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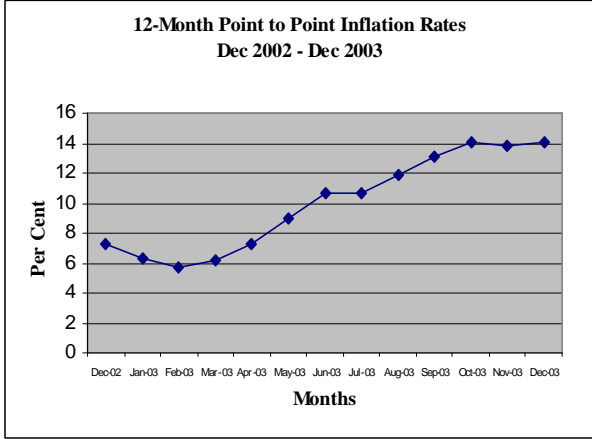
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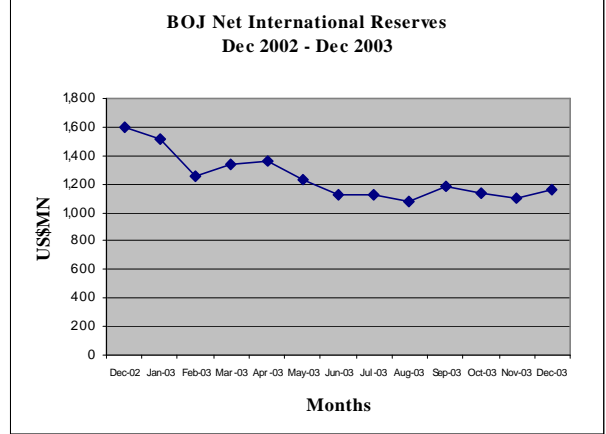


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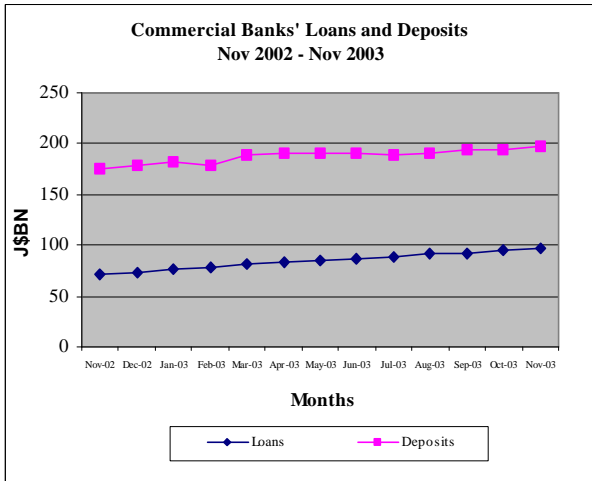
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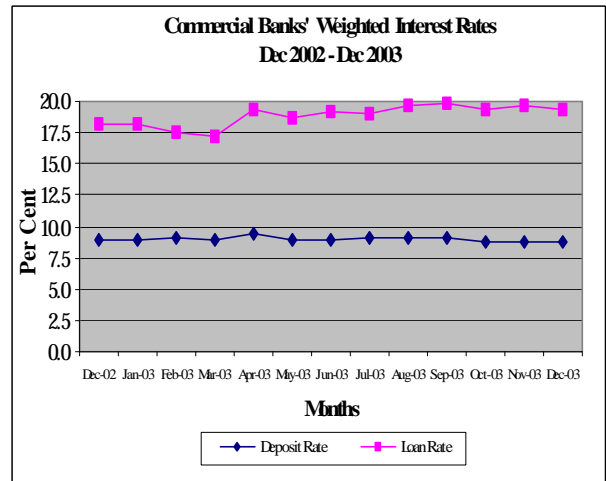
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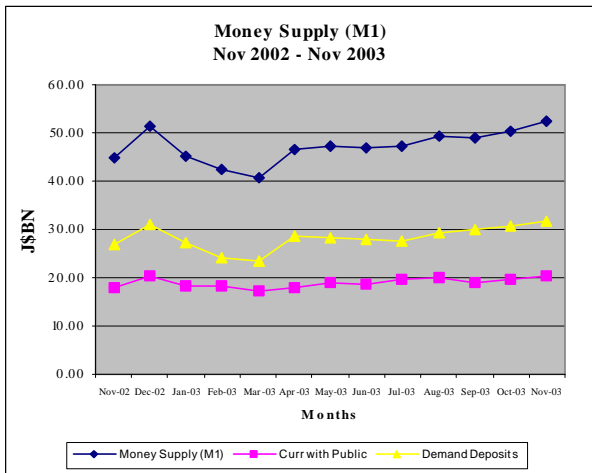
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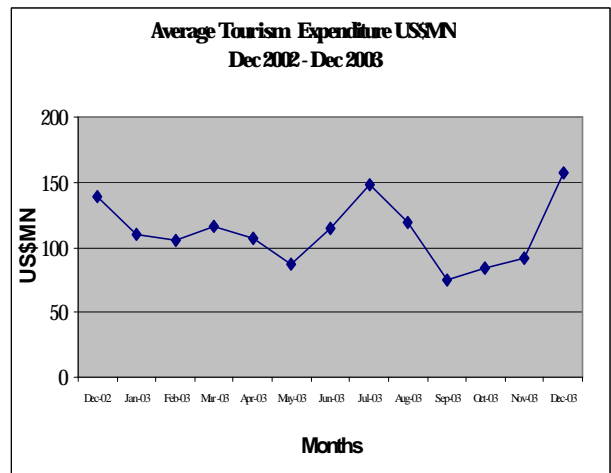
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**Figure 5**



