of the year. The commercial banks' share rose from 43.2% to 45.8%, while that of non-bank entities increased from 14.1% to 14.7%.

Interest payments totalled \$17.5mn, 4.8% lower than the previous year and equivalent to an average effective interest rate of 4.52% compared to the 4.90% for 2011. The fall in costs was largely due to the downward trajectory in Treasury bill yields. The Central Bank received \$5.8mn for short-term credit provided by way of the overdraft and Treasury bills and \$6.9mn for holdings of Treasury notes, which are long-term government securities. Interest payments to commercial banks totalled \$3.9mn and an additional \$0.9mn was paid to non-bank entities.

Public Sector External Debt

At the end of the year, the public sector external debt stood at \$2,035.7mn, a decline of \$8.4mn as disbursements of \$71.5mn were outweighed by amortization payments of \$80.0mn. Disbursements included \$20.0mn from the Republic of China (ROC)/ Taiwan for budget support and \$49.9mn from multilateral lenders such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB). CDB funding was channelled into projects such as solid waste management, sustainable tourism, health sector reform, the Kendal Bridge, the Santa Elena/San Ignacio Bypass and the Social Investment Fund.

Central Government repaid \$27.3mn to bilateral creditors, of which \$20.4mn went to ROC/Taiwan. Repayments to multilateral lenders totalled \$29.5mn that included \$10.4mn to the CDB, \$12.0mn to the IDB, \$3.4mn to the World Bank (IBRD) and \$2.0mn to the OFID. The

Chart 3.4: Central Government's Domestic Debt

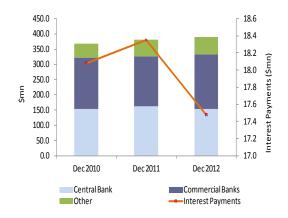
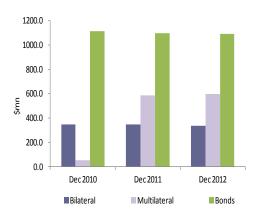


Chart 3.5: Public Sector External Debt

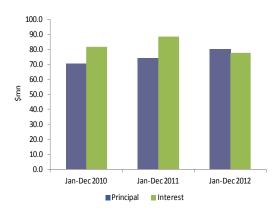


Development Finance Corporation (DFC) paid \$1.3mn to the CDB and retired the North American Securitization debt. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) was repaid \$5.3mn for financing issued under the Emergency Natural Disaster Assistance (ENDA) facility. The nonfinancial public sector repaid \$5.0mn to multilateral lenders, \$4.2mn to commercial banks and \$0.7mn to the Government of Kuwait.

Interest and other payments declined by \$10.2mn to \$78.6mn due to a fall in the lending rates on some external loans that are tied to LIBOR and the withholding of a portion of the interest payment due on the super bond. As a consequence, the year-on-year effective interest rate averaged 3.80%, compared to the 4.36% recorded in 2011. Holders of the super bond received 72.8% of the scheduled interest due in 2012. Payments to bilateral creditors totalled \$9.1mn, of which \$7.2mn went to ROC/Taiwan, while the \$11.9mn in payments to multilateral lenders went mostly to the CDB.

At the end of 2012, Central Government held 94.5% of the outstanding external debt and the financial and non-financial public sector accounted for 3.6% and 1.8%, respectively. Within the next twelve months, \$0.4mn of the present portfolio is scheduled to mature, some \$72.3mn will mature during the next ten years, leaving \$1.96bn with a maturity schedule that exceeds ten years. Disbursements are projected to amount to \$74.6mn during 2013.

