



THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

THREE MONTHS FY2024/25

FISCAL SNAPSHOT

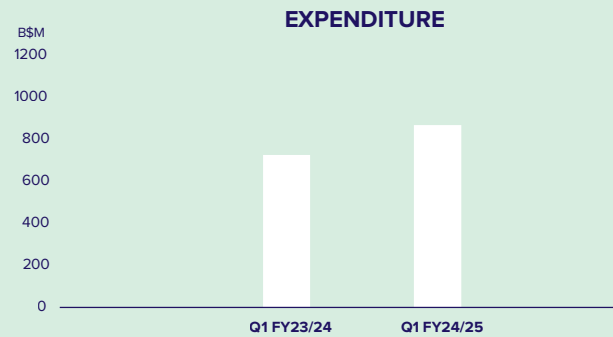
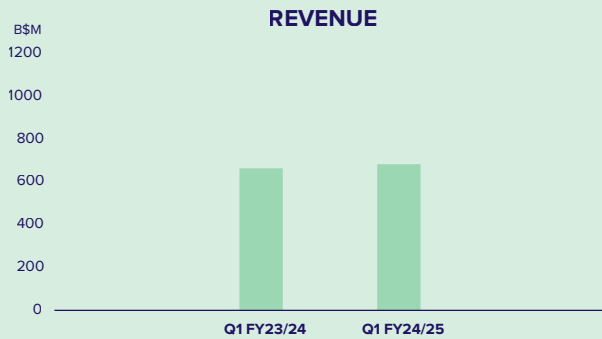
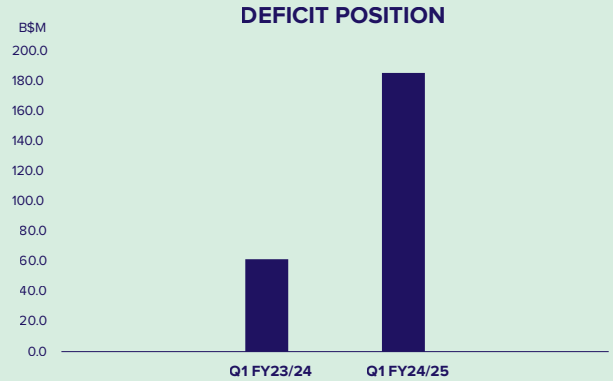
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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Preliminary data in the first quarter of FY2024/25 presented a strong revenue performance, supported by enhanced administrative and tax enforcement measures – along with general gains in domestic demand.

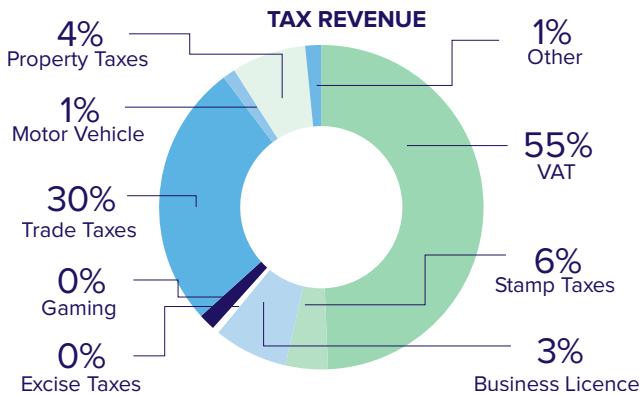
FISCAL BALANCE

The central government’s operations for the first quarter of the FY2024/25 shows an increase of the fiscal deficit to \$185.4 million from \$61.5 million in the year prior, for the same period. This outcome is largely due to the growth in expenditure outpacing revenue receipts.



