

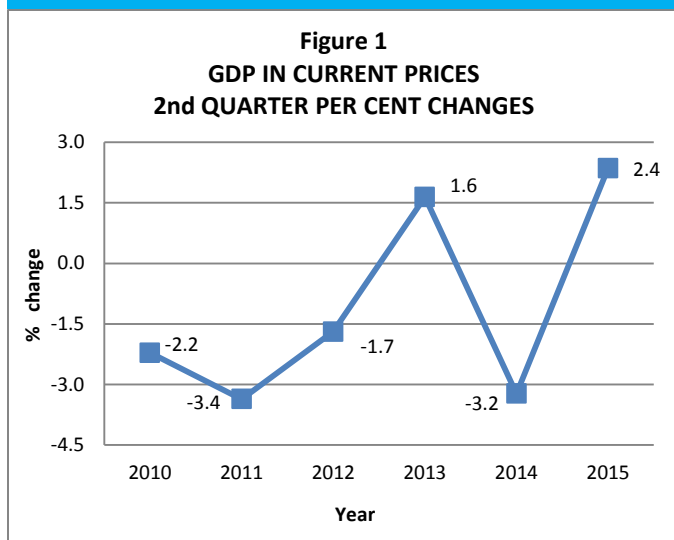


# Quarterly Gross Domestic Product (GDP)

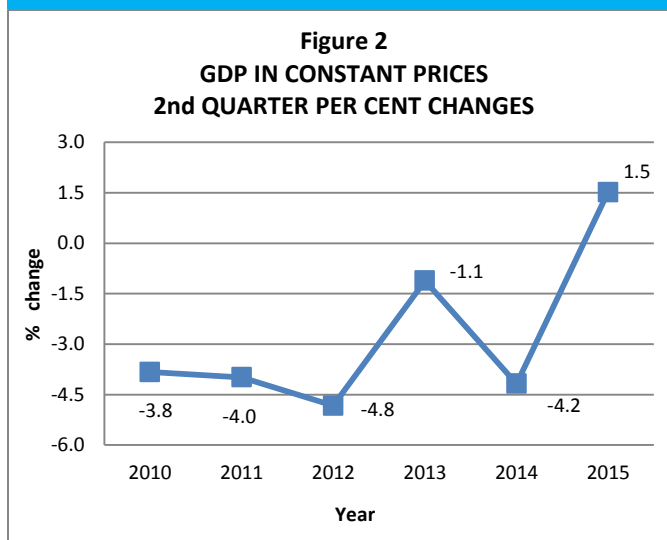
Quarter 2/2015

## QUARTERLY GROWTH SUMMARY

### CURRENT GDP RISES 2.4%



### CONSTANT GDP UP 1.5%



### GDP GROWTH RECORDED FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> QTR 2015

During the second quarter 2015, quarterly GDP at current prices was estimated at \$1,391.5 million. This represented a 2.4 per cent rise year-over-year (Figure 1; Table 1), following a revised growth of 2.7 per cent for the first quarter 2015. The main driver was an increase in the balance on trade in goods and services which offset a decline in gross capital formation. Spending on household and government consumption also rose during the period.

After adjusting for inflation, real GDP increased by 1.5 per cent (Figure 2; Table 2). Overall inflation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, as measured by the implicit price index, increased 0.8 per cent.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Household final consumption increased 1.5 per cent (Table 1) due to greater expenditure on durable goods such as motor vehicles and non-durable goods such as food purchased in stores. After adjusting for inflation, household consumption rose 0.6 per cent (Table 2).
- Government consumption advanced 3.0 per cent mostly associated with increased outlays on administration. After adjusting for inflation, government consumption increased 2.3 per cent (Table 2).
- Gross capital formation (i.e. investment in fixed assets) decreased 5.1 per cent (Table 1) due to lower construction activity and fewer acquisitions of machinery and equipment. In real terms, gross capital formation contracted 5.5 per cent (Table 2).
- The net surplus on trade in goods and services advanced 12.1 per cent (Table 1). Exports of services contracted 2.1 per cent reflecting lower receipts from insurance services. Imports of goods decreased 9.5 per cent due to lower fuel imports while imports of services declined 6.0 per cent due to lower payments for air transport, sea transport and management consultancy. In real terms, the net surplus on trade in goods and services rose 13.8 per cent (Table 2).

