

# Monetary Policy Data

	Jan-13	Dec-12	Jan-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>260.3</b>	<b>257.3</b>	<b>229.5</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.4	9.3	8.2
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	16.0	16.0	11.9
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Imported (apc)	2.4	2.3	4.3
Domestic (apc)	0.3	2.8	-1.8

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	-7.6	-10.0	-13.7
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	227.6	230.6	246.4
Household (apc)	-0.7	-1.8	-6.4
Business (apc)	-17.1	-17.1	-20.9
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	141.6	130.2	111.4
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.0
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	341.0	347.6	336.6
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	195.1	193.0	232.2
Imports (apc)	-16.0	-19.6	3.7
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.8	9.5	11.4
Exports (apc)	-14.5	-15.3	27.7
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.5	68.7	55.0
Tourist Receipts (apc)	28.2	22.7	-5.9
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	107.5	108.5	129.0
Private Remittances (apc)	-16.7	-16.5	-17.2

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5799	0.5804	0.5869
AUD/TOP	0.5494	0.5511	0.5618
NZD/TOP	0.6872	0.6916	0.7291
FJD/TOP	0.9923	0.9923	0.9966
<b>NEER</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>102.9</b>	<b>104.9</b>
<b>REER</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>118.8</b>	<b>117.9</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	10.02	10.05	9.76
Housing (%)	9.16	9.15	9.08
Business (%)	10.00	9.91	9.39
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.69	3.75	3.80
12-month term (%)	4.07	4.08	4.32
Savings (%)	1.96	1.92	1.96

Notes: apc = annual percent change

\* Covers only loans from the banking system.

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Feb-13	Jan-13	Feb-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>260.3</b>	<b>230.6</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.1	9.4	8.2
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	15.8	16.0	12.1
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>
Imported (apc)	2.1	2.4	3.7
Domestic (apc)	-0.3	0.3	0.7

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	-7.2	-7.6	-13.2
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	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)	19.3	19.3	19.0
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	338.9	341.0	326.6
<b>OET</b>			
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)	25.1	28.2	-4.6
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	108.4	107.5	126.2
Private Remittances (apc)	-14.1	-16.7	-19.1

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5797	0.5799	0.5978
AUD/TOP	0.5587	0.5494	0.5541
NZD/TOP	0.6846	0.6872	0.7101
FJD/TOP	0.9950	0.9923	0.9925
<b>NEER</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>105.0</b>
<b>REER</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>118.5</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
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

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Mar-13	Feb-13	Mar-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>244.8</b>	<b>258.0</b>	<b>239.2</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.5	9.1	8.6
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	14.7	15.8	12.8
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Imported (apc)	2.2	2.1	2.8
Domestic (apc)	-1.0	-0.3	0.0

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	-6.9	-7.2	-13.5
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>227.4</b>	<b>227.7</b>	<b>244.3</b>
Household (apc)	-0.8	-0.8	-4.8
Business (apc)	-14.3	-14.9	-22.8
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	131.7	139.7	121.3
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.0
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	338.2	338.9	332.5
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	199.7	195.5	224.4
Imports (apc)	-11.0	-14.8	-1.7
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.8	9.9	11.5
Exports (apc)	-14.9	-14.2	25.0
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.8	70.4	57.2
Tourist Receipts (apc)	23.8	25.1	-4.0
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	109.8	108.4	122.4
Private Remittances (apc)	-10.3	-14.1	-20.8

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5770	0.5797	0.5892
AUD/TOP	0.5553	0.5587	0.5550
NZD/TOP	0.6908	0.6846	0.7113
FJD/TOP	0.9991	0.9950	0.9917
<b>NEER</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>104.7</b>
<b>REER</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>116.7</b>	<b>119.9</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.95	9.98	10.12
Housing (%)	9.11	9.15	9.18
Business (%)	9.99	9.99	9.89
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.27	3.52	3.86
12-month term (%)	3.61	4.08	4.62
Savings (%)	2.12	2.02	1.92

Notes: apc = annual percent change

\* Excluding the China loan for the reconstruction activity in the central business district.

