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SELECTED ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Figure 1

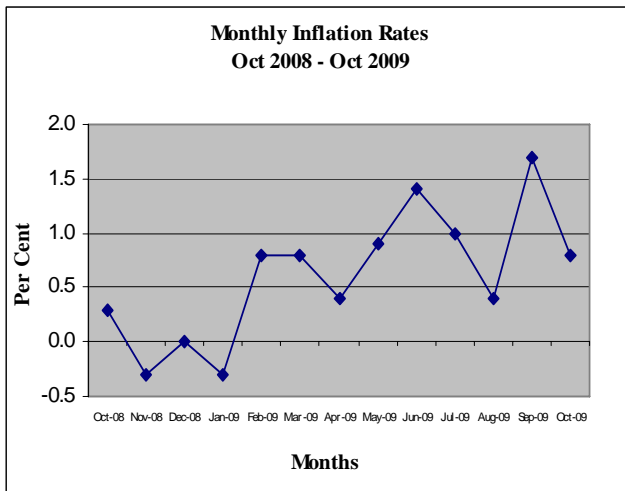


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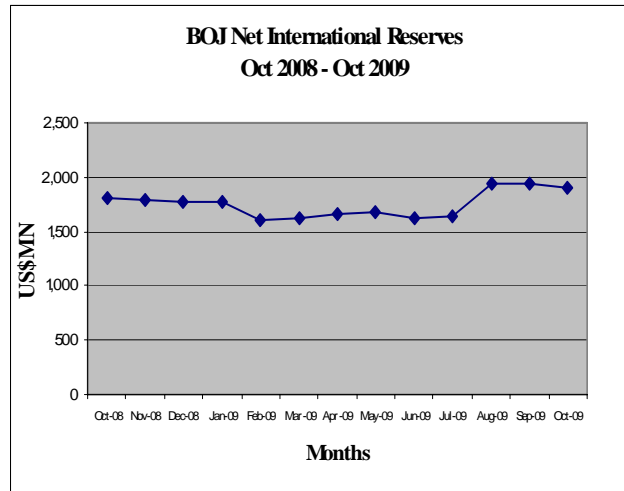


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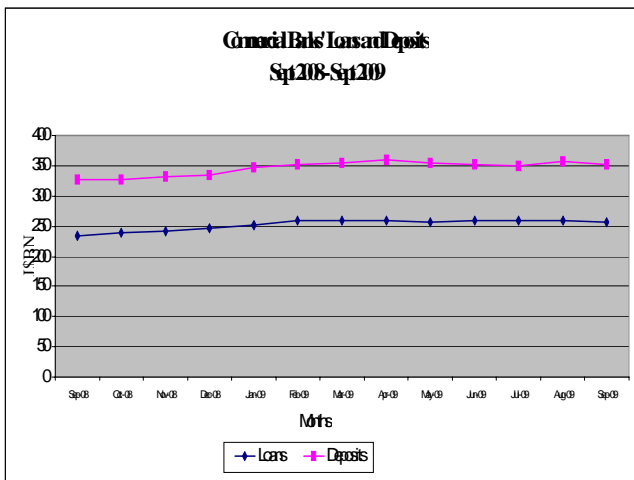


