



**BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
OF
BARBADOS**

2006

(DATA TO 2005)

PREFACE

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GENERAL NOTE

The following symbols and conventions are used throughout:

- 1) 0.0: nil, or less than 0.1 million.
- 2) negative entries are for the most part shown with negative signs.
- 3) n.a. implies not available

THE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IN 2005

Overview (Tables 1-3)

The net international reserves (which exclude the foreign assets of commercial banks, short-term foreign liabilities and transactions with the International Monetary Fund) increased by \$48.7 million in 2005, a reversal from the \$312.9 million contraction registered in the previous year. The modest rise reflected primarily the proceeds of an international bond issue (\$245.2 million) during the fourth quarter of 2005. In addition, a turnaround in net foreign direct investment flows into Barbados, led to a robust surplus on the capital and financial account. In contrast, the current account balance declined by \$69.8 million, as gains from long-stay tourist expenditure and merchandise exports were eroded by the expansion in merchandise imports and insurance payments.

Current Account Developments (Tables 4-11)

During 2005, the visible trade balance deteriorated by \$229.2 million (11.8%) to \$2,171.1 million. Visible trade payments amounted to \$2,928.2, compared to \$2,528.1 million one year earlier, representing the largest outflow within the last decade. The expansion reflected an upturn in merchandise imports, specifically in consumer and intermediate goods imports. Merchandise credits increased for the third consecutive year, by approximately \$171.0 million (29.2%) above the amount registered in 2004. Receipts from goods for processing grew marginally by \$4.7 million, while goods procured in ports remained unchanged.

Net receipts from services were \$236.1 million (17.9%) higher during 2005, in comparison to growth of \$26.0 million (2.0%) in the previous year. The increase in earnings was propelled mainly by stronger expansion in net tourist earnings, which rose by \$256.8 million (18.4%), compared to an upturn of \$27.8 million in 2004. Spending by long-stay tourists surged by \$316.0 million, a reversal from the decline of \$8.2 million in the previous year, partly a result of increases in the prices of food and alcoholic beverages and transportation. In contrast, expenditure by excursionists decreased by \$71.8 million, or was approximately half the amount recorded in 2004, reflecting the reduction in the number of cruise-ship passenger arrivals. During 2005, expenditure incurred by non-residents for education and health related purposes dipped slightly, by \$0.7 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. In addition, receipts from business travellers went down by \$0.5 million to \$6.0 million, following the marginal \$0.8 million upturn recorded last year. On the debit side, Barbadians travelling abroad reduced their expenditure by \$24.2 million (11.2%) to \$191.4 million, in contrast to an expansion of \$6.6 million (3.1%) posted in 2004. Outlays for personal and business travel fell by \$13.8 million and \$10.4 million, respectively.

The growth in merchandise imports during 2005 helped spur the \$43.0 million rise in net transportation outflows. Transportation debits climbed by \$41.7 million, due to higher freight payments and passenger fares. Freight payments by Barbadian importers to

foreign carriers were higher by \$38.3 million, owing to expansions in sea transport (\$30.6 million) and air transport (\$7.7 million). Additionally, passenger fares paid by Barbadians to foreign airlines increased by \$3.2 million to \$113.1 million. In contrast, transportation receipts dipped by \$1.3 million, primarily as a result of declines in passenger fares (\$1.8 million) and miscellaneous transportation (\$1.5 million).

The value of net receipts from other services recorded its fourth consecutive year of expansion, moving upwards by \$20.0 million, following robust growth of \$63.6 million in 2004. Foreign earnings from insurance transactions surged by \$104.4 million, compared to a modest \$1.8 million increase registered in the previous year. This outturn mainly reflected the inclusion of more insurance companies in the 2006 survey – most of which reported strong performances during the review period. Foreign inflows from the international business sector also posted stronger growth during the year, up by \$74.7 million, in comparison to a rise of \$12.3 million one year earlier. Additionally, payments by non-residents to Barbadian enterprises for miscellaneous business services advanced by \$42.9 million, merchanting and other trade-related services by \$16.3 million and computer and information services by \$5.6 million. On the debit side, premiums paid to foreign insurance companies grew by \$146.1 million, the largest expansion in the last 10 years. Higher outlays were registered for miscellaneous business (\$21.0 million), management fees (\$20.9 million), royalties and license fees (\$18.1 million) and merchanting and other trade-related business (\$7.1 million).

Net foreign earnings from Government services declined by \$7.6 million in comparison to a \$16.5 million downturn one year earlier, mainly on account of miscellaneous transactions. Higher receipts from foreign governments for miscellaneous operating expenses in Barbados (\$4.6million) were insufficient to offset payments for miscellaneous operating expenses abroad (\$16.6 million). Wage payments by foreign embassies to local staff remained virtually unchanged while expenditure by foreign diplomats picked up by \$2.6 million. In addition, expenditure by Barbadian diplomats and real estate rentals abroad was on par with the amounts posted in the previous year.

Net income outflows worsened by \$90.2 million (35.6%) during the year, a result of higher outlays on foreign debt. Total income expenditure amounted to \$513.9 million, or approximately \$109.6 million more than the payments made in 2004. This outturn was primarily the result of greater portfolio investment outflows to non-residents, with increases of \$102.7 million and \$3.7 million registered in income on debt and income on equity, in that order. In addition, direct investment income debits picked up by \$1.1million to \$163.1 million, as the \$17.7 million decline in income from equity was offset by a \$18.8 million rise in miscellaneous direct investment outflows. On the credit side, total income flows improved by \$19.4 million to \$170.0 million. The most significant increase occurred in the direct investment income category, which expanded by \$13.0 million on account of greater earnings of \$14.0 million from equity income. In addition, portfolio investment income inflows rose by \$5.9 million, principally due to a \$6.6 million expansion in equity income, which offset the fall-off in debt income (\$0.7 million).

Net current transfer inflows, down by \$9.4 million in 2004, were up by \$13.5 million during the review period. The improved balance occurred as a result of lower government current transfer outlays and a marginal fall-off in private current transfer payments. Net government outlays were lower by \$14.5 million, owing to reduced outflows for inter-governmental grants. During 2005, net private current transfer payments were marginally lower; however, there was a noticeable surge in workers' remittances, with inflows and outflows, up by \$61.4 million and \$42.4 million, respectively.

Capital and Financial Account Developments (Tables 12-13)

The capital and financial account registered a surplus of approximately \$585.1 million in 2005, a marked improvement from the \$350.6 million registered in the previous year. Net foreign direct investment inflows climbed by \$105.7 million, following outflows of \$32.0 million in 2004, driven by a turnaround in investment by foreign firms in their branches and miscellaneous foreign direct investment. Moreover, net miscellaneous investment expanded by \$654.3 million, some \$207.4 million over the amount posted one year ago. Net portfolio investment abroad grew by \$174.9 million, more than twice the outlays recorded in 2004, as residents of Barbados increased their holdings of foreign equity securities.

Net public sector transactions increased by \$204.6 million during 2005, in contrast to the contraction of \$99.0 million one year earlier, when Government borrowed on the international capital market. Borrowings from foreign governments dipped by \$2.9 million, while loans from international lending institutions declined by \$8.3 million. Additionally, suppliers' credit to Government contracted by \$2.3 million. On the asset side, Government holdings of foreign bonds and notes, up by \$45.7 million in 2004, contracted by \$13.1 million, owing to a reduction in sinking funds for foreign debt.

Net long-term private sector transactions rose by \$61.8 million during the review period, compared to net inflows of \$66.9 million one year prior. Net long-term private sector loans grew by \$7.5 million, in contrast to the decline of \$41.6 million in 2004. On the liabilities side, long-term and short-term trade credits extended by overseas firms to Barbadian entities climbed by \$148.0 million and \$450.5 million, in that order. In addition, long-term trade credits provided by local firms to non-resident companies increased by \$38.7 million, while short-term trade credits expanded by \$163.6 million.

Reserve Movements (Tables 14-16)

During 2005, the net foreign assets of Barbados declined by \$135.6 million to \$1,611.1 million. The contraction occurred mainly because of a large decrease of \$184.3 million in the net foreign assets of commercial banks, which overshadowed the \$59.4 million rise in the reserves of the Central Bank. The outturn in the reserves of the commercial banks was due to significant growth (\$330.6 million) in the deposits of non-residents, as

well as a gain of \$148.5 million in balances due to banks abroad. On the contrary, the Central Bank component of the foreign assets rose owing to an upturn of \$58.2 million in its foreign exchange holdings, a reversal from the \$331.6 million decline registered in 2004.

TABLE 1

SUMMARY BALANCE OF PAYMENTS
(BD\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
1. Visible trade (1(a) - 1(b))	-832.3	-555.5	-653.5	-709.5	-891.5	-912.4	-1,197.3	-1,301.1	-1,428.3	-1,487.8	-1,362.2	-1,404.0	-1,602.8	-1,941.9	-2,171.1
1(a) Exports	413.3	379.7	375.1	379.7	491.0	573.6	578.0	540.2	550.5	572.7	542.3	506.0	528.4	586.2	757.2
1(b) Imports	1,245.6	935.2	1,028.6	1,089.2	1,382.5	1,486.0	1,775.3	1,841.3	1,978.8	2,060.5	1,904.5	1,910.0	2,131.2	2,528.1	2,928.2
2. Services (Net)	797.6	819.5	833.8	989.4	1,006.8	1,079.6	1,099.5	1,182.7	1,142.3	1,205.6	1,140.0	1,099.7	1,293.1	1,319.2	1,555.2
3. Income (Net)	-79.1	-58.0	-81.9	-81.4	-95.4	-104.4	-95.4	-112.1	-142.9	-164.6	-186.7	-203.6	-214.0	-253.7	-343.9
4. Current Transfers (Net)	66.4	80.9	41.8	70.7	67.1	79.5	94.5	105.5	134.1	156.7	187.8	172.5	185.7	176.3	189.7
5. CURRENT BALANCE (1+2+3+4)	-47.2	286.8	140.6	269.1	87.2	142.3	-98.8	-124.9	-294.6	-289.9	-221.1	-335.4	-338.0	-700.2	-770.0
6. CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNT	51.9	-182.9	8.5	87.5	-62.0	9.3	78.8	48.2	277.2	627.7	579.9	461.9	644.3	350.6	585.1
7. ERRORS AND OMISSIONS	-109.3	-67.4	-99.7	-179.2	48.4	74.1	95.2	2.4	128.5	63.8	94.4	50.7	69.5	9.1	49.3
8. BALANCE FOR OFFICIAL FINANCING (5+6+7)	-104.5	36.5	49.4	177.4	73.6	226.4	75.2	-74.3	111.1	401.6	453.2	177.2	375.8	-340.5	-135.6
9. OFFICIAL FINANCING															
TRANSACTIONS (10+11+12)	22.7	120.8	-3.8	-10.0	-49.8	-64.4	-31.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
10. IMF	-1.3	101.8	0.0	0.3	-32.9	-51.0	-18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
11. Other Monetary Authorities	0.0	0.0	-3.4	-11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
12. Other Financial Institutions	24.0	19.0	-0.4	1.0	-16.9	-13.4	-13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
13. CHANGE IN RESERVES - CBB basis															
(+DECREASE/-INCREASE) (8+9)	81.8	-157.3	-45.6	-167.4	-23.8	-162.0	-43.7	74.3	-111.1	-401.6	-453.2	-177.2	-375.8	340.5	135.6
14. CHANGE IN RESERVES - IMF basis															
(+DECREASE/-INCREASE)	80.3	-58.7	-42.0	-118.1	-82.8	-173.2	-36.1	11.0	-73.9	-356.0	-445.4	47.7	-136.9	312.9	-48.7

