



***Summary:***

*In February 2019, the majority of real sector indicators retreated in relation to the preceding month. Exports of goods improved and imports diminished resulting in a narrower trade deficit. Yet, the overall balance of payments reported a deficit and the Central Bank's foreign assets of reserves and securities regressed a little. The banking activity continued to be weak in terms of loans and deposits, and interest rates increased further.*

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**I- REAL SECTOR****1-Construction and Real Estate**

Construction and real estate indicators were mixed in February 2019 when compared to the preceding month but retreated in relation to February 2018.

	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Change % February 2019/February 2018
<b>Construction permits</b>				
Area (s.m)	843,514	502,611	959,064	-12.0
Number (permits)	1,024	841	1,157	-11.5
Cement deliveries (000 tons)	203	217	337	-39.8
Collected real estate fees (LBP billion)	50.8	52.5	56.6	-10.2
Real estate sales operations (number)	4,192	3,667	4,473	-6.3
Value of Real estate sales (LBP billion)	831	761	951	-12.6
Real estate transactions (number)	12,470	11,318	12,882	-3.2

Sources: BDL, Orders of Engineers of Beirut & Tripoli, General Directorate of Land Registry & Cadastre.

**2-Tourism**

Indicators of tourism activity regressed in February 2019 in respect of the past month but improved on average with reference to February 2018.

	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Change % February 2019/February 2018
Number of arriving passengers at BIA	259,081	269,630	253,682	2.1
Number of departing passengers at BIA	259,979	331,705	251,027	3.6
Number of arriving tourists	118,175	112,880	114,692	3.0
Inbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,306	2,814	2,288	0.8
Outbound Aircrafts at BIA (flights)	2,316	2,815	2,290	1.1

Sources: Beirut International Airport, Ministry of Tourism.

**3-Trade and Services**

Trade and services indicators went back in February 2019 vis-à-vis the previous month and February 2018.

	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Change % February 2019/February 2018
<b>Checks Cleared</b>				
Value (USD million)	4,854	4,902	5,164	-6.0
Number (000 checks)	852	861	905	-5.9
<b>Checks Returned</b>				
Value (USD million)	114	131	114	0.0
Number (checks)	20,712	23,998	19,259	7.5
Ships at the port of Beirut (number)	135	129	158	-14.6
Weight of unloaded goods at POB (tons)	492,031	534,309	635,656	-22.6
Weight of shipped goods at POB (tons)	62,068	47,052	85,800	-27.7
Discharged containers at POB (number)	17,772	19,713	23,573	-24.6
Revenues of POB (USD million)	16.1	17.8	18.8	-14.4
<b>Merchandise at BIA</b>				
Imports (tons)	3,913	4,151	4,276	-8.5
Exports (tons)	2,160	2,243	2,327	-7.2

Sources: BDL, Port of Beirut, Beirut International Airport.

**4-Industry and Agriculture**

Agriculture imports and exports improved in February 2019 with regard to February 2018. Agriculture imports progressed also in February 2019 against the previous month.

	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Change % February 2019/February 2018
Electricity production (MKWH)	1,026	1,342	1,142	-10.2
<b>Imports of gas oil</b>				
Value (million USD)	119.4	132.8	129.4	-7.7
Volume (tons)	195,602	231,811	211,472	-7.5
Agriculture imports (USD million)	178.2	151.4	148.6	19.9
Agriculture exports (USD million)	15.6	15.8	14.5	7.6

Source: BDL, Lebanese Customs.

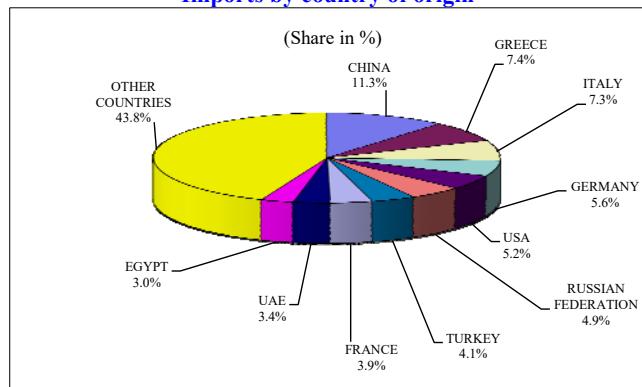
**II- EXTERNAL SECTOR*****In February 2019,***

**Imports of goods** decreased to USD 1,364 million from USD 1,405 million in January 2019 and USD 1,435 million in February 2018. Imports retreated, in the first two months of 2019 by 11.8 percent with reference to the first two months of the previous year. In the first two months of 2019, mineral products lead imported goods with a 18.4 percent share of total imports. They were followed by machinery and



mechanical appliances and products of the chemical which accounted for 12.2 percent for each. China topped the list of imports by country of origin with a 11.3 percent share of total. Greece came next with a share of 7.4 percent followed by Italy (7.3 percent) and Germany (5.6 percent).

Imports by country of origin



Source: Lebanese Customs

LBP billion	Feb-19	Jan-19	Feb-18	Change % February 2019/February 2018
Documentary L/Cs for import (opened credits)	1031.1	726.2	686.6	50.2
Documentary L/Cs for import (utilized credits)	632.3	680.5	688.3	-8.1
Bills for collection for import: Inward bills	102.9	169.9	113.4	-9.3
Documentary L/Cs for export (opened credits)	447.8	512.1	267.4	67.5
Documentary L/Cs for export (utilized credits)	409.1	396.1	418.5	-2.2
Bills for collection for export: Outward bills	132.1	126.9	185.3	-28.7

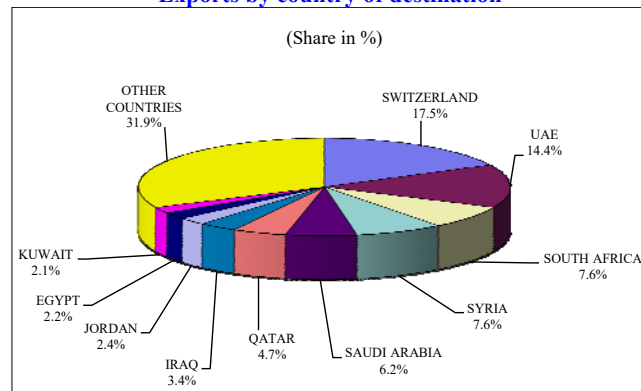
Source: BDL

In February 2019,

**Exports of goods** increased to USD 300 million compared to USD 236 million one month back and USD 248 million in February 2018. Exports rose in the first two months of 2019 by 0.9 percent in respect of the first two months of the preceding year.

