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REMITTANCE UPDATE October 2010

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Overview

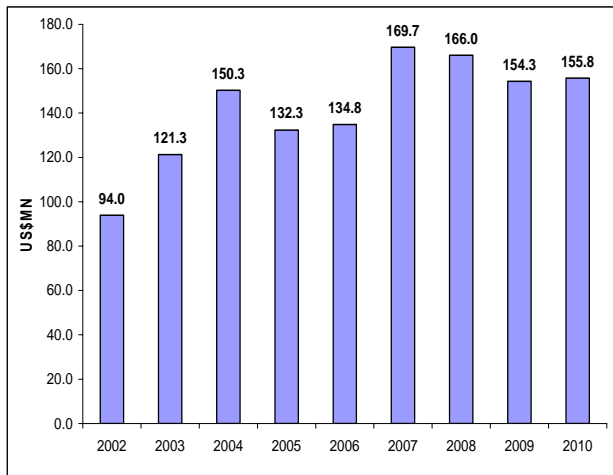
Table 1

JAMAICA'S REMITTANCES (US\$MN)				
	Oct 2009	Oct 2010*	Change	% Change**
Total Remittance Inflows	154.3	155.8	1.5	1.0
Remittance Companies^	134.9	134.7	-0.2	-0.1
Other Remittances	19.4	21.1	1.7	8.5
Total Remittance Outflows	19.7	20.7	1.0	5.2
Net Remittances	134.7	135.1	0.4	0.3

* Provisional
 ** Growth relative to the corresponding period of the previous year
 ^ Flows through Remittance Companies

Source: Bank of Jamaica

Graph 1
Historical Trend in Remittance Inflows
Oct 2002-2010



Source: Bank of Jamaica

October 2010

For October 2010, net remittances were **US\$135.1 million**, which represented an improvement of **US\$0.4 million** or **0.3 per cent** relative to the corresponding period of 2009. (Table 1)

During the month, total remittance inflows were **US\$155.8 million**, an improvement of **US\$1.5 million** or **1.0 per cent**. The increase in total remittance inflows emanated from a **US\$1.7 million** increase in the *Other Remittances* sub-category. The increase in total remittance inflows was marginally offset by a **US\$0.2 million** decline in the *Remittance Companies* sub-category (Table 1)

For the month, remittance inflows of **US\$155.8 million** represent a reversal of the decline noted in October 2009 (Graph 1). This improvement resulted primarily from increases in total remittance inflows through the *Other Remittance* sub-category

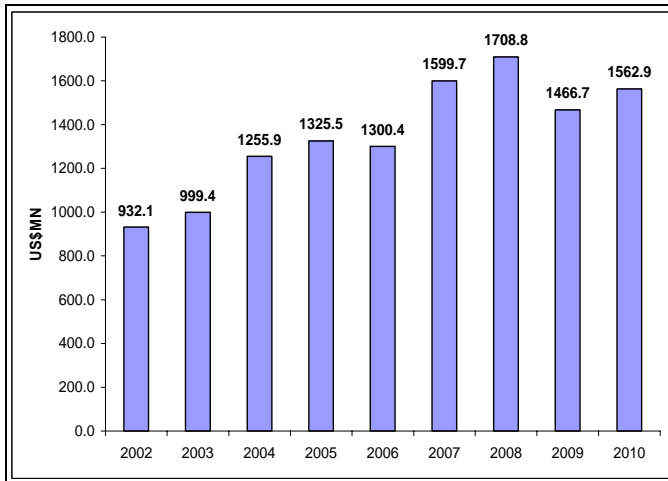
Table 2

JAMAICA'S REMITTANCES (US\$MN)				
	Jan-Oct	Jan-Oct		
	2009	2010*	Change	% Change**
Total Remittance Inflows	1466.7	1562.9	96.2	6.6
Remittance Companies [^]	1251.0	1324.3	73.2	5.9
Other Remittances	215.7	238.6	23.0	10.6
Total Remittance Outflows	192.3	204.6	12.3	6.4
Net Remittances	1274.4	1358.3	83.9	6.6

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Source: Bank of Jamaica

Graph 2
Historical Trend in Remittance Inflows
January- Oct 2002-2010



Source: Bank of Jamaica

January to October 2010

For the first ten months of the 2010 calendar year, net remittances were **US\$1,358.3 million**, which represented an increase of **US\$83.9 million** or **6.6 per cent** relative to the corresponding period of 2009 (Table 2).

