Monetary Policy Data

	Feb-13	Jan-13	Feb-12
Foreign Reserves (TOP million)	258.0	260.3	230.6
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.1	9.4	8.2
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	15.8	16.0	12.1
Inflation (apc)	1.1	1.6	2.4
Imported (apc)	2.1	2.4	3.7
Domestic (apc)	-0.3	0.3	0.7
Activity Indicators			
Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*	-7.2	-7.6	-13.2
Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)	227.7	227.6	245.3
Household (apc)	-0.8	-0.7	-4.6
Business (apc)	-14.9	-17.1	-22.7
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	139.7	141.6	110.2
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion) Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	19.3	19.3 341.0	19.0 326.6
Broad Moriey (MS, TOP Million)	338.9	341.0	320.0
OET			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	195.5	195.1	229.4
Imports (apc)	-14.8	-16.0	-1.0
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.9	9.8	11.5
Exports (apc)	-14.2	-14.5	28.7
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.4	70.5	56.3
Tourist Receipts (apc) Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	25.1 108.4	28.2 107.5	-4.6 126.2
Private Remittances (amula total, TOP million) Private Remittances (apc)	-14.1	-16.7	-19.1
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Financial Markets			
Exchange Rate USD/TOP	0.5707	0.5700	0.5070
AUD/TOP	0.5797 0.5587	0.5799 0.5494	0.5978 0.5541
NZD/TOP	0.6846	0.6872	0.7101
FJD/TOP	0.9950	0.9923	0.9925
NEER	103.9	103.2	105.0
REER	116.7	116.7	118.5
Interest Rates			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.98	10.02	9.97
Housing (%)	9.15	9.16	9.15
Business (%)	9.99	10.00	9.75
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.52	3.69	3.84
12-month term (%)	4.08	4.07	4.10
Savings (%)	2.02	1.96	1.98

Notes: apc = annual percent change

^{*} Covers only loans from the banking system.

Data in previous months may have been adjusted to incorporate revisions received from the domestic banking system.

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