**Figure 6**



1. MONETARY AGGREGATES (J\$mn.)				%
<b>Local and Foreign Currency</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003+</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Change p.a.</b>
Money Supply (M1).....	<u>44,929.81</u>	<u>50,454.09</u>	<u>52,388.88</u>	<u>16.60</u>
(a) Currency with the Public.....	17,944.77	19,813.29	20,500.33	14.24
(b) Demand Deposits (adj.)***.....	26,985.04	30,640.80	31,888.55	18.17
Quasi-Money.....	<u>112,591.96</u>	<u>124,393.56</u>	<u>127,040.59</u>	<u>12.83</u>
(a) Time.....	31,754.54	31,142.60	32,428.33	2.12
(b) Savings.....	80,837.42	93,250.96	94,612.26	17.04
Money Supply (M2).....	<u>157,521.77</u>	<u>174,847.65</u>	<u>179,429.47</u>	<u>13.91</u>
Domestic Credit (net).....	<u>161,877.79</u>	<u>211,577.43</u>	<u>215,399.33</u>	<u>33.06</u>
<b>Local Currency</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003+</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
Money Supply (M1).....	<u>37,981.55</u>	<u>41,205.18</u>	<u>43,035.54</u>	<u>13.31</u>
(a) Currency with the Public.....	17,944.77	19,813.29	20,500.33	14.24
(b) Demand Deposits (adj.)***.....	20,036.78	21,391.89	22,535.21	12.47
Quasi-Money.....	<u>74,523.41</u>	<u>75,609.37</u>	<u>76,523.53</u>	<u>2.68</u>
(a) Time.....	20,669.46	17,449.25	17,786.34	-13.95
(b) Savings.....	53,853.95	58,160.12	58,737.19	9.07
Money Supply (M2).....	<u>112,504.96</u>	<u>116,814.55</u>	<u>119,559.07</u>	<u>6.27</u>
Domestic Credit (net).....	<u>144,910.24</u>	<u>184,944.13</u>	<u>186,336.22</u>	<u>28.59</u>
	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
Base Money.....	<u>35,757.86</u>	<u>34,629.80</u>	<u>40,526.34</u>	<u>13.34</u>
<b>II. COMMERCIAL BANKS (J\$mn.)</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
Assets & Liabilities (J\$mn.)**.....	<u>258,289.05</u>	<u>310,252.63</u>	<u>313,546.42</u>	<u>21.39</u>
Loans**.....	<u>71,378.73</u>	<u>95,755.57</u>	<u>97,517.15</u>	<u>36.62</u>
Agriculture.....	1,750.30	1,625.14	1,633.14	-6.69
Manufacturing.....	3,277.17	3,674.17	3,584.93	9.39
Construction & Land Development.....	3,214.82	6,492.46	6,542.67	103.52
Mining.....	107.55	286.03	225.87	110.01
Tourism.....	6,894.08	10,835.64	11,606.70	68.36
Transport, Storage & Communication.....	5,091.06	7,897.37	8,062.91	58.37
Consumer-Oriented.....	24,767.24	36,436.53	37,259.35	50.44
Government Services.....	21,667.15	26,986.14	27,134.55	25.23
Other.....	4,609.36	1,522.09	1,467.03	-68.17
DEPOSITS.....	<u>176,015.90</u>	<u>194,239.01</u>	<u>197,595.71</u>	<u>12.26</u>
Private Sector (including overseas residents).....	<u>149,393.79</u>	<u>168,088.86</u>	<u>172,305.50</u>	<u>15.34</u>
Time.....	34,542.27	37,019.04	38,487.38	11.42
Savings.....	86,741.71	100,254.36	101,711.51	17.26
Demand.....	28,109.81	30,815.46	32,106.61	14.22
Government.....	<u>13,758.67</u>	<u>11,497.33</u>	<u>12,226.61</u>	<u>-11.14</u>
Time.....	274.19	491.89	453.44	65.37
Savings.....	346.04	1,569.57	1,591.09	359.80
Demand.....	13,138.44	9,435.87	10,182.08	-22.50
Public Entities.....	<u>6,990.75</u>	<u>8,743.48</u>	<u>7,495.87</u>	<u>7.23</u>
Time.....	4,023.89	4,907.98	4,432.16	10.15
Savings.....	1,623.75	2,896.68	2,025.07	24.72
Demand.....	1,343.11	938.82	1,038.64	-22.67

\*\* Includes provision for loan losses; and excludes loans acquired by FINSAC.

\*\*\* Excludes Deposits of Government, Public Entities, Financial Institutions and Overseas Residents

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				%
<b>II. COMMERCIAL BANKS (J\$mn.) (Cont'd)</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Change p.a.</b>
Spec. & O. F. Insts.....	<u>5,872.69</u>	<u>5,909.34</u>	<u>5,567.72</u>	<u>-5.19</u>
Time.....	670.97	1,657.16	1,271.37	89.48
Savings.....	888.44	965.00	987.61	11.16
Demand.....	4,313.28	3,287.18	3,308.74	-23.29
	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
Current Account Balances with BOJ (J\$mn).....	<u>564.16</u>	<u>444.34</u>	<u>171.71</u>	
<b>LIQUIDITY (Average) %</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
Actual Liquid Assets Ratio.....	<u>35.97</u>	<u>33.72</u>	<u>33.46</u>	
Cash.....	1.69	2.27	2.44	
Deposits with B.O.J.....	9.46	9.22	9.23	
Treasury Bills.....	0.62	0.54	0.55	
Local Registered Stocks.....	6.78	9.25	9.15	
Other.....	17.42	12.44	12.09	
Statutory Requirement.....	<u>23.00</u>	<u>23.00</u>	<u>23.00</u>	
<b>III. SELECTED INTEREST RATES (%)</b>				
<b>COMMERCIAL BANKS (Domestic Currency)</b>	<b>Jan 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Jan 2004</b>	
Fixed Deposits (J\$100,000 & over)				
3-6 months.....	7.75-13.15	8.50-13.25	8.50-13.25	
9-12 months.....	7.75-13.15	8.50-13.50	8.50-13.50	
Call Deposits.....	6.10-35.00	3.00-35.00	1.00-30.00	
Average Savings Deposits .....	8.88	8.43	8.43	
Average Loan Rate.....	23.90	25.60	25.60	
Average Inter-bank Rate .....	16.00	24.08	16.21	
	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
Weighted Fixed Deposits Rate.....	8.92	8.74	8.68	
Weighted Loan Rate.....	18.26	19.66	19.32	
<b>G.O.J. Treasury Bills (Weighted Average) Yield</b>	<b>Jan 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Jan 2004</b>	
2 Months:.....	-	20.99	-	
3 Months:.....	-	-	-	
6 Months:.....	18.45	22.05	17.15	
9 Months:.....	-	-	-	
12 Months:.....	-	-	-	
	<b>Jan 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Jan 2004</b>	
<b>BOJ Reverse Repurchase Rates (%)</b>				
30-Day .....	12.95	15.00	14.85	
60-Day .....	13.05	15.30	15.00	
90-Day .....	18.25	17.00	15.10	
120-Day .....	18.40	20.00	16.00	
180-Day .....	13.45	21.00	17.25	
270-Day .....	13.85	22.00	18.75	
360-Day .....	14.50	23.00	20.00	
<b>COMMERCIAL BANKS (Foreign Currency)</b>	<b>Jan 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Jan 2004</b>	
Fixed Deposits (Under US\$100,000)				
1-3 months.....	2.00-4.50	2.00-4.50	2.00-4.50	
3-6 months.....	2.00-4.50	2.00-4.55	2.00-4.55	
6-12 months.....	2.00-6.00	2.00-6.00	2.00-6.00	
Fixed Deposits (US\$100,000 & Over)				
1-3 months.....	3.25-5.00	2.50-4.75	2.50-4.75	
3-6 months.....	3.25-5.00	2.50-4.85	2.50-4.85	
6-12 months.....	3.25-6.25	2.50-6.25	2.50-6.25	
Average Loan Rates .....	12.38	12.15	12.15	
Average Savings .....	3.47	2.66	2.66	