For the calendar year to October, total remittance inflows were **US\$1,562.9 million**, representing an increase of **US\$96.2 million** or **6.6 per cent**. This increase in total remittance inflows emanated mainly from improvements in inflows to **Remittance Companies**, which recorded total inflows of **US\$1,324.3 million**, a **US\$73.2 million** or **5.9 per cent** improvement compared to the corresponding period in 2009.

Although marginally better than the corresponding period in 2009, remittance inflows of **US\$1,562.9 million** were still below the pre-crisis (2008) trend (Graph 2). A continued improvement in remittance inflows in ensuing months is juxtaposed on the improving macroeconomic conditions in source economies.

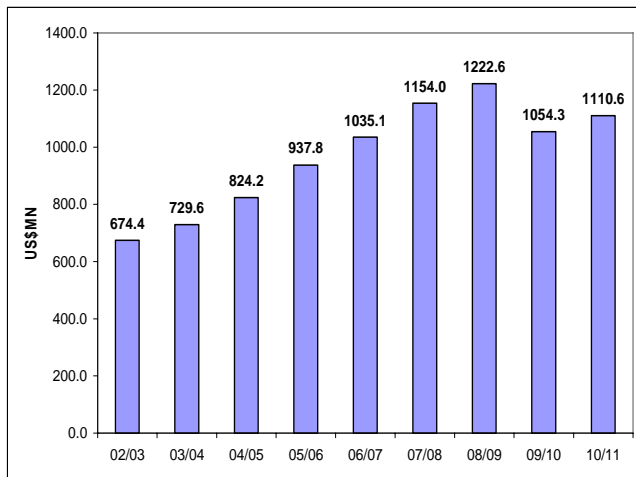
Table 3

JAMAICA'S REMITTANCES (US\$MN)				
	April-Oct 2009/10	April-Oct 2010/11	Change	% Change**
Total Remittance Inflows	1054.3	1110.6	56.2	5.3
Remittance Companies^	902.3	938.2	35.9	4.0
Other Remittances	152.1	172.4	20.4	13.4
Total Remittance Outflows	136.4	153.4	17.1	12.5
Net Remittances	918.0	957.1	39.2	4.3

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Source: Bank of Jamaica

Graph 3
Historical Trend Remittance Inflows
Apr-Oct 2002-2010



Source: Bank of Jamaica

April to October 2010/11

For the first seven months of the 2010/11 fiscal year (FY), net remittances were **US\$957.1 million**, which represented an increase of **US\$39.2 million** or **4.3 per cent** relative to the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year.

For the FY-to-October, total remittance inflows were **US\$1,110.6 million**, representing an increase of **US\$56.2 million** or **5.3 per cent** over the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year. The increase in total remittance inflows emanated from both *Remittance Companies* and the *Other Remittances* sub-categories. *Remittance Companies* recorded an increase of **US\$35.9 million** or **4.0 per cent**, while *Other Remittances* had an increase of **US\$20.4 million** or **13.4 per cent**.

The remittance inflows of **US\$1,110.6 million** for the first seven months of the 2010/11 fiscal year represents a reversal of the decline noted in the corresponding period in fiscal year 2009/10 (Graph 3). This was consistent with the global developments occurring during the review period.