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

## Monetary Policy Data

**Foreign Reserves (TOP million)**  
Months of Imports (trade estimate)  
Months of Imports (OET estimate)

The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT  
The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports  
The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

**Inflation (apc)**  
Imported (apc)  
Domestic (apc)

Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)  
Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI  
Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

#### Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)

Household (apc)  
Business (apc)

Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)

NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)

Govt Securities (TOP million)

Broad Money (M3, TOP million)

Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks

Annual growth in lending to individuals and households

Annual growth in lending to businesses

Domestic banks' cash at NRBT

Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks

Domestic banks' holdings of Govt securities (Bonds and Treasury Notes)

Broad definition of money in the economy, including currency in circulation, money in savings accounts, and funds in term deposits

#### OET

Imports (apc)  
Exports (apc)

Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)

Tourist Receipts (apc)

Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)

Private Remittances (apc)

Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks

Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received for exported goods (from OET)

Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)

Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)

Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

#### Exchange Rate

USD/TOP  
AUD/TOP  
NZD/TOP  
FJD/TOP  
NEER  
REER

Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Amount in New Zealand dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Amount in Fiji dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Trade-weighted index of the pa'anga (month average). April 2009 =100

Real effective exchange rate. January 1991=100

#### Interest Rates

Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)  
Household (%)  
Business (%)

Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)

Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)

Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)

Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)  
12- month term (%)  
Savings (%)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Apr-13	Mar-13	Apr-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>258.4</b>	<b>244.8</b>	<b>240.3</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.0	8.5	8.5
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	15.8	14.7	12.9
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.3</b>
Imported (apc)	0.5	2.2	2.2
Domestic (apc)	0.6	-1.0	0.1

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	-6.5	-6.9	-14.8
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	224.5	227.4	240.1
Household (apc)	-0.3	-0.8	-5.6
Household, adjusted (apc)**	5.3	5.2	4.4
Business (apc)	-14.2	-14.3	-24.7
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	141.1	131.7	122.7
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.0
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	341.2	338.2	335.3
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	196.0	199.7	224.3
Imports (apc)	-12.6	-11.0	-2.1
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.9	9.8	11.0
Exports (apc)	-9.6	-14.9	29.1
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.4	70.8	58.6
Tourist Receipts (apc)	20.1	23.8	-1.8
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	113.3	109.8	117.8
Private Remittances (apc)	-3.9	-10.3	-23.2

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5810	0.5770	0.5848
AUD/TOP	0.5565	0.5553	0.5608
NZD/TOP	0.6800	0.6908	0.7072
FJD/TOP	1.0013	0.9991	0.9926
<b>NEER</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>104.0</b>	<b>104.2</b>
<b>REER</b>	<b>n.a</b>	<b>117.7</b>	<b>120.8</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.96	9.95	10.09
Housing (%)	9.09	9.11	9.13
Business (%)	10.03	9.99	9.82
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.33	3.27	3.72
12-month term (%)	4.09	3.61	4.73
Savings (%)	2.07	2.12	1.99

Notes: apc = annual percent change

\* All unadjusted lending series cover loans from the banking system only.

\*\* Includes loans from some non-bank institutions.

