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- 1. Tonga's Balance of Payments Statistics are compiled according to the IMF's principles in the 6th Edition of the Balance of Payments Manual.
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- 4. This report has revised some figures from earlier publications. The revision may fall into three broad categories:
 - a) Due to new or updated information becoming available
 - b) Due to new or updated benchmarks
 - c) Due to conceptual or methodology changes

DATA SOURCE:

1. Administrative Sources

- Tonga Revenue and Customs
- National Reserve Bank of Tonga
- Ministry of Finance
- Tonga Airport Limited
- Tonga Port Authority
- Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Civil Aviation

2. Tonga Statistic Department

- International Investment Survey
- Foreign Consulate Survey

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BALANCE OF PAYMENTS STATISTICS December Quarter 2022

The Balance of Payments is the statement of all transactions made between entities in one country with the rest of the world over a define period of time. However, Tonga's Balance of Payments (BOP) Statistics shows the value of Tonga's transaction with the rest of the world in goods, services, primary income, secondary income and capital accounts. It also shows changes in Tonga's financial claims on assets and liabilities to the rest of the world.

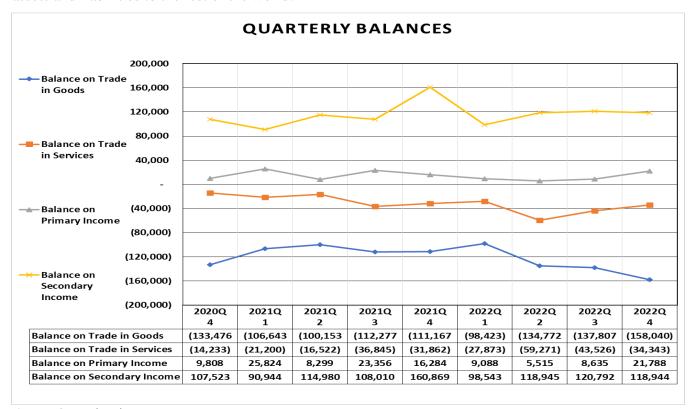


Figure 1: Quarterly Balances

In terms of our Trade Balance of Goods, it has recorded a deficit of \$158.0 million in this Quarter. When compared with the previous quarter's deficit, this quarter was 14.7 % higher. Consequently, by looking at the trend of our exported goods here in Tonga – Tonga earns \$9.9 million in this Quarter of which it has shown an increasing by \$1.6 million when it is compared to the previous Quarter. So far, in our current Harmonized System, it shows that our major exports are mostly derived from the Vegetable products with 5.3 million, followed by the Live Animals: Animal Products with \$2.1 million and also the Wood, cork & articles thereof & plaiting material with \$0.6 million. While on the other hands, our major imports are mainly from Mineral products with \$51.9 million and also followed by Prepared foodstuffs, beverages, spirits & tobacco with \$25.6 million and the Machinery & mechanical & electrical appliances & parts thereof with \$20.1 million.

With reference to our Trade Balance of Services, it has recorded a deficit of \$34.3 million of which it has indicated a decreasing from \$43.5 million lower by 21.1 million when it is compared to September Quarter of 2022. The export of services was amounted to \$55.3 million in this Quarter of

which it has shown an improvement by 18.8 million from \$36.6 million when compared to the

previous quarter. This following development was mostly derived from an improvement from our

Travel Receipts services with \$15.6 million and also followed by our Construction Services with \$

2.4 million, Air Transport Services with \$ 1.4 million also Government goods and Services with \$

0.6 million. Alternatively, our import of services was amounted to \$89.7 million in this Quarter of

which it has shown an increasing with \$9.6 million when comparing to the previous quarter. This

enormous ascended was contributed from an increasing in our payment for Other Business Services

with 6.2 million also Personal Travel Services with \$4.9 million and Government Goods and Services

with \$ 2.5 million followed by the Maintenance and repair Services with 1.9 million.