TABLE 2

CURRENT ACCOUNT
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Credits															
Goods	413.3	379.7	375.1	379.7	491.0	573.6	578.0	540.2	550.5	572.7	542.3	506.0	528.4	586.2	757.2
Services	1,235.1	1,238.1	1,379.0	1,627.2	1,733.2	1,853.8	1,918.5	2,047.1	2,058.7	2,180.4	2,137.0	2,082.5	2,331.0	2,428.5	2,914.5
Government n.i.e	47.2	56.9	53.9	57.2	45.5	51.7	53.1	57.9	64.6	69.8	72.2	76.0	83.6	85.2	93.7
Transportation	17.3	18.5	19.1	28.8	32.8	35.3	41.1	42.1	46.2	49.5	44.7	42.0	46.4	51.9	50.6
Travel	933.9	940.8	1,068.8	1,206.0	1,244.6	1,318.6	1,326.8	1,423.8	1,373.6	1,445.9	1,394.4	1,315.8	1,515.7	1,551.0	1,793.5
Other Services	236.7	221.9	237.2	335.1	410.3	448.2	497.5	523.4	574.2	615.2	625.7	648.8	685.3	740.3	976.7
Income	76.0	75.1	80.1	92.1	96.8	108.3	120.8	126.8	133.3	140.3	146.0	144.3	150.1	150.6	170.0
Compensation of Employees	35.9	23.7	26.0	17.4	20.6	24.0	28.6	29.1	29.8	31.5	32.4	31.8	33.0	18.6	18.6
Investment income	40.1	51.4	54.1	74.7	76.2	84.3	92.2	97.7	103.5	108.8	113.6	112.5	117.1	131.9	151.4
Current Transfers	98.1	110.2	86.7	110.9	114.2	132.6	144.6	157.8	189.5	218.7	252.3	241.1	254.1	252.6	324.1
Government Transfers	10.1	9.1	4.9	2.7	2.9	3.6	2.3	2.3	4.7	6.7	7.2	6.3	6.6	1.4	11.9
Private Transfers	88.0	101.1	81.8	108.2	111.4	129.0	142.3	155.5	184.7	212.0	245.1	234.8	247.6	251.2	312.2
Total Credits	1,822.5	1,803.2	1,920.9	2,209.9	2,435.2	2,668.3	2,761.9	2,871.9	2,932.0	3,112.1	3,077.6	2,973.9	3,263.6	3,417.8	4,165.7
of which: Goods and services	1,648.4	1,617.9	1,754.1	2,006.9	2,224.2	2,427.4	2,496.5	2,587.3	2,609.2	2,753.1	2,679.3	2,588.5	2,859.4	3,014.6	3,671.7
Goods and non-factor services	1,616.0	1,588.1	1,726.4	1,976.6	2,197.2	2,394.6	2,456.6	2,538.1	2,551.6	2,691.4	2,615.8	2,518.6	2,783.7	2,931.4	3,597.7
Debits															
Goods	1,245.6	935.2	1,028.6	1,089.2	1,382.5	1,486.0	1,775.3	1,841.3	1,978.8	2,060.5	1,904.5	1,910.0	2,131.2	2,528.1	2,928.2
Services	437.5	418.6	545.2	637.8	726.4	774.2	819.0	864.4	916.4	974.8	997.0	982.8	1,037.8	1,109.3	1,359.3
Government n.i.e	20.2	29.9	47.0	39.5	32.7	44.0	40.8	46.2	50.6	54.7	55.4	51.5	53.8	71.9	88.0
Transportation	191.2	156.9	173.9	194.6	233.8	247.3	281.8	293.5	313.6	327.0	311.9	310.6	339.5	394.8	436.6
Travel	90.0	83.7	106.5	118.2	142.1	148.2	157.6	164.3	173.4	188.1	201.7	198.0	209.0	215.6	191.4
Other Services	136.0	148.1	217.8	285.5	317.8	334.7	338.7	360.4	378.8	404.9	428.0	422.7	435.5	427.0	643.3
Income	155.1	133.1	162.0	173.5	192.2	212.7	216.2	238.9	276.2	304.9	332.7	347.9	364.1	404.3	513.9
Compensation of Employees	1.4	1.7	3.1	3.1	4.5	5.9	4.5	5.6	5.8	4.3	4.4	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.6
Investment income	153.6	131.3	158.9	170.4	187.7	206.8	211.7	233.3	270.4	300.6	328.3	342.9	358.1	399.3	507.3
Current Transfers	31.7	29.3	44.9	40.2	47.1	53.1	50.1	52.3	55.4	62.0	64.5	68.7	68.5	76.3	134.3
Government Transfers	12.0	10.7	15.3	12.6	5.5	7.1	8.1	10.4	9.2	12.1	12.2	17.4	15.7	21.8	17.8
Private Transfers	19.7	18.7	29.6	27.7	41.6	46.0	42.0	41.9	46.2	49.9	52.3	51.2	52.8	54.5	116.5
Total Debits	1,869.8	1,516.2	1,780.6	1,940.7	2,348.1	2,526.0	2,860.5	2,996.8	3,226.8	3,402.1	3,298.7	3,309.3	3,601.6	4,118.0	4,935.8
of which: Goods and services	1,683.1	1,353.8	1,573.8	1,727.0	2,108.9	2,260.2	2,594.3	2,705.7	2,895.2	3,035.3	2,901.5	2,892.8	3,169.0	3,637.4	4,287.5
Goods and non-factor services	1,664.9	1,329.5	1,536.1	1,683.0	2,058.1	2,199.8	2,528.2	2,634.7	2,822.3	2,957.0	2,821.5	2,811.3	3,093.1	3,569.6	4,182.0
Current Balance	-47.2	286.8	140.6	269.1	87.2	142.3	-98.8	-124.9	-294.6	-289.9	-221.1	-335.4	-338.0	-700.2	-770.0
of which: Goods and services	-34.7	264.0	180.3	279.9	115.3	167.1	-97.8	-118.4	-286.1	-282.1	-222.2	-304.3	-309.6	-622.8	-615.9

TABLE 3

CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL FLOWS & OFFICIAL FINANCING
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Current Balance	-47.2	286.8	140.6	269.1	87.2	142.3	-98.8	-124.9	-294.6	-289.9	-221.1	-335.4	-338.0	-700.2	-770.0
Capital Account	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.3	1.3	3.6	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital Transfers	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	0.0	0.8	0.0	1.3	1.3	3.6	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt Forgiveness	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Migrant Transfers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	1.3	1.3	3.6	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acquisition/disposal of non-produced Non-financial Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial Account (excluding reserves)	52.0	-182.9	8.5	46.8	-62.0	9.2	78.8	46.9	275.9	624.1	577.4	461.9	644.3	350.6	585.1
Direct Investment	12.1	27.1	13.5	23.7	16.9	19.6	27.1	29.6	32.1	36.7	34.9	33.9	115.5	-32.0	105.7
Investment in Branches	11.4	15.1	8.2	11.9	8.6	5.1	7.0	8.0	7.9	9.0	9.3	8.5	42.8	-51.6	7.7
Undistributed Earnings	1.4	3.6	1.6	12.7	11.3	13.1	15.1	17.4	18.6	21.4	19.8	19.2	21.1	23.5	37.5
Other Capital	-0.6	8.5	3.8	-0.9	-3.0	1.3	5.1	4.2	5.6	6.3	5.8	6.3	51.6	-3.9	60.6
Portfolio Investment	-17.7	-8.3	-18.0	2.5	-9.2	-28.8	-37.4	-49.2	-48.6	-40.4	-43.7	-47.5	-46.1	-64.3	-174.9
Equity Securities	-17.8	-8.2	-18.0	-26.6	-15.2	-17.3	-22.6	-28.0	-32.8	-27.7	-29.6	-39.8	-45.8	-82.4	-116.0
Debt Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.1	6.0	-11.5	-14.8	-21.2	-15.8	-12.7	-14.1	-7.6	-0.3	18.1	-58.9
Other Investment	57.6	-201.7	12.9	20.5	-69.6	18.5	89.1	66.5	292.4	627.8	586.2	475.5	574.9	448.9	654.3
Public Sector	-42.2	-85.1	-51.9	34.2	-3.1	-2.2	-60.3	-25.7	78.1	211.4	295.3	-34.9	169.9	-99.0	204.6
Trade Credits	18.2	-153.5	71.6	-35.6	-38.2	-17.4	43.3	23.6	59.4	57.2	18.0	125.5	158.2	394.4	396.2
Deposits in Overseas Banks	0.0	-17.2	-20.3	-3.4	-20.0	-34.1	-14.3	-20.7	-21.4	-19.3	-19.6	-5.0	-10.7	-7.6	-40.0
Other	81.6	54.1	13.5	25.4	-8.3	72.2	120.4	89.4	176.3	378.5	292.5	390.0	257.6	159.1	93.6
Errors and Omissions	-109.3	-67.4	-99.7	-179.2	48.4	74.1	95.2	2.4	128.5	63.8	94.4	50.7	69.5	9.1	49.3
Balance of Official Financing	-104.5	36.5	49.4	177.4	73.6	226.4	75.2	-74.3	111.1	401.6	453.2	177.2	375.8	-340.5	-135.6
Official financing	22.7	120.8	-3.8	-10.0	-49.8	-64.4	-31.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
IMF	-1.3	101.8	0.0	0.3	-32.9	-51.0	-18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Monetary Authorities	0.0	0.0	-3.4	-11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financial institutions	24.0	19.0	-0.4	1.0	-16.9	-13.4	-13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Net Foreign Assets (-increase/+decrease)	81.8	-157.3	-45.6	-167.4	-23.8	-162.0	-43.7	74.3	-111.1	-401.6	-453.2	-177.2	-375.8	340.5	135.6
Adjustments: Commercial Banks' Net Reserves	0.2	3.2	-3.7	-49.1	26.1	-39.8	-25.7	63.3	-37.2	-45.6	-7.8	-224.9	-238.9	27.6	184.3
Transactions with IMF	-1.3	101.8	0.0	0.3	-32.9	-51.0	18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Net International Reserves (-increase/+decrease)	80.3	-58.7	-42.0	-118.1	-82.8	-173.2	-36.1	11.0	-73.9	-356.0	-445.4	47.7	-136.9	312.9	-48.7

TABLE 4

VISIBLE ACCOUNT
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Visible Balance	-832.2	-555.6	-653.4	-709.6	-891.3	-912.4	-1,197.3	-1,301.1	-1,428.1	-1,487.8	-1,382.2	-1,404.0	-1,602.8	-1,941.9	-2,171.1
Total Credits	413.3	379.7	375.1	379.7	491.0	573.5	578.0	540.2	550.7	572.7	542.3	506.0	528.4	586.2	757.2
Total Debits	1,245.6	935.3	1,028.5	1,089.3	1,382.3	1,485.9	1,775.3	1,841.3	1,978.8	2,060.5	1,904.5	1,910.0	2,131.2	2,528.1	2,928.2
Exports (f.o.b)	414.7	380.3	374.0	363.0	477.8	561.2	565.9	522.5	527.5	544.6	518.7	483.0	499.5	556.4	718.9
Adjustments	-122.7	-66.0	-57.5	-56.0	-66.5	-73.7	-86.4	-87.0	-86.3	-86.4	-79.0	-76.9	-78.9	-90.4	-77.5
Coverage	-1.2	-1.0	1.1	-2.8	1.8	1.2	1.8	2.3	2.2	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.8	0.2	4.1
Classification	-121.3	-65.4	-58.6	-53.2	-68.3	-74.9	-88.2	-89.3	-88.5	-90.2	-82.7	-80.7	-82.7	-90.6	-81.6
Valuation	-0.2	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Timing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exports - (b.o.p. basis)	292.0	314.3	316.5	307.0	411.3	487.5	479.5	435.5	441.2	458.2	439.7	406.1	420.6	466.1	641.4
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,397.7	1,048.5	1,154.1	1,228.6	1,541.2	1,667.3	1,991.0	2,063.6	2,216.1	2,312.1	2,137.3	2,141.5	2,390.6	2,825.9	3,208.9
Adjustments	-152.1	-113.2	-125.6	-139.6	-163.7	-181.9	-215.9	-225.8	-239.9	-252.8	-234.0	-231.9	-259.7	-305.8	-346.0
Coverage	1.4	2.1	1.4	-4.4	1.9	1.5	3.1	1.2	3.9	1.6	1.1	3.7	3.3	5.0	7.0
Classification	-153.7	-115.3	-127.0	-135.1	-169.5	-183.4	-219.0	-227.0	-243.8	-254.3	-235.1	-235.6	-263.0	-310.8	-353.0
Valuation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Timing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Imports - (b.o.p. basis) *	1,245.6	935.3	1,028.5	1,089.0	1,377.5	1,485.4	1,775.1	1,837.8	1,976.2	2,059.3	1,903.3	1,909.6	2,131.0	2,520.0	2,862.8
Goods for Processing															
Credits	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.2	11.2	10.7	10.0	15.0	20.6	23.0	19.1	19.0	23.9	29.5	34.2
Debits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.7	0.4	0.0	0.1	2.3	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	7.8	65.3
Repairs on Goods															
Credits	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.3	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Debits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1
Goods Procured in Ports by Carriers															
Credits	121.3	65.4	58.6	53.2	68.3	74.9	88.2	89.3	88.5	90.2	82.7	80.7	83.7	90.6	81.6
Debits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.7	0.3	1.2	1.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0
Non - Monetary Gold															
Held as a Store of Value															
Credits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other															
Credits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

*Merchandise imports (measured on a balance of payments basis) refer to the value of goods entering Barbados after adjustments have been made for coverage, classification, valuation and timing.

TABLE 5

GOVERNMENT N.I.E.
(BD\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>Credits</u>															
Wage payments to local staff	18.1	21.3	21.8	22.3	16.5	15.5	15.5	22.0	25.5	26.6	27.1	31.8	34.2	35.8	36.0
Services under aid programme	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diplomatic personal expenditure	3.5	3.6	4.5	2.3	2.3	1.5	3.7	2.2	3.6	4.6	5.8	6.6	7.6	5.7	8.3
Real estate rentals	5.2	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.4	4.4	4.1	5.1	5.5	5.6	5.8	7.2	8.2	8.7	9.8
Other	20.4	26.5	21.8	27.6	22.3	30.2	29.6	28.7	30.0	33.0	33.5	30.3	33.6	35.0	39.6
Total Credits	47.2	56.9	53.9	57.2	45.5	51.7	53.0	57.9	64.6	69.8	72.2	76.0	83.6	85.2	93.7
<u>Debits</u>															
Wage payments to local Staff	3.3	3.1	5.1	5.1	3.2	4.3	4.1	4.7	4.5	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.9	7.6	6.4
Services under aid programme	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Diplomatic personal expenditure	0.3	4.0	7.1	7.1	4.1	4.9	4.3	5.7	7.2	7.9	8.1	8.8	7.4	9.5	10.1
Real estate rentals	2.8	2.4	3.2	3.2	2.8	3.4	3.1	2.9	3.2	2.9	3.0	3.9	4.1	4.8	4.9
Other	13.9	20.4	31.6	24.1	22.7	31.5	29.4	32.8	35.7	38.6	38.8	33.2	36.3	50.0	66.6
Total Debits	20.2	29.9	47.0	39.5	32.7	44.0	40.8	46.2	50.6	54.7	55.4	51.5	53.8	71.9	88.0
Balance	27.0	26.9	7.0	17.7	12.8	7.7	12.2	11.7	14.0	15.1	16.8	24.5	29.8	13.3	5.7