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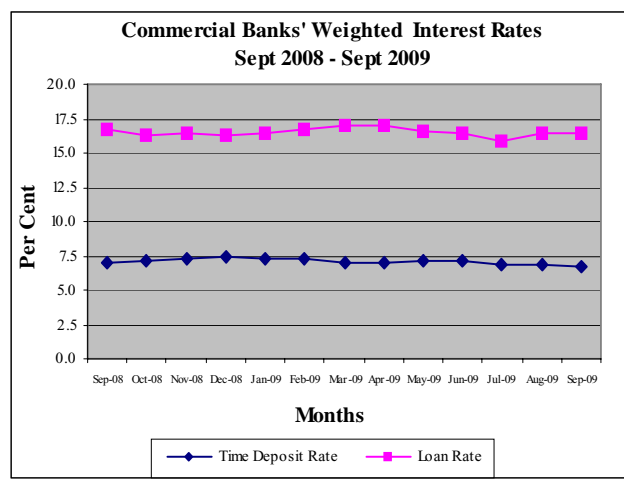
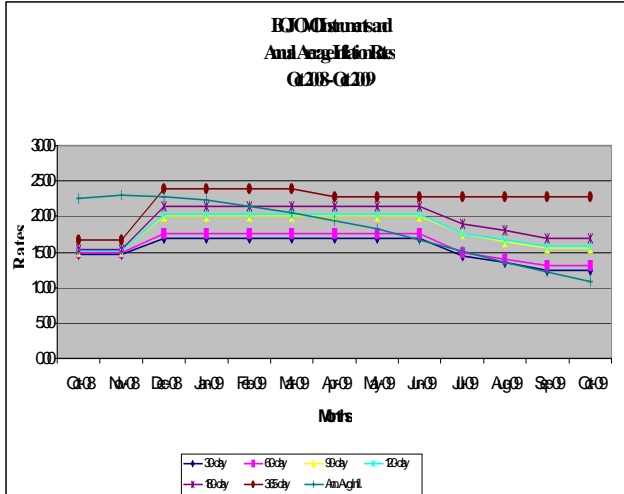
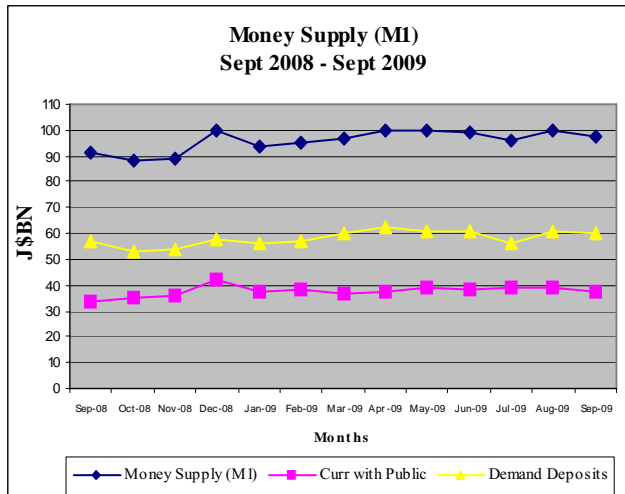