On the subject of our Primary Income, it has recorded a huge surplus of \$21.8 million of which it has

showed an increasing with \$13.2 million from the previous quarter and this was mostly resulted from

an increasing in the receipts received from our Compensation of Employees with 7.8 million.

However, in relation to our Secondary Income – it has recorded a surplus of \$118.9 million in this

Quarter of which was lower by \$1.8 million from \$120 million in September Quarter of 2022. This

decline was contributed by our Other current transfers with 6.9 and Deposit-taking corporations and

other sectors with \$ 3.5 million and Personal Transfer with \$ 2.0 million and also followed by the

receipts received form our General Government with \$1.1 million.

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So, in general, Tongan's Balance of Payments shows in Figure 2 that our Current Account Balance has recorded a deficit of \$51.7 million in this Quarter of which it has shown a decline in deficit from \$52.1 million in September Quarter of 2022. The lower deficit was mainly contributed from the decreasing in the Trade in Services. Nevertheless, our balance of Capital Account has also recorded a surplus of \$14.1 million, net inflow, decreasing from \$14.8 million in September Quarter of 2022

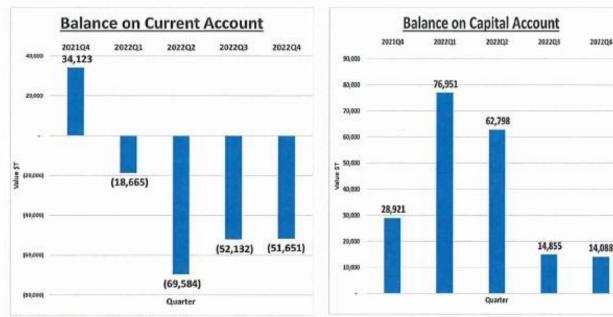


Figure 2: Balance on Current Accounts

Figure 3: Balance on Capital Account

Finally, again the official reserves have also shown a continuously a small decreasing from the previous Quarters.

Provided are detailed tables of quarterly Balance of Payments statistics for December Quarter of 2022. All values in this release are in Tongan Pa'anga (TOP). The information used in this report is mostly from administrative sources. However, all source of information should always be acknowledged in all modes of presentation.

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1. Balance of Payments Summary