TABLE 6

**TRANSPORTATION
(BDS\$ MILLION)**

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Credits															
Passenger fares	4.0	5.2	6.0	14.9	16.0	16.1	18.4	18.1	19.0	20.9	18.6	16.5	17.2	17.0	15.2
Sea Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.2	7.0	7.5	7.7	8.1	9.1	8.5	7.0	7.1	7.5	6.7
Air Transport	0.3	0.4	0.5	1.0	1.3	1.3	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.0	0.9
Other Transport	3.7	4.8	5.5	13.9	7.5	7.8	9.9	9.0	9.5	10.3	8.6	8.0	8.5	8.5	7.6
Freight	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.7	7.5	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.8	9.2	8.5	8.0	9.1	9.6	11.7
Sea Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Air Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Transport	6.4	6.0	5.7	5.7	7.5	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.8	9.2	8.5	8.0	9.1	9.6	11.7
Other	6.9	7.3	7.4	8.2	9.3	10.4	13.9	14.9	17.5	19.4	17.6	17.5	20.1	25.3	23.8
Sea Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	8.7	7.7
Air Transport	4.0	4.2	4.3	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.6	5.3	6.9	7.0	6.3	5.5	6.0	6.1	6.9
Other Transport	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.5	5.2	6.2	9.3	9.6	10.6	12.4	11.3	12.0	14.0	10.5	9.2
Total Credits	17.3	18.5	19.1	28.8	32.8	35.3	41.1	42.1	46.2	49.5	44.7	42.0	46.4	51.9	50.6
Debits															
Passenger fares	51.6	51.8	58.2	63.9	77.1	80.4	82.5	88.1	90.0	93.4	95.6	94.0	98.1	109.9	113.1
Sea Transport	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Air Transport	51.1	51.3	57.7	63.7	76.9	80.4	82.5	88.0	89.9	93.3	95.5	94.0	98.0	109.8	113.1
Other Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Freight	139.6	104.8	115.4	122.9	154.1	166.7	199.1	202.0	221.6	231.2	213.7	214.2	239.1	282.6	320.9
Sea Transport	114.5	85.9	94.6	98.3	123.3	133.4	159.3	161.6	177.3	185.0	170.9	171.3	191.2	226.1	256.7
Air Transport	25.1	18.9	20.8	24.6	30.8	33.3	39.8	40.4	44.3	46.2	42.8	42.8	47.8	56.5	64.2
Other Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.3	0.3	7.9	2.6	0.1	0.2	3.4	2.0	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.6
Sea Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	2.7	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Air Transport	0.0	0.3	0.3	5.3	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.7	1.7	2.2	2.3	2.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
Other Transport	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.4	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	1.1	1.1	1.3
Total Debits	191.2	156.9	173.9	194.6	233.8	247.3	281.7	293.5	313.5	327.0	311.9	310.6	339.5	394.8	436.6
Balance	-173.9	-138.4	-154.8	-165.7	-201.0	-212.0	-240.7	-251.4	-267.3	-277.5	-267.2	-268.6	-293.1	-343.0	-386.0

Table 7

TRAVEL
(BD\$\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Credits															
Business Expenditure by Seasonal & Border Workers	6.8	6.6	6.3	5.4	5.6	4.9	5.7	6.1	6.9	7.5	5.0	4.6	5.7	6.5	6.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal	927.1	934.2	1,062.5	1,200.6	1,239.0	1,313.7	1,321.1	1,417.7	1,366.7	1,438.4	1,389.4	1,311.2	1,510.0	1,544.5	1,787.5
Health - related Expenditure	0.5	0.4	1.0	1.2	0.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.1
Education - related Expenditure	6.1	7.7	4.3	4.2	8.5	9.2	5.7	10.9	12.9	14.1	14.4	14.1	14.5	16.5	15.9
Other	920.5	926.1	1,057.2	1,195.2	1,230.3	1,303.4	1,314.5	1,405.9	1,352.3	1,422.7	1,373.5	1,295.6	1,493.9	1,526.4	1,770.5
Long - stay Tourists *	850.8	849.3	973.8	1,106.7	1,133.9	1,202.3	1,209.8	1,303.6	1,264.8	1,312.9	1,268.5	1,189.9	1,390.3	1,382.1	1,698.1
Excursionists	68.7	75.7	82.2	88.5	95.4	101.0	104.6	102.3	87.4	109.7	104.9	105.6	103.4	144.3	72.5
Other	1.0	1.1	1.2	0.0	1.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total Credits	933.9	940.8	1,068.8	1,206.0	1,244.6	1,318.6	1,326.8	1,423.8	1,373.6	1,445.9	1,394.4	1,315.8	1,515.7	1,551.0	1,793.5
Debits															
Business Expenditure by Seasonal & Border Workers	29.2	25.5	37.4	42.7	51.8	55.9	58.8	61.2	62.9	65.4	67.4	64.0	65.2	65.1	54.7
Other	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.5	1.6	1.9	1.8
Personal	27.1	23.5	35.5	41.1	50.1	54.2	57.2	60.9	62.1	65.1	67.2	63.5	63.6	63.2	53.0
Personal	60.8	58.2	69.1	75.5	90.3	92.3	98.7	103.1	110.5	122.7	134.3	134.0	143.7	150.4	136.6
Health - related Expenditure	3.3	5.0	7.0	5.3	3.5	5.0	6.1	5.8	4.7	5.0	5.1	5.4	4.0	6.7	6.1
Education - related Expenditure	26.4	21.8	30.0	20.2	31.3	27.2	28.2	30.9	36.2	38.1	38.5	39.5	40.1	42.1	35.9
Other	31.0	31.5	32.1	50.0	55.5	60.1	64.4	66.4	69.6	79.6	90.7	89.1	99.6	101.6	94.6
Total Debits	90.0	83.7	106.5	118.2	142.1	148.2	157.6	164.3	173.4	188.1	201.7	198.0	209.0	215.6	191.4
Balance	843.9	857.1	962.3	1,087.9	1,102.5	1,170.4	1,169.2	1,259.5	1,200.2	1,257.8	1,192.7	1,117.8	1,306.7	1,335.5	1,602.1

* Tourist expenditure information is normally provided by the Barbados Statistical Service (BSS). However, the BSS was unable to conduct the 2005 Tourist Expenditure Survey and instead used Caribbean Tourism Organisation estimates of expenditure by long-stay and cruise passengers

TABLE 8

INCOME
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Credits															
Compensation of Employees	35.9	23.7	26.0	17.4	20.6	24.0	28.6	29.1	29.8	31.5	32.4	31.8	33.0	18.6	18.6
Investment Income	38.6	49.9	52.9	74.7	76.2	84.3	92.2	97.7	103.5	108.8	113.6	112.5	117.1	131.9	151.4
Direct Investment	2.3	2.3	3.1	1.5	2.4	9.0	7.4	8.5	9.4	11.5	11.7	11.6	12.1	40.8	53.8
Income on Equity	2.3	2.3	3.1	1.5	2.4	9.0	7.4	8.5	9.4	11.5	11.7	11.6	12.1	39.8	53.8
Undistributed earnings	1.5	1.5	2.2	1.2	1.2	1.9	3.4	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.1	1.4	1.4	3.4	7.2
Income on Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Portfolio Investment	30.6	47.6	49.8	73.2	73.8	75.3	84.8	88.3	92.4	96.4	101.4	100.5	104.5	91.1	97.0
Income on Equity	9.9	15.3	15.2	25.1	24.3	25.8	24.3	26.6	28.6	31.4	33.4	33.1	35.5	35.5	42.1
Income on Debt	20.7	32.3	34.6	48.1	49.5	49.5	60.6	61.7	63.8	65.0	68.0	67.4	69.0	55.6	54.9
of which Government	10.7	17.0	17.5	12.2	14.3	13.1	11.6	10.9	12.0	9.4	11.3	14.8	16.3	17.0	16.7
Other Investment	5.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.7	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.5
Total Credits	74.5	73.6	79.0	92.1	96.8	108.3	120.8	126.8	133.3	140.3	146.0	144.3	150.1	150.6	170.0
Debits															
Compensation of Employees	1.4	1.7	3.1	3.1	4.5	5.9	4.5	5.6	5.8	4.3	4.4	5.0	6.0	5.0	6.6
Investment Income	153.6	131.3	158.9	170.4	187.7	206.8	211.7	233.3	270.4	300.6	328.3	342.9	358.1	399.3	507.3
Direct Investment	15.5	18.2	23.0	15.5	15.0	20.6	24.5	27.2	33.3	37.4	40.6	41.7	44.8	162.0	163.1
Income on Equity	12.7	13.1	19.2	15.5	13.5	19.3	21.0	25.5	30.9	33.9	36.7	37.7	41.7	152.2	134.5
Undistributed earnings	2.9	5.1	3.8	13.9	12.5	15.0	18.5	18.9	20.1	22.7	20.9	20.5	22.5	26.9	44.6
Income on Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	2.9	5.1	3.8	0.0	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.7	2.4	3.5	3.9	4.0	3.1	9.8	28.5
Portfolio Investment	133.5	109.8	135.9	154.9	172.7	186.2	187.2	205.2	236.3	262.3	287.3	300.9	313.2	237.3	343.7
Income on Equity	22.1	15.1	32.8	41.2	48.5	52.8	51.0	58.8	67.7	78.5	88.6	90.2	93.2	93.2	96.9
Income on Debt	111.4	94.7	103.1	113.7	124.2	133.4	136.2	146.4	168.6	183.8	198.7	210.7	220.0	144.1	246.9
of which Government	90.2	79.7	49.4	50.4	34.8	52.1	52.4	44.0	54.7	76.6	63.7	93.6	93.5	91.8	99.1
Other Investment	4.6	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.5
Total Debits	155.1	133.1	162.0	173.5	192.2	212.7	216.2	238.9	276.2	304.9	332.7	347.9	364.1	404.3	513.9
Balance	-79.0	-58.0	-81.8	-81.4	-95.4	-104.4	-95.4	-112.1	-142.8	-164.6	-186.7	-203.6	-214.0	-253.7	-343.9

TABLE 9

**OTHER SERVICES
(BD\$ MILLION)**

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Credits															
Insurance	70.0	84.3	81.3	108.7	99.8	119.8	130.4	136.5	149.9	159.0	169.7	174.5	180.2	182.0	286.4
Life Insurance and Pension Funds	26.4	32.2	31.1	58.4	54.1	58.4	64.2	70.2	79.5	84.5	86.8	88.5	90.5	100.0	166.7
Freight Insurance	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.6	4.8	3.0	5.6	6.1	7.6	8.3	9.2	10.1	11.7	12.3	13.0
Other	39.5	48.3	46.6	46.7	41.0	58.4	60.6	60.2	62.8	66.2	73.7	75.9	78.0	69.7	106.8
Communication	48.5	49.9	40.0	45.2	50.1	51.5	52.0	53.7	54.6	55.6	58.8	61.8	64.3	64.5	65.0
Construction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.5	4.0	3.5	4.1	4.5	5.5	5.8	6.1	7.1	7.5	7.2
Management Fees	13.8	8.3	5.1	7.3	10.4	17.3	24.4	26.7	31.7	34.6	35.8	37.0	39.8	42.8	34.5
Financial Services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.5	110.3	118.4	128.6	136.5	150.4	141.9	140.0	147.1	159.4	234.1
Computer and Information	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.0	43.5	50.3	52.3	47.2	35.6	34.7	34.9	35.2	36.1	39.7	45.3
Royalties and Licence Fees	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.7	4.6	3.4
Other Business	19.8	18.5	43.3	44.5	42.7	44.8	53.9	56.1	70.8	75.0	75.1	79.3	86.9	88.9	106.5
Merchandising and Other Trade-Related	16.6	15.4	40.2	35.6	40.4	44.2	50.9	52.9	66.3	69.5	69.6	72.7	79.7	83.7	100.0
Operational Leasing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous Business	3.2	3.1	3.1	8.9	2.2	0.6	3.0	3.2	4.5	5.5	5.5	6.6	7.2	5.2	6.5
Personal, Cultural and Recreational	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.5
Miscellaneous	84.2	60.7	66.6	88.6	60.4	49.3	62.5	69.8	89.8	99.3	102.4	112.9	120.6	150.9	193.8
Total Credits	236.7	221.9	237.2	335.1	410.3	448.2	497.5	523.4	574.2	615.2	625.7	648.8	685.3	740.3	976.7
Debits															
Insurance	92.2	94.0	134.6	197.3	190.5	188.4	181.5	191.3	203.1	219.0	234.7	238.2	246.1	242.1	388.2
Life Insurance and Pension Funds	31.3	33.4	49.2	74.0	72.4	62.7	52.7	60.6	66.4	68.4	70.3	71.8	74.8	75.0	82.7
Freight Insurance	14.0	10.5	11.5	12.3	11.4	16.7	19.9	20.2	22.3	23.1	23.3	21.4	23.9	28.3	32.1
Other	46.9	50.1	73.9	111.0	106.7	109.0	108.8	110.5	114.4	127.5	143.1	145.0	147.4	138.9	273.5
Communication	3.8	3.4	4.1	3.7	0.5	6.5	9.3	10.1	13.6	15.7	18.8	19.3	22.3	25.0	23.5
Construction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	3.1	3.2	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.6	5.9	5.9	6.7
Management Fees	9.5	6.7	12.3	13.0	18.3	20.5	20.7	21.9	23.2	25.5	25.9	26.6	20.1	20.1	41.0
Financial Services	NA	NA	NA	NA	11.2	8.8	6.4	8.7	9.7	10.1	10.4	11.5	10.5	11.0	11.6
Computer and Information	NA	NA	NA	NA	9.6	7.3	8.8	9.8	10.3	10.4	11.0	11.4	13.8	14.5	16.4
Royalties and Licence Fees	5.4	14.5	20.3	25.9	29.3	35.6	41.3	44.4	45.2	47.4	48.6	49.2	49.9	40.0	58.1
Other Business	9.4	12.5	19.9	22.1	27.1	30.1	32.3	33.5	34.4	35.5	36.7	37.5	38.5	32.5	41.1
Merchandising and Other Trade-Related	4.1	4.1	10.0	17.6	21.6	22.2	23.1	23.6	24.1	25.1	26.2	26.7	23.4	23.4	30.5
Operational Leasing	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Miscellaneous Business	5.2	8.4	9.9	4.4	5.5	7.8	9.2	9.9	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.7	15.1	9.0	10.7
Personal, Cultural and Recreational	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.3
Miscellaneous	15.8	17.0	26.5	19.2	31.2	36.1	35.3	37.5	35.0	36.8	37.1	24.4	28.2	35.3	56.3
Total Debits	136.0	148.1	217.8	285.5	317.8	334.7	338.8	360.4	378.9	404.9	428.0	422.7	435.5	427.0	643.3
Balance	100.6	73.8	19.4	49.5	92.5	113.5	158.7	163.0	195.3	210.3	197.7	226.0	249.8	313.4	333.4