Table 4

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Table 5

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US\$ Millions				
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Table 7

Jamaica's Historical Remittances												
<i>US\$ Millions</i>												
	<i>Jan</i>	<i>Feb</i>	<i>Mar</i>	<i>Apr</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Jun</i>	<i>Jul</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>Nov</i>	<i>Dec</i>
Remittance Companies												
2008	111.0	122.1	131.7	128.6	138.3	128.7	133.3	124.7	137.6	126.7	110.7	143.5
2009	109.0	113.3	126.5	123.6	129.1	127.9	128.9	128.2	129.6	134.9	119.3	155.4
2010	116.2	122.4	147.5	136.8	132.9	132.8	134.9	133.6	132.4	134.7		
<i>month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009</i>	6.7	8.0	16.6	10.7	2.9	3.8	4.6	4.2	2.2	-0.1		
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009</i>	6.7	7.4	10.7	10.7	9.0	8.1	7.6	7.2	6.6	5.9		
Other Remittances												
2008	38.5	40.2	42.6	48.8	42.2	42.5	43.8	41.3	46.8	39.3	24.9	33.5
2009	25.1	19.0	19.4	18.1	17.0	25.9	25.0	23.9	22.8	19.4	23.4	25.5
2010	19.9	19.7	26.6	25.3	23.2	24.9	24.6	23.1	30.2	21.1		
<i>month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009</i>	-20.6	3.4	36.9	39.9	36.4	-3.7	-1.6	-3.1	32.3	8.5		
<i>CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009</i>	-20.6	-10.3	4.1	12.0	16.2	12.1	9.8	8.0	10.9	10.6		
Total Remittance Inflows												
2008	149.6	162.3	174.3	177.4	180.5	171.2	177.0	165.9	184.3	166.0	135.7	177.0
2009	134.1	132.3	145.9	141.7	146.1	153.8	153.9	152.1	152.4	154.3	142.7	180.9
2010	136.2	142.1	174.1	162.2	156.0	157.7	159.5	156.8	162.6	155.8		
<i>month/month growth rate (%)</i>	1.5	7.4	19.3	14.5	6.8	2.5	3.6	3.1	6.7	1.0		
<i>CYTD growth rate (%)</i>	1.5	4.4	9.7	10.9	10.1	8.7	7.9	7.3	7.2	6.6		
Total Remittance Outflows												
2008	27.3	26.6	26.8	26.0	25.7	26.2	27.8	29.9	24.8	24.0	22.3	25.8
2009	20.9	15.4	19.6	15.0	15.8	20.3	28.4	17.9	19.4	19.7	20.9	24.2
2010	15.1	15.0	21.1	21.0	22.0	21.7	24.9	22.9	20.2	20.7		
<i>month/month growth rate (%)</i>	-27.9	-2.6	7.2	40.6	39.4	6.9	-12.3	28.5	4.0	5.2		
<i>CYTD growth rate (%)</i>	-27.9	-17.1	-8.6	1.8	8.7	8.3	4.0	6.8	6.5	6.4		
Net Remittances												
2008	122.2	135.7	147.5	151.4	154.8	145.0	149.2	136.1	159.5	142.0	113.4	151.3
2009	113.2	116.9	126.3	126.7	130.2	133.5	125.5	134.3	133.0	134.7	121.8	156.7
2010	121.1	127.1	153.0	141.1	134.0	136.0	134.6	133.8	142.4	135.1		
<i>month/month growth rate (%)</i>	7.0	8.7	21.2	11.4	2.9	1.9	7.2	-0.3	7.1	0.3		
<i>CYTD growth rate (%)</i>	7.0	7.8	12.6	12.2	10.3	8.8	8.5	7.4	7.3	6.6		
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Table 8

Jamaica's Historical Remittances (US\$MN)			
	2007	2008	2009*
Remittance Companies	1166.7	1536.9	1525.8
Other Remittances	797.6	484.4	264.5
Total Remittance Inflows	1964.3	2021.3	1790.3
Total Remittance Outflows	303.2	313.2	237.4
Net Remittances	1661.1	1708.1	1552.9
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Table 9