Table 1: Balance of Payments Summary, TOP ('000)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Current Account	20211	20211	2021p		2022p	2022p		2022р
Balance on Goods and Services	(127,844)	(116,675)	(149,122)	(143,029)	(126,296)	(194,043)	(181,333)	(192,383)
Balance on Trade in Goods	(106,643)	(100,153)	(112,277)	(111,167)	(98,423)	(134,772)	(137,807)	(158,040)
Exports f.o.b.	7,418	7,360	7,497	13,969	5,469	7,573	8,385	9,996
Imports f.o.b.	114,062	107,513	119,775	125,136	103,892	142,345	146,192	168,036
Balance on Trade in Services	(21,200)	(16,522)	(36,845)	(31,862)	(27,873)	(59,271)	(43,526)	(34,343)
Services credit	20,544	25,232	20,395	36,039	22,016	22,428	36,551	55,352
Services debit	41,744	41,753	57,239	67,901	49,889	81,699	80,077	89,696
Balance on Primary Income	25,824	8,299	23,356	16,284	9,088	5,515	8,408	21,788
Primary income credit	22,615	28,306	30,106	22,506	17,253	16,720	19,261	25,051
Primary income debit	(3,209)	20,007	6,750	6,222	8,165	11,206	10,853	3,263
Balance on Goods, Services and Income	(102,020)	(108,376)	(125,766)	(126,746)	(117,209)	(188,529)	(172,924)	(170,595)
Balance on Secondary Income	90,944	114,980	108,010	160,869	98,543	118,945	120,792	118,944
Secondary income credit	113,536	134,953	131,286	179,917	111,568	135,316	142,935	139,428
Secondary income debit	22,592	19,973	23,276	19,049	13,024	16,371	22,143	20,484
Balance on Current Account	(11,076)	6,604	(17,755)	34,123	(18,665)	(69,584)	(52,132)	(51,651)
Balance on Income and Current Transfer	116,768	123,279	131,367	177,152	107,631	124,459	129,200	140,732
Capital Account								
Capital account credit	28,036	70,081	24,801	29,030	77,219	63,914	15,186	14,088
Capital account debit	29	-	125	109	268	1,115	331	0
Balance on Capital Account	28,007	70,081	24,676	28,921	76,951	62,798	14,855	14,088
Net Lending (+)/Borrowing (-) from Current and Capital Accounts	16,931	76,685	6,921	63,044	58,286	(6,786)	(37,278)	(37,563)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Financial Account		-			•	-		-
Financial Assets (net acquisitions)	4,052	37,246	35,086	65,072	62,777	(16,266)	(5,569)	70,809
Direct investment	112	23	(1,979)	1,106	473	1,346	1,064	825
Portfolio investment	-	9,035	300	300	-	-	-	-
Financial derivatives (other than reserves) and employee stock options	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	605	(1,032)	(4,457)	(6,193)	3,252	(15,550)	(959)	1,884
Of which:								
Deposits/Deposit-taking corporations (Banks)	1,053	2,554	(3,948)	(2,175)	5,573	(15,589)	(1,032)	2,589
Deposits/Other non-financial corporations	(288)	(2,333)	(514)	(1,984)	(2,015)	414	166	(529)
Reserve assets	3,334	29,220	41,222	69,858	59,052	(2,062)	(5,674)	68,099
Financial Liabilities (net disposals)	21,746	(8,356)	2,210	5,695	27,918	(3,031)	11,030	(5,573)
Direct investment	996	(5,514)	3,038	3,503	(1,068)	1,015	(395)	(679)
Portfolio investment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial derivatives and employee stock options	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	20,750	(2,842)	(828)	2,192	28,986	(4,046)	11,426	(4,894)
Deposits	(290)	(2,158)	1,714	4,151	(2,761)	(1,553)	2,124	(1,412)
Loans	21,130	(636)	(2,520)	(1,999)	(7,751)	(2,207)	9,437	(3,532)
of which, Loans/General Government	21,549	(800)	(1,380)	(1,450)	(7,460)	(1,660)	13,380	(1,561)
Other liabilities	(89)	(48)	(22)	40	39,499	(286)	(135)	50
Net Lending (+)/Borrowing (-) from Financial Account	(17,694)	45,602	32,876	59,376	34,859	(13,235)	(16,599)	76,382
Net errors and omissions	(34,625)	(31,084)	25,954	(3,667)	(23,427)	(6,449)	20,678	113,944
NE&O as percent of goods trade	-28.5%	-27.1%	20.4%	-2.6%	-21.4%	-4.3%	13.4%	64.0%
Level of Official Reserves at end year	685,700	715,200	757,000	817,500	861,400	871,200	757,000	817,500