Table 3.6: External Debt Service



Statistical Appendix

Table A.1: Factors Responsible for Money Supply Movements

\$mn

	Changes During			
	Position as at Dec 2012	Nov 2012 to Dec 2012	Dec 2011 to Dec 2012	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011
Net Foreign Assets	948.1	77.8	195.8	124.8
Central Bank	592.4	7.2	94.0	52.9
Commercial Bank	355.7	70.6	101.8	71.9
Net Domestic Credit	1,967.5	0.0	52.0	-28.7
Central Government (Net)	165.1	-1.4	7.5	-23.5
Other Public Sector	11.3	-2.4	5.9	0.0
Private Sector	1,791.1	3.8	38.6	-5.2
Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Long-term)	64.0	0.1	-5.3	-0.2
Other Items (net)	408.0	11.6	11.0	-19.8
Money Supply M2	2,443.6	66.1	242.3	116.1

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

\$mn

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		Changes During			
	Position as at Dec 2012	Nov 2012 to Dec 2012	Dec 2011 to Dec 2012	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011	
Net Foreign Assets of Banking System	948.1	77.8	195.8	124.8	
Net Foreign Assets of Central Bank	592.4	7.2	94.0	52.9	
Central Bank Foreign Assets	594.5	7.2	94.4	51.5	
Central Bank Foreign Liabilities (Demand)	2.1	0.0	0.4	-1.4	
Net Foreign Assets of Commercial Banks	355.7	70.6	101.8	71.9	
Commercial Bank Foreign Assets	362.9	71.2	88.5	48.0	
Commercial Bank Foreign Liabilities (Short-Term)	7.2	0.6	-13.3	-23.9	

Table A.3: Net Domestic Credit

\$mn

			Changes During	γiiii
	Position	Nov 2012	Dec 2011	Dec 2010
	as at	to	to	to
	Dec 2012	Dec 2012	Dec 2012	Dec 2011
Total Credit to Central Government	333.4	-8.5	6.0	9.2
From Central Bank	154.1	2.2	-8.6	9.7
Loans and Advances	56.3	-7.7	8.2	14.1
Government Securities ⁽¹⁾	97.8	9.9	-16.8	-4.4
From Commercial Banks	179.3	-10.7	14.6	-0.5
Loans and Advances	5.4	-0.8	1.7	1.0
Government Securities	173.9	-9.9	12.9	-1.5
(of which) Treasury Bills ⁽²⁾	173.5	0.1	22.5	-1.5
Treasury Notes	0.0	-10.0	-10.0	0.0
Other	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
Less Central Government Deposits	168.3	-7.1	-1.5	32.7
With Central Bank	129.0	-7.6	-5.9	32.8
With Commercial Banks	39.3	0.5	4.4	-0.1
Net Credit to Central Government	165.1	-1.4	7.5	-23.5
Credit to Other Public Sector	11.3	-2.4	5.9	0.0
From Central Bank	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
From Commercial Banks	11.3	-2.4	5.9	0.0
(of which) Local Government	1.3	-1.8	-1.9	0.0
Public Financial Institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public Utilities	9.2	0.0	9.2	0.0
Other Statutory Bodies	0.8	-0.6	-1.4	0.0
Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Plus Credit to the Private Sector	1,791.1	3.8	38.6	-5.2
Loans and Advances	1,790.1	3.8	38.6	-5.0
Securities	1.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2
Net Domestic Credit of the Banking System ⁽³⁾	1,967.5	0.0	52.0	-28.7

 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny (1)}}$ Includes Government T-bills and T-notes.

 $^{^{(2)}}$ T-bill holdings reported by commercial banks reflect a mix of par and market values.

 $^{^{\}mbox{\tiny (3)}}$ Value may not equal total due to rounding.

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

\$mn

<u> </u>			Şmn
		Changes During	
Position as at Dec 2012	Nov 2012 to Dec 2012	Dec 2011 to Dec 2012	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011
182.1	-2.0	-9.2	-3.2
124.7	-2.2	-9.4	1.7
13.5	-0.3	0.1	0.4
16.6	-0.4	-0.6	-1.7
69.5	-0.2	-8.7	-0.2
25.1	-1.3	-0.2	3.2
35.4	-0.4	0.1	-2.2
1.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.0
20.8	0.8	0.5	-2.7
545.5	-2.3	36.7	-12.4
32.5	-2.0	-2.6	-12.1
478.0	0.2	34.2	-4.1
35.0	-0.5	5.1	3.8
649.2	-0.5	-1.7	-10.5
49.9	0.2	-1.8	-6.2
96.2	-0.7	-11.9	-29.7
202.3	-5.4	-10.7	-4.7
300.8	5.4	22.7	30.1
425.8	5.4	20.3	20.6
1802.6	0.6	46.1	-5.5
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 $^{^{1}}$ Includes government services, real estate, financial institutions, professional services and entertainment.