				%
				Change p.a.
<b>IV. SECURITIES (J\$mn.)</b> (outstanding balances)	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
GOJ Local Registered Stock.....	240,843.33	235,547.75	228,509.28	-5.12
	<b>Jan 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>Jan 2004</b>	
BOJ Open Market Operations 1/.....	80,506.33	81,969.35	85,673.44	6.42
GOJ Treasury Bills.....	3,800.00	4,400.00	4,400.00	15.79
<b>V. INSTALMENT CREDIT (J\$mn.)</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
(Banks & Near-Banks)				
Total Credit Outstanding.....	6,928.76	9,358.70	9,589.52	38.40
New Business.....	519.90	719.58	574.25	10.45
<b>VI. NEAR-BANKS (J\$mn.)</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
(Merchant Banks, Trust Com. & Finance Houses)				
Assets/Liabilities.....	31,834.41	43,333.82	46,608.42	46.41
Loans Outstanding.....	3,577.98	5,703.40	5,684.89	58.89
Total Deposits.....	7,471.86	9,538.50	9,230.08	23.53
Loans.....	<u>3,577.98</u>	<u>5,703.40</u>	<u>5,684.89</u>	<u>58.89</u>
Agriculture.....	57.50	121.29	101.43	76.40
Manufacturing.....	560.01	287.13	269.87	-51.81
Construction & Land Development.....	294.44	733.02	732.05	148.62
Mining, Quarrying & Processing.....	53.94	32.19	40.11	-25.64
Tourism.....	294.54	501.59	468.51	59.06
Transport, Storage & Communication.....	23.05	17.88	17.66	-23.38
Consumer Oriented.....	2,116.03	2,915.71	2,960.99	39.93
Government Services.....	112.22	921.88	921.97	721.57
Other.....	66.25	172.71	172.30	160.08
	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
Liquid Assets Ratio (average) %.....	83.50	66.90	80.60	
Statutory Requirement.....	23.00	23.00	23.00	
<b>VII. BUILDING SOCIETIES (J\$mn.)</b>	<b>Nov 2002</b>	<b>Oct 2003</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	
(members & associate members)				
Assets/Liabilities.....	54,821.37	62,972.51	63,780.93	16.34
Loan Balances.....	19,727.52	23,398.93	23,726.62	20.27
Savings Funds.....	42,414.88	47,429.54	47,929.53	13.00
<b>VIII. INFLATION</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
Consumer Price Index (Jan. 1988 = 100).....	1,566.1	1,773.0	1,786.8	14.09
Monthly Rate (%).....	0.5	0.9	0.8	
Calendar Year to Date (%) (point to point).....	7.3	13.2	14.1	
Fiscal Year to Date (%) (point to point).....	6.6	13.7	14.6	
<b>IX. ACTUAL PRODUCTION ('000)</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
Bauxite (metric tonnes).....	397.17	276.70	298.02	-24.96
Alumina (metric tonnes).....	319.78	334.48	339.30	6.10
Sugar (metric tonnes).....	4.75	-	5.88	23.79
Banana (tonnes).....	3.08	4.21	2.73	-11.36
<b>X. STOCK MARKET ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	
Index.....	45,396.21	63,511.53	67,586.72	48.88
Volume Traded (mn.).....	87.38	105.52	259.78	197.30
Ordinary Shares.....	86.49	105.52	243.07	181.04
Block Transactions.....	0.89	0.0	16.71	1,777.53

<b>X. STOCK MARKET ACTIVITIES (cont'd)</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>% Change p.a.</b>
Value of Stocks Traded ( <b>J\$mn.</b> ).....	517.55	738.38	1,523.30	194.33
Ordinary Shares.....	511.69	738.38	1,386.09	170.88
Block Transactions.....	5.86	0.00	137.21	2,241.47
Advance/Decline Ratio.....	21/9	21/13	24/10	
<b>XI. EXTERNAL TRADE (US\$mn.)</b>	<b>Jan-June 2002</b>	<b>Jan-June 2003</b>	<b>Change</b>	
<b>1. EXPORTS</b>				
a) Major Traditional Exports.....	<u>407.83</u>	<u>434.51</u>	<u>26.68</u>	
Bauxite.....	50.90	43.94	-6.96	
Alumina.....	289.70	325.57	35.87	
Sugar.....	58.18	54.75	-3.43	
Bananas.....	9.05	10.25	1.20	
b) Other Traditional Exports.....	39.86	36.42	-3.44	
c) Non-Traditional Exports.....	109.53	108.85	-0.68	
d) Re-exports.....	8.14	11.15	3.01	
General Merchandise Exports.....	<u>565.36</u>	<u>590.93</u>	<u>25.57</u>	
(e) Freezone Exports.....	75.26	56.00	-19.26	
(f) Goods Procured in Ports.....	14.40	15.00	0.60	
Total Goods Exports.....	<u>655.02</u>	<u>661.93</u>	<u>6.91</u>	
<b>2. IMPORTS</b>				
(a) Consumer Goods.....	506.30	502.36	-3.94	
(b) Raw Materials.....	823.13	1,030.30	207.17	
(c) Capital Goods.....	323.32	288.83	-34.49	
General Merchandise Imports.....	<u>1,652.75</u>	<u>1,821.49</u>	<u>168.74</u>	
(d) Freezone Imports.....	48.06	52.04	3.98	
(e) Goods Procured in Ports.....	19.00	19.60	0.60	
Total Goods Imports.....	<u>1,719.81</u>	<u>1,893.13</u>	<u>173.32</u>	
Trade Balance.....	<u>-1,064.79</u>	<u>-1,231.20</u>	<u>-166.41</u>	
Memo:				
Caricom Exports.....	21.21	23.57	2.36	
Caricom Imports.....	183.33	258.47	75.14	
Caricom Trade Balance.....	<u>-162.12</u>	<u>-234.90</u>	<u>-72.78</u>	
<b>XII. TOURISM+</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2002</b>	<b>Jan-Dec 2003</b>	<b>% Change</b>	
Tourist Arrivals ('000).....	<u>2,132.59</u>	<u>2,482.88</u>	<u>16.43</u>	
Stopovers.....	1,179.08	1,262.11	7.04	
Non-Resident Jamaicans.....	87.28	88.17	1.02	
Cruise.....	865.42	1,132.60	30.87	
Armed Forces.....	0.81	-	-	
Cumulative Expenditure (US\$mn.).....	<u>1,208.70</u>	<u>1,327.70</u>	<u>9.85</u>	
<b>XIII. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (US\$mn.)</b>	<b>Jan-June 2002</b>	<b>Jan-June 2003</b>	<b>Change</b>	
<i>Balance of Payments (Calendar)</i>				
<b>1. Current Account.....</b>	<u>-431.6</u>	<u>-432.5</u>	<u>-0.9</u>	
<b>A. Goods balance.....</b>	<u>-818.0</u>	<u>-971.8</u>	<u>-153.8</u>	
Exports (f.o.b.).....	655.0	661.9	6.9	
Imports (f.o.b.).....	1,473.0	1,633.7	160.7	
<b>B. Service Balance.....</b>	<u>144.8</u>	<u>302.9</u>	<u>158.1</u>	
Transportation.....	-111.5	-97.7	13.8	
Travel.....	468.1	613.1	145.0	
Other Services.....	-211.8	-212.5	-0.7	

