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## OVERVIEW

In March of 2007 the Jamaican dollar lost 40 cents to its US counterpart resulting in a total depreciation of 65 cents JMD since the start of the year.

In March 2007 the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.5%. The resulting CPI for the fiscal year 2006/07 was 6.6% (see Inflation Chart in Appendix). Inflation for the first quarter of 2007 was 0.97% and compared less than favourably to the 0.14% reported for the corresponding period of 2006. The more than favourable first quarter trend for last year was due largely to downward adjustments in agriculture prices following adverse weather conditions in 2005.

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\*\* No changes since last report

All categories under Food and Drink except for Starchy foods and Vegetables & Fruits had price increases. Yellow yams, green bananas and plantains all reported price declines within the KMA. In this region, there were also price declines for 'Vegetables and Fruits' items such as tomatoes, pumpkins, ripe-bananas, calaloo, oranges and more.

'Housing & Other Housing Expenses', had a noticeable effect on the reported inflation for March. This was due to higher prices for 6000-gals water and 200-kwh electricity consumption within all areas. There were also higher rates for dry-cleaning services within the KMA. 'Health Care and Personal Expenses' saw higher Dentists and Doctors fees in Other towns and Rural Areas.

The Net International Reserve (NIR) increased by US\$143.8M in March to close at US\$2,329.4M. Total NIR was sufficient to accommodate 27.1 weeks of goods importation.

Stopovers for the month of March declined by 1.7% when compared to the corresponding month of 2006. Stopover arrivals, however, exceeded that of March 2005 by 6.1%. Cruise arrivals for March 2007 declined by 6.0% when compared to arrivals in March 2006, when compared to March 2005, the decline was 4.0% to date.

Alumina exports for March 2007 declined by 8.1% along with a decline in production of 2.3%. Crude Bauxite exports for the month did not change significantly from the previous months' value; but production declined by 2.4%.

The 2006 trade deficit expanded by US\$467.1M or 14.6% relative to the previous years' value.

During the fiscal year 2006/07 the governments' fiscal deficit accumulated to J\$19.08B. This resulted from Expenditure being \$8.49B more than budgeted and revenue being \$10.59B lower than planned. All items under Recurrent expenditure exceeded budget. Tax revenue grew by 15.8% when compared to the previous fiscal period of 2005/06. This was 4.2% points below the 20% increase that was estimated for the FY-2006/07.

Since the fall of 30-bps on all BOJ (OMO) instruments on December 22, 2006, there has been no further adjustments reported. The current rates on 30-Day and 180-day OMO instruments are 11.65% and 12.00% respectively. The six month Treasury Bill rate fell by 29-bps to close March at 11.65%. The Average Lending rate increased by 59-bps while the Average Savings rate declined by 5-bps during the month.

## Net International Reserves (NIR)

For the month of March 2007, Net International Reserves increased by US\$143.8M. At the end of the month the reserve balance stood at US\$2,329.4M up from the previous month's value of US\$2,185.6M. The gross reserves amounted to 27.1 weeks of Goods imports against the 28.3 weeks recorded in the corresponding month of 2006. Within the last 12 months, the NIR grew by US\$251.3M (see Table 1).



## Foreign Currency

For the month of January 2007 total foreign currency deposits amounted to US\$2,183.07 million, approximately US\$2.30 million less than the previous month's figure (see Table 2). This was due to lower balances at Commercial Banks which held approximately US\$5.08M less than the month before. Building societies and Merchant Banks, however, held US \$1.72M and US\$1.07M more respectively.

For the 12 months to December 2006 total foreign currency deposits grew by US\$154.48M, a 7.6% increase (see Table 2).

## Foreign Exchange Rate

The local currency depreciated by 25 cents Jamaican against its US counterpart during the month of March. On the last day of March 2007 the Jamaican dollar sold for \$67.80 per USD (see table 3). For the first 41 days of April 2007, the local currency depreciated by another 15 cents Jamaican against the US dollar.

The Jamaican dollar lost 14 cents (JA) against the pound during March and 57 cent (JA) against the Canadian Dollar (see Table 3).

## Interest Rates

The BOJ made no changes to the rates on Open Market Operation (OMO) instruments following adjustments in December of 2006.

In the last quarterly review, the BOJ indicated that the favourable movement in interest rates that were being observed, reflected continued robust economic performance as inflation rates remain low and significantly below the programmed level of 9%-10%. This was also supported by a relative stable foreign exchange market along with high foreign currency reserves resulting from strong performance within the tourism sector.

**Table 1: Changes in the NIR**

	US\$M NIR	Change US\$M			Imports (Weeks)
		Mthly	12 Mth	YTD	
Mar-07	2,329.4	143.8	251.3	11.8	27.1
Mar-06	2,078.1	53.9	176.5	-9.3	28.3

Source: Compiled from the BOJ (Preliminary)

**Table 2: Foreign Currency Deposits**

	US\$000 Jan '06	Change (US\$000)		% 12 mth
		mthly	12 mth	
Commercial Banks	1,592,945	(5,084)	83,782	5.55%
Building Societies	415,519	1,715	60,059	16.90%
Merchant Banks	174,606	1,068	10,640	6.49%
Total Deposits	2,183,070	(2,301)	154,481	7.62%

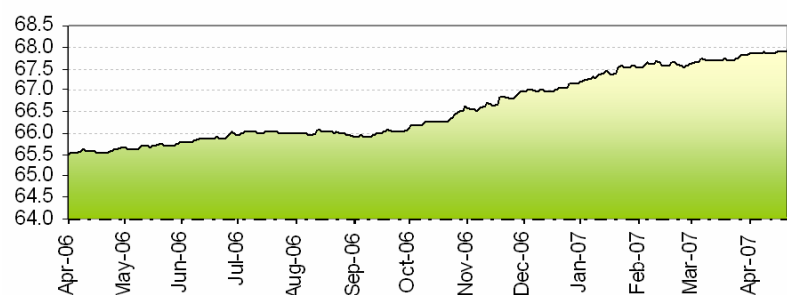
Source: Compiled from the BOJ (Preliminary)

**Table 3: Foreign Exchange Trends (March-2007)**

	Year to Date Currency Rate Change*					
	J\$/US\$	%	J\$/UK£	%	J\$/Can\$	%
2007	0.65	1.0	0.87	0.7	1.23	2.1
2006	0.91	1.4	2.54	2.3	1.19	2.2
2005	-0.08	-0.1	-2.57	-2.2	-0.05	-0.1
	March 2007					
Mth. Change	0.25	0.4	0.14	0.1	0.57	1.0
Last Sale	67.80		132.40		58.75	

\*minus = appreciation; Source: BOJ database & PSOJ Economic Research

**Figure 1: Daily Exchange Rate Movements (J\$ / US\$)**



Source: Bank of Jamaica Database (BOJ)

**Table 5: Interest Rate Movements**

	Mar-07	Change (%age pts)		
		Monthly	12-Mth	YTD
30 Day Repo	11.65%	0.00%	-0.95%	0.00%
180-Day Repo	12.00%	0.00%	-1.00%	0.00%
Avg Savings Deposit	5.15%	-0.05%	-0.15%	-0.05%
Avg Loan Rate	22.49%	0.59%	0.65%	0.59%
6 Month T-Bill	11.65%	-0.29%	-1.53%	-0.66%
12 Month T-Bill	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Source: Bank of Jamaica (BOJ Preliminary) \*n/a = not applicable

The six-month T-bill cleared the market at an average yield of 11.65% on March 31, 2007. This captures a 29-bps reduction since the end of February 2007. For the first 3 months of 2007, the 6-mth T-Bill rate declined by 66-bps and 153-bps in the 12-months before.

The Average Lending rate in March increased by 59-bps to close the month at 22.49%. The Average Saving rate, however, declined by 5-bps to close the month at 5.15-bps. (see Table 5 & Figure 2).