Figure 5



1. MONETARY AGGREGATES (J\$mn.)				%
Local and Foreign Currency	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	Change p.a.
Money Supply (M1).....	90,900.76	99,863.68	97,378.97	7.13
(a) Currency with the Public.....	33,602.70	39,156.91	37,432.99	11.40
(b) Demand Deposits (adj.)***.....	57,298.06	60,706.77	59,945.98	4.62
Quasi-Money.....	<u>202,017.91</u>	<u>219,838.06</u>	<u>219,455.75</u>	<u>8.63</u>
(a) Time.....	50,733.92	54,797.15	54,931.06	8.27
(b) Savings.....	151,283.99	165,040.91	164,524.69	8.75
Money Supply (M2).....	<u>292,918.67</u>	<u>319,701.74</u>	<u>316,834.72</u>	<u>8.16</u>
Domestic Credit	<u>312,211.15</u>	<u>351,268.46</u>	<u>352,015.03</u>	<u>12.75</u>
Local Currency	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sep 2009	
Money Supply (M1).....	83,539.58	89,388.34	87,911.63	5.23
(a) Currency with the Public.....	33,602.70	39,156.91	37,432.99	11.40
(b) Demand Deposits (adj.)***.....	49,936.88	50,231.43	50,478.64	1.08
Quasi-Money.....	<u>115,998.16</u>	<u>117,114.24</u>	<u>118,917.08</u>	<u>2.52</u>
(a) Time.....	27,641.34	26,113.70	26,883.37	-2.74
(b) Savings.....	88,356.82	91,000.54	92,033.71	4.16
Money Supply (M2).....	<u>199,537.74</u>	<u>206,502.58</u>	<u>206,828.71</u>	<u>3.65</u>
Domestic Credit	<u>228,227.53</u>	<u>247,292.74</u>	<u>244,966.53</u>	<u>7.33</u>
	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
Base Money.....	<u>57,957.70</u>	<u>72,129.01</u>	<u>72,953.59</u>	<u>25.87</u>
II. COMMERCIAL BANKS (J\$mn.) *	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Assets & Liabilities (J\$mn.)**.....	<u>533,049.15</u>	<u>572,921.02</u>	<u>571,869.41</u>	<u>7.28</u>
Loans**.....	<u>233,120.91</u>	<u>259,701.98</u>	<u>257,227.40</u>	<u>10.34</u>
Agriculture.....	3,457.45	3,813.31	4,219.40	22.04
Manufacturing.....	9,212.30	9,154.98	8,687.13	-5.70
Construction & Land Development.....	12,086.32	19,004.84	19,375.80	60.31
Mining.....	608.88	1,102.70	826.26	35.70
Tourism.....	36,127.13	40,957.66	40,717.50	12.71
Transport, Storage & Communication.....	11,252.26	12,350.15	12,080.75	7.36
Consumer-Oriented.....	124,994.79	132,345.90	131,315.08	5.06
Government Services.....	30,840.70	35,649.45	34,333.89	11.33
Other.....	4,541.08	5,322.99	5,671.59	24.90
DEPOSITS.....	<u>327,776.04</u>	<u>356,469.56</u>	<u>351,676.21</u>	<u>7.29</u>
Private Sector (including overseas residents).....	<u>280,084.35</u>	<u>305,821.98</u>	<u>303,161.40</u>	<u>8.24</u>
Time.....	63,685.24	70,724.52	70,505.96	10.71
Savings.....	159,683.61	175,632.32	174,279.67	9.14
Demand.....	56,715.50	59,465.14	58,375.77	2.93
Government.....	<u>25,383.88</u>	<u>22,490.21</u>	<u>22,249.81</u>	<u>-12.35</u>
Time.....	1,285.61	1,571.56	1,444.46	12.36
Savings.....	2,582.92	2,377.83	2,683.83	3.91
Demand.....	21,515.35	18,540.82	18,121.52	-15.77
Public Entities.....	<u>10,475.44</u>	<u>12,261.02</u>	<u>15,393.67</u>	<u>46.95</u>
Time.....	3,443.16	6,503.66	8,924.88	159.21
Savings.....	4,729.60	2,610.44	3,424.03	-27.60
Demand.....	2,302.68	3,146.92	3,044.76	32.23

* PanCaribbean Commercial Bank began operations in June 2008

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

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

				%
II. COMMERCIAL BANKS (J\$mn.) (Cont'd)	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	Change p.a.
Spec. & O. F. Insts.....	11,832.37	15,896.35	10,871.33	-8.12
Time.....	4,339.18	2,381.02	1,930.01	-55.52
Savings.....	1,638.66	1,368.90	1,412.48	-13.80
Demand.....	5,854.53	12,146.43	7,528.84	28.60
	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
Current Account Balances with BOJ (J\$mn).....	172.22	149.86	305.86	
LIQUIDITY (Average) %	Sept 2008	Aug 2009+	Sept 2009	
Actual Liquid Assets Ratio.....	39.74	35.09	36.08	
Cash.....	2.46	2.52	2.56	
Deposits with B.O.J.....	9.29	14.24	14.25	
Treasury Bills.....	0.78	0.19	0.23	
Local Registered Stocks.....	0.93	1.43	1.58	
Other.....	26.28	16.71	17.46	
Statutory Requirement.....	23.00	28.00	28.00	
III. SELECTED INTEREST RATES (%)				
COMMERCIAL BANKS (Domestic Currency)	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
Fixed Deposits (J\$100,000 & over)				
3-6 months.....	7.30-12.85	7.30-15.49	7.30-15.49	
9-12 months.....	7.00-13.35	7.00-15.75	7.00-15.75	
Call Deposits.....	5.00-20.00	3.00-11.00	3.00-9.00	
Average Savings Deposits	5.54	5.86	5.60	
Average Loan Rate.....	22.58	22.26	21.98	
Average Inter-bank Rate	11.17	7.39	6.93	
	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Weighted Fixed Deposits Rate.....	7.03	6.90	6.69	
Weighted Loan Rate.....	16.46	16.46	16.30	
G.O.J. Treasury Bills (Weighted Average) Yield	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
2 Months:.....	-	-	-	
3 Months:.....	15.21	16.39	16.21	
6 Months:.....	16.96	17.35	17.04	
9 Months:.....	-	-	-	
12 Months:.....	16.69	-	17.49	
BOJ Open Market Rates (%)	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
30-Day	14.65	12.50	12.50	
60-Day	14.85	13.00	13.00	
90-Day	15.05	15.50	15.50	
120-Days	15.15	15.70	15.70	
180-Days	15.35	17.00	17.00	
365-Days	16.70	22.67	22.67	
COMMERCIAL BANKS (Foreign Currency)	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	
Fixed Deposits (Under US\$100,000)				
1-3 months.....	2.25-4.85	1.00-4.85	1.00-3.70	
3-6 months.....	2.00-5.35	1.00-5.35	1.00-4.29	
6-12 months.....	2.00-5.85	1.00-5.85	1.00-4.56	
Fixed Deposits (US\$100,000 & Over)				
1-3 months.....	2.70-5.60	1.00-5.60	1.00-4.85	
3-6 months.....	2.45-6.10	1.00-6.10	1.00-5.15	
6-12 months.....	2.45-6.60	1.00-6.60	1.00-5.65	
Average Loan Rates	10.42	10.79	10.39	
Average Savings	2.02	1.97	1.97	

