

Gross Official International Reserves: End-September 2017

The Gross Official International Reserves¹ (GOIR) of the country increased from Rs176.3 billion as at end-August 2017 to Rs185.6 billion as at end-September 2017. The gross foreign assets of the Bank of Mauritius also went up by Rs9,202 million to Rs184.3 billion over the same period. Compared to a year ago, GOIR rose by Rs14.0 billion, or 8.2 per cent. In US dollar terms, the GOIR increased from USD5,397.7 million as at end-August 2017 to USD5,485.7 million as at end-September 2017. Based on the value of imports of goods (f.o.b.) and non-factor services for the calendar year 2016, GOIR of the country represented 9.7 months of imports as at end-September 2017 compared to 9.2 months as at end-August 2017 and 8.9 months as at end-September 2016.

Table 1: Gross Official International Reserves: September 2016 - September 2017

	Gross Foreign				Reserve	Foreign	Gross Official	Gross Official
	Assets of				Position in	Assets of	International	International
	Bank of Mauritius				the IMF	Government	Reserves	Reserves
	Gold	SDR	Other	TOTAL				
	(Rs million)							(US\$ million)
Sep-16	17,263	4,449	147,828	169,540	2,023	0.1	171,563.1	4,845.1
Oct-16	18,280	4,425	148,355	171,060	1,489	0.2	172,549.2	4,807.4
Nov-16	17,104	4,374	152,085	173,563	1,471	0.1	175,034.1	4,862.6
Dec-16	16,675	4,338	156,390	177,403	1,455	0.1	178,858.1	4,966.9
Jan-17	17,082	4,338	152,678	174,098	1,455	0.1	175,553.1	4,925.5
Feb-17	17,793	4,326	152,521	174,640	1,206	0.2	175,846.2	4,943.7
Mar-17	17,530	4,315	153,525	175,370	1,200	0.1	176,570.1	5,001.9
Apr-17	17,706	4,307	156,854	178,867	1,207	0.03	180,074.0	5,144.9
May-17	17,567	4,316	156,291	178,174	1,211	0.1	179,385.1	5,158.0
Jun-17	17,125	4,313	158,695	180,133	1,206	0.1	181,339.1	5,261.4
Jul-17	16,926	4,226	154,708	175,860	1,184	0.01	177,044.0	5,293.0
Aug-17	17,070	4,165	153,909	175,144	1,161	0.03	176,305.0	5,397.7
Sep-17 ¹	17,422	4,294	162,630	184,346	1,206	0.05	185,552.1	5,485.7

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¹ The GOIR comprise the gross foreign assets of the Bank of Mauritius, the country's Reserve Position in the IMF and other foreign assets of the Government that are in line with the IMF's definition of international reserves.