

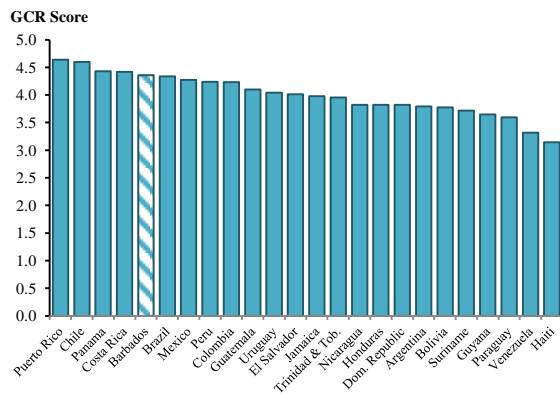


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Barbados remains among the most competitive economies in the Caribbean and Latin America, as reported in the Global Competitiveness Index 2014-15. Barbados continues to be ahead of its regional counterparts in the strength of institutions, development of infrastructure, the quality of health and education, the efficiency of our labour market, the development of our financial market, and our technological readiness.

The value of the Barbados dollar is being protected by measures to contain spending in line with foreign exchange availability. The fiscal measures to date have achieved the most important objective, to reduce the demand for foreign exchange in line with supply. As a result, the normal daily pattern of changes in foreign reserves has now been restored. At the end of September, the stock of foreign reserves was \$1,066 million, equivalent to 15 weeks of import cover.

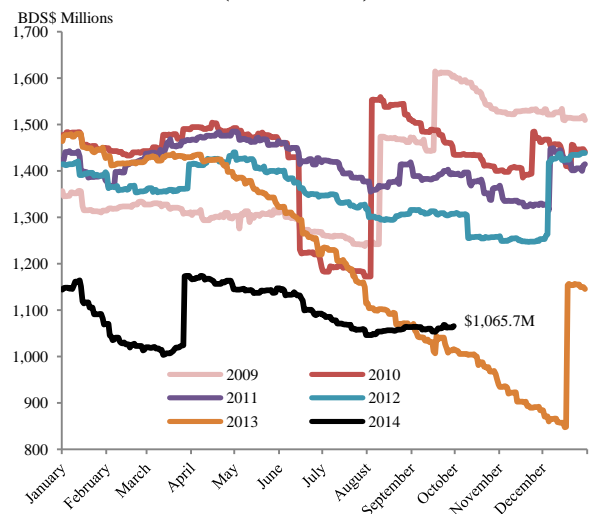
Figure 1 – Barbados’ Competitiveness Relative to Caribbean & Latin America (2014-15)



Source: Global Competitiveness Report 2014-15

Barbados' growth strategy is private sector led, focused mainly on the foreign exchange earning sectors, and anchored on the peg to the US dollar. It is the strategy which has always worked for us. Furthermore, our growth is premised on increases in productivity, enhancement of the quality and appeal of our country's products and services, and reforms aimed at improving Government's facilitation of business.

Figure 2 – International Reserves (2009 – 2014)



Source: Central Bank of Barbados

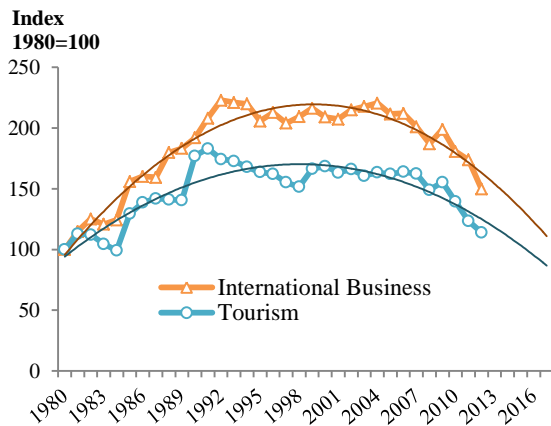
The tourism sector has begun to turn around. Arrivals increased 8 percent from the UK, the market which has always recorded the highest expenditure per tourist. Airlift from the US and Canada will increase by 9 percent and 20 percent respectively, in time for the coming winter season. Tourism value

added is estimated to have increased 0.1 percent so far for the year.