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## Monetary Policy Data

<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Imported (apc)	Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI
Domestic (apc)	Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)</b>	Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks
Household (apc)	Annual growth in lending to individuals and households
Business (apc)	Annual growth in lending to businesses
<b>Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)</b>	Domestic banks' cash at NRBT
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks
Govt Securities (TOP million)	Domestic banks' holdings of Govt securities (Bonds and Treasury Notes)
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	Broad definition of money in the economy, including currency in circulation, money in savings accounts, and funds in term deposits
<b>OET</b>	Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks
Imports (apc)	Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)
Exports (apc)	Annual growth in amount received for exported goods (from OET)
<b>Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)</b>	Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)
<b>Tourist Receipts (apc)</b>	Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)
<b>Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)</b>	Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)
<b>Private Remittances (apc)</b>	Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>	
USD/TOP	Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
AUD/TOP	Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
NZD/TOP	Amount in New Zealand dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
FJD/TOP	Amount in Fiji dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
<b>NEER</b>	Trade-weighted index of the pa'anga (month average). April 2009 =100
<b>REER</b>	Real effective exchange rate. January 1991=100
<b>Interest Rates</b>	
<b>Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)</b>	Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)
Household (%)	Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)
Business (%)	Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)
<b>Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)</b>	Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)
12- month term (%)	Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)
Savings (%)	Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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# Monetary Policy Data

	May-13	Apr-13	May-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>258.4</b>	<b>245.0</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.1	9.0	8.5
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	15.4	15.8	13.2
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.4</b>
Imported (apc)	-0.2	0.5	0.5
Domestic (apc)	0.0	0.6	0.2

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>223.3</b>	<b>238.4</b>
Household (apc)	0.4	-0.3	-4.5
Household, adjusted (apc)**	6.5	5.3	5.0
Business (apc)	-15.4	-14.1	-24.7
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	141.7	141.1	126.6
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.0
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	342.8	341.4	337.5
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	202.1	196.0	222.7
Imports (apc)	-9.3	-12.6	-2.1
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.8	9.9	8.2
Exports (apc)	19.3	-9.6	-27.2
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.6	70.4	60.0
Tourist Receipts (apc)	17.6	20.1	-1.3
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	116.8	113.3	115.5
Private Remittances (apc)	1.2	-3.9	-23.3

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5694	0.5810	0.5698
AUD/TOP	0.5700	0.5565	0.5664
NZD/TOP	0.6826	0.6800	0.7271
FJD/TOP	0.9986	1.0013	0.9914
NEER	<b>103.9</b>	<b>104.3</b>	<b>103.5</b>
REER	n.a	<b>118.7</b>	<b>120.3</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.84	9.96	9.96
Housing (%)	9.07	9.09	9.02
Business (%)	9.79	10.03	9.73
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.20	3.33	3.66
12-month term (%)	3.65	3.73	4.06
Savings (%)	2.11	2.07	2.03

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**Foreign Reserves (TOP million)**  
Months of Imports (trade estimate)  
Months of Imports (OET estimate)

The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT  
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The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

**Inflation (apc)**  
Imported (apc)  
Domestic (apc)

Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)  
Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI  
Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

#### Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)

Household (apc)  
Business (apc)

#### Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)

NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)  
Govt Securities (TOP million)  
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)

Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks

Annual growth in lending to individuals and households

Annual growth in lending to businesses

Domestic banks' cash at NRBT

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#### OET

Imports (apc)  
Exports (apc)

#### Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)

Tourist Receipts (apc)

#### Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)

Private Remittances (apc)

Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks

Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)

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Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)

Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)

Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

#### Exchange Rate

USD/TOP  
AUD/TOP  
NZD/TOP  
FJD/TOP  
NEER  
REER

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Trade-weighted index of the pa'anga (month average). April 2009 =100

Real effective exchange rate. January 1991=100

#### Interest Rates

Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)  
Household (%)  
Business (%)

Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)

Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)

Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)

Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)  
12- month term (%)  
Savings (%)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Jun-13	May-13	Jun-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>259.2</b>	<b>246.1</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.2	9.1	8.5
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	15.8	15.4	13.4
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>2.3</b>
Imported (apc)	0.0	-0.2	0.3
Domestic (apc)	0.5	0.0	5.3