## Base Money & Money Supply

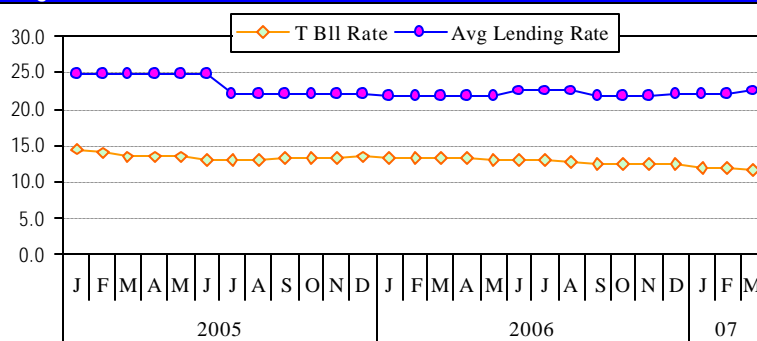
The monetary base decreased by 0.25% in March 2007 relative to the previous month's value. For the month of December 2006, when compared to the month before, all monetary aggregates grew. M1 grew by 14.47%, Quasi Money by 1.69% and M2 by 5.69%. (see table 6).

## Inflation

The inflation rate was 0.50% for the month of March 2007 (see Table 7). The rate of inflation for the fiscal year 2006/07 turned out to be 6.63%. This is consistent with the governments' single digit inflation target for the fiscal term. The resulting rate was 4.8% points below the 11.4% recorded for the comparable period of last year. Inflation for the first quarter of 2007 was 0.97%. Despite being a low rate, it compares less than favourably to the 0.14% for the comparable period of last year (see Inflation Chart in Appendix).

All categories under Food and Drink except for Starchy foods and Vegetables & Fruits had price increases. Under Starchy Foods, there were significant declines in the price of yellow yams, green bananas and plantains. However, these price declines were largely evident within the KMA. Reduction in prices of 'Vegetables and Fruits' were also seen largely in the KMA.

Figure 2: Interest Rate Movements



Source: Bank of Jamaica Database (BOJ preliminary)

Table 6: Base Money and Money Supply

	J\$M	Percentage Change (%)	
		Mthly	12 Mth
M1	86,885.53	14.47	19.45
Quasi Money	169,527.33	1.69	8.96
M2	256,412.86	5.69	12.30
		Mar-07	
Base Money	51,823.24	-0.28	18.84

Source: BOJ Economic Statistics

Table 7: Inflation Trends

	% Percent Changes			
	Mar	12Mth	YTD	Fiscal
2007	0.50	6.6	0.97	6.63
2006	0.09	11.4	0.14	11.43

Source: STATIN & BOJ Statistical Digest

Items within this group that had noticeable price declines were tomatoes, pumpkins, ripe-bananas, calaloo, oranges and more.

Next to 'Food and Drink', 'Housing & Other Housing Expenses', had a noticeable effect on rising inflation during the month. This captured growth rates in excess of 3% for 6000-gals water and 200-kwh electricity consumption within all areas. Within the KMA, higher rates charged for dry-cleaning services exceeding 13%.

'Health Care and Personal Expenses' was the third (3rd) largest contributor to inflation during March 2007. This was due to Dentists and Doctors fees which went up by 6.5% and 3.7% respectively in both Other towns and Rural Areas. (see Table 7 and INFLATION chart in Appendix)

## Bauxite & Alumina Production

In March production of Alumina declined by 2.3% and was accompanied by a 8.1% decline in exports when compared to March of 2006 (see table 8).

Crude Bauxite production also declined during the month. It captured a 2.4% reduction with the level of exports unchanged in contrast to March 2006 (see Table 8).

## Tourism

**Stopovers:** Stopovers for March 2007 declined by 1.7% when compared to the same period of 2006 (see Table 9 & Figure 4B). This was due to declines in Foreign nationals which represented over

95% of all visitors since the start of 2007. Visits from Non-Resident Nationals increased by 2.5% when compared to March 2006.

**Cruise Passengers:** Cruise arrivals for March 2007 declined by 6.0% when compared to the same month of 2006 (see Table 9 & Figure 4C). Cruise arrivals also fell below the level attained in March 2005 by 4.0%.

**Total Visitors:** Total visitor arrivals for the first quarter of 2007 declined by 0.5% when compared to the same period of 2006. This resulted from a 9,310 reduction in Stopovers that was partially offset by the 5,320 additional cruise visitors that visited the country in the first quarter of 2007.

## External Trade

The trade deficit widened by approximately 14.6% for the year 2006 when compared to 2005. This change represents a US \$467.06M deterioration to bring the deficit on the Trade A/C to a balance of US\$3,668.97M. The import bill grew by US\$920.03M (18.9%) while export revenues increased by US\$452.97M (27.2%) above that of 2005.

Exports amounted to US \$2,117.29M, up from US \$1,664.34M for the year 2005. There was a US\$177.67M or 15.3% improvement in Traditional exports resulting largely from performance in the Mining and Quarrying sector. Over the period the Mining and Quarrying sector grew by US\$134.10M or 13.1% when compared to the year before. Both Agriculture and Manufacturing had significant growth of 80.9% and 20.1% respectively.

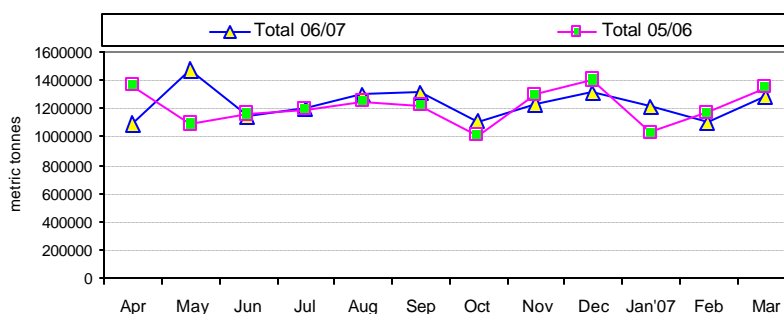
The increase in Mining and Quarrying reflects the sector's increased growth in export of Alumina and Bauxite (Table 10: Exports by Industry). Changes in Mining and Quarrying are directly correlated to changes in Alumina, a component that represents approximately 90% of the category's export for the year 2006.

**Table 8: Mining Production**

	000 tonnes			YTD	
	Mar-06	Mar-07	%	Mar-07	06/07 %
<b>Production</b>					
Alumina	356.9	348.6	-2.3	1,021	0.55
C. Bauxite	417.8	407.7	-2.4	1,172	4.12
<b>Export</b>					
Alumina	365.7	336.0	-8.1	963	-1.26
C. Bauxite	433.4	433.5	0.0	1,180	6.99

Source: Jamaica Bauxite Institute (JBI)

**Figure 3: Bauxite Exports for (12 mths 2006 - 2007)**



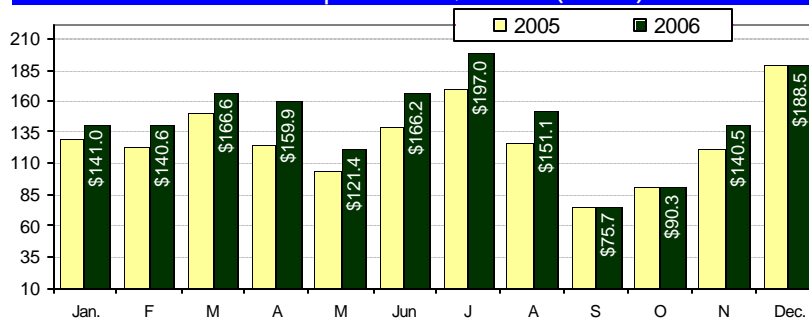
Source: Jamaica Bauxite Institute (JBI)

**Table 9: Tourist Arrivals**

	2006	2007	% Change	
	YTD (Mar)	YTD (Mar)	YTD - YOY	Mar 06/07
Stopover	436,562	427,252	-2.1%	-1.7%
Foreign Nats	417,770	408,933	-2.1%	-1.9%
Non-Resident Nats	18,792	18,319	-2.5%	2.5%
Cruise	406,302	411,622	1.3%	-6.0%
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>842,864</b>	<b>838,874</b>	<b>-0.5%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