In the first two months of 2019, pearls, precious and semi - precious stones were on top of the list with a share of 37.1 percent of total exports, followed by prepared foodstuffs (12.1 percent), machinery and mechanical appliances (9.3 percent) and products of the chemical (8.3 percent). Switzerland outperformed all others in terms of exports by country of destination with 17.5 percent share of the total, trailed by UAE with a share of 14.4 percent, followed by South Africa and Syria (7.6 percent for each).

Exports by country of destination



Source: Lebanese Customs

**The trade deficit** diminished as such to USD 1,064 million from USD 1,169 million in January 2019 and USD 1,187 million in February 2018. It narrowed in the first two months of 2019 by 14.4 percent vis-à-vis the first two months of 2018.

External Sector Indicators

USD million	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
Imports	1,435	1,405	1,364
Exports	248	236	300
Trade deficit	-1,187	-1,169	-1,064
Balance of payments	-72	-1,380	-550
Gross foreign currency reserves	34,386	31,932	31,271

Source: Lebanese Customs, BDL.

**The overall balance of payments** reported a deficit of USD 550 million in February 2019 following a larger deficit of USD 1,380 million in January 2019 (USD 72 million deficit in February 2018). The USD 1,930 million negative balance recorded in the first two months of 2019 represented a decrease in net foreign assets of banks and financial institutions (USD -1,144 million) and in net foreign assets of the central bank (USD -786 million).

**Gross foreign currency reserves** of the Central bank decreased to USD 31,271 million at the end of February 2019 compared to USD 31,932 million at the end of January 2018 and USD 34,386 million at end February 2018, while BDL foreign assets securities increased to USD 7,617 million in February 2019 from USD 7,347 million at the end of the previous month (USD 8,980 million at the end of February 2018). The U.S. dollar average rate remained stable at LBP 1,507.5 with the Central bank maintaining its foreign exchange intervention rates at LBP 1,501 per one USD for bid and LBP 1,514 per one USD for ask.



### III-FINANCIAL SECTOR

#### 1. Commercial Banks

**Total consolidated assets of commercial banks operating in Lebanon** amounted to LBP 377,237 billion (USD 250.2 billion) at the end of February 2019, thus slightly increasing by 0.3 percent from end December 2018 (1.5 percent increase in the first two months of 2018).

Total deposits at commercial banks, including resident and non-resident private sector deposits and public sector deposits decreased by 1.2 percent in the first two months of 2019 and constituted 70.5 percent of total assets with an equivalent value of LBP 265,944 billion (around USD 176.4 billion) at the end of the period.

#### Commercial Banks Balance Sheet -Main items

End of period-LBP billion	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
Total Assets	336,272	375,188	377,237
Total deposits	263,290	265,962	265,944
Resident customers' deposits	201,776	201,663	202,099
Non-resident customers' deposits	53,483	55,802	55,279
Resident financial sector liabilities	1,696	1,985	1,870
Public sector deposits	6,334	6,513	6,695
Non deposit liabilities	40,643	75,888	77,890
Capital accounts	32,338	33,339	33,403
Total claims on customers	88,282	86,997	85,859
Resident customers	78,911	76,510	76,073
Non-resident customers	9,371	10,486	9,787
Total claims on public sector	47,018	50,424	50,567
in LBP	25,901	26,309	26,161
in FC	21,117	24,115	24,407
Claims on non resident Financial sector	15,786	15,988	15,810
Non-resident securities portfolio	1,712	1,628	1,633
Other foreign assets*	17,085	18,090	17,394
Deposits at the central bank	163,839	199,424	202,600

Source: BDL.

\*Including currency and deposits with other central banks-NR.

The breakdown of total deposits shows that each of private sector deposits denominated in LBP and in foreign currencies decreased by 1.3 percent in the first two months of 2019, thus deposit dollarization rate stood at 70.6 percent at end February 2019. The itemization of total deposits reveals also a growth in public sector deposits (+3.9 percent) but a decrease in non-resident private sector deposits (-2.8 percent) and

in resident private sector deposits (-0.9 percent) in the first two months of 2019. Subsequently, resident private sector deposits accounted for 76.7 percent of total deposits at end February 2019 (20.8 percent for non-resident private sector and 2.5 percent for public sector deposits).

Total capital accounts amounted to LBP 33,403 billion (USD 22,158 million) at the end of February 2019 and represented around 8.9 percent of total assets. Capital accounts increased by 9.9 percent from end December 2018.

Total claims on the resident and non-resident customers declined by 3.3 percent in the first two months of 2019, reaching LBP 85,859 billion at the end of February 2019. The dollarization rate of these loans was 69.2 percent at the end of the stated month, and the ratio of total claims on resident and non-resident customers to total deposits attained 33.1 percent.

Total claims on the public sector were equivalent to LBP 50,567 billion at the end of February 2019, thus slightly decreasing by 0.2 percent from end December 2018. Commercial banks held at the end of the stated month LBP 25,879 billion of Lebanese treasury bills (33.9 percent of the total portfolio in circulation) and USD 16,190 million of Eurobonds (nearly 51.3 percent of the total outstanding portfolio).

Deposits at the Central Bank (including CDs) increased in the first two months of 2019 by 3.2 percent to total LBP 202,600 billion at the end of February 2019, whereas claims on non-resident financial sector (excluding deposits with other central banks-NR), decreased by 12.5 percent to LBP 15,810 billion (USD 10.5 billion) to represent 8.6 percent of private sector deposits in foreign currencies. Non-resident securities portfolio rose by 1.8 percent in the first two months of 2019 to reach LBP 1,633 billion (USD 1.1 billion) at the end of the period.

#### 2. Investment Banks

**Total consolidated assets of investment banks operating in Lebanon** (including medium and long term credit banks) amounted to LBP 8,177 billion (around USD 5.4 billion) at the end of February 2019, thus increasing by 2.3 percent from end December



2018. Deposits, including those of resident and non – resident customers and resident financial sector increased by 0.5 percent in the first two months of 2019 to reach LBP 3,106 billion at the end of the period.