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-6.6</b>	<b>-10.5</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>221.0</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>239.0</b>
Household (apc)	-0.7	0.4	-2.3
Household, adjusted (apc)**	4.5	6.5	7.8
Business (apc)	-16.1	-15.4	-18.9
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	144.9	141.7	118.2
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.3
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	347.2	344.5	332.8
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	200.4	202.1	221.2
Imports (apc)	-9.4	-9.3	-3.7
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	9.8	9.8	7.9
Exports (apc)	25.4	19.3	-30.2
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.1	70.6	61.7
Tourist Receipts (apc)	13.8	17.6	1.3
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	119.3	116.8	113.2
Private Remittances (apc)	5.4	1.2	-22.7

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5543	0.5694	0.5685
AUD/TOP	0.5844	0.5700	0.5657
NZD/TOP	0.6952	0.6826	0.7223
FJD/TOP	0.9873	0.9986	1.0021
NEER	<b>102.8</b>	<b>103.9</b>	<b>103.3</b>
REER	<b>118.8</b>	<b>119.6</b>	<b>121.7</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.73	9.84	9.99
Housing (%)	9.02	9.07	9.03
Business (%)	9.81	9.79	9.74
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.24	3.20	3.43
12-month term (%)	3.60	3.65	3.65
Savings (%)	2.16	2.11	2.08

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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## Monetary Policy Data

**Foreign Reserves (TOP million)**  
Months of Imports (trade estimate)  
Months of Imports (OET estimate)

The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT  
The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports  
The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

**Inflation (apc)**  
Imported (apc)  
Domestic (apc)

Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)  
Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI  
Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

#### Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)

Household (apc)  
Business (apc)

Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)

NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)

Govt Securities (TOP million)

Broad Money (M3, TOP million)

Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks

Annual growth in lending to individuals and households

Annual growth in lending to businesses

Domestic banks' cash at NRBT

Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks

Domestic banks' holdings of Govt securities (Bonds and Treasury Notes)

Broad definition of money in the economy, including currency in circulation, money in savings accounts, and funds in term deposits

#### OET

Imports (apc)  
Exports (apc)

Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)

Tourist Receipts (apc)

Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)

Private Remittances (apc)

Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks

Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received for exported goods (from OET)

Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)

Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)

Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

#### Exchange Rate

USD/TOP  
AUD/TOP  
NZD/TOP  
FJD/TOP  
NEER  
REER

Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Amount in New Zealand dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Amount in Fiji dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Trade-weighted index of the pa'anga (month average). April 2009 =100

Real effective exchange rate. January 1991=100

#### Interest Rates

Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)  
Household (%)  
Business (%)

Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)

Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)

Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)

Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)  
12- month term (%)  
Savings (%)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Jul-13	Jun-13	Jul-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>252.7</b>	<b>263.3</b>	<b>251.1</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.4	8.8	8.6
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	14.8	15.8	13.7
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.7</b>
Imported (apc)	0.7	0.0	-0.2
Domestic (apc)	-0.5	0.5	1.9

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-7.5</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>220.2</b>	<b>221.0</b>	<b>238.2</b>
Household (apc)	-0.7	-0.7	-2.9
Household, adjusted (apc)**	4.5	5.1	2.1
Business (apc)	-16.0	-16.1	-18.9
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	136.8	144.9	122.2
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.3
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	346.3	347.9	336.2
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	204.6	200.4	219.4
Imports (apc)	-6.7	-9.4	-3.2
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	10.1	9.8	7.9
Exports (apc)	27.1	25.4	-25.7
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	70.8	70.1	65.1
Tourist Receipts (apc)	8.8	13.8	8.0
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	122.0	119.3	110.3
Private Remittances (apc)	10.5	5.4	-24.5

## Financial Markets

		<b>Exchange Rate</b>		
		USD/TOP	0.5476	0.5543
		AUD/TOP	0.5937	0.5844
		NZD/TOP	0.6882	0.6952
		FJD/TOP	0.9908	0.9873
<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>Weighted Index***</b>	<b>99.3</b>	<b>100.2</b>	<b>102.4</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>Weighted Index***</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>111.5</b>
		<b>Interest Rates</b>		
		Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.63	9.73
		Housing (%)	8.95	9.02
		Business (%)	9.64	9.81
		Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.29	3.24
		12-month term (%)	4.00	3.60
		Savings (%)	2.17	2.16
				3.80
				3.87
				2.13

