



Monetary Developments: December 2017

The year-on-year (y-o-y) rate of growth of Broad Money Liabilities (BML) picked up further in December 2017. BML grew by 9.3 per cent, y-o-y, in December 2017, up from 9.2 per cent in November 2017. After remaining in negative territory since June 2016, the annual growth rate of time deposits, for the first time, moved into positive territory and rose to 1.4 per cent, while savings deposits and foreign currency deposits maintained their robust y-o-y growth rates. Between end-November 2017 and end-December 2017, BML rose by Rs13.1 billion, or by 2.6 per cent, largely reflecting seasonal considerations pertaining to increases of Rs3.1 billion and Rs7.4 billion in currency with public and savings deposits, respectively.

The annual growth rate of net foreign assets of depository corporations rebounded in December 2017. The annual growth rate of net foreign assets (NFA) of depository corporations grew by 3.2 per cent in December 2017 as against a contraction of 1.2 per cent in November 2017. However, between end-November 2017 and end-December 2017, NFA of depository corporations declined by Rs2.7 billion or by 0.5 per cent to Rs566.9 billion.

The pace of growth in claims on other sectors firmed further in December 2017. Y-o-y, claims on other sectors expanded by 15.0 per cent in December 2017, higher compared to the increase of 14.8 per cent in November 2017. Between end-November 2017 and end-December 2017, claims on other sectors fell by Rs2.0 billion, or by 0.4 per cent to Rs504.9 billion. Net claims on central government increased by Rs2.7 billion, or by 4.0 per cent to Rs69.7 billion in December 2017.

COMPONENTS AND SOURCES OF BROAD MONEY LIABILITIES

(Rs million)

Components of Broad Money Liabilities	December	November	Month-on-Month change		December	Year-on-Year change	
	2017	2017	Amount	Per cent	2016	Amount	Per cent
1. Currency with Public	32,218	29,120	3,099	10.6	29,731	2,487	8.4
2. Transferable Deposits	80,742	79,194	1,548	2.0	72,270	8,472	11.7
I. Narrow Money Liabilities (1+2)	112,961	108,314	4,647	4.3	102,001	10,960	10.7
1. Savings Deposits	215,098	207,726	7,372	3.5	192,828	22,269	11.5
2. Time Deposits	106,756	105,579	1,177	1.1	105,324	1,432	1.4
3. Foreign Currency Deposits	80,072	79,910	162	0.2	71,943	8,130	11.3
II. Quasi-Money Liabilities (1+2+3)	401,926	393,215	8,711	2.2	370,095	31,831	8.6
III. Securities other than Shares	7,197	7,408	-211	-2.9	5,693	1,503	26.4
BROAD MONEY LIABILITIES (I+II+III)	522,083	508,937	13,146	2.6	477,789	44,294	9.3
Sources of Broad Money Liabilities							
I. Net Foreign Assets	566,913	569,640	-2,727	-0.5	549,151	17,762	3.2
Bank of Mauritius	200,039	191,340	8,700	4.5	177,669	22,371	12.6
Other Depository Corporations	366,873	378,300	-11,427	-3.0	371,482	-4,609	-1.2
1. Net Claims on Central Government	69,678	66,976	2,703	4.0	54,205	15,473	28.5
Bank of Mauritius	-24,932	-29,485	4,553	15.4	-38,387	13,454	35.0
Other Depository Corporations	94,611	96,461	-1,850	-1.9	92,592	2,019	2.2
2. Claims on Other Sectors	504,900	506,885	-1,985	-0.4	439,052	65,848	15.0
Bank of Mauritius	3,843	3,841	2	0.0	3,786	57	1.5
Other Depository Corporations	501,057	503,044	-1,987	-0.4	435,266	65,791	15.1
II. Domestic Claims (1+2)	574,578	573,861	718	0.1	493,258	81,321	16.5
III. Net Non-Monetary Liabilities	619,408	634,564	-15,156	-2.4	564,619	54,789	9.7
BROAD MONEY LIABILITES (I+II-III)	522,083	508,937	13,146	2.6	477,789	44,294	9.3

Figures may not add up to totals due to rounding.