Barbados continues to hold its own in the international business sector, on the basis of its reputation for sound regulation, good infrastructure and compliance with international standards. New products are under development, and new markets are being actively explored. However, uncertainty about the implications of new international guidance on the taxation of international companies has put a temporary brake on the expansion of our international business centre. The number of operating international business and financial services companies has remained virtually unchanged at 3,904 (a decline of 0.4 percent compared to 2013).

Exports of rum for the first nine months earned \$61 million, \$7 million less than for the same period last year.

Figure 3 - Tourism and International Business Services Price Competition



Source: Working Paper “Barbados International Competitiveness” by Dr Delisle Worrell & Shane Lowe, January 2014, Central Bank of Barbados

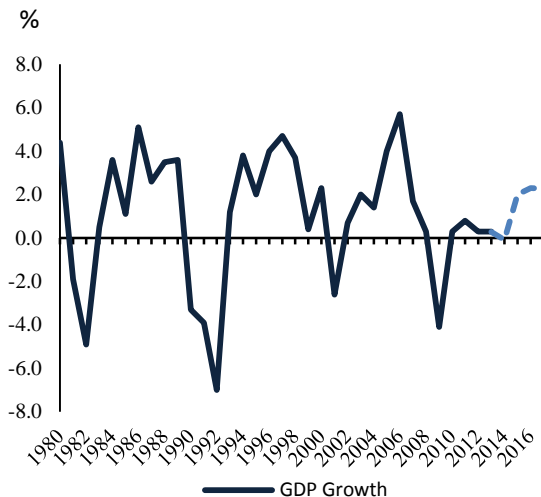
Barbados has become increasingly price competitive in the areas of tourism and international business when compared to its peers in the Caribbean. This is highlighted by a steady decline in Barbados’ tourism

and international business prices, relative to those of the competition, since the early 2000s (see Figure 3). Going forward, this trend is expected to continue, in light of the recently announced investments and other tax incentives in the tourism sector and the further development of the already extensive network of bilateral Double Taxation Treaties (DTAs) and Tax Information Exchange Agreements (TIEAs).

Foreign capital inflows have picked up, with private foreign direct investment, net of outflows, estimated at \$399 million, compared with \$173 million last year.

The take-up of solar electricity generation by households and businesses continues to accelerate, and it now appears that Government will need to raise the current limit on co-generation in the very near future. Installed capacity is approximately 6 Mwh, and is expected to quickly approach the revised limit of 9 Mwh.

Figure 4 - Real GDP Growth

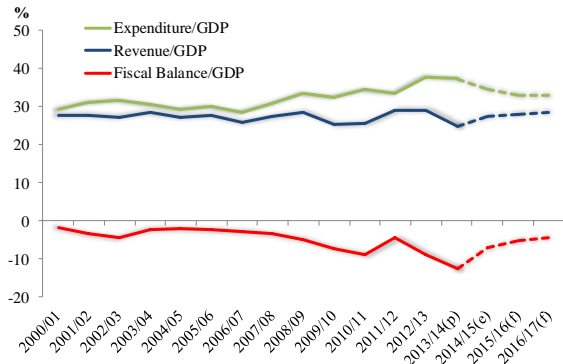


Source: Central Bank of Barbados

Real output to September is estimated to be about the same level as last year. Unemployment averaged 13.2 percent in the year ending in June, up from 11 percent at June last year. On the other hand, the rate of

price inflation was only 1.7 percent in the 12 months ending in July.

Figure 5 – Fiscal Balance to GDP



Source: Central Bank of Barbados

The fiscal adjustment measures have reduced the deficit by 0.9 percent of GDP so far this fiscal year. The measures already in place are forecast to yield an additional 1 percent and a recovery of revenue is expected to yield an additional 2 percent. Further revenue enhancement and expenditure adjustment equivalent to 2.0 percent of GDP will be required in the second half of the fiscal year, to bring us to the target deficit of 6.6 percent of GDP.

So far this year, the fiscal deficit of \$360 million has been financed largely by a reduction in Government deposits with the banking system, to the tune of \$235 million. The remainder of the deficit was financed by the drawdown of the Government’s deposits at the Central Bank and by the NIS. An additional financing requirement of about \$205 million is anticipated for the remainder of the fiscal year. Barbados’ net public sector debt at end-September was equivalent to 75 percent of GDP, up from 67 percent at the end of last year.