TABLE 10

GOVERNMENT CURRENT TRANSFER PAYMENTS
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<u>Credits</u>															
Inter-governmental grants	7.0	6.8	3.0	1.9	2.0	3.0	1.3	1.1	1.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.2	1.1	3.3
Taxes	3.1	2.3	1.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.2	3.2	5.7	5.9	5.3	5.4	0.3	8.6
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Credits	10.1	9.1	4.9	2.7	2.9	3.6	2.3	2.3	4.7	6.7	7.2	6.3	6.6	1.4	11.9
<u>Debits</u>															
Inter-governmental grants	10.5	8.1	12.7	10.1	2.9	4.5	4.5	6.0	5.0	6.4	6.3	9.8	8.0	14.8	9.7
Pensions	1.5	2.5	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.6	3.6	4.4	4.2	5.7	5.8	7.6	7.7	7.0	8.1
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Debits	12.0	10.7	15.3	12.6	5.5	7.1	8.1	10.4	9.2	12.1	12.2	17.4	15.7	21.8	17.8
Balance	-1.9	-1.5	-10.4	-9.8	-2.6	-3.5	-5.8	-8.1	-4.4	-5.4	-5.0	-11.1	-9.1	-20.4	-5.9

TABLE 11

PRIVATE CURRENT TRANSFER PAYMENTS
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Credits															
From foreign governments	4.4	4.2	1.2	2.1	1.3	2.0	0.7	1.1	2.8	3.0	3.2	4.0	6.3	7.3	12.8
Pensions	4.1	3.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.1	0.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.7	0.5	5.9
Other	0.3	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.3	0.9	0.6	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.5	3.6	6.8	6.9
Other transfer payments	83.6	97.0	80.6	106.1	110.1	127.0	141.6	154.4	181.9	209.0	241.9	230.8	241.3	243.9	299.3
Institutional in cash	5.5	6.3	4.9	2.1	1.6	1.8	1.9	0.8	1.8	1.6	1.7	2.7	3.1	1.5	1.7
Institutional in kind	3.5	4.6	4.6	3.6	3.1	0.4	2.2	2.2	3.3	3.5	3.6	4.6	4.7	2.5	4.2
Workers Remittances	54.4	64.0	62.9	74.7	84.7	96.5	109.9	122.4	142.1	168.3	200.4	186.5	193.8	200.0	261.4
Other	20.2	22.1	8.2	25.6	20.7	28.3	27.7	29.0	34.7	35.6	36.2	37.0	39.7	40.0	32.0
Total Credits	88.0	101.1	81.8	108.2	111.4	129.0	142.3	155.5	184.7	212.0	245.1	234.8	247.6	251.2	312.2
Debits															
To foreign governments	0.4	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Taxes	0.4	1.3	1.3	2.4	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other transfer payments	19.3	17.3	28.3	25.3	40.3	44.9	40.8	40.8	45.0	48.7	51.0	50.2	52.7	54.5	116.5
Institutional in cash	2.4	2.5	4.3	0.1	3.1	0.1	3.1	1.0	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.7	0.1	0.6	1.1
Institutional in kind	0.2	0.3	4.2	3.4	3.8	0.0	1.9	2.0	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.7	4.0	3.2
Workers Remittances	14.0	12.8	10.9	14.3	23.2	30.5	23.9	25.1	27.6	28.6	30.7	29.7	31.5	31.5	73.9
Other	2.6	1.7	8.9	7.4	10.1	14.3	11.9	12.7	14.1	16.3	16.5	16.4	18.4	18.4	38.4
Total Debits	19.7	18.7	29.6	27.7	41.6	46.0	42.0	41.9	46.2	49.9	52.3	51.2	52.8	54.5	116.5
Balance	68.3	82.5	52.3	80.5	69.7	83.0	100.3	113.6	138.5	162.2	192.8	183.6	194.8	196.7	195.6

TABLE 12

GOVERNMENT FOREIGN CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
(BD\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Assets (+increase/+decrease)															
Total long-term	-17.2	-5.8	-1.7	-11.4	-10.8	-9.0	-22.1	-23.9	-13.6	-17.7	-19.0	-4.9	-3.4	-48.6	13.1
Investment in regional enterprises	0.0	-5.8	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-8.6	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-0.4	-0.3	0.3	0.0
Capital subscriptions	0.0	0.0	-1.7	-11.6	-13.9	-7.9	-22.1	-12.0	-2.4	-0.3	-2.1	-5.1	-3.2	-3.1	0.0
Loans	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt securities	-17.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.1	1.0	0.0	-3.3	-11.2	-16.8	-16.9	0.6	0.0	-45.7	13.1
Bonds & notes	-17.2	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.1	1.0	0.0	-3.3	-11.2	-16.8	-16.9	0.6	0.0	-45.7	13.1
Money market instruments	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial derivatives	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Suppliers Credit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital transfers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt forgiveness	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total short-term	-1.0	-1.2	-1.0	-3.8	-4.6	-6.2	-6.0	-1.3	-6.4	-8.2	-8.7	-5.7	-5.3	-4.0	-0.5
Due from foreign governments	-1.0	-1.2	-1.0	-1.3	-1.3	-1.6	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-1.3	-0.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.5	-3.3	-4.6	-4.7	0.0	-5.1	-6.9	-7.4	-4.4	-4.0	-2.7	0.0
Total Assets	-18.2	-7.0	-2.7	-15.2	-15.3	-15.1	-28.1	-25.2	-20.0	-25.9	-27.7	-10.6	-8.7	-52.6	12.6
Liabilities (+increase/-decrease)															
Total long-term	-24.1	-78.2	-49.2	49.4	12.1	13.0	-32.2	-0.6	100.0	237.2	322.9	-24.4	178.6	-46.4	192.0
Long-term securities	29.3	-15.6	1.1	90.9	80.8	-8.0	-48.0	-48.2	90.0	200.0	300.0	-20.0	169.0	-24.9	205.5
Equity securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	189.0	0.0	0.0
Debt securities	29.3	-15.6	1.1	90.9	80.8	-8.0	-48.0	-48.2	90.0	200.0	300.0	-20.0	-20.0	-24.9	205.5
Bonds & notes	29.3	-15.6	1.1	90.9	80.8	-8.0	-48.0	-48.2	90.0	200.0	300.0	-20.0	-20.0	-24.9	205.5
Money market instruments	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial derivatives	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term loans	-61.5	-62.6	-46.2	-77.1	-63.6	22.8	17.2	47.8	8.1	31.4	12.7	-2.2	7.8	-18.0	-11.2
Foreign governments	10.7	5.7	-2.4	-55.4	-3.2	-7.5	-4.1	-3.6	-1.4	-3.6	-3.4	-1.6	-3.2	-3.3	-2.9
International lending institutions	16.8	-13.5	-14.9	9.6	1.5	57.0	21.3	51.4	9.5	36.3	13.1	3.3	10.5	-14.7	-8.3
Other	-89.0	-54.8	-28.9	-31.3	-61.9	-26.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.3	3.0	-3.9	0.5	0.0	0.0
Suppliers' credits	8.1	0.0	-4.1	-4.1	-5.0	-3.3	-1.4	-0.3	1.9	5.8	10.2	-2.2	1.8	-3.5	-2.3
Capital transfers	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt forgiveness	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total short-term	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Due to foreign governments	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Liabilities	-24.0	-78.1	-49.2	49.5	12.2	13.1	-32.1	-0.5	98.1	237.3	323.0	-24.3	178.6	-46.4	192.0
Net Assets (-)/Liabilities (+)	-42.2	-85.1	-51.9	34.2	-3.1	-2.0	-60.3	-25.7	78.1	211.4	295.3	-34.9	169.9	-99.0	204.6
of which: Long-term	-41.3	-84.0	-50.9	38.0	1.4	4.0	-54.3	-24.5	86.4	219.5	303.9	-29.3	175.2	-95.0	205.0
Short-term	-0.9	-1.1	-1.0	-3.8	-4.5	-6.0	-6.0	-1.2	-6.3	-8.1	-8.6	-5.6	-5.3	-4.0	-0.5

TABLE 13

PRIVATE FOREIGN CAPITAL AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Assets (increase/+decrease)															
Total long-term	-27.8	-8.2	-36.3	-24.1	-49.5	-89.5	-69.2	-87.1	-82.1	-61.4	-36.3	-26.9	-24.1	-49.4	-235.4
Direct Investment (Abroad)	-2.6	-1.8	-5.3	-2.2	-6.6	-7.0	-2.5	-2.0	-2.6	-2.1	-2.2	-0.9	-1.0	-7.8	-18.2
Investment in Branches/Subsidiaries	-0.4	-0.6	-2.7	0.0	-0.7	-1.0	-0.5	-0.1	-0.4	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.5	-1.0
Undistributed Earnings	-1.5	-1.5	-2.2	-1.2	-1.2	-1.9	-3.4	-1.5	-1.5	-1.3	-1.1	-1.4	-1.4	-3.4	-7.2
Other	-0.7	0.4	-0.3	-4.2	-4.7	-4.2	1.5	-0.3	-0.7	-0.6	-1.0	0.5	0.6	-3.9	-10.1
Portfolio Investment	-16.5	-8.2	-19.8	-3.9	-9.2	-33.7	-34.5	-46.2	-48.3	-40.9	-44.1	-49.7	-45.7	-64.9	-162.7
Equity Securities	-16.5	-8.2	-19.8	-26.6	-15.2	-17.3	-22.5	-27.9	-32.6	-27.7	-29.6	-42.0	-46.1	-83.0	-106.4
Foreign Governments	-9.2	-10.9	-12.0	-4.5	-8.3	-9.0	-9.4	-10.1	-14.1	-10.1	-11.1	-10.6	-17.6	-11.2	-31.4
Mutual Funds	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.2	-16.4	-8.4	-41.8	-25.8
Other	-7.3	2.6	-7.8	-22.1	-6.9	-8.3	-13.1	-17.8	-18.5	-17.6	-21.7	-15.0	-20.1	-30.0	-49.2
Debt Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	22.7	6.0	-16.5	-12.0	-18.3	-15.7	-13.2	-14.5	-7.7	0.4	18.1	-59.6
Bonds and Notes	NA	NA	NA	14.9	15.7	-5.8	2.7	-3.1	-5.2	-4.7	-5.8	0.2	0.3	6.8	-46.4
Money Market Instruments	NA	NA	NA	7.8	-9.7	-10.7	-14.7	-15.2	-10.5	-8.5	-8.7	-7.9	0.1	11.4	-13.1
Financial Derivatives	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.2
Other Investment	-8.7	1.8	-11.3	-18.0	-33.6	-48.7	-32.2	-38.9	-31.2	-18.4	10.0	23.7	22.6	22.1	-54.4
Trade Credits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-11.0	-10.3	-11.4	-13.2	-14.4	-10.4	10.3	26.4	21.5	23.2	-38.7
Long-term Loans	-4.0	-2.7	-4.1	-29.7	-33.1	-36.9	-18.2	-20.5	-15.3	-10.3	-2.4	-2.8	-1.3	-5.4	-11.9
Other	-4.7	4.5	-7.2	11.7	10.5	-1.5	-2.6	-5.2	-1.4	2.3	2.1	0.1	2.4	6.5	-3.9
Total Short-term	46.8	-28.6	7.0	-82.5	-127.0	-84.9	-27.1	-36.6	-22.4	-20.3	33.9	23.4	-14.8	90.7	-152.0
Trade Credits	54.4	-8.6	41.8	-64.2	-96.9	-47.3	-2.6	-4.8	-3.5	-3.7	44.9	15.5	-20.5	56.9	-163.6
Deposits in Overseas Banks	0.0	-17.2	-20.3	-3.4	-20.0	-34.1	-14.3	-20.7	-21.4	-19.3	-19.6	-5.0	-10.7	-7.6	-40.0
Other	-7.5	-2.7	-14.5	-14.9	-10.1	-3.5	-10.1	-11.1	2.5	2.7	8.6	12.9	16.4	41.4	51.6
Total Assets	19.1	-36.8	-29.3	-106.6	-176.5	-174.4	-96.3	-123.7	-104.5	-81.7	-2.4	-3.5	-38.9	42.3	-387.3
Liabilities (+increase/-decrease)															
Total long-term	95.3	59.7	38.7	105.7	38.7	136.0	132.6	119.0	214.7	376.4	302.2	214.5	333.1	116.3	297.2
Direct Investment (in Barbados)	14.7	28.9	18.8	25.9	23.5	26.6	29.5	31.5	34.7	38.8	37.1	34.8	116.5	-24.2	124.0
Investment in Branches/Subsidiaries	11.8	15.7	10.9	11.9	9.3	6.1	7.5	8.1	8.3	9.2	9.4	8.5	43.0	-51.1	8.7
Undistributed Earnings	2.9	5.1	3.8	13.9	12.5	15.0	18.5	18.9	20.1	22.7	20.9	20.5	22.5	26.9	44.6
Other	0.1	8.1	4.1	0.1	1.7	5.5	3.6	4.5	6.3	6.9	6.8	5.8	51.0	0.0	70.6
Portfolio Investment	-1.3	0.0	1.8	6.5	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.4	2.3	-0.4	0.6	1.0
Equity Securities	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.3	0.6	-9.6
Mutual Funds	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debt Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	0.0	4.9	-2.8	-2.9	-0.1	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.7	0.0	0.6
Bonds and Notes	NA	NA	NA	6.3	0.0	4.9	-2.8	-2.9	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Money Market Instruments	NA	NA	NA	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.1	-0.7	0.0	0.6
Financial Derivatives	NA	NA	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investment	81.9	30.9	18.1	73.3	15.2	104.5	105.9	90.5	180.3	337.1	264.7	177.5	217.0	139.9	172.2
Trade Credits	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.5	16.8	15.1	11.1	20.5	18.8	14.4	14.6	27.7	115.8	148.0
Long-term Loans	62.6	-30.2	-29.3	47.6	-32.6	52.4	48.5	40.6	89.7	263.2	180.4	80.0	95.2	-36.2	19.4
Other	19.3	61.0	47.4	25.7	30.3	35.3	38.8	38.8	70.1	55.1	69.9	82.9	60.3	60.3	4.8
Total Short-term	-32.7	-140.4	34.4	33.7	57.3	29.5	53.4	39.9	75.7	73.3	-14.7	124.6	188.5	265.5	443.8
Trade Credits	-36.2	-144.8	29.8	28.5	52.2	23.4	42.2	30.5	56.8	52.5	-51.6	69.0	129.4	199.6	450.5
Deposits in Overseas Banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.5	4.4	4.6	5.2	5.1	6.2	11.1	9.4	18.9	20.8	36.9	55.6	59.1	65.9	-6.7
Total Liabilities	62.6	-80.7	73.1	139.4	96.0	165.6	185.9	158.9	290.4	449.7	287.5	339.1	521.6	381.8	741.0
Net Assets (-)/Liabilities (+)	81.7	-117.5	43.8	32.8	-80.4	-8.8	89.7	35.2	185.9	368.0	285.1	335.7	482.7	423.1	353.7