# QUARTERLY GDP BY EXPENDITURE

**Table 1 : GDP by Expenditure – CURRENT PRICES (BD\$ millions) <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>**  
(2006=100)

|   | 2014R<br>Q2    | 2014R<br>Q3    | 2014R<br>Q4    | 2015R<br>Q1    | 2015<br>Q2     |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE</b>          | <b>981.1</b>   | <b>975.1</b>   | <b>1,034.5</b> | <b>993.5</b>   | <b>999.3</b>   |
| Household Final Consumption                   | 744.1          | 735.6          | 792.1          | 762.4          | 755.1          |
| Government Final Consumption                  | 237.0          | 239.5          | 242.4          | 231.1          | 244.2          |
| <b>GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION</b>                | <b>186.7</b>   | <b>164.1</b>   | <b>167.5</b>   | <b>164.3</b>   | <b>177.3</b>   |
| Construction                                  | 100.5          | 86.3           | 89.9           | 79.7           | 95.5           |
| Machinery and Equipment                       | 86.3           | 77.8           | 77.6           | 84.7           | 81.7           |
| <b>EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES</b> | <b>191.7</b>   | <b>117.1</b>   | <b>178.5</b>   | <b>478.4</b>   | <b>214.9</b>   |
| Exports of goods and services                 | 692.4          | 627.7          | 644.1          | 889.6          | 677.2          |
| Exports of goods                              | 5.4            | 5.5            | 4.2            | 4.6            | 4.8            |
| Exports of services                           | 687.1          | 622.2          | 639.8          | 885.0          | 672.4          |
| Imports of goods and services                 | 500.8          | 510.7          | 465.5          | 411.3          | 462.3          |
| Imports of goods                              | 245.6          | 238.8          | 212.5          | 193.3          | 222.4          |
| Imports of services                           | 255.1          | 271.9          | 253.0          | 218.0          | 239.9          |
| <b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>                 | <b>1,359.5</b> | <b>1,256.2</b> | <b>1,380.5</b> | <b>1,636.2</b> | <b>1,391.5</b> |
| <b>Percentage changes <sup>(4)</sup> (%)</b>  |                |                |                |                |                |
|   | 2014R<br>Q2    | 2014R<br>Q3    | 2014R<br>Q4    | 2015R<br>Q1    | 2015<br>Q2     |
| <b>FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE</b>          | <b>-1.2</b>    | <b>-1.5</b>    | <b>+2.9</b>    | <b>+0.9</b>    | <b>+1.9</b>    |
| Household Final Consumption                   | +2.0           | +0.6           | +3.1           | +1.5           | +1.5           |
| Government Final Consumption                  | -9.9           | -7.4           | +2.2           | -0.8           | +3.0           |
| <b>GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION</b>                | <b>+12.8</b>   | <b>+2.8</b>    | <b>+8.0</b>    | <b>-6.8</b>    | <b>-5.1</b>    |
| Construction                                  | +26.2          | +5.6           | +16.4          | -16.4          | -4.9           |
| Machinery and Equipment                       | +0.4           | -0.2           | -0.3           | +4.6           | -5.3           |
| <b>EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES</b> | <b>-22.2</b>   | <b>-26.1</b>   | <b>-6.6</b>    | <b>+10.5</b>   | <b>+12.1</b>   |
| Exports of goods and services                 | -3.0           | -2.3           | -1.5           | +2.8           | -2.2           |
| Exports of goods                              | -16.2          | -17.0          | -18.7          | -4.1           | -10.2          |
| Exports of services                           | -2.9           | -2.1           | -1.4           | +2.8           | -2.1           |
| Imports of goods and services                 | +7.0           | +5.6           | +0.6           | -4.9           | -7.7           |
| Imports of goods                              | +5.3           | 0.0            | -7.9           | -6.1           | -9.5           |
| Imports of services                           | +8.8           | +11.0          | +8.9           | -3.8           | -6.0           |
| <b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>                 | <b>-3.2</b>    | <b>-4.0</b>    | <b>+2.1</b>    | <b>+2.7</b>    | <b>+2.4</b>    |

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3. Numbers may not add due to rounding
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# QUARTERLY GDP BY EXPENDITURE