Figure 6 – Fiscal Adjustment Measures

	\$ Millions	% of GDP
Deficit FY2013/14	1,071.3	12.5
Increase FY2014/15 Deficit, without Adj. Measures	46.0	0.5
Original Deficit FY2014/15	1,117.3	13.1
Fiscal Adjustment Measures FY2014/15:	-200.9	-2.3
Actuals, Apr-Sep	-77.0	-0.9
Projected, Oct-Mar	-123.9	-1.4
Additional Revenue Measures (Oct-Mar)	-176.8	-2.1
Special Dividend	-70.0	-0.8
Grant Funding	-50.0	-0.6
Additional Tax Revenue (Net)	-56.8	-0.7
Further Adjustment Needed to Achieve Target	-174.6	-2.0
Target Deficit FY2014/15	565.0	6.6

Source: Ministry of Finance and Central Bank of Barbados

Financial institutions have seen a pickup in mortgages, but demand for all other private credit remains in the doldrums. There has been a modest increase in deposits, and much of this additional funding was used to purchase Treasury bills. The financial system remains sound, well capitalised and resilient to economic instability. Banks are gradually working down under-performing loans, and actual losses to financial institutions because of bankruptcies or foreclosures remain in the region of one percent of total loans. However, bank profitability is low, and insurance activity has not grown.

The Barbados economy is firmly set on the path to sustainable growth, led by the sectors and activities in which we have a demonstrated comparative advantage over the competition, in terms of quality, productivity and the strength of the Barbados brand. Focused efforts are underway, with the assistance of international financial institutions, to raise the level of public sector performance. The Barbados economy is forecasted to grow by 2 percent in 2015 and by 2.3 percent in 2016.

Table 1 - Economic Indicators

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 ^(p)	Jan-Sep 2013 ^(p)	Jan-Sep 2014 ^(e)
Real growth (%)	5.7	1.7	0.3	-4.1	0.3	0.8	0.3 ^(r)	0.3	0.8	0.0
Tradables (%)	8.1	-7.3	-0.3	-4.3	-0.4	-2.5	-3.1	0.1	0.1	-1.2
Nontradables (%)	5.0	4.5	0.5	-4.1	0.4	1.7	1.1	0.3	1.0	0.3
Inflation (%) ¹	7.3	4.0	8.1	3.6	5.8	9.4	4.5	1.8	2.2	1.7
Avg. Unemployment (%) ²	8.7	7.4	8.1	10.0	10.3	11.2	11.5	11.6	11.6	13.2
Foreign Exchange Reserves (\$ Million)	1,194.1	1,549.9	1,343.3	1,477.4	1,423.7	1,414.8	1,457.7	1,144.2	1,016.3	1,065.7
Foreign Exchange Reserves cover, weeks	16.0	20.9	16.2	20.9	18.3	17.7	19.9	15.6	13.9	14.7
BoP current account (as % GDP)	-8.2	-5.4	-10.6	-6.7	-5.8	-12.8	-9.3	-9.3	-8.8	-8.3
Net capital inflows	709.9	1,020.2	546.1	731.7	512.1	1,088.0	317.3	392.5	106.4	390.6
Net Public Sector Debt/GDP	29.6	27.2	28.0	38.5	50.3	53.0	57.0	66.8	67.3	74.5
External debt service to BoP current account credits	3.3	4.7	6.9	5.9	13.5	5.9	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6
Treasury-bill rate	6.6	4.9	4.8	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.6	3.2	3.6	3.2
US treasury-bill rate	4.9	3.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Average deposit rate ³	5.1	4.8	4.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Average loan rate ³	10.9	10.7	10.3	9.7	9.4	8.8	8.4	8.5	8.5	8.1
Fiscal Year	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14^(p)		
Fiscal deficit (% of GDP)	-2.7	-3.4	-4.8	-7.2	-8.7	-4.4	-8.7	-12.5		
Fiscal Current Account (as % of GDP)	1.4	-0.2	-2.1	-5.3	-7.2	-3.1	-7.3	-10.5		
Revenue (as % of GDP)	26.0	27.2	28.3	25.2	25.6	29.3	28.4	25.9		
Expenditure (as % of GDP)	27.4	30.0	32.8	32.3	34.1	33.4	36.8	38.1		
Gov't interest payments (as % of revenue)	14.7	13.9	15.3	18.8	22.3	20.7	23.2	27.4		

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¹Current data as at end-July

²Current data as at end-June

³Current data as at end-August

Table 2 - GDP by Sector and Activity (BDS \$Millions, Constant Prices)