Source: Jamaica Tourist Board (preliminary) & BOJ BOP Statistical Update

**Table 4A: Estimated Tourism Expenditure US\$ - Million (Jan-Dec)**

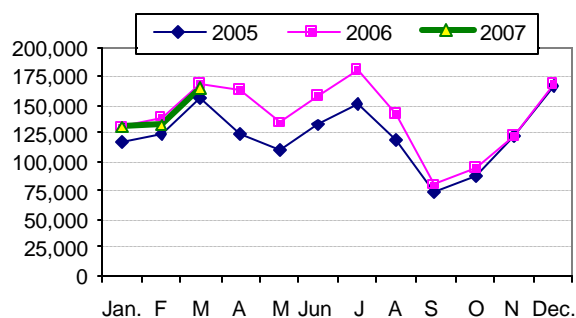


Source: Jamaica Tourist Board (preliminary data) & BOJ Statistical Update (Revised values)

Trends in Agriculture were dominated by Coffee exports representing just below 64% of the seg-

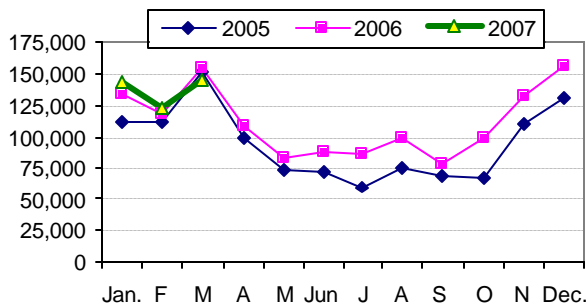
ments' export value. Coffee exports grew by approximately 85% when compared to the period of

Table 4B: Stopover Arrivals to Jamaica



Source: Jamaica Tourist Board (preliminary data)

Table 4C: Cruise Arrivals to Jamaica



Source: Jamaica Tourist Board (preliminary data)

Table 10: External Trade (US\$M)

	Jan-Dec '2005	Jan-Dec '2006	Change	% Change
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (fob)</b>	<b>1,664.32</b>	<b>2,117.29</b>	<b>452.97</b>	<b>27.2%</b>
Major Traditional Exports	1,160.05	1,337.72	177.67	15.3%
by Sector:-				
Agriculture	25.68	46.46	20.78	80.9%
Mining & Quarrying	1,021.20	1,155.30	134.10	13.1%
Manufacturing	113.17	135.96	22.79	20.1%
by Industry:-				
Bauxite	98.79	113.28	14.49	14.7%
Alumina	920.29	1,040.54	120.26	13.1%
Sugar	76.81	89.69	12.89	16.8%
Rum	34.25	40.97	6.72	19.6%
Bananas	4.69	13.41	8.72	85.3%
Coffee	17.34	32.13	14.79	85.3%
Other	7.89	7.70	-0.19	-2.4%
Non-Traditional Exports	341.65	610.04	268.40	78.6%
Re-exports	29.84	35.73	5.89	19.7%
Free Zone & Ports **	132.78	133.79	1.01	0.8%
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>4,866.23</b>	<b>5,786.26</b>	<b>920.03</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
Food	602.94	616.80	13.85	2.3%
Beverages & Tobacco	55.95	68.38	12.43	22.2%
Crude Materials (excl. Fuels)	79.17	82.45	3.28	4.1%
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	1,360.08	1,758.46	398.38	29.3%
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	27.66	25.20	-2.46	-8.9%
Chemicals	555.32	680.42	125.10	22.5%
Manufactured Goods	637.81	696.07	58.26	9.1%
Machinery and Transport Equip.	870.00	1,130.06	260.06	29.9%
Misc. Manufactured Articles	477.18	510.82	33.64	7.1%
Other	200.12	217.60	17.47	8.7%
<b>TRADE BALANCE</b>	<b>(3,201.91)</b>	<b>(3,668.97)</b>	<b>-467.06</b>	<b>14.6%</b>

Source: STATIN Jamaica and Bank of Jamaica (BOJ Monthly Statistical Update)

2005. Bananas also reflected significant changes and accounts for approximately 29% of the sectors' export value in the year 2006.

Exports from the Manufacturing sector grew by US\$22.79M representing a 20.1% increase for the period 2005 to 2006 (see exports by industry in Table 10).

In the Non-traditional sector, exports increased by a significant 78.6% or US\$268.40M. 'Other Non-Traditional' exports represent approximately 65% of the total (non-traditional) change when compared to the year 2005 before. Crude Materials accounted for 31.1%. Food and 'Beverages & Tobacco' accounted for approxi-

mately 2.2% and 1.8% of the change respectively.

Imports grew by US\$920.03M or 18.9% for the year. This reflected increases in all categories except for Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fat, a US\$2.46M or 8.9% reduction. The value of the import reduction in Animal & Vegetable Oils and Fat

was minimal when compared to all other positive changes (see Table 10).

Mineral Fuel imports increased by US\$398.4M or 29.3% for the year. This is reflective of the higher oil prices that prevailed since the third quarter of 2005. Machinery and Transport Equipment imports grew by US\$260.1M or 29.9% when

compared to the year 2005.

Chemicals grew by US\$125.1M or 22.5% while Manufactured goods and Misc. Manufactured Articles grew by US\$58.3M (9.1%) and US\$33.64M (7.1%) respectively.

(See Table 10 & External Trade (Jan-Dec) in Appendix)

## Balance of Payments

For the year 2006, the nation posted a current account deficit of US\$1,096.9M. This shortfall was US\$18.2M (2%) worse than the deficit of 2005 (see Table 11). The Services and Current Transfer Accounts both registered surpluses

Table 11: Balance Of Payments (US\$M)

	Jan-Dec 2005	Jan-Dec 2006	Change	% Change
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>-1078.7</b>	<b>-1096.9</b>	<b>-18.2</b>	<b>-2%</b>
<b>Goods Balance</b>	<b>-2581.3</b>	<b>-2944.9</b>	<b>-363.6</b>	<b>-14%</b>
Exports	1664.3	2117.3	453	27%
Imports	4245.6	5062.2	816.6	19%
<b>Services Balance</b>	<b>600.1</b>	<b>802.1</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>34%</b>
Transportation	-273.8	-322.2	-48.4	-18%
Travel	1295.7	1613.4	317.7	25%
Other Services	-421.8	-489.1	-67.3	-16%
<b>Income</b>	<b>-675.9</b>	<b>-680.7</b>	<b>-4.8</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Compensation of employees	88.5	101	12.5	14%
Investment Income	-764.4	-781.7	-17.3	-2%
<b>Current Transfers</b>	<b>1578.4</b>	<b>1726.5</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>9%</b>
Official	137	130.1	-6.9	5%
Private	1441.4	1596.4	155	11%
<b>Capital &amp; Financial Account</b>	<b>1078.7</b>	<b>1096.9</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Capital Account</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>-156%</b>
Capital Transfers	-2.7	1.5	4.2	-156%
Official	0.3	4.1	3.8	1267%
Private	-3	-2.6	0.4	-13%
Acq/disp. of non-produced non-fin. assets	0	0	0	0%
<b>Financial Account</b>	<b>1081.4</b>	<b>1095.5</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>1%</b>
Other Official Invnt. (incl. Gov. Rsv)	396.6	578	181.4	46%
Other Private Investment (includes. err & omis)	913.7	747.6	-166.1	18%
Reserves	-228.9	-230.1		

Source: BOJ Statistical Update:

Note to the Balance of Payments: The external trade data in the Balance of Payments may not necessarily correspond with that of STATIN. This is due to the fact that STATIN reports the f.o.b. cost of imports while the Bank Of Jamaica reports imports at c.i.f.

for the 12 month period.

On the **Goods Account**, the deficit worsened by US\$363.6M as a US\$453.0M increase in export revenue was offset by a US\$816.6M growth in the import bill.

Traditional exports increased by US\$177.67M reflecting higher income largely from Mining & Quarrying (75.5% of total increase). Manufacturing accounted for 12.8% of the increase while Agriculture accounted for the remaining 11.7%. Non-traditional exports

increased by an approximate US \$268.4M or 78.6%

Imports grew by US\$920.0M or 18.9% over the period 2006. This largely reflected increases in Mineral Fuels (etcetera), Machinery & Transport Equipment, and Chemicals (see Table 10).