2. Goods and Services Accounts

Table 2: Goods Account, TOP ('000)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Balance on Trade in Goods	(106,643)	(100,153)	(112,277)	(111,167)	(98,423)	(134,772)	(137,807)	(158,040)
Exports FOB	7,418	7,360	7,497	13,969	5,469	7,573	8,385	9,996
General merchandise	7,418	7,360	7,497	13,969	5,469	7,573	8,385	9,996
Net exports under merchanting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goods acquired under merchanting (negative exports)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Goods sold under merchanting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonmonetary gold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Imports CIF	114,062	107,513	119,775	125,136	103,892	142,345	146,192	168,036
General merchandise	114,062	107,513	119,775	125,136	103,892	142,345	146,192	168,036
Nonmonetary gold	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Of which:								
Classification adjustment (c.i.f./f.o.b.)	(13,366)	(12,289)	(13,938)	(14,672)	(12,020)	(16,873)	(17,322)	(19,485)
Coverage adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valuation adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Timing adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 3: Services Account, TOP ('000)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Balance on Trade in Services	(21,200)	(16,522)	(36,845)	(31,862)	(27,873)	(59,271)	(43,526)	(34,343)
Services Credit	20,544	25,232	20,395	36,039	22,016	22,428	36,551	55,352
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	-	15	2	-	-	2	-	-
Transport	7,604	7,768	5,931	6,059	5,866	5,223	7,193	7,738
Sea transport	4,149	3,939	3,828	4,828	4,485	4,092	5,122	4,697
Air transport	646	904	827	845	847	862	1,427	2,872
Other modes of transport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Of which:								
Passenger	17	24	13	53	27	43	91	210
Freight	1,498	1,341	1,943	1,978	2,266	1,741	2,605	2,421
Other	3,280	3,478	2,698	3,643	3,039	3,170	3,853	4,939
Postal and courier services	2,809	2,925	1,277	385	533	269	643	169
Travel	4,746	4,890	4,972	7,325	3,738	5,802	15,201	30,776
Business	-	163	401	1,266	306	581	645	1,057
Personal	4,746	4,726	4,571	6,059	3,432	5,221	14,556	29,719
Health related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	4,746	4,726	4,571	6,059	3,432	5,221	14,556	29,719
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	4,497	7,279	5,312	17,128	6,264	6,083	7,470	6,706
Construction	358	670	336	631	51	192	761	3,156
Insurance and pension services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Financial services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other business services	1,948	2,913	2,844	3,544	5,048	3,916	4,580	4,886
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	-	5	-	-	2	51	87	203
Government goods and services n.i.e	1,391	1,692	998	1,352	1,047	1,159	1,260	1,886

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Services Debit	41,744	41,753	57,239	67,901	49,889	81,699	80,077	89,696
Manufacturing services on physical inputs owned by residents	4	21	4	3	2	16	-	8
Maintenance and repair services n.i.e.	34	56	148	116	2,721	812	531	2,484
Transport	13,456	12,415	27,638	30,023	21,185	38,401	37,961	34,657
Sea transport	11,770	11,624	21,497	26,447	19,837	26,221	27,654	28,888
Air transport	1,620	658	1,824	1,988	1,143	3,132	4,146	4,597
Other modes of Transport	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Of which:								
Passenger	105	65	157	137	50	511	1,476	2,493
Freight	13,238	12,169	23,076	28,192	20,926	28,718	30,198	30,944
Other	46	48	88	106	4	124	126	48
Postal and courier services	2,082	66	133	4,316	1,588	204	9,048	6,160
Travel	11,756	13,752	12,369	10,788	11,519	13,757	16,243	23,387
Business	5,954	7,502	7,196	4,818	3,643	3,988	3,941	6,154
Personal	5,802	6,251	5,173	5,971	7,876	9,769	12,302	17,233
Health related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Education related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	5,802	6,251	5,173	5,971	7,876	9,769	12,302	17,233
Telecommunications, computer, and information services	4,969	3,973	4,687	6,813	6,012	5,388	9,301	4,159
Construction	-	12	-	0	-	68	281	-
Insurance and pension services	810	604	649	862	392	652	563	1,494
Financial services	-	-	32	21	-	-	-	-
Charges for the use of intellectual property	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other business services	7,586	6,304	6,281	14,303	4,888	14,252	9,618	15,785
Personal, cultural, and recreational services	2	60	605	390	61	1,093	1,523	1,122
Government goods and services n.i.e	3,128	4,556	4,829	4,581	3,111	7,261	4,057	6,599