+ Revised to include Non-Resident Jamaicans

**Balance of Payments (Calendar) (Cont'd)**

	<b>Jan-June 2002</b>	<b>Jan-June 2003</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>C. Income.....</b>	<u>-297.0</u>	<u>-300.6</u>	<u>-3.6</u>
Compensation of Employees.....	16.9	13.1	-3.8
Investment Income.....	-313.9	-313.7	0.2
<b>D. Current Transfers.....</b>	<u>538.6</u>	<u>537.0</u>	<u>-1.6</u>
Official.....	50.1	42.6	-7.5
Private.....	488.5	494.4	5.9
<b>2. Capital and Financial Account.....</b>	<u>431.6</u>	<u>432.5</u>	<u>0.9</u>
<b>A. Capital Account.....</b>	<u>-10.3</u>	<u>-9.7</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Capital Transfers.....	<u>-10.3</u>	<u>-9.7</u>	<u>0.6</u>
Official.....	0.2	0.1	-0.1
Private.....	-10.5	-9.8	0.7
Acq./Disp. of non-produced non-fin. assets....	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>B. Financial Account.....</b>	<u>441.9</u>	<u>442.2</u>	<u>0.3</u>
Other Official Investment.....	73.1	-302.6	-375.7
Other Private Investment.....	310.3	275.2	-35.1
<i>(incl. errors &amp; omissions)</i>			
Reserves.....	<u>58.5</u>	<u>469.6</u>	
	<b>Apr-June</b>	<b>Apr-June</b>	
<b>Balance of Payments (Fiscal)</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	
<b>1. Current Account.....</b>	<u>-263.0</u>	<u>-168.8</u>	<u>94.2</u>
<b>A. Goods balance.....</b>	<u>-440.7</u>	<u>-437.9</u>	<u>2.8</u>
Exports (f.o.b.).....	325.3	338.5	13.2
Imports (f.o.b.).....	766.0	776.4	10.4
<b>B. Service Balance.....</b>	<u>50.9</u>	<u>137.8</u>	<u>86.9</u>
Transportation.....	-62.7	-51.5	11.2
Travel.....	220.1	292.3	72.2
Other Services.....	-106.5	-103.0	3.5
<b>C. Income.....</b>	<u>-150.7</u>	<u>-135.3</u>	<u>15.4</u>
Compensation of Employees.....	13.9	8.2	-5.7
Investment Income.....	-164.6	-143.5	21.1
<b>D. Current Transfers.....</b>	<u>277.5</u>	<u>266.6</u>	<u>-10.9</u>
Official.....	24.9	20.9	-4.0
Private.....	252.6	245.7	-6.9
<b>2. Capital and Financial Account.....</b>	<u>263.0</u>	<u>168.8</u>	<u>-94.2</u>
<b>A. Capital Account.....</b>	<u>-4.7</u>	<u>-4.7</u>	<u>0.0</u>
Capital Transfers.....	-4.7	-4.7	0.0
Official.....	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Private.....	-4.8	-4.7	0.1
Acq./Disp. of non-produced non-fin. assets	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>B. Financial Account.....</b>	<u>267.7</u>	<u>173.5</u>	<u>-94.2</u>
Other Official Investment.....	21.0	-51.1	-72.1
Other Private Investment.....	87.3	12.3	-75.0
<i>(incl. errors &amp; omissions)</i>			
Reserves.....	159.4	212.3	
Government Reserves.....	0.0	0.0	

<b>XIV. BOJ NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES</b>	<b>Dec 2002</b>	<b>Nov 2003</b>	<b>Dec 2003</b>	<b>% Change p.a.</b>
<b>(US\$mn.)</b>				
BOJ Net International Reserves (US\$mn.).....	<u>1,596.98</u>	<u>1,103.25</u>	<u>1,164.98</u>	<u>-27.05</u>
Gross Foreign Assets.....	1,643.06	1,137.36	1,196.33	-27.19
Gross Foreign Liabilities.....	46.08	34.11	31.35	-31.97
Estimated Gross Reserves in Weeks of Imports.....	<u>27.91</u>	<u>17.39</u>	<u>18.29</u>	
Estimated Gross Reserves in Weeks of Goods and Services Imports.....	<u>18.43</u>	<u>11.88</u>	<u>12.49</u>	
 <b>XV. FOREIGN EXCHANGE</b>	 <b>Dec 2002</b>	 <b>Nov 2003</b>	 <b>Dec 2003</b>	
<b>DEVELOPMENTS (US\$mn.)</b>				
Combined Foreign Exchange Trading				
Foreign Exchange Purchases (spot).....	772.90	639.00	738.97	-4.39
Foreign Exchange Sales (spot).....	741.30	617.47	729.27	-1.62
 Foreign Currency Deposit Balances of Authorised Dealers (US\$mn.) ( )	 <b>Dec 2002</b>	 <b>Nov 2003</b>	 <b>Dec 2003</b>	
Commercial Banks Balances.....	<u>1,072.36</u>	<u>1,234.78</u>	<u>1,256.17</u>	<u>17.14</u>
"A" Accounts 1/.....	64.97	108.64	111.79	72.06
Other.....	1,007.39	1,126.14	1,144.38	13.60
F.I.As Balance.....	<u>114.48</u>	<u>137.01</u>	<u>137.57</u>	<u>20.17</u>
"A" Accounts 1/.....	33.21	62.49	66.85	101.29
Other.....	81.27	74.52	70.72	-12.98
Building Societies Balances.....	<u>175.23</u>	<u>210.86</u>	<u>220.92</u>	<u>26.07</u>
"A" Accounts 1/.....	119.98	145.70	152.14	26.80
Other .....	55.25	65.16	68.78	24.49
Total Foreign Currency Deposits (US\$mn.).....	<u>1,362.07</u>	<u>1,582.65</u>	<u>1,614.66</u>	<u>18.54</u>
Total Foreign Currency Loans (US\$mn.).....	<u>533.35</u>	<u>669.90</u>	<u>694.40</u>	<u>30.20</u>
Commercial Banks.....	483.62	595.66	616.44	27.46
F.I.As .....	35.08	63.31	67.40	92.13
Building Societies.....	14.65	10.93	10.56	-27.92
 London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) Eurodollars (%)	 <b>Jan 2003</b>	 <b>Dec 2003</b>	 <b>Jan 2004</b>	
3 months.....	1.35	1.17	1.13	
6 months.....	1.35	1.24	1.19	
U.S. Prime Rate (end of period) (%).....	4.25	4.00	4.00	
 Selling Exchange Rates (end period)	 <b>Jan 2003</b>	 <b>Dec 2003</b>	 <b>Jan 2004</b>	
US\$1.00 = J\$.....	52.98	60.62	60.73	
Can. \$1.00 = J\$.....	34.28	46.59	45.08	
U.K. Pound = J\$.....	87.45	107.45	110.07	
Euro = J\$**.....	57.48	76.36	75.62	
 Caricom Selling Exchange Rates**				
T.T. \$1 = J\$.....	8.61	9.74	9.74	
Bdos. \$1 = J\$.....	26.76	30.31	30.37	
Guy. \$1 = J\$.....	0.28	0.31	0.31	
E.C. \$1 = J\$.....	19.82	22.45	22.49	