'Investment Income' under the **Investment Account** paid out US \$17.3M more than that for the year before. Under the same account, the additional earnings from 'Compensation to employees' of

US\$12.5M was not sufficient to offset this amount, resulting in an Income account deficit of US \$4.8M.

The surplus on the **Services account** was US\$202.0M or 34% more than the amount for the year 2005. The higher outflows from Transportation (US\$48.4M) and Other Services (US\$67.3M) was outweighed by the US\$317.7M (25%) increased inflows from the Travel account.

**Current Transfers** posted a

US\$148.1M (9%) growth in net inflows. This was due to a US \$155.0M increase in Net Private Transfers or remittances that was partially offset by a US\$6.9M reduction in Official inflows. Remittances continue to contribute a significant portion to foreign exchange earnings representing approximately 26.5% of all Current Account inflows for the year 2006. Net private remittances grew by 10.8% for the period 2005 to 2006.

Under the Financial account, net inflows from Other Official Investments grew from a surplus of US \$396.6M for the period 2005 to a surplus of US\$578.0M in 2006. This represents a growth of US \$181.4M or 46%.

There was a US\$166.1M or 18% reduction in the surplus on the Other Private Investments sub-

account. Overall, inflows to the Financial a/c were more than sufficient to finance the Current a/c deficit. This resulted in a US \$230.1M build up of Net International Reserves (NIR) over the year 2006.

(see Table 11 and Balance Of Payments (Jan-Dec) in Appendix)

## Fiscal Accounts

For the Fiscal Year (FY) 2006/07 the Government budget deficit was \$19.08 billion more than planned. Expenditure was \$8.49 billion above budget while Revenue collection was \$10.59 billion below target.

Revenues: Revenues and Grants totalled approximately

\$211.6 billion, some \$10.6B or 4.8% below that projected. This reflected a \$6.7B shortage in Tax revenue collection. Other collections that came in below budget were Capital revenue (\$3,485.0M) and Grants (\$1,879.1M) for the fiscal period.

Non-Tax Revenue and Bauxite Levy remained the only two revenue items to register an increase over budget for the review period. Non-Tax revenue increased by \$1,238.7M or 9.7% over budget while Bauxite Levy increased by \$267.9M or 6.9% (see Table 12A).

Tax Revenue collections for the fiscal term exceeded that of the corresponding period before by 15.8%. This is substantively below the 20% Tax Revenue growth projected for the fiscal year 2006/07 over 2005/06.

Table 12A: Fiscal Accounts (J\$ Million)

	April - March (Fiscal -2006/07)				Fiscal yo-y 05/06-06/07	
	J\$ million		Deviation		J\$m	%
	Provisional	Budget	J\$m	(%)		
<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	<b>211,625.0</b>	<b>222,216.7</b>	<b>-10,591.7</b>	<b>-4.77</b>	<b>24,386.9</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Tax Revenue	188,299.5	195,033.7	-6,734.2	-3.45	25,723.6	15.8
Non-Tax Revenue	14,048.5	12,809.8	1,238.7	9.67	2,749.2	23.3
Bauxite Levy	4,169.9	3,902.0	267.9	6.87	1,045.1	33.4
Capital Revenue	3,293.3	6,778.3	-3,485.0	-51.41	-6,227.4	-73.6
Grants	1,813.8	3,692.9	-1,879.1	-50.88	1,096.5	152.9
<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>249,101.0</b>	<b>240,612.1</b>	<b>8,488.8</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>41,376.8</b>	<b>19.9</b>
Recurrent Expenditure	225,599.2	211,727.1	13,872.1	6.55	33,349.2	17.3
Programmes	49,068.0	46,543.0	2,525.0	5.43	8,221.9	20.1
Wages & Salaries	78,713.2	72,763.9	5,949.3	8.18	15,605.0	24.7
Interest	97,818.0	92,420.3	5,397.7	5.84	9,522.3	10.8
Domestic	71,296.1	66,337.4	4,958.7	7.47	5,901.4	9.0
External	26,521.9	26,082.9	439.0	1.68	3,621.0	15.8
Capital Expenditure	23,501.8	28,885.0	-5,383.2	-18.64	8,027.9	51.9
Capital Programmes	23,501.8	28,885.0	-5,383.2	-18.64	8,027.9	51.9
IMF #1 Account	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	
<b>Fiscal Balance (Surplus [+]/ve)</b>	<b>-37,476.0</b>	<b>-18,395.4</b>	<b>-19,080.6</b>	<b>103.72</b>	<b>-16,989.9</b>	<b>80.8</b>
Loan Receipts	161,448.8	119,725.8	41,723.0	34.85	-23,260.0	-12.6
Domestic	128,948.9	111,880.6	17,068.3	15.26	-1,971.4	-1.5
External	32,499.9	7,845.3	24,654.7	314.26	-21,288.7	-39.6
Divestment Proceeds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.0	
Amortization	122,049.7	117,580.5	4,469.2	3.80	-17,921.5	-12.8
Domestic	105,115.4	101,009.7	4,105.7	4.06	-1,739.0	-1.6
External	16,934.3	16,570.8	363.5	2.19	-16,182.4	-48.9
<b>Overall Balance (Surplus [+]/ve)</b>	<b>1,923.1</b>	<b>-16,250.1</b>	<b>18,173.2</b>	<b>-111.83</b>	<b>-22,328.8</b>	<b>-94.2</b>
<b>Primary Balance (Surplus [+]/ve)</b>	<b>60,342.0</b>	<b>74,024.8</b>	<b>-13,682.9</b>	<b>-18.48</b>	<b>-7,467.8</b>	<b>-11.1</b>

Source: Ministry of Finance and Planning

Within the Tax revenue category the largest tax income generating components were PAYE (\$40,966M), Local GCT (\$33,306M), GCT on Imports (\$24,333M), Custom Duty (\$16,882M), Other Companies (\$16,873M), and Tax on Interest (\$14,470M).

The largest positive variances from budget were Tax on Interest (\$1,499.5M), SCT on Imports (\$1,031.8M) and GCT on imports (\$621.6M) (see Table 12B). The largest revenue shortfalls resulted from Local GCT (\$3,234.3M), Other Companies tax (\$3,218.4M) and PAYE collections (\$2,444.3M) (See table 12B).

Expenditures: Total Expenditures

amounted to approximately \$249.1 billion, some \$8.5B or (3.5%) above target. All items under recurrent expenditure exceeded the budget for the period. Capital Expenditure, however, fell short of budget by approximately \$5.4B or 18.6% for the FY 2006/07 (see Table 12A & Fiscal Account in Appendix).

Wages and Salaries exceeded budget by \$5.95B (8.2%). Domestic and External Interest payments exceeded budget by \$4.96B (7.5%) and \$439.0M (1.7%) respectively. Programmes Expenditure also exceeded budget by \$2.53B (5.4%).

Loan receipts were \$41.72B or

34.9% above budget. The GOJ borrowed \$17.07B (15.3%) more than planned from the domestic market and \$24.65B (314.3%) more from external lenders (see Table 12A).

Total public debt at the end of February 2007 stood at \$909.51 billion, some \$7.60 billion less than the previous month's level of \$917.11 billion. Domestic Debt stock fell by \$6.70 billion to end the month at \$521.31 billion. External Debt also fell by approximately US \$13.22 million to close February at US\$5,747.0 million.

(see Table 12 A&B and Fiscal Account (Apr-Mar 06/07) in Appendix)

## Stock Market

The main JSE Index increased by 0.57% or 515.56 pts over April 2007 to close the month at 91,110.6 pts.

Market capitalization grew by \$3.78 billion or 0.51% during April and closed the month at \$745.03 billion.

The best performing stock for the first four (4) months of 2007 was Supreme Ventures that advanced by 60 cents or 33.3% since the start of the year to end April at \$2.40 per share (see Table 13). Salada Foods and Mobay Ice were next inline with price increases of 16.3% and 6.7% respectively.