### 3. Financial Markets

**The total number of shares traded on the Beirut Stock Exchange** jumped to 121,955 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 569.9 million in February 2019 compared to 50,963 thousand shares with a traded value of USD 152.1 million in the previous month and 5,480 thousand shares with a value of USD 43.4 million in February 2018.

During February 2019, the traded value by economic sectors was as such: 99.4 percent for Banking and 0.6 percent for Development and Reconstruction.

#### Capital Markets

	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
BSE			
Traded shares (ooo)	5,480	50,963	121,955
Traded value (USD million)	43.4	152.1	569.9
Market capitalization (USD million)	11,647	9,381	9,336
Outstanding treasury bills (LBP billion)	75,445	76,681	76,370
Outstanding sovereign Eurobonds (USD million)	27,778	30,964	30,964
Outstanding private sector (banks) securities (USD million)	350	950	950

Source: BDL, BSE

**The market capitalization of listed shares** decreased to USD 9,336 million at the end of February 2019, compared to USD 9,381 million at the end of the previous month and USD 11,647 million at the end of February 2018. Banking had a 84.7 percent weight, whereas Development and Construction 11.5 percent.

**The face value of the outstanding treasury bills portfolio** denominated in the domestic currency and **the value of the outstanding sovereign bonds portfolio** denominated in foreign currencies (**Eurobonds**) amounted to LBP 76,370 billion and USD 30,964 million respectively at the end of February 2019 (LBP 76,681 billion and USD 30,964 million at the end of January 2019). In February 2019, Credit default swaps (CDS) on 5–years Lebanese Government

Eurobonds in USD ranged between 685 bps and 750 bps and averaged 709 bps.

**The outstanding value of bank-issued certificates of deposits, notes and bonds** amounted to USD 950 million at the end of February 2019. **The outstanding value of the certificates of deposits issued by BDL** in the domestic currency and in foreign currencies stood almost unchanged at LBP 47,734 billion and USD 23.1 billion respectively.

## IV- MONETARY DEVELOPMENTS

**The stock of money and quasi money (M3)** attained LBP 210,836 billion at the end of February 2019, of which 64.1 percent denominated in foreign currencies, thus decreasing by 1.0 percent from end December 2018.

#### Money Supply & Counterparts

	LBP billion	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
M3		210,052	210,434	210,836
Net foreign assets		51,469	41,878	41,093
Net claims on public sector		77,366	82,436	83,658
Valuation Adjustment		-10,015	-10,146	-10,178
Claims on private sector		83,831	81,775	80,974
Other items-net		7,401	14,492	15,288
CAS CPI (Dec 2013=100)		104.14	107.23	107.42

Source: BDL, CAS.

The LBP 2,157 billion decrease in M3 in the first two months of 2019 resulted from a drop in each of net foreign assets (-LBP 2,215 billion), claims on the private sector (-LBP 2,125 billion) and valuation adjustment (-LBP 714 billion) against an increase in net items other than foreign assets and claims on private and public sectors (+LBP 1,678 billion) and net claims on public sector (+LBP 1,219 billion).

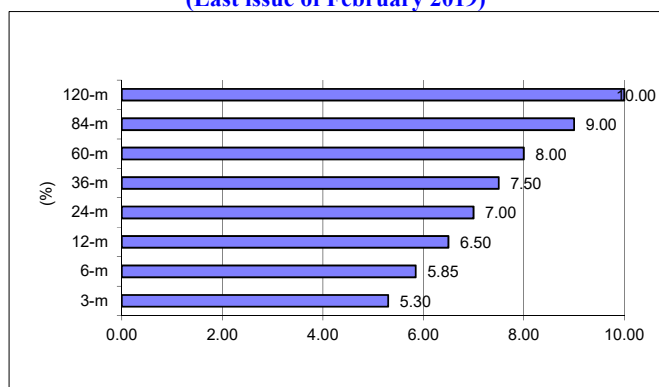
**The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Beirut and Suburbs**, published by the Consultation and Research Institute, decreased by 1.3 percent in the month of February 2019 compared to January 2019 and by 0.7 percent from December 2018.

**The Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Lebanon**, published by the Central Administration of Statistics increased by 0.2 percent in February 2019 compared to January 2019 but decreased by 0.6 percent from December 2018.



The interest rates on LBP monetary instruments on 45 and 60- day certificates of deposits issued by BDL were 4.90 percent and 5.08 percent respectively at the end of February 2019. The yields on the issued Lebanese Treasury bills in LBP read at the end of the stated month: 5.30 percent for three-month bills, 5.85 percent for six-month bills, 6.50 percent for one-year bills, 7.00 percent for two-year bills, 7.50 percent for three-year bills, 8.00 percent for five-year bills, 9.00 percent for seven-year bills and 10.00 percent for ten-year bills.

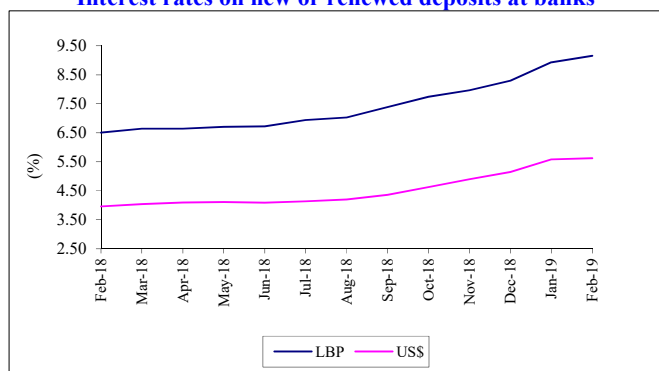
**Yield on Lebanese treasury bills denominated in LBP (Last issue of February 2019)**



Source: BDL

In February 2019, the average interest rate on new or renewed LBP and USD deposits at commercial banks increased to 9.16 percent (8.93 percent a month ago) and 5.62 percent (5.58 percent in January 2019) respectively. The average 3-month USD LIBOR was 2.68 percent.