+ Revised

				% Change p.a.
IV. SECURITIES (J\$m.) (outstanding balances)				
GOJ Local Registered Stock.....	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
	213,295.18	187,816.29	185,922.39	-12.83
	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
GOJ Treasury Bills.....	4,300.00	4,066.95	4,055.41	-5.69
BOJ Open Market Operations 1/.....	141,391.47	119,833.18	114,270.14	-19.18
V. INSTALMENT CREDIT (J\$m.) (Banks & Near-Banks)	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Total Credit Outstanding.....	30,775.47	29,810.20	29,834.78	-3.06
New Business.....	1,099.10	992.28	981.82	-10.67
VI. NEAR-BANKS (J\$m.)**** (Merchant Banks, Trust Com. & Finance Houses)	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Assets/Liabilities.....	31,736.37	32,389.36	32,651.20	2.88
Loans Outstanding.....	10,482.67	10,107.67	10,114.83	-3.51
Total Deposits.....	14,295.41	13,280.67	13,149.63	-8.02
Loans.....	<u>10,482.67</u>	<u>10,107.67</u>	<u>10,114.83</u>	<u>-3.51</u>
Agriculture.....	42.33	44.44	40.58	-4.13
Manufacturing.....	333.66	375.88	344.32	3.19
Construction & Land Development.....	2,600.48	2,716.71	2,760.70	6.16
Mining, Quarrying & Processing.....	45.44	37.15	35.92	-20.95
Tourism.....	281.49	496.17	481.61	71.09
Transport, Storage & Communication.....	451.74	317.58	303.58	-32.80
Consumer Oriented.....	5,667.60	5,413.71	5,449.63	-3.85
Government Services.....	332.72	149.42	144.02	-56.71
Other.....	727.21	556.61	554.47	-23.75
	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Liquid Assets Ratio (average) %.....	31.09	34.44	28.10	
Statutory Requirement.....	23.00	28.00	28.00	
VII. BUILDING SOCIETIES (J\$m.) (members & associate members)	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Assets/Liabilities.....	134,678.31	155,097.71	155,990.23	15.82
Loan Balances.....	71,232.31	83,372.48	83,097.28	16.66
Savings Funds.....	90,425.35	106,031.69	107,054.32	18.39
VIII. INFLATION	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
Consumer Price Index (Dec. 2006 = 100).....	136.9	146.3	147.5	7.74
Monthly Rate (%).....	0.3	1.7	0.8	
Calendar Year to Date (%).....	17.2	7.2	8.1	
Fiscal Year to Date (%).....	11.3	5.9	6.7	
IX. ACTUAL PRODUCTION ('000)	Sept 2008	Aug 2009	Sept 2009	
Crude Bauxite (tonnes).....	421.40	365.10	286.38	-32.04
Alumina (tonnes).....	319.70	120.47	115.32	-63.93
Sugar (tonnes).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Banana Exports (tonnes).....	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
X. STOCK MARKET ACTIVITIES	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	
Index**.....	93,750.90	79,928.03	80,567.52	-14.06
Volume Traded (mn.)***.....	384.71	212.71	36.57	-90.49
Ordinary Shares.....	384.71	154.02	36.57	-90.49
Block Transactions.....	0.00	58.69	0.00	-