The worst performer in terms of capital gain was Dyoll Group which lost 64 cents or (71.1%) of its value to end the month at 26 cents per share. Second and third largest capital loses were taken by Ciboney Group (57.1%) and Capital and Credit (42.7%).

During the month of April market activity resulted in 36 stocks trading from which 8 advanced, 25 declined and 3 traded firm.

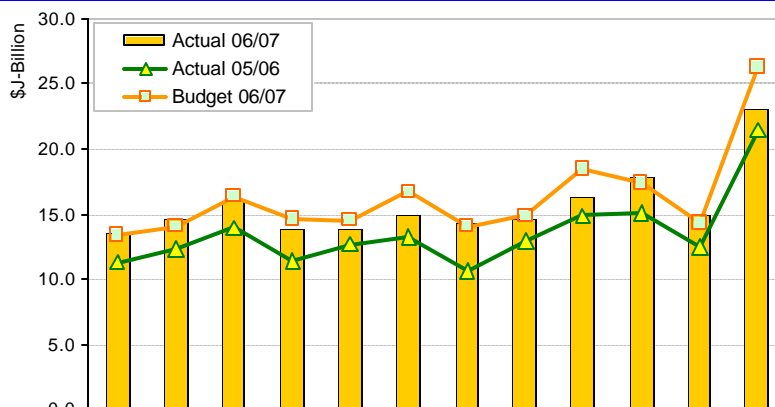
(See figure 7 and Table 13 on next page)

**Table 12B: Major Changes in Fiscal Revenue and Expenditure**

J\$-Millions		Apr-Mar 06/07 (YOY)
<b>Revenue (Revenue Surpluses)</b>		
Tax on Interest		1,499.50
SCT (imports)		1,031.80
GCT (imports)		621.60
<b>Revenue (Revenue Shortfalls)</b>		
GCT (local)		-3,234.30
Other Companies		-3,218.40
PAYE		-2,444.30
<b>Expenditure (Changes)</b>		
Wages & Salaries	(Overrun)	5,949.30
Interest	(Overrun)	5,397.70
Programmes	(Overrun)	2,525.0

Source: Ministry Of Finance and Planning (Jamaica)

**Figure 6: Tax Revenue Collections (Billions - \$J)**



Source: Ministry Of Finance and Planning (Jamaica)

## Developments & Outlook

### TAX MEASURES for 2007/08

(The following is a copy of the 2007/08 tax measures document issued by the Ministry of Finance and Planning on April 12, 2007)

### Special Consumption Tax (SCT) on Cigarettes

It is proposed to increase the special consumption tax rate on cigarettes by 20% and retain the current structure of the tax. The specific tax is to be increased from \$1,920 to \$2,300 per thousand cigarettes. The ad valorem tax structure remains and the rate of 39.9% will be applied to the excess over the floor price of \$4,338.13 per thousand sticks. The price of cigarettes currently imported is well below this floor price and as such the ad valorem tax is not levied.

Despite the recently announced increase in cigarette prices by the industry the measure is not expected to result in a further rise in prices.

*The measure is expected to yield \$500M. The effective date for implementation of this measure is April 13, 2007.*

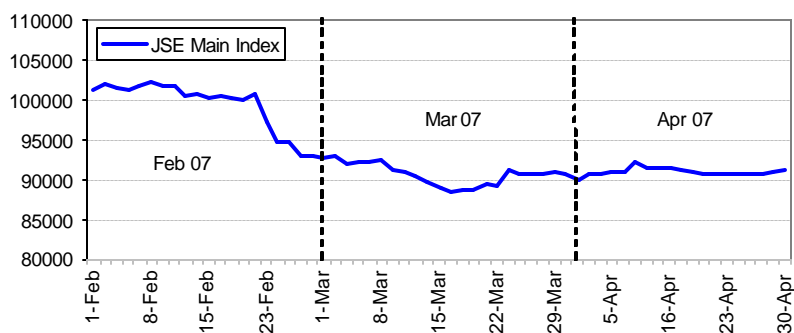
### Environmental Levy:

An announcement was made in April 2003 to impose an environmental levy of \$2.00 per kilogram on plastic containers of various sizes. Implementation of the levy was subsequently delayed. After the announcement, interest groups not only felt that further evaluation of other harmful waste materials should be considered but also the mechanism for its implementation. Arising from several meetings with various interest groups — it is proposed that the Environmental Levy be 0.5% of the CIF value of all imported goods.

The exemption from this levy would be cases where goods are imported by:

- The Government
- Diplomats

Figure 7: Main JSE Index, Feb-07 - Apr-07



Source: Jamaica Stock Exchange (Online Database) and PSOJ

Table 13: Returns for Listed Companies on the JSE

#### Year-to-Date Performers on the Jamaica Stock Exchange

Top Five (unadjusted for dividends or transaction costs)				
	31-Dec-06	30-April-07	\$ change	% change
Supreme Ventures	1.80	2.40	0.60	33.33%
Salada Foods	40.00	46.50	6.50	16.25%
Mobay Ice Company	6.56	7.00	0.44	6.71%
Courts (Jamaica)	4.00	4.25	0.25	6.25%
First Caribbean Intl Bank	120.01	122.00	1.99	1.66%
Bottom Five (unadjusted for dividends or transact. Costs)				
Dyoll Group	0.90	0.26	-0.64	-71.11%
Ciboney Group	0.07	0.03	-0.04	-57.14%
Capital & Credit MB.	18.50	10.60	-7.90	-42.70%
Mayberry Invest. Ltd.	4.00	2.51	-1.49	-37.25%
Jamaica Producers	43.90	28.80	-15.10	-34.40%

Source: Compiled from the JSE

- International Organizations
- Passengers (up to the allowance of US\$500)

Moreover, only firms would be able to claim the levy as a deductible expense under the Income Tax Act for the year of assessment in which it was paid. In the situation where the return for the year of assessment is not filed by March 15 no claim will be allowed in respect of the levy paid.

*The estimated yield of this measure is \$1,200M and the effective date will be June 1, 2007.*

### Customs User Fee (CUF)

Cabinet took the decision in May 2003 to replace the Cess on imports that was announced in April 2003 as some elements of the private sector objected to the

Ministry of Finance's preferred approach of the Cess whereby firms would prepay a percentage of their taxes at the port and then be able to claim as credit against their income tax liability for the year of assessment in which the cess would have been paid.

The manufacturing sector in particular has expressed concerns on the effects that the CUF is having on their operations. As such it is proposed that tax compliant firms be allowed to claim the CUF as a deductible expense up to a maximum of \$1.5 million for the Income Tax Year of Assessment in which it was paid. In the situation where the return for the year of assessment is not filed by March 15 no claim will be allowed in respect of the CUF paid.

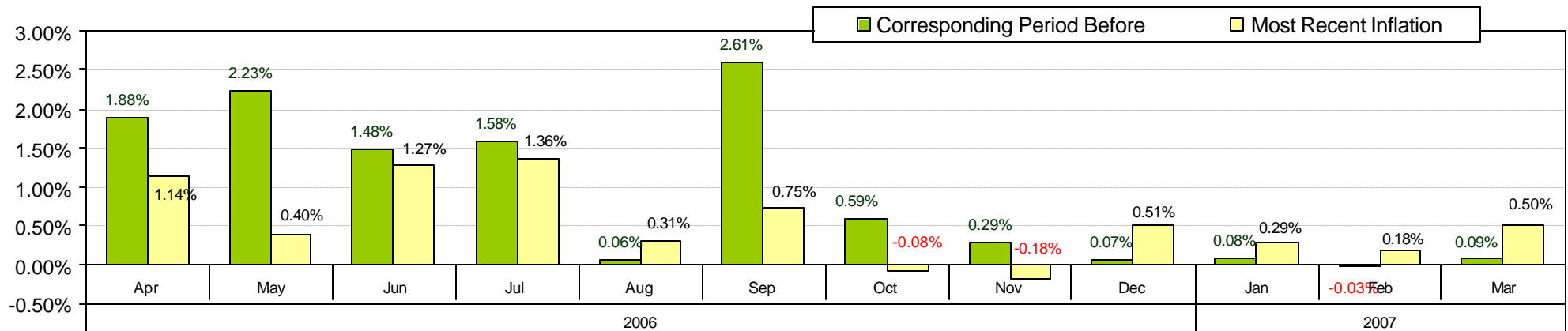
*The effective date will be June 1, 2007*