( ) Exclude deposits in "B" accounts

\*\* Indicative Rates

1/ 'A' Accounts are tax free Foreign Currency Accounts Held by non-residents



## INFLATION DECEMBER 2003

**The All Jamaica Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.8 per cent in December 2003. This outturn brought inflation for the first nine months of fiscal year (FY) 2003/04 to 14.6 per cent, compared with the 6.6 per cent for the similar interval in FY 2002/03.**

For the calendar year 2003, the inflation rate was 14.1 per cent, relative to 7.3 per cent in 2002. The mean annual inflation rate was 10.3 per cent, in comparison to the 7.1 per cent attained as at December 2002 (Table 1).

**The primary influences on the inflation outturn were increases in global commodity prices and domestic agricultural commodity prices.** The outturn was largely reflected in the *Food & Drink* sub-index, which increased by 0.8 per cent and contributed 58.1 per cent to the overall inflation (Table 2). Other inflationary impulses of note were registered in the *Housing & Other Housing Expenses* (1.6%), *Transportation* (1.1%) and the *Fuels & Other Household Supplies* (0.6%) sub-indices. These groups contributed 15.9 per cent, 9.2 per cent and 5.8 per cent, respectively, to the overall inflation (Table 2).

**The primary impetus to prices in the *Food & Drink* group emanated from the *Vegetables & Fruits, Starchy Foods, and Meat Poultry & Fish* sub-indices. These subgroups increased by 2.1 per cent, 1.5 per cent and 0.6 per cent, respectively (see Table 2).** In the *Vegetables & Fruits* sub-category, the commodities, which experienced the most significant increases, were tomatoes, cabbages, carrot, ackee, and pumpkin. The overall increases in the sub-category, however, reflected a moderation relative to the previous month as the supply of agricultural commodities improved in December. Also of importance in the month were higher prices for ground provisions that affected the *Starchy Foods* sub-group. One plausible explanation for this movement is a combination of higher demand and low price elasticity, as supplies were largely more buoyant compared to the previous month. In the *Meat, Poultry & Fish* sub-group, the main price impulses emanated from higher beef and fish prices. These increases were related to the higher cost of feeds resulting from rising grain prices.

**The *Housing & Other Housing Expenses* sub-index increased by 1.6 per cent, largely influenced by the *Other Housing Expenses* sub-group.** The price impulse in the sub-category was related to higher electricity and water rates. The 3.2 per cent increase in the electricity bill largely resulted from a 7.3 per cent increase in the billed fuel rate. These impulses were influenced by consistent monthly increases in crude oil prices since September.

**The *Transportation* sub-index increased by 1.1 per cent. This was primarily influenced by increased cost of air travel, coupled with higher taxi fares in the Other Towns region.** Airfares increased by 4.6 per cent, while taxi fares in the other towns rose by 18.7 per cent. The increase in taxi fares reflects lagged adjustment to the fare increases granted to operators in October. The higher airfares may be associated with rising fuel cost, as well as increased demand for travel associated with the holidays.

**The upward movement in the *Fuels & Other Household Supplies* sub-category of 1.6 per cent resulted primarily from higher prices for cooking gas, kerosene and charcoal.** While there was no increase in the price of cooking gas in the Rural Areas, the KMA and Other Towns experienced increases of 2.2 per cent and 0.3 per cent, respectively.

There were no increases in the prices of charcoal and kerosene in the KMA, however, these prices increased by an average of 0.7 per cent and 1.8 per cent across the Other Towns and Rural Area regions, respectively.

**At the regional level, the CPI in the KMA and Rural Areas both increased by 0.7 per cent, while the index for the Other Towns region increased by 1.1 per cent.** The larger expansion in the CPI for the Other Towns region was largely reflected in the *Transportation* sub-index, which increased by 6.1 per cent. This movement resulted primarily from taxi fares increasing by 18.7 per cent. The *Transportation* sub-index remained unchanged for the Rural Areas, and declined by 0.1 per cent in the KMA. Another disparity of note was the higher prices of meat and fish in the Other Towns region.

**The trimmed mean index was estimated to have increased by 0.53 percent in December, 0.13 of a percentage point below the estimate for the previous month (Table 4).** The fall in monthly core inflation is consistent with the Bank's continuing effort at restricting monetary expansion. Notwithstanding, the 12-month point-to-point core inflation rate at December 2003 was 8.1 per cent, 4.7 percentage points above the comparable measure at December 2002. Similarly, the annual average core inflation rate of 5.9 per cent was 2.7 percentage points above the rate recorded in the corresponding month of 2002.