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

\$mn

			Changes During	١١١١١
	Position as at Dec 2012	Nov 2012 to Dec 2012	Dec 2011 to Dec 2012	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011
Holdings of Approved Liquid Assets	815.8	29.4	121.9	85.7
Notes and Coins	68.9	7.9	11.0	-6.7
Balances with Central Bank	338.6	3.7	70.2	42.8
Money at Call and Foreign Balances (due 90 days)	220.1	24.3	25.4	59.5
Treasury Bills maturing in not more than 90 days ⁽¹⁾	173.2	0.0	16.3	6.0
Other Approved assets	15.0	-6.5	-1.0	-15.9
of which: Treasury Notes	0.0	-10.0	-2.5	-14.1
Required Liquid Assets	505.7	6.9	33.0	24.7
Excess/(Deficiency) Liquid Assets	310.1	22.5	88.9	61.0
Daily Average holdings of Cash Reserves	339.5	5.4	69.1	44.3
Required Cash Reserves	186.9	2.5	12.2	9.1
Excess/(Deficiency) Cash Reserves	152.6	2.9	56.9	35.2
Actual Securities Balances ⁽²⁾	173.9	0.0	22.4	-1.5
Required Securities Balances	0.0	0.0	0.0	-128.3
Excess/(Deficiency) Securities	173.9	0.0	22.4	126.8

Table A.6: Weighted Average Interest Rates

Percent

		Changes During			
	Position as at Dec 2012	Nov 2012 to Dec 2012	Dec 2011 to Dec 2012	Dec 2010 to Dec 2011	
Weighted Lending Rates					
Personal Loans	12.95	-0.16	-1.29	-1.26	
Commercial Loans	12.15	-0.08	-0.76	-0.48	
Residential Construction	10.49	-0.08	-1.39	-1.28	
Other	10.32	-0.04	-1.52	-0.48	
Weighted Average	11.99	-0.09	-1.03	-0.76	
Weighted Deposit Rates					
Demand	0.43	-0.07	-0.05	0.00	
Savings/Cheque	2.45	0.01	-0.04	-2.51	
Savings	2.88	0.01	-0.10	-1.99	
Time	3.95	-0.05	-1.42	-2.05	
Weighted Average	2.55	-0.11	-1.10	-1.96	
Weighted Average Spread	9.44	0.02	0.07	1.20	

 $^{^{(1)}}$ Four week average of commercial banks' T-bills holdings. $^{(2)}$ Face value of commercial banks' T-bill holdings at the end of the month.

Table A.7: Tourist Arrivals

	Jan-Dec 2011	Jan-Dec 2012
Air	181,541	212,514
Land	40,741	35,934
Sea	10,944	8,503
Stay-over Visitors	233,226	256,951
Cruise Ship Disembarkations	654,790	576,661

Source: BTB

Table A.8: Sugarcane Deliveries and Production of Sugar and Molasses

	December 2011	December 2012
Deliveries of Sugarcane (long tons)	141,256	198,097
Sugar Processed (long tons)	12,053	18,379
Molasses processed (long tons)	3,604	5,682
Performance		
Factory Time Efficiency (%)	93.14	93.41
Cane Purity (%)	83.21	83.35
Cane/Sugar	11.25	10.42

Source: BSI

Table A.9: Exports of Sugar and Molasses

	Decem 201:		Decem 2012		Jan - 201		Jan - 201	
	Volume (long tons)	Value (\$'000)						
Sugar	0	0	0	0	81,750	82,742	97,134	107,539
E.U.	0	0	0	0	67,900	60,538	79,933	81,756
USA	0	0	0	0	13,730	22,075	17,081	25,645
Caricom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	120	130	120	138
Molasses	0	0	0	0	20,968	2,889	22,135	3,805