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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

## Monetary Policy Data

**Foreign Reserves (TOP million)**  
 Months of Imports (trade estimate)  
 Months of Imports (OET estimate)

The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT  
 The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports  
 The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

**Inflation (apc)**  
 Imported (apc)  
 Domestic (apc)

Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)  
 Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI  
 Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

#### Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)

Household (apc)  
 Business (apc)

Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)

NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)

Govt Securities (TOP million)

Broad Money (M3, TOP million)

Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks  
 Annual growth in lending to individuals and households

Annual growth in lending to businesses

Domestic banks' cash at NRBT

Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks

Domestic banks' holdings of Govt securities (Bonds and Treasury Notes)

Broad definition of money in the economy, including currency in circulation, money in savings accounts, and funds in term deposits

#### OET

Imports (apc)  
 Exports (apc)

Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)

Tourist Receipts (apc)

Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)

Private Remittances (apc)

Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks  
 Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received for exported goods (from OET)

Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)

Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)

Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

#### Exchange Rate

USD/TOP  
 AUD/TOP  
 NZD/TOP  
 FJD/TOP

#### Nominal Trade Weighted Index

#### Real Trade Weighted Index

Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)  
 Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)  
 Amount in New Zealand dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)  
 Amount in Fiji dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)

Bilateral trade-weighted index of nominal exchange rates, in units per Pa'anga. December 2006 =100

Bilateral trade-weighted index of real exchange rates, in units per Pa'anga. December 2006 =100. The inflation data have been smoothed and, for recent observations, rely on IMF forecasts.

#### Interest Rates

Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)  
 Household (%)  
 Business (%)

Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)  
 Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)  
 Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)

Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)

12- month term (%)

Savings (%)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)

Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Aug-13	Jul-13	Aug-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>256.2</b>	<b>252.7</b>	<b>252.7</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.5	8.4	8.6
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	15.0	14.8	14.4
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
Imported (apc)	1.6	0.7	-0.1
Domestic (apc)	-0.1	-0.5	-1.5

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-7.6</b>	<b>-9.5</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>220.4</b>	<b>220.2</b>	<b>238.8</b>
Household (apc)	-0.6	-0.7	-1.5
Household, adjusted (apc)**	4.4	4.5	2.3
Business (apc)	-16.6	-16.0	-17.9
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	138.8	136.8	124.4
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.3
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	350.5	346.3	339.1
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	205.3	204.6	210.3
Imports (apc)	-2.4	-6.7	-7.8
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	10.1	10.1	7.8
Exports (apc)	30.6	27.1	-26.5
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	73.6	70.8	65.0
Tourist Receipts (apc)	13.2	8.8	10.2
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	123.3	122.0	108.8
Private Remittances (apc)	13.3	10.5	-24.9

## Financial Markets

	<b>Exchange Rate</b>		
	USD/TOP	0.5455	0.5476
	AUD/TOP	0.6001	0.5937
	NZD/TOP	0.6821	0.6882
	FJD/TOP	0.9992	0.9908
<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>Weighted Index***</b>	<b>100.6</b>	<b>100.6</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>Weighted Index***</b>	<b>108.2</b>	<b>108.1</b>
	<b>Interest Rates</b>		
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.51	9.63	10.08
Housing (%)	8.89	8.95	9.26
Business (%)	9.46	9.64	9.95
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.26	3.29	3.79
12-month term (%)	3.75	4.00	3.89
Savings (%)	2.18	2.17	2.10