# APPENDIX

## INFLATION (March 2007 CPI)

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	Percent %	Proportion of Index	MONTHLY INFLATION - MARCH	Rnk	Percentage Change for Month (%)	INFLATION (End Jan-07 to End Mar-07)	YTD Percentage Change (%)
<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	<b>100.0</b>		<b>ALL GROUPS</b>		0.499 [ 0.4987 = (100 x 0.49) ]	<b>ALL GROUPS</b>	1.0
<b>FOOD AND DRINK</b>	<b>54.7</b>		<b>FOOD AND DRINK</b>	+ 1	0.271 [ 0.1479 = (54.6 x 0.27) ]	<b>FOOD AND DRINK</b>	0.8
Meals Away from Home	14.5		Meals Away from Home		0.806	Meals Away from Home	3.1
Meat Poultry and Fish	29.3		Meat Poultry and Fish		0.975	Meat Poultry and Fish	3.0
Dairy Products Oils & Fats	12.0		Dairy Products Oils & Fats		0.594	Dairy Products Oils & Fats	2.2
Baked Products Cereal & Breakfast Drink	15.3		Baked Products Cereal & Breakfast Drink		0.520	Baked Products Cereal & Breakfast Drink	1.2
Starchy Foods	8.5		Starchy Foods		-1.253	Starchy Foods	-5.8
Vegetables & Fruit	11.5		Vegetables & Fruit		-1.249	Vegetables & Fruit	-2.3
Other Food & Beverages	9.0		Other Food & Beverages		0.297	Other Food & Beverages	0.9
<b>FUELS &amp; OTHER HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES</b>	<b>7.4</b>		<b>FUELS &amp; OTHER HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES</b>	+ 4	0.597 [ 0.0441 = (7.39 x 0.59) ]	<b>FUELS &amp; OTHER HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES</b>	1.4
Household Supplies	64.7		Household Supplies		0.605	Household Supplies	1.4
Fuels	35.3		Fuels		0.592	Fuels	1.4
<b>HOUSING &amp; OTHER HOUSING EXPENSES</b>	<b>8.4</b>		<b>HOUSING &amp; OTHER HOUSING EXPENSES</b>	+ 2	1.689 [ 0.1426 = (8.44 x 1.68) ]	<b>HOUSING &amp; OTHER HOUSING EXPENSES</b>	1.1
Rental	24.3		Rental		0.000	Rental	0.6
Other Housing Expenses	75.7		Other Housing Expenses		2.144	Other Housing Expenses	1.3
<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS &amp; FURNITURE</b>	<b>2.9</b>		<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS &amp; FURNITURE</b>	+ 6	0.692 [ 0.0203 = (2.93 x 0.69) ]	<b>HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS &amp; FURNITURE</b>	1.2
Furniture	27.9		Furniture		0.068	Furniture	0.5
Furnishings	72.1		Furnishings		1.068	Furnishings	1.6
<b>HEALTHCARE &amp; PERSONAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7.1</b>		<b>HEALTHCARE &amp; PERSONAL EXPENSES</b>	+ 3	1.318 [ 0.0932 = (7.08 x 1.31) ]	<b>HEALTHCARE &amp; PERSONAL EXPENSES</b>	2.9
<b>PERSONAL CLOTHING FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES</b>	<b>5.0</b>		<b>PERSONAL CLOTHING FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES</b>	+ 7	0.351 [ 0.0175 = (5.01 x 0.35) ]	<b>PERSONAL CLOTHING FOOTWEAR AND ACCESSORIES</b>	0.7
Clothing Materials	11.0		Clothing Materials		0.047	Clothing Materials	0.5
Readymade Clothing & Accessories	50.0		Readymade Clothing & Accessories		0.419	Readymade Clothing & Accessories	0.9
Footwear	31.3		Footwear		0.214	Footwear	0.5
Making & Repairs	7.6		Making & Repairs		0.641	Making & Repairs	1.1
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>6.5</b>		<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	+ 5	0.373 [ 0.0242 = (6.50 x 0.37) ]	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	0.8
<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	<b>8.0</b>		<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	+ 8	0.208 [ 0.0165 = (7.97 x 0.20) ]	<b>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</b>	0.5



## EXTERNAL TRADE (Jan - Dec 2006)

EXTERNAL TRADE - (JAN - DEC 06)	US\$M		EXTERNAL TRADE CHANGES (US\$M)	US\$M	CHANGE 2005 - 2006	EXTERNAL TRADE CHANGES (%)	%	PERCENTAGE CHANGE
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (fob)</b>	<b>2,117.29</b>		<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (fob)</b>	<b>452.97</b>		<b>TOTAL EXPORTS (fob)</b>	<b>27.2%</b>	
Major Traditional Exports	1,337.72		Major Traditional Exports	177.67		Major Traditional Exports	15.3%	
by Sector:-			by Sector:-			by Sector:-		
Agriculture	46.46		Agriculture	20,778,967,006		Agriculture	80.9%	
Mining & Quarrying	1,155.30		Mining & Quarrying	134,104,1245		Mining & Quarrying	13.1%	
Manufacturing	135.96		Manufacturing	22,786,354		Manufacturing	20.1%	
by Industry:-			by Industry:-			by Industry:-		
Bauxite	113.28		Bauxite	14,488		Bauxite	14.7%	
Alumina	1,040.54		Alumina	120,257		Alumina	13.1%	
Sugar	89.69		Sugar	12,887		Sugar	16.8%	
Rum	40.97		Rum	6,72		Rum	19.6%	
Bananas	13.41		Bananas	8,721		Bananas	0.0%	
Coffee	32.13		Coffee	14,788		Coffee	85.3%	
Other	7.70		Other	-0.19155442		Other	-2.4%	
Non-Traditional Exports	610.04		Non-Traditional Exports	268,397		Non-Traditional Exports	78.6%	
Re-exports	35.73		Re-exports	5,888		Re-exports	19.7%	
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>5,786.26</b>		<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>920,029</b>		<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	
Food	616.80		Food	13,854		Food	2.3%	
Beverages & Tobacco	68.38		Beverages & Tobacco	12,434		Beverages & Tobacco	22.2%	
Crude Materials (excl. Fuels)	82.45		Crude Materials (excl. Fuels)	3,28		Crude Materials (excl. Fuels)	4.1%	
Mineral Fuels, etcetera	1,758.46		Mineral Fuels, etcetera	398,382		Mineral Fuels, etcetera	29.3%	
Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	25.20		Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	-2,46		Animal & Vegetable Oils & Fats	-8.9%	
Chemicals	680.42		Chemicals	125,098		Chemicals	22.5%	
Manufactured Goods	696.07		Manufactured Goods	58,261		Manufactured Goods	9.1%	
Machinery and Transport Equip.	1,130.06		Machinery and Transport Equip.	260,064		Machinery and Transport Equip.	29.9%	
Misc. Manufactured Articles	510.82		Misc. Manufactured Articles	33,644		Misc. Manufactured Articles	7.1%	
Other	217.60		Other	17,472		Other	8.7%	
<b>TRADE BALANCE</b>	<b>-3,668.97</b>		<b>TRADE BALANCE</b>	<b>-467,061,544</b>		<b>TRADE BALANCE</b>	<b>14.6%</b>	