Source: BSI

Table A.10: Citrus Deliveries and Production

	December 2011	December 2012	Oct-Dec 2011/2012	Oct-Dec 2012/13
Deliveries (boxes)				
Orange	345,108	260,746	591,523	302,829
Grapefruit	203,410	10,439	443,386	462,058
Total	548,518	271,185	1,034,909	764,887
Concentrate Produced (ps)				
Orange	2,081,751	1,517,648	3,493,679	1,726,611
Grapefruit	652,669	33,668	1,646,251	1,991,599
Total	2,734,420	1,551,316	5,139,930	3,718,210
Not from concentrate (ps)				
Orange	0	0	0	0
Grapefruit	212,171	7,934	212,171	7,934
Total	212,171	7,934	212,171	7,934
Pulp (pounds)				
Orange	135,680	390,928	174,688	390,928
Grapefruit	25,440	0	317,152	162,816
Total	161,120	390,928	491,840	553,744
Oil Produced (pounds)				
Orange	100,400	122,800	152,510	136,200
Grapefruit	24,800	1,600	56,600	62,555
Total	125,200	124,400	209,110	198,755

Source: CPBL

Table A.11: Export Sales of Citrus Products

	2011		20	2012		11	20:	2012	
	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	Volume	Value	
	(ps '000)	(\$ '000)							
Citrus Concentrates									
U.S.A.									
Orange	890.3	2,823	450.3	1,099	6,701.7	19,347	9,580.1	29,781	
Grapefruit	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	
Caribbean									
Orange	1074.5	3,298	774.6	2,370	14,583.6	42,264	10,275.2	33,025	
Grapefruit	62.3	224	40.0	136	580.6	2,037	674.6	2,344	
Europe									
Orange	284.7	1,070	540.6	1,995	2,140.3	7,260	8,688.9	32,899	
Grapefruit	236.8	904	280.9	1,100	1,473.5	4,886	1,476.3	5,554	
Other									
Orange	0.0	0	68.1	225	4,355.2	16,764	4,077.1	13,552	
Grapefruit	0.0	0	60.1	207	790.7	2,035	1,285.0	4,392	
Sub-Total ⁽¹⁾	2,548.6	8,319	2,214.6	7,131	30,625.6	94,593	35,868.4	121,942	
Orange	2249.5	7,191	1833.6	5,688	27,780.8	85,635	32,171.0	108,840	
Grapefruit	299.1	1,128	381.0	1,443.1	2,844.8	8,958	3,697.4	13,102	
Not-From-Concentrate									
Sub-Total	1.1	7	0	0	4.3	28	29.6	168.0	
Orange	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	19.9	105	
Grapefruit	1	7	0.0	0	4.3	28	9.6	63	
Total Citrus Juices	2,549.7	8,326	2,214.6	7,131	30,629.9	94,621	35,898.0	122,110	
Pulp (pounds '000)									
Sub-Total ⁽¹⁾	36.9	33	60.2	44.0	1,433.3	1,049	1,904.2	1,515	
Orange	13	14	60.2	44	1,287.8	938	1,499.3	1,194	
Grapefruit	24	19	0.0	0	145.5	112	404.9	321	

Source: CPBL

⁽¹⁾ Value may not equal total due to rounding.

