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BANK OF JAMAICA

NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES AND BASE MONEY INDICATORS

BASE MONEY INDICATORS (J\$M)

	End <u>April 2019</u>	End <u>May 2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
Uses:			
Net Currency Issue	120,489.87	119,109.57	-1,380.30
Total Currency Issue	120,630.00	119,220.19	-1,409.81
Notes Issue	116,034.55	114,568.68	-1,465.87
Coins Issue	4,595.45	4,651.51	56.06
Less: Cash held by BOJ	140.13	110.62	-29.51
Commercial Banks' Statutory Reserves	54,485.10	54,248.17	-236.92
Commercial Banks' Current Account ¹	41,594.89	45,435.75	3,840.86
Monetary Base ²	216,569.85	218,793.49	2,223.64
Sources:			
Net International Reserves	385,144.43	392,192.88	7,048.44
Assets	451,112.78	456,620.41	5,507.63
Liabilities	-65,968.35	-64,427.54	1,540.81
Net Domestic Assets	-168,574.58	-173,399.39	-4,824.80
Net Claims on the Public Sector	129,932.76	121,097.07	-8,835.69
Open Market Operations	-49,910.89	-47,058.32	2,852.56
Net Credit to Commercial Banks	-70,501.26	-68,672.31	1,828.95
Other	-178,095.19	-178,765.83	-670.63
Total	216,569.85	218,793.49	2,223.64

Transaction balances and excess reserves. Data reflect credit balances only. Note: Statutory cash reserve and current accounts of commercial banks are held at the Bank of Jamaica. Monetary Base is the aggregate of Net Currency Issue, Commercial Banks' Statutory Cash Reserves and Current Account.

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

	End April 2019	End <u>May 2019</u>	<u>Change</u>
FOREIGN ASSETS Currency & Deposits Securities	3,536.20 2,934.48 343.26	3,579.37 3,021.37 322.16	43.17 86.89 -21.10
SDR & IMF Reserve Position	258.45	235.84	-22.62
FOREIGN LIABILITIES IMF Other ³	517.11 517.11 0.00	505.04 505.04 0.00	-12.08 -12.08 0.00
NET INTERNATIONAL RESERVES	3,019.08	3,074.33	55.25
Reserves in Weeks of Goods Imports ⁴ Reserves in Weeks of Goods & Services Imports ⁴	32.87 22.35	33.27 22.62	
³ Effective 1 March 2017 amounts previously included			

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