SELECTED INDICATORS				
	2006	2007	2008**	2009**
<i>Selected indicators (US\$mn)</i>				
REMITTANCE INFLOWS	1769.4	1964.3	2021.3	1790.3
TOURISM EXPENDITURE	1870.1	1910.0	1975.8	1925.5
EXPORTS	2133.6	2362.6	2743.9	1387.7
FDI (Inflows)	882.2	866.5	1436.6	540.9
IMPORTS	5077.0	6203.9	7546.8	4475.6
GDP	11973.5	12984.9	14024.3	12309.2
Remittance/Population (US\$) (Per Capita)	663.3	733.7	751.8	663.8
Remittances/GDP	14.8	15.1	14.4	14.5
Remittances/Tourist Expenditure	94.6	102.8	102.3	93.0
Remittances /Exports	82.9	83.1	73.7	129.0
Remittances/FDI (INFLOWS)	200.6	226.7	140.7	331.0
Remittances/Imports	34.9	31.7	26.8	40.0
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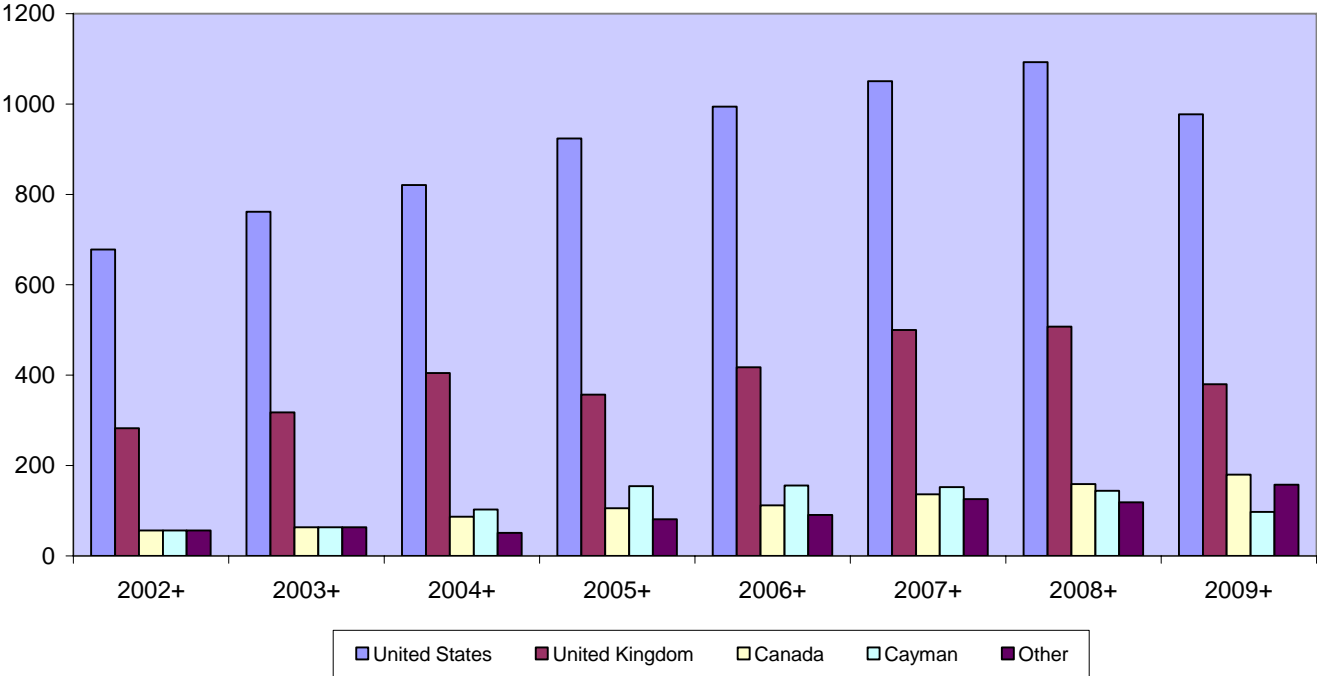
Table 10