**Interest rates on new or renewed deposits at banks**



In February 2019, the average interest rate on new or renewed loans at commercial banks denominated in LBP and USD increased to 10.55 percent (10.41 percent a month ago) and 8.91 percent (8.89 percent in January 2019) respectively.

**V- PUBLIC FINANCES**

**Government revenues**, including budget revenues and treasury receipts attained LBP 1,239 billion in November 2018 to sum LBP 16,198 billion in the first eleven months of 2018 (LBP 15,465 billion in the first eleven months of 2017). The LBP 16,198 billion revenues comprised LBP 11,998 billion tax revenues, LBP 3,053 billion non-tax revenues and LBP 1,147 billion treasury receipts.

**Fiscal Situation**

LBP billion	Nov-17	Oct-18	Nov-18
Government revenues	964	1,888	1,239
Tax revenues	680	1,425	705
Non-tax revenues	228	398	431
Treasury receipts	55	65	103
Government expenditures	2,290	2,228	2,860
Debt service	1,123	625	1,487
Others	1,167	1,623	1,373
Overall balance	-1,327	-340	-1,621
Primary balance	-203	285	-134

Source: Ministry of Finance.

**Government expenditures**, consisting of budget and treasury spending, amounted to LBP 2,860 billion in November 2018 to total LBP 24,955 billion in the first eleven months of 2018 (LBP 20,554 billion in the first eleven months of 2017). The LBP 24,955 billion expenditures included LBP 8,017 billion debt service and LBP 16,938 billion other general expenditures o/w LBP 2,452 billion to EDL, LBP 1,531 billion related to budget expenditures for previous years and LBP 831 billion transfers to municipalities.

**Total Deficit** increased as such to LBP 8,757 billion in the first eleven months of 2018 from LBP 5,089 billion in the first eleven months of 2017, and the primary balance reported an LBP 740 billion deficit compared to an LBP 2,173 billion surplus respectively.

**Gross public debt** amounted to LBP 128,507 billion (the equivalent of USD 85.2 billion) at the end of February 2019, thus increasing by 0.1 percent when compared to end December 2018 (2.5 percent growth in the first two months of 2018).



**Net public debt**, which subtracts public sector deposits at banks and the central bank from gross public debt, amounted to LBP 115,394 billion at the end of February 2019, therefore increasing by 1.1 percent from end of December 2018 (1.5 percent growth in the first two months of 2018).

**Public Debt**

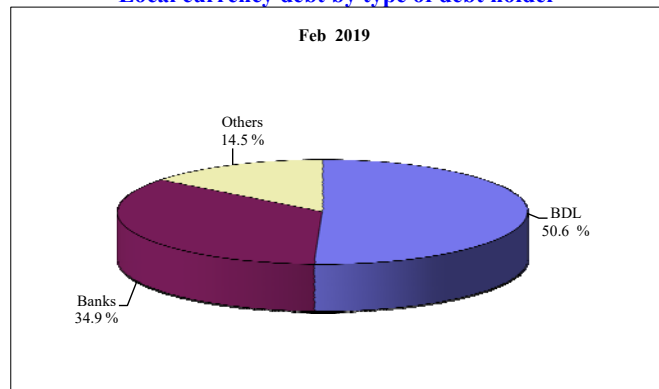
LBP billion	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
Public Debt (Gross)	122,912	128,619	128,507
Debt in LBP	76,781	77,901	77,634
Debt in FC	46,131	50,718	50,873
Public Debt (Net)	105,837	114,505	115,394
Public sector deposits	17,075	14,114	13,113
Banks	6,608	6,654	6,846
BDL	10,467	7,460	6,267

Source: BDL.

The shares of the local currency debt and foreign currency debt of the total gross were around 60.4 percent and 39.6 percent respectively at the end of February 2019. The distribution of local currency debt by type of holder was as follows: 34.9 percent for banks (35.0 percent end of January 2019), 50.6 percent for the Central bank (50.3 percent in the previous month) and 14.5 percent for the non-banking sector (14.7 percent one month earlier). The breakdown of the foreign currency debt was as such: Eurobonds (93.6 percent), Multilateral (4.0 percent), Bilateral (2.2 percent) and others (0.2 percent).

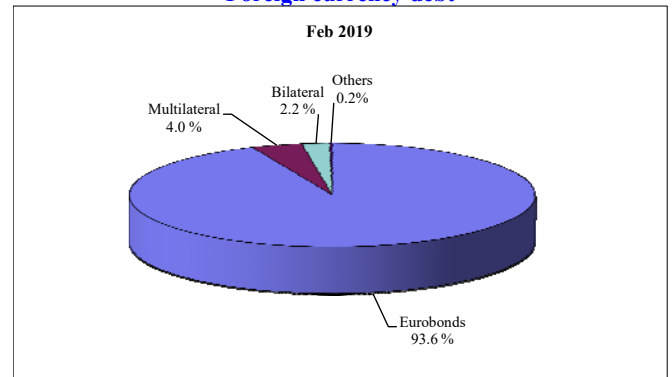
The average maturity of the Government debt securities denominated in the domestic currency is estimated at 1,627 days (4.47 years) as at end February 2019 with a weighted interest of 6.18 percent, while the average maturity of the Government debt instruments denominated in foreign currencies is around 7.67 years with a weighted interest of 6.81 percent.

**Local currency debt by type of debt holder**



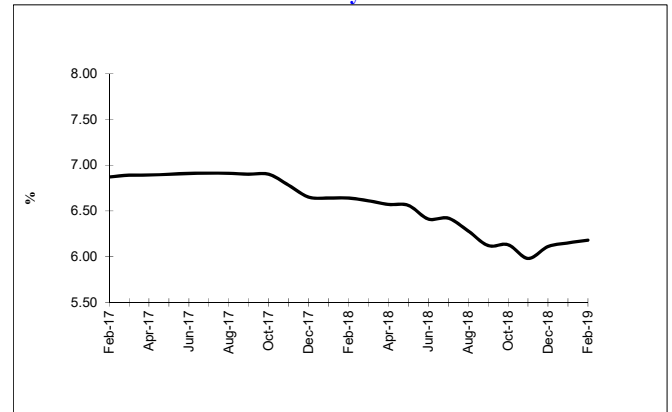
Source: BDL.