Table A.12: Government Revenue and Expenditure

\$'000

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	Approved	Jan-11	Jan-12	Apr-11 to	Apr-12	Actual YTD as %
	Budget 2012/2013 ^p	to Dec-11	to Dec-12	Dec-11	to Dec-12	of Budget
TOTAL REVENUE & GRANTS (1+2+3)	862,643	816,198	868,000	602,509	622,500	72.2%
1). Current revenue	819,369	786,999	815,994	580,642	599,002	73.1%
Tax revenue	683,285	666,440	683,943	496,870	508,917	74.5%
Income and profits	226,157	236,420	226,103	175,772	162,983	72.1%
Taxes on property	6,873	7,468	4,882	4,931	3,140	45.7%
Taxes on goods and services	263,861	236,417	258,812	169,397	197,952	75.0%
Int'l trade and transactions	186,395	186,135	194,145	146,770	144,841	77.7%
Non-Tax Revenue	136,084	120,560	132,050	83,772	90,085	66.2%
Property income	20,609	23,326	12,124	16,512	4,518	21.9%
Licences	12,929	11,530	16,788	8,136	12,395	95.9%
Other	102,546	85,703	103,138	59,124	73,172	71.4%
2). Capital revenue	8,075	6,164	6,455	4,496	3,111	38.5%
3). Grants	35,199	23,034	45,552	17,371	20,387	57.9%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE (1+2)	937,857	839,095	898,016	619,602	628,323	67.0%
1). Current Expenditure	777,734	717,380	736,944	520,942	528,782	68.0%
Wages and Salaries	294,743	290,968	299,640	220,349	223,567	75.9%
Pensions	50,826	49,895	54,108	38,062	40,536	79.8%
Goods and Services	170,369	172,703	174,386	124,604	124,873	73.3%
Interest Payments on Public Debt	135,176	103,562	93,425	59,555	50,638	37.5%
Subsidies & current transfers	126,619	100,251	115,385	78,372	89,168	70.4%
2). Capital Expenditure	160,124	121,715	161,073	98,659	99,541	62.2%
Capital II (local sources)	79,330	69,653	65,276	53,836	44,650	56.3%
Capital III (foreign sources)	77,541	46,409	92,450	40,835	52,400	67.6%
Capital Transfer & Net Lending	3,253	5,654	3,348	3,989	2,491	76.6%
CURRENT BALANCE	41,636	69,620	79,050	59,699	70,220	168.7%
Primary Balance	59,963	80,665	63,409	42,462	44,815	74.7%
OVERALL BALANCE	(75,213)	(22,897)	(30,016)	(17,093)	(5,822)	7.7%
Primary less Grants	24,764	57,631	17,858	25,091	24,428	98.6%
Overall Balance less Grants	(110,413)	(45,931)	(75,568)	(34,464)	(26,209)	23.7%
FINANCING	75,213	22,897	30,016	17,093	5,822	
Domestic Financing		9,457	16,192	(9,802)	(9,933)	
Central Bank		(23,121)	2,808	(34,212)	(22,457)	
Net Borrowing		9,639	(8,543)	18,687	(5,423)	
Change in Deposits		(32,760)	11,350	(52,899)	(17,033)	
Commercial Banks		(487)	9,723	(485)	12,117	
Net Borrowing		(538)	14,147	(6,146)	14,788	
Change in Deposits		51	(4,424)	5,661	(2,671)	
Other Domestic Financing		33,065	3,661	24,895	407	
Financing Abroad		18,739	14,686	27,492	19,900	
Disbursements		71,698	71,432	64,177	64,769	
Amortization		(52,959)	(56,746)	(36,684)	(44,869)	
Other		(5,299)	(862)	(597)	(4,145)	

Sources: MOF and CBB estimates
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Table A.13: Central Government's Domestic Debt⁽¹⁾