	Avg contribution to GDP (%)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013^(p)	Jan-Sep 2013^(p)	Jan-Sep 2014^(p)
Tradeables	20.6	241.4	261.0	242.0	241.3	230.9	230.0	224.1	217.2	217.4	165.9	163.9
Tourism	11.5	127.0	150.0	130.7	131.4	126.9	131.4	131.2	126.3	124.3	92.2	92.3
Manufacturing	4.2	63.2	62.8	62.1	60.7	53.3	51.0	48.3	45.0	46.0	33.5	32.7
Of which:												
<i>Rum & Other beverages</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>8.8</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>8.4</i>	<i>7.4</i>	<i>7.1</i>	<i>6.7</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>6.4</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.6</i>
<i>Food</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>16.1</i>	<i>16.0</i>	<i>15.8</i>	<i>15.4</i>	<i>13.5</i>	<i>13.0</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>11.4</i>	<i>11.7</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>8.3</i>
<i>Furniture</i>	<i>0.1</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.7</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>0.9</i>	<i>0.9</i>
<i>Chemicals</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.8</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>2.0</i>
<i>Electronics</i>	<i>0.3</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.7</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>4.0</i>	<i>3.9</i>	<i>3.7</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.5</i>
<i>All Other Manufacturing</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>28.0</i>	<i>27.8</i>	<i>27.5</i>	<i>26.9</i>	<i>23.6</i>	<i>22.6</i>	<i>21.4</i>	<i>20.0</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>14.9</i>	<i>14.5</i>
Sugar	0.8	16.4	14.5	14.6	13.6	13.7	11.0	10.1	10.5	7.5	6.8	5.7
Other agriculture	4.1	34.7	33.7	34.7	35.7	37.0	36.6	34.5	35.3	39.6	33.4	33.1
Nontradables	79.4	789.0	828.1	865.4	869.8	834.2	837.9	851.9	861.5	864.3	638.8	639.8
Mining & Quarrying	0.4	10.0	9.7	9.1	8.4	5.3	5.8	5.0	4.6	3.9	2.9	3.2
Electricity, Gas & Water	4.0	38.9	42.6	43.1	43.0	43.3	44.2	43.5	43.7	43.4	32.2	32.5
Construction	6.0	99.3	98.9	98.9	93.8	76.7	69.4	76.7	70.9	62.5	48.4	46.3
Distribution	20.8	215.9	230.9	246.0	244.0	232.5	237.9	238.0	239.1	243.0	167.1	167.3
Transport, etc	10.1	91.0	96.4	102.2	105.3	102.4	102.6	103.3	105.5	107.1	81.0	81.5
Finance and Other Services	20.4	185.9	197.1	208.9	213.5	207.4	209.6	212.0	218.3	222.4	163.9	165.2
Government	17.8	148.1	152.6	157.1	161.8	166.7	168.4	173.4	179.4	182.1	143.2	143.8
Total		1,030.4	1,089.1	1,107.5	1,111.2	1,065.1	1,067.8	1,076.0	1,078.7	1,081.8	804.6	804.7
Nominal GDP		7,794.9	8,606.5	9,092.2	9,190.5	9,204.4	8,891.3	8,716.1	8,628.5	8,561.8	6,367.7	6,454.1
Real Growth Rates		4.0	5.7	1.7	0.3	-4.1	0.3	0.8	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.0
Tradables		-0.8	8.1	-7.3	-0.3	-4.3	-0.4	-2.5	-3.1	0.1	0.1	-1.2
Nontradables		5.6	5.0	4.5	0.5	-4.1	0.4	1.7	1.1	0.3	1.0	0.3