TABLE 14

FOREIGN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF COMMERCIAL BANKS (INCLUDING RESERVES)
(BD\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Assets (-increase/+decrease)															
Due from abroad	-13.6	-14.7	-4.0	-65.1	-162.5	-274.5	66.3	61.4	-113.3	157.3	-153.2	-384.4	-1.8	21.7	-187.8
Banks	-13.6	-14.7	-4.0	-65.1	-162.5	-274.5	66.3	61.4	-113.3	157.3	-153.2	-384.4	-1.8	21.7	-187.8
Non-bank financial institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Securities	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mutual Funds	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Debt Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds and Notes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Money Market Securities	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Financial Derivatives	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Foreign investments	-0.7	0.8	-17.0	4.4	8.6	2.4	0.0	-1.6	-3.5	-4.7	-0.9	-7.3	-161.0	-55.6	-4.1
Foreign currency held	1.7	2.2	-0.7	-1.1	-1.7	-0.4	-0.6	0.6	-0.7	1.4	-0.9	-1.0	-0.9	-2.1	-0.7
Loans to non-residents	-9.2	1.8	13.0	0.5	0.6	-0.2	-1.8	2.3	-3.8	0.5	4.6	-4.9	-0.6	-2.2	-69.7
Other	-0.3	4.9	-0.7	-0.4	0.0	-1.4	-0.8	1.0	-2.3	-1.6	3.9	-0.1	-0.8	-6.1	-7.8
Total Assets	-22.1	-4.9	-9.4	-61.8	-154.9	-274.1	63.2	63.6	-123.5	153.0	-146.5	-397.6	-165.1	-44.3	-270.1
of which: Reserve items	-12.9	-6.8	-22.4	-62.3	-155.6	-274.0	64.9	61.3	-119.7	152.5	-151.1	-392.7	-164.4	-42.2	-200.3
Non-reserve items	-9.2	1.8	13.0	0.5	0.6	-0.2	-1.8	2.3	-3.8	0.5	4.6	-4.9	-0.6	-2.2	-69.7
Liabilities(-decrease/+increase)															
Due to abroad	32.6	-32.1	17.9	-39.5	18.2	6.8	120.3	11.7	-6.1	-17.3	19.3	128.3	-26.5	18.0	148.5
Banks	32.6	-32.1	17.9	-39.5	18.2	6.8	120.3	11.7	-6.1	-17.3	19.3	128.3	-26.5	18.0	148.5
Non-bank financial institutions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Securities	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Mutual Funds	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Debt Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Bonds and Notes	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Money Market Securities	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Financial Derivatives	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Deposits of non-residents	0.0	58.5	6.7	44.1	176.9	197.7	-113.3	18.3	102.7	-148.5	100.2	222.7	-19.1	63.4	330.6
Other	2.3	1.5	-2.2	0.7	7.7	50.1	-46.5	7.1	1.6	11.9	16.3	-17.0	-36.6	17.1	15.3
Total Liabilities	34.8	27.8	22.4	33.1	202.7	254.6	-39.5	37.1	98.1	-153.9	135.8	334.0	-82.2	98.4	494.4
of which: Reserve items	13.1	10.0	18.8	13.2	181.7	234.2	-90.7	2.0	82.5	-198.1	143.4	167.9	-74.5	69.8	384.6
Non-reserve items	21.8	17.8	3.6	19.9	21.0	20.4	51.2	35.1	15.6	44.2	-7.6	166.1	-7.7	28.6	109.8
Net Assets (-)/Liabilities (+)	12.7	22.9	12.9	-28.6	47.8	-19.5	23.7	100.7	-25.3	-0.9	-10.7	-63.6	-247.2	54.1	224.3
of which: Reserve items	0.2	3.2	-3.7	-49.1	26.1	-39.8	-25.7	63.3	-37.2	-45.6	-7.7	-224.8	-239.0	27.7	184.2
Non-reserve items	12.5	19.7	16.6	20.5	21.7	20.2	49.4	37.4	11.8	44.7	-3.0	161.2	-8.3	26.5	40.1
Long-term liabilities outstanding	21.2	12.7	23.6	29.4	35.4	29.7	64.2	125.4	127.2	143.5	137.1	272.0	242.7	234.7	162.4

TABLE 15

INTERNATIONAL RESERVES AND OFFICIAL FINANCING LIABILITIES (CHANGES)
(ED\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Net International Reserves															
(+increase/-decrease)															
Central Bank	66.6	-160.4	-40.9	-117.5	-49.1	-114.6	77.8	16.9	-26.6	-310.6	-386.1	106.4	-74.2	330.7	-59.4
SDRS	-1.3	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	0.1	-0.2
Reserve tranche subscription to IMF	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-12.6	0.2	0.4	-0.4	-1.6	-1.1	-1.0
Gold	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foreign exchange holdings	62.2	-161.4	-41.1	-117.5	-49.1	-114.6	77.8	16.9	-14.1	-310.8	-386.4	106.9	-72.7	331.6	-58.2
Foreign securities	-10.3	-37.0	10.3	-74.5	-79.8	-100.0	28.6	27.9	-33.0	-151.7	-510.5	126.9	-33.7	219.7	-48.3
Other foreign assets	72.5	-124.4	-51.4	-43.0	30.7	-14.6	49.2	-11.0	18.9	-159.1	124.1	-20.0	-39.0	112.0	-9.9
Government	15.0	-0.1	-1.1	-0.8	-0.8	-7.6	-68.2	-3.1	-43.9	-48.0	-45.2	-61.3	-63.0	-13.3	11.2
Sinking funds-foreign/domestic debt*	6.7	-0.9	-1.1	-1.0	-1.9	-7.2	-67.9	-3.5	-43.4	-47.8	-45.5	-61.5	-63.2	-13.4	11.0
Other	8.3	0.8	0.0	0.2	1.1	-0.4	-0.3	0.4	-0.5	-0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Other Foreign Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-27.6	-2.8	-3.4	2.6	-14.1	2.6	0.3	-4.5	-0.5
Total Monetary authorities	81.6	-160.5	-42.0	-118.3	-49.9	-122.2	-18.0	11.0	-73.9	-356.0	-445.4	47.7	-136.9	312.9	-48.7
Commercial banks (net)	0.2	3.2	-3.6	-49.1	26.1	-39.8	-25.7	63.3	-37.2	-45.6	-7.8	-224.9	-238.9	27.6	184.3
Total International Reserves (CBB basis)	81.8	-157.3	-45.6	-167.4	-23.8	-162.0	-43.7	74.3	-111.1	-401.6	-453.2	-177.2	-375.8	340.5	135.6
Net International Reserves (IMF basis)	80.3	-58.7	-42.0	-118.1	-82.8	-173.2	-36.1	11.0	-73.9	-356.0	-445.4	47.7	-136.9	312.9	-48.7
Official financing transactions															
(+increase/-decrease)															
Use of IMF credit	1.3	-101.8	0.0	-0.2	32.9	51.0	18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Borrowing from other monetary authorities	0.0	0.0	3.4	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Borrowing from other financial institutions	-24.0	-19.0	0.4	-1.0	16.9	13.4	13.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total official financing transactions	-22.7	-120.8	3.8	10.1	49.8	64.4	31.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Memoranda items															
Valuation change (-decline)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

TABLE 16

FOREIGN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE MONETARY SECTOR AT YEAR-END
(BDS\$ MILLION)

	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
International Reserves															
Central Bank	25.9	186.2	227.2	344.5	393.7	508.3	430.5	413.6	440.2	750.8	1,136.9	1,030.5	1,104.7	774.0	833.4
SDRs	1.3	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.2
Reserve tranche subscription to IMF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.6	12.4	12.0	12.4	14.0	15.1	16.1
Monetary Gold	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Foreign exchange holdings	24.5	185.9	227.0	344.5	393.6	508.2	430.4	413.5	427.6	738.4	1,124.8	1,017.9	1,090.6	759.0	817.2
Foreign securities	13.7	50.7	40.4	114.9	194.7	294.7	266.1	238.2	271.2	422.9	933.4	806.5	840.2	620.5	668.8
Other foreign assets	10.8	135.2	186.6	229.6	198.9	213.5	164.3	175.3	156.4	315.5	191.4	211.4	250.4	138.4	148.4
Government	13.1	13.2	14.3	15.1	15.9	23.5	91.7	94.8	138.7	186.7	231.9	293.2	356.2	369.5	358.3
Sinking funds-foreign/domestic debt*	10.9	11.8	12.9	13.9	15.8	23.0	90.9	94.4	137.8	185.6	231.1	292.6	355.8	369.2	358.2
Other	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.8	0.4	0.9	1.1	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.1
Other Foreign Securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	27.6	30.4	33.8	31.2	45.3	42.7	42.4	46.9	47.4
Total monetary authorities	39.0	199.4	241.5	359.6	409.6	531.8	549.8	538.8	612.7	968.7	1,414.1	1,366.4	1,503.3	1,190.4	1,239.2
Commercial banks (net)	3.8	0.6	4.2	53.3	27.2	67.0	92.7	29.4	66.6	112.2	120.0	344.9	583.8	556.2	371.9
Total International Reserves (CBB basis)	42.8	200.0	245.7	412.9	436.8	598.8	642.5	588.2	679.4	1,081.0	1,534.1	1,711.3	2,087.1	1,746.6	1,611.1
Net International Reserves (IMF basis)**	39.0	97.6	139.7	257.6	340.5	513.7	549.8	538.8	612.8	968.8	1,414.1	1,366.4	1,503.3	1,190.4	1,239.2
Non-reserve Assets															
Bonds of international lending agencies	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other issues held by Central Bank	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Sinking fundings for foreign debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	14.0	25.2	42.0	58.9	81.7	126.8	113.2	93.1
Bonds held by statutory corporations	0.9	0.9	0.5	3.7	4.5	6.5	22.1	62.4	74.0	97.5	120.5	120.0	114.4	173.7	172.0
Total non-reserve assets	0.9	0.9	0.5	4.0	4.8	6.5	22.1	76.4	99.2	139.5	179.4	201.7	241.2	286.9	265.1
Total foreign assets	43.7	200.9	246.2	416.9	441.6	605.3	664.6	644.6	778.6	1,220.5	1,713.5	1,913.0	2,328.3	2,033.5	1,876.2
Official Financing Liabilities															
Use of IMF credit	0.0	101.8	101.8	102.0	69.1	18.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Borrowing from other monetary authorities	14.7	14.7	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Borrowing from other financial institutions	24.0	43.0	42.6	43.6	26.7	13.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total official financing liabilities	38.7	159.5	155.6	145.6	95.8	31.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Memoranda items															
Monetary Gold: Troy ounces	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Market value	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchase Price(Bds\$000)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

* See note on page 41

** Total Monetary Authorities less Use of Fund Credit

NOTES AND DEFINITIONS

General

The object of the balance of payments accounts is to identify and record transactions between the residents of Barbados and non-residents to provide information suitable for analysing economic relations between Barbados and the rest of the world. The accounts are intended to record three basic types of transactions:

- a) flows of goods, services and income;
- b) changes in foreign financial assets and liabilities that arise from transactions (as opposed to valuation changes); and
- c) current and capital transfer payments, which are the counterpart of real resources or financial claims provided to, or received from the rest of the world without any quid pro quo.

The transactions are in principle recorded when the ownership of goods or assets changes and when services are rendered.