## BALANCE OF PAYMENTS (Jan - Dec 2006)

BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ANALYSIS SHEET	US\$M	Jan - Dec 2006	Change Jan - Dec (2006)	US\$M	Percentage change Jan - Dec (2006)	%	
<b>Current Account</b>	<b>-1096.9</b>		<b>Current Account</b>	<b>-18.2</b>		<b>Current Account</b>	<b>2%</b>
Goods Balance	-2944.9		Goods Balance	-363.6		Goods Balance	14%
Exports	2117.3		Exports	453		Exports	27%
Imports	5062.2		Imports	816.6		Imports	19%
Services Balance	802.1		Services Balance	202		Services Balance	34%
Transportation	-322.2		Transportation	-48.4		Transportation	18%
Travel	1613.4		Travel	317.7		Travel	25%
Other Services	-489.1		Other Services	-67.3		Other Services	16%
Income	-680.7		Income	-4.8		Income	1%
Compensation of employees	101		Compensation of employees	12.5		Compensation of employees	14%
Investment Income	-781.7		Investment Income	-17.3		Investment Income	2%
Current Transfers	1726.5		Current Transfers	148.1		Current Transfers	9%
Official	130.1		Official	-6.9		Official	-5%
Private	1596.4		Private	155		Private	11%
<b>Capital &amp; Financial Account</b>	<b>1096.9</b>		<b>Capital &amp; Financial Account</b>	<b>18.2</b>		<b>Capital &amp; Financial Account</b>	<b>2%</b>
Capital Account	1.5		Capital Account	4.2		Capital Account	-156%
Capital Transfers	1.5		Capital Transfers	4.2		Capital Transfers	-156%
Official	4.1		Official	3.8		Official	1267%
Private	-2.6		Private	0.4		Private	-13%
Acq/disp. of non-produced non-fin. assets	0		Acq/disp. of non-prod non-fin. Asts	0		Acq/disp. of non-prod non-fin. Asts	0%
Financial Account	1095.5		Financial Account	14.1		Financial Account	1%
Other Official Invmt. (incl. Gov. Rsvy)	578		Other Official Invmt. (incl. Gov. Rsvy)	181.4		Other Official Invmt. (incl. Gov. Rsvy)	46%
Other Private Invmt. (incl. err & omis)	747.6		Other Private Invmt. (incl. err & omis)	-166.1		Other Private Invmt. (incl. err & omis)	-18%
Reserves	-230.1		Reserves	0		Reserves	

## FISCAL ACCOUNT (Apr-Mar' 2006/07)

PROVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION (FISCAL A/C)	J\$m	Provisional figures Apr-Mar '06/07	BUDGET / PROVISIONAL DEVIATION	J\$m	(Provisional - Budgeted) - Apr-Mar 06/07	YTD Y-O-Y FISCAL DEVIATION	J\$m	Apr-Mar - (06/07 minus 05/06)
<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	211,625.0		<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	-10,591.7		<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	26,311.90	
Tax Revenue	188,299.5		Tax Revenue	-6,734.2		Tax Revenue	24,134.10	
Non-Tax Revenue	14,048.5		Non-Tax Revenue	1,238.7		Non-Tax Revenue	2,949.60	
Bauxite Levy	4,169.9		Bauxite Levy	267.9		Bauxite Levy	877.80	
Capital Revenue	3,293.3		Capital Revenue	-3,485.0		Capital Revenue	-2,526.80	
Grants	1,813.8		Grants	-1,879.1		Grants	877.30	
<b>Expenditure</b>	249,101.0		<b>Expenditure</b>	8,488.8		<b>Expenditure</b>	37,970.80	
Recurrent Expenditure	225,599.2		Recurrent Expenditure	13,872.1		Recurrent Expenditure	31,369.70	
Programmes	49,068.0		Programmes	2,525.0		Programmes	7,093.70	
Wages & Salaries	78,713.2		Wages & Salaries	5,949.3		Wages & Salaries	13,982.00	
Interest	97,818.0		Interest	5,397.7		Interest	10,294.20	
Domestic	71,296.1		Domestic	4,958.7		Domestic	6,535.70	
External	26,521.9		External	439.0		External	3,758.50	
Capital Expenditure	23,501.8		Capital Expenditure	-5,383.2		Capital Expenditure	6,601.30	
Capital Programmes	23,501.8		Capital Programmes	-5,383.2		Capital Programmes	6,601.30	
IMF #1 Account	0.0		IMF #1 Account	0.0		IMF #1 Account	0.00	
<b>Fiscal Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	-37,476.0		<b>Fiscal Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	-19,080.6		<b>Fiscal Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	-11,658.90	
Loan Receipts	161,448.8		Loan Receipts	41,723.0		Loan Receipts	-37,577.00	
Domestic	128,948.9		Domestic	17,068.3		Domestic	7,078.90	
External	32,499.9		External	24,654.7		External	-44,655.90	
Divestment Proceeds	0.0		Divestment Proceeds	0.0		Divestment Proceeds	0.00	
Amortization	122,049.7		Amortization	4,469.2		Amortization	-12,417.60	
Domestic	105,115.4		Domestic	4,105.7		Domestic	3,740.00	
External	16,934.3		External	363.5		External	-16,157.60	
<b>Overall Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	1,923.1		<b>Overall Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	18,173.2		<b>Overall Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	-36,818.50	
<b>Primary Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	60,342.0		<b>Primary Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	-13,682.9		<b>Primary Balance (Surplus +/ve)</b>	-1,364.90	

PROVISIONAL DISTRIBUTION (REVENUE ONLY)	J\$m	Provisional figures Apr-Mar '06/07	BUDGET / PROVISIONAL DEVIATION	J\$m	(Provisional - Budgeted) - Apr-Mar 06/07	YTD Y-O-Y FISCAL DEVIATION	J\$m	Apr-Mar - (06/07 minus 05/06)
<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	211,625.0		<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	-10,591.7		<b>Revenue &amp; Grants</b>	26,311.9	
Tax Revenue	188,299.5		Tax Revenue	-6,734.2		Tax Revenue	24,134.1	
Income and profits	76,321.2		Income and profits	-4,356.3		Income and profits	10,316.4	
Bauxite/alumina	1,413.3		Bauxite/alumina	308.1		Bauxite/alumina	-108.5	
Other companies	16,872.8		Other companies	-3,218.4		Other companies	201.3	
PAYE	40,965.8		PAYE	-2,444.3		PAYE	6,143.1	
Tax on dividend	213.4		Tax on dividend	-101.5		Tax on dividend	-65.1	
Other individuals	2,386.4		Other individuals	-399.7		Other individuals	98.4	
Tax on interest	14,469.6		Tax on interest	1,499.5		Tax on interest	2,235.4	
Environmental Levy	0.0		Environmental Levy	0.0		Environmental Levy	0	
Production and consumption	58,402.9		Production and consumption	-3,674.2		Production and consumption	7,596.6	
SCT	4,042.9		SCT	-293.2		SCT	437.1	
Motor vehicle licenses	964.4		Motor vehicle licenses	-121.0		Motor vehicle licenses	13.3	
Other licenses	276.5		Other licenses	72.9		Other licenses	98.1	
Betting, gaming and lottery	1,145.3		Betting, gaming and lottery	-48.1		Betting, gaming and lottery	21.3	
Education Tax	9,209.1		Education Tax	-532.6		Education Tax	1,734.6	
Contractors levy	835.0		Contractors levy	258.4		Contractors levy	319	
GCT (Local)	33,306.0		GCT (Local)	-3,234.3		GCT (Local)	3,936.4	
Stamp Duty (Local)	8,623.8		Stamp Duty (Local)	223.6		Stamp Duty (Local)	1,037.3	
International Trade	53,575.4		International Trade	1,296.3		International Trade	6,220.9	
Custom Duty	16,881.9		Custom Duty	-18.4		Custom Duty	1,206.3	
Stamp Duty	1,128.6		Stamp Duty	-73.5		Stamp Duty	32.1	
Travel Tax	2,019.8		Travel Tax	-265.3		Travel Tax	-6.2	
GCT (Imports)	24,333.1		GCT (Imports)	621.6		GCT (Imports)	4,849.6	
SCT (Imports)	9,211.9		SCT (Imports)	1,031.8		SCT (Imports)	139	
Non-Tax Revenue	14,048.5		Non-Tax Revenue	1,238.7		Non-Tax Revenue	2,949.6	
Bauxite Levy	4,169.9		Bauxite Levy	267.9		Bauxite Levy	877.8	
Capital Revenue	3,293.3		Capital Revenue	-3,485.0		Capital Revenue	-2,526.8	
Grants	1,813.8		Grants	-1,879.1		Grants	877.3	