1/ As at May 2005 the Bank of Jamaica no longer issues Reverse Repurchases

- No Production

** As at end of month

*** Monthly values

**** As at June 2008 PanCaribbean Merchant Bank ended operations

X. STOCK MARKET ACTIVITIES (cont'd) Mar 2008	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	% Change
Value of Stocks Traded (J\$mn.)***	2,787.63	1,256.45	240.68	-91.37
Ordinary Shares	2,787.63	837.98	240.68	-91.37
Block Transactions	0.00	418.47	0.00	-
Advance/Decline Ratio***	3/38	16/17	15/18	
XI. EXTERNAL TRADE (US\$mn.)	Jan-Jun 2008	Jan-Jun 2009	Change	
1. EXPORTS				
(a) Major Traditional Exports	<u>828.82</u>	<u>299.26</u>	<u>-529.56</u>	
Bauxite	58.78	34.59	-24.19	
Alumina	677.58	199.90	-477.68	
Sugar	92.46	64.77	-27.69	
Bananas	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(b) Other Traditional Exports	43.10	46.91	3.81	
(c) Non-Traditional Exports	557.40	240.35	-317.05	
(d) Re-exports	34.81	41.06	6.25	
General Merchandise Exports	<u>1,464.13</u>	<u>627.58</u>	<u>-836.55</u>	
(e) Freezone Exports	29.64	27.79	-1.85	
(f) Goods Procured in Ports	81.48	46.91	-34.57	
Total Goods Exports	<u>1,575.25</u>	<u>702.28</u>	<u>-872.97</u>	
2. IMPORTS (by S.I.T.C.)				
(a) Food	422.50	416.26	-6.24	
(b) Beverage & Tobacco	46.14	37.94	-8.20	
(c) Crude Material	42.84	25.52	-17.32	
(d) Mineral Fuel	1,939.73	598.53	-1,341.20	
(e) Animal & Vegetable Oil	27.72	17.31	-10.41	
(f) Chemicals	452.79	320.77	-132.02	
(g) Manufactured Goods	440.68	260.64	-180.04	
(h) Machinery & Transportation	616.64	419.78	-196.86	
(i) Miscellaneous Manufactured Goods	383.36	195.57	-187.79	
(j) Miscellaneous Commodities	51.03	54.34	3.31	
General Merchandise Imports	<u>4,423.43</u>	<u>2,346.66</u>	<u>-2,076.77</u>	
Freezone Imports	10.94	6.13	-4.81	
Goods Procured in Ports	87.50	39.49	-48.01	
Total Goods Imports	<u>4,521.87</u>	<u>2,392.28</u>	<u>-2,129.59</u>	
Trade Balance	<u>-2,946.62</u>	<u>-1,690.00</u>	<u>1,256.62</u>	
XII. TOURISM	Aug 2008	Aug 2009	% Change	
Tourist Arrivals ('000)	<u>197.12</u>	<u>204.02</u>	<u>3.50</u>	
Stop Overs	142.46	152.57	7.10	
Foreign Nationals	129.78	138.83	6.97	
Non-Resident Jamaicans	12.68	13.74	8.36	
Cruise	54.66	51.45	-5.87	
XIII. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (US\$mn.)				
Balance of Payments (Calendar)	Jan-Jun 2008	Jan-Jun 2009	Change	
1. Current Account	<u>-1,373.1</u>	<u>-198.0</u>	<u>1,175.1</u>	
A. Goods balance	<u>-2,446.1</u>	<u>-1,376.5</u>	<u>1,069.6</u>	
Exports (f.o.b.)	1,575.2	702.3	-872.9	
Imports (f.o.b.)	4,021.4	2,078.8	-1,942.6	
B. Service Balance	<u>290.8</u>	<u>480.5</u>	<u>189.7</u>	
Transportation	-317.1	-156.9	160.2	
Travel	945.0	942.0	-3.0	
Other Services	-337.1	-304.6	32.5	