Accounting Conventions

The balance of payments accounts have been compiled according to principles outlined in the *Balance of Payments Manual (5th Edition)* published by the IMF (See Preface). The double-entry system of accounting is used and in this sense the balance of payments will always balance as the sum of the credit (or positive) entries must be equal to that of the debit (or negative) entries. Credit entries are recorded for outflows of goods, services and inflows of income and financial items (i.e decreases in assets or increases in liabilities); conversely debit entries are made for inflows of goods, services, and outflows of income and financial items.

In concept every balance of payment transaction involves both a debit and credit entry. The two offsetting entries are not made explicitly but are included as a result of the methods used in estimating the balance of payments. However, the sources of estimation are not complete or precisely accurate; one entry in respect of a particular transaction may elude the records, the two entries may not match in their timing, and they may be recorded at different rates of exchange. In order to bring the total of the credit and debit entries to zero, a balancing item, Errors and Omissions, is included to off-set the discrepancies in the other items of the account.

The balance of payments transactions are divided into the following main groups:

- a) current account transactions which cover imports and exports of goods and services, income and current transfers;
- b) the capital account which covers capital transfers and the acquisition/disposal of non-produced non-financial assets;
- c) the financial account transactions which cover public and private sector long-term and short-term investment capital transactions; and
- d) official financing which covers changes in the reserves, net borrowing from the IMF, net transactions with overseas monetary institutions and other Government borrowing for balance of payments support.

The balance on current account shows whether or not earnings from income and earnings from the outflow of goods, services, and the receipts of current transfers from abroad exceed payments of income and payments for the inflow of goods, services, and current transfers to non-residents.

The overall measure of balance of payments performance is the balance for official financing. This balance, which is the sum of the change in the international reserves and other official financing transactions (with the sign reversed), is obtained from official records. (The balance for official financing is also equal to the current account balance plus the capital and financial account balance and errors and omissions). Official financing transactions are undertaken in response to the autonomous transactions.¹ In the absence of borrowing for balance of payments support official financing is equal to the movement in the international reserves.

Residence

Residence in the compiling country is determined by the relationship of individuals and institutions to the territory of the economy. The territory of an economy includes territorial seas and any international waters beyond the territorial sea over which the economy has or claims to have exclusive jurisdiction. On this definition the territory of the economy of Barbados includes the land mass and territorial waters twelve miles from the shore. (The territorial waters extended for three miles until 1977 when the Barbados Territorial Waters Act, 1977-26 extended the limit to 12 miles.)²

¹The autonomous transactions are the current account and investment and other capital account transactions.

²A 200-mile Exclusive Economic Zone was established in 1978 by the Marine Boundaries and Jurisdiction Act, 1978-3.

Individuals resident in Barbados are defined in accordance with the concept of residence generally accepted in the compilation of the balance of payments accounts and in national income accounting³. Residents include all persons living within the territorial boundaries except the following:

- a) foreign investors (tourists), persons in the country for less than one year, specifically for recreation or holiday, medical care, religious observance, family affairs, participating in international sporting events, conferences and other meetings, and study tours or other student programmes;
- b) crew members of foreign vessels or aircraft docked or on lay-over here;
- c) foreign commercial (business) travellers who are to be in the country for less than one year, and foreigners who are the employees of non-resident enterprises and who have come here for less than one year for such purposes as installing machinery and equipment purchased from their employers;
- d) seasonal workers, persons who are, or will be in Barbados explicitly for purposes of seasonal employment only;
- e) official diplomatic and consular representatives and members of the armed forces of a foreign country who stationed here; and
- f) employees of international bodies who are not citizens of Barbados but are here on a mission of less than one year in duration;

The resident institutions⁴ are:

- a) the Government, including governmental agencies operating abroad such as embassies and their consular and diplomatic staff, the overseas offices of statutory corporations (including their home-based staff)⁵ and

³*U.N.: A system of National Income Accounts*, New York, 1968, No. E. 69: XVII, 3, paragraphs 5.115 - 5.117.

⁴*IMF: Balance of Payments Manual*, Washington, D.C., 5th Edition, paragraphs 73 through 89.

⁵"Home-based staff" refers to Barbadian staff not normally resident overseas.

- b) all business enterprises and non-profit organisations located here except branches of foreign insurance or airline and shipping companies.

Agencies of business enterprises are regarded as residents of the countries in which the agents operate. However, transactions between residents and foreign business enterprises completed through their agencies in Barbados are resident-foreigner transactions, which qualify for inclusion in the balance of payments.

Branches of airline or shipping companies operating in Barbados are treated as agencies. These branches act as intermediaries between their head offices, which provide the services, and residents. The branches provide services for their head offices and receive a payment equal to their operating expenses. This is treated similarly to commissions paid to an agency by its foreign principal.

It should be noted that for exchange control purposes residents are defined in Exchange Control Circular No. 10 as:

- a) Barbadian nationals residing in Barbados or temporarily working abroad;
- b) other nationals who have continuously resided in Barbados for at least three years; and
- c) a firm or company incorporated or registered and operating in Barbados.

Exchange Rates

The value of the Barbados dollar was fixed in sterling at the rate of 1 to BDS\$4.80 until July 5, 1975, when it was linked to the U.S. dollar at the rate of US\$1 to BDS\$2. No adjustments were made for exchange rate changes except in 1975 when a 9.7% revaluation accompanied the switch from sterling to the U.S. dollar. Where data on transactions are available in currencies other than Barbados dollars, the figures are converted at the rates prevailing when the transactions occurred. Similarly, if outstanding balances are given in foreign currencies, these are converted into Barbados dollars at the rate prevailing at the end of the reporting period. This accounts for part of the difference in the international reserves in Table 15 of this publication and in the table International Reserves in the *Economic and Financial Statistics*.

Summary Tables

The summary of the balance payments is presented in Table 1; the current account, capital and financial account and official financing are summarised in Tables 2 and 3 respectively. The summary is disaggregated and the items are described in the appropriate notes in Tables 4 through 16. In the summary tables it is only necessary to

define goods and non-factor services which appear on the current account. This entry is made up of goods and services minus wages to embassy officials, royalties and licence fees, and management fees. Wages are recorded in Table 5, and Royalties and Licence Fees and Management Fees are recorded in Table 9. Goods and non-factor services correspond to exports (X) and imports (M) in gross domestic product (GDP) which is stated as $Y = C + I + X - M$ where

Y is gross domestic product
C is private and public consumption, and
I is private and public investment

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Current Account

The current account of the balance of payments refers to all transactions between residents and non-residents in goods, services, income and current transfers.

Table 4 Merchandise Account

This table covers imports and exports of goods, goods for processing, repairs on goods, goods procured in ports by carriers and non-monetary gold. For balance of payments purposes, it is necessary to make certain valuation, classification, and coverage adjustments to the free on board value of goods leaving Barbados (exports f.o.b.) and to the market value of goods entering the country (imports c.i.f.).

The following items are excluded from the trade statistics:

- i) gold coin and bullion, issued coinage and issued bank notes;
- ii) goods on lease;
- iii) Commercial travellers' samples;
- iv) goods intransit; and
- v) imports and exports of less than \$6 in value.

Exports: Coverage adjustments are made for:

- (a) goods exported through the parcel post;
- (b) the sale of notes, coins and stamps as collectors' items;
- (c) stocks of goods held overseas by residents.

Items (a) and (b) are added in the *Overseas Trade Report* while item (c) is deducted.

Goods for processing cover exports (or imports, in Barbados) of goods crossing the frontier for processing abroad and subsequent re-import (or export, in Barbados) of the goods, which are valued on a gross basis before and after processing. This item is an exception to the change of ownership principle. The entry is obtained from direct enquiry.

Repairs on goods cover repair activity on goods provided to or received from non residents on ships, aircraft, etc. Although the physical movement of these goods is similar to that described above, the repairs are valued at the prices (fees paid or received) of the repairs and not at the gross values of the goods before and after repairs are made. The entries are obtained from direct enquiry.

Goods procured in ports by carriers (formerly stores and bunkers) was originally included in the Transportation table under the Fourth Edition of the IMF Manual. The credit entry is obtained from the Barbados Statistical Department. It includes receipts from foreign ships and aircraft for fuels, provisions and stores.

Non-monetary gold covers exports and imports of all gold that is not held as a reserve asset (monetary gold by the Central Banks).

Estimates of the sale of stamps as collectors' items are provided by the Post Office while the Bank provides data on similar sales of notes and coins. Adjustments for currency have been made from 1973 when the currency of Barbados replaced the issue of the East Caribbean Currency Authority (ECCA) as legal tender in the country. Estimates of stocks held overseas are obtained by direct enquiry.

Until 1972, a valuation adjustment was made to exports as a result of special payments for sugar, known as sugar certificates, received from the United Kingdom. Data on these payments were supplied by the Ministry of Agriculture. In 1973 and 1974 when sugar was marketed under a new Commonwealth Sugar Agreement (CSA), the system of preferences was discontinued. In 1975 after the CSA was replaced by the marketing arrangements under the Convention of Lomé, a valuation adjustment was necessary to include the monetary compensation accounts (MCAs) paid by the European Economic Community (EEC) to the exporters. This valuation adjustment is provided by the Barbados Sugar Industry Ltd.

Imports: Coverage adjustments to imports are made for:

- a) unissued currency notes, coins and stamps;
- b) outstanding balances on consignment imports; and
- c) other adjustments which include ships and aircraft purchased by residents.

Item (a) is added to imports, item (b) is deducted and item (c) may either be added or deducted.

The value of ships and aircraft purchased is obtained by direct enquiry. The Bank supplies the data on the cost of minting and printing currency and the Post Office supplies data on stamps and imports. Prior to 1973 no adjustment was made for currency notes and coins because imports were made by ECCA, a non-resident organisation.

Classification

Imports are now recorded in the balance of payments exclusive of freight and insurance. According to the Fifth Edition of the IMF Manual, freight transportation is now recorded under Table 6 (Transportation) while freight insurance is recorded under Table 9 (Other Services).

Table 5: Government n.i.e. (not included elsewhere)

This item consists of transactions in services that are not appropriate to the other items in the accounts between:

- a) the Government of Barbados, including its employees stationed abroad, and non-residents including international organisations; and
- b) residents of Barbados and the agencies of foreign governments (including their staff stationed here) and international organisations.

The Government of Barbados includes the Barbados Investment & Development Corporation (formerly Barbados Industrial Development Corporation) and the Barbados Tourism Authority (formerly the Barbados Board of Tourism), both of which have overseas offices, the Central Bank of Barbados as well as other statutory bodies. The estimates of the entries in this table are based on data supplied by embassies and other agencies of foreign governments and international organisations located in Barbados and by the Ministry of Finance.

Wage payments to local staff. The credit entry covers wages paid to residents by embassies, consulates or other agents of foreign governments and international organisations. (Note that the staff of international organisations are residents of the country in which they are stationed for a period of one year or more). The debit entry represents the wages and salaries paid to non-residents employed by embassies or consulates and statutory corporations of the Government of Barbados.

Services under aid programme: The credit entry covers donation of services aid by the Government of Barbados. The debit entry covers services donated without charge to the Government of Barbados; an offsetting entry is included in Table 10 Government Transfer Payments.

Diplomatic personal expenditure: The credit covers the expenditure on goods and services by foreign government personnel stationed in Barbados while the debit covers the expenditure of Government of Barbados diplomatic and other "home-based" staff stationed abroad.

Real estate rentals: The credit covers receipts by residents for the rental of office accommodation and residences to agencies of foreign governments or international organisations. The debit records payments by the Government of Barbados to non-residents for office accommodation and residences for diplomatic and consular staff stationed abroad.

Other: The credit covers the local operating expenses of international organisations or agencies of foreign governments in Barbados and the debit covers similar expenses incurred abroad by institutions of the Government of Barbados.

Table 6: Transportation

This table covers most of the transportation services, including freight transportation, by sea, air and any other mode. It now excludes goods procured in ports by carriers (formerly stores and bunkers).

Passenger Services: The debit item covers payments by residents of Barbados to foreign carriers for the transport of persons by sea, air or other forms of transport while the credit entry covers receipts by domestic carriers for similar services. The fares were supplied by airlines and shipping companies.

Freight: The debit item covers payment by residents of Barbados to foreign carriers for the transport of goods either by sea, air or other form of transport. This is estimated to be 10% of imports (c.i.f.). The credit entry covers receipts by domestic carriers for similar services. This is estimated from direct enquiry.

Other: This includes harbour dues, landing fees, pilotage, stevedoring, tug services etc. provided to or by the port or the airport.

Table 7: Travel

This table covers personal or business expenditure of all visitors to Barbados and Barbadians going abroad except those persons included in Government n.i.e (Table 5). The entries in this table are based on the estimates of the Ministry of Labour, the Barbados Statistical Service, data from the Exchange Control Department of the Bank as well as from direct enquiry.

Business

Expenditure by Seasonal and Border Workers: The credit item is made up of the income received by residents employed in the US and Canadian farm workers' schemes. The debit item comprises expenditure incurred by resident seasonal workers overseas. This item is estimated from information provided by the Labour Department.

Other: The credit item is made up of income received from visitors who arrive in Barbados for conferences, religious observances etc. and also from foreign crewmen. The debit item comprises expenditure by residents abroad for similar reasons. This information is obtained by direct entry and exchange control data.

Personal

This item covers the expenditure in Barbados of foreign visitors seeking medical care and pursuing study, those remaining in the island at least one night but not more than one year for holiday (long-stay tourists), as well as those visitors who spend less than twenty four hours in Barbados (excursionists), those visiting in connection with family matters, sports etc. Visitors, not included in the health and education categories are placed under Other. The debit entry covers similar expenditure by residents abroad.