\$'000

	Disbursed	Disbursed TRANSACTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 2012					
	Outstanding	Disbursement/	Amortization/		Net Change	Outstanding	
	Debt	New Issue of	Reduction in		in Overdraft/	Debt	
	31/12/11 ^R	Securities	Securities	Interest	Securities	31/12/12 ^p	
Overdraft/Loans	48,130	0	0	5,571	8,219	56,350	
Central Bank	48,130			5,571	8,219	56,350	
Commercial Banks	(0)			0	0	0	
Treasury Bills	175,000	0	0	3,399	0	175,000	
Central Bank	22,331	0	0	252	(22,331)	0	
Commercial Banks	151,027	0	0	3,124	22,453	173,480	
Other	1,642	0	0	23	(122)	1,520	
Treasury Notes	136,800	0	0	6,808	0	136,800	
Central Bank	82,228	0	0	6,099	5,569	87,797	
Commercial Banks	10,000	0	0	300	(10,000)	0	
Other	44,572	0	0	409	4,431	49,003	
Defence Bonds	10,000	0	0	800	0	10,000	
Central Bank	10,000		0	800	0	10,000	
Commercial Banks	0		0	0	0	0	
Other	0		0	0	0	0	
Atlantic Bank Ltd.	1,431	0	257	117	0	1,173	
Heritage Bank Ltd	2,270	3,191	1,229	356	0	4,230	
Belize Social Security Board(2)	3,505	0	932	255	0	2,572	
Fort Street Tourism Village	0	571	285	0	0	285	
Debt-for-Nature Swap	3,054	0	153	85	0	2,810	
Guardian Life Belize	1,000	0	0	90	0	1,000	
Total	381,189	3,762	2,857	17,480	8,219	390,220	

⁽¹⁾ Please note that transactions associated with UHS loan with the Belize Bank are not included in this table due to ongoing litigation.

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

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Table A.14: Central Government's External Debt

\$'000

						\$'000
	Disbursed	TRANS	TRANSACTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 2012			
	Outstanding					Outstanding
	Debt		Principal	Interest & Other	Parity	Debt
	31/12/11 ^R	Disbursements	Payments	Payments	Change	31/12/12 ^p
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT	1,909,587	71,396	56,746	76,706	119	1,924,356
Banco Nacional de Comercio Exterior	3,705	0	1,059	209	0	2,647
Government of the United States	749	0	365	33	0	384
Government of Venezuela	37,492	0	1,441	349	0	36,050
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	20,412	1,516	4,010	1,184	-131	17,788
Republic of China	280,740	20,000	20,409	7,161	-0	280,331
Caribbean Development Bank	196,985	12,649	10,430	6,064	0	199,204
Caricom Development Fund	2,000	140	0	79	0	2,140
European Economic Community	13,795	0	1,037	130	245	13,003
Inter-American Development Bank	220,765	25,807	11,957	3,703	0	234,615
International Fund for Agricultural Development	2,192	0	555	27	5	1,642
International Bank for Reconstruction & Development	19,539	5,363	3,443	213	0	21,459
Opec Fund for International Development	17,645	5,921	2,000	840	0	21,566
Central American Bank for Economic Intelligence	1,000	0	42	220	0	958
Bear Stearns & Co. (Untendered portion)	5,916	0	0	0	0	5,916
Bank of New York (New Bond Issue)	1,087,613	0	0	56,493	0	1,087,613
NON-FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR	47,238	97	9,908	1,244	-30	37,397
Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development	3,585	0	714	136	-28	2,843
Deutsche Bank Barcelona	422	0	422	12	0	0
Royal Merchant Bank and Finance Co.(1)	559	0	559	28	0	0
The Bank of Nova Scotia (1)	9,571	0	3,190	103	0	6,380
European Investment Bank (1)	2,189	0	672	43	-1	1,516
Caribbean Development Bank (1) (2)	30,912	97	4,351	922	0	26,658
FINANCIAL PUBLIC SECTOR	87,330	0	13,337	687	-4	73,989
Caribbean Development Bank	10,639	0	1,330	235	0	9,308
European Economic Community	377	0	38	3	8	347
Paine Webber Real Estate Securities Inc.	400	0	100	2	0	300
Belize Mortgage Company ⁽³⁾	6,538	0	6,538	227	0	0
International Monetary Fund ⁽⁴⁾	69,377	0	5,331	219	-12	64,033
GRAND TOTAL	2,044,155	71,492	79,992	78,637	85	2,035,742

⁽¹⁾ Effective 21 June 2011, the nationalization of BEL caused the increase (\$23.1mn) in debt, which was matched by GOB'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 repurchase of the company.

⁽³⁾ BMC is the issuer of the DFC North American Securitization Loan through the Bank of New York.

⁽⁴⁾ IMF SDR Allocation is included as part of financial public sector external debt obligation.

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