3. Primary and Secondary Income Accounts

Table 4: Primary Income Account, TOP ('000)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Balance on Primary Income	25,824	8,299	23,356	16,284	9,088	5,515	8,635	21,788
Primary Income Credits	22,615	28,306	30,106	22,506	17,253	16,720	19,488	25,051
Compensation of Employees	20,293	25,794	28,768	21,066	15,800	15,130	15,914	23,792
Investment income	2,225	2,159	1,330	1,403	1,416	1,480	3,463	1,215
Direct investment	79	70	129	172	68	101	2,092	48
Portfolio investment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	63	5	35	6	3	-	27	-
Reserve assets	2,083	2,084	1,165	1,226	1,346	1,380	1,344	1,167
Other primary income	98	353	9	37	36	110	111	44
Primary Income Debits	(3,209)	20,007	6,750	6,222	8,165	11,206	10,853	3,263
Compensation of Employees	1,752	2,198	1,848	2,214	1,824	2,346	1,834	2,159
Investment income	(4,960)	17,809	4,902	4,008	6,342	8,859	9,020	1,103
Direct investment	(5,601)	17,475	3,509	3,472	277	8,379	3,182	415
Portfolio investment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment	641	334	1,393	537	6,065	480	5,838	688
Other primary income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5: <u>Secondary Income Account</u>, TOP ('000)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Balance on Secondary Income	90,944	114,980	108,010	160,869	98,543	118,945	120,792	118,944
Secondary Income Credits	113,536	134,953	131,286	179,917	111,568	135,316	142,935	139,428
General government	5,138	8,818	2,066	38,200	7,831	12,265	2,066	2,066
Deposit-taking corporations and other sectors	108,397	126,135	129,220	141,718	103,736	123,051	140,869	137,362
Personal transfers	94,262	108,566	112,807	121,162	76,692	101,982	118,093	121,519
Other current transfers	14,135	17,569	16,414	20,555	27,044	21,069	22,776	15,844
Secondary Income Debits	22,592	19,973	23,276	19,049	13,024	16,371	22,143	20,484
General government	811	1,849	180	316	1,139	1,007	1,717	650
Deposit-taking corporations and other sectors	21,781	18,124	23,096	18,733	11,886	15,365	20,426	19,834
Personal transfers	17,403	12,513	17,833	15,166	9,111	12,533	17,982	15,959
Other current transfers	4,378	5,611	5,263	3,567	2,775	2,831	2,444	3,875

4. Capital Account

Table 6: Capital Account, TOP ('000)

	Qtr 1 2021r	Qtr 2 2021r	Qtr 3 2021p	Qtr 4 2021p	Qtr 1 2022p	Qtr 2 2022p	Qtr 3 2022p	Qtr 4 2022p
Balance on Capital Account	28,007	70,081	24,676	28,921	76,951	62,798	14,855	14,088
Capital Account Credits	28,036	70,081	24,801	29,030	77,219	63,914	15,186	14,088
Gross disposals of non-produced nonfinancial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital transfers	28,036	70,081	24,801	29,030	77,219	63,914	15,186	14,088
General government	23,745	67,267	21,336	24,591	75,038	62,207	13,013	13,013
Debt forgiveness	-	-	150	-	1,500	30	-	-
Other capital transfers	23,745	67,267	21,186	24,591	73,538	62,177	13,013	13,013
Deposit-taking corporations and other sectors	4,292	2,814	3,465	4,439	2,181	1,707	2,173	1,075
Debt forgiveness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other capital transfers	4,292	2,814	3,465	4,439	2,181	1,707	2,173	1,075
Capital Account Debits	29	-	125	109	268	1,115	331	-
Gross acquisitions of non-produced nonfinancial assets	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital transfers	29	-	125	109	268	1,115	331	-
General government	-	-	-	-	-	858	-	-
Debt forgiveness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other capital transfers	-	-	-	-	-	858	-	-
Deposit-taking corporations and other sectors	29	-	125	109	268	258	331	-
Debt forgiveness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other capital transfers	29	-	125	109	268	258	331	-



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