*** Monthly values

+ Revised

1/ Provisional

<i>Balance of Payments (Calendar) (Cont'd)</i>		Jan-Jun 2008	Jan-Jun 2009	Change
C. Income		<u>-296.3</u>	<u>-277.1</u>	<u>19.2</u>
Compensation of Employees.....		19.5	8.4	-11.1
Investment Income.....		-315.8	-285.5	30.3
D. Current Transfers		<u>1,078.5</u>	<u>975.0</u>	<u>-103.5</u>
Official.....		51.3	57.6	6.3
Private.....		1,027.2	917.4	-109.8
2. Capital and Financial Account		<u>1,373.1</u>	<u>198.0</u>	<u>-1,175.1</u>
A. Capital Account		<u>14.7</u>	<u>25.7</u>	<u>11.0</u>
Capital Transfers.....		<u>14.7</u>	<u>25.7</u>	<u>11.0</u>
Official.....		29.5	41.9	12.4
Private.....		-14.8	-16.1	-1.3
Acq./Disp. of non-produced non-fin. assets....		0.0	0.0	0.0
B. Financial Account		<u>1,358.4</u>	<u>172.3</u>	<u>-1,186.1</u>
Other Official Investment.....		225.0	-155.6	-380.6
Other Private Investment.....		1,484.5	174.3	-1,310.2
<i>(incl. errors & omissions)</i>				
Reserves.....		<u>-351.1</u>	<u>153.6</u>	
		Apr-Jun	Apr-Jun	
<i>Balance of Payments (Fiscal)</i>		2008/2009	2009/2010	
1. Current Account		<u>-860.9</u>	<u>-44.0</u>	<u>816.9</u>
A. Goods balance		<u>-1,373.8</u>	<u>-629.7</u>	<u>744.1</u>
Exports (f.o.b.).....		796.4	353.2	-443.2
Imports (f.o.b.).....		2,170.2	982.9	-1,187.3
B. Service Balance		<u>73.9</u>	<u>220.5</u>	<u>146.6</u>
Transportation.....		-183.4	-74.1	109.3
Travel.....		423.1	441.2	18.1
Other Services.....		-165.8	-146.7	19.1
C. Income		<u>-122.5</u>	<u>-135.9</u>	<u>-13.4</u>
Compensation of Employees.....		13.6	6.8	-6.8
Investment Income.....		-136.2	-142.7	-6.5
D. Current Transfers		<u>561.5</u>	<u>501.1</u>	<u>-60.4</u>
Official.....		25.0	25.7	0.7
Private.....		536.5	475.4	-61.1
2. Capital and Financial Account		<u>860.9</u>	<u>44.0</u>	<u>-816.9</u>
A. Capital Account		<u>-6.0</u>	<u>-6.5</u>	<u>-0.5</u>
Capital Transfers.....		-6.0	-6.5	-0.5
Official.....		0.0	0.0	0.0
Private.....		-6.0	-6.5	-0.5
Acq./Disp. of non-produced non-fin. assets		0.0	0.0	0.0
B. Financial Account		<u>866.9</u>	<u>50.5</u>	<u>-816.4</u>
Other Official Investment.....		220.3	-5.9	-226.2
Other Private Investment.....		792.0	47.2	-744.8
<i>(incl. errors & omissions)</i>				
Reserves.....		-145.4	9.2	