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Table 3 - Balance of Payments (BDS \$Millions)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013 ^(p)	Jan-Sep 2013 ^(p)	Jan-Sep 2014 ^(p)
Current Account	-703.5	-490.6	-973.1	-620.4	-517.2	-1,116.8	-803.9	-794.2	-557.6	-565.0
Inflows	4,738.4	5,237.6	5,200.5	4,511.5	4,803.7	4,728.4	4,436.0	4,532.9	3,391.9	3,463.7
Travel	2,113.3	2,377.3	2,388.7	2,136.0	2,068.3	1,925.3	1,835.7	1,927.8	1,492.5	1,500.3
Other services	1,093.5	1,070.1	1,234.6	911.9	1,179.4	502.2	418.6	417.1	206.6	215.2
Rum	44.3	67.5	66.0	57.2	66.8	70.9	82.4	86.1	67.9	60.8
Other beverages	9.8	11.8	15.3	14.2	13.1	12.3	10.3	13.9	10.1	9.4
Food	46.0	55.5	62.8	50.7	50.0	55.9	63.6	64.0	47.3	53.0
Sugar	44.6	46.2	45.1	40.7	22.6	21.2	22.3	15.9	15.9	14.4
Chemicals	60.2	74.6	66.8	58.2	124.0	140.7	128.3	82.9	61.0	66.0
Electronics	37.6	21.6	23.8	16.3	19.4	21.5	17.1	13.3	9.2	12.6
Other merchandise exports	783.1	784.8	699.3	524.6	565.6	1,376.4	1,328.1	1,274.6	1,016.7	1,048.0
Income	222.1	396.5	357.1	514.5	472.4	342.9	383.5	497.5	366.6	387.7
Transfers	283.8	331.6	241.1	187.1	222.3	259.1	146.3	139.7	97.9	96.3
Outflows	5,441.8	5,728.2	6,173.6	5,131.8	5,320.9	5,845.1	5,239.9	5,327.1	3,975.9	4,028.8
Merchandise Imports	3,204.8	3,399.2	3,622.0	2,732.1	3,013.2	3,457.6	3,375.8	3,342.0	2,421.0	2,458.6
Services	1,384.0	1,337.4	1,515.1	1,358.6	1,466.9	1,107.1	971.7	932.4	735.3	719.8
Income	734.9	772.1	849.0	894.6	696.2	943.2	728.3	886.7	685.2	713.7
Transfers	118.1	219.5	187.5	146.5	144.5	337.2	164.1	166.1	134.4	136.6
Capital Account	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-17.8	-13.5	-9.0	-6.9	-8.2
Financial Account	709.9	1,020.2	546.1	731.7	512.1	1,088.0	317.3	392.5	106.4	390.6
Long term	1,301.1	1,190.3	830.4	925.1	741.5	1,096.5	864.5	384.2	89.3	392.9
Public	66.9	28.9	-122.5	408.6	306.6	105.4	-121.8	187.5	-83.3	-5.6
Private	1,234.2	1,161.4	952.9	516.5	435.0	991.1	986.4	196.7	172.7	398.5
Short-term	-591.2	-170.0	-284.2	-193.4	-229.5	-8.5	-547.2	8.3	17.0	-2.3
Net Errors & Omissions	-48.8	-173.8	220.3	22.8	-48.5	37.8	543.0	97.2	16.7	104.1
Overall Balance	-42.3	355.8	-206.6	134.1	-53.7	-8.9	43.0	-313.5	-441.4	-78.5
<u>Change in FXR: - increase/+ decrease</u>	42.3	-355.8	206.6	-134.1	53.7	8.9	-43.0	313.5	441.4	78.5

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Table 4 - Summary of Government Operations (BDS\$ Millions)