Health and education related expenditures are obtained from direct enquiry. In the case of long stay tourists, the credit items are provided by the Barbados Statistical Service while the debits are estimated on the basis of exchange control records. The item excursionists, which only occurs on the credit side, covers the expenditure of cruise-ship passengers. The estimate, provided by the Barbados Statistical Service, is made by multiplying the number of cruise ship passengers by an average expenditure per head based on general observation.

Table 8: Income

This table covers the following:

Compensation of Employees: The credit entry is made up of income of Barbadian seamen serving on foreign lines and expenditure of foreign crewmen. These earnings are obtained from direct enquiry. The debit entry is mainly the gross earnings of foreign crewmen, administrative staff and overseas branch workers employed by residents other than the Government of Barbados.

Investment Income: Investment income is divided into direct investment income, portfolio investment income and other investment income. (For definition of direct, portfolio and other investment, see page 36).

The entries in this table cover income accruing to residents from investments abroad (credit) and income accruing to non-residents from investments in Barbados (debit).

Direct Investment: This is broken down into Income on Equity and Income on Debt.

Income on Equity: On the credit side, Income on equity is made up earnings of foreign branches (net of losses), income and interest on dividends (from shareholdings of 10% or more) from subsidiaries abroad accruing to their Barbadian companies or other resident directors, undistributed corporate earnings, (that portion of corporate earnings and dividends not remitted to parent companies or other directors, with earnings recorded net of corporate income tax), and dividends and branch profits, that is, dividends paid to direct investors and the earnings of branches (net of losses) whether remitted or not to parent companies.

Dividends are recorded before tax while profits of branches are recorded after tax. Taxes on dividends paid by non-residents to the Government of Barbados are recorded under Government Transfer Payments while similar payments by residents to foreign Governments are included under Private Transfer Payments. The debit entries cover similar income accruing to non-residents from residents.

Income on Debt: The credit item includes interest on loans from branches and subsidiaries to their Barbadian parent companies, interest accruing to Government of Barbados from loans to non-resident institutions. The debit item covers similar interest from branches and subsidiaries in Barbados to their parent companies overseas and interest payable by Government of Barbados to overseas institutions.

Portfolio Investment

Income on Equity: The credit item includes dividends (from shareholdings of less than 10%) accruing to residents of Barbados while the debit item covers dividends of similar holdings accruing to non-residents.

Income on Debt: This item includes interest on bonds and notes and money market instruments and financial derivatives accruing to residents of Barbados (credit) and payable by residents of Barbados to non-residents (debit). Money market instruments are debt securities (e.g. treasury bills), the original maturity of which is one year or less. Financial derivatives are instruments, which are linked to specific financial instruments such as foreign currencies, government bonds, interest rates etc or to a particular commodity that may be purchased and sold at a later date. Direct enquiry is the source of this information.

Other Investment: This item covers interest receipts and payments on all other resident claims (assets) on and liabilities to non-residents respectively.

Information on investment income is obtained from direct enquiry, exchange control information and in the case of the Government, official records.

Table 9: Other Services

This table comprises the following:

Insurance Services: This item includes the provision of life insurance and pension funds to non-residents by resident insurance companies and vice versa (for example premiums paid to, claims made by and pensions paid to resident insurance companies by non resident insurance companies and vice versa). It also covers freight insurance, which was originally shown with visible trade, non-life insurance and services provided for reinsurance. Freight insurance on exports is obtained from direct enquiry, as is the case with the other components. However freight insurance on imports is estimated to be 1% of imports c.i.f.

Communications: The debit and the credit entries, which cover international settlements for the use of postal, telegraph, telephone and satellite services, are based on direct enquiry. Prior to 1976, this item was included in Miscellaneous.

Construction Services: These Services cover construction and installation project work, that is, on a temporary basis, performed abroad by resident enterprises or in Barbados by non-resident enterprises and their personnel. This information is obtained from direct enquiry.

Management Fees: This includes the share of branches in the head office expenses of parent companies as well as payment for services obtained under management contracts. Estimates are based on direct enquiry, the records of the Exchange Control Department and the commercial banks' quarterly returns on income and expenditure.

Financial Services: These are services, other than those related to insurance enterprises and pension funds, occurring between resident and non-resident personnel. Included are commissions and fees for letters of credit, lines of credit, consumer and business credit services, brokerage services, underwriting services, etc. Offshore companies' transactions are captured under this heading. The treatment of offshore companies departs from the recommendations of the 5th edition of the Balance of Payments manual. The manual now defines offshore activities as resident and therefore would exclude all of their transactions with Barbados. However, the foreign exchange inflows from these enterprises are important to the Balance of Payments and are included in the credit entry. This information is obtained from direct enquiry.

Computer and Information Services: These services cover transactions related to hardware consultancy, software implementation, information services (data processing, data base) and maintenance and repair of computers and related equipment. Services provided by non-resident personnel to residents are recorded as a credit while services provided by Barbadian personnel to non-residents are recorded as a debit. Direct enquiry is the source of this information.

Royalties: These cover the exchange of payments and receipts between residents and non-residents for the authorised use of patents, copyrights, trademarks, franchises etc and with the use through licensing arrangements of produced originals or manuscript and films. Estimates are made from direct enquiry.

Other Business Services

Merchanting and Other Trade Related Services: Merchanting is defined as the purchase of a good by a resident of Barbados from a non-resident and the subsequent resale of that good to another non-resident; during the process the goods do not enter or leave Barbados. The difference between the value of the goods when acquired and the value when sold is recorded as the value of merchanting services provided. This information is obtained from direct enquiry. The other item under the head is Agents' commissions. The credit entry covers the cost of services rendered by Barbadian agencies (including those branches which are treated as agencies) to their overseas principals; the debit entry covers the cost of services rendered to Barbadian residents by foreign agencies. The debit and credit entries are based on direct enquiry and the records of the Exchange Control Department.

Prior to 1976, commissions earned by importers and shipping and airline agents (or companies) were provided directly by the enterprise; commissions received by agents of foreign football pool companies were estimated by applying an average rate of 15% of the gross amount collected from Barbadians as pool bets; commissions on insurance were obtained through the Survey of Insurance Transactions. Commissions paid overseas, other than on insurance, were derived from the returns made by the commercial banks of the Ministry of Finance.

Operational Leasing: This covers rentals or operational leases (excluding financial leases) made by residents to non-residents and vice versa, of vessels, aircrafts, cars, or other commercial vehicles without crews for limited periods (such as a single voyage) for freight/passengers. Also included are the towing of oil platforms, floating cranes and dredges.

Miscellaneous Business, Professional and Technical Services: This covers transactions in legal and accounting services, advertising and market research, architectural, agricultural and engineering services, management consulting, mining and public relations between residents of Barbados and non-resident enterprises. The information is obtained by direct enquiry.

Personal, Cultural and Recreational Services: This covers transactions in (1) audio and related services and (2) other cultural and recreational services between residents and non-residents. The first category comprises services and associated fees for producing motion pictures (on film or video tape), radio and television programmes (live or on tape) and musical recordings. Included are receipts or payments for rentals; fees received by actors, fees for distribution rights (for television, radio etc). The second

category includes services offered by museums, libraries, archives etc. Also included are fees for the provision of correspondence courses rendered by teachers or doctors. This information is obtained by direct enquiry.

Miscellaneous: This item covers transactions not included in any of the above heads, and the estimates are based on direct inquiry.

Table 10: Government Transfer Payments

This table covers transfer payments between the Government of Barbados and all non-residents. Estimates of the entries in this table were made by direct enquiry and from data supplied by the Ministry of Finance.

Inter-governmental grants: The credit entry covers the counterparts of goods, services under aid programmes or cash received without a quid pro quo by the Government of Barbados from foreign governments or international organisations. The debit entry consists of gifts to foreign governments, as well as contributions to the administrative budget of international organisations and regional commercial enterprises.

Taxes: The credit entry includes withholding taxes on interest and dividends, taxes paid on behalf of their principles by branches and agencies of airline or shipping companies, taxes on pensions paid to non-residents, airport departure tax and fees such as for passports paid by non-residents. No data on tax refunds are available for the debit entry.

Pensions: This item is debit only. Some of these pensions are paid through the Crown Agents and the rest are paid locally on behalf of retired civil servants residing overseas. Pensions paid by the National Insurance Scheme are also included in this entry.

Other: This item covers all transfers made by the Government of Barbados to non-resident individuals and private institutions.

Table 11: Private Transfer Payments

From Foreign Governments: This entry (credit) is broken down into 'Pensions' and 'Other', both of which were estimated from direct enquiry and administrative records. Other transfers include gifts in cash or in kind to resident institutions and individuals.

To Foreign Governments: This entry (debit) covers taxes paid to foreign governments by residents. These taxes also include fees such as those paid for visas or passports, as well as tax deducted from dividends and interest.

Other Transfer Payments: These payments consist of (a) Institutional in cash and kind; and (b) Workers Remittances and (c) Other

- (a) ***Institutional in cash/kind:*** The credit entry covers cash gifts or goods and services (kind) received by resident non-profit organisations from non-residents institutions while the debit entry covers similar gifts to overseas non-profit organisations by resident institutions.

- (b) ***Workers Remittances:*** On the credit side these are funds sent to Barbados for the maintenance of children and other dependents. The opposite holds for debits. This information is obtained from the Ministry of Labour and Exchange Control Records.

- (c) ***Other:*** This includes all other transfers between residents and non-residents not recorded elsewhere in the table. On the credit side these are items to residents such as cash or kind and also includes gifts, dowries, inheritances, tickets sold and prizes won by lotteries. Estimates of the entries are based on the records of the Exchange Control Department and on the returns of the sale and purchase of postal orders by the Post Office.

Capital Account

The Capital Account covers capital transfers and the acquisition/disposal of intangible assets which are non-produced and non-financial. A capital transfer consists of the following:

- (a) the transfer of ownership of a fixed asset when no counterpart is received in return;
- (b) the forgiveness of a liability by a creditor when no counterpart is received in return; or
- (c) a transfer of cash when it is linked to, or conditional upon the acquisition or disposal of a fixed asset.

Capital transfers are broken down into debt forgiveness and migrant transfers.

Debt Forgiveness: When a creditor in one economy formally agrees (via a contractual agreement) to forgive (extinguish) all, or part, of the obligations of the debtor to that creditor, the amount forgiven is treated as a capital transfer from the creditor to the debtor. The information is obtained from official records.

Migrant Transfers: In the strictest sense these transfers are not transactions between two parties but contra-entries to flows of goods and changes in financial items that arise from the migration of individuals from one economy to another.

Acquisition/Disposal of Non-Produced Non Financial Assets: This relates to tangible assets (such as land, as long as the transaction is conducted by an embassy) and intangible assets (such as patents, copyrights, trademarks, franchises etc) that may be needed for the production of goods and services but which themselves have not been produced. Non-financial assets are assets, which are not claims to receive income or value from others (as in the case with money, bonds, equity).

Financial Account

The financial account records changes in legal ownership of the economy's foreign assets and liabilities, including foreign exchange reserves. As noted earlier (page 20) an increase in liabilities or a fall in assets is recorded with a positive sign while a decrease in liabilities or an increase in assets is recorded with a negative sign.

Classification

The financial account covers direct investment, portfolio investment (broken down into equity securities and debt securities) and other investment.

Direct investment capital: The direct investor seeks to have an effective voice in the management of an enterprise located in a foreign economy. To achieve this, the investor provides a substantial part of the equity capital and may also supply other capital to further the operations of the enterprise. There is no precise definition of what constitutes 'an effective voice' in the management of an enterprise except in the case of a branch or subsidiary. However, in addition to branches and subsidiaries, ownership of 10% or more of the voting stock of an enterprise is considered as direct investment.

Portfolio investment capital: Portfolio investment is usually in the form of long-term corporate bonds or debentures, which provide the holder with a guaranteed income. Unlike direct investment, portfolio investment does not confer on the holders an 'effective voice' in management of an enterprise. Portfolio investment in these accounts also includes holdings of less than 10% of the voting stock of an enterprise.

Equity securities cover all instruments and records acknowledging claims to the residual values of incorporated enterprises. Debt securities cover (1) bonds, debentures, notes etc; and (2) money market instruments. Financial derivatives are utilized for hedging of risks, investment and trading purposes.

Other Investment capital: This category includes transactions not covered under direct investment, portfolio investment or international reserves. It is broken down into Trade credits, loans and deposits in banks.

Table 12: Government Foreign Financial Account Transactions

This table shows changes in the foreign financial assets and liabilities of the Government as well as all government-owned bodies. The basic data were derived from the records of the Accountant General, the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank. When necessary, the figures have been adjusted to an appropriate calendar year basis.

Investment in regional enterprises: This item includes the Government's contribution to the equity capital of regional enterprises.

Capital subscriptions: This item, which only appears as an asset, covers subscriptions to the ordinary and special funds of regional and international lending institutions. These institutions are the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Caribbean Development Bank and the Caribbean Investment Corporation.

Long-term securities: On the assets side there are investments of sinking funds against foreign debt and securities held by the National Insurance Board and the Natural Gas Corporation. These investments are usually made in bonds issued or guaranteed by foreign governments. On the liabilities side, long-term securities include promissory notes of the Government of Barbados as well debentures held by such institutions. Securities are decomposed into equity securities and debt securities, which are defined on page 36.

Long-term loans: This item refers to project finance and borrowings other than for balance of payments support. The assets are loans to foreign governments and other non-residents while the liabilities are loans to the Government of Barbados by foreign governments or governmental agencies such as the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC), international lending institutions and overseas commercial banks.

Suppliers' credit: This item refers to credit extended to the Government by suppliers of goods and services. These credits are extended for a period of over one year and are therefore included in long-term capital.