XIV. BOJ NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (US\$mn.)	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009	% Change p.a.
BOJ Net International Reserves (US\$mn.).....	<u>1,802.59</u>	<u>1,933.24</u>	<u>1,909.36</u>	<u>5.92</u>
Gross Foreign Assets.....	1,825.09	2,007.28	1,931.86	5.85
Gross Foreign Liabilities.....	22.50	74.04	22.50	0.00
Estimated Gross Reserves in Weeks of Goods				
Imports.....	<u>15.43</u>	<u>21.83</u>	<u>21.02</u>	
Estimated Gross Reserves in Weeks of Goods and				
Services Imports.....	<u>11.24</u>	<u>15.39</u>	<u>14.82</u>	
 XV. FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEVELOPMENTS (US\$mn.) *	 Oct 2008	 Sept 2009	 Oct 2009	
Combined Foreign Exchange Trading				
Foreign Exchange Purchases (spot).....	1,143.46	632.95	592.56	-48.18
Foreign Exchange Sales (spot).....	1,150.37	612.58	590.34	-48.68
 Foreign Currency Deposit Balances of Authorised Dealers (US\$mn.)	 Sept 2008	 Aug 2009	 Sept 2009	
Commercial Banks Balances.....	<u>1,687.97</u>	<u>1,678.76</u>	<u>1,700.28</u>	<u>0.73</u>
"A" Accounts 1/.....	141.86	264.31	260.05	83.31
"B" Accounts	0.00	0.15	0.15	-
Other.....	1,546.11	1,414.30	1,440.08	-6.86
F.I.As Balance.....	<u>154.10</u>	<u>111.45</u>	<u>109.80</u>	<u>-28.75</u>
"A" Accounts 1/.....	86.15	55.50	54.76	-36.44
"B" Accounts	0.30	0.15	0.16	-46.67
Other.....	67.65	55.80	54.88	-18.88
Building Societies Balances.....	<u>485.77</u>	<u>488.79</u>	<u>489.36</u>	<u>0.74</u>
"A" Accounts 1/.....	223.88	220.63	221.05	-1.26
"B" Accounts	68.33	56.43	56.80	-16.87
Other	193.56	211.73	211.51	9.27
Total Foreign Currency Deposits (US\$mn.).....	<u>2,327.84</u>	<u>2,279.00</u>	<u>2,299.44</u>	<u>-1.22</u>
Total Foreign Currency Loans (US\$mn.).....	<u>1,575.20</u>	<u>1,597.50</u>	<u>1,583.13</u>	<u>0.50</u>
Commercial Banks.....	1,442.52	1,455.70	1,444.98	0.17
F.I.As	72.25	57.20	56.81	-21.37
Building Societies.....	60.43	84.60	81.34	34.60

* Foreign Currency balances represent the US dollar equivalent of the value of total transactions in major international currencies
1/ 'A' Accounts are tax free Foreign Currency Accounts held by non-residents
+ Revised

London Interbank Offer Rate (LIBOR) Eurodollars (%)	Aug 2008	Jul 2009	Aug 2009
3 months.....	4.96	0.86	0.88
6 months.....	5.16	1.31	1.08
U.S. Prime Rate (end of period) (%).....	5.00	3.25	3.25
Selling Exchange Rates (end period)	Oct 2008	Sept 2009	Oct 2009
US\$1.00 = J\$.....	76.29	89.08	89.24
Can. \$1.00 = J\$.....	62.60	82.76	82.91
U.K. Pound = J\$.....	122.81	142.16	146.97
Euro = J\$**.....	97.97	129.59	132.27
Caricom Selling Exchange Rates**			
T.T. \$1 = J\$.....	12.24	14.10	14.10
Bdos. \$1 = J\$.....	38.12	44.55	44.63
Guy. \$1 = J\$.....	0.38	0.44	0.45
E.C. \$1 = J\$.....	28.24	33.00	33.06

*** Indicative Rates*

**JAMAICA:
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEVELOPMENTS
MAY 2009**

JUNE 2009

Provisional data indicate that the current account deficit narrowed by US\$264.0 million in June 2009, relative to the deficit in June 2008 (see Table). This improvement largely stemmed from a decline of US\$275.6 million (78.1 per cent) in spending on fuel imports, largely reflecting the impact of a 48.0 per cent decrease in the average price of oil on the international market in June 2009, relative to June 2008. All the other categories of imports, with the exception of crude materials and miscellaneous commodities, declined. The impact of the fall in imports on the merchandise trade deficit was partly offset by declines of US\$101.5 million (77.7 per cent) and US\$35.8 million (67.8 per cent) in earnings from alumina exports and mineral fuel exports, respectively.

There was also an improvement in the services sub-account, which was primarily due to the continued decline in net transportation payments, associated with the lower level of imports. Additionally, there was a marginal increase in net travel receipts for the month.