	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14 ^(p)	Apr-Sep 2013 ^(p)	Apr-Sep 2014 ^(e)
Total Revenue	2,236.5	2,471.6	2,597.4	2,323.7	2,278.9	2,550.5	2,449.9	2,220.4	1,051.1	1,043.4
Tax Revenue	2,130.8	2,337.0	2,396.1	2,156.3	2,168.4	2,345.7	2,233.4	2,042.6	1,001.7	1,002.8
<i>i) Direct Taxes</i>	976.5	1,050.0	1,038.4	951.1	883.8	925.1	890.5	737.1	321.2	345.5
Personal	306.7	334.9	375.5	386.3	395.4	420.1	397.3	331.6	142.8	174.2
Corporate	445.5	521.0	447.2	372.8	294.2	286.1	268.6	181.2	41.6	66.5
Consolidation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.4	0.3	13.9
Property*	151.4	103.1	120.9	113.3	118.2	133.9	132.8	111.5	86.0	21.4
Municipal Solid Waste	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.6
Bank Asset	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1
Other	73.0	91.0	94.8	78.7	76.0	85.0	99.2	99.4	50.5	41.9
<i>ii) Indirect Taxes</i>	1,154.2	1,286.9	1,357.7	1,205.2	1,284.5	1,420.6	1,342.9	1,305.5	680.5	657.3
Stamp	26.9	22.0	18.7	11.3	11.8	11.7	11.2	11.6	4.3	6.2
VAT	674.8	789.6	800.1	703.8	764.8	939.9	879.0	863.5	452.4	445.0
Excises	145.3	164.3	165.1	147.0	146.0	161.0	141.3	121.8	71.3	68.6
Import Duties	186.5	197.3	219.4	178.4	191.3	195.6	201.2	194.6	93.5	95.5
Other	120.8	113.7	154.4	164.7	170.6	112.3	110.2	114.1	59.0	42.0
Non Tax Revenue & Grants	105.7	134.7	201.3	167.4	110.5	204.8	216.5	177.8	49.4	40.6
Non Tax Revenue	87.7	111.4	180.8	111.1	84.1	165.0	138.9	152.0	39.4	29.2
Grants	0.0	4.0	7.5	35.6	3.8	14.3	57.6	4.7	0.0	1.4
Post Office - Revenue	18.0	19.3	13.0	20.7	22.6	25.5	20.0	21.1	10.0	10.0
Current Expenditure	2,112.4	2,492.2	2,786.7	2,809.9	2,919.8	2,816.7	3,076.5	3,121.3	1,432.3	1,356.5
Wages & Salaries	698.6	809.0	832.7	861.1	860.2	867.4	882.2	874.6	437.8	400.9
Goods & Services	263.3	361.9	420.6	417.3	378.4	399.5	391.7	376.8	154.9	153.0
Interest	329.9	343.6	396.4	435.8	507.2	527.4	568.9	608.7	286.7	312.9
External	119.2	140.5	148.9	153.7	147.4	148.4	146.6	135.3	55.7	67.4
Domestic	210.7	202.2	247.5	282.1	359.8	379.0	422.3	473.4	231.0	245.4
Transfers & Subsidies	820.6	977.7	1,137.0	1,095.7	1,174.0	1,022.4	1,233.6	1,261.2	552.9	489.7
Grants to Individuals					356.7	152.4	510.3	521.7	149.8	142.5
Grants to Public Institutions					757.1	808.4	659.3	674.1	373.3	322.5
Subsidies							98.0	13.8	33.1	16.0
Subscriptions and Contributions					23.3	25.9	24.1	24.7	9.5	8.7
Non-Profit Agencies					37.0	35.7	39.9	40.8	20.3	16.0
Capital Expenditure & Net Lending	357.6	286.3	253.7	178.3	134.7	118.2	121.1	170.4	48.7	47.1
Fiscal Balance	-233.5	-306.9	-443.0	-664.5	-775.6	-384.4	-747.6	-1,071.2	-429.9	-360.1
Primary Balance	96.4	36.7	-46.6	-228.7	-268.4	143.0	-178.7	-462.5	-143.2	-47.2
Fiscal Balance to GDP (%)	-2.7	-3.4	-4.8	-7.2	-8.7	-4.4	-8.7	-12.5		

Sources: Accountant General, Ministry of Finance and Central Bank of Barbados

^(p) Provisional

^(e) Estimate

* Decline in Property Taxes due to late issuance of land tax bills in the fiscal year 2014/15.