**Foreign currency debt**

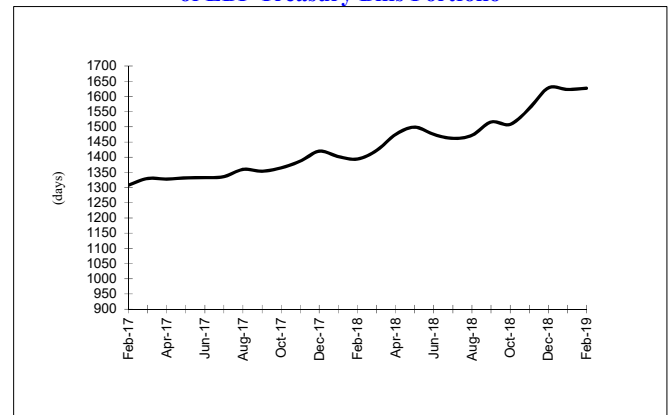


Source: BDL.

**Weighted Average Interest Rate on LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio**



**Weighted Average Life of LBP Treasury Bills Portfolio**



## GENERAL INDICATORS OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Feb 2018	Jan - Feb 2019	Feb-18	Jan-19	Feb-19
<b>Imports of Industrial Equipment (000's US\$)</b>	257,402	42,803	n.a	18,772	n.a.	n.a
<b>Building Permits (000's m2)</b>	11,730	1,779	1,346	959	503	844
<b>Cement Delivery (000s' tons)</b>	5,149	612	420	337	217	203
<b>Checks Cleared in LBP (billion LBP)</b>	32,678	5,506	5,484	2,540	2,798	2,686
<b>Checks Cleared in FC (million US\$)</b>	46,578	7,431	6,118	3,479	3,046	3,072
<b>Shipped Goods (tons)-Beirut Port</b>	1,080,146	165,123	109,120	85,800	47,052	62,068
<b>Unloaded Goods (tons)-Beirut Port</b>	7,549,157	1,195,346	1,026,340	635,656	534,309	492,031
<b>Passengers Arrivals (000's)-BIA</b>	4,103	527	529	254	270	259
<b>Passengers Departures (000's)-BIA</b>	4,128	575	592	251	332	260
<b>Total exports of goods (million USD)</b>	2,844	531	536	248	236	300
<b>Total imports of goods (million USD)</b>	19,582	3,140	2,769	1,435	1,405	1,364
<b>Balance of Trade (million USD)</b>	-16,738	-2,609	-2,233	-1,187	-1,169	-1,064
<b>Changes of Net Foreign Assets in the banking system (million USD)</b>	-156	165	-1,930	-72	-1,380	-550
<b>Gross Foreign Currency Reserves (End of period-million USD)</b>	-	-	-	34,386	31,932	31,271
<b>Consumer Price Index (End of period)</b>	-	-	-	104.14	107.23	107.42

Sources: BDL, Lebanese Customs, Consultation & Research Institute, Order of engineers, Beirut International Airport, Port of Beirut, Ministry of Industry.





**TOTAL IMPORTS & EXPORTS BY PRODUCT**  
(Million US Dollars)

Goods	Imports			Exports		
	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan-Feb 2018	Jan - Feb 2019	Jan - Dec 2018	Jan-Feb 2018	Jan - Feb 2019
1- Live animals, animal products	1,039	134	128	24	4	2
2- Vegetable products	965	196	202	183	25	29
3- Fats & edible fats & oils	156	25	24	55	6	8
4- Prepared foodstuffs	1,335	227	207	383	62	65
5- Mineral products	4,169	523	509	31	4	16
6- Products of the chemical	2,213	359	337	362	59	44
7- Plastics & articles thereof	773	116	112	180	24	27
8- Raw hides & skins, leather, furskins	67	11	9	11	2	2
9- Wood & articles of wood	225	35	31	8	1	1
10- Paper & paperboard & articles thereof	345	51	44	140	18	21
11- Textiles & textile articles	757	126	103	52	7	6
12- Footwear, headgear, prepared feathers	140	25	22	9	2	1
13- Articles of stone, plaster, cement	445	71	50	24	3	3
14- Pearls, precious or semi-precious stones	1,252	242	163	648	175	199
15- Base metals & articles of base metal	1,269	242	169	380	75	40
16- Machinery & mechanical appliances	2,321	374	337	322	44	50
17-Transport equipment	1,659	246	198	23	4	5
18- Optical instruments & apparatus	366	59	63	17	2	3
19- Arms & ammunition	17	5	1	0	0	0
20- Miscellaneous manufactured articles	439	70	59	86	13	13
21- Works of art	26	3	2	16	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,980</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>536</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.

\* Corrected figures

**IMPORTS BY ORIGIN**  
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Feb 2018	Share %	Jan - Feb 2019	Share %
CHINA	392	12.5	313	11.3
GREECE	236	7.5	205	7.4
ITALY	272	8.7	202	7.3
GERMANY	183	5.8	155	5.6
USA	152	4.8	143	5.2
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	120	3.8	137	4.9
TURKEY	118	3.8	113	4.1
FRANCE	104	3.3	108	3.9
UAE	81	2.6	95	3.4
EGYPT	138	4.4	84	3.0
<b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>1,214</b>	<b>43.8</b>
<b>TOTAL IMPORTS</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.

\* Corrected figures

**EXPORTS BY DESTINATION**  
(Million US Dollars)

	Jan - Feb 2018	Share %	Jan - Feb 2019	Share %
SWITZERLAND	65	12.2	94	17.5
UAE	52	9.8	77	14.4
SOUTH AFRICA	73	13.7	41	7.6
SYRIA	26	4.9	41	7.6
SAUDI ARABIA	31	5.8	33	6.2
QATAR	21	4.0	25	4.7
IRAQ	23	4.3	18	3.4
JORDAN	13	2.4	13	2.4
EGYPT	10	1.9	12	2.2
KUWAIT	12	2.3	11	2.1
<b>OTHER COUNTRIES</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>31.9</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPORTS</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>536</b>	<b>100.0</b>

Source: Lebanese Customs.