**Table 2 : GDP by Expenditure – CONSTANT PRICES (BD\$ millions) <sup>(1,2,3)</sup>**  
(2006=100)

|   | 2014R<br>Q2    | 2014R<br>Q3    | 2014R<br>Q4    | 2015R<br>Q1    | 2015<br>Q2     |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE</b>          | <b>794.5</b>   | <b>789.7</b>   | <b>837.8</b>   | <b>802.1</b>   | <b>802.5</b>   |
| Household Final Consumption                   | 610.1          | 603.5          | 649.8          | 622.5          | 613.8          |
| Government Final Consumption                  | 184.5          | 186.2          | 188.1          | 179.5          | 188.7          |
| <b>GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION</b>                | <b>167.7</b>   | <b>147.7</b>   | <b>150.5</b>   | <b>148.4</b>   | <b>158.5</b>   |
| Construction                                  | 84.1           | 72.2           | 75.0           | 66.2           | 79.1           |
| Machinery and Equipment                       | 83.7           | 75.5           | 75.5           | 82.2           | 79.4           |
| <b>EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES</b> | <b>128.8</b>   | <b>69.1</b>    | <b>122.9</b>   | <b>367.2</b>   | <b>146.6</b>   |
| Exports of goods and services                 | 549.1          | 495.0          | 517.4          | 719.2          | 535.6          |
| Exports of goods                              | 4.0            | 4.2            | 3.5            | 4.1            | 4.0            |
| Exports of services                           | 545.0          | 490.7          | 513.9          | 715.1          | 531.7          |
| Imports of goods and services                 | 420.2          | 425.8          | 394.5          | 352.0          | 389.0          |
| Imports of goods                              | 209.0          | 198.1          | 180.7          | 167.2          | 189.8          |
| Imports of services                           | 211.2          | 227.8          | 213.8          | 184.8          | 199.2          |
| <b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>                 | <b>1,091.1</b> | <b>1,006.6</b> | <b>1,111.2</b> | <b>1,317.7</b> | <b>1,107.6</b> |

## Percentage changes <sup>(4)</sup> (%)

|   | 2014R<br>Q2  | 2014R<br>Q3  | 2014R<br>Q4 | 2015R<br>Q1  | 2015<br>Q2   |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>FINAL CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE</b>          | <b>-2.6</b>  | <b>-2.9</b>  | <b>+1.4</b> | <b>-0.3</b>  | <b>+1.0</b>  |
| Household Final Consumption                   | +0.4         | -0.9         | +1.6        | +0.3         | +0.6         |
| Government Final Consumption                  | -11.3        | -8.7         | +0.5        | -2.1         | +2.3         |
| <b>GROSS CAPITAL FORMATION</b>                | <b>+10.9</b> | <b>+1.8</b>  | <b>+6.5</b> | <b>-6.6</b>  | <b>-5.5</b>  |
| Construction                                  | +23.9        | +4.0         | +14.6       | -17.5        | -5.9         |
| Machinery and Equipment                       | +0.3         | -0.2         | -0.4        | +4.5         | -5.1         |
| <b>EXTERNAL BALANCE OF GOODS AND SERVICES</b> | <b>-25.0</b> | <b>-30.8</b> | <b>-7.1</b> | <b>+11.5</b> | <b>+13.8</b> |
| Exports of goods and services                 | -3.1         | -2.6         | -1.8        | +3.2         | -2.4         |
| Exports of goods                              | -17.2        | -17.1        | -13.5       | +13.3        | -2.1         |
| Exports of services                           | -3.0         | -2.4         | -1.7        | +3.2         | -2.4         |
| Imports of goods and services                 | +6.5         | +4.3         | 0.0         | -4.3         | -7.4         |
| Imports of goods                              | +5.6         | -1.7         | -7.9        | -4.5         | -9.2         |
| Imports of services                           | +7.4         | +10.2        | +7.8        | -4.1         | -5.7         |
| <b>GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>                 | <b>-4.2</b>  | <b>-4.9</b>  | <b>+1.0</b> | <b>+2.0</b>  | <b>+1.5</b>  |

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## DEFINITIONS AND NOTES

### Household Consumption

Household final consumption expenditure consists of the expenditure incurred by resident households on individual consumption goods and services including those sold at prices that are not economically significant. Household consumption in this publication represents “actual final consumption of households” since it includes goods and services as social transfers in kind from general government and non-profit institutions serving households. Household consumption also includes indirect estimates of consumption such as the imputed rent of residents living in their own dwellings.

### Government Consumption

Government consumption expenditure consists of expenditure incurred by general government on both individual consumption goods and services and collective consumption services. Individual consumption includes expenditure used for the direct satisfaction of individual needs like health and education. Collective consumption includes expenditure used to satisfy the collective needs of members of the community like defence and environmental protection.

### Gross Capital Formation

Gross fixed capital formation consists of net acquisitions (acquisitions less disposals) of fixed assets. Capital assets are goods that intended for use in a production process and that are expected to last for more than one year. Examples of capital assets are machinery and equipment.

### Exports of goods and services

This category includes merchandise exports, re-exports of goods such as the sales of fuel to foreign airlines, exports of services and direct purchases in the domestic market by non-residents.

### Imports of goods and services

This category includes merchandise imports, imports of services and direct purchases abroad by residents.

## REVISIONS POLICY

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