Table 1

## JAMAICA: INFLATION RATES

		1/ C.P.I.	3 Month AVG. C.P.I.	Monthly % change	3 Month* % change	3 Month # % change	12 Month* % change	12 Month # % change
1999	Jan	1,189.9	1,182.9	0.37	1.52	0.74	7.51	8.48
	Feb	1,176.8	1,184.1	-1.10	0.31	0.88	6.26	8.30
	Mar	1,182.5	1,183.1	0.48	-0.25	0.52	5.97	8.06
	Apr	1,179.9	1,179.7	-0.22	-0.84	-0.26	5.37	7.79
	May	1,190.6	1,184.3	0.91	1.17	0.02	5.46	7.53
	Jun	1,205.9	1,192.1	1.29	1.98	0.77	4.93	7.10
	Jul	1,220.4	1,205.6	1.20	3.43	2.20	4.99	6.67
	Aug	1,234.3	1,220.2	1.14	3.67	3.03	5.09	6.28
	Sept	1,237.6	1,230.7	0.27	2.63	3.24	5.26	6.02
	Oct	1,247.5	1,239.8	0.80	2.22	2.83	6.43	5.96
	Nov	1,259.9	1,248.3	0.99	2.07	2.31	7.39	6.03
	Dec	1,265.9	1,257.7	0.48	2.29	2.19	6.78	5.95
2000	Jan	1,268.1	1,264.6	0.17	1.65	2.00	6.57	5.88
	Feb	1,273.1	1,269.0	0.39	1.05	1.66	8.18	6.04
	Mar	1,281.7	1,274.3	0.68	1.25	1.31	8.39	6.25
	Apr	1,294.4	1,283.0	0.99	2.07	1.46	9.70	6.61
	May	1,300.0	1,292.0	0.43	2.11	1.81	9.19	6.92
	Jun	1,311.4	1,301.9	0.88	2.32	2.17	8.75	7.24
	Jul	1,324.0	1,311.8	0.96	2.29	2.24	8.49	7.53
	Aug	1,335.9	1,323.7	0.90	2.76	2.46	8.23	7.79
	Sept	1,349.3	1,336.4	1.00	2.89	2.65	9.03	8.10
	Oct	1,351.1	1,345.4	0.13	2.05	2.56	8.30	8.25
	Nov	1,352.4	1,350.9	0.10	1.24	2.05	7.34	8.25
	Dec	1,342.6	1,348.7	-0.72	-0.50	0.92	6.06	8.17
2001	Jan	1,342.9	1,345.9	0.02	-0.61	0.04	5.90	8.11
	Feb	1,358.6	1,348.0	1.17	0.46	-0.21	6.72	7.98
	Mar	1,365.0	1,355.5	0.47	1.67	0.50	6.50	7.82
	Apr	1,370.8	1,364.8	0.42	2.08	1.40	5.90	7.51
	May	1,381.1	1,372.3	0.75	1.65	1.80	6.24	7.27
	Jun	1,404.9	1,385.6	1.73	2.93	2.22	7.13	7.14
	Jul	1,418.7	1,401.6	0.98	3.50	2.70	7.15	7.03
	Aug	1,431.1	1,418.3	0.87	3.63	3.35	7.13	6.94
	Sept	1,442.9	1,430.9	0.82	2.70	3.27	6.94	6.78
	Oct	1,454.9	1,443.0	0.83	2.55	2.95	7.68	6.73
	Nov	1,456.2	1,451.3	0.09	1.75	2.33	7.68	6.76
	Dec	1,460.2	1,457.1	0.27	1.20	1.83	8.76	6.99
2002	Jan	1,468.8	1,461.7	0.59	0.96	1.30	9.38	7.28
	Feb	1,468.0	1,465.6	-0.05	0.81	0.99	8.05	7.39
	Mar	1,468.5	1,468.4	0.03	0.57	0.78	7.58	7.48
	Apr	1,475.9	1,470.8	0.50	0.48	0.62	7.67	7.62
	May	1,480.0	1,474.8	0.28	0.82	0.62	7.16	7.69
	Jun	1,492.8	1,482.9	0.86	1.65	0.99	6.25	7.61
	Jul	1,515.6	1,496.1	1.53	2.69	1.72	6.83	7.58
	Aug	1,521.2	1,509.9	0.37	2.79	2.38	6.29	7.51
	Sept	1,528.0	1,521.6	0.45	2.36	2.61	5.90	7.41
	Oct	1,539.2	1,529.5	0.73	1.56	2.23	5.80	7.25
	Nov	1,558.3	1,541.8	1.24	2.44	2.12	7.01	7.20
	Dec	1,566.1	1,554.5	0.50	2.49	2.16	7.25	7.08
2003	Jan	1561.3	1561.9	-0.31	1.44	2.12	6.30	6.83
	Feb	1552.2	1559.9	-0.58	-0.39	1.17	5.74	6.64
	Mar	1559.5	1557.7	0.47	-0.42	0.20	6.20	6.52
	Apr	1584.0	1565.2	1.57	1.45	0.21	7.33	6.50
	May	1613.4	1585.6	1.86	3.94	1.65	9.01	6.66
	Jun	1653.1	1616.8	2.46	6.00	3.80	10.74	7.04
	Jul	1678.4	1648.3	1.53	5.96	5.31	10.74	7.38
	Aug	1702.0	1677.8	1.41	5.49	5.81	11.88	7.85
	Sept	1728.4	1702.9	1.55	4.56	5.33	13.11	8.47
	Oct	1756.7	1729.0	1.64	4.67	4.90	14.13	9.17
	Nov	1773.0	1752.7	0.93	4.17	4.46	13.78	9.74
	Dec	1786.8	1772.2	0.78	3.38	4.07	14.09	10.32

1/ January 1998 = 100

# Moving average

\* Point to point

Source: STATIN

**Table 2**  
**COMPONENT CONTRIBUTION TO INFLATION**  
**December 2003**

	Weight in the CPI	Monthly Inflation (%)	Weighted Inflation	% Contribution to Inflation
<b>FOOD &amp; DRINK</b>	<b>0.5563</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.4505</b>	<b>58.1</b>
Meals away from home	0.0741	0.4	0.0277	3.6
Meat, Poultry & Fish	0.1613	0.6	0.0923	11.9
Dairy Products Oils & Fats	0.0668	0.5	0.0364	4.7
Baked Products, Cereals & Breakfast Drink	0.0864	0.4	0.0384	4.9
Starchy Foods	0.0525	1.5	0.0783	10.1
Vegetables & Fruits	0.0650	2.1	0.1387	17.9
Other Food & Beverages	0.0502	0.8	0.0389	5.0
<b>FUELS &amp; OTHER HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES</b>	<b>0.0735</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0448</b>	<b>5.8</b>
Household Supplies	0.0482	0.6	0.0279	3.6
Fuels	0.0253	0.7	0.0169	2.2
<b>HOUSING &amp; OTHER HOUSING EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.0786</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>0.1232</b>	<b>15.9</b>
Rental	0.0209	0.6	0.0131	1.7
Other Housing Expenses	0.0577	1.9	0.1101	14.2
<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS &amp; FURNITURE</b>	<b>0.0283</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.0050</b>	<b>0.6</b>
Furniture	0.0068	0.3	0.0021	0.3
Furnishings	0.0215	0.1	0.0029	0.4
<b>HEALTHCARE &amp; PERSONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.0697</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0408</b>	<b>5.3</b>
<b>PERSONAL CLOTHING FOOTWEAR &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>	<b>0.0507</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0131</b>	<b>1.7</b>
Clothing Materials	0.0055	0.1	0.0003	0.0
Readymade Clothing & Accessories	0.0242	0.3	0.0082	1.1
Footwear	0.0159	0.3	0.0042	0.5
Making & Repairs	0.0051	0.1	0.0004	0.1
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>0.0644</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.0713</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.0785</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0267</b>	<b>3.4</b>
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>1.0000</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**Table 3**  
**REGIONAL INFLATION**  
**December 2003**

