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BASE MONEY INDICATORS (J\$Mn.)

	<u>February 2020</u>	<u>March 2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Uses:</u>			
Net Currency Issue	136,243.48	145,735.21	9,491.73
Total Currency Issue	136,336.66	145,806.14	9,469.48
Notes Issue	131,311.87	140,869.62	9,557.75
Coins Issue	5,024.79	4,936.52	-88.27
Less: Cash held by BOJ	93.19	70.94	-22.25
Commercial Banks' Statutory Reserves	47,630.67	48,878.30	1,247.63
Commercial Banks' Current Account ¹	37,078.44	47,391.19	10,312.75
Monetary Base ²	220,952.59	242,004.70	21,052.11

Sources:

Net International Reserves	399,456.88	413,029.73	13,572.85
Assets	458,817.52	470,535.22	11,717.70
Liabilities	-59,360.64	-57,505.49	1,855.15
Net Domestic Assets	-178,504.29	-171,025.03	7,479.26
Net Claims on the Public Sector	103,561.37	106,366.47	2,805.10
Open Market Operations	-52,884.53	-41,981.82	10,902.71
Net Credit to Commercial Banks	-71,106.74	-73,493.81	-2,387.07
Other	-158,074.39	-161,915.87	-3,841.48
Total	220,952.59	242,004.70	21,052.11

Note: Statutory cash reserve and current accounts of commercial banks are held at the Bank of Jamaica.

1/ Transaction balances and excess reserves. Data reflect credit balances only.

2/ Monetary Base is the aggregate of Net Currency Issue, Commercial Banks' Statutory Cash Reserves and Current Account.

BANK OF JAMAICA'S INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (US\$Mn.)

	<u>February 2020</u>	<u>March 2020</u>	<u>Change</u>
FOREIGN ASSETS	3,596.59	3,688.45	91.85
Currency & Deposits	3,048.39	3,136.72	88.34
Securities	323.47	328.38	4.91
SDR & IMF Reserve Position	224.74	223.35	-1.39
FOREIGN LIABILITIES	465.32	450.78	-14.54
IMF	465.32	450.78	-14.54
Other ³	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	3,131.28	3,237.67	106.40
 Estimated Reserves in Weeks of Goods Imports ⁴	 33.41	 34.27	
Estimated Reserves in Weeks of Goods & Services Imports ⁴	22.64	23.22	

3/ Effective 1 March 2017, amounts previously included in other foreign liabilities are no longer a part of BOJ's total foreign liabilities.

4/ Based on estimated value of imports for FY 2019/2020