Table 5 - Public Debt Outstanding (BDS\$ Millions)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Sep-13	Sep-14
Government										
External Debt (of which)	1,915.8	1,993.4	1,978.2	2,395.3	2,718.7	2,764.5	2,649.9	2,871.3	2,584.9	2,876.1
SDRs (+)	0.1	0.2	0.1	170.2	171.6	184.0	176.2	171.5	171.5	176.1
PPP-Prison	288.0	288.0	285.2	282.2	278.8	275.1	271.0	266.5	266.5	261.5
Domestic Debt (of which)	2,343.2	2,644.5	2,861.8	3,405.3	3,661.4	4,032.1	4,591.8	5,381.9	5,422.7	5,583.9
PPP-Justice Improvement	43.4	73.3	103.0	127.1	132.3	132.9	-	-	-	-
PPP-Coast Guard	61.9	59.5	52.6	47.9	43.3	38.7	34.1	29.5	34.1	29.5
PPP-ABC Highway	-	135.0	135.0	161.7	158.3	151.7	144.7	137.0	137.0	129.0
Debentures	1,261.4	1,418.2	1,585.4	1,820.1	1,962.7	2,279.7	2,566.3	2,563.1	2,661.5	2,541.3
T-bills	488.7	569.6	529.4	735.2	890.8	953.4	1,238.0	2,042.0	1,986.6	2,186.4
Gross General Government Debt*	4,259.0	4,637.9	4,840.0	5,800.6	6,380.1	6,796.7	7,241.7	8,253.2	8,007.6	8,459.9
General Government Assets (-)	1,269.0	1,486.1	1,644.4	1,633.0	1,514.0	1,613.5	1,516.3	1,451.0	1,507.4	1,169.7
Government Assets	701.3	765.2	825.9	872.3	964.6	1,074.2	1,005.8	1,051.8	1,108.6	810.4
Deposits	212.2	213.7	219.4	239.8	351.3	363.2	198.1	222.7	279.5	105.7
Central Bank	112.8	97.0	61.2	90.2	233.1	263.6	79.3	103.4	126.3	5.2
Commercial Banks	99.4	116.7	158.3	149.6	118.3	99.6	118.9	119.3	153.2	100.5
Sinking Fund	489.1	551.6	606.5	632.5	613.3	711.0	807.7	829.1	829.1	704.7
Sinking funds for dom. debt	329.6	355.3	371.3	409.2	425.6	470.9	524.3	559.2	559.2	452.6
Sinking funds for fgn. debt	159.5	196.3	235.2	223.3	187.7	240.1	283.4	269.9	269.9	252.1
Other General Government Assets**	567.8	720.8	818.5	760.8	549.4	539.3	510.5	399.2	398.9	359.3
Liquid NIS Assets	400.9	505.8	525.7	468.0	382.4	380.5	330.1	186.2	185.9	153.2
Cash	16.3	16.1	13.1	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8	10.8
Due From Banks and Fin. Inst**	384.6	489.7	512.6	457.2	371.6	369.7	319.3	175.4	175.1	142.4
External Assets of NIS	166.9	215.0	266.9	292.7	166.9	158.8	180.4	213.0	213.0	206.1
Net Government Debt	2,990.0	3,151.8	3,195.5	4,167.6	4,866.1	5,183.2	5,725.3	6,802.2	6,500.1	7,290.2
Public Sector										
Gross General Government Debt	4,259.0	4,637.9	4,840.0	5,800.6	6,380.1	6,796.7	7,241.7	8,253.2	8,007.6	8,459.9
Debt Held By Central Bank (-)	0.6	20.5	-	101.8	95.0	223.7	236.9	490.0	385.0	502.5
T-Bills	-	19.9	-	26.8	20.0	148.7	161.9	415.0	310.0	389.5
Debentures	0.6	0.6	-	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	75.0	113.1
Public Corporations' Debt (+)	871.3	975.6	1,000.7	1,295.0	1,511.5	1,530.1	1,295.0	1,305.9	1,272.6	1,357.0
Domestic	734.5	762.0	796.6	1,067.2	1,196.7	1,225.3	1,000.1	1,021.3	985.0	1,076.1
External	136.7	213.5	204.0	227.8	314.8	304.8	294.9	284.6	287.6	280.9
Gross Public Sector Debt	5,129.7	5,592.9	5,840.6	6,993.8	7,796.7	8,103.1	8,299.7	9,069.1	8,895.1	9,314.4
Net General Government Debt	2,990.0	3,151.8	3,195.5	4,167.6	4,866.1	5,183.2	5,725.3	6,802.2	6,500.1	7,290.2
Other Central Bank Assets (-)	1,141.2	1,464.2	1,442.4	1,535.9	1,513.3	1,551.2	1,755.2	1,775.4	1,489.3	1,651.9
Foreign Assets	888.5	1,244.9	1,045.2	1,126.1	1,150.2	1,174.1	1,260.6	1,031.8	849.9	920.7
Other Foreign Assets	888.5	1,244.7	1,045.0	955.9	978.5	990.1	1,084.4	860.3	678.5	744.6
SDRs	0.1	0.2	0.1	170.2	171.6	184.0	176.2	171.5	171.5	176.1
Domestic Assets	252.7	219.3	397.2	409.8	363.1	377.1	494.6	743.6	639.4	731.2
Public Corporations' Deposits	162.5	185.4	213.8	289.4	306.6	311.7	209.6	197.8	211.9	155.2
Net Public Sector Debt	2,556.9	2,457.2	2,540.0	3,535.5	4,462.8	4,626.7	4,818.6	5,644.9	5,686.5	6,337.6
Gross Government Debt/GDP	49.4	51.4	53.3	63.2	72.0	77.8	85.7	97.6	94.7	99.2
Gross Public Sector Debt/GDP	59.5	62.0	64.3	76.1	87.9	92.7	98.2	107.2	105.2	109.2
Net Government Debt/GDP	34.7	34.9	35.2	45.4	54.9	59.3	67.8	80.4	76.9	85.5
Net Public Sector Debt/GDP	29.6	27.2	28.0	38.5	50.3	53.0	57.0	66.7	67.2	74.5
<i>Memo Debt Held by NIS (-)</i>	1,253.9	1,404.0	1,673.0	1,867.3	2,213.8	2,380.9	2,602.0	2,877.7	2,886.2	2,973.2
T-Bills	125.4	120.8	128.5	122.8	185.3	270.9	303.6	241.8	247.6	187.7
Debentures	1,128.5	1,283.3	1,544.6	1,744.5	2,028.5	2,110.0	2,298.4	2,635.9	2,638.6	2,785.5