	KMA (%)	Other Towns (%)	Rural (%)
<b>FOOD &amp; DRINK</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Meals away from home	0.6	0.1	0.1
Meat Poultry & Fish	0.5	1.1	0.3
Dairy Products Oils & Fats	0.5	0.9	0.4
Baked Products Cereals & Breakfast Drink	0.1	0.6	0.7
Starchy Foods	1.5	0.1	1.9
Vegetables & Fruits	2.7	2.3	1.5
Other Food & Beverages	0.9	1.3	0.3
<b>FUELS &amp; OTHER HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Household Supplies	0.5	0.3	0.9
Fuels	0.5	1.1	0.8
<b>HOUSING &amp; OTHER HOUSING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.5</b>
Rental	0.8	0.0	0.0
Other Housing Expenses	2.0	1.8	1.7
<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS &amp; FURNITURE</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Furniture	0.0	0.5	0.4
Furnishings	0.3	0.1	0.0
<b>HEALTHCARE &amp; PERSONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>PERSONAL CLOTHING FOOTWEAR &amp; ACCESSORIES</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3</b>
Clothing Materials	0.0	0.2	0.0
Readymade Clothing & Accessories	0.4	0.5	0.2
Footwear	0.0	0.4	0.4
Making & Repairs	0.0	0.4	0.0
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.7</b>

**Table 4**  
**INFLATION: ACTUAL & CORE**

	Monthly		Fiscal Year to Date		12-Mth Core	
	Actual	Core	Actual	Core	Pt to Pt	Average
<b>2000/01</b>						
Apr	0.99	0.50	0.99	0.50	4.52	3.24
May	0.43	0.27	1.43	0.77	4.38	3.39
Jun	0.88	0.34	2.32	1.11	4.27	3.53
Jul	0.96	0.29	3.30	1.40	3.91	3.62
Aug	0.90	0.52	4.23	1.92	3.87	3.69
Sept	1.00	0.42	5.27	2.35	4.13	3.79
Oct	0.13	0.37	5.41	2.72	4.27	3.89
Nov	0.10	0.28	5.52	3.01	4.23	3.97
Dec	-0.72	0.16	4.75	3.18	4.03	4.03
Jan	0.02	0.13	4.77	3.31	4.05	4.12
Feb	1.17	0.85	6.00	4.19	4.55	4.18
Mar	0.47	0.22	6.50	4.41	4.41	4.22
<b>2001/02</b>						
Apr	0.42	0.14	0.42	0.14	4.04	4.18
May	0.75	0.50	1.18	0.65	4.29	4.17
June	1.73	0.35	2.93	1.00	4.30	4.17
July	0.98	0.44	3.94	1.44	4.46	4.22
Aug	0.87	0.39	4.85	1.84	4.33	4.26
Sept	0.82	0.28	5.71	2.12	4.18	4.26
Oct	0.83	0.34	6.59	2.46	4.15	4.25
Nov	0.09	0.15	6.68	2.61	4.01	4.23
Dec	0.27	0.13	6.97	2.75	3.98	4.23
Jan	0.59	0.35	7.60	3.11	4.22	4.24
Feb	-0.05	0.15	7.55	3.26	3.49	4.15
Mar	0.03	0.06	7.58	3.32	3.32	4.06
<b>2002/03</b>						
Apr	0.50	0.28	0.50	0.28	3.46	4.01
May	0.28	0.19	0.78	0.47	3.14	3.91
June	0.86	0.39	1.65	0.86	3.18	3.82
July	1.53	0.30	3.21	1.16	3.04	3.70
Aug	0.37	0.24	3.59	1.41	2.89	3.58
Sept	0.45	0.21	4.05	1.62	2.82	3.47
Oct	0.73	0.28	4.82	1.90	2.76	3.35
Nov	1.24	0.55	6.12	2.47	3.18	3.29
Dec	0.50	0.34	6.65	2.82	3.39	3.24
Jan	-0.31	0.37	6.32	3.20	3.41	3.17
Feb	-0.58	0.38	5.70	3.59	3.65	3.19
Mar	0.47	0.54	6.20	4.15	4.15	3.26
<b>2003/04</b>						
Apr	1.57	0.65	1.57	0.65	4.54	3.35
May	1.86	0.73	3.46	1.38	5.09	3.51
June	2.46	0.91	6.00	2.30	5.64	3.72
July	1.53	0.94	7.62	3.27	6.31	3.99
Aug	1.41	0.79	9.14	4.08	6.90	4.33
Sept	1.55	0.52	10.83	4.62	7.22	4.70
Oct	1.64	0.79	12.65	5.45	7.77	5.12
Nov	0.93	0.66	13.69	6.14	7.89	5.51
Dec	0.78	0.53	14.58	6.70	8.09	5.90

**JAMAICA:  
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEVELOPMENTS  
June 2003**

**June 2003**

The current account of the balance of payments recorded a deficit of US\$102.6MN in **June 2003**, relative to the deficit of US\$59.1MN in June 2002. The widening in the current account deficit reflected an expansion of US\$65.5MN in the deficit on the trade account, as well as a reduction of US\$3.7MN in the surplus on the current transfers sub-account. Partly offsetting these changes was an increase of US\$23.8MN in net receipts from services and an improvement of US\$1.9MN in the deficit on the income sub-account. Within the financial account, net private investment inflows were insufficient to finance net official investment outflows, as well as the deficits on the current and capital accounts. In this context, there was a draw down of US\$105.9MN in the net international reserves of the Bank of Jamaica during the review month.

**Merchandise Trade**

The expansion of the deficit on the merchandise trade account reflected a reduction of US\$7.5MN in earnings from exports and an increase of US\$58.0MN in the value of imports (f.o.b.). The contraction in export earnings largely resulted from declines of US\$5.2MN, US\$2.7MN and US\$1.5MN in free zone, non-traditional and other-traditional exports, respectively, which were partially offset by an increase of US\$1.3MN in receipts from re-exports. Declines in receipts from chemicals, food, mineral and beverages and tobacco exports primarily influenced the contraction in non-traditional exports while lower receipts from rum exports, due mainly to lower volume and price accounted for the decline in other traditional exports.

The growth in imports reflected respective increases of US\$57.3MN, US\$6.7MN and US\$2.3MN in the c.i.f. values of raw materials, free zone and capital goods imports. Raw material imports were influenced by expansions of US\$29.3MN and US\$28.0MN in fuel and other raw material imports, respectively. Fuel imports went up as a result of growth in both volume and price, while other raw material imports were associated with higher spending on steel and the importation of an aircraft engine. Increased expenditure on capital goods primarily reflected the importation of transmission apparatus for the telecommunication sector.

**Services**

The increase in the surplus on the services account was chiefly due to an expansion of US\$24.7MN in net receipts from the travel sub-sector. This was augmented by a US\$3.3MN reduction in net payments for other services. The travel sub-sector recorded an increase of 11.3 per cent in overall passenger arrivals, reflecting growth of 19.7 per cent in cruise passenger arrivals. In addition, there was an estimated reduction of approximately US\$16.7MN in the expenditure of Jamaicans while travelling abroad.

**Income**

The reduction in the deficit on the income account in June 2003 was attributable to a decline in outflows related to the activities of the direct investment companies. This was partially offset by higher interest payments on Government of Jamaica external debt.