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	BM		M2		NIR	Fgn CurDep	CPI		Tourism	J\$/US\$	T-bill	Loan	Sav	Dom Debt	Fgn Debt
	M	P	M	P	US\$M	US\$M	M	P	P		%	%	%	J\$M	US\$M
<b>Jan '04</b>	-11.3	12.9	0.09	14.79	1,251.01	1,691.67	0.6	15	6.30	60.73	17.2	25.6	7.2	427,363.66	4,169.33
Feb	-0.45	10.2	1.37	20.07	1,473.96	1,727.51	0.6	17	3.32	60.95	16.3	25.6	6.8	419,763.43	4,459.14
Mar	1.1	11.3	2.47	20.20	1,568.66	1,770.19	0.5	17	2.95	61.01	15.6	25.4	6.8	417,571.30	4,529.00
Apr	-0.36	11.5	2.10	15.89	1,741.62	1,769.12	0.4	15	9.48	60.65	15.1	25.2	6.7	417,358.68	4,665.57
May	1.66	12	0.15	16.08	1,715.66	1,799.65	0.6	14	5.90	60.93	15	25	6.6	420,503.45	4,745.42
June	-0.11	13	-0.91	15.92	1,604.10	1,757.84	0.8	12	12.27	61.22	15	25	6.6	429,251.39	4,773.46
July	2.83	14.8	1.18	17.23	1,594.69	1,721.50	1	12	0.11	61.8	15	25	6.6	440,539.38	5,029.49
Aug	1	15	0.84	15.21	1,643.46	1,922.93	1.3	12	3.88	61.9	15	25.1	6.6	440,433.32	4,838.02
Sep	0.97	17.7	1.25	15.58	1,616.52	1,867.23	0.6	11	-21.73	61.89	14.8	25	6.6	438,123.75	4,856.86
Oct	0.84	15.3	0.03	14.23	1,826.66	1,833.56	3.3	12	-19.73	61.88	14.8	25	6.5	439,614.97	5,075.17
Nov	1.79	13.8	1.76	13.28	1,816.06	1,855.79	2.4	14	-1.44	61.98	14.9	24.9	6.5	444,214.54	5,118.92
Dec	14.33	11.2	3.93	15.12	1,858.52	1,925.98	0.6	14	4.31	61.63	14.9	24.9	6.5	446,961.92	5,120.44
<b>Jan '05</b>	-11.8	10.5	-0.50	14.44	1,847.58	1,904.47	0	12	-2.27	61.87	14.4	24.9	6.5	449,259.38	5,068.79
Feb	-1.6	9.25	-0.29	12.56	1,831.07	1,918.71	0.4	13	-0.08	61.91	14	24.9	6.5	451,895.38	5,062.87
Mar	6.5	15.1	0.01	9.86	1,901.60	1,935.11	1	13	15.08	61.54	13.5	24.9	6.4	449,247.55	5,044.36
Apr	-3.52	11.4	1.40	9.10	2,010.42	1,944.10	1.9	15	-7.73	61.65	13.4	24.9	6.4	456,393.56	5,055.21
May	0.92	10.6	0.37	9.35	2,074.49	1,916.93	2.2	17	5.19	61.71	13.4	24.9	6.4	466,840.52	4,968.13
June	-1.16	9.47	-0.55	9.75	2,152.80	1,940.56	1.5	18	-1.84	61.84	12.9	24.9	5.5	467,233.58	4,952.24
July	2.5	9.12	0.89	9.44	2,149.25	1,983.67	1.6	18	-7.56	62.23	13	22	5.5	471,668.82	5,282.35
Aug	0.98	9.11	0.89	9.50	2,117.51	1,974.33	0.1	17	-2.67	62.24	13	22	5.5	472,452.67	5,327.40
Sep	-2.68	5.17	0.25	8.42	2,118.97	2,023.12	2.6	19	25.74	62.89	13.2	22	5.5	478,216.66	5,293.49
Oct	1.06	5.39	3.04	11.68	2,078.99	2,061.63	0.6	16	6.42	64.04	13.2	22	5.5	478,118.96	5,452.00
Nov	1.84	5.44	-0.71	8.96	2,093.80	2,067.88	0.3	14	18.37	64.67	13.2	22	5.5	478,436.18	5,407.83
Dec	18.93	9.68	4.27	9.32	2,087.40	2,025.45	0.1	13	9.92	64.58	13.6	22	5.48	480,099.16	5,375.40
<b>Jan '06</b>	-10.28	11.57	-1.70	8.01	2,093.50	2,028.59	0.1	13	15.87	64.99	13.3	21.84	5.30	489,671.66	5,398.74
Feb	-12.84	11.71	0.71	9.10	2,024.24	2,045.44	-0.03	12.4	9.01	65.36	13.2	21.84	5.30	486,690.28	5,621.88
Mar	-0.18	4.71	-0.27	8.80	2,078.10	2,027.75	0.09	11.7	5.05	65.50	13.18	21.84	5.30	482,712.53	5,567.42
Apr	3.12	11.91	0.54	7.87	2,151.80	2,033,370	1.14	12.3	22.55	65.63	13.07	21.84	5.30	489,664.97	5,622.32
May	-0.44	10.41	0.34	7.84	2,162.80	2,044,983	0.40	8.6	17.2	65.73	12.84	21.84	5.30	490,098.32	5,639.65
Jun	0.40	12.15	0.96	9.46	2,110.10	2,056,721	1.27	8.4	19.7	66.03	12.82	22.50	5.39	502,404.45	5,611.53
Jul	3.24	12.96	1.18	9.78	2,087.90	2,049,925	1.36	8.2	25.9	65.99	12.81	22.50	5.39	510,481.97	5,617.45
Aug	2.20	12.33	-0.46	8.31	2,215.60	2,178,414	0.31	8.5	24.3	65.93	12.79	22.5	5.39	513,805.41	5,618.38
Sep	-0.23	17.20	-0.04	8.00	2,342.00	2,119,487	0.75	6.5	11.7	66.06	12.49	21.80	5.36	520,394.81	5,619.32
Oct	-0.53	15.37	1.12	5.99	2,306.40	2,104,076	-0.08	5.8	24.1	66.50	12.30	21.80	5.36	530,109.25	5,622.95
Nov	2.67	16.30	2.44	9.55	2,352.99	2,241,846	-0.18	5.3	9.5	66.92	12.31	21.80	5.36	539,864.26	5,827.13
Dec	19.97	17.32	5.69	12.30	2,317.55	2,185,371	0.51	5.8	9.4	67.15	12.31	21.90	5.20	536,673.14	5,795.64
<b>Jan '07</b>	-12.04	15.01	n/a	n/a	2,288.40	2,183,070	0.29	6.0	3.2	67.55	11.99	21.90	5.20	527,998.13	5,760.19
Feb	1.91	18.96	n/a	n/a	2,185.56	n/a	0.18	6.2	-0.2	67.55	11.94	21.90	5.20	521,305.93	5,746.97
Mar	-0.28	18.84	n/a	n/a	2,329.40	n/a	0.50	6.6	-3.8	67.80	11.65	22.49	5.15	n/a	n/a

Corrections for the changes in CPI for January are as follows: Month - [0.05% to 0.29%]; 12 Months - [5.0% to 6.0%]

Sources: Bank of Jamaica, Statistical Institute of Jamaica, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Jamaica Tourist Board and the PIOJ. Revised periodically when necessary.

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BM – Base Money	M2 – Money Supply
NIR – Net International Reserves	FX Dep – Foreign Exchange Deposit
CPI – Consumer Price Index	Tourism – Total Tourist Arrivals
Tbill – 6-month Treasury Bill Yield	Loan – Average Loan Rate
Save – Average Savings Deposit Rate	M – Monthly Percentage Change
P – Point-to-Point Percentage Change	R – Revised
N/a – Not Available	S – Stopover
WATBY- weighted average Treasury bill yield	OMO – Open Market Operation
JCB – Jamaica Conference Board	JCC – Jamaica Chamber of Commerce
MT – Million tonnes	BP — Basis Points
KMA — Kingston and Metropolitan Area	

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