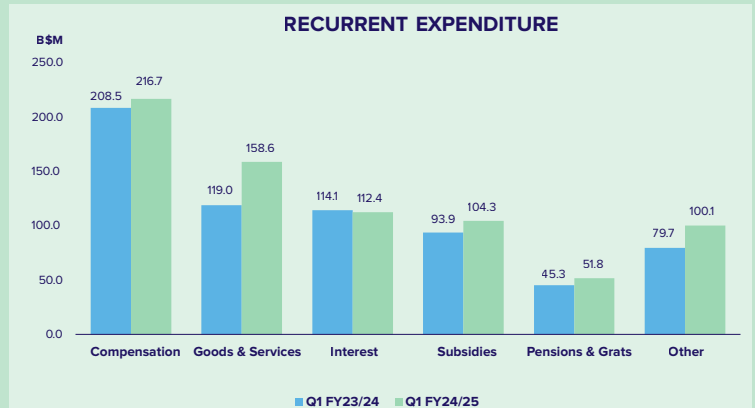
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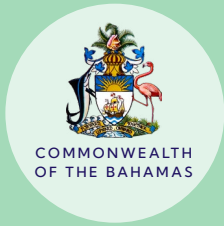
Total revenue collections for the first quarter of the FY2024/2025 totaled \$682.2 million, surpassing the prior year collections by \$18.7 million (2.8 percent). During the quarter, major revenue sources grew as economic activity continued to improve. Value Added Tax totaled \$339.4 million, taxes on international trade and transactions amounted to \$187.2 million, stamp taxes on financial and realty transactions totaled \$35.4 million, property tax collections were \$25.4 million, and non-tax revenues equated \$66.0 million.



EXPENDITURE

Aggregate expenditure increased by \$142.6 million (19.7 percent) to \$867.7 million, accounting for 24.0 percent of the total budget target. During the quarter, compensation of employees totaled \$216.7 million, use of goods and services amounted to \$158.6 million, \$112.4 million in public debt interest were provided, and subsidies totaled \$104.3 million. Investments of \$104.3 million were made for the acquisition of non-financial assets.





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TAX REVENUE PERFORMANCE

Tax collections rose \$12.5 million, a 2.1 percent increase to \$616.2 million, representing 19.6 percent of the budget target. Improvements were noted for departure tax (\$26.4 million), business licenses (\$7.5 million) and stamp taxes on financial and realty (\$6.7 million).

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE

Recurrent expenditure increased by \$83.5 million (12.6 percent) to \$743.9 million during the first three months of the FY2024/25. Increased outlays during the quarter resulted from recurrent transfers (\$25.2 million), spending on services (\$21.7 million), subsidies (\$10.5 million) and rent (\$8.8 million). However, spending was lower during the period on social assistance benefits (\$6.3 million) and public debt interest payments (\$1.7 million).

FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The Government experienced a net deficit of \$185.4 million, which represented an increase of \$123.9 million relative to the prior comparable period.

	GOVERNMENT DEBT		% GDP
END-JUNE 2024	11,313.8	million	77.6%
END-SEPTEMBER 2024	11,656.3	million	79.1%

MONEY BORROWED			
B\$	496.0	million	
NON B\$	216.2	million	

MONEY REPAID		
TOTAL (\$)	406.8	million

NATIONAL DEBT		
AS OF SEPTEMBER 2024	11,991.6	million

NATIONAL DEBT

National Debt is calculated by adding Government Debt together with Contingent Liabilities, which are monies owed by State Owned Enterprises that are guaranteed by the Government. The Central Bank of The Bahamas reports on the National Debt every calendar year.

National Debt: \$11,991.6 million (to September 2024)

Source: www.centralbankbahamas.com

NON-TAX REVENUE SUMMARY

Non-tax revenue gained \$6.2 million (10.4 percent) to \$66.0 million relative to the same period of the prior fiscal year. Notably, there were increases of \$10.0 million in fees and service charges, and \$3.5 million in property income.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Capital spending increased by \$59.1 million to \$123.8 million, representing 35.9 percent of the budget target. During the quarter, spending was higher primarily for other structures (\$29.9 million), buildings other than dwellings (\$9.6 million) and other fixed assets (\$8.8 million). Moderate increases were owing to capital transfers (\$7.4 million), other machinery and equipment (\$3.1 million) and transport equipment (\$0.3 million).

CHANGES IN GOVERNMENT DEBT

Government Debt is money owed directly by the Government. It is also referred to as the Direct Charge on Government. These financials are reported by the Government by fiscal year. Given the developments in net borrowing, the Direct Charge at end-September 2024 totaled \$11,656.3 million or 79.1 percent of GDP, as compared to 77.6 percent of GDP at end-June 2024.

BAHAMIAN LIABILITIES

The \$210.6 million net increase in Bahamian Dollar liabilities was comprised of: net redemption of domestic securities amounting to \$18.6 million, and an enlargement in loans from commercial banks and advances from the Central Bank by \$70.1 million and \$ 159.0 million, respectively.

FOREIGN CURRENCY LIABILITIES

The \$94.8 million increase in foreign currency liabilities featured net borrowings from banks of \$133.8 million, which offset the reduction in liabilities to international development agencies (\$39.0 million).