Notes: apc = annual percent change

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

## Monetary Policy Data

<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Imported (apc)	Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI
Domestic (apc)	Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)</b>	Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks
Household (apc)	Annual growth in lending to individuals and households
Business (apc)	Annual growth in lending to businesses
<b>Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)</b>	Domestic banks' cash at NRBT
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks
Govt Securities (TOP million)	Domestic banks' holdings of Govt securities (Bonds and Treasury Notes)
<b>Broad Money (M3, TOP million)</b>	Broad definition of money in the economy, including currency in circulation, money in savings accounts, and funds in term deposits
<b>OET</b>	Overseas Exchange Transactions - a database of transactions undertaken by banks
Imports (apc)	Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)
Exports (apc)	Annual growth in amount received for exported goods (from OET)
<b>Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)</b>	Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)
Tourist Receipts (apc)	Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)
<b>Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)</b>	Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)
Private Remittances (apc)	Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>	
USD/TOP	Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
AUD/TOP	Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
NZD/TOP	Amount in New Zealand dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
FJD/TOP	Amount in Fiji dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>eightied Index</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>eightied Index</b>
	Bilateral trade-weighted index of nominal exchange rates, in units per Pa'anga. December 2006 =100
	Bilateral trade-weighted index of real exchange rates, in units per Pa'anga. December 2006 =100. The inflation data have been smoothed and, for recent observations, rely on IMF forecasts.
<b>Interest Rates</b>	
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)
Household (%)	Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)
Business (%)	Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)
12- month term (%)	Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)
Savings (%)	Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

# Monetary Policy Data

	Sep-13	Aug-13	Sep-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>254.2</b>	<b>256.2</b>	<b>247.9</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.4	8.5	8.5
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	14.9	15.0	14.2
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>-0.8</b>
Imported (apc)	2.2	1.6	-0.6
Domestic (apc)	0.3	-0.1	-1.1

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)*</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-7.7</b>	<b>-10.7</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>219.5</b>	<b>220.4</b>	<b>234.8</b>
Household (apc)	0.2	-0.6	-2.8
Household, adjusted (apc)**	8.0	6.3	0.9
Business (apc)	-15.1	-16.6	-19.2
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	137.6	138.8	123.9
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.3
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	357.0	350.5	338.2
<b>OET</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	204.5	205.3	209.8
Imports (apc)	-2.5	-2.4	-7.5
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	10.5	10.1	8.0
Exports (apc)	30.4	30.6	-20.7
Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	77.2	73.6	62.7
Tourist Receipts (apc)	23.1	13.2	7.0
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	121.9	123.3	108.8
Private Remittances (apc)	12.0	13.3	-22.0

## Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>			
USD/TOP	0.5522	0.5455	0.5811
AUD/TOP	0.5923	0.6001	0.5564
NZD/TOP	0.6736	0.6821	0.7051
FJD/TOP	0.9953	0.9992	1.0039
<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>eighted Index***</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.6</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>eighted Index***</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>108.8</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.52	9.51	10.09
Housing (%)	8.85	8.89	9.28
Business (%)	9.48	9.46	9.94
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.29	3.26	3.82
12-month term (%)	3.97	3.75	3.88
Savings (%)	2.16	2.18	2.09

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## Monetary Policy Data

<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	The value in pa'anga of foreign reserves held by the NRBT
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	The foreign reserves figure divided by the trade value of imports
Months of Imports (OET estimate)	The foreign reserves figure divided by the OET value of imports

<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	Annual growth in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
Imported (apc)	Annual growth in prices of imported goods in the CPI
Domestic (apc)	Annual growth in prices of domestic goods in the CPI

### Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)</b>	Annual growth in lending to the private sector by banks
Household (apc)	Annual growth in lending to individuals and households
Business (apc)	Annual growth in lending to businesses
<b>Domestic Liquidity (TOP million)</b>	Domestic banks' cash at NRBT
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	Short term interest bearing securities issued by the NRBT held by the banks
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Imports (apc)	Annual growth in amount paid for imported goods (from OET)
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<b>Tourist Receipts (annual total, TOP million)</b>	Amount spent by tourists, estimated by the NRBT (from OET)
Tourist Receipts (apc)	Annual growth in amount spent by tourists (from OET)
<b>Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)</b>	Amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)
Private Remittances (apc)	Annual growth in amount received by individuals, households and churches from overseas (from OET)