**THE CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF COMMERCIAL BANKS OPERATING IN LEBANON**  
(End of Period - Billion LBP)

	2017		2018		2019	
	Dec	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb	
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Reserves	156,667	164,668	197,138	200,322	203,460	
-Cash	774	829	850	898	860	
-Deposits at the Central Bank	155,893	163,839	196,288	199,424	202,600	
Claims on the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	80,824	79,609	78,796	77,161	76,716	
-Claims denominated in Lebanese Pound	26,400	26,424	24,850	24,474	24,035	
-Claims denominated in Foreign Currencies	54,424	53,185	53,946	52,686	52,682	
Claims on the Public Sector	48,163	47,018	50,651	50,424	50,567	
o/w -Treasury Bills in Lebanese Pound	26,556	25,605	26,198	26,036	25,879	
-Treasury Bills in Foreign Currencies	21,373	21,117	24,178	24,115	24,407	
Foreign Assets	35,579	34,583	37,991	35,707	34,837	
-Claims on Non-Resident Private Sector	9,152	9,371	10,728	10,486	9,787	
-Claims on Non-Resident Banks	17,035	15,786	18,074	15,988	15,810	
-Currency and deposits with other central banks	1,575	1,734	1,487	1,503	1,498	
-Other Foreign Assets	6,409	5,980	6,097	6,101	6,110	
-Non Resident securities portfolio	1,408	1,712	1,604	1,628	1,633	
Tangible and intangible assets	7,131	7,065	7,636	7,678	7,666	
Resident Private securities portfolio	2,355	2,769	2,671	2,601	2,614	
Unclassified Assets	713	558	1,214	1,297	1,377	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>331,433</b>	<b>336,272</b>	<b>376,097</b>	<b>375,188</b>	<b>377,237</b>	
<b>LIABILITIES</b>						
Liabilities to the Resident Private and Financial Sectors	201,263	203,472	205,859	203,647	203,969	
-Deposits in Lebanese Pound	73,100	75,044	70,696	69,261	69,916	
-Deposits in Foreign Currencies	128,164	128,429	135,163	134,386	134,054	
Liabilities to the Public Sector	6,484	6,334	6,445	6,513	6,695	
Deposits of Non-Residents Customers	52,998	53,483	56,870	55,802	55,279	
-Denominated in Lebanese Pound	6,440	6,556	6,501	6,310	6,302	
-Denominated in Foreign Currencies	46,558	46,927	50,369	49,492	48,978	
Liabilities to Non-Resident Banks	11,278	11,876	13,961	14,237	14,150	
Bonds	416	246	324	332	340	
Capital Base	28,831	32,338	30,383	33,339	33,403	
-Core Capital	26,955	30,465	28,235	31,188	31,259	
-Supplementary Capital	1,876	1,874	2,148	2,151	2,145	
Unclassified Liabilities	30,163	28,521	62,256	61,319	63,400	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>331,433</b>	<b>336,272</b>	<b>376,097</b>	<b>375,188</b>	<b>377,237</b>	

Source: BDL.



**MONEY SUPPLY AND COUNTERPARTS**  
(End of Period - Billion LBP)

	2017		2018		2019	
	Dec	Feb	Dec	Jan	Feb	
<b><u>Money Supply</u></b>						
Currency in circulation	4,887	4,573	5,008	4,661	4,631	
+ Demand Deposits in LBP	5,738	6,034	6,653	5,826	5,894	
= M1	<b>10,624</b>	<b>10,608</b>	<b>11,661</b>	<b>10,488</b>	<b>10,525</b>	
+ Other Deposits in LBP	68,542	69,960	65,167	64,568	65,201	
= M2	<b>79,166</b>	<b>80,568</b>	<b>76,828</b>	<b>75,056</b>	<b>75,726</b>	
+ Deposits in Foreign Currencies	129,477	129,239	135,892	135,101	134,818	
+ Bonds	322	245	272	277	291	
= M3	<b>208,965</b>	<b>210,052</b>	<b>212,993</b>	<b>210,434</b>	<b>210,836</b>	
+ Treasury Bills Held by the Public	10,741	10,833	11,444	11,479	11,230	
= M4	<b>219,706</b>	<b>220,885</b>	<b>224,437</b>	<b>221,913</b>	<b>222,066</b>	
<b><u>Counterparts of the Money Supply</u></b>						
Net Foreign Assets	<b>51,043</b>	<b>51,469</b>	<b>43,308</b>	<b>41,878</b>	<b>41,093</b>	
o/w Gold	18,033	18,347	17,743	18,397	18,438	
Net Claims on the Public Sector	<b>76,231</b>	<b>77,366</b>	<b>82,439</b>	<b>82,436</b>	<b>83,658</b>	
Valuation Adjustment	<b>-9,726</b>	<b>-10,015</b>	<b>-9,464</b>	<b>-10,146</b>	<b>-10,178</b>	
Claims on the Private Sector	<b>86,023</b>	<b>83,831</b>	<b>83,099</b>	<b>81,775</b>	<b>80,974</b>	
Claims in LBP	28,657	28,578	27,079	27,046	26,239	
Claims in FC	57,366	55,254	56,020	54,729	54,735	
Other Items (Net)	<b>5,394</b>	<b>7,401</b>	<b>13,610</b>	<b>14,492</b>	<b>15,288</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208,965</b>	<b>210,052</b>	<b>212,993</b>	<b>210,434</b>	<b>210,836</b>	

Source: BDL.



**OUTSTANDING PUBLIC DEBT BY TYPE OF HOLDER**  
(End of Period - Billion LBP)  
(Actual Value\*)

Year And Month	Total Debt	Local Currency Debt				Foreign Currency Debt					
		Central		Others <sup>(1)</sup>	Total	IDI**	FG+	Paris II		Total	
		Bank	Banks					loans	Others <sup>(2)</sup>		
2017	Dec	119,892	35,580	27,756	10,741	74,077	2,022	1,319	18	42,456	45,815
2018	Feb	122,912	39,510	26,438	10,833	76,781	2,045	1,339	0	42,747	46,131
	Mar	123,423	40,547	25,908	10,845	77,300	2,053	1,342	0	42,728	46,123
	Apr	123,229	40,030	26,040	11,099	77,169	2,041	1,325	0	42,694	46,060
	May	124,384	32,701	26,538	11,336	70,575	2,026	1,210	0	50,573	53,809
	Jun	125,054	34,620	26,363	11,139	72,122	2,043	1,202	0	49,687	52,932
	Jul	124,977	34,127	26,480	11,226	71,833	2,022	1,205	0	49,917	53,144
	Aug	126,171	35,241	26,546	11,070	72,857	2,028	1,205	0	50,081	53,314
	Sep	126,404	36,590	25,622	10,795	73,007	2,062	1,199	0	50,136	53,397
	Oct	126,693	36,638	25,461	11,217	73,316	2,058	1,165	0	50,154	53,377
	Nov	126,113	38,956	25,380	11,478	75,814	2,055	1,108	0	47,136	50,299
	Dec	128,347	39,006	27,402	11,444	77,852	2,068	1,113	0	47,314	50,495
	2019	Jan	128,619	39,184	27,238	11,479	77,901	2,068	1,120	0	47,530
Feb		128,507	39,318	27,086	11,230	77,634	2,062	1,123	0	47,688	50,873

Source :BDL.