* Equivalent to Central Government debt based on the IMF's Public Sector Statistics: Guide for Compilers and Users

** Due to data unavailability, balances have been kept at 2009 levels

Table 6 - Government Financing (BDS\$ Millions)

	Sep 2013	Dec 2013	Mar 2014	Jun 2014	Sep 2014 ^(p)
Total Financing	233.3	256.0	385.3	241.2	118.9
Domestic Financing	225.2	-31.2	333.5	264.7	142.4
Central Bank	150.7	152.9	-59.1	230.9	37.7
Commercial Banks	123.1	-187.7	174.8	-5.1	-76.4
National Insurance Board	122.3	-8.5	11.1	23.7	60.6
Private Non-Bank	11.0	39.5	-3.2	-14.5	26.1
Other Public Sector	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	-181.8	-27.5	209.8	29.6	94.2
Divestment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foreign Financing (net)	8.0	287.1	51.9	-23.4	-23.5
Capital Markets	0.0	293.4	83.6	0.0	0.0
Project Funds	45.0	28.6	14.3	9.4	12.7
Policy Loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation	-37.0	-34.9	-46.0	-32.9	-36.1
Divestment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Central Bank of Barbados

Table 7 - Key Financial Stability Indicators for the Domestic Commercial Banking System

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Jun 2014 ^(P)
Solvency Indicators								
Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR)	16.4	16.1	17.5	17.1	19.3	21.0	19.7	20.0
Liquidity Indicators[#]								
Loan to deposit ratio (%)	56.1	63.7	65.5	67.2	70.9	73.6	69.3	70.2
Demand deposits to total deposits (%)	36.4	34.8	36.6	35.2	32.1	29.3	32.0	32.7
Domestic demand deposits to total domestic deposits	32.9	32.1	27.9	27.1	27.6	26.8	29.3	29.5
Liquid assets, % of total assets	9.5	9.0	10.8	11.5	12.0	14.6	18.0	18.7
Credit Risk Indicators (%)								
Total assets (growth rate)	23.5	4.2	-5.6	-1.5	-4.7	11.5*	2.8	0.3
Domestic assets (growth rate)	11.4	9.2	2.3	0.6	-6.1	6.1*	6.5	0.1
Loans and advances (growth rate)	4.9	12.4	0.9	0.6	-0.5	-1.1*	-2.6	-1.1
Non-performing loans ratio	2.9	3.4	7.9	10.8	11.1	12.9	11.7	12.2
Substandard loans/ Total loans	2.1	2.5	6.7	9.1	8.7	9.9	8.6	8.8
Doubtful loans/ Total loans	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.0	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.7
Loss Loans / Total loans	0.5	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.6	0.6
Provisions to non-performing loans	52.0	63.4	41.5	37.4	32.9	33.9	44.9	48.2
Foreign Exchange Risk Indicators								
Deposits in Foreign Exchange (% of total deposits)	18.9	14.8	13.3	12.9	6.6	4.9	4.4	5.3
Profitability Indicators								
Return on Assets (ROA)	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.1	1.0	1.1	0.8	0.8

* Reflects removal of financial consolidation

Includes foreign components unless otherwise stated