Capital transfers: See note on page 35.

Due from/to other governments: Assets result from settlements made by the Government on behalf of other Caribbean governments; conversely liabilities result when foreign governments make settlements on behalf of the Government of Barbados. Such settlements are usually contributions to inter-regional organisations.

Other: The assets are amounts due from regional organisations.

Table 13: Private Foreign Financial Account Transactions

This is the sum of Direct investment, Portfolio investment and Other investment for both assets and liabilities.

Direct investment (see page 36)

This item is broken down into:

- (a) Investment in branches/subsidiaries
- (b) Undistributed corporate earnings; and
- (c) Other.

- (a) **Investment in branches/subsidiaries:** A branch is an enterprise situated in another location (overseas for balance of payments), other than the main (parent) body and is not a separate legal entity. A subsidiary is a corporate legal entity in which another company owns the majority (sometimes all) of the ordinary shares. The assets are the investments of residents in branches and subsidiaries overseas while the liabilities are investments of non-residents in branches and subsidiaries located in Barbados (excluding those branch enterprises which are defined as non-resident).
- (b) **Undistributed corporate earnings:** The entry in the assets is the contra-entry for the credit in Table 8 while on the liabilities it is the contra-entry for the debit (see page 30).
- (c) **Other:** This item includes loans by the parent company to overseas branches or subsidiaries and other investment in enterprises in which the investor holds 10% or more of the ordinary share capital.

Portfolio investment (see page 36): These consist of:

- (a) Equity securities; and
 - (b) Debt securities
- (a) **Equity securities:** See note on page 36.
 - (b) **Debt securities:** See note on page 36.

Other investment: This comprises trade credits, long-term loans and financial items not mentioned previously. Trade credits refer to long-term credit extended to residents by non-residents and visa versa. Long-term loans include loans from non-residents but exclude loans by parent companies (excluding banks) to overseas branches or subsidiaries. After the initial capital by commercial banks to their respective branches, (which would fall under direct investment) all other loans to these branches by their parent companies are captured under this heading.

Short-term investment: This item is broken down into:

- (a) Trade credits;
 - (b) Deposits in overseas banks; and
 - (c) Other.
- (a) **Trade credits:** The assets refer to short-term credit by residents for goods while the liability refers to similar credit by non-residents.
 - (b) **Deposits in overseas bank:** This covers the balance net of overdrafts in overseas banks.

- (c) **Other:** This item refers to balances due by non-residents to residents (assets) and by residents to non-residents (liabilities). These balances appear as accounts receivable (assets) and accounts payable (liabilities) in the books of residents.

Table 14: Foreign Assets and Liabilities of Commercial Banks

This table covers the changes in the foreign assets and liabilities of commercial banks operating in Barbados. The data are derived from Banking Schedule 4: Statement of External Assets and Liabilities submitted monthly by the commercial banks to the Central Bank and published in *Economic and Financial Statistics*. All commercial banks' foreign assets and liabilities except loans and deposits of non-residents and long-term external borrowings for on-lending to Government or the private sector, are included in the international reserves.

Due to / from abroad: (a) Banks: The assets are deposits, loans, credit instruments or other claims on the head office or overseas branches on the Barbados branch. Transactions with banks other than head office or overseas branches are also included in this entry. (b) Non-Bank financial institutions: The assets are balances due from trust companies, insurance, investment finance and mortgage finance companies or other non-bank financial intermediaries. The liability refers to loans by such institutions to local commercial banks.

Equity securities: See note on page 36.

Debt securities: See note on page 36.

Foreign currency: This item refers to holdings of all currencies other than Barbados dollars.

Loans to / deposits of non-residents: These loans and deposits are due in foreign currency.

Other: This includes items in the course of collection.

Reserve and non-reserve items: Under assets, reserve items are total assets less loans to non-residents. Loans to non-residents is the non-reserve item. Under liabilities, reserve items represent short-term liabilities. Short-term liabilities can be found under Table B3 in the Bank's Economic and Financial Statistics. Non-reserve items, are the difference between total liabilities and reserve items, that is, a residual term.

Table 15: International Reserves and Official Financing Liabilities

The international reserves are foreign assets available to the authorities for financing or regulating a payments imbalance. The reserves consist of the Central Bank's foreign exchange holdings, monetary gold, special drawing rights (SDRs) in the IMF, reserve position in the IMF and existing claims on non-residents. The change in the holdings of such items reflects the responses to the aggregate deficit or surplus accruing as a result of autonomous transactions. Changes may also reflect action taken by the authorities in the foreign exchange market to influence the exchange rate. However, since the Barbados dollar is not traded in international money markets, the authorities do not use foreign reserves to influence the exchange rate.

In addition to those held by the monetary authorities, i.e., the Government and the Central Bank, the net foreign assets (or liabilities) of the commercial banks are also treated as part of the international reserves. The foreign assets of the commercial banks are deemed to be under the effective control of monetary authorities through the exchange control regulations and are therefore available for balance of payments purposes.

Special drawing rights (SDRs): The special drawing rights were created by amendment of the IMF's Articles of Agreement to establish the Special Drawing Account. This amendment became effective on July 28, 1969. Under the amended Articles the Fund was authorised to allocate to participants in the Special Drawing Account a new form of international reserve asset - special drawing rights (SDR's). On joining the IMF in 1970, Barbados was allocated SDR 2.8 million, half of this allocation was received in 1971 and the remainder in 1972. A further allocation of SDR 1.768 million was received in 1979. At the end of 1980, when quotas were increased by one half, one quarter of the increase (SDR 2.125 million) was subscribed in SDRs.

Reserve tranche subscription to IMF: As a consequence of the second amendment of the Articles of Agreement of the IMF (April 1978) the gold tranche, which is that 25% of a member's quota in the IMF subscribed in gold or in convertible currencies, was re-named the reserve tranche. Subscriptions can now be made in the national currency, in SDRs or in the currency of other members as determined by the Fund.

Barbados was given a quota of SDR 13.0 million on becoming a member of the IMF in 1970. At that time only 15.4% of the Quota (SDR 2.0 million) was subscribed in convertible currencies, consequently the Fund's holdings of Barbados dollars were 84.6% of quotas. As a result of the build-up of foreign reserves in 1975, Government was required, under Article V of the IMF Agreement, to repurchase the Fund's holdings of Barbados dollars in excess of 75% of quota. This obligation was discharged in November and the reserve tranche in the IMF rose by SDR 1.237 million (BDS\$3.1 million). The quota was increased to SDR 17.0 million in 1978 and government opted to make the reserve tranche contribution in local currency.

Monetary Gold: As a result of the second amendment of the Article of Agreement, the Fund agreed to sell ('restitute') 25 million ounces of fine gold to those countries that were members at August 31, 1975 and agreed to buy it, in proportion to their quotas on that date. Barbados purchased 11,124 fine ounces valued at \$0.943 million as part of the gold restitution plan. Early in 1990 the Bank sold all of its gold holdings.

Foreign securities: Foreign securities held by the Central Bank (ECCA prior to 1973) are treasury bills and other money market instruments of foreign governments or international lending institutions. These securities are usually short-term; however, because they are readily marketable, original contractual maturity does not impose a constraint on availability of long-term investments to meet a balance of payments need. Securities issued by international lending institutions especially for the account of central monetary authorities are excluded from the foreign reserves. These securities usually have an original maturity of over one year and are not readily marketable.

Other: This item includes foreign notes and coins, working balances with other central banks, balances with the Caricom Multilateral Clearing Facility (CMCF) which replaced the balances with regional central banks and monetary authorities in June 1977, and deposits with other financial institutions.

Sinking funds against domestic and foreign debt: These funds, invested overseas for the redemption of domestic debt, are available for balance of payments purposes since the redemption of domestic debt does not require the use of foreign exchange. As in the case of sinking funds for foreign debt, the sinking funds for domestic debt are invested in the money market securities issued or guaranteed by foreign governments. Prior to 1997, only sinking funds against domestic debt were considered part of Government's international reserves. Since then, these reserves also include sinking funds against foreign debt.

Other: The other foreign reserve assets of the Government include balances in the General Account, the foreign investments of the public sector and miscellaneous funds.

Other Foreign Securities: These are funds managed by the Central Bank but not included in Central Bank's foreign assets. (Industrial Credit Fund and Staff Pension Scheme).

Commercial Banks: See note on foreign assets and liabilities of commercial banks on page 39.

Net International Reserves: These are the foreign assets of the monetary authorities (the Central Bank and Government) less any credit from the I.M.F.

Official financial transactions: These are transactions, which the monetary authorities (the Central Bank and the Government) undertake to meet the need to manage a deficit (or surplus) arising from the autonomous transactions, i.e. the current and capital account (excluding reserves) of the balance of payments. They include the

use of the Fund's credit facilities, as well as borrowing from other Central Banks and Commercial banks.

Use of Fund's resources: In 1977 Barbados made a drawing of \$15.135 million from the Fund under a facility for the compensatory financing of export fluctuations. Repayment was completed in 1981. In 1982, a Standby Arrangement and compensatory financing totalling \$100 million were negotiated with the Fund. Repayment, which started in January 1986, was completed during 1991. In the fourth quarter of 1991, Government negotiated an 18-month Standby Arrangement for an amount equivalent to SDR 23.9 million. In addition, the Government drew SDR 22.2 million under the Fund's Compensatory and Contingency Financing Facility to compensate for a shortfall in earnings in the tourism sector. The repayment was completed during 1997.

Other monetary authorities: In 1977 a loan of \$20 million was provided to the Central Bank of Barbados by the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago for balance of payments support. A repayment of \$4 million was made in both 1979 and 1980. During 1990 the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago provided a further \$11.3 million. This was repaid in full during 1994.

Table 16: Foreign Assets and Liabilities of the Monetary Sector at year end:

This table records the balances outstanding at December 31 in each year (as opposed to the changes which are recorded in Table 15).

International Reserves: see page 40.

Non-reserve Assets: These are foreign assets held by the Central Bank and Government which are not readily available for balance of payments purposes. They include 'Sinking funds for foreign debt' and other liquid securities.

Official financing liabilities: These are claims on the monetary authorities (the Central Bank and the Government) that arise from official financing transactions. The official financing liabilities may be classified as reserve liabilities if they form part of the reserves of the creditor. This is always the case with the use of the resources of the IMF. The official liabilities are transactions with the fund and with other monetary authorities.

Memoranda Items: The market valuation of gold is based on the closing price for the last working day of the year on the London Market.

Reliability of the Estimates

The balance of payments accounts are compiled from a large number of sources and the degree of accuracy varies considerably between sources.

Visible Trade

The data on visible trade are among the most reliable in the balance of payments; however, errors and omissions may arise from two sources:

- (a) incomplete recordings; and
- (b) differences in exchange rates.

Errors and omissions arising from incomplete recordings are not considered significant since adjustments are made for the main items not recorded.

Discrepancies due to exchange rate movements arise because the rates at which invoices for imports are converted into Barbados dollars by customs may differ from that at which settlement is made. 'Customs rates' for the U.S dollar, CARICOM currencies, the Canadian dollar and the Pound Sterling are published in the *Official Gazette* while rates for other currencies are obtained as needed. The published rates, used for the calculation of custom duties, are adjusted from time to time to reflect market changes in the exchange rates.

Invisibles

Figures for government transactions are based on official records and are considered reliable; errors are only likely to arise from minor timing discrepancies due to differences in the accounting period.

The other invisible items are obtained from a variety of sources, which are subject to varying degrees of error. In most cases the debit entries are more reliably estimated than the credit entries. Debit entries for invisibles based on exchange control records are subject to errors due to timing and to the different definition of residents; entries based on direct enquiry are also subject to timing discrepancies.

While exchange control records and direct enquiry provide adequate coverage for the debit entries, there is more dependence on indirect methods of estimation for the credits. These are therefore subject to a greater degree of error. Since 1976 the Exchange Control Department has been operating a system under which commercial banks are required to submit bi-monthly returns of all foreign exchange sales and purchases. The data provided in these reports have improved the accuracy of both the debit and credit entries on the invisibles in the balance of payments.

Capital and Financial Account

Capital transfers data are obtained from official records in the case of general government and from direct enquiry otherwise. Direct enquiry is also the method used to obtain information on the acquisition/disposal of non-produced non-financial assets.

In the case of the financial account, public sector transactions are obtained from official records. As in the case with government services and transfers, minor errors may arise from timing discrepancies; such errors, however, are more likely to occur in the short-term transactions.

Private sector transactions are based on direct enquiry and the principal factors affecting the estimates are: coverage of the sector, response rate, valuation changes and differences in accounting periods. In order to improve the coverage of the sector the use of exchange control data on capital flows has been introduced.

Official financing and international reserves

These figures are based on official records and are precise.

Errors and Omissions

This item is the net total of the discrepancies that arise throughout the accounts. Positive net errors and omissions suggest that the debit entries have been over-estimated or the credits have been under-estimated.

Analysis of the Balance of Payments Survey

The Bank conducted its annual survey of establishments as the basis for the 2004 balance of payments accounts. Details of the survey for 2004 as well as the response rate for some previous surveys are summarised in the table below:

Summary of Balance of Payments Survey

Category	2005			Response Rate				
	No. Mailed	No. Returned	No. Completed	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Manufacturing	148	84	84	61.8	46.4	62.2	53.1	56.8
Wholesale & Retail Trade	217	153	153	55.9	60	64.4	56.4	70.5
Insurance Companies	21	20	20	60	28.6	37.5	73.3	95.2
Selected Services	83	47	47	49.6	74.2	63.6	67.6	56.6
All Other	256	189	189	76.5	61.7	70.7	71.4	73.8
Total	725	493	493	61.4	58.7	65.2	63.3	68.0