\* The figures are equal to the principal paid plus the interests due.

\*\* IDI : International Development Institutions.

+ FG : Foreign Governments.

(1) Include: public TB's, public entities TB's and financial institutions TB's.

(2) Include: Eurobonds holders (banks, non banks, residents and non residents), foreign private sector loans and special TB's in FC (expropriation bonds).

**TREASURY BILLS PORTFOLIO IN LBP**  
(Face value, Billion LBP)

Year And Month	In	Issue	Reimbursement	Weighted	Weighted	
				Average	Average	
				Life	Interest	
End of period	(days)	(%)				
2017	Dec	72,812	3,247	2,818	1,420	6.65
2018	Feb	75,445	2,395	847	1,394	6.64
	Mar	75,982	3,524	2,987	1,422	6.61
	Apr	75,805	3,225	3,402	1,475	6.57
	May	69,259	2,228	8,774	1,499	6.56
	Jun	70,881	2,413	791	1,475	6.41
	Jul	70,605	661	937	1,462	6.42
	Aug	71,662	2,659	1,602	1,472	6.28
	Sep	71,762	2,458	2,358	1,516	6.12
	Oct	72,052	1,236	946	1,508	6.13
	Nov	74,497	3,295	850	1,560	5.98
	Dec	76,575	2,606	529	1,628	6.11
	2019	Jan	76,681	1,166	1,060	1,623
Feb		76,370	1,068	1,379	1,627	6.18

Source:BDL.



## AVERAGE INTEREST RATES

Year And Month	Average Lending **		Average Deposit		Inter Bank Rate *	3m Libor \$	Interest rates on TBs (last issue)									
	Rate on Funds in		Rate on Funds in				3-m	6-m	12-m	24-m	36-m	60-m	84-m	120-m	180-m	
	LBP	US\$	LBP	US\$												
2017	Dec	8.09	7.67	6.41	3.89	35.93	1.60	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
2018	Feb	8.67	7.90	6.51	3.96	4.20	1.88	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Mar	8.95	7.89	6.64	4.04	4.30	2.17	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Apr	8.99	7.82	6.64	4.10	4.35	2.35	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	May	8.65	7.87	6.71	4.11	5.00	2.34	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Jun	8.82	7.93	6.72	4.09	5.00	2.33	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Jul	8.66	7.96	6.94	4.14	5.00	2.34	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Aug	8.81	8.12	7.03	4.20	6.27	2.32	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Sep	9.31	8.11	7.39	4.36	5.04	2.35	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Oct	9.60	8.30	7.74	4.63	14.57	2.46	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Nov	10.15	8.57	7.97	4.90	17.07	2.65	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	7.33	
	Dec	9.97	8.57	8.30	5.15	40.11	2.79	4.39	4.87	5.08	5.76	6.40	6.63	6.96	9.76	10.24
	2019	Jan	10.41	8.89	8.93	5.58	29.75	2.77	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76
Feb		10.55	8.91	9.16	5.62	17.50	2.68	5.23	5.68	6.10	6.88	7.36	7.85	8.81	9.76	

Sources: BDL, Société Financière du Liban s.a.l.

\* On Funds in LBP, weighted by daily volume.

\*\* Starting January 2016, lending rates are calculated according to intermediary circular No 389.