### Financial Markets

<b>Exchange Rate</b>	
USD/TOP	Amount in United States dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
AUD/TOP	Amount in Australian dollars that 1 pa'anga is worth (month average)
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<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>eightied Index</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>eightied Index</b>
	Bilateral trade-weighted index of nominal exchange rates, in units per Pa'anga. December 2006 =100
	Bilateral trade-weighted index of real exchange rates, in units per Pa'anga. December 2006 =100. The inflation data have been smoothed and, for recent observations, rely on IMF forecasts.
<b>Interest Rates</b>	
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	Average interest rate that banks lend at (month average)
Household (%)	Average interest rate banks charge for housing loans (month average)
Business (%)	Average interest rate that businesses can borrow from banks (month average)
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)
12- month term (%)	Average interest rate that commercial banks pay on 12-month term deposits (month average, <\$50,000)
Savings (%)	Average interest rate that banks pay on savings accounts (month average)

Notes: apc = annual percent change

# Monetary Policy Data

	Oct-13	Sep-13	Oct-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>260.6</b>	<b>254.2</b>	<b>246.2</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.6	8.4	8.5
Months of Imports (Foreign Exchange Transactions estimate)*	11.8	11.8	11.6
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Imported (apc)	2.3	2.2	-0.1
Domestic (apc)	0.2	0.3	2.7

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)**</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-12.0</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>219.5</b>	<b>232.1</b>
Household (apc)	0.9	0.2	-3.1
Household, adjusted (apc)***	9.0	8.0	0.6
Business (apc)	-14.5	-15.1	-21.4
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	143.4	137.6	125.1
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.1
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	356.0	350.7	334.1
<b>Foreign Exchange Transactions*</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	264.1	259.3	255.0
Imports (apc)	3.6	0.6	7.7
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	13.9	12.7	9.9
Exports (apc)	40.2	36.6	-2.2
Travel Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	82.3	82.5	74.3
Tourist Receipts (apc)	10.8	15.5	26.1
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	209.7	209.0	186.8
Private Remittances (apc)	12.3	17.5	44.9

## Financial Markets

		<b>Exchange Rate</b>		
		USD/TOP	0.5607	0.5522
		AUD/TOP	0.5862	0.5923
		NZD/TOP	0.6680	0.6736
		FJD/TOP	0.9918	0.9953
<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>eighted Index****</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>101.8</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>eighted Index****</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>110.1</b>
		<b>Interest Rates</b>		
		Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.31	9.52
		Housing (%)	8.79	8.85
		Business (%)	9.32	9.48
		Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.28	3.31
		12-month term (%)	3.83	3.95
		Savings (%)	1.90	2.16

Notes: apc = annual percent change

\*At the end of 2013 the NRBT improved its methodology for measuring the foreign exchange transactions in Tonga, merging the OET data with information obtained directly from foreign exchange dealers. All data back to, and including, January 2012 was revised.

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\*\*\* Includes loans from some non-bank institutions.

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## Monetary Policy Data

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# Monetary Policy Data

	Nov-13	Oct-13	Nov-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>265.4</b>	<b>260.6</b>	<b>253.7</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	8.7	8.6	8.8
Months of Imports (Foreign Exchange Transactions estimate)*	12.3	11.8	11.8
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Imported (apc)	2.2	2.3	0.8
Domestic (apc)	-1.9	0.2	2.4