The main offsetting influences to the improvement of the above noted sub-accounts were an increase in the deficit on the income account, as well as a reduction in net inflows from current transfers. With respect to the income sub-account, the expansion in the deficit was mainly attributed to higher interest payments on official external debt, while the decline in the surplus on current transfers resulted from a contraction of 10.2 per cent in gross remittance inflows

With regard to financing, net outflows from official and private investment transactions added to the financing gap of the current account. As a result, the NIR of the Bank of Jamaica declined by US\$52.4 million for the month.

January – June 2009

There was a US\$1,171.2 million reduction in the current account deficit for the period January to June 2009, relative to the comparable period in 2008. An improvement in the merchandise trade deficit was the main source of the reduction, stemming primarily from a decline of US\$1,341.2 million (69.1 per cent) in the value of mineral fuel imports. All the other categories of imports, with the exception of miscellaneous commodities, also declined.

The impact of the contraction in imports on the merchandise trade deficit was partly offset by lower earnings from major traditional exports, particularly alumina, as well as non-traditional exports, mainly ethanol.

For the review period, there were also improvements in the services and income sub-accounts. The increase in the surplus on the services sub-account resulted from a fall in freight charges as well as a decline in insurance payments, related to the reduction in the value of imports. The improvement in the income account was principally related to lower imputed profit remittances of direct investment companies, mainly attributed to the downturn in the mining sector.

The impact of the improvement in the merchandise trade, services and income sub-accounts on the current account deficit was partly offset by lower net current transfers, which reflected a contraction of 15.9 per cent in gross remittance inflows.

In relation to financing, net private investment inflows and the surplus on the capital account were insufficient to offset net official capital outflows as well as the deficit on the current account. As a result, there was a decline of US\$153.6 million in the NIR during the review period.

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUMMARY (US\$M)

	June 2008	June ^{1/} 2009	Change	Jan-June 2008	Jan-June ^{1/} 2009	Change
1. CURRENT ACCOUNT	-280.4	-16.4	264.0	-1,373.1	-201.9	1,171.2
A. GOODS BALANCE	-460.4	-202.3	258.1	-2,446.2	-1,380.3	1,065.8
Exports (f.o.b.)	285.5	122.1	-163.4	1,575.2	698.4	-876.8
Imports (f.o.b.)	745.9	324.4	-421.5	4,021.4	2,078.8	-1,942.6
B. SERVICES BALANCE	22.6	79.8	57.2	290.8	480.5	189.7
Transportation	-66.2	-26.5	39.7	-317.1	-156.9	160.2
Travel	153.3	157.2	3.9	945.0	942.0	-3.0
Other Services	-64.5	-50.9	13.6	-337.1	-304.6	32.5
C. INCOME	-24.7	-64.1	-39.4	-296.3	-277.1	19.2
Compensation of employees	7.8	4.3	-3.5	19.5	8.4	-11.1
Investment Income	-32.5	-68.4	-35.9	-315.8	-285.5	30.3
D. CURRENT TRANSFERS	182.1	170.2	-11.8	1078.5	975.0	-103.5
Official	8.6	8.2	-0.4	51.3	57.6	6.3
Private	173.5	162.0	-11.4	1027.2	917.4	-109.8
2. CAPITAL & FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	280.3	16.4	-264.0	1,373.1	201.9	-1,171.2
A. CAPITAL ACCOUNT	-2.9	-2.8	0.0	14.7	25.7	11.0
a. Capital Transfers	-2.9	-2.8	0.0	14.7	25.7	11.0
Official	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.5	41.9	12.4
Private	-2.9	-2.8	0.0	-14.8	-16.1	-1.4
b. Acq./disposal of non-prod. non-fin'l assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
B. FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	283.2	19.2	-264.0	1,358.4	176.1	-1,182.2
Other official investment	132.0	-2.8	-134.8	225.0	-156.3	-381.3
Other private investment 2/	120.8	-30.3	-151.1	1,484.5	178.9	-1,305.6
Reserves	30.4	52.4		-351.1	153.6	

1/ Provisional

2/ Includes errors & omissions