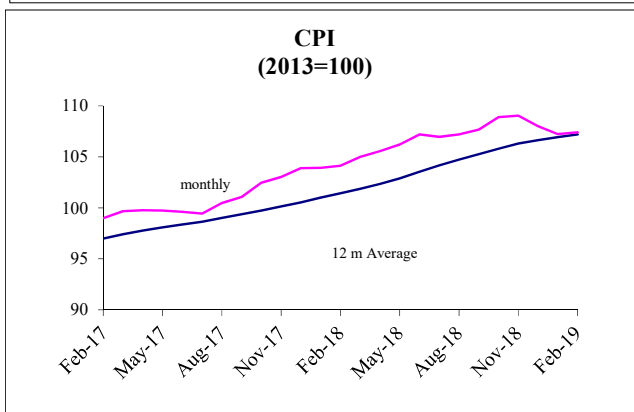
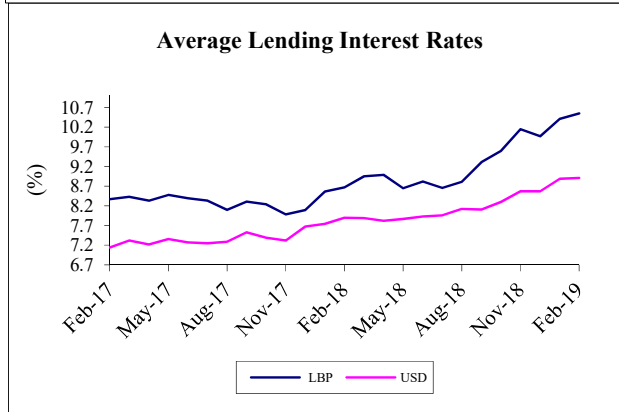
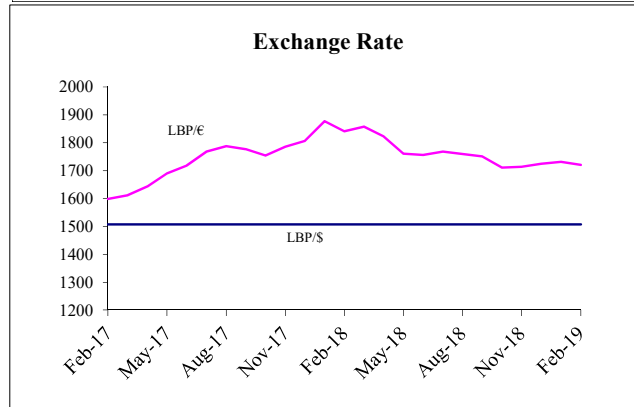
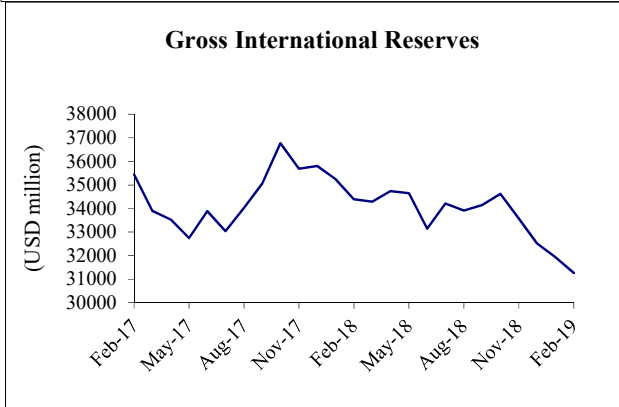
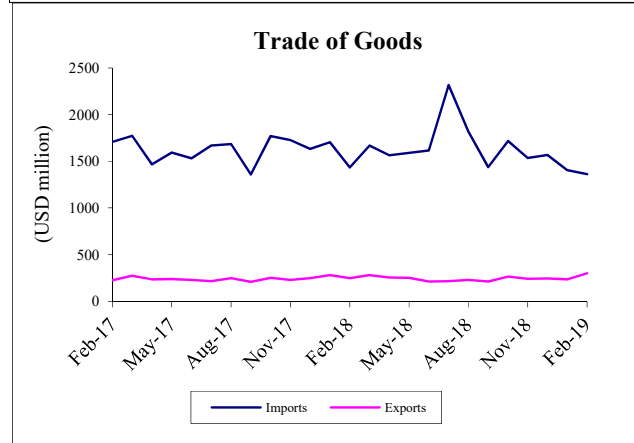
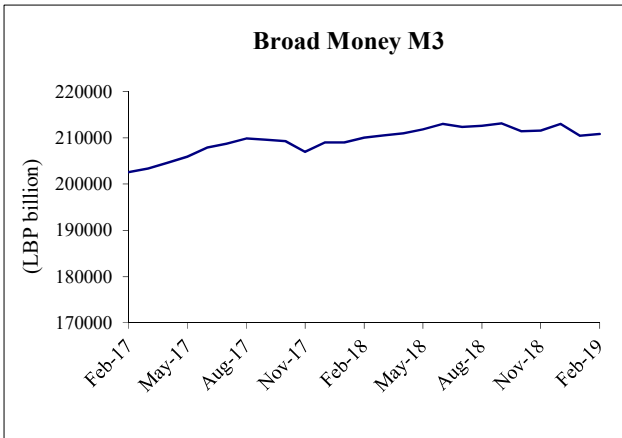
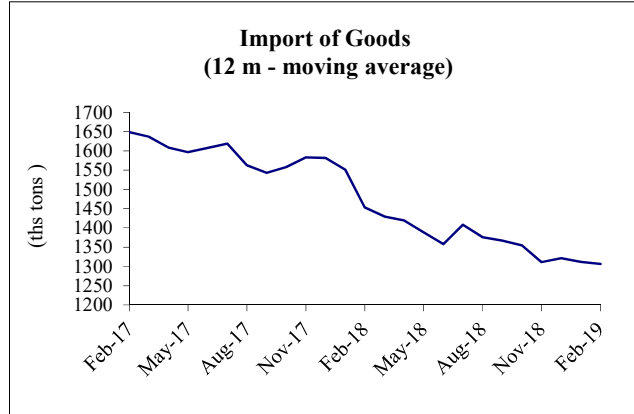
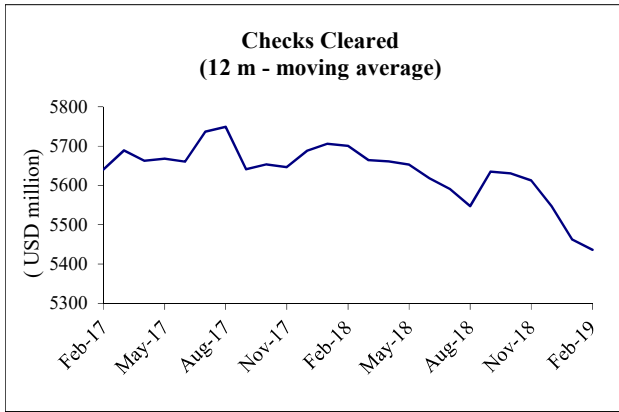
**END OF PERIOD EXCHANGE RATES  
(LBP per other currencies)**

Year and Month	US Dollar	Swiss Franc	British Pound	Japanese Yen	Euro	
2017	Dec	1,507.50	1,545.04	2,035.58	13.39	1,806.59
2018	Feb	1,507.50	1,598.28	2,086.83	14.07	1,841.86
	Mar	1,507.50	1,576.06	2,119.70	14.15	1,857.84
	Apr	1,507.50	1,523.03	2,069.04	13.80	1,823.17
	May	1,507.50	1,528.44	2,009.05	13.84	1,760.46
	Jun	1,507.50	1,518.28	1,985.08	13.61	1,756.09
	Jul	1,507.50	1,525.66	1,984.17	13.51	1,768.75
	Aug	1,507.50	1,557.33	1,961.56	13.61	1,759.55
	Sep	1,507.50	1,542.52	1,970.30	13.28	1,750.81
	Oct	1,507.50	1,499.70	1,925.53	13.33	1,710.41
	Nov	1,507.50	1,513.55	1,924.32	13.28	1,714.33
	Dec	1,507.50	1,529.68	1,905.78	13.66	1,724.73
	2019	Jan	1,507.50	1,517.97	1,979.35	13.88
Feb		1,507.50	1,517.67	2,005.58	13.61	1,720.96

Source: BDL.



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