Remittances for Selected Countries												
US\$ Millions												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept.	Oct	Nov	Dec*
Mexico												
2008	1781.1	1859.4	2115.9	2188.4	2371.2	2264.1	2186.7	2097.5	2113.4	2636.6	1747.3	1,775.8
2009	1568.2	1803.4	2104.4	1779.8	1900.1	1922.8	1833.4	1780.4	1742.1	1691.20	1495.10	1560.1
2010	1320.7	1548.9	1949.7	1784.0	2139.2	1885.2	1867.2	1946.7	1714.8	1726.7	..	..
month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009	-15.8	-14.1	-7.4	0.2	12.6	-2.0	1.8	9.3	-1.6	2.1	..	..
CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009	-15.8	-14.9	-12.0	-9.0	-4.5	-4.1	-3.2	-1.7	-1.7	-1.3	..	..
El Salvador												
2008	275.5	298.3	338.4	338.5	353.4	334.4	332.1	305.7	304.7	304.3	264.8	337.5
2009	252.4	275.1	315.8	292.5	308.2	295.7	286.1	287.4	270.9	281.7	262.7	336.5
2010	236.0	269.2	343.2	306.5	327.1	300.9	292.8	299.0	270.7	280.9	..	..
month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009	-6.5	-2.1	8.7	4.8	6.1	1.8	2.3	4.0	-0.1	-0.3	..	..
CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009	-6.5	-4.2	0.6	1.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.4	2.1	..	..
Guatemala												
2008	369.8	362.7	378.1	432.9	451.4	423.0	457.2	411.7	416.4	419.7	358.9	383.5
2009	320.5	322.5	385.2	383.1	384.9	393.2	405.7	370.8	367.4	362.8	326.3	383.8
2010	291.7	311.4	415.8	391.3	393.8	439.8	431.6	426.1	403.7	392.1	..	..
month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009	-9.0	-3.4	7.9	2.1	2.3	11.9	6.4	14.9	9.9	8.1	..	..
CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009	-9.0	-6.2	-0.9	-0.1	0.4	2.5	3.1	4.6	5.2	5.4	..	..
Jamaica**												
2008	149.6	162.3	174.3	177.4	180.5	171.2	177.0	165.9	184.3	166.0	135.7	177.0
2009	134.1	132.3	145.9	141.7	146.1	153.8	153.9	152.1	152.4	154.3	142.7	180.9
2010	136.2	142.1	174.1	162.2	156.0	157.7	159.5	156.8	162.6	155.8	..	..
month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009	1.5	7.4	19.3	14.5	6.8	2.5	3.6	3.1	6.7	1.0	..	..
CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009	1.5	4.4	9.7	10.9	10.1	8.7	7.9	7.3	7.2	6.6	..	..
Dominican Republic												
2008	250.6	270.3	287.8	265.1	266.1	263.1	307.6	271.6	246.8	258.0	232.5	302.0
2009	229.2	241.4	271.7	241.2	265.0	248.4	279.9	263.0	248.1	247.8	226.7	279.1
2010	238.3	248.2	256.5	234.8	243.0	229.8	257.6	238.1	231.6	..	..	..
month/month growth rate (%):2010/2009	4.0	2.8	-5.6	-2.7	-8.3	-7.5	-8.0	-9.5	-6.7	..	..	..
CYTD growth rate (%):2010/2009	4.0	3.4	0.1	-0.6	-2.2	-3.1	-3.9	-4.6	-4.8	..	..	..
* Provisional												
** Total Remittance Inflows												
..- data not available												
* revised												
Sources : Central Banks of each country . Please note that the information above reflects the most accurate data to date,as such, these figures are subject to revision.												
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Table 11

	Remittance by Source Countries (US\$MN)								
	2003+	2004+	2005+	2006+	2007+	2008+	2009+	Jan- Oct 2010+	Oct 2010+
United States	761.6	820.8	924.1	994.4	1050.5	1092.7	977.0	935.3	91.4
United Kingdom	317.4	404.6	356.7	417.6	500.0	507.1	380.0	310.5	31.7
Canada	63.5	86.5	105.4	111.5	136.2	158.8	179.8	164.3	18.0
Cayman	63.5	102.6	154.0	155.7	152.2	144.0	97.2	67.0	6.3
Other	63.5	51.3	81.1	90.2	125.3	118.6	157.5	85.8	8.4
Total	1269.5	1465.8	1621.2	1769.4	1964.3	2021.3	1791.5	1562.9	155.8
Source: Bank of Jamaica <i>+ Estimates are based on information submitted by Institutions</i>									

CHART 1
Contribution of Remittances by Source Country



+ Estimates are based on information submitted by Institutions

**Chart 2:
Percentage Contribution by Source Country**