## **Current Transfers**

The decline in net current transfers for the review month stemmed from reductions of US\$1.5MN and US\$2.2MN in net official and private inflows, respectively.

## **Capital & Financial Accounts**

A deficit of US\$1.5MN was recorded on the capital account while a surplus of US\$104.1MN was recorded on the financial account. Within the financial account, net private investment inflows of US\$16.2MN was insufficient to finance net official investment outflows of US\$18.0MN, as well as the deficits on the current and capital accounts. Consequently, there was a draw down of US\$105.9MN in the net international reserves of the Bank of Jamaica during the review month.

## **April to June 2002**

For the period April to June 2003, the current account deficit improved by US\$94.2MN to US\$168.8MN, relative to the deficit recorded for the corresponding period in 2002. The improvement in the current account deficit reflected an increase of US\$86.9MN in net earnings from services, as well as respective reductions of US\$15.4MN and US\$2.8MN in the deficit on the income and trade accounts. Partly offsetting these changes was a decline of US\$10.9MN in the surplus on the current transfers sub-account. Within the financial account, net private investment inflows of US\$12.3MN, which were US\$75.0MN below the levels recorded for the similar period of 2002, were insufficient to finance net amortisation of US\$51.1MN of Government's external debt, as well as the deficit on the current and capital accounts. In this context, there was a draw down of US\$212.3MN in the net international reserves for the review period.

## **Merchandise Trade**

The improvement in the merchandise trade deficit stemmed from an expansion of US\$13.2MN in export receipts, partly offset by an increase of US\$10.4MN in payments for imports (f.o.b.). Major traditional exports, re-exports and non-traditional exports increased by US\$24.6MN, US\$1.2MN and US\$0.8MN respectively during the review period, while declines of US\$10.3MN and US\$3.4MN were recorded in receipts for free zone and other traditional exports, respectively. With the exception of sugar, all the major traditional exports recorded growth during the review quarter. In particular, the value of alumina exports grew by US\$25.3MN, largely reflecting an increase of 15.1 per cent in the volume of alumina exported. The price of the mineral also went up by 2.7 per cent over the period, relative to the similar period in 2002. A contraction of US\$3.2MN in receipts from rum exports accounted for the decline in other-traditional exports.

The growth in imports primarily reflected expansions of US\$61.3MN and US\$7.2MN in raw material and free zone imports, respectively. These were partly offset by declines of US\$23.4MN and US\$37.7MN in consumer and capital goods imports, relative to the corresponding period in 2002. Increased spending of US\$35.8MN and US\$25.5MN on both fuels and other raw material imports, respectively, was responsible for the growth in raw material imports. Higher fuel imports were attributed to increased volume and price, while parts and accessories, industrial supplies and food influenced the growth in other raw material imports. The reduction in consumer goods imports stemmed from reduced expenditure on all its subcategories, in particular, durable goods imports. The fall in capital goods imports was mainly attributable to a contraction in the "other machinery" and "transport and equipment" subcategories.



## **Services**

The expansion in the surplus on the services account, relative to 2002, primarily reflected an increase of US\$72.2MN in net travel receipts. Total visitor arrivals for the review period rose by 15.2 per cent, relative to the corresponding period in 2002, influenced by respective increases of 7.4 per cent and 28.9 per cent in foreign national stopovers and cruise visitor arrivals.

## **Income**

The reduction in the deficit on the income account for the review period was attributable to an estimated decline of US\$27.8MN in outflows related to the activities of the direct investment companies.

## **Current Transfers**

The fall in net current transfers reflected respective declines of US\$6.9MN and US\$4.0MN in net inflows to the private sector and net official transfers respectively.

## **Capital & Financial Accounts**

A deficit of US\$4.7MN was recorded on the capital account for the review period. Within the financial account, net private investment inflows of US\$12.3MN and net official outflows of US\$51.1MN were recorded. The net official payment, in conjunction with the deficits on the current and capital accounts, led to a draw down of US\$212.3MN in the net international reserves of the Bank of Jamaica. At the end of June 2002, the level of gross reserves stood at US\$1165.2MN representing 17.8 weeks of imports of goods and 12.2 weeks of imported goods and services.

The following table shows the balance of payments for June 2002, June 2003 and for the periods April to June 2002 and April to June 2003.

**BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUMMARY (US\$M)**

	<b>June<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>June<sup>2/</sup></b>		<b>Apr - June<sup>1/</sup></b>	<b>Apr - June<sup>2/</sup></b>	
	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>1. CURRENT ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-59.1</b>	<b>-102.6</b>	<b>-43.5</b>	<b>-263.0</b>	<b>-168.8</b>	<b>94.2</b>
<b>A. GOODS and SERVICES</b>	<b>-90.6</b>	<b>-132.3</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>-399.8</b>	<b>-300.1</b>	<b>99.7</b>
<b>a. GOODS BALANCE</b>	<b>-117.5</b>	<b>-183.0</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>-440.7</b>	<b>-437.9</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Exports (f.o.b.)	117.6	110.1	-7.5	325.3	338.5	13.2
Imports (f.o.b.)	235.1	293.1	58.0	766.0	776.4	10.4
<b>b. SERVICES BALANCE</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>23.8</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>137.8</b>	<b>86.9</b>
Transportation	-17.6	-21.8	-4.2	-62.7	-51.5	11.2
Travel	85.1	109.8	24.7	220.1	292.3	72.2
Other Services	-40.6	-37.3	3.3	-106.5	-103.0	3.5
<b>B. INCOME</b>	<b>-63.8</b>	<b>-61.9</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>-150.7</b>	<b>-135.3</b>	<b>15.4</b>
Compensation of employees	6.6	5.8	-0.8	13.9	8.2	-5.7
Investment Income	-70.4	-67.7	2.7	-164.6	-143.5	21.1
<b>C. CURRENT TRANSFERS</b>	<b>95.3</b>	<b>91.6</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>277.5</b>	<b>266.6</b>	<b>-10.9</b>
Official	8.6	7.1	-1.5	24.9	20.9	-4.0
Private	86.7	84.5	-2.2	252.6	245.7	-6.9
<b>2. CAPITAL &amp; FINANCIAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>102.6</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>263.0</b>	<b>168.8</b>	<b>-94.2</b>
<b>A. CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>a. Capital Transfers</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Official	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1
Private	-1.8	-1.5	0.3	-4.8	-4.7	0.1
<b>b. Acq/disposal of non-prod. Non-fin'l assets</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>B. FINANCIAL ACCOUNT</b>	<b>60.9</b>	<b>104.1</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>267.7</b>	<b>173.5</b>	<b>-94.2</b>
Other official investment	61.7	-18.0	-79.7	21.0	-51.1	-72.1
Other private investment <sup>3/</sup>	-29.2	16.2	45.4	87.3	12.3	-75.0
Change in Reserves (minus = increase)	28.4	105.9		159.4	212.3	

*1/ Revised*

*2/ Provisional*

*3/ Includes errors & omissions*

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