## Activity Indicators

<b>Private Sector Credit Growth (apc)**</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-5.8</b>	<b>-12.9</b>
<b>Private Sector Outsd. Loan (Ann. Tot \$ m)</b>	<b>220.8</b>	<b>218.6</b>	<b>230.2</b>
Household (apc)	1.6	0.9	-3.4
Household, adjusted (apc)***	10.1	9.0	0.3
Business (apc)	-11.7	-14.5	-23.1
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	131.2	143.4	131.5
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	19.3	19.3	19.3
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	360.0	355.8	338.7
<b>Foreign Exchange Transactions*</b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	259.0	264.1	258.6
Imports (apc)	0.2	3.6	9.0
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	14.6	13.9	10.7
Exports (apc)	36.0	40.2	2.1
Travel Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	81.8	82.3	76.9
Tourist Receipts (apc)	6.4	10.8	29.7
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	208.4	209.7	197.7
Private Remittances (apc)	5.4	12.3	58.6

## Financial Markets

		<b>Exchange Rate</b>		
		USD/TOP	0.5549	0.5607
		AUD/TOP	0.5918	0.5862
		NZD/TOP	0.6683	0.6680
		FJD/TOP	0.9860	0.9918
<b>Nominal Trade</b>	<b>eighted Index****</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>100.3</b>	<b>101.6</b>
<b>Real Trade</b>	<b>eighted Index****</b>	<b>107.8</b>	<b>108.4</b>	<b>109.7</b>
		<b>Interest Rates</b>		
		Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.27	9.31
		Housing (%)	8.75	8.79
		Business (%)	9.22	9.32
		Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.27	3.28
		12-month term (%)	3.96	3.83
		Savings (%)	1.89	1.90
				3.81
				3.73
				1.98

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\*At the end of 2013 the NRBT improved its methodology for measuring the foreign exchange transactions in Tonga, merging the OET data with information obtained directly from foreign exchange dealers. All data back to, and including, January 2012 was revised.

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## Monetary Policy Data

	Dec-13	Nov-13	Dec-12
<b>Foreign Reserves (TOP million)</b>	<b>271.8</b>	<b>265.4</b>	<b>257.3</b>
Months of Imports (trade estimate)	9.1	8.7	9.0
Months of Imports (Foreign Exchange Transactions estimate) <sup>1</sup>	12.6	12.3	12.0
<b>Inflation (apc)</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Imported (apc)	1.4	2.2	2.3
Domestic (apc)	0.0	-1.9	2.8

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Household (apc)	1.7	1.6	-1.8
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Business (apc)	-13.0	-11.7	-19.9
Exchange Settlement Accounts (TOP million)	133.2	131.2	130.2
NRBT Notes on issue (TOP million)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Banks' holding of Govt Securities (TOPmillion)	17.3	17.3	19.1
Broad Money (M3, TOP million)	365.0	360.0	347.6
<b>Foreign Exchange Transactions<sup>1</sup></b>			
Imports (annual Total, TOP million)	258.5	259.0	257.5
Imports (apc)	0.4	4.2	-19.6
Exports (annual total, TOP million)	13.9	14.6	11.9
Exports (apc)	17.1	39.0	-15.8
Travel Receipts (annual total, TOP million)	83.3	81.8	76.6
Tourist Receipts (apc)	8.8	9.6	27.1
Private Remittances (annual total, TOP million)	211.7	208.4	202.0
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NZD/TOP	0.6608	0.6683	0.6916
FJD/TOP	0.9951	0.9860	0.9923
<b>Nominal Trade Weighted Index<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>99.1</b>	<b>99.7</b>	<b>101.5</b>
<b>Real Trade Weighted Index<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>106.9</b>	<b>106.5</b>	<b>110.6</b>
<b>Interest Rates</b>			
Weighted Average Lending Rate (%)	9.14	9.27	10.05
Housing (%)	8.71	8.75	9.15
Business (%)	9.22	9.22	9.91
Weighted Average Term Deposit Rate (%)	3.37	3.27	3.75
12-month term (%)	4.07	3.96	4.08
Savings (%)